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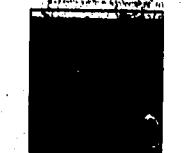
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Animal friends: A former Twin Falls veterinarian's pets' therapy sessions are helping her cope with grief.

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Push for property rights



Fay Gubler is only one of many Jerome county residents on the canyon rim who have been swept by the proposed ordinance to stop building of any kind. A new constitutional amendment would ensure that if the ordinance goes through, Gubler would be compensated for the loss of certain use of her property.

LISA H. COLLARD/The Times-News

Proposed amendment hits home with rim residents

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

JEROME — Soon county government might put an end to a lifelong dream, says Jerome County resident Fay Gubler.

"See, what the deal is we got 63 acres here, and we've been on this place since 1947," she said. "They're going to stop our kids from coming back home and building a house on this place."

Gubler's land is on the north rim of the Snake River Canyon, where Jerome County officials are considering some restrictions on development to preserve the natural beauty of the area. So far, some of the proposals include required environmentally compatible landscaping, regulations on fence and building heights and even control of the colors on buildings.

But those proposals face a possible complication of some mag-

What's a 'taking'?

The Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states, "nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation."

When the government condemns a piece of private land for something such as a road, it must pay the land owner for the value of the property. But some say that when government regulates the use of private land — with no compensation to the landowner — it is also "taking" at least some value from the property.

That is the focus of a proposed amendment to the Idaho Constitution — which House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, says will be studied this summer. He and others want government to pay for taking away the beneficial use of someone's property through restrictions.

From philosophy to administration, Brown doesn't want any part of it, and he mailed Newcomb a letter to tell him about it.

"The Snake River Canyon is a unique area. You don't have one of these everywhere," he said. "Why don't we take the county's comprehensive plan and throw zoning out? Then we'll just open up the county and let you do

what you want."

The organization that began work on the amendment last summer — the Idaho Cattlemen's Association — says the proposal does not limit the ability for local government to plan land uses.

"But if counties and government agencies do decide to put restrictions on real property for the public good, we're just saying the public can pay for it," said Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley. Bedke is a past president of the cattlemen. "We're saying you better look before you leap."

Officials such as Brown say the compensation requirement would have the effect of snuffing out zoning restrictions, as local governments don't have the money to make such payments.

Work on the amendment began under Bedke's watch.

"I asked (the cattlemen) what

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Who says Americans aren't saving? Nickels, dimes add up

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's lurking out there in sock drawers and coffee cans, ash trays and cigar boxes, wicker baskets and coconut shells. And, yes, in piggy banks.

By design or neglect, Americans have tucked away loose change to the tune of an estimated \$7.7 billion, enough to pay for the war in Afghanistan for nearly eight months.

Call them what you will — hoarders, accumulators or simply disorganized. An estimated 56 percent of Americans build up their change rather than spend it day to day. As many as 77 percent have a jug of coins around the house, worth an average \$30 to \$50.

The figures are all courtesy of the folks at Coinstar, who have turned the coin-caching habit into a busi-

ness by installing machines at supermarkets that will count your coins and turn them into cash. For a cut of the take, of course.

The company cashed in \$1.2 billion in loose change for Americans last year.

People seem to have their own systems for handling change.

Madeleine Albright, when she was secretary of state, was seen hauling a wicker basket into a Georgetown bank to redeem \$38 in rolled coins.

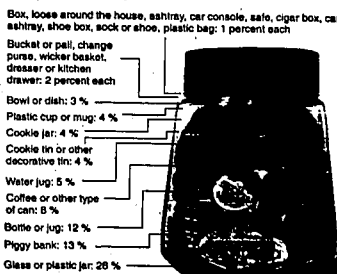
Washingtonian Luis Medina leaves his coins in the car to pay for the morning newspaper and coffee, and to bail him out in emergencies. "Once I even used the change I collected there to fill up a tank of gas," he said.

Kathryn Kallian and her husband

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Changing times

Responding to a recent poll, here is where Americans say they keep their spare change.



Note: Poll was conducted of 1,000 Americans, 18 years of age and older, margin of error was plus or minus 3 percent. SOURCE: CoStar Inc.

Campaign bill could leave big impression

By David Enrich
States News Service

WASHINGTON — The landmark campaign-finance legislation that the U.S. House approved last week could have a major impact on Idaho's political landscape.

And strategists from both political parties are nervous that the new law could put their parties at a strategic disadvantage.

The legislation, which the Senate is expected to take up soon, outlaws the millions of dollars in unregulated "soft money" that corporations, labor unions and wealthy individuals give to political parties. The bill also doubles to \$2,000 the amount that individuals can contribute to candidates for federal office.

If it becomes law, the legislation will take effect on Nov. 6 — the day after this year's congressional elections.

While the long-term effects of the soft-money ban and higher contribution limits on Idaho campaigns are likely to remain unclear for months and perhaps years, officials from both parties say the legislation could put them at a disadvantage.

"Right now we are worrying because the national party does help us out quite a bit and it's nice to have that," said Jason Lehotski, executive director of the Idaho Republican Party.

In addition, Lehotski and other Republicans argue that the soft-

money ban could contribute to candidates for federal office.

Christians see opportunities in Afghanistan

The Associated Press

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Muslim for a millennium, this province has now looked from far-off pulpits like a God-given opportunity for missionary work — to save Afghans from "an eternity without Christ," as one American charity chief put it.

But Islam's roots run deep in Afghanistan's deserts and snowy highlands. Resistance to the new faith would be formidable. Here in pious Kandahar, the clergyman Naeem Akhund, for one, is ready. "How can you let a snake into your home?" the mullah asks.

A year ago, the notion of opening Afghanistan to Christian missionaries would have been dismissed outright. But the upheaval

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Many U.S. voters rank politics as less important since Sept. 11 attacks

The Washington Post

CALABASAS, Calif. — Almost six months after the dramatic events of Sept. 11, the war on terrorism appears to have elevated the standing of many national politicians but has not produced the kind of re-engagement with government and politics that many had predicted.

Contrary to widespread expectations immediately after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the partisan divisions in the public so visible in the 2000 elections remain strongly in place on

issues other than the war, while politics itself seems more important than ever to many voters, according to a Washington Post poll and a separate focus group with voters in this Los Angeles suburb.

Unlike what happened to his father a decade ago, there is no evidence so far that President Bush faces a backlash from the recession in the wake of a U.S. military victory abroad. Concerns about the economy have risen, since Sept. 11, but that has not dented an overall sense of satisfaction with the way Bush and Congress are

performing.

The start of the 2002 midterm election year finds voters paying close attention to the war on terrorism but remaining largely disengaged from the debates in Washington over the economy, education and campaign finance reform.

With Republicans eager to reclaim their Senate majority and Democrats equally determined to take control of the House, both parties appear to face significant challenges in capturing the attention and winning the allegiance of disen-

gaged voters. Please see VOTERS, Page A4

DROUGHT BROKEN



Members of the United States National Guard stand Saturday after passing the Snake River and did not have their hands during the week's heavy rain. The U.S. took the all-weather road through in Park City, Utah, Saturday. The U.S. took the all-weather road through in Park City, Utah, Saturday. The U.S. took the all-weather road through in Park City, Utah, Saturday. The U.S. took the all-weather road through in Park City, Utah, Saturday.

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Idaho Extreme
Yesterday:
 High 57°
 Low 18°
 Hill City

Normal
 Normal high 67°
 Normal low 37°
 Record high 90° in 1905
 Record low 10° in 1884

Precipitation
 24 hours ending 8 p.m. yesterday: 0.10"
 Month to date: 0.10"
 Winter year to date (2001): 0.74"
 Normal year to date (Oct. 1): 5.10"
 Humidity Yesterday at noon: 50%
 Barometric Pressure Yesterday at 8 p.m.: 29.86 in.
 Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Shows the weather's tendencies and today's highs and lows.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
 Very windy with a stray shower. ▲ 40°	 Turning out clear and very cold; less wind. ▼ 16°	 Cold with sunshine. ▲ 36° ▼ 14°	 Clouds and some sun; a flurry possible. ▲ 38° ▼ 20°	 Becoming cloudy; it may shower late. ▲ 44° ▼ 22°	 Partly sunny. ▲ 44° ▼ 24°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Windy and chillier today. A mixture of clouds and sunshine in the west with a stray sprinkle or flurry; the east will be mostly cloudy with snow showers. Highs 24-46.

Boise: Partly sunny today with a chilly wind. High 46. Mostly clear and turning cold tonight. Low 24. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow; chilly. High 40.

Northern Nevada: Sunny to partly cloudy and breezy today with a mild afternoon. Highs from the 40s in the higher ground to the 50s in most of the lower elevations. Mostly clear tonight. Lows 14-30.

Northern Utah: Windy at times today with clouds and some sunshine; a few snow showers, mainly over the mountains. Highs from 30 in the mountains to the 40s in the valleys. Partly cloudy tonight.

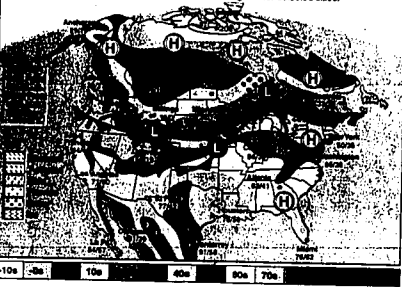
Northern Idaho: Cloudy to partly sunny, windy and colder today; snow showers will accumulate a few inches over the mountains. Highs from the 20s in the mountains to the 40s in the lowest valleys of the west.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 88° in Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ Low -12° in Pelliston, MI

NATIONAL WEATHER

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



CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Calgary	7 19	16 9
Edmonton	8 13	9 5
Regina	5 12	5 15
Saskatoon	4 13	0 18
Toronto	36 27	36 20
Vancouver	42 26	42 30
Victoria	42 26	42 30
Winnipeg	10 2	11 4

WORLD CITIES

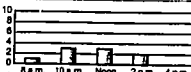
City	Today	Mon.
Acapulco	80 70	81 71
Athens	61 43	53 41
Auckland	71 57	67 55
Bangkok	82 74	86 74
Beijing	56 42	63 38
Buenos Aires	55 28	43 42
Cariri	75 63	86 63
Hong Kong	69 49	71 49
Jacksonville	89 60	71 62
London	55 38	56 38
Los Angeles	82 62	87 62
Moscow	48 45	54 43
Myrtle Beach	65 48	67 48
Paris	51 40	48 44
San Jose	82 62	87 62
Seattle	56 32	56 32
Singapore	47 35	48 43
Tokyo	49 30	50 34
Warsaw	33 21	34 22
Zurich	35 24	35 28

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 7:22 a.m.
 Sunset tonight: 8:21 p.m.
 Moonrise today: 3:09 p.m.
 Moonset tonight: 5:49 a.m.

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 Feb 27 Mar 5 Mar 13 Mar 21

UV INDEX TODAY



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	Mon.
Atlanta	62 41	70 48
Atlanta City	49 30	57 38
Baltimore	52 30	60 39
Birmingham	63 43	70 45
Boston	48 32	48 37
Charlotte, NC	64 38	70 48
Charleston, WV	59 37	69 43
Chicago	58 38	62 48
Cleveland	57 41	57 46
Denver	50 19	21 9
Des Moines	52 24	25 10
Detroit	50 38	57 27
El Paso	77 42	72 36
Fairbanks	16 5	20 7
Flagstaff	20 6	14 0
Honolulu	79 69	79 68
Houston	76 56	78 42
Indianapolis	57 46	62 50
Jacksonville	87 44	75 50
Kansas City	64 25	30 12
Las Vegas	71 48	82 31
Little Rock	66 45	62 31
Los Angeles	71 50	78 52
Miami	82 68	83 68
Minneapolis	55 38	57 42
New Orleans	78 62	81 71
New York	52 32	35 19
Philadelphia	62 43	65 39
Phoenix	74 49	77 55
Portland, ME	38 23	41 32
Raleigh	62 32	68 43
Rapid City	52 30	57 24
Reno	58 25	57 24
Sacramento	65 38	71 42
St. Louis	54 40	61 21
St. Paul	35 15	24 9
Salt Lake City	44 23	34 15
San Diego	72 49	77 52
San Francisco	64 48	66 47
Seattle	44 29	44 32
Union City	78 49	83 48
Washington, DC	56 38	63 43

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Boise	44 24	40 22
Bonniers Ferry	28 7	28 12
Butte	32 18	29 10
Coeur d'Alene	30 10	30 8
Elko	48 12	41 8
Emery	50 28	46 16
Hagerman	40 15	32 13
Idaho Falls	34 8	22 4
Kaliwall, MT	28 1	10 0
Lewiston	44 24	42 24
Malad	38 13	31 2
Meridian	6 0	9 0

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Change

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 Aram, also-Washingtonians, invited friends to bring their loose change to a post-Sept. 11 party to benefit a rescue fund. They wound up with a haul of more than \$15,000 from boxes, cookie jars, Ziploc bags, an old sock and even a hollowed-out coconut head. Cashing it in was no small feat.

"I had to make eight trips to Riggs bank with a dolly," Kallian recalled.

In building up their coins, Americans are fairly typical of people around the world who can afford to leave loose change lying around, says Steve Bobbit, a spokesman for the American Numismatic Association, the largest association of coin collectors.

"Change becomes something that they like to have, but it also becomes a nuisance because of its weight," he said.

So much so that a fair amount of it actually winds up in the trash, says William Rathje, an archaeologist professor at Stanford and author of the book, "Rubbish, The Archaeology of Garbage." His study of a Massachusetts incident found that the million people it served were leaving about \$8,000 worth of coins in their garbage every day.

"I think it tells us that we're pretty well off," says Rathje. "Number two is that we're often pretty careless about the way that we handle money."

And so, the U.S. Mint keeps making more.

The Mint expects to produce about 15 billion pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters in the fiscal year that ends Sept. 30. That is down from 24 billion in the previous 12 months.

While the Mint supports coin-collecting as a hobby (139 million Americans are collecting the new quarters featuring different stars), spokesman Mike White said that overall, "We prefer that people circulate coins" rather than toss them aside.

Although there is no research to support the theory, some observers think one reason for the reduced demand for coins is that more Americans are rounding up their loose change and cashing it in.

Both Deisher, editor of the weekly newspaper Coin World, said that in the last half-year, there have been growing reports of unusual coins such as buffalo nickels and early quarters turning up back in circulation.

"People are going back into that stash or cache of coins," she said.

"When they start the penny-pinch-ing, if you will, they start looking at those coins they've discarded and realize 100 of them make a dollar." Sometimes, the coin-stashing habit takes on a life of its own.

Sylvester Neal, a 58-year-old retiree in Auburn, Wash., started throwing coins in a coffee can when he was a teen-ager, and would fish out the silver ones when he ran short of money, leaving the pennies to accumulate. Did they ever.

His stash grew to more than a million pennies weighing more than five tons. When he moved from Alaska to Washington late last year, Neal cashed in most of that \$10,000 hoard to avoid the expense of moving it.

But he is back on the way to a million now: He held on to 300,000 of his older coins, and Coinstar paid him a promotional fee of \$5,000, of which he claimed \$500 in cents. That's another 300,000 pennies right there.

"My immediate goal is to get back to the one-million-penny mark," Neal said. "My next goal is to have a dumptruck full."

Christian

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 of the American war that ousted the Taliban's Islamic zealots from power has inspired some to envision a different Afghanistan.

A U.S. government commission has called on Washington, with its newfound clout here, to lay the groundwork for a society open to all religions. Some American and other Christian activists are saying the same. "It's time to start thinking about mission work in Afghanistan," declared the U.S. publication Christian Chronicle.

The talk - some gathered, some not - evokes themes as old as the age-old clash itself of Christianity and Islam, themes that predare tradition, Israel, feminism and other disputes behind today's headlines.

To many traditional Afghans, proselytizing threatens the fiber of daily life where religion is an intrinsic part.

Headlines last August focused on two young American women, aid workers in Afghanistan, who were arrested by the ruling

Taliban for allegedly proselytizing in a quiet effort to win Afghan converts to Christianity. Traditional Islamic law prescribes death for Muslims who convert to other religions; the conversion of foreigners who incur penalty for foreigners who converted the ban on missionary work was indeterminate.

The women, Dayna Curry, 30, and Elizabeth Mercer, 24, were eventually freed from prison in the war against the Taliban last fall, and were given a heroes' welcome home at the White House by President Bush. Once free, the pair acknowledged they had tried to win Afghan Muslims to Christianity, and earlier this month they told a U.S. church audience they would return to Afghanistan.

"I would say unapologetically I would do it all over," Mercer said.

At the height of that U.S. military campaign, Michael K. Young, chairman of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, wrote to Secretary of State Colin Powell urging that the Bush administration use its influence to "promote the idea of a future Afghan political system that practices religious tolerance." The commission, named by Congress and the president, was set up under a 1998 law to monitor religious freedoms in other countries.

Mission activists welcomed such proposals. "We believe that the Bible mandates that we look for any opportunity we have to share our faith," said Wendy Norville, spokeswoman for the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Richmond, Va.

In an open Internet letter Feb. 14, Ben Homan, president of the Christian-Based Food for the Hungry aid organization, lamented after an Afghan war that he had seen "not one church."

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Nation's governors seek common ground

States press for transportation funds



Gov. John Engler, R-Mich., chairman of the National Governor's Association, opens the winter meeting Saturday in Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Governors will search for common ground on changes they want to see in welfare and Medicaid during their winter meeting here, while pressing on a united front for more federal transportation money.

When state leaders speak with one voice on an issue, Washington tends to listen.

"We can find the most bipartisan support on transportation funding," said Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton, vice chairman of the National Governors' Association, adding there are "not a great deal of philosophical issues" in the area of transportation construction. While he expects broad agreement on the problems of Medicaid and welfare, there are more likely to be philosophical debates between governors on the details.

The states' need for the transportation money overrides such partisan differences.

Lawmakers in both the Senate and House introduced legislation earlier this month to add money for highway construction to the administration's budget, saying proposed cuts could mean the loss of tens of thousands of jobs.

The administration reduction

stems from shortfall in federal gasoline taxes, which finances the highway construction trust fund.

President Bush's budget plan for the year beginning next Oct. 1 provides \$22.6 billion for the Federal Highway Administration, the agency in charge of road construction, with total outlays to the states down more than \$8 billion next year.

This comes at a time when states are getting hit hard by recession and are trying to update outdated tax structures better suited to manufacturing economies than to high-tech

economies, said Michigan Gov. John Engler, a Republican who is chairman of the NGA.

"The situation probably will get worse before it gets better," Engler said Saturday as he opened the four-day meeting. "The recovery of state revenues lags behind the recovery of the national economy."

Governors from both parties agree they will be asking for restoration of highway funding. They generally agreed social programs like Medicaid and welfare need changes, but they avoided citing specific areas of disagree-

ment before starting their work sessions.

"The National Governors' Association operates in areas where there can be bipartisan agreement," Patton said. "If it's really divisive, we won't address it."

He noted two of the governors' most successful areas in recent years have been backing changes in the welfare system and in transportation.

"And there will be universal agreement that we need to do something about Medicaid, it's a major, major problem that's getting worse," said Patton, a Democrat. "I don't know of any state that doesn't feel pressed."

Medicaid eats up about a fifth of state budgets, on average, Engler said, and the costs are growing at a far more rapid pace than the state economies.

Connecticut Gov. John Rowland, chairman of the Republican governors, said the governors will "examine how Medicaid is impacting our state budgets and we'll have some direct discussions with the president."

Governors, key players in remaining welfare programs coast to coast, will consider a draft policy that asks Congress for more federal money and more power to offer education and training to welfare recipients.

Officials warn of wider war after kidnapping

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan has warned U.S. and other foreign diplomatic missions and businesses to boost their security, fearing that the slaying of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl may signal a wider plan to thwart President Pervez Musharraf's drive against extremism.

Pakistani officials vowed to redouble efforts to arrest at least four key suspects still at large. Those efforts include "maximum cooperation" with the FBI, which has been allowed to interview suspects already in custody, a Pakistani Foreign Office official said Saturday on condition of anonymity.

Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh, the British-born Islamic militant police believe masterminded Pearl's abduction, has told his interrogators that his group wanted to teach a lesson to the U.S.-led anti-terror coalition and that Pearl's murder was just a first step, two Pakistani intelligence officials said on condition of anonymity.

Saeed had already surrendered and confessed by the time Pearl's murder was revealed Friday through a gruesome videotape that investigators say showed images of the journalist being forced to admit he was Jewish

and then getting his throat slit. When and where the journalist was killed is not known. His body has not been found and one investigator said Saturday that it will be difficult to find unless the remaining suspects are apprehended.

With Saeed in custody, the main target of a massive manhunt is Amjad Faruqi, the man believed to have carried out the kidnapping.

The government told foreign missions, embassies and dignitaries to take extra security precautions in the wake of Pearl's murder, said Interior Ministry officials in the capital, Islamabad, speaking on condition of anonymity. They added that attacks on U.S. interests in Pakistan cannot be ruled out.

Meanwhile, the man who delivered the videotape confirming Pearl's murder to U.S. officials was being held for questioning in Karachi, the southern port city where Pearl was abducted on Jan. 23, the officials said.

Pakistani authorities believe Pearl's murder may be part of a larger terrorist scheme to destabilize the country following Musharraf's Jan. 12 pledge to rid Pakistan of Muslim extremism in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack in the United States

Farm bill negotiators face thorny issues

By Philip Brasher
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Time is running out for Congress to agree on new farm programs before growers start planting spring crops. A compromise probably will not come easily given the many tough issues to resolve and the political stakes in an election year.

Farm groups want congressional negotiators to settle on a bill the Senate and House can approve by March 22 — the start of a two-week break for lawmakers. That would provide increased subsidies for this year's crops.

"It's absolutely impossible to know" how long the negotiations will take, said J.B. Penn, the Agriculture Department's undersecretary for farm programs.

"Lots of old hands that have followed farm bills for years are giving their estimates and I can tell you they range anywhere from three weeks to six months."

Among the important differences in the two bills:

- The Senate would increase spending by \$45 billion over the next five years, \$7 billion more than the House. The extra money in the Senate bill goes primarily to conservation and nutrition programs.
- Subsidy rates for grain and cotton are as much as 20 percent higher in the Senate bill than the House version. Many economists say that will encourage farmers to further increase production of crops already in surplus. The

House would give more money to farmers in fixed annual payments.

- A provision in the Senate bill would allow private financing of food sales to Cuba; a move opposed by anti-Castro lawmakers.

- The Senate would ban meatpackers' ownership of cattle and hogs, and impose a \$275,000 limit on the payments that individual grain and cotton farmers can receive.

- The Senate would offer subsidies to farmers who agree to cut their use of irrigation water to protect endangered fish.

This fall's congressional races hang over the negotiations. Three of the most closely watched Senate races this year are in Midwest states — Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota, where farm

subsidies are a critical part of the rural economy. There is broad support for restrictions on meatpackers and a limit on payments to big farms.

Democrats hold those contested seats: Tom Harkin in Iowa, Paul Wellstone in Minnesota and Tim Johnson in South Dakota.

"Clearly they have leverage (on the farm bill) they otherwise wouldn't," said Ford Runge, a University of Minnesota economist who advises Democratic candidates on farm policy.

The same measures that help those Democrats could hurt a Republican senator who is vulnerable this fall, Tim Hutchinson of Arkansas. His state has numerous large farms that would be hit by the subsidy limits. Arkansas also is home to meatpacking giant Tyson Foods.

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Bush links Arctic drilling with national security

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Saturday renewed his campaign to open an Arctic refuge to oil exploration, contending that drilling is essential to national security and job creation.

Bush, in his weekly radio address, said that plan is vital to his goal of making the United States less dependent on foreign energy sources. He also wants to promote energy efficiency, develop wind and solar power, build fuel-efficient vehicles and combat pollution.

His bid to overturn the 1980 ban on drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in the refuge remains the most contested element of his energy plan. It probably will face a filibuster from senators who believe the drilling would have serious environmental consequences.

The government estimates that at least 5.7 billion barrels of oil and possibly as many as 16 billion barrels — may be recoverable from the Arctic refuge.

Environmentalists say the refuge contains no more than 3.2

billion barrels, not enough to dramatically ease the country's reliance on imports. They assert that drilling there would endanger polar bears, musk oxen, 130 species of migrating birds and thousands of caribou.

Debate in the Senate on an energy bill was expected to begin this week. The House version, passed in the summer, permits drilling in a 1.5-million-acre section of the refuge.

Bush contends the drilling can move ahead with minimal environmental harm, and he says

there is little choice.

"Conservation technology and renewables are important. Yet they alone cannot solve our energy problems," Bush said in the radio address. "We must also reduce America's dependence on foreign sources of oil by encouraging safe and clean exploration at home."

The president, who just returned from six days in Asia, began his trip with a stop in Anchorage, Alaska. He said he found support in the state for a "balanced, comprehensive and

aggressive energy plan" that includes further developing Alaska's oil reserves.

"Alaskans know firsthand that modern technology allows us to bring oil to the surface cleanly and safely, while protecting our environment and wildlife," Bush said.

Other elements of the Bush proposal would upgrade electric power lines, modernize other energy delivery systems and develop new fuel-efficient technologies, such as cars powered with hydrogen.

States seek to deny funds to Enron execs

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Thirty-three states — but not Idaho — are asking a bankruptcy court to block Enron Corp. executives from securing millions of dollars from the company for their legal defense.

"Enron's directors and officers should not be advanced money for their civil or criminal defenses costs before the issue of their individual liability has been resolved," Oregon Attorney General Hardy Myers, the lead attorney for the group, said in a news release Friday.

Thousands of Enron employees lost their retirement savings in accounts loaded with Enron stock as the company plunged into bankruptcy on Dec. 2. The energy giant and its executives face a growing number of lawsuits over the collapse.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Arthur Gonzalez is expected to hear objections to the advance fee request Wednesday in New York City, said New Mexico Attorney General Patricia Madrid.

She said advancing of funds might accelerate depletion of insurance money while tens of thousands of innocent people have been harmed in the Enron collapse.

Oregon and New Mexico were joined in the request by attorneys general from Alaska, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Bush and strategy: Talk tough, back down, claim victory

By Tom Ichniowski
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Despite his lofty wartime approval ratings, President Bush has not been winning many battles on the domestic front. Few Americans seem to notice and Bush does not seem to mind.

Instead, the president has been following a familiar pattern: drawing his line in the sand, then backing down, compromising and asserting a victory for bipartisanship.



President and Laura Bush return Friday from their week-long trip to the Far East.

It is a style he established as governor of Texas and has honed as president.

After a week-long tour of Asia, Bush may tweak the formula again as he tries to translate some of his popularity into domestic victories, small and large; some to be achieved, others just claimed.

To win passage of his education package, a top 2000 campaign Bush had to drop one of its central features, you know.

To strike a deal on religious charities, he agreed to expanded tax breaks to donors in lieu of his original plan for government

funds for churches and other religious groups that provide social services.

In prosecuting the war on terrorism, Bush has built up a huge reservoir of good will, or political capital.

If confrontation with Iraq's Saddam Hussein is part of the coming mix — Bush is considering

a range of options — the president is going to need to draw on that reserve of good will. He also can try to use it to advance his legislative proposals.

So why squander any of it?

On this year's stormiest legislative battle, campaign finance revision, Bush stood on the sidelines instead of with GOP leaders

who tried to block the legislation.

"The president has sent a very clear signal to the Congress that he wants to sign something that clears the system," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer says.

To many in Congress, the clearest signal sent was that Bush would sign whatever wound up on his desk — and claim partial credit for the result.

The Enron Corp. case may have cemented Bush's decision. The collapse of the Texas-based energy company served to highlight administration's ties with big business and raised new voter attention to campaign contribution excesses.

That makes any veto by Bush risky — even if signing the bill puts him at odds with top GOP leaders. But, with four out of five Americans approving his job performance, Bush is a lot more popular than are those Republican leaders.

There was a real question about how you are going to get momentum for this legislation, Enron provided that, and you cannot underestimate the

impact," said Anthony Corrado, who teaches politics at Colby College.

In the days ahead, look for a flurry of domestic activity from Bush. He is working hard, for instance, to reach agreement with Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., on a patients' rights bill. He probably will try to nail down a final deal on the charities bill.

He may compromise with Democrats on a stimulus package, too, even if it means he has to accept a pared-down version of mainly aid to the unemployed — rather than his initial package of more tax cuts.

Politicians in both parties agree that Congress probably will give Bush most of what he wants on defense and homeland security.

"It is a pattern for him, a longstanding pattern," said Norman Ornstein of the American Enterprise Institute. "It's not just claiming victory. It's plausibly claiming victory whether you've got it or not. And if you can make it stick... then you've got the formula you need."

"In truth, it's the pattern for all successful presidents," he said.

Voters

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gaged swing voters.

A majority of those surveyed — 56 percent to 40 percent — said partisan politics seems less important to them since the terrorist attacks of September 11. In Rangely, Colo., a laid-off welder, said the question of which party controls Congress looks pretty inconsequential to him.

Confident that his employer will call him back by the end of the year, he said, "It seems more important to fight the war on terrorism on a single front, and the Republicans and Democrats are joining together to do that."

But reporters came to a battleground area in this vital state to question at length a group of 10 voters with no strong allegiance to either party on the attitudes and concerns that may shape the coming campaign.

The group's strong support for Bush's handling of the war on terrorism showed the continuing impact of Sept. 11. But that support seemed thoroughly isolated from their view that politics as usual is prevailing, on almost every other issue, a view reinforced by respondents in the national poll.

"It's five months since Sept. 11 and unfortunately I don't think it's much different," said Fred Adams of Driggs, Pa. "I think it was the first month or two, but the negative aspects have all come back."

What was notable in both the national survey and the focus group was the absence of anger that accompanied the recession a decade ago. For three months, polls have shown rising concern about the economy, but there is no evidence to date that Bush or the Republicans are being blamed.

Democrats have hoped for a rerun of what happened to Bush's father, who saw his 90 percent approval ratings collapse after the 1991 Persian Gulf War, when voters concluded he was indifferent to rising unemployment. Unless the recession deepens, Democrats may be frustrated in pursuing that strategy.

Seven in 10 Americans rated the economy negatively, but asked who is to blame, the same proportion identified the impact of Sept. 11 or normal changes in the business cycle. About 3 in 5 targeted congressional Republicans or Democrats, with blame almost equally apportioned.

while less than half (47 percent) identified Bush — no more than Clinton.

Offsetting concerns about the economy, a majority of those surveyed (54 percent) said they believe the country is generally heading in the right direction. A decade ago, when almost 90 percent rated the economy negatively, only 18 percent of Americans were upbeat about the overall direction of the country.

The lack of anger over the economy bodes well for incumbents in both parties. By a margin of 55 percent to 42 percent, those surveyed said Bush and the Democratic leaders in Congress are making good progress on solving the country's problems — exactly the opposite image the public held of the elder Bush and the then-Democratic leaders of Congress at the beginning of the 1990 midterm election year.

Congress's overall approval rating stands at 57 percent in the latest Washington Post poll. In early 1990 it was 41 percent.

The war on terrorism overshadows all other issues. About 8 in 10 Americans surveyed said they were closely following news about the war in Afghanistan or terrorist threats

at home, but fewer than 4 in 10 said they were paying close attention to the debates over an economic stimulus package or campaign finance reform.

The passage of an education reform bill, one of Bush's top domestic priorities, has gone largely unnoticed. Although several

participants in the focus group said they wanted politicians to pay more attention to education, none was aware that legislation had been passed and signed by the president late last year. In the Post poll, 44 percent knew that the bill had been passed.

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Neighbors say crematory operator's secret is a shock

Man carried respect in community

NOBLE, Ga. (AP) - He was in line to be deacon of his church. He coached youth football. He was a young man respected in this small community as the heir to a family business.

And yet, Ray Brent Marsh is now at the center of a ghastly discovery that is growing by the day in the pine woods of northern Georgia.

Hundreds of decaying or mummified bodies have been found stacked in pits, caskets and above-ground vaults on the Marsh family property behind their business, the Tri-State Crematory.

Authorities trying to comprehend the tragedy have speculated that the 28-year-old Marsh was greedy, or just lazy, that he simply left bodies wherever it was convenient. Townspeople are struggling to understand how he could have done such a thing and lived such an outwardly normal, respectable life.

Paul Goodloe, a longtime neighborhood friend, said that maybe Marsh was just desensitized to death after so many years around the crematorium, which was run for years by his parents. "If you grow up around it," she said, "you're comfortable with it."



Ray Brent Marsh watches the proceedings in Walker County Magistrate Court at his bond hearing Friday in Lafayette, Ga.

Marsh took over the business six years ago, and people who live around the crematorium said they watched him coming and going on their narrow country road in this county of 30,000. They figured all along he was

making a good living, minding his own business and his family's. "His whole family, they are outstanding people," said the Rev. William Stamper, pastor of New Home Missionary Baptist

Church, where the Marsh family have long been members.

At the church, Marsh was a candidate to become a deacon and was always quick to organize games, to be the master of ceremonies at church events.

Often, Goodloe said, the pastor would announce to the small congregation: "We are missing Brother Brent because he had to work today."

People who knew him from the city recreation department, where Marsh coached youth football and basketball, said he was always good with children. He has a daughter of his own, just 2 weeks old.

At the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Marsh was a linebacker on the football team from 1992 to 1995.

"He was just one of those middle-of-the-road, dependable kind of kids," said Neal Magnussen, assistant athletic director. "He wasn't an All-American, but neither was he a kid who sat on the end of the bench and never got to play."

Now, white-shrouded forensic technicians are swarming the shores of the small lake on the Marsh property - the same place Marsh played as a child, the same shores where he got married. Investigators plan to drain the lake to see if there are bodies at the bottom.

He remains in jail, refusing to talk.

Johnny Johnson, who attended elementary school with Marsh, said of the gruesome discoveries: "I'm thinking that it is just the way he was brought up to do it. I don't see how you can do that ... and sleep."

Marsh lived with his wife and newborn in a one-story stone house, not far from the crematorium. Marsh's wife, who works in Chattanooga, has been staying elsewhere with their newborn daughter since his arrest.

Marsh's father, 75-year-old Ray, who attends church in a wheelchair, has been implicated by authorities who say some of the discarded bodies have been on the property 15 years, possibly longer.

Marsh's 70-year-old mother, Clara Marsh, is a career educator, a former Walker County Citizen of the Year and Democratic Party chairwoman. Sheriff Steve Wilson said she was involved in the business but not in a "hands-on" role.

Judge postpones decision to set bail for Marsh

NOBLE, Ga. (AP) - A judge postponed a decision on whether to set bail for the operator of a crematory where nearly 300 decaying bodies have been found.

Magistrate Judge Jerry Day said Friday he would decide in the next few days whether Ray Brent Marsh should be eligible for bail.

Prosecutors argued Marsh should not be released because of the outrage in the northern Georgia community. Walker County Sheriff Steve Wilson said death threats had been called in against Marsh.

Marsh's attorney, Ken Poston, said his client was not a flight risk and concern for his safety was no reason to keep him in jail.

Marsh, 28, is charged with 16 counts of theft by deception for allegedly taking payment for cremations he never performed.

Families struggle with grief after grisly discovery

NOBLE, Ga. (AP) - Gary Lee Cann died just before medical insurance approval came for the liver transplant he'd hoped would save his life, and for the past 16 months his widow has worn a locket containing what she thought were her husband's cremated remains.

But his funeral home used Tri-State Crematory, where about 300 bodies were found over the last week randomly piled in pits, caskets and above-ground vaults on a 16-acre pine grove behind the crematory.

Now Bobbie Cann says she can't know for sure if her locket holds her husband's ashes. "I feel doubly robbed," said Cann, a Chattanooga mother of two teenage children. "I felt all along that I had a little of him with me."

Crematory operator Ray Brent Marsh, 28, is charged with 16 counts of theft by deception for allegedly discarding the bodies instead of cremating them. Investigators estimate the recovery of all the bodies to take up to eight months, with the count growing each day.

Cann, like hundreds of others who believed their loved ones were cremated, want to know why this happened, even though the answer may never ease their pain.

"Why was there no regulation?" she said. "How many years has it been going on? I think the government is responsible somehow."

For the families, the gruesome discovery causes a "most unusual kind of grieving" mixed with a "lot of anger, mistrust and bitterness," said Ronald Barrett, a psychology professor at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles who specializes in issues surrounding death.

"The next of kin consider themselves responsible for making sure the funeral is executed and that is an important responsibility," Barrett said. "When you've done everything by the book and made sure the funeral and final rites are done properly, only to find the professional you have relied on failed you, you feel very violated."

Respect for funeral traditions, as well as customs that go back hundreds of years, have been passed on for generations, and most funeral directors honor and understand them, he said.

"People who are given the care of the dead ... that is considered a sacred trust, to be given the honor of preparing the bodies," Barrett said.

Glen Stassen, a Christian ethics professor at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., said while some families may believe the body is a shell for the soul, they are still hurting because the way the bodies were treated was "so disrespectful."

"The only way for healing to come to the families is to eventually come to some forgiveness," he said. "This is horrible but we are all sinners and we all need forgiveness. They won't experience healing until they can do some forgiving."

Bob Vandenberg, president of the National Funeral Directors Association, traveled to Noble last week and spoke to funeral home directors and family members with whom they are work-

ing. From what he saw, Vandenberg said "It took a lot of energy" and intensive labor to discard the bodies rather than cremate them, which would have cost an average \$25 a body.

"No one will ever know unless Mr. Marsh decides to tell his story, why and how," said Vandenberg, a funeral director in Clinton,

Mich. "I hope he will. It will give comfort to a lot of families."

As Marsh was led back to jail Friday after his arraignment, Leatha Shropshire of Lafayette, Ga., surged toward him and shouted: "Brent, look at what you've done! Look at what you've done!"

Shropshire, whose mother's body was recovered at the crema-

tory, wore a T-shirt with her mother's face on it and the inscription "Victim of Marsh's Crematory."

Marsh, who wore a bulletproof vest and was encircled by an army of deputies, did not respond. Neither he nor his family members have made any public comment.

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Jury selection could be tricky in suspect's trial

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MIAMI — Attorney Alan Soven represents Maria Tarrago, a mother accused of drenching her daughter with gasoline and setting her on fire — in a jealous rage after Tarrago's boyfriend turned his attention to the teenager.

Beginning Monday, Soven has to try to pick jurors willing to consider the possibility that Tarrago, 41, did not mean to kill or harm her daughter despite the horrible disfigurement they will see on the 17-year-old's face and upper body.

Tarrago says she only intend-

ed to scare her daughter — a 15-year-old high school freshman when the incident happened in 1999. She's charged with first-degree attempted murder and could face life in prison.

The gasoline and the lighter were meant to make a point, Soven says, but Tarrago never imagined her child would catch fire.

"An accident," Soven called it. "The mother's hands had gasoline on them and they caught fire and then the fire jumped to her daughter's body."

The girl lost most of both ears and is heavily scarred.

Tarrago's admission she

dumped gasoline on her child and flicked the lighter to scare her could horrify most jurors, said Sanford Marks, a Miami-based consultant who helps defense attorneys pick juries.

"Most jurors will have a strong reaction and immediately say 'I would never do that, never pour gasoline on my child,'" he said.

Marks said female jurors — whether they are mothers or hope to be mothers — could be a huge liability for the defendant.

"I can't see a woman being at all understanding of this or buying the explanation she put her child in harm's way to scare

her," said Marks.

Jurors, he predicted, will carry the memories of other cases where parents harmed or killed their children, into the jury box. He pointed to Andrea Yates, the Texas mother now on trial on charges she drowned her five children in the family's bathtub.

"I'd certainly probe how they feel about those type of cases in jury selection, and I'd ask questions about how they feel about accidents," Marks said. "I'd ask them if they agree that sometimes things happen that people don't mean to happen."

One dies, several sustain injuries at motorcycle expo

PLAINVIEW, N.Y. (AP) — Rival motorcycle gangs armed with daggers, baseball bats and a machine gun clashed at an indoor motorcycle and tattoo expo called the Hellfire Ball, authorities said.

One man was killed and at least 10 people were injured.

About 60 people were in custody Saturday night and the number could grow, said Nassau County Chief of Detectives Herbert Faust.

Faust said four people were shot, one fatally, and others injured when the fight erupted around 4:15 p.m. at the Vanderbilt, a concert and catering hall in Plainview, N.Y.

Faust said the fight broke out between members of the Hells Angels motorcycle club, whose Long Island chapter sponsored the event, and a rival gang, the Pagans.

As many as 100 Pagans showed up at the event, which drew 1,000 people, many of them Hells Angels members, Faust said.

"There's been a long-standing feud between the two motorcycle gangs," he said. "At some point, there was a major conflict. We have gunshots, we have people stabbed, a major fight."

Several people who fled the scene were apprehended nearby, Nassau County Police Commissioner William Willett said.

Police also recovered numerous daggers, baseball bats and an Uzi automatic weapon, Faust said.

The expo had been under surveillance by police, but was not expected to be violent, he said.

"We had surveillance. We were aware of the event. We had no reason to believe it would have erupted into this type of conflict," he said.

Scientists make headway in creating artificial womb

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — It might seem like something out of a science fiction novel: Pregnancy without morning sickness, weight gain, stretching marks or labor pain.

But just as technology has yielded artificial hearts, limbs and skin, researchers are slowly moving toward the creation of artificial wombs that would allow unborn babies to grow

entirely outside a woman's body.

Although it could be years or even decades before scientists attempt to carry human embryos to term inside a high-tech artificial womb, researchers have already sustained animal fetuses in artificial wombs for weeks at a time.

In another scientific endeavor, researchers recently took cultured human uterine tissue and got them to grow in a labo-

ratory setting. Uterine lining plays an important role in the early stages of pregnancy.

"Almost everybody I talk to is totally unaware of this technology becoming a reality," said Scott Gelfand, director of the ethics center at Oklahoma State University. "But eventually work like that is going to allow us to keep a fetus alive."

Already, ethical, medical and social concerns have been raised, with the issue becoming

heated enough that it is the subject of a conference in Oklahoma on Saturday called "The End of Natural Motherhood?"

While proponents believe the technology could one day help babies born prematurely, others are hopeful it will allow more women who have been unable to bear children to have genetic offspring of their own. Critics wonder if it won't cause more harm than good.

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money ban could benefit Democrats because they can turn to labor unions for support in primary voters.

"The Democrats are getting an upper hand on this," Lehotski said.

Still, Republicans tend to rely more on donations from individuals than do Democrats, who receive the bulk of soft money from their national party.

In the past, soft money from the national party has played a big role in their efforts to oust Republican lawmakers in Idaho.

The importance of soft money — which ostensibly is for party-building activities but more often is used for advertisements that promote candidates without mentioning their names — varies from year to year, based largely on the competitiveness of Idaho's races for seats in the Senate and, to a

lesser degree, the House.

When Republican Sen. Michael Crapo cruised to a 40-percentage-point victory in 1998, the national Democratic Party did not send money to the state.

But in 1996, nearly \$600,000 in soft money poured in from the Democrats as the state party unsuccessfully tried to defeat GOP Sen. Larry Craig.

Republicans responded that year by sending more than \$400,000 of their own soft money to Idaho.

Absent large amounts of financial support coming from Washington, D.C., Democrats could find themselves poorly positioned to challenge well-financed Republicans in 2004 and beyond. That is a prospect that worries Carolyn Boyce, chairwoman of the Idaho Democratic Party, which officially supports the prohibition on soft money.

"Campaign finance reform is really a mixed bag for us," she said.

Idaho Democrats say they expect the party to enjoy a resurgence in this fall's elections as voters blame Republicans for the weak economy, a scenario that Lehotski said concerns the state's GOP.

Idaho's two congressmen and two senators are all Republicans, and the party controls the state Legislature.

Democrats this year are actively campaigning against Craig and U.S. Rep. Butch Otter, a first-term Republican from Star. So far, nobody has stepped up to challenge U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson.

Analysts say that the 2002 elections will help determine the impact that the new financing law has in Idaho. Unless Democrats can beat Otter or Otter, Republicans could gain a

significant advantage because, without soft money, the national Democratic Party will be unable to send gobs of cash to finance challengers' campaigns in the future.

An important early test of the impact of the soft-money ban will be Crapo's re-election campaign in 2004. The first-term senator already has stockpiled a formidable campaign war chest of nearly \$360,000, the vast majority of which came from business groups based outside Idaho. Crapo is likely to intensify his fund-raising after this year's election.

The new campaign-financing law, which would increase the limit on individual contributions to \$2,000, could help Crapo and other Republican candidates, who generally do better than Democrats in raking in large sums of money from wealthy individuals.

Property

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their No. 1 priority was, and overwhelmingly, they said private property rights," Becke said.

Newcomb, a rancher himself, has caused quite the stir among city and county government agencies since introducing the amendment. He and Becke repeat that the amendment makes concessions for health, public safety, public services, infrastructure and public nuisances.

But the questions continue about lawsuits clogging up the courts, land speculators making false claims on land use, and potential legislation that would accompany the amendment.

Members of the Association of Idaho Cities and the Idaho Association of Counties as well as attorneys are bringing up a myriad of "what ifs."

For example, Cassia County

Administrator Tim Hurst talked about Big Sky Farms, the enormous hog operation that wanted to locate in the Raft River area. It was blocked by county officials.

Hurst said the proposed amendment would virtually guarantee either the disgruntled developer to the tune of \$300 million, the estimated profit from the hog operation, or — had the operation been approved — angry neighbors claiming the stretch reduced their property value.

Proponents of the amendment claim the public health and nuisance stipulations would apply in the case of the hog farm. But Brown said the property owners who proposed the hog farm promised to do everything necessary to eliminate any health or nuisance problems, and therefore the investors could sue on

the basis of being denied their property rights.

Or they could also sue because the county is calling them liars by denying them their rights," he said.

Those who back the amendment point out that the main complaints are coming from government, not from the general population. But because the proposal isn't coming up for debate just yet, most people either don't know about it or haven't had a chance to read it. And it is likely people won't be reading it for a while.

Newcomb discussed the controversial amendment last week with lawyers, legislators, city and county administrators and organization leaders who had concerns about what it might bring about. He said he trusts former Idaho Chief Justice Robert Bakes' version of the amend-

ment, but because it has brought forth so much controversy, he's decided to pull it for now and establish a task force. He said he'll recruit members who represent all sides of the issue.

Meantime, Gubler and her neighbors on the north rim think the idea has merit.

"This is what we've been saying all along," said neighbor Warren Beddo.

"If they're going to take from me, they're going to have to pay me."

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Health education programs survive Idaho's war on red ink

By Bob Flick
The Associated Press

BOISE — The most aggressive assault on state spending in more than two decades wound down last week. Lawmakers finished dismantling many of the improvements they were so optimistic about making just a year ago — before the economy went south.

"We've lost so much from last year," House Appropriations Chairman Maxine Bell of Jerome said. "I just hope our losses aren't as bad as they may appear now."

The House and Senate still must approve the austere spending blueprint that accommodates the eroding economy while protecting last year's record tax cut.

There have been protests over the bare-bones budgets, especially in education and health care. But they have not reached the level of a decade ago when a Democratic governor and a much narrower Republican legislative majority battled over relative minor amounts compared to what is being cut this year.

The one commitment that the Legislature decided to keep is last year's expansion of medical and dental educational opportunities. The fact that Idaho has one of the lowest doctor ratios — 182 for every 100,000 people — and one of the oldest cadres of the physicians was responsible.

Elsewhere, however, the budget committee in the nation's most Republican Legislature:

- Made the historic decision to reduce state support for public schools by \$23.3 million. No previous budget crisis had touched state aid to schools.
- Reduced the \$250-a-semester Promise Scholarship to \$200. Democrats called it a broken promise.
- Eliminated preventive dental care for 37,000 poor adults.
- Slashed a third of the \$900,000 for improved senior citizen programs and services.
- Curtailed manpower and interpretive programs at state parks.

conceded. "That was money. We had to back away from a lot of that this year. In some cases, that's probably a good thing since the ideas weren't."

But the decision to subsidize the education of four more doctors and one extra dentist every year and maintain support for the special family residency programs in southwestern and southeastern Idaho escaped despite their cost. While nearly every other new budget is lower than this year, the health education programs got an 8 percent increase for the coming year.

Robin Dodson, the chief academic officer for Idaho State University, was among those across the health-care sector who spent years laying the groundwork that made last year's program expansion possible, even though Gov. Dirk Kempthorne declined to recommend it.

"A lot of people are walking together on this, and it made a difference," Dodson said. "One thing that is pressing upon the Legislature is that we have to have increased access to health-care providers. That issue of health access is critical to the well being of the economy and the state."

With last year's increases, Idaho is now subsidizing the training of 26 medical students in each year of school — 104 in all.

Newspaper publisher eyes governor's race

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Post Register newspaper publisher Jerry Brady said he may seek the Democratic Party's nomination to challenge Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne in this year's election.

The news first came to light in the Post Register's Saturday edition. Brady confirmed Friday that he has set up an exploratory committee to look at running for governor.

"I think if we get a strong person at the top of the ticket, other people will step forward," Brady said. "I do think it's winnable."

Brady's exploratory committee is studied with some of the top Democratic stars in the state, including former Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus, who will act as committee chairman, and former Gov. John Evans.

The committee will gauge reaction to Brady's potential candidacy and examine how much money can be raised.

Brady said he plans to have a definitive answer in the next week to 10 days.

Carolyn Boyce, outgoing chairwoman of the Idaho Democratic Party, said she expects to see a Kempthorne vs. Brady race in November.

"You don't form an exploratory committee unless you're reasonably sure that's what you're going to do," she said.

By the numbers

Here is a comparison by agency or program of the general tax budget, including \$64 million in cuts made this year, approved last March for the current year, fiscal 2002, and the budget approved for the coming year, fiscal 2003, which begins July 1. Amounts are in millions of dollars. Agencies with zero or small amounts rely on federal or special state funds like gas tax for Transportation and sportsman's fees for Fish and Game.

Agency	2002	2003
Ag Research	\$24.5	\$23.3
Universities	\$229.7	\$213.6
Community Colleges	\$20.0	\$18.8
Deaf/Blind School	\$7.3	\$7.1
Education Board	\$2.7	\$5.4
Health Education	\$8.6	\$7.2
Historical Society	\$2.4	\$1.9
State Library	\$2.8	\$2.4
Tech Education	\$46.2	\$43.3
Public TV	\$7.6	\$1.9
Public School Aid	\$909.6	\$920.0
Misc. Ed Programs	\$8.4	\$9.7

By the numbers

2002

Agency	2002	2003
Education Dept.	\$5.6	\$5.5
Tech Council	\$0.7	Zero
Voc-Rehab	\$3.9	\$3.8
Paras	\$10.6	\$8.6
Water Resources	\$11.2	\$10.1
Economic development	\$10.7	\$9.9
Agriculture	\$7.2	\$6.7
Finance	Zero	Zero
Industrial Com.	Zero	Zero
Insurance	Zero	Zero
Labor	\$0.6	\$0.5
Public Utilities	Zero	Zero
Governing Agencies	\$4.8	\$3.4
Transportation	\$0.3	Zero
Social services	\$9.6	\$8.7
Catastrophic Care	\$347.9	\$359.6
Health-Welfare Dept.	\$10.1	\$9.8
Health Districts		
Public safety	\$108.6	\$112.2
Prisons	\$25.4	\$25.7
Courts	\$32.9	\$32.8
Juvenile Corrections	\$19.8	\$18.2
State Police		
Resources	\$19.0	\$15.7
Environmental Quality	Zero	Zero
Fish and Game	\$5.2	\$4.8
Lands		
General government	\$4.7	\$3.1
Administration	Zero	Zero
Big Council	\$17.1	\$14.1
Attorney Gen'l	\$6.0	\$5.5
Controller	\$16.4	\$15.6
Governor	\$10.3	\$9.8
Legislature	\$0.13	\$0.12
Lt. Governor	\$31.5	\$24.4
Tax Commission	\$3.4	\$3.2
Secretary of State	\$1.2	\$1.2
Treasurer	\$2000	\$1967.9

- Cut two-thirds of the cash to help rural communities attract and retain business.
 - Capped spending on a special health care program for children of the working poor. Critics said some otherwise eligible children will go without help.
 - Eliminated professional-technical training opportunities for hundreds of high school graduates.
 - Slashed \$23 million from college and university support, promising reduced class options, faculty layoffs and higher student fees.
 - Thirteen of the 46 agencies and programs will get less general tax money in the new budget than they got a year ago. And that is after the current budget was slashed \$64 million.
- Senate Finance Chairman Dean Cameron takes a pragmatic view.
- "Last year was a watershed year for anybody who had an idea," the Rupert Republican

conceded. "That was money. We had to back away from a lot of that this year. In some cases, that's probably a good thing since the ideas weren't."

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NASA plans Hubble overhaul

Work should prolong life, improve viewing ability

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — After 12 years on the job, the Hubble Space Telescope is about to get a scientific makeover and the cosmic equivalent of a caffeine jolt.

It all begins Thursday with the launch of space shuttle Columbia on a servicing mission that's being billed as the most challenging yet. At least five spacewalks are planned, each one crucial.

The formidable outside work falls to four astronauts: a pair of physicists, a mechanical engineer and a veterinarian skilled in surgery on elephants, rhinos, whales and walrus.

"It's like doing surgery on a big beast, that's the way I look at it," said astronaut-vet Richard D. Scobee, "who is going in to make the Hubble better than it was."

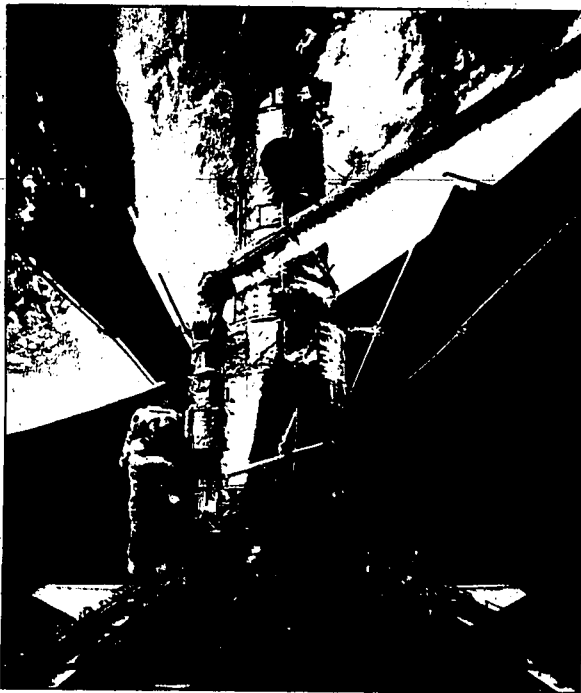
The four men will install an advanced camera and try to fix a faulty gyroscope, replace damaged solar wings and an unreliable steering wheel and, in the toughest and most nerve-racking job of all, pull out the original, faltering power-control box and plug in a new one.

Before the spacewalkers try to pry off 36 connectors on the old power unit — which was never meant to be replaced — the telescope must be powered down completely for the first time ever in orbit.

"It kind of violates a long-standing policy in the space business that if something's working well, you don't turn it off and just hope it comes back on," said Ed Weiler, NASA's space science chief. "We're not doing that cavalierly. But it is a risk that we've never faced before."

If all goes well, the new power-switching station will control and distribute the outpouring of electricity generated by Hubble's fresh solar wings, smaller than the ones they will replace but considerably more efficient. This combo should give the observatory a tremendous energy boost.

Hubble also should end up with better vision for beholding the universe.



Astronaut Steven Smith works at the end of the space shuttle's robot arm Feb. 15, 1997, after it captured the Hubble Space Telescope, seen here in the background.

Odyssey settles in for close-up Martian view

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Having had two missions to Mars fail, NASA officials last week finished activating surface-mapping instruments aboard the golf cart-size Odyssey satellite, which has been settling for several months into an effortless orbit around the planet.

If this mission succeeds, it will give scientists their best picture yet of how much water is on, and even below, Mars' surface. Once all of Odyssey's instruments are fine-tuned, NASA scientists expect to map pockets of frost in the planet's red dirt while snapping high-resolution photos of promising landing sites for Mars rovers, which will follow as soon as next year.

Part of Odyssey's mission has been reclaiming the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's reputation — key to the agency's funding and future missions.

Over the past few days, the satellite began pointing its instruments at Mars and sending preliminary information to Earth. Since then, Odyssey team members have huddled around conference tables and over e-mails at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California, as researchers in New Mexico calibrated instruments that for the next two years will deliver clues about Mars' geology and climate.

"We're definitely thrilled that we're getting under way, but we're just getting our feet wet, so to speak," said Jeffrey Plaut, a deputy project scientist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Odyssey lifted off from a Cape Canaveral, Fla., launch pad in April. In 1999 NASA saw two Mars missions fail: the Mars Climate Orbiter undershot the

planet and spun helplessly off into space, and the Mars Polar Lander slammed into the planet's south pole, never to be heard from again.

Scheduled to follow Odyssey in 2005 is an orbiter that will photograph surface features as small as a truck tire and search in greater detail for subsurface water. After it will come an unmanned long-range, roving surface lab, Garvin said.

Where on Mars those missions will be sent depends on what Odyssey finds in the next 900 or so days of its mission.

Odyssey will use two kinds of instruments to keep track of mineral and chemical elements spread over the planet's surface. The first is a thermal imaging system that can spot mineral formations by taking pictures in both the visible and infrared ranges. The other is a spectrometer sensitive to the abundance and distribution of even more substances, such as hydrogen, iron, carbon, and 17 other elements.

Like a giant diving rod mounted on the end of a 20-foot boom, Odyssey's spectrometer will spot water as the craft soars 250 miles above the planet.

Constantly scanning Mars' surface for neutron and gamma ray emissions triggered by cosmic rays, Odyssey will measure the intensity and variety of emissions to tell researchers what types and concentrations of atoms are in the soil. Plaut said it will be looking chiefly for hydrogen, a component of water.

Odyssey's other principle instrument is a camera that will photograph in 30 kilometer swaths but still be able to spot the distinctive reflections given off by pockets of minerals warmed by the sun.

Air Force adopts 'Let's Roll' logo to honor Sept. 11 victims

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AP) — The U.S. Air Force will use Sept. 11 passenger Todd Beamer's words "Let's Roll" as a logo on several aircraft until the first anniversary of the attacks.

The design depicts a bald eagle soaring in front of the U.S. flag with the words "Let's Roll '9-11" set in a golden sword and the phrase underneath the eagle's talons.

Four F-15s at the 33rd Fighter Wing at Eglin Air Force Base now bear the logo near the cockpit.

"This is certainly great for the American people, to show them how much we realize all that everyone has done in stepping up to the plate in what happened to this country," said Col. Hawk Carlisle, commander of the 33rd.

Beamer, a 32-year-old account manager for Oracle Corp., was on United Flight 93, which crashed in the Pennsylvania



The U.S. Air Force is adopting this aircraft logo bearing the phrase 'Let's Roll.'

countryside on Sept. 11. It was the only one of four hijacked planes that didn't kill anyone on the ground.

Before the crash, Beamer cried, "Let's roll!" on an in-flight phone as passengers apparently prepared to confront the hijackers. President Bush has repeatedly used Beamer's words to rally Americans in the war on terrorism.

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Doctor: Mom heard voices, had delusions

Knight Ridder News Service

HOUSTON - Hellish voices, satanic visions and other frightening delusions haunted Andrea Yates for years, popping up in movies and even in cartoons to tell her that she was a bad mother for not keeping her children on a strict path to righteousness, a psychiatrist testified Friday.

Less than 24 hours after police arrested Yates last summer in the drowning deaths of her five children, she met with Dr. Melissa Ferguson in the Harris County Jail and described a series of complicated, irrational beliefs that hinged on her children being killed so they could be saved and go to heaven, Dr. Ferguson said.



Andrea Yates
Artist's drawing in court Wednesday

"She said that she believed that the children would be tormented by the fire of hell unless they were killed," Ferguson said.

Her testimony came as Yates' attorneys opened their defense of the Houston woman, who told police responding to a call at her home June 20 that she had drowned her children.

She faces the death penalty or life in prison if convicted of two capital murder charges in the deaths of Noah, 7, John, 5, and 6-month-old Mary. The deaths of Paul, 3, and Luke, 2, figure prominently in the case.

Yates has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity. If the four men and eight women on the jury determine that she was insane, she could be institutionalized by the court or released.

State prosecutors presented nearly five days of testimony and evidence in the case Friday with Ferguson, director of mental health services for the Harris County Jail. Ferguson was responsible for evaluating Yates after her arrest.

Ferguson is expected to be cross-examined by the prosecution Monday morning. Yates' husband, Russell, is expected to testify Monday or Tuesday.

Ferguson said she determined Yates believed in delusions that included beasts of Satan marking her as one of their own.

Yates suspected that the light fixture in her jail cell was a surveillance camera, and she asked the doctor for a razor blade to remove her hair so she could see the "mark of the beast or 666" that she knew was on her head.

"The marks are there," Ferguson quoted Yates as saying.

As the doctor testified, Yates sat calmly next to her attorneys but nudged and squeezed a red napkin or handkerchief during references to her children or delusional behavior. The previous day, she shook and sobbed during a videotape of her dead children shown by the prosecution.

Ferguson said Yates was convinced she was poisoning her children, making them unworthy and unable to develop normally.

"She told me she worried that her children became retarded," Ferguson said.

She said Yates told her that she began hearing voices telling her to "grab a knife" after the birth of her first child, Noah, in 1994. She was first hospitalized with postpartum depression after the birth of her fourth child, Luke, in 1999.

Her fifth child, Mary, was born Nov. 30, 2000, and Yates again fell into a severe depression, the defense argues.

"When she went over to the television, the cartoons gave her children a direct message," Ferguson said. "And that message was that the children were eating too much sugar and that she was a bad mother."

Ferguson said Yates told her she knew that a satanic character in the film "O Brother Where Art Thou" addressed only her when he uttered the phrase, "You've eluded me for too long."

The psychiatrist said Yates' beliefs were vague but very real to her.

"She is one of the sickest patients I have ever seen," said Ferguson, who estimated that she had seen more than 6,000 patients in her career.

She said Yates takes five medications to control her behavior. Ferguson also said Yates believed that the media had installed several cameras in her home and had been monitoring her behavior as a mother for several years.

She said that, during her interviews, Yates kept mentioning a "prophecy" but never explained the reference.

"I was so stupid," Yates apparently screamed once, according to the doctor's notes. "Could I have killed just one to fulfill the prophecy? Could I have offered him [Noah]?"

Yates refused to accept that she was severely depressed, Ferguson said.

"She said to me, 'It's not depression; I never cried,'" the psychiatrist said.

Arrest compels hundreds to join search

SAN DIEGO (AP) - Hundreds of volunteers joined the search Saturday for a missing 7-year-old girl after the arrest of a neighbor and the discovery of bloodstained evidence lent grim urgency to the task of finding her.

The volunteers, carrying bright red tags to mark potential evidence, set out early for the foothills and desert east of San Diego to hunt for any sign of Danielle van Dam, whose gap-toothed smile adorns thousands of missing person flyers.

Danielle's parents, Damon and Brenda van Dam, said they were encouraged by the arrest Friday of David Westerfield, a 49-year-old neighbor, on suspicion of kidnapping their daughter.

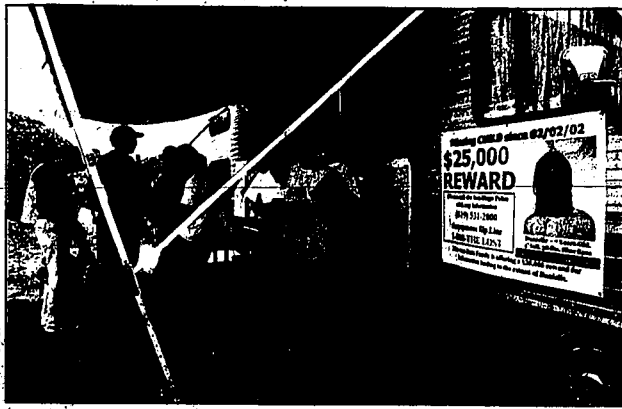
They urged volunteers to continue helping with the 22-day-old search.

"We've got to focus. We've got a job to do, and that's to find Danielle," Damon van Dam said. "There's still a little bit of hope that we will get her back."

Danielle's parents discovered their daughter missing the morning of Feb. 2. Police believe she was abducted from her second-floor bedroom of the family's North San Diego home sometime after her father put her to bed.

Westerfield, a divorced father of two grown children who lives two doors away from the van Dams, has a 1996 conviction for drunken driving but no violent criminal history, police said.

Investigators began focusing on the unemployed engineer shortly after Danielle disappeared. He



Volunteers check in Saturday at the mobile search center in San Diego to search for 7-year-old Danielle van Dam who has been missing now for three weeks.

was at the same bar for a while that night where Danielle's mother, Brenda, went with friends while Damon van Dam stayed home with their daughter and two sons.

Westerfield set off in his motor home to the beach and desert the next day.

Authorities said they found

traces of Danielle's blood in the motor home and on an article of Westerfield's clothing. They also confiscated child pornography from his home, Police Chief David Bejarano said.

Westerfield will be arraigned Tuesday.

"I'm confident that they got the right guy," said Damon van Dam,

an engineer for a San Diego wireless technology firm.

Many volunteers Saturday said their own children's safety made the search compelling.

"It just hit home," said Steve Cassarino, a father of two who had been among searchers last week and returned Saturday despite a bad case of poison oak.

Officials arrest escaped murderer

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) - Authorities on Saturday captured an escaped Texas murderer at a North Carolina motel, almost a week after he overpowered a corrections officer and fled in a pickup truck.

John William Roland III, 33, was arrested around 3 p.m. MST, Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Todd said. He had no details about the arrest except that there had been no injuries.

Roland had been tracked to a Red Roof Inn in Raleigh, N.C., through a stolen credit card, he was believed to be using, Texas Department of Criminal Justice

spokesman Larry Todd said.

Parked outside was the gray pickup truck belonging to Sgt. Welsey Hurt, the guard Roland attacked before dawn on Feb. 17, Todd said.

Police evacuated the motel before moving in Saturday.

"We plan to file felony escape charges against him, which could get him another life sentence since he used a weapon in assaulting the sergeant during the escape," Todd said.

Roland was serving a life term at the Robertson Unit, near Abilene, for gunning down former roommate Thomas Columbus Barrett.

Prosecutors rest case in man's sex abuse trial

BUTTE, Mont. (AP) - Prosecutors rested their case Friday against a man charged with sexually assaulting three boys, who a psychologist said continue to have flashbacks and bad dreams.

The children were traumatized but they have improved significantly since their extended family moved elsewhere, testified Dr. Janet Hossack, a child psychology specialist who interviewed the boys.

Authorities say Nathaniel Bar-Jonah, 45, molested the three boys during sleepovers at his Great Falls apartment in 1998 and 1999 when they were neighbors.

Bar-Jonah is also charged with kidnapping for allegedly locking the oldest boy, then 14, in a bedroom and hanging the then-8-year-old from the ceiling with a rope and pulley to watch him choke.

Defense attorneys say police used coercive interviewing techniques to get the boys to accuse Bar-Jonah.

Bar-Jonah will be tried in May on murder and kidnapping charges in the 1996 disappearance of 10-year-old Zachary Ramsay. Authorities allege that Bar-Jonah butchered the boy's body and served parts of his body in meals to unsuspecting neighbors.

Hossack said the oldest boy was "drowning in shame" when police first interviewed him, which is why it took him nearly an hour to accuse Bar-Jonah.

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Trustee comes under fire for criticism over black studies

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) - Professors at the State University of New York are calling for the removal of a Board of Trustees member because of her criticism of black studies programs.

The delegate assembly of professors in the United University Professors union voted recently to remove Candace de Russey after she questioned the academic rigor of the programs, a union spokesman said Friday.

"She has the right to say anything, no matter how stupid, as an individual, but she is a member of the Board of Trustees of SUNY, so she takes on institutional responsibilities," said William Scheuerman, president of the professors' union.

Commenting on black studies in a Feb. 4 article in Newsday, de Russey said, "What happened is they became therapeutic in nature, and the goal became consciousness raising as opposed to conveying solid scholarship."

De Russey said Friday that the union was trying to deny free speech to anyone who doesn't pass its "political litmus test."

She said she had no intention of leaving the SUNY board.

A spokesman for Gov. George Pataki, who appointed de Russey to the SUNY board in 1995, didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

De Russey drew national attention in 1997 when she led an attack on a SUNY New Paltz conference on women's sexuality. She and other critics described the conference, called "Revolving Behavior: The Challenges of Women's Sexual Freedom," as a how-to recruiting session for homosexuals, featuring simulated sex acts and sex toys.

Two years ago, de Russey called for the resignation of the president of SUNY-New Paltz because he approved a conference there on sexually explicit topics.

On Friday, de Russey told The Associated Press that many black studies programs at state women's studies and other humanities programs developed since the 1960s began with solid, rigorous academics, but have "degenerated into advocacy and activism."

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Prosecutor Stefano Dambrosio speaks in a heavily guarded courtroom in Milan, Italy, earlier this month as the trial of three Tunisians suspected of having links to Osama bin Laden's terrorist network began.

Italian prosecutor's star rises after September 11

MILAN, Italy (AP) — As a young prosecutor in Sicily, Stefano Dambrosio helped put more than 100 Italian mobsters in prison. But his biggest accomplishment may have come when an Italian court decided to lock up the suspected head of Osama bin Laden's European operations.

After a two-year investigation, Dambrosio won the convictions Friday of Essid Sami Ben Khemais and three other Tunisians — the first guilty verdict by a Western court against al-Qaida-related terrorists in the aftermath of Sept. 11.

The prosecutor's dogged probe into Islamic militants was long a thankless job, but the attacks on the United States changed all that, focusing world attention on Italy's role as a main base for al-Qaida operations.

Dambrosio has shifted focus to Islamic militants.

Patient and persistent, the tall, thin prosecutor combed through hundreds of pages of transcripts of wiretapped conversations of suspects, a principal weapon in the fight against terrorism. The work often was far from the public eye, as investigators shadowed alleged members of al-Qaida.

"If you brought the evidence to a judge, just the bother of reading all those names in Arabic, the aliases and the aliases of aliases... it was enough to make him look down on you," one of the Milan investigators told the weekly *Venerdì* magazine.

That was before the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

Suddenly, attention focused on Dambrosio's probe into al-Qaida penetration in northern Italy and his team's arrests in April of Tunisians suspected of running bin Laden's logistical operations base in Europe.

The suspected base, in the Islamic Cultural Center and mosque in Milan, was described by the U.S. Treasury Department as "the main al-Qaida station house in Europe."

Dambrosio, who works out of a tiny, crowded office in Milan's Palace of Justice, and other investigators have struggled all along with a lack of resources, especially Arab translators key to understanding taped conversations of terror suspects. Only a pool of 10 were available to police on a regular basis, said Dambrosio.

"It's amazing, they talk and talk and talk about terrorism, just as we talk about our jobs," Dambrosio recalled in a conversation last month.



Essid Sami Ben Khemais

Dambrosio said he was satisfied with Friday's verdict, even though the judge handed Ben Khemais a maximum sentence of only five years in prison mainly on weapons charges, under a relatively lenient Italian law in place before Sept. 11, but Khemais is suspected of running Osama bin Laden's logistical operation in Europe.

The Italian court recognized that the suspect's cell in Milan had global links "that are clearly terrorist," he said.

Dambrosio, 39, transferred to Milan five years ago after working in the prosecutor's office in Agrigento, a corner of Sicily known as a stronghold of the Cosa Nostra as well as for its membership well over the Greek temples. His work helped convict 110 members of the Sicilian Mafia.

Since moving to Milan,

Report says alleged drug boss was killed in Mexico

CIUDAD HIDALGO, Mexico (AP) — Mexico's attorney general said Friday that officials were investigating whether one of the FBI's 10 Most Wanted fugitives, alleged drug boss Ramon Arellano Felix, had been killed.

Attorney General Rafael Macedo de la Concha said he could not rule out the possibility that a man whose body was missing after he was fatally shot by police was Arellano Felix, but he could not confirm it either.

The death of Arellano Felix would be a major blow to the Tijuana-based cartel allegedly run by he and his brothers, officials say. Ramon Arellano Felix is the security chief for a group accused of killing about 300

police, prosecutors, judges, rivals and a Roman Catholic cardinal over the past 15 years while shipping tons of cocaine, marijuana, heroin and amphetamines across the border.

Saudis: System doesn't breed terrorists

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — A chapter in a religious textbook for 10th grade students cautions against making friends with non-Muslims or copying any of the activities or even foods of their religious holidays.

Yet, chapters in other religious books urge students to be tolerant and charitable toward "peaceful" non-Muslims who have not fought them, especially the "people of the book" — Jews and Christians.



An unidentified Saudi man browses at a bookshop in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia earlier this month. The store carries mostly religious titles in English and Arabic.

The contrasting tone underlines the complexities of this socially conservative land that is struggling to balance the forces of tradition and modernization.

Saudi leaders insist their schools don't preach hate or encourage religious extremism, but since Sept. 11 some in the West wonder if the harsher views about non-Muslims get the emphasis. They note 15 of the 19 hijackers who crashed airliners in the United States were Saudi as are 300-400 of the hardcore members of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

Saudi Arabia has always been the heart of the puritanical form of Islam, said Martin Indyk, a former assistant secretary of state for the Middle East who is a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, a Washington think tank.

"There's nothing wrong with that in itself," Indyk said. "It's when that becomes a base for a promotion of intolerance and extremism that it becomes a problem, and that appears to be what has happened here."

Such assertions anger Saudi officials, who are increasingly

speaking out to defend their school system and religion.

"They say neither bin Laden nor the 15 Saudi hijackers were graduates of religious schools.

"Our country spends more than 25 percent of its budget on education. Do you think we're spending it to raise terrorists?" Education Minister Mohammed Ahmed Rasheed said in an interview with *The Associated Press*.

"When a student in the United States opens fire on fellow students would it be fair to say his actions were a result of the American school curriculum?"

Prince Turki, who was the chief intelligence officer until shortly

before Sept. 11, said the kingdom has been using the same curriculum, with slight changes, for 35 years.

"How come it didn't produce more (al-Qaida members) if it was so general and so directed toward breeding terrorists, breeding people who hate foreigners (and are) anti-Christian, anti-Jewish youths," he said.

Fahd al Harithi, head of the International and Cultural Affairs Committee in the country's consultative Shura Council, said there was a time when the only education a Saudi could get was at the mosque.

"There's less religious teaching

now," he said. "If religious teaching breeds terrorists, the kingdom's 100 years of history would have been filled with terrorist actions."

Western diplomats generally agree extremist views are not pervasive in Saudi schools, although they say there is sometimes a tone against foreigners and outside religions.

Religion permeates every aspect of life in Saudi Arabia, which is the birthplace of Islam and home to the faith's two holiest sites. Unlike Christianity, Islam is a way of life: Islamic law, or sharia, is applied to every aspect of a Muslim's life, from which foot to set first in the bathroom to business transactions and inheritance.

Saudi Arabia has adopted the ascetic and strict stream of Islam that emerged in the 1700s under Muhammad Ibn Abdel-Wahhab. A pact between Abdel-Wahhab and Muhammad Ibn Saud, a clan ruler and military chief, allowed the Saud clan to gradually increase in power, finally consolidating control of Arabia in the early 1900s.

Key religious positions are still held by Abdel-Wahhab's descendants, including the Islamic affairs minister and the grand mufti, giving them sway over legal and social policy in return for giving the royal family legitimacy.

Because of that pact, the ruling family finds itself constantly playing a balancing act in its quest for modernity, introducing change while at the same time making sure not to upset the religious leadership.

Police arrest suspect in disappearances

PORT COQUITLAM, British Columbia (AP) — Police said they have arrested one of the owners of a suburban pig farm that has been the focus of an investigation into the disappearances of 50 women in Vancouver.

Robert William Pickton has been charged with two counts of second-degree murder in the deaths of two women who vanished from downtown Vancouver, police told a Friday night news conference.

Pickton, 52, owns the farm in the Vancouver suburb with his brother and sister. The property has been the site of an intensive search since Feb. 6.

Police said their investigation continues. They were tightlipped about exactly what evidence led to the arrest.

The search at the 10-acre farm could continue for "many months," said Constable Cate Galliford of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

"We do have hundreds of potential suspects," she said at a news conference, adding the farm search is the only one under way now "but as the investigation unfolds and we continue to follow up on tips, we may start focusing on other potential suspects."

Members of the joint RCMP-Vancouver police task force on the missing women briefed victims' relatives after Friday's arrest.

Angolan officials display rebel leader's body

LUANDA, Angola (AP) — The government displayed the body of Jonas Savimbi, the charismatic leader of Angola's UNITA rebels who was killed in a gunbattle with the army, and appealed to his followers Saturday to give up their two-decade struggle for power.

The government said it hoped for an end to the civil war that has devastated this southwest African nation now that the rebel movement had lost the man who led it without question since its founding and who was blamed for wrecking peace efforts three times in the 1990s.



Jonas Savimbi Here in 1997

Footage of the body of Savimbi was broadcast on state-owned Television Popular de Angola, filmed in a remote village near where he was killed by the army on Friday.

The body — in combat fatigues apparently stained by blood, eyes half open — was clearly recognizable as that of the 67-year-old

Savimbi. It was placed on a makeshift table beneath a tree with soldiers looking on.

UNITA officials, who are hidden in the bush of this nation twice the size of Texas, were not available for comment on Savimbi's death or the government's call on rebels to surrender.

Savimbi has led UNITA, a Portuguese acronym for the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, since he founded it 30 years ago. Since Angola's independence from Portugal in 1967, he has battled to take power.

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Colombian president visits former rebel stronghold

Military retakes town after peace talks fail

SAN VICENTE DEL CAGUAN, Colombia (AP) — President Andres Pastrana returned Saturday to the very spot in former rebel territory where he began a tortuous peace process three years ago and blamed the guerrillas for sabotaging the talks to end Colombia's 38-year war.

Pastrana touched down by helicopter on a soccer field in the southern cattle ranching town of San Vicente del Caguan, just hours after army troops stealthily occupied it, yanked down a rebel flag and tossed the flag into the trash.

Pastrana is trying to reassert government authority over cattle country and tropical jungle in southern Colombia that he ceded to the leftist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, in 1998 as an incentive to end the war. The region is twice the size of New Jersey with about 100,000 residents. The U.S. State Department said Friday that Washington would increase intelligence sharing with Colombia's military and accelerate deliveries of spare parts for military equipment. Colombian Ambassador Luis Moreno welcomed the announcement but said his government wants permission to use the U.S. equipment already provided for the drug war "to prevent acts of terrorism."

Pastrana angrily revoked the zone when rebels hijacked an airliner and kidnapped a Colombian senator Wednesday, ordering hundreds of airstrikes on rebel targets and mobilizing 13,000 troops to retake the zone.

Addressing 3,000 residents packed into a shabby town plaza under a sweltering sun, Pastrana accused the FARC of staging 117 attacks in recent weeks, ruining a



Residents of San Vicente del Caguan, the main town of a former rebel stronghold, watch soldiers patrolling the streets early Saturday. Government soldiers entered the town at dawn, reclaiming territory ruled by Colombia's largest guerrilla army since 1988.

peace process that had been the cornerstone of his administration.

"They were the ones who made the decision to break away from the negotiating table," the president declared. "The Colombian president never abandoned his seat at the peace table."

Pastrana recalled that rebel leader Manuel Marulanda failed to show up for the first peace talks at the same town square in January 1999. It was a huge embarrassment for Pastrana and confirmed many Colombians' belief that the FARC was not serious about talks.

As the president spoke

Saturday, two army sharpshooters in a church belltower scanned the crowd through the scopes of their sniper rifles, and U.S.-made Black Hawk helicopters thundered overhead.

San Vicente was the first rebel town to fall to the army, which had seized a nearby army base nearby on Friday. A patrol squad snaked into San Vicente's streets at dawn Saturday.

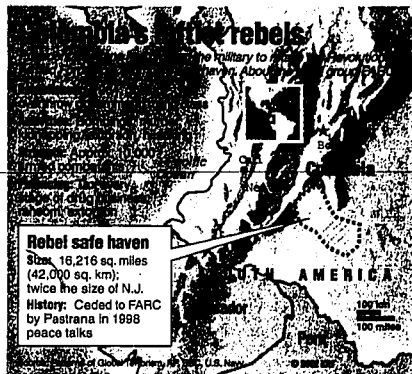
"It makes me a little afraid, because they might ask me if I'm a guerrilla," said Isabel Matallana, a maid.

Soldiers tore down a sign in front of a FARC press office.

Others patrolled streets with bomb-sniffing dogs, seeking out land mines and booby traps.

Troops cautiously advanced on four other towns inside the former demilitarized zone. National Police Gen. Tobias Duran said the soldiers and police behind them were likely to find innumerable rebel bombs.

Under intense international pressure, the FARC had agreed in January to begin cease-fire talks in April. Then it escalated its attacks, angering a nation already disillusioned with Pastrana's seeming permissiveness toward the rebels.



Colombian President Andres Pastrana greets residents Saturday at the main square in San Vicente del Caguan, the main town in the former rebel safe haven in southern Colombia. Pastrana angrily abandoned peace efforts with Colombia's largest rebel army after guerrillas hijacked a civilian airliner Wednesday and kidnapped a senator.

Bolivia's cliff dwellers fear deadly rains

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — When it's rainy season, Guillermina Ortega is afraid in her tiny adobe house perched on a cliff outside Bolivia's mountain capital.

"Sometimes I can feel my house shifting," said Ortega, 32, who grinds out a meager living selling meals on the streets and moved to the area because it is the cheapest place to live.

Torrential rain and hail earlier this week turned La Paz's streets into muddy rivers and caused floods that killed at least 69 people, mainly in the city's center. Ortega's house filled with water during Tuesday's flash storm but remained standing.

But city engineers warn that the flimsy homes where tens of thousands of poor Bolivians live on the mountainsides and cliffs ringing La Paz are a disaster waiting to happen — even if they escaped the brunt of Tuesday's flash storm. In recent years, at least a dozen people there have died in mudslides and floods.

Everyone knows it's not a good idea to build on the cliffs around La Paz, which sits in a bowl surrounded by the Andes Mountains. And fifteen years ago, no one did. But as more and more people migrated to the capital looking for a better life, all the lower land with firm soil disappeared and the poor were forced to populate the unstable mountainsides.

"Any of these dwellings could fall at any minute," said Oscar Bustillos, an engineer working for the city.

The reasons not to build on the cliffs are many. The soil is unstable. The land is dangerously slanted. Water seeps into the ground from runoff in El Alto, the city that sits on the plateau above La Paz.

"Put these things together, then add in the rain, and that spells disaster," said Javier Zavaleta, emergency director for the city.

No one with money lives up on the crags, despite the spectacular views of the nearby snow-capped mountains they provide.

When Martha Calanche's farm in the high plains region near Lake Titicaca stopped producing potatoes, she and her family moved to the city and grabbed the first piece of property they could find. They built a cliffside home and opened up a business inside, crossing their fingers that the structure would survive the rain that hits La Paz for months at a time, usually from December to late March.

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Utah Olympic chief has a variety of future choices

MIDWAY, Utah (AP) - Mitt Romney turned scandal into success as chief organizer for the Winter Olympics. Now he's got Republican politicians in Utah and his home state of Massachusetts excited about what he might do next.

Top Utah politicians such as Gov. Mike Leavitt say Romney could be a governor, like his father, former Michigan Gov. George Romney. Or maybe an ambassador, or a member of the Bush cabinet.

Romney, 54, has no immediate options in Utah, where the governor and both senators are popular Republicans in the middle of their terms.

But if Romney heads home to Boston, he'll be urged to run for governor in November. His supporters are trying to get acting Gov. Jane Swift to step aside for Romney, who says he doesn't want to challenge a fellow Republican.

Almost everywhere he goes during the Winter Olympics, Romney is hailed as a hero, the man who saved the Salt Lake City Games from scandal and red ink.

Romney had doubts three years ago about taking over a scandal-ridden Salt Lake Organizing Committee. Utah didn't seem to care for the games anymore. Sponsors were heading for the exits and a bloated budget needed trimming.



Mitt Romney, president of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, talks in his office Jan. 21. Romney is in great demand after he turned scandal into success, and now he has politicians in Utah and Massachusetts pushing him to run.

Romney came in and slashed \$200 million from that budget, even making his board of trustees pay for their own pizza.

A Mormon, Romney had to battle perceptions Utah was going to host the "Mormon Games," and had to contend with beefed up

security after Sept. 11.

But Romney's formula seemed to work. Sponsors poured up \$861 million, twice as much as at Atlanta's 1996 Summer Games, even though the summer games are a larger event.

So with the Olympics ending, what's next for Willard Mitt Romney? "There will be plenty of opportunities," said Peter Ueberroth, the chief organizer of the 1984 Los Angeles Games.

Ueberroth turned a \$225 million Olympic profit and parlayed his success into a job as Major

League Baseball commissioner. He now is part-owner of the Pebble Beach golf course in California.

Politicians say Romney can write his own ticket.

"Mitt Romney can do anything he wants," says Leavitt, who recruited Romney after the discovery of a million-dollar vote-buying scheme by Olympic bidders.

In Massachusetts, many Republicans hope Romney ambitions lead him back to his home state.

Swift, 36, is a Republican who inherited her post, succeeding Gov. Paul Cellucci a year ago when he became ambassador to Canada. She plans to run for election in November. But that doesn't preclude a Romney run, his political supporters say.

"Massachusetts is ready to elect him. We let a great guy get away," said Charley Manning, a Republican consultant.

It was in Boston that Romney made a reputation and a fortune turning around troubled companies, including Pizza Hut.

When pressed about his choices, Romney shows ambivalence, saying he's wary of the "blood sport" of Massachusetts politics. But he's keeping his options open.

"Time will tell. I would have never guessed I'd run the Olympics," he said. "I've learned not to rule anything out."

Utahans say Games got security right

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Ninety-six percent of Utah residents who attended Olympic competition and were called in a survey said the thoroughness of the security personnel at the games was just about right.

Four percent thought it was too thorough and 1 percent found it not thorough enough.

The poll was conducted by Dan Jones & Associates for the Deseret News and KSL-TV. Results were reported in a copy-right story Saturday.

Four-hundred residents were interviewed by telephone on Tuesday and Wednesday. Those who attended events were asked specific questions relating to their experiences. Twenty-five percent said they had attended competition, with another seven percent saying they planned to.

"I'm pleasantly surprised," Utah Olympic Public Safety Commander Robert Flowers said of the high public-approval ratings. "I thought people would probably not react as favorably to the security as they have."

Ninety-two percent said they weren't bothered with the delays created by extra security screening.

Security doesn't drive foreigners from Games

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - These were supposed to be the Winter Olympics that foreigners and American tourists shied away from, rattled by fears of terrorism in an uncertain world.

A quick look around Salt Lake City these past two weeks has dispelled that notion.

Peter Sisak says he worried more about importing the right variety of potatoes for Slovak house chefs than navigating security barricades or a possible terrorist attack.

"We accept (the security) and try to cooperate as much as possible," Sisak said from the back room of the Slovak house in downtown Salt Lake City.

One-third of American respondents to an Associated Press poll in January thought terrorism was a major concern at the Winter Games in Salt Lake City was likely, and some Americans were apprehensive about attending.

But with one day of events remaining, ticket sales had surpassed marks set by previous Winter Games, and were on track to reach the highest percentage of Olympic tickets ever sold for Summer or Winter Olympics, said Fraser Bullock, chief operating officer for the Salt Lake Organizing Committee.

Swiss fans concentrated on the medals count - including two unexpected golds from ski jumper Simon Ammann - rather than on security threats.

"Maybe if we were not as good,

people would think about what was going on," said Maria Bueler, from Lucerne, Switzerland.

Greek-Australian Bettina Giannakourou was standing on Park Avenue in Manhattan when the World Trade Center was attacked on Sept. 11. She listened to accounts of tight security and heard subsequent warnings about the threat of terrorism at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, but came anyway.

"I was a little bit nervous, but you have to go on - otherwise you become neurotic and sequestered and you don't grow," said Giannakourou, a volunteer at the Hellenic Ministry of Culture. "You can't stop enjoying yourself."

SLOC sold 105,000 tickets to national Olympic committees before Sept. 11, and it had no tickets returned after the terrorist attacks.

"Everybody that we've been able to speak with is thrilled to be here and loving the Olympics because it really is a unique experience," Bullock said. "We've received no complaints. The games are almost over and everybody seems happy."

Jong Sook Kim, from South Korea, thinks reassurances from Olympic planners about security preparations helped.

"I do think you can prevent (terrorism)," Kim said. "There can be a little possibility, but it can happen anywhere."

Recyclers reap harvest of Olympic trinkets in trash

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The prison inmates sorting glass from trash at a recycling plant didn't have expectations of getting in on any Winter Olympics action.

But when the conveyor belt displayed a cardboard box of those coveted blue berets - the American Olympic Team ones being scalped for up to \$120 - Larry Redmond knew he'd struck gold.

He snatched them up and stuffed them away. "You feel like now you've been in the Olympics," said the grinning 36-year-old.

He's not allowed to wear one on the job. He's not supposed to keep them. But don't tell that to his sister, who will soon be the lucky recipient of the hottest resale item at the Winter Games.

The recycling plant has become a mine of discarded but nifty Olympic trinkets. Nearly every one of the 12 inmates has several Olympic pins and photos of athletes. One found a pair of brown ice skates. Redmond said his heart warms when he finds still-packaged hand warmers.

Inmates from a local prison work for \$1 an hour at a recycling plant that processes garbage in the Salt Lake Valley. Other hired employees also work there.

The stinky warehouse recycles or composts 95 percent of its waste - a very high amount, according to John Madole, president of Green Valley Recycling and Compost LLC.

Olympic organizers aimed for about 85 percent. It's possible, Madole said, because of the type of waste being generated at Olympic venues. Unlike a residence, whose occupants throw away everything from wire to batteries, the venues produce mainly food, paper and plastic bottles for beer and water.

There is virtually no glass or plastic from Madole, who helped run the recycling program at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, said the program will not turn a profit. But it may establish a trend of recycling most garbage, composting the rest, and dumping only about 10 percent in landfills.

Madole said Atlanta recycled about 50 percent of all waste.

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Salt Lake's Rocky also fights against the odds

City's mayor seems unlikely choice in conservative Utah

Los Angeles Times

SALT LAKE CITY - He's a confessed rabble-rouser, the incarnation of everything you think Utah isn't. Truth be told, there are those who still can't reckon how Rocky Anderson got himself elected mayor.

He's a lapsed Mormon, twice divorced. Former president of the American Civil Liberties Union board, anti-death penalty activist, Democrat, Marshall of the gay pride parade. A fan of the Dalai Lama, the Kennedy brothers and artist Peter Max.

Nothing in town screams so marginally of an evolved, edgier Salt Lake City as its mayor. A self-described "boyish 50," Anderson shares a house on the edge of the University of Utah campus with his son, a college freshman. He drinks beer. He plays electric guitar. He dates. He doesn't exactly speak his mind - he lays it down as edicts. He sees himself as a necessary, modernizing force in this old-fashioned wash of Rocky mountains.

And he makes some people awfully uncomfortable. "He's not in step with his own culture," said Christopher Smart, longtime friend and editor of city Weekly newspaper. "And he wants his own way - all the time."

On the wall of Anderson's office hangs a quote from Dante: "The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who in time of great moral crises maintain their neutrality." There's the local cartoon from the local paper, in which an ink-line mayor leans against the ropes of a boxing ring, massive southpaw held aloft. "He's got a mean left," the caption reads.

In the two years since the one-time plaintiffs' lawyer was elected mayor, he's turned his attention to loosening the city's famously stringent liquor laws.



Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson, right, helps open the New York Stock Exchange for a day of trading Feb. 11. Assisting him are NYSE President Cathy Nhinney and Questar CEO Don Cash.

He banned discrimination based on sexual orientation and struck up a therapy program for prostitutes and Johns. In a town geographically and spiritually arranged around the looming Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints temple, he's clashed with the church on questions of free speech and booze.

"He's a Robin Hood kind of guy, you know?" said Brent Laws, an environmentalist who's known Anderson since high school.

There are plenty who don't agree. Anderson has been criticized by city and state leaders for lack of decorum, for plowing ahead single-mindedly, for his tireless ambition to change, update, replace.

As Anderson would be the first to point out, Utah is more complex than one might expect. The landscape is laced with ancient American Indians and more recent Latino threads, salted by years as a rough-and-tumble mining outpost. Still, it's the Mormon culture that etched the deepest mark in this stunning stretch of mountain and snow.

There are people in the community," said Utah ACLU Executive Director Carol Gnade, "who aren't interested in anything progressive."

Salt Lake City is something of an island, Anderson insisted. Just

about half of the city's residents consider themselves Mormon - a notable drop from the statewide figure of 70 percent. And unlike the rest of the state, the politics here lists to the Democratic side.

In the turreted, Romanesque rise of gilt and marble that serves, as City Hall, Anderson wears his disdain for the Utah Legislature on his sleeve. The lawmakers are "right-wing, reactionary, mean-spirited," the mayor said. Last week, between Olympic galas and glad-handing and snowboard races, he managed to churn up a very bitter, very public argument with the state.

It all started last year, when Utah tried to build a 120-mile highway in the northern portion of the state, from Nephi to Brigham City, Anderson chafed. The freeway represented a lot of things he doesn't like: smog, sprawl, concrete near rare wetlands. He sued the state, and an appeals court ordered the construction frozen. Last week, the Legislature threatened to seize the city's Olympic sales tax revenues in payback for the costly delays.

The mayor was enraged - but he didn't flinch. As newcomers flood the rugged Wasatch Range, Anderson said, Utah and the rest of the West must look for unconventional ways to grow. "Another road is not the answer."

Laser technicians fight sled skulduggery

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) - Before any sleds hit the ice, the International Bobsled Federation disqualified some of their metal runners for exotic materials or coatings that can make a sled glide faster. Call it blade doping - and for the first time at the Winter Olympics, the federation is using laser spectroscopy to catch sleds pushing the leading edge of technology.

The federation won't say which teams had their sled runners disqualified or what was wrong with them. "In the past few years, we sensed that people were using technology to cheat, and we had to respond," said FIBT technical sleuth Bob Cuneo, a Connecticut businessman.

To qualify for the Olympics, bobsled and skeleton racers had to unbolts their sled's steel runners for inspection laser techni-

cians on loan from Los Alamos National Laboratory.

The scientists strike a 7,000-degree laser spark on each blade, vaporizing microscopic bits of metal and analyzing the atomic emissions. They check winning sleds to verify no foreign plating has been used on the runners. Sleds have been known to use nearly invisible chrome or diamond coatings to smooth the steel.

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Drug chief applauds SLC Games

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The problem of doping "appears vastly improved" at the Winter Olympics compared with previous major sports events, World Anti-Doping Agency chief Dick Pound said Saturday.

As the IOC awaited word on what could be the first official doping case of the Salt Lake City Games, Pound said 3,600 out-of-competition tests over the last year had warned athletes they can't get away with using perfor-

mance enhancers.

He also praised "increasingly strong athlete support for a level playing field, testing during the games themselves and a new anti-doping culture with strong International Olympic Committee support."

"The drug problem at the Salt Lake Olympics appears vastly improved over other major world and Olympic competitions," Pound said.

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EDITORIAL

More detailed analysis should go into jail idea

The Twin Falls County commissioners' second idea for a new county jail isn't much better than their first one. With a cost of \$28.5 million and questionable revenue prospects, it's still not financially stable. And pushing it through judicial review without approval by voters is unsound policy.

With only minimal details discussed in public, commissioners' didn't last week they want to build a 256-bed jail next to the former Norco Windows plant on Washington Street South. The jail, to be built and owned by private investors, would cost the county \$950,000 a year in lease payments, for a total of \$28.5 million over a 30-year period.

That's just slightly less than their first proposal, which involved renovating the Norco building itself into a jail.

The devil still lurks in the details of this proposal. Commissioners say the building will pay for itself by saving the cost of sending excess county inmates to other facilities. (Farming out jailbirds costs the county \$40 to \$45 a day per prisoner.) They expect additional revenue from other law agencies - the Border Patrol and other counties - that would send their prisoners here.

But commissioners can't guarantee contracts with any of these agencies. That means Twin Falls County will be peddling jail space on a spot market.

When demand weakens, the county can't rely on outside counties to pay for the building.

Commissioners need to put the same intensive analysis into building a jail as they're devoting to a Snake River Canyon bridge proposal.

Earlier this month, the commissioners applied for a federal grant to study the

bridge idea. They should make an equally careful analysis of how this jail proposal will add up. They certainly need to see how the jail's operating revenue can be stabilized.

What if the Bush administration grants amnesty to 3 million Mexican nationals who are in the country illegally? Will the Border Patrol's demand for jail space shrink?

Elected leaders should also ask for input from banking and financial experts on cost issues. The \$30 million figure sounds steep.

Commissioners also should consider locations other than the Norco property, which is surrounded by homes. Outside investors who buy and lease the property would profit, while neighboring families could lose property value. The commissioners should consider sites other than the one proposed by the investors.

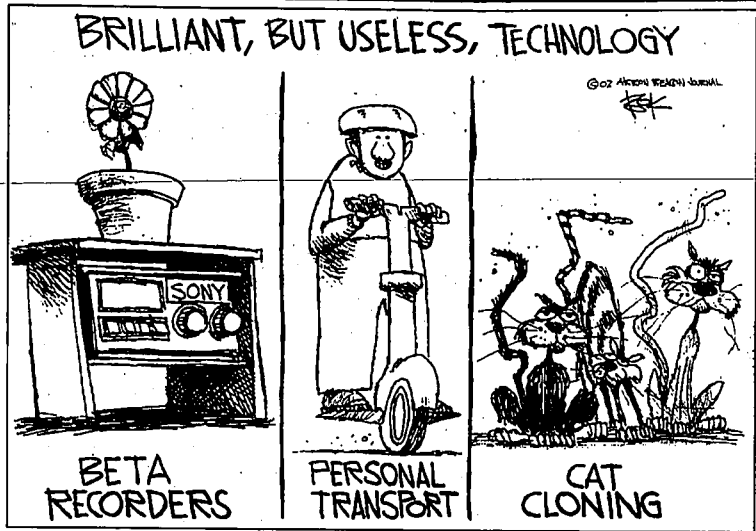
The most obvious poke in the public's eye is the commissioners' decision to pursue judicial confirmation for the project. Asking a lone judge to approve a \$28.5 million project is an end run past the voting public.

Right now, Twin Falls public school leaders are campaigning diligently for voter approval of a \$7 million professional-technical center. Yet the commissioners, pursuing a project worth four technical centers, aim to bypass voters altogether. That isn't a just approach to public policy.

The need for more jail space in Twin Falls County is apparent. But the commissioners need to invite public involvement in planning its construction.

This county, unwisely, has put this project on a fast track. It should not receive judicial approval at this stage.

Twin Falls County will be peddling jail space on a spot market. When demand weakens, the county can't rely on outside counties to pay for the building.



Power rates were open to discussion

Y our Feb. 12 editorial, "Consumers may price for power policy," contained a lot of very legitimate arguments against the three-tiered power rate the Public Utilities Commission enacted last spring. It's unfortunate that the editorial didn't inform your readers what they can do about it.

Consumers are paying record-high utility prices for many reasons. The tiered-rate structure is only a tiny component of that, but we understand that for frustrated ratepayers, it is an easy target. Had the commission enacted a uniform rate for all use, the surcharge granted last May would have been even higher than it is now for 87.6 percent of Idaho Power customers or those customers, who over a year's time, average less than 2,000 kWh per month. The tiered-rate structure made bills higher for the remaining 12.4 percent of customers whose average yearly use is greater than 2,000 kWh per month.

READER COMMENT
Gene Fadness

It's true that all electric customers are most disadvantaged by this policy. What your editorial didn't say was that the tiered-rate structure is temporary and up for review in May. You were aware of that from comments sent to your board just a week ago and chose not to print it. If the commission finds the conservation advantages of the program are outweighed by harm to ratepayers, the program will be discontinued. We are hearing from all electric customers and want to continue to hear from them as we consider the future of this rate structure.

You say the PUC "plugged the idea of building and buying homes exclusively run on electricity." That is false. There was a push to encourage people to pur-

sue all-electric homes, but it came from utilities, not the commission. The commission cannot favor one regulated utility, such as Idaho Power, over Intermountain Gas, for example.

Your comment, "And with the PUC, it's good for Boise, it's good for Idaho," further polarizes a state already too divided between urban and rural interests. The commission conducted hearings last spring throughout Idaho Power's territory, including in Twin Falls. At those hearings, it heard overwhelming support for a rate structure that, particularly in a time of energy shortages, rewarded customers who used less power. Now, we are hearing from some customers who feel otherwise, and we will certainly take those views into account as well. Whether those views come from Buhl, Boise or Burley doesn't matter. All comments carry equal weight with the commission.

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Stations keep using democracy for profits

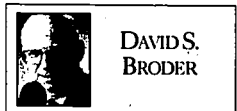
A n unfunny thing happened to the campaign finance reform bill on its way through the House of Representatives on the night of Feb. 13. While proclaiming their devotion to the noble cause of curbing special interest influence on government, a huge majority of members gave one of the most powerful lobbies in town - the broadcasting industry - a multimillion-dollar benefit to its bottom-line profits.

They did so by stripping from the Shays-Meehan bill a Senate-passed provision that would have put teeth into the requirement that broadcasters sell ad time to federal candidates at a rate no higher than they charge their best customers.

The vote of 327-101 to delete that provision was the first of a year-long lobbying effort by TV station owners to kill that part of the bill before it went to the White House.

With sponsors of the measure determined to try this week to pass the House version through the Senate without any changes, the broadcasters appear to be on the verge of success. As Broadcasting & Cable magazine, a trade publication, reported after the House vote, "Back in their headquarters, the National Association of Broadcasters popped the champagne. 'We're deeply appreciative of the strong bipartisan vote stripping the Torricelli amendment from campaign-reform legislation that would have done serious damage to local broadcast,' NAB president Eddie Fritts said.

"Serious damage" is one way of describing the amendment by New Jersey Sen. Bob Torricelli, which panicked the broadcasters when it won a surprising 70-30 approval in the Senate last March. Alternatively, you could say it was "stopping the hemorrhage" of contributors' cash into the coffers of the owners of the public airways.



DAVID S. BRODER

Between 1980 and 2000, an analysis by the nonpartisan Alliance for Better Campaigns showed, the amount spent on political ads in major markets TV outlets more than quadrupled from less than \$200 billion to almost \$800 billion, even after adjusting for inflation.

Part of the reason for that extraordinary increase is the proliferation of ads by political parties and private groups, financed by the six-figure soft-money contributions the pending bill would outlaw. But the other reason is that broadcasters have found it easy to charge candidates premium rates, in order to be guaranteed that their spots will not be pre-empted from placement on popular prime-time programs or adjacent to local news shows. An academic study of 17 media markets found that the average cost of a 30-second spot tripled from the end of August 2000 to the end of October, as broadcasters profited from the demand for favored times.

The Senate amendment would have stopped the gouging and thereby reduced the need for constant fund raising by candidates.

People who follow the issue tell me they were not surprised that the House caved. TV advertising is more vital in politics than ever, and it's in many House contests. Especially in metropolitan areas with clusters of congressional districts, House candidates often find mail or phone a more efficient way to target their own constituents. In small town and rural America, the station manager and news director are likely to be

influential with members of the House, because they can decide who is interviewed on the air and who isn't.

It is also the case, the insiders say, that none of the main proponents of the bill to ban unlimited soft-money contributions to the political parties regarded the Torricelli amendment as vital to their main purpose. So resistance to stripping it was weak, especially when some House members said that, unless it was removed, pressure from the broadcasters would make it hard for them to support the overall bill.

Nonetheless, it leaves one of the worst elements of American political finance intact. At a forum last week sponsored by the private International Foundation for Election Systems, at which scholars from several countries commented on the just-passed bill, Michael Pinto-Duschinsky of Britain reported that in a just-completed survey of 46 countries' campaign finance systems, "what is exceptional about America is its not having free broadcasting" granted to candidates and parties.

Paul Taylor, a former journalistic colleague who now runs the Alliance for Better Campaigns, has been calling on the broadcasters for years to provide such time in the weeks leading up to an election.

If and when the pending bill becomes law, Taylor says he will resume the uphill battle "to require that broadcasters provide free air time for candidate issue discussion before every election as a condition of the free licenses they receive to operate on our public airwaves."

Taylor likes to say, it is time the broadcast industry "stops viewing the fundamental act of democracy as a cash cow."

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

LETTERS

Power policy is unfair

So the utility commission thinks they're smart. The commission set up its billing rates for Ada County thinking that what's good for Ada County is good for all of Idaho. Because in Idaho, there are places where there is no natural gas to supplement electricity, so if you have an all-electric house, you can turn off the furnace and freeze or pay the bill and starve.

Maybe it has to do with the Green Power program. Are you being forced to pay that too? Not everyone in Idaho can have that either. So why is it that those who do pay to take care of Idaho do only what they want instead of taking care of the needs of the people in Idaho? When is Idaho going to get people in office that care?

Every five percent of the population from Idaho are poor. Idaho has been going through a state of depression since the 1920s. Is it going to take another 100 years before we are out of it?

Maybe we should take our rights to work law. What is working for Utah. We are taxpayers also. Our taxes pay for the legislators, government and Forest Service to take care of the land, mountains, etc., in Idaho. Now we have to pay again to see our national parks, Shoshone Falls, Craters of the Moon, etc. That's double taxation without representation.

Diekers isn't even worth going to see anymore. They tore out all of its natural beauty and turned it into the ugly park that they wanted. The city of Twin Falls will force us to pay for all kinds of things we don't need.

And term limits, overridden by our legislators; well, now they are stealing our rights. When it comes right down to it, they are all wealthy, powerful, cold-hearted thieves, and we don't stand a chance.

P.S. Thank you, Kemphorne, for trying.

MERRIE HASE
Twin Falls

Deadline for bond vote

The March 5 local election for a new professional-technical center in the Twin Falls School District is quickly approaching, and The Times-News welcomes comments on the issue. All letters to the editor (400 words or less) must be received by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 27. Here's how to deliver your letter to the editor:

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Out-of-state interests do harm

Isn't it fascinating that out-of-state Washington, D.C. and California big money interests are paying such attention to Idaho. These people neither work here, nor raise their families here, nor care about the future of the Mini-Cassia area. Yet, they are more than willing to spend their huge out-of-state dollars on local issues.

The only conclusion we can reach is that those from Washington, D.C. and California who want to influence Idaho by the continuation of term limits want nothing more than to weaken the Idaho Legislature, create less rural influence and expand the impact of large urban counties. Perhaps it is not just political power they want; but maybe it is also our electricity and our water.

Be careful what we wish for. Because if true, then our lives will really change... and not for the better.

REP. BRUCE NEWCOMB
Burley
(Editor's note: Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, is the Speaker of the Idaho House of Representatives.)

LETTER

Power users should pay same rate

Everyone who is a residential power consumer should pay the same rate, whether it is for 50 kilowatts or 5,000.

Those of us with electricity as our only source of heat are subsidizing electricity users that have other heat sources. This is unfair! Many electric heat users including ourselves have completed all the conservation measures we can, including more insulation, new windows, storm doors, a more efficient water heater, etc. We can only conserve more

by turning down the thermostat below the present 68 degrees.

The present Public Utilities Commission plan increased rates by only 14 percent for use up to 2,000 kilowatts, but for use in excess of that group of 44.4 percent of Idaho Power customers to conserve as the extra cost is less than \$6 a month. Not even the price of a movie ticket! The rate increased by 30 percent for kilowatt usage between 2000 and 2,000 kilowatts, but for us electric heat users, the rate above 2,000 kilowatts increased a gigantic 62 percent. Most every one with electric heat will

eatly use more than the 2,000 kilowatts and most cannot convert to other sources without major expense.

A side note concerning the power shortage. Isn't it strange how fast the power shortage crisis ended as soon as the power rates were raised significantly? When the PUC reconsidered rate changes, they should rule that all residential Idaho Power customers be charged at the same rate per kilowatt. That is the only fair way!

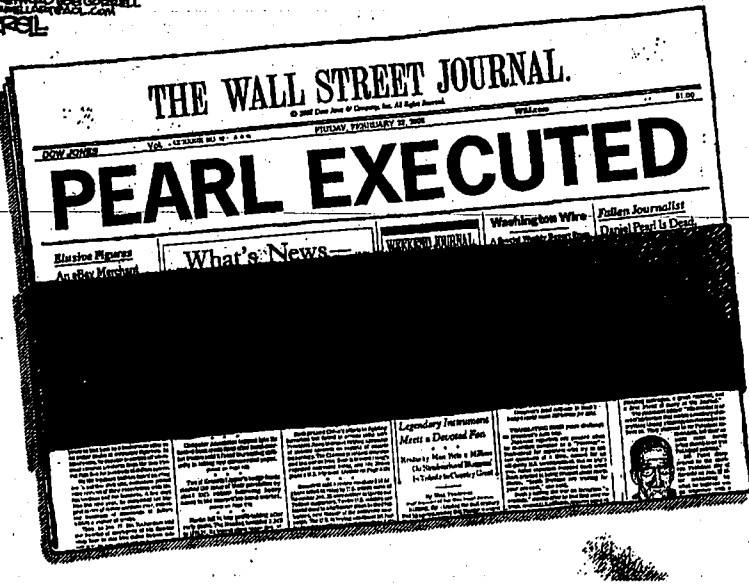
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OPINION

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LETTERS

Need for tech center is clear

When you were growing up, you had a dream. It was that thing you passionately desired to do with your life.

As we know them do not prepare all students to fulfill their dream. Schools are geared to help those whose dreams require college.

How apropos that the Olympics are currently taking place. A lot of us are watching event after event and joining

with the Olympic Village, the Olympic Community, in championing each individual's dream and its fulfillment, along with helping set those upright who have faltered along their way.

We in Twin Falls School District also have opportunity to come together as a supporting community to champion our individual students along their way to their dreams by providing additional modes of learning through the proposed professional-technical center.

Timing could not be better! The need is clearly articulated. Funds are available through bond maturity extension with no increase in taxes.

Big dairies are foul places The most embarrassing aspect of my life is that I have a degree in business administration. I say

that for two reasons. First, the marketing classes are courses in psychological warfare, learning ways to exploit people's weaknesses and vanities to get them to buy things they don't want or need and that are often damaging to the environment.

No industry exemplifies the worst of those two academic malaises than does the dairy industry. The "Got Milk" campaign creates a false image of what bovine milk will do for one's health and well-being.

Now there are still some genuine family run agricultural

dairy operations out there, but they are becoming the exception rather than the rule. Well-intentioned dairymen are being sucked into the false economic model of bigger is better.

When you combine the marketing machine the dairy industry uses to suck in a gullible public with the false reality of their economic model, you see a socio-economic and environmental calamity in the making that makes the Enron fiasco look like a childhood Halloween prank.

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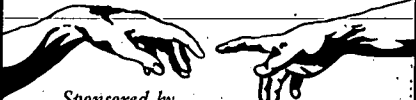
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Idaho never tires of solutions

Lincoln County and the state Department of Environmental Quality are puzzling over what to do with that real big pile of used tires at a defunct commercial recycling center near Shoshone.

I don't see what the problem is, myself: 1.2 million tires, 1.2 million Idahoans. We'll just ask everybody to take home one tire.

Old tires, in my opinion, are insufficiently appreciated as the Idaho cultural icons they are, and I'm not talking just about backyard swings.

In the Arbon Valley over in eastern Idaho where I grew up, derelict tires were highly prized as shooting targets, pens for baby chickens and especially as horse - and sometimes cow - collars.

It's a little-known fact that livestock wearing truck tires are far less likely to get through a fence and into Mrs. Minervy's parsnip patch, and even less likely to eat anything once they get there.

You've tried dining alfresco while wearing a steel-belted radial choker? Superstated tires even denoted status in Arbon when they were devoted to landscaping.

See, when most people built farmhouses, they looked for the most elevated site on the property, so as to keep runoff out of the basement. This meant a lot of frame houses sitting atop what looked like big piles of dirt.

You couldn't plant anything on those slopes and expect it to survive, but you could build a series of terraces out of old tires.

A lot of old tires. Every spring before they could get into the fields, the men would go into Pocatello or to Ike's Rubber Welders in American Falls and haul home bald tires by the pickup-full.

To cover 10 feet of slope on two sides of a 1,500-square-foot house, you might require 50 or 75 tires, laid down in successive layers, each layer covered by dirt.

But there was a chronic problem: Tires, as you may remember, have holes in them, so the dirt piled on top would settle and the landscaping would cave in when the soil got saturated. One especially wet spring, a tire terrace surrounding the Sorenson house gave way and the ensuing mudslide washed their Packard into Rattlesnake Creek.

So tires had to be filled first with something less water-soluble than the surrounding soil. Mr. Douglas, through dogged research, discovered that empty beer bottles did the trick.

But Arbon was an abstemious place at the time, so even if you went through enough beer bottles to fill a bunch of truck tires, you didn't go sooting it.

Yet there was a Mother Lode of brown glass in the neighborhood: The roadhouses that dotted U.S. Highway 30 between Pocatello and American Falls would go through 50 cases in a good weekend, and the innkeepers were only too happy to have the bottles carted away.

But discretion mattered: Mark Ensley's dad got pulled over by the sheriff while hauling a truckload of beer bottles home from the Half Mile Inn on a Sunday morning. That wasn't illegal, probably, but Mr. Ensley was stopped in front of the church.

"Get out of the truck, Bob," the sheriff said. "You're driving with open containers in your vehicle."

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Go team!



College of Southern Idaho cheerleaders Dean Demoor and Lydia Johnson teach cheering techniques to a group of first-graders during a cheerleading camp for elementary school children Saturday at CSI.

Children prepare for halftime show

TWIN FALLS - Kids just want to have fun. What better way to do it than dance, twirl and shout. Outfitted in a dance leotard and sneakers, kindergarten Courtney Nielsen was among the more than 100 elementary school children who prepared Saturday morning for the night's

halftime show at the College of Southern Idaho. The Lady Golden Eagles played the College of Eastern Utah "o close out the home season. The cheer and dance camp is an annual fundraiser for CSI's cheer and dance team, team adviser Cathy Trotter said. For three hours Saturday morning, college cheerleaders

led pom-pom-waving youngsters through eight-counts and go-team cheers. "I like cheerleading because I'm in dance and stuff," explained Taylor Gumb, 8. She and dance class friends Britany Limberakis and Maggie Heidenreich, all second-graders at Immanuel Lutheran School, attended the camp last year, too.

"I like that you can learn new moves and stuff," Maggie Heidenreich said. After practice, the girls said they were ready for the big event. The halftime program included a human formation of the CSI letters, pep rally songs, and group cheers and a series of short dance routines.

Reclamation bureau evaluates land needs

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - Some property owned by the Bureau of Reclamation is in need of a management makeover.

To help Bureau of Reclamation-officials better manage about 16,000 acres, scattered in 120 problem parcels throughout the Minidoka north side, the public will be asked to comment on a proposed new management plan.

A resource management plan will attempt to manage parcels which are part of the Minidoka project, but were never developed for irrigation, a BuRec release said.

One reason the plan is being put together is to address issues plaguing the unmanaged properties, said Carolyn Burpee Stone of the BuRec.

Included in the haphazard mix of issues are illegal dumping, illegal off-roading, some



Kelly Kunzler and Kurt Stimpson fish on Lake Walcott last week. Kunzler and Stimpson, who often fish the lake, could be affected by a new resource management plan the Bureau of Reclamation is working on. BuRec officials are holding meetings and gathering public comment.

Personnel will hold public meeting in March

The Times-News

BURLEY - Bureau of Reclamation personnel are scheduled to hold a public meeting to discuss the future of about 15,000 acres of BuRec land near the Snake River scattered throughout Minidoka, Jerome and Cassia counties.

The meeting is from 7-9 p.m. Monday at the Burley Inn. BuRec representatives will introduce the resource management plan process and solicit public opinion.

The study includes Minidoka Dam and about 120 scattered land parcels which are part of the Minidoka project, but were never developed for irrigation. The management plan will serve

as a blueprint for BuRec's future use, management and development of these lands. The Bureau of Reclamation in 1909 constructed Minidoka Dam. The dam was placed on the National Register of Historic

Places in 1974. Lake Walcott is one of five reservoirs associated with the Minidoka project. Lake Walcott State Park is next to the lake on BuRec land. The Bureau is coordinating with the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, its managing partner, for future planning related to the park. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services manages the reservoir water surface and lands on the adjacent Minidoka National Wildlife Refuge. Unlike Lake Walcott State Park, the refuge is considered outside the management plan study area. Other lands in the area are owned or managed by the Bureau of Land Management, A&B Irrigation District,

Minidoka Irrigation District, private individuals and entities and are used primarily for agriculture. Issues to be addressed in the management plan include land-use coordination between the different entities and agencies, potential user conflicts and related safety and security issues, noxious weed control, unauthorized use, and protection and conservation of important or sensitive resources such as wildlife and cultural resources. In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, BuRec personnel will examine the potential effects of implementing the plan. The planning process is expected to take nearly three years to complete.

Being a parent

Couple watches daughter compete at the Olympics

By Barb Nelwert
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - The nerve-racking experience of having a daughter compete in the Olympics is one thing Will and Gretchen Van Ert have had plenty of.

The Ketchum couple anxiously watched their daughter Sondra in the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan. On Valentine's Day, the day they were again, faithfully planted on the sidelines at Park City Mountain Resort for the 2002 Games in Salt Lake City.

But the second time around wasn't any easier.

Dismay was the word that summed up their feelings when Sondra placed **SALT LAKE 2002** 17th in the qualifying round of the women's parallel giant slalom snowboard competition.

Only the top 16 competitors continue on to the medal round.

So close, and yet so far. "She was very, very disappointed, as we all were," Gretchen Van Ert said. "She thought she had it nailed - she couldn't believe it."

But true to her character, Sondra Van Ert handled the news with grace, her mother said. At 37, the Ketchum snowboarder is now on her way to the next World Cup race in Japan and then over to Europe to finish out the World Cup season.

As long as Sondra Van Ert can make a living and have fun with the sport, she will continue her quest for Olympic competition, Gretchen Van Ert said.

While the outcome of Sondra Van Ert's Olympic challenge was less than hoped for, the experience of the Salt Lake Olympics was more than the Van Ert's imagined.

Having been in the unique position of attending two winter Olympic games, the comparisons were striking and the similarities few.

For the senior Van Ert, attending the opening ceremony was a present from their four

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Probe into stabbing continues

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls police said Saturday they had no updates to release about Friday afternoon's stabbing on the 1300 block of Eighth Avenue East.

Officers were conducting more interviews and the case will be reviewed Monday with the prosecutor's office, Twin Falls Police Sgt. Chuck Dudley said.

Police have not released any names involved in the stabbing but said it occurred during an altercation between two men. One man was stabbed multiple times and taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for treatment.

Police initially arrested a suspect but that person was subsequently released pending further investigation.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Average*
Upper Snake River	75 %
Salmon Falls Creek	104 %
Oakley Basin	109 %
Big and Little Wood	89 %

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Water flows into Lake Lowell early

NAMPA (AP) — Water for irrigation is being released into Lake Lowell south of Nampa two months earlier than a year ago, a sign that drought is subsiding in southwest Idaho.

The release comes from Lucky Peak Reservoir to create additional storage space for mountain runoff.

Boise River valley will have more water than this past growing season, said a spokesman.

Nevertheless, the snowpack is just barely at normal and will fall below normal without more mountain snow.

"It's looking decent at this point, but we still have the end of February and March to go," said Ryan Hedrick, hydrologist with

the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

The U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service's Feb. 22 calculation of snowpack in the Boise Basin was 92 percent.

Statewide, snowpack ranges from 113 percent of normal in the Panhandle region to 75 percent of average in the Bear River and Snake River above

Hospital sets plans for baby fair

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — It will be a day all about babies when Magic Valley Regional Medical Center presents its fourth annual Baby & Children's Fair at Magic Valley Mall March 9.

The event will feature health information, fun activities and interactive demonstrations designed for children age 13 and under and their families throughout the day from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. The fair gives parents an opportunity to learn about the latest information and services available for expectant parents and young families, according to a news release from the hospital.

Booths located throughout the mall will include information on prenatal care, childhood development, immunizations, child identification and fingerprinting, health and safety, nutrition, reading and learning activities, child safety seat inspections and children's fashions, with information about healthy kids provided by Magic Valley Regional's team of medical professionals.

Booths will take place in Center Court all day, including a stroller parade, crawling derby, Daddy's diaper changing race, baby food eating contests, storytelling, and dancing.

New activities for this year include a scavenger hunt for

For the kids

- M**agic Valley Regional Medical Center will host its fourth annual Baby & Children's Fair March 9 at the Magic Valley Mall. Here are some of the day's highlights:
- 10 a.m.: Stroller parade
 - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.: SAFE KIDS car safety seat installations and inspections at the Randy Hansen Autoplex
 - 11:30 a.m.: Baby crawling races
 - 11:30 a.m.: Baby Diapers
 - 3 p.m.: Fashion show
 - 5 p.m.: Native Idahoan Tuttle Fund award presentation
 - 8:30 p.m.: Adult baby food eating contest

special needs. Magic Valley Regional will also award its Native Idahoan Tuttle Fund scholarship at 5 p.m. The full scholarship to any Idaho college or university is awarded each year to a baby born at Magic Valley Regional. Doctors from the hospital's Physicians Center will be on hand to answer questions at the "Ask a Pediatrician" booth from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and again from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Numerous child-oriented departments from Magic Valley Regional will also operate several booths and host activities and demonstrations in Center Court, including staff from obstetrics, the newborn intensive care unit, pediatric, child development, SAFE KIDS Coalition and pediatric therapy. Representatives from many other Magic Valley organizations also will provide information about raising healthy children, including the Albertson Foundation, NAEYC Accreditation Project, Discovery Toys, Kiddermusick, Success by 6, South Central District Health Department, Twin Falls County Juvenile Probation, Kids Korner, Crisis Center of Magic Valley, Identa-Kid, American Self Defense, Step Ahead Learning Center, Pridmore Imaging, Creative Memories, and Plan for Success.

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FILER



Betty Joyce Haak

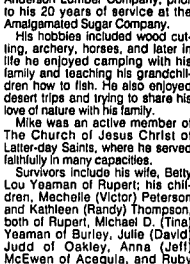
worked for Velen, Inc. and Anderson Lumber Company, prior to his 20 years of service at the Amalgamated Sugar Company. His hobbies included wood cutting, archery, horses, and later in life he enjoyed camping with his family and teaching his grandchildren how to fish. He also enjoyed seeing life and trying to share his love of nature with his family.

Mike was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where he served faithfully in many capacities.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Lou Yeaman of Rupert; his children, Micheline (Victor) Peterson and Kathleen (Randy) Thompson, both of Rupert, Michael D. (Tina) Yeaman of Burley, Julie (David) Judd of Oakley, Anna (Jeff) McEwan of Acronia, and Ruby (Matthew) Gillespie of American Falls. His siblings, Marie (Richard) Taylor of St. George, Utah, Janis (Jim) Beard of Twin Falls, Dag (Mary) Sorenson, both of Albion; and 14 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; and one grandson, Patrick Benjamin Judd and his "P.J."

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, February 25, 2002, at the Central First and Second Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with Bishop's Counselor, Jim Grisenti officiating. Interment will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call at the Raamussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th Street, Friday, on Feb. 23, 2002, from 2 p.m. and at the church on Monday, from 1 until 1:45 p.m.

WENDELL



Patricia Dianne Lehmann

Patricia Lehmann, 53, passed away Friday, February 22, 2002, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Jerome, Idaho, of natural causes.

Pat was born in Independence, Missouri, April 28, 1948. She is the oldest of six children of director and Maxine McClain. Upon graduation at Verdugo Hills in California, Pat moved to Wendell, Idaho. She worked at Clear Springs Foods for the past twenty-four years.

Pat enjoyed the outdoors. Her favorite times were spent hunting, hiking and camping with her brother John, sister Pam, sons Richie and Cole, and nieces and nephews. Her two favorite times of the year were spring and fall. In the many outdoor activities that these seasons provided. She spent many hours just enjoying what nature had to offer. Pat also enjoyed working in her garden. Each year she planted a large vegetable garden and wildflowers around her home. She spent the fall canning and working in her kitchen. Pat also liked to time she spent with her nieces and nephews and any child around her. She loved to spoil them with love, attention and laughter.

Pat will be greatly missed by those who knew her. Friends and family enjoyed her ringing laughter and her kind heart. Her home provided love of life can be seen in her family and friends as they seek to live in the same way. Pat loved people and that love will be kept in our hearts, but will be filled with our many happy memories of her.

Pat is survived by her two sons Richie McClain and Cole Leppert. She is also survived by her mother Maxine McClain-James, step-father Don James, her sisters Pam Harms and Donna McClain, and her brothers John McClain and Bill McClain. Pat was preceded in death by her father Richard McClain and her brother Clinton (Kip) McClain.

A memorial service will be held at the American Legion Hall in Wendell, Idaho, on Wednesday, February 27, 2002, starting at 5:30 p.m. Any flowers can be sent to 2869 S. 1500 E., Wendell, ID 83355. We thank you for the outpouring of love and support that we have experienced during these last days.

RUPERT



Mike Werner

Mike Werner, 63-year-old Rupert resident, died Saturday, February 23, 2002, at Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center.

He was born on December 15, 1938, at Morrison, Idaho. He was the daughter of Michael and Anna Gelsbauer Neuman. She received her education in Morrison Bluff, Idaho. She married Meinrad Werner on May 3, 1927, in Morrison Bluff. Together, they moved to Idaho Falls, Idaho, in July of 1942, and to Oats, Idaho, in 1956. He was engaged in farming. In April of 1972, they moved to Rupert, where she has since resided. Her husband, Meinrad, died on July 22, 1991.

Rose was an active member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church and the Catholic Women's League. She loved gardening and she greatly enjoyed her flower garden. She was skilled in crocheting and crocheted beautiful dollies for her children, grandchildren and the church bazaar. A talent she performed into her 90s.

She is survived by her children, Carl (Rene) and Ruth (Loretta), Dennis Warner of Burley, Jeanne (Max) Stamm of Rupert, Dorothy (Phil) Wheeler of Declo, Theresa (Lore) Olivas of Twin Falls, and Bill (James) Burpenter of Temple City, California; one sister, Agatha Neuhouse of Fort Smith, Arkansas; 18 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren with another expected in May. In addition to her husband, Meinrad, she was preceded in death by her parents, one son, one daughter, two great-grandsons, four brothers, and two sisters.

A prayer vigil with rosary will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2002, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F Street, Rupert. The funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, March 1, 2002, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, with the Reverend Father Henry Carmona as celebrant. Interment will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call at the church on Thursday evening from 6 until 7 p.m. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Raamussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley.

Betty Joyce Haak

Betty Joyce Haak, 80, of Filer, Idaho, died Friday, February 22, 2002, at her home in Filer, Idaho.

She was born January 4, 1922, in Buhl, Idaho, the daughter of Harold V. and Anne E. Shirley Thompson. Betty attended schools in Twin Falls, Idaho. During this time, WWII began and she moved to Chico, California, where she went to work in the peach canning factories. She remained there until after the war, when she moved back to Twin Falls, and went to work for Roggar Bros. Seed House. There she met Clifford Haak, and they were married April 23, 1953. They moved west of Filer, Idaho, where she helped her husband maintain a body and lender shop. During her spare time, she loved to dance and Sunday afternoon at the Buhl Senior Center. She enjoyed the push and pull dinners while Cliff's band furnished the music. She also had a wonderful sense of humor and loved clowning around; her nickname was Betty Boop. Betty will best be remembered for her thoughtfulness and kindness and her love for animals. She was a creative and sensitive woman, beautiful inside and out, and will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Betty is survived by her husband of 48 years, Cliff of Filer, ID; three children, Price E. Haak of Filer, ID; Shelly Joyce Tyree of Filer, ID; and Cindy Lanier of Twin Falls, ID; her grandchild, Ely Tyree of Filer, ID; Melissa and Rheanna Haak of Twin Falls, ID; Rachel and Hilary Lanier of Filer, ID; Kaitlyn and Rylie Tyree and Mekanna Haak, one sister, Corinne Silva of Oland, CA, and one cousin, Jack Holland of Burley, ID. She was preceded in death by her parents, and one sister, Norma.

Gravestone funeral services for Betty will be held Tuesday, February 23, 2002, at 2 p.m. in the Shoshone Cemetery in Shoshone, Idaho. Officiating will be Pastor Roy Inermitt will follow the services. Visitation will be held Monday, February 25, 2002, from 5-8 p.m. at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2851 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Arrangements are under the direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

RUPERT



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RUPERT



Michael E. Yeaman

Michael Eugene Yeaman, 64-year-old Rupert resident, died Thursday, February 21, 2002, at his home.

He was born December 19, 1937, in Burley, Idaho, the son of Eugene Yestla and Lila Day Yeaman. He attended schools in Burley and Heyburn, and graduated from Minico High School in the school's first graduating class. He served in the United States Navy receiving an honorable discharge on December 4, 1962. In the Idaho Falls LDS Temple, he

BOISE

Timothy Lamar Mangum

Timothy Lamar Mangum, 57, of Boise, passed away in his sleep on Wednesday, February 13, 2002, at his home.

He was born November 3, 1944, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Marion Dewain and Rev. Henderson Mangum. He served in the U.S. Army Airborne during the Vietnam War. He married April Armer on March 16, 1968, in Jerome, Idaho. They have two children, Amy and Timothy Mangum. Tim was self-employed with M&M Emissions. He enjoyed camping, fishing, bowling, woodworking, crossword and playing cards with his family. He loved to spend time with his grandchildren. The highlight of his life was his grandkids and his other family. Tim had a big heart, a great sense of humor, and he was willing to help anyone who needed him.

He is survived by his loving wife, April; daughter, Amy (Robert) Stapley; son, Timothy; and grandchildren, Bracklyn, Telly and Mercedes. He is also survived by his brothers and sisters, many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and three brothers.

A memorial service will be held for Tim this summer in Jerome. Arrangements are under the care of and will be announced by Fernsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

DEATH NOTICES

Kenneth Heibert

TWIN FALLS — Kenneth Heibert, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 22, 2002, at Birchwood Retirement Estates. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Dr. V. V. Telford

TWIN FALLS — Dr. V. V. Telford, 81, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Ina B. Portney

BURLEY — Ina B. Portney, 76, of Burley, died Friday, Feb. 22, 2002, at the Burley Care Center. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Bonners Ferry First and Second Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with Bishop Frank Hanks officiating. Burial will follow at the Grandview Cemetery. Friends may call from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Archie Garner

BURLEY — Archie Garner, 83, of Burley and formerly of Salt Lake City, died Friday, Feb. 22, 2002.

Paul L. Roberts

FILER — Paul L. Roberts, 81, of Filer, died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Wayne Bruner

WENDELL — Wayne Bruner, 77, of Wendell, died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, at Magic Valley Manor in Wendell. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary's Wendell Chapel.

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School board considers schedule change

By Margaret Jones Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly School Board recently heard a proposal from the high school administration to change from a trimester to a semester block schedule for the 2002-03 school year.

"The change in schedule is needed to address a number of problems associated with the trimester schedule," Kimberly High School Principal John Miller said at Thursday's school board meeting.

Those issues include the affect of state mandated level testing, matriculation of transfer students, articulation with Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition programs,

scheduling conflicts with dual credit providers, and co-curricular activities, Miller said.

Students Dane Johns and Charles Kelly voiced Thursday their and other classmates' concerns with the scheduling. The board postponed action on this issue pending a special board meeting scheduled for 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Other changes deal with new Idaho curriculum standards. The new standards require adequate coverage of post World War II activities. These changes make it necessary to add an additional history class.

Other school board business included:

School calendar - The board approved the 2002-03 school calendar. Students will start the

year Aug. 26 and finish the year May 30.

Half days - One big change is that elementary students will have a half day of class on Wednesdays. This afternoon off gives teachers of all grades time to work together on grade projects and other team projects. They currently have no time to work together.

There will be buses to take students home, while other students can participate in the after-school program until their regular bus time.

Job applications - Applications for the position of transportation department supervisor and maintenance and operations supervisor can be obtained at the superintendent's office.

The current supervisor and director, Dale Vawser, is going to retire this summer. The board decided it is going to take two employees to fill Vawser's shoes.

Policy changes - The board tabled the second reading of an update of costs associated with the facilities rental policy for renting out the old high school gymnasium.

The board also approved the first reading of the achievement standards policy, which defines the district's achievement standards and aligns them with the state's.

Other business - The board accepted the annual accreditation report and the Kimberly Education Association's request for negotiation of new employee contracts.

Mammogram numbers increase at St. Benedicts

The Times-News

JEROME - There's been widespread concern that fewer women are going in for their regular mammograms.

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Mammogram procedures increased 12 percent in 2001 from the previous year, and just two months into this year the hospital is seeing a 15 percent increase in mammogram procedures, according to a news release from the hospital.

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SHOVEL TEAM



Brothers Ross, left, and Cory Rinsberger of Helena, Mont., team up to clear snow off the sidewalk near their home as several inches of snow pile up Saturday.

Police arrest man again after hearing

FARMINGTON, Utah (AP) - Despite being warned at a hearing on a charge of driving with a suspended driver license that a bailiff would be watching to make sure he did not drive himself home, Brent Beaudry got back behind the wheel.

The Wyoming man had assured the Davis County Justice Court judge that he had a ride home.

Judge Gerald Jensen warned him that a bailiff would make sure he did not drive away, and Beaudry assured the judge everything would be fine.

The bailiff then watched as Beaudry jumped into his pickup truck and drove off.


In the few blocks he traveled before Bailiff Jeff Corbin pulled him over, he failed to signal twice and did not make a complete stop at a stop sign. Corbin testified Wednesday during a hearing on new charges that resulted.

"Mr. Beaudry was polite and cooperative, though," Corbin said.

The defendant was so helpful during a police stop on Jan. 29 that a bailiff would make sure he did not drive away, and Beaudry assured the judge everything would be fine.

The scanner system slowed the lift lines slightly at first, but as soon as employees and skiers got used to it, there was not much of a delay, she said.

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Ski resorts curb season pass forgeries with scanners

-BOISE (AP) - Skiers and snow boarders may feel like they are in a grocery checkout line next season as ski resorts begin using lift line scanners when they get in lift lines.

The ski area may install a scanning system for lift passes after a rash of fake season passes surfaced this winter.

"I wouldn't be surprised to have it next year," said Mike

Shirley, Bogus Basin general manager.

Ski resorts around the region have turned to scanning systems. Schweitzer Mountain in northern Idaho and Brundage Mountain near McCall have them.

"This is our first season and we love it," said Mary Naylor, marketing director at Brundage.

The scanning system gives a

more accurate count of season pass users on the slopes.

"The data we get from it is fun," Naylor said. "We know how many people are on the mountain and where they are from."

An accurate count of the number of skiers using the ski area is required by the U.S. Forest Service.

The scanner at Brundage is

also a good tool to prevent the use of fake passes.

"It's funny. We had one kid confess that he was using his father's pass as soon as he saw the scanner," Naylor said.

The scanner system slowed the lift lines slightly at first, but as soon as employees and skiers got used to it, there was not much of a delay, she said.

Woman fights off intruders with knife

BOISE (AP) - A woman stabbed one of two men who allegedly forced their way into her home, police said.

Jason Maxwell and Jason Bradford, both 28-year-old Boise residents, were arrested on suspicion of aggravated battery and burglary. Bradford also was held on suspicion of malicious injury to property.

Maxwell was treated at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center for two stab wounds in the chest that were not life-threatening.

The incident began about 3:45 a.m. Friday, when two men forced their way into the woman's home after a friend of hers answered the door while the woman was out.

The men said they planned to confront the woman and her boyfriend about their relationship, police said.


When the woman returned, the men confronted her and a male companion, who was not her boyfriend. One of the men held the woman down on the floor, but she pulled a knife out of her pocket and stabbed him, police said.











The woman's friend was hit on the head with a wrench, kicked and beaten, police said.

One of the assailants also is believed to have smashed the windows on a car parked in the driveway.

Police did not release the names of the woman or her friends who were at the house.


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Group plans to refine policies

By Shari Chaney
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RUPERT — Citizen Advisory Committee members are moving forward to resolve two complaints brought before them. The committee might have to address a few policy and procedural items as it moves forward. The committee is very young, said City Administrator Roger Bagley, and has a few issues to sort out. A timeline for resolving complaints and the process for complaints to be handled are things the committee might need to address.

"We have a timeline in which to address complaints has been defined," Bagley said. The committee will work as quickly as it can.

"I'm not sure there is an expectation just yet," Bagley said.

So far, monthly meetings are adequate, said committee chairman John Cooper. More meetings could be called if something comes up that needs more immediate attention.

The committee will look to develop a process at next month's meeting, scheduled for March 7. Bagley said Cooper has been talking about developing "ground rules" for the committee.

Cooper said committee members would like to know about potential complaints before their meetings, so the complaints can be added to the agenda. To be added to the agenda, people can contact any member of the committee or Bagley. Committee members include Cooper, Elizabeth Burr-Jones, Pete Ford, Santos Garza, Bob Nevezar, Frank Rodriguez Jr. and Ray Stockton.

Bagley said there is, and will continue to be, a time at meetings for public comment where anyone can come before the committee and speak. However, if it's not on the agenda, the committee might not be able to address an issue at the meeting.

If a topic is on the agenda, the committee has time to look into the topic before the meeting and can then address the issue more effectively during the meeting, Bagley said.

The committee also wants to hear all of a complaint, Cooper said. In the case of Juan Garza, who brought the committee a complaint about police waking him up in the middle of the night because of a parked car left running near his business, Cooper said that was all the committee heard. However in an interview

Chairman says talking might be answer

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Sitting down and talking with one another could alleviate a lot of problems.

That's John Cooper's theory. Cooper is the chairman of the Rupert Citizen Advisory Committee, the new committee where residents can log complaints if they don't want to talk directly with the City Council.

The committee heard its first two complaints, both about the Rupert Police Department, at its Feb. 7 meeting. Although the committee is working hard to resolve those complaints, Cooper said perhaps it is not specific incidents, but rather a perception, that needs to be dealt with.

Police need to talk with people at times besides when they are doing something wrong, Cooper recently talked with an Idaho State Police trooper who carries sweepers to reward people who are wearing a seat belt and have buckled their children in properly. Positive interaction could help change perception, Cooper thinks.

With *The Times-News*, Garza said police were targeting his business by waiting for the bar to close each night.

The committee heard none of that, Cooper said, because it wasn't discussed at the meeting.

The committee is working on both Garza's complaint and a complaint from Mario Aguilar, who said he was pulled over by police multiple times. Aguilar questioned whether it was because of his ethnicity.

In most cases, people will find out the resolution of their issue at a later meeting, Bagley said. Cooper said not everyone may be happy with what the committee ultimately comes up with as a resolution. If someone is not happy with the resolution from the committee, that person can bring the issue to the City Council, Bagley said.

"The council is always there," Bagley said.

However, Bagley said, the council may not give it much additional consideration if the committee has already heard the complaint and come to a resolution.

If the committee makes a decision, chances are that's how the

If police took time to visit with people, people may look at them differently, Cooper said. The police need to be more visible. Cooper didn't even know who the Rupert police chief was until he began working on the advisory committee.

On the flip side, people need to think of police, Cooper said. Sometimes people don't think how important police are until they are needed to help save a life at an accident.

Cooper said he thinks most of his information from and about the community will come from talking with people at community events. Most people are petrified to come and stand in front of any committee.

Being chairman of the advisory committee is not why he'll sit down and strike up a conversation at a basketball game though, Cooper said, people should just sit down and talk with one another.

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City Council will look at it as well, Cooper said.

"Look at the committee," Cooper said. "The whole Rupert area is represented. There's everybody on that board."

Cooper said he wants the public to know the volunteers making up the committee have nothing to gain, except a better community, when issues are resolved. The committee has no agenda.

"We're just Joe Blow in the community," Cooper said.

The committee plans to send out fliers, written in both English and Spanish, advertising the committee and its purpose.

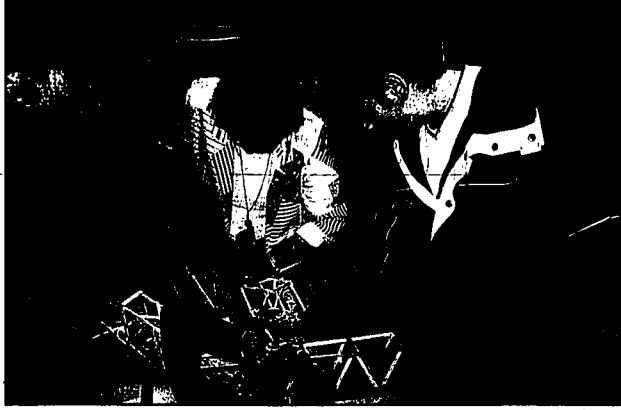
"It's just a learning process," Cooper said.

Cooper said the committee also must learn the rules of the city. They began that process at the first meeting on Feb. 7 by talking with city officials about utility billing.

"We've got things to learn," Cooper said.

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BRIDGE TO KNOWLEDGE



Reth River High School geometry students brought home top honors from Friday's Idaho State University engineering competition. Darryl Barrett won the state contest with his bridge that held 238 pounds. Annette Durfee placed second with a bridge capable of holding 122 pounds. In this photo, teacher Sonja Steed helps Freddie Artega with last-minute preparations before the contest, by drilling a hole in the bridge deck of Artega's bridge.

New legislation alarms sportsmen

Bill can streamline depredation system, says Donnelly farmer

BOISE (AP) — A decade ago, an advisory committee that included agriculture and sportsmen was created to quiet the argument over repealing farmers and ranchers whose farms are under attack from voracious deer and elk herds.

A state Fish and Game commissioner and a sportsmen's advocacy group warn that legislation from Rep. Ken Roberts, a Donnelly farmer, could send the depredation payment system back into chaos. They also say Roberts, a Republican, is one of the top recipients of the payments.

"The problem doesn't exist," said Commissioner Don Clower of Meridian. "If they tinker and tinker with it, the program will fall apart."

For his part, Roberts said he has watched hundreds of elk tramp through his newly seeded fields every year. He contends he can

streamline the payment system, save money, help farmers under siege and prevent a potential conflict of interest by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

With six farmers or ranchers on the committee and six game advocates, compromises they reach are watered down and may not adequately repay the claimants for the damage they suffered, Roberts said.

Clower remembers the infighting over depredation damage in the late 1980s. He helped create the current advisory committee, which oversees the payouts.

In one year, farmers net the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory collected \$500,000 in payments from the state for mauling antelope that spent their days on the federal site and nights in their fields, he said.

Following the changeover, a total of \$26,900 statewide was paid out in fiscal year 1992. The 10-year average is \$115,600.

Clower said Roberts has topped the depredation payment list with claims of between \$27,000 and \$30,000 during the past two years.

"It comes from a person who has benefited more than any other farmer in Idaho," Clower said. "It looks like a conflict of interest."

Roberts admits having received large claims, but contends one individual collected \$45,000 last year, well above him.

He said as many as 150 elk raid the four farms he operates. One year, they descended on a newly seeded field of experimental Japanese oats. Fish and Game approved \$23,900 for Roberts.

Each Fish and Game region currently works with the farmers and ranchers to calculate the reimbursement. Sportsmen pay 75 cents of their game license fees for depredation. Roberts' measure would create a trust fund, and claims would be paid by the interest the fund generates.

Roberts said with the current \$200,000 appropriation, money not used for depredation returns to the Fish and Game fund.

"There's a little bit of incentive. I'm not saying it happens so a tendency to minimize claims so they get more money back," Roberts said.

Hunter, environmentalists fight use of poisonous bait

LEWISTON (AP) — A hunting dog breeder and an environmental group have joined forces to stop the use of a poisonous coyote control device near Rudec.

Ron Prentice raises Walker hounds but said he is afraid to hunt on his own land or in nearby areas because the federal Wildlife Services has planted cyanide-dispensing devices on area ranches.

"They are causing me a hard ship because I can't even train my dogs on my own property."

The devices, called M-44s, have a scent attractive to coyotes and dogs and when triggered

on by an animal, release sodium cyanide powder in the animal's mouth. The powder mixes with saliva and produces hydrogen cyanide gas. Animals die in about three minutes.

Prentice fears one of his dogs may stumble on to an M-44 if it wanders his property. He and Gary Macfarlane of the Friends of the Clearwater, an environmental group in Moscow, wrote to Marc Collinge, director of Wildlife Services in Idaho.

"They asked if the devices have been placed according to rules regulating their use. Macfarlane fears bald eagles may be attracted to and killed by the M-44s."

Commission OKs large dairy

NAMPA (AP) — Canyon County's planning commission has granted a permit for a 6,500-cow dairy, though one commissioner was troubled by potential environmental problems.

The commission granted a permit for Charlie Pindler's Desert Sun Farms to operate the dairy on 861 acres south of Lake Lowell.

Commission Chairman Ed Falkenstein, the lone dissenter in Thursday's decision, said that in

the five square-mile area there already are about 42,000 cattle.

"Sooner or later we'll wake up and realize we have placed too many cows in too small an area," he said.

Falkenstein said he wants to avoid a situation faced by other heavily concentrated areas such as Twin Falls and Burley, where groundwater contamination led to a moratorium on dairies and other confined feeding operations.

Games

Children in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. And they couldn't have been happier.

"Having attended the Nagano Olympics, I didn't think anyone could surpass what they did with all their history and culture, but this was outstanding," Gretchen Van Ert said.

They particularly enjoyed the games because more than two dozen family members came out to watch Sandra Van Ert go for gold.

Combined with the many friends that joined her fan club and the roar of the crowd for American racers, the excitement was paramount.

While at the games, the Van Erts attended other events including speed skating, figure skating and cross-country skiing.

Gretchen Van Ert said she and her husband will continue to support their daughter's interests in snowboarding, and wish her well as she pursues another berth for the 2006 Olympic team.

Gretchen Van Ert's only wish is that the intense emotion surrounding the qualification process for the U.S. Olympic Snowboard Team could be kept to a minimum.

As a parent, the uncertainty and waiting is just too much to handle.

General: 'There is no chance of finding survivors'

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP) — All 10 U.S. soldiers aboard a military helicopter that crashed two days ago in the southern Philippines are believed to be dead, an American general said Sunday.

Some of the soldiers, Spc. Thomas F. Allison, 22, was from Tacoma, Wash.

"We have determined that there is no chance to find survivors," said Brig. Gen. Donald Burges, head of a U.S. military contingent involved in a counterterrorism training exercise here with Philippine troops.

He said the rescue effort had shifted to a recovery mission at the crash site, in the Bohol Sea off Negros island.

Officials had held out hope Saturday because the eight-man crew from the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment at Fort Campbell, Ky., and two Air Force para-rescuers all were brained in water survival.

The MH-47E Chinook went down before dawn Friday after ferrying U.S. special forces and supplies from the southern Philippine city of Zamboanga to nearby Basilan island, where Abu Sayyaf rebels have been holding

Helicopter crash victims include residents of Nevada, Washington state

Army Identifies victims

The Pentagon and the Army released identities of the 10 service members who were onboard an Army helicopter that crashed in the Philippines. The victims were confirmed killed or presumed dead.

The Army soldiers, all members of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment based at Fort Campbell, were identified as:

- Maj. Curtis D. Feinstner, 34, South Dakota
- Capt. Bart D. Owens, 30, Ohio
- Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jody L. Egnor, 32, Ohio
- Staff Sgt. James P. Dority, 37,

Goldsboro, N.C.

- Staff Sgt. Henry W. Frith, 37, Jameville, Nevada

- Staff Sgt. Bruce A. Rushforth Jr., 35, Massachusetts

- Sgt. Jeremy D. Foshee, 25, Pisgah, Ala.

- Spc. Thomas F. Allison, 22, Tacoma, Wash.

The Air Force para-rescuers, assigned to the 353rd Special Operations Group based at Kadena Air Base in Japan, were identified as:

- Master Sgt. William L. McDaniel II

- Staff Sgt. Juan M. Ridout

an American missionary couple and a Filipino nurse for nearly nine months.

The chopper was one of two returning to an air base on Mactan Island. Witnesses reported it was on fire as it fell and exploded when it hit the water.

Allison's family released a statement Saturday night through the Public Affairs Office at Fort Lewis, near Tacoma.

The family said Allison "was a young man with a charm and wit that would bring him through any adversity, and a contagious

smile that touched all. He was so proud to serve his country in one of our military's most elite forces."

Family members said Allison was sustained by religious faith, and that when they expressed concern for his safety in the Philippines, he told them, "some of us will get to heaven first."

Family members declined to be interviewed, a Fort Lewis spokeswoman said.

A 600-strong U.S. military force arrived last month for a counterterrorism training exercise aimed at helping the Philippine military wipe out the Muslim extremist Abu Sayyaf group which has been linked in the past to the al-Qaida terror network.

The Abu Sayyaf has been holding the three hostages for nearly nine months in the dense jungles of Basilan, the last of nearly 100 captives snatched since last May.

A special team of U.S. military investigators has been dispatched to find out what caused the crash. With Philippine officials ruling out hostile fire, speculation has focused on mechanical failure.

facility are locked.

While security issues are separate from the management plan, those issues could be included in the process. Some areas may be fenced in the future because of possible security threats.

BuRec officials need to consider possible risks, Ketchum said.

"We have to give it an extremely serious look," he said. "Whether the issues are fishing, illegal garbage dumps, land use or others, the BuRec needs the public to comment, Stone said."

"We want to make sure people do come to our meeting," she said. "We really do listen to what the public has to say. We need to hear that."

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Land

Controversial over BLM poaching and numerous other problems, Stone said.

The resource management plan being developed should include the BuRec options of what can be done with the parcels. Each piece of property could potentially have a number of uses, ranging from irrigation development to turning the property over to the Bureau of Management.

The release identified a large number of key issues about the property which need to be addressed. Those include clarification of agency responsibilities, law enforcement and multiple jurisdiction authority, conflicts between safety, security and fishing access below the dam, the need for an accessible fishing area below the dam and agricultural and grazing issues.

"We need to take a look at specific parcels and see how they are to be managed," she said.

BuRec officials want to learn what concerns the public has about each property, which will help determine how the land is managed, Stone said.

BuRec National Resource Manager Chris Ketchum said the planning process can help the public understand what they can and cannot do on BuRec property. The process also opens the lands to the possibility of change.

"One of the key things that benefits everybody is education of the public about Bureau of Reclamation lands," he said.

BuRec lands are federal, but not public. Ketchum compared BuRec property to BLM land. BLM land is generally open to off-roading. BuRec, on the other

hand, is closed to off-roading.

"For the most part they are withdrawn from the public domain for projects and do not have the same rights as public land," Ketchum said.

The planning process can open lands that have been closed to the public, he said.

BuRec officials also hope to get fishermen involved in the planning process, Ketchum said. Fishermen are allowed to fish on Lake Walcott, but with security concerns at the dam in the last six months, even that has become an issue, he said.

The White BuRec has been permissive; tighter controls may go into place, Ketchum said. The dam, like other federal dams across the nation, was put on security alert after the Sept. 11 attacks. While the facility continues to operate, entry gates to the

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Man gets jail time for shooting

LEWISTON (AP) — A Kellogg man has been sentenced to 30 years in prison for a shooting that left the victim blind and with brain damage.

Jeremy J. Brown, 23, pleaded guilty to aggravated battery in the shooting Aug. 14 of Adam Brausen, 25, Moscow, at the Blue Lagoon swimming hole near Bovill.

"I can not fathom what caused this crime," 2nd District Court Judge John Stegner said Friday, adding that if he had the power he'd subject Brown to the same suffering the defendant inflicted upon the victim.

Brausen, father of a 7-year-old, was in court with a .32-caliber bullet still lodged in his head and a white cane in his hand. He is

blind, has lost his sense of smell and taste and suffers from brain damage and memory loss that doctors say may never be reversed.

Brausen's parents made impassioned pleas to put their son's attacker behind bars to protect society from him and issue a warning to others who might wield guns in such a deadly fashion.

Brown testified that he was drunk and shot Adam Brausen because he thought Brausen was about to shoot his cousin.

Deputy Latah County Prosecutor Michelle Evans asked Stegner to issue a fixed sentence of 25 years, with the possibility of five years probation. Stegner agreed, and imposed 15 years for

the aggravated battery and another 15 years enhancement for the use of a deadly weapon. He said all 15 years on the battery must be served, plus at least 10 on the enhancement.

The prosecutor said Brausen, trying to ensure the safety of children, asked Brown and two other men to stop wielding a handgun.

Evans said other two greed, but Brown grabbed for another gun and shot Brausen. Then Brown fled with others. They were arrested near the Montana border.

A charge of aiding Brown's flight is still pending against Justin Thomas of Bovill. His trial is scheduled for early next month.

Road rage suspect's car leaves clue

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A Spirit Lake man accused of ramming his car into another motorist then fleeing the scene has been ordered to stand trial.

The suspect might never have been identified if his car had not left its license plate number indention on the rear bumper of the victim's car.

Kenneth Freeman, 38, is charged with felony aggravated assault for allegedly following a 17-year-old Lakeland High School student for more than 10 miles before pulling alongside the teenager's car and swerving into it.

Brandon Scarcello testified Friday that Freeman pulled out in front of him in downtown Rathdrum after running a stop sign. After driving through town, they reached Highway 41 and Freeman followed him north.

They drove for miles before Freeman's 1988 Chevrolet Corsica struck Scarcello's rear bumper. Scarcello said Freeman then pulled alongside his Volkswagen Passat and side-swiped him.

Scarcello was shaken but uninjured when his car swerved into oncoming traffic and stalled.

The investigating officer, Idaho State Police Trooper Rick Yeend, found the imprint of an Idaho license plate on the bumper of the Passat. Yeend traced the plate number to Freeman's address in Spirit Lake. He called Freeman's probation officer, who picked him up at his residence.

State police impounded Freeman's car.

Freeman was bound over for trial following Friday's hearing. He is being held on a \$50,000 aggravated assault bond and a \$25,000 probation violation bond.

Report: Tight management could cost jobs

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A National Park Service report says tighter winter management at Yellowstone National Park could mean the loss of up to \$18.4 million and more than 470 jobs to Idaho, Wyoming and Montana.

The Park Service released its supplemental environmental impact statement last week, along with four alternatives on snowmobile use in the park. The report said the effects of the alternatives would be short term, with less than a 1 percent decline in jobs and revenue.

Last year, nearly 348,000 people visited Yellowstone National Park in the winter, with 66,330

entering at West Yellowstone, the service said. Of that number, over 57,200 were snowmobilers.

The agency said eliminating public use of snowmobiles in the park will hit West Yellowstone's winter economy particularly hard, creating a 33 percent drop in the short term. Other gateway communities would see no measurable economic effect, the Park Service said.

West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce executive director Marysue Costello said at least a quarter of the town's economy relies on winter visitors.

"The situation becomes: How many businesses do we lose, how

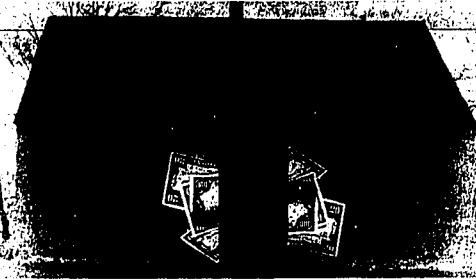
many families do we lose?" she said. "And what is the gap time before recovery?"

Costello said it took 25 years to build the town's snowmobile business. The community now has more hotel beds, snowmobile rentals and restaurant seats than it does residents, she said. She said she wonders how long it will take to restore a full third of the town's winter business.

The report's first alternative caps snowmobile use at 50 percent of the current daily average at the west and south entrances by 2002-2003. The second alternative reduces that deadline back to 2003-2004.

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All schools serve milk with meals. CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS Breakfast menu...

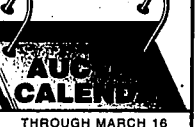
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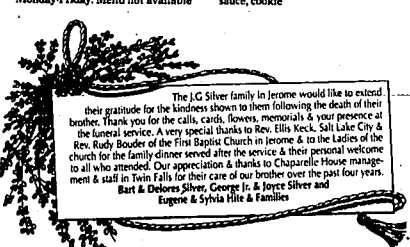
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Mill mines sea salt in the Utah desert

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Bundled against the cold wind blowing across the frozen farmlands of Sevier County, Steve Perry reaches a gloved hand onto a conveyor belt and seizes a fist-sized piece of rock.

He holds the rock in the cold sunlight filtering down through the roof. It glistens and sparkles like a thousand tiny pink diamonds.

"This is exactly what we want for our table salt," Perry says, turning the crystal slowly in his hand. "It's a clean, almost clear piece without any streaks or dark mineralization."

He flips the small chunk onto another conveyor belt running nearby. Then turning, he grabs a large stone with both hands and sends it clattering down a chute behind him.

Perry is a mill worker for Redmond Minerals Inc., one of 85 employees who work for the operator of the state's only underground salt mine. Of the

nearly 400,000 tons of salt taken from Redmond's mine each year, only a tiny fraction is hand-selected to be ground, screened and packaged as the company's gourmet table salt. The rest will be sold to deice roads or as salt blocks for farm animals.

"Legend has it the Fremont Indians first discovered the salt deposits here when they noticed deer eating the soil," said Rusty Bastian, the company's spokesman. "Archaeologists found traces of our salt as far away as Mesa Verde," in south-western Colorado.

When Mormon pioneers first settled the Sevier area shortly after entering the Salt Lake Valley in the mid-1800s, they too quickly discovered the mineral wealth lying just beneath the surface.

"Large commercial exploitation of the salt deposits, however, would wait until the 1960s when several drought-stricken farmers turned to salt mining to supplement their incomes."

"At one time there were three mines operating on this property. One was run by my grandfather, LaMar Bosshardt," said Kyle Bosshardt, a mine team leader for Redmond. "In the end, I guess he made some wiser moves, or got lucky or whatever you want to call it, and ended up owning all three sites."

Friday they want to trim an additional \$16 million as a cushion against a worsening economy, or to free up cash for critical areas of government spending.

Those hot spots include covering increasing health insurance costs for state employees, public school enrollment growth and Medicaid.

GOP leaders refused to detail specifics, saying they did not want to surprise their own rank-and-file members or the affected government programs.

"When you have that kind of shortfall, cuts have to be across the board," said House Majority Leader Kevin Garn, R-Layton.

Public and higher education will absorb some hits but "not ones that will affect the classroom," Garn said.

On most days, much like his grandfather before him, Bosshardt rides with a team of miners into the two miles of unit, unsupported tunnels formed by decades of blasting and excavating.

From a distance, the subterranean mining scene that takes place daily at Redmond resembles a far-off moonscape with the only light coming from the faint glow of loaders and trucks in the distance.

"Mining is traditionally thought of as a damp, stogy environment," Bosshardt said. "But down here it's dry and safe, and the temperature remains just about the same all year round. Once someone starts working underground, it's hard to get them to go back up to take a job on the surface."

Geologists say the salt in the Redmond mines was deposited 150 million years ago when a shallow sea covered the land. The retreating waters left behind a salt basin stretching across 70 miles

of central Utah.

Redmond Minerals is mining a tiny part of that ancient basin. Its deposits lie on a huge salt dome nearly 5,000 feet deep that was pushed to the surface millions of years ago by volcanic forces deep within the earth.

"We've only scratched the surface," Bosshardt said. "There is enough salt here to mine for another thousand years."

All common salt, whether it is spread on roads or sprinkled on vegetables, is nothing more than simple sodium chloride, said Richard L. Hanneman, president of the Alexandria, Va.-based Salt Institute.

"Most table salts have all the impurities refined out. They're 99.99 percent pure sodium chloride, although some companies add a dextrose-type binder to their product to help it pour more easily. You know, when it rains it pours," Hanneman said.

With the gourmet table salts, such as Redmond's RealSalt, the impurities are left in, Hanneman said. "But they're only impurities in a chemical sense. They are still food-grade products."

Well over a thousand gourmet table salts are on the market worldwide. Redmond contends the unique chemical makeup of its product with more than 50 different trace minerals helps it stand out.



Redmond Minerals Inc. mill worker Steve Perry shown culinary quality salt in a secondary crush-salt in Redmond, Utah. Of the nearly 400,000 tons of salt taken from the underground mine each year, only a tiny fraction is hand-selected to be ground, screened and packaged as the company's gourmet table salt. The rest will be sold to deice roads or as salt blocks for farm animals.

'We've only scratched the surface. There is enough salt here to mine for another thousand years.'

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Utah GOP wants to cut \$18M from budget

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Republican legislative leaders want to balance this and next year's budgets by cutting \$18 million more from the current spending and \$70 million from fiscal 2003.

"They met privately Friday to sift through staff suggestions for spending reductions."

Cuts worth \$18 million in the current fiscal year, ending June 30, would mean lawmakers still would have to use \$36 million in emergency reserve cash to make up for revenues that are falling below predicted levels.

Those cuts extended into the next budget year, beginning July 1, would add up to \$54 million over 12 months — just enough to make up the projected shortfall. But Republican leaders decided



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 6: Kwanis, 12 Noon at Grandstands
 6: Library, Story Hour 10 am
 7: Rotary, 12 Noon at Grandstands
 8: West End Men's Assoc., 6:30 am at Grandstands
 9: Pre-School Dinner, corned beef & cabbage, Clear Lake Country Club
 11: City Council 7 pm, City Hall
 12: West End Head Start Parent meeting, Potluck at 6 - meeting at pm, Child care provided.
 12: High School Tournament, Clear Lake Country Club
 13: Kwanis, 12 Noon at Grandstands
 13: Library, Story Hour 10 am
 14: Rotary, 12 Noon at Grandstands
 15: West End Men's Assoc., 6:30 am at Grandstands
 16 & 17: 2 man Best Ball, 10 am Shotgun, Clear Lake Country Club
 17: Saint Patrick's Day
 18: Chamber Luncheon, Speaker Kelly Daluiso from 8th Street Center
 20: Kwanis, 12 Noon at Grandstands
 20: Library, Story Hour 10 am
 21: Rotary, 12 Noon at Grandstands
 21: Business After Five, Acapulco Restaurant
 22: West End Men's Assoc., 6:30 am at Grandstands
 25-29: No School
 27: Kwanis, 12 Noon at Grandstands
 27: Library, Story Hour 10 am
 28: Rotary, 12 Noon at Grandstands
 29: West End Men's Assoc., 6:30 am at Grandstands
 30: Club Scramble, Clear Lake Country Club
 30: Easter Egg Hunt, Day of The Child Parade
 31: Easter

FUTURE DATES
APRIL 7: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
 9-11-12: Parent - teachers conferences
 27: SCHOOL DAY
 26: ARBOR DAY

MAY 12: MOTHERS DAY
 18: ARMED FORCES DAY
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 12: No school
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Section C

MORNING LINE SPORTSQUOTE

“But I don't think there was a fairy wand waved over me.”

”

—Simon Ammann of Switzerland, who won two gold medals in ski jumping, on his resemblance to the fictional character Harry Potter

TRIVIA

QUESTIONS
Of the NBA's all-time top 10 rebound leaders, only one is still active. Who is he?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

CSI baseball splits at Snow College

RICHFIELD, Utah — The College of Southern Idaho baseball team split its final double-header with Snow College on Saturday, winning 9-3 before dropping the second game 12-8.

Christian Colonel ripped a grand slam and Matt Gunning and John Hurd hit back-to-back homers to lead the Eagles (7-4, 3-1 Scenic West Athletic Conference) in the opener.

In Game 2 Cody Kirkland lifted CSI in the fifth with a three-run home run for the 5-4 lead but the Badgers answered with eight runs in the bottom of the fifth that CSI couldn't rally from.

“We just gave it away,” CSI coach Boomer Walker said. “They start off with double, we hit the leadoff batter and they bunted and we threw it away. (Brad Burrow) makes a great pitch for the double play ball to Kirkland, but he boots it and the wheels just kind of fell off.”

Kirkland also homered in the seventh to finish with six RBIs and three hits. Colonel went 3-for-4 and Riley Johnson went 3-for-3.

CSI opens at home next weekend hosting Colorado Northwestern Community College.

MINNEAPOLIS — Penn State pole vaulter Kevin Dare died Saturday after landing on his head during the Big Ten indoor championships.

Penn State pole vaulter dies after fall on head

After being treated by emergency medical technicians at the University of Minnesota Fieldhouse, Dare was taken to the Hennepin County Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

Dare was a sophomore from State College, Pa.

Pomerelle hosts Competition X March 9

ALEBION — Pomerelle Mountain Resort is holding its annual Competition X on Saturday, March 9 starting at 10 a.m. Events will be held for mountain bikers, snowboarders and skiers for all ages.

A \$5 entry fee is required for all competitors. Registration will be held in the lodge until 11 a.m. Trophies will be awarded to the top three in each division.

The race is a giant slalom format. For more information, call (208) 673-5539.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Karl Malone, who still needs more than 10,000 more to catch Bill Chamberlain.

STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

SPARTAN SPLIT

Andersons win one, lose one

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

NAMPA — One title and two wrestlers. That will have to be enough for Minico's Jeff and Josh Anderson, who are not related, but may as well be they are so close.

The senior co-captains for the Spartans shared the same dream — one of state championships and undefeated seasons.

They got half the way there, suffering just one loss between them all season.

But that one loss came when Josh Anderson

was pinned by Skyline's Chase Johnson Saturday in the championship match of the 152-pound title bout at the Idaho 5A Wrestling Tournament at The Idaho Center in Nampa.

So, Jeff Anderson's 160-pound will have to be enough since it is now as much about redemption for his good friend's loss as anything else.

“I'm really happy and really sad at the same time,” Jeff Anderson said. “Josh worked harder than me and he deserved it, too.”

But it was his teammate's loss that provided Jeff Anderson with added motivation in his 10-5 victory over Andy Robinson of Eagle.

“When I heard that he lost, I came running out,” he said. “I was ready to wrestle. I forgot about being nervous.”

And it showed as he got out ahead early and built on the lead, eventually seizing a 6-3 lead after the second round after scoring a reversal late in the period. And then he continued to build on that lead.

“I wanted to stop his first move because that stops his whole offense,” Jeff Anderson said. “That first takedown is the key.”

Josh Anderson said he lost focus and didn't stick to the game plan.

“Going in, my dad told me I couldn't take sloppy shots because he would make me pay,” he said. “And he did. He's a good wrestler. I wanted it bad but I can't do anything about it now.”

The Andersons led the team to a third-place finish as the Spartans rebounded from a disastrous 2-of-7 performance in the semifinal round Friday that ended their dreams of winning the state title.

Skyline won the team title with 199.5 points followed by Centennial at 167 and Minico at 161.5.

Only the Andersons won their semifinal matches Friday but Caine Hammond (103), Eric Adams (112), Mark Harper (119) and Joey Vail rebounded to place third for the Spartans and help them gain ground Saturday.

It was hardly unusual for the



Jeff Anderson jumps for joy after winning the 5A 160-pound state wrestling championship at The Idaho Center in Nampa on Saturday. The win completed an undefeated season for the Spartan wrestler.

Andersons to be leading the way for Minico.

“We haven't had captains before, but that was the plan for us to lead drills and get everyone started at practice,” Jeff Anderson said. “And if someone wasn't working hard, we'd get on them.”

His run and eventual championship may have been more improbable than his namesake since Josh Anderson finished third last year at state, wrestling with basically one arm after a mid-season injury kept him out of action for much of the year.

And as the win streak continued to mount, so did the pressure and his belief in his ability.

“My confidence continued to grow,” Jeff Anderson said. “But then I'd think, ‘I can't give anything up now.’”



Minico's Josh Anderson, bottom, came up short in his bid for a state championship against Skyline's Chase Johnson, who pinned the Spartan in 4:21.

Spartans fall to Patriots

Centennial ends Minico's season

By John Derr
Times-News writer

GLENN'S FERRY — Minico fell two points short of the state tournament Saturday, losing to the Centennial Patriots 62-60 in the 5A Interdistrict playoff game at Glenn's Ferry High School.

The game was close early, until the Spartans took control late in the second period.

Minico built a 10-point lead only to see the Patriots rally to tie it. Centennial then made its final shot

to earn the victory and berth to next week's state tournament in Nampa.

Centennial advances to the state tournament for the first time in five years and will open with District Three's Timberline in the first round.

“I am proud of the kids. I have nothing but gratitude for the effort they put in (all season),” Minico coach Mike Graefe said. “We just made too many mistakes to win.”

Senior Ryan Hapworth led the Spartans (17-8) with a game-high 29 points, pouring in 20 in the first half.

“He has been a first-team all-state player all year,” Graefe said of his guard.

John Fennell, in his last game, had 13 for Minico.

Jim White led a trio of Patriots in double figures with 17 points. Brian Bieker tossed in 15 and Eric Christensen added 14.

The Spartans clung to a one-point lead heading into the final period and pushed it to 50-46 following jumpers by Fennell and Hapworth with five minutes left.

But Centennial came right back to take the lead with a Patriot basket and a drive by Christensen.

Trailing by three with 2:00 left.

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Eagle men win home finale easily

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A little bit of revenge mixed with a lot of homecoming pride showed as the College of Southern Idaho men crushed College of Eastern Utah 102-58 Saturday at the CSI gymnasium.

Ricky Clemons and Tony Bobbitt shined in their final home game as Clemons poured in 26 points and Bobbitt 25 as the two sterling sophomores combined for 13 3-pointers in the win.

The win, which avenged a 94-89 loss at CEU Jan. 25, was the 25th in a row against Scenic West Athletic Conference opponents.

Southern Idaho (23-5, 13-3 SWAC) shot a blistering 57.7 percent on 30-of-52 shooting.

Skyler Wilson had 15 points and Matt Thomas and Nick Whiting added 11 apiece to lead Eastern Utah (18-11, 8-9).

Tim Ellis added 12 points and Guillaume Yango had 10 to lead CSI, which held a 16-point lead at the half before going out on a 21-4 run midway through the second half cruising to an 84-47 lead with just over eight minutes left.

CSI coach Guy Beach said he was pleased with his team's showing, especially on defense.

“Overall it was a great team effort,” Beach said. “The second half we did an excellent job defensively. They outrebounded us in the first half and we did a better job in the second half.”

CSI finished with a 40-32 advantage on the boards and made 17 steals, nine by Bobbitt.

“I'm very pleased with this

Oh no: Medal chase falls short for speedskater

By Mike DeArmond
The Kansas City Star

SALT LAKE CITY — Once gold, once silver, once disqualified and once last in a relay field of four. That's how the Winter Olympics wound up for U.S. short-track icon Apolo Anton Oano.

Moving to more into position to qualify for the final of the 500-meter individual event, Oho was disqualified for “impeding” Japan's Satoru Ito.

As a semifinal midway through Saturday evening's action, Oho, second with a shot at becoming the second-most decorated U.S. Olympic athlete in Winter Games

history, Oho and his American teammates fell into a last-place finish in the four-team 5,000-meter relay team.

The Americans were in second



Apolo Anton Oano races in the second heat of the men's 500-meter short track speedskate Saturday.

place behind Canada, Italy and China far back. Then Rusty Smith slipped and fell into the retaining wall only lap 16 of the 45-lap medal final. The U.S.

never recovered, Canada taking the gold, Italy the silver and China the bronze.

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Declo's John Clark celebrates after pinning Logan Lusk of American Falls in 54 seconds of the Idaho 3A Wrestling Tournament's 103-pound state championship final.

Clark, Webb cradle state titles

By Joe Sunnen
Times-News writers

NAMPA - Four matches. Four pins. Five minutes and one second on the mat.

One undefeated season. One state championship. One hundred career wins.

For Declo's John Clark, Saturday's 3A state championship in the 103-pound class was truly a perfect ending to an incredible season.

"It's awesome," Clark said. Clark wrapped up his perfect 41-0 season the same way he had each of his previous three matches - with a quick pin. This time, Clark used a cradle to wrap up Logan Lusk of American Falls to claim the state title.

"I've been so nervous about it," Clark said. "I wanted the quick pin because I knew he was in better shape than I am. I've wrestled him before and it went three rounds. I just got him this time."

Clark and Lusk met at the Buhl Invitational earlier in the season, and Clark said he had to ride out an eventual decision. This time, it was short and sweet.

"I don't know if we expected John to dominate," Declo coach Jason Taylor said. "We just wanted him to stay focused. We have to plan on spending six minutes on the mat. He was really focused, aggressive and did what he needed to do."

A little later on, Hornet team-



Declo's Ian Webb, top, had little trouble with Carson Bedke of Sugar-Salem in their 125-pound 3A state championship match Saturday. Webb pinned Bedke in 2 minutes, 37 seconds.

mate Ian Webb took the 171-pound title, pinning Carson Bedke of Sugar-Salem in 1 minute, 37 seconds.

For Clark the state title was not only the culmination of four years of hard work; it also means he can start to eat again. Clark started growing after winter break and has struggled to maintain his weight.

"I probably weigh about 120 right now," Clark joked. "We ordered three big pizzas last night."

And while Clark's pre-bout meal was anything but power

fuel, it was effective. He joins brother Brent, a 1998 state champion, as title holders in the family.

"I had to top my brother," Clark said. "Winning a state championship, finishing undefeated and getting 100 wins makes it all the better."

Webb wins with another pin

NAMPA - Four victories. Four pins. One big grin.

Declo's Ian Webb captured the 171-pound Class 3A state title this season against a wrestler from Sugar-Salem's Carson Bedke Saturday

at The Idaho Center in Nampa. He wore a big grin to prove it.

"Pinning all four of your guys isn't easy to do here," Taylor said. "At about mid-January, he started thinking it could be me (winning a state title) as much as anybody and he started to really wrestle hard."

Webb surely didn't think it would happen at the beginning of the season.

Taylor said the beatings the senior took as a freshman helped shape his work ethic and resolve.

"Being a freshman in the upper-weight classes is tough," he said. "It's a real credit to him that he stuck with it. He's a four-year starter."

Waiting until the upper weights kicked off also helped him to focus.

"I was practicing my moves mentally and not trying to get too nervous," Webb said.

The victory sewed up a fourth-place finish for the Hornets team, which finished with 100 points behind Sugar-Salem (230.5), Snake River (135) and Kellogg (110).

It also allowed Declo to move past Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference rival Gooding.

"I didn't tell him," Taylor said.

But Webb said he already knew and tried to block it out.

"I was just concentrating on myself because I didn't want to make myself too nervous," he said.

Local medalists		
Class 8A	275 - Russell Wiersma, Buhl Third place	130 - Ranley Koyle, Gooding 215 - Esteban Serrano, Buhl 275 - Beau Cahoon, Declo Fourth place
Class 7A	180 - Jeff Anderson, Minico Second place	140 - Will Baggs, Buhl 152 - Brian Squires, Wood River 171 - Joey Silva, Kimberly 215 - Taryn Pullin, Filer Fifth place
Class 6A	152 - Josh Anderson, Minico Third place	112 - Lance Gillette, Gooding 119 - David Egeradorf, Kimberly 140 - Kevin Rogers, Gooding 189 - Ryan Perera, Gooding Sixth place
Class 5A	103 - Gene Hammond, Minico Fourth place	112 - Cody Rogers, Gooding 130 - Tyler Dschaak, Declo
Class 4A	112 - Eric Adams, Minico 119 - Mark Harper, Minico 171 - Joey Vall, Minico Fifth place	Class 3A
Class 3A	125 - Ryan Pohlman, Twin Falls 189 - Dayne Hansen, Minico 275 - Mike Barnes, Minico Fifth place	Class 2A
Class 2A	140 - Armando Salinas, Twin Falls 145 - Brady Calvert, Twin Falls Sixth place	Class 1A
Class 1A	125 - Jose Vega, Minico	275 - Jason Blatt, Wendell Third place
Class 4A	275 - Jaxson Jones, Burley Second place	145 - Mac Erickson, Raft River 171 - Mark Dimond, Wendell Fourth place
Class 3A	119 - Billy Ortman, Burley 171 - Gerardo Vega, Burley Sixth place	135 - Tyson Hutchison, Raft River 275 - Josh Maxwell, Wendell Fifth place
Class 2A	152 - Riley Goley, Jerome	171 - Kasey Kowitz, Valley 189 - Will Yoder, Wendell 215 - Brice Nelson, Oakley Sixth place
Class 1A	103 - John Clark, Declo 125 - Travis Stone, Gooding 135 - Matt Conover, Wood River 171 - Ian Webb, Declo Second place	145 - Josh Sirucek, Buhl



Gooding's Travis Stone, right, grapples with Damon Rowe of Kellogg in their 125-pound class state championship bout Saturday at The Idaho Center. Stone beat Rowe 6-3 to finish his year at 31-1.

Travis Stone takes 3A 125-pound crown

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

NAMPA - Travis Stone was shut out going into the third round but he was the 3A 125-pound state champion coming out of it.

"I just wanted to stay calm and wrestle my match," said Stone, who downed Kellogg's Damon Rowe 6-3 at the Idaho 3A Wrestling Tournament Saturday at The Idaho Center in Nampa.

Trailing 1-0 after two periods, Stone (31-1) immediately scored a reversal from the down position in the third period for the 2-1 lead but immediately gave it

back when Rowe escaped to knot it at 2-2.

But Stone managed a knockout with about 30 seconds remaining in the match and then rode it out for the victory.

"I just wanted to stay away from his throws," Stone said. "I heard from other wrestlers that he was quick, so I wanted to be aware of that."

His father/coach, Doug, said the feeling of watching his son win the state title was particularly special - and stressful.

"That last minute just seemed to last forever," he said. "I was thinking, 'Don't get thrown. Don't get thrown.' He didn't."

Buhl's Wiersma falls to defending champ; Sirucek falls short

By Joe Sunnen
Times-News writer

NAMPA - Buhl's Russell Wiersma did everything he could to beat two-time defending state champion Sky Pruitt of Lakeland.

He pushed the heavyweight to three rounds. He scored points on a takedown - the first point to do so in the tournament. He was more aggressive, smarter and more savvy.

That doesn't mean it hurt any less when he lost.

Pruitt became a three-time 3A state heavyweight champion Saturday at The Idaho Center in Nampa, outlasting Wiersma 9-4 for the title.

Pruitt built an 8-2 lead in the first round after nearly pinning Wiersma in the first 20 seconds and held on for the win.

"I couldn't have hoped for a better opportunity," Wiersma said. "I wore him down. I scored on him early. I controlled a lot of that match. I was pretty proud of the way I handled myself."

For the past three years, Pruitt has been like the Terminator, Superman and Charles Atlas all rolled into one. He's dominated his opponent every time out on the mat at the state tournament.

"He expected it to be no different this time."

"I wasn't that match I wanted to end with," Pruitt said. "Usually I'm the aggressor. I get out there and set my tempo and do exactly



Russell Wiersma is comforted by his coaches after losing the heavyweight bout.

what I want to do. That match I did it for a while, but I did do what I wanted to. My third time wasn't the way I pictured it."

The problem for Wiersma was that the match did go just as he pictured it and he still lost. Trying to tire Pruitt into making a mistake by forcing three periods was the best way to upset the North Texas University-bound senior.

It was also one way to handle giving up close to 60 pounds in weight difference. Wiersma weighs around 215 pounds, while Pruitt has to diet to make 275.

"We know he hadn't been to the third period," Buhl coach Steve Wilson said. "We could get there,

I knew maybe there was a chance we could catch him and beat him."

It's rare that just going the distance against another wrestler is an accomplishment, but for Wiersma it was. Pruitt has been forced to a third period just once this season against a wrestler from Spokane, Wash., and he lost. The Lakeland senior finished second at the national tournament last season and has been unbeatable in Idaho.

"Russell wrestled his tail off," Wilson said. "You can't take anything away from him. He never quit and didn't get pinned. It took him about five minutes to get over the loss and realize he accom-



Buhl's Josh Sirucek, bottom, lost his 3A 145-pound state championship bout to Welser's Chance Stevenson.

plished something. We have one more year to battle."

Buhl senior just misses title

NAMPA - It was one move that Buhl senior Josh Sirucek would like to take back.

Welser's Chance Stevenson pinned Sirucek with less than 30 seconds remaining in the 145-pound championship of the Idaho 3A Wrestling Tournament Saturday at The Idaho Center in Nampa to take the state title.

The pin capped nearly three rounds of takedowns, cross-falls and nearly falls in what was essentially a physical chess match between two technically superior wrestlers.

"It was a good kid," Sirucek said. "I don't feel too bad. It was my mistake that beat me. I was able to compete and have fun. It just came down on the way I wrestled it."

The two wrestled to a 13-13 standoff before Sirucek shot in for a takedown and was caught off

balance. Stevenson pulled the Indian senior to his back and pulled in his arms for the pin.

"He was a good wrestler and I just got caught in it cost me," Sirucek said. "There wasn't too much I could do."

Sirucek was not only trying to win a state title but avenge a loss to Stevenson earlier in the year. The Welser senior beat Sirucek 12-11 at the American Falls Tournament.

Stevenson said fitness was the key to winning his close matches.

"I think it just comes down to stamina," Stevenson said. "I'm just in better shape than anybody I've wrestled this year."

Sirucek's mistake did little to tarnish the run he put together at the state tournament. He pinned all three of his opponents before the championship match and nearly pulled off an upset for the title.

"I really did have fun," he said.

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Ride ends for Wendell's Blair

By Joe Sunnen Times-News writer



Wendell's Jason Blair, top, gets thrown by Orofino's Brian Fritchman in their 2A 189-pound final. Blair lost the match when Fritchman, last year's 272-pound champion, pinned Blair at the 5:09 mark.

NAMPA - Jason Blair's emotional roller coaster finally came to a stop Saturday at the Idaho Center. Orofino junior Brian Fritchman pinned Blair in 5 minutes, 9 seconds in the Idaho 2A Wrestling Tournament state finale of the 189-pound class. It was Fritchman's second title in as many years after he took the 171-pound title as a sophomore. "The main thing I wanted to do was stay in control the whole match," Fritchman said. For Blair, it was the second time he managed a second-place finish. "He was a really good wrestler," Blair said "He was a lot tougher than I thought he would be." Blair trailed just 2-1 after the first round, but spent most of the second round fighting to stand up while Fritchman controlled him from the top. "I usually like wrestling off the mat," Blair said. "I just couldn't do anything with him. Nothing." Blair almost gathered near-fall points at the end of the round when he briefly pulled Fritchman by his shoulders, but couldn't cinch him in for a pin. Those last few seconds of the second round would be as close as the Wendell Trojan would get to the state title he coveted so much.

"I almost had him in a cowboy," Blair said. "I was just that close. I had him in it and he just slipped out." Besides winning a second state title, the pin was particularly satisfying for Fritchman, who was rightfully stripped of the No. 1 seed before the tournament started because he moved up a weight class while Blair remained at 189 after being state runner-up last season. "It motivated me," Fritchman said. "They took my seed away when I should have been the one." After the pin, Blair layed on the mat with his hands over his head in disbelief before slumping in a chair while teammate Will Yoder did his best to console his friend. With his voice still shaky and his eyes red, Blair tried to put his accomplishments in perspective. "I got second again and I guess that's all right," he said.

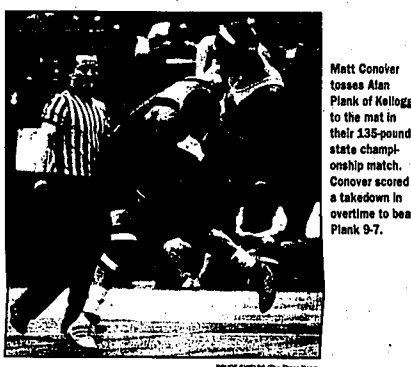
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Jones falls a point short for first loss

By Scott Thompson Times-News writer

NAMPA - Burley's "Action" Jaxxon Jones was grounded Saturday as Caldwell's Dan Ledda scored a 6-5 victory by taking away the fleet-footed Jones' foot speed. It was the second time in two years the Caldwell heavyweight defeated Jones en route to state titles. Last year, Ledda pinned Jones in 51 seconds in the semifinal round. But that loss did little to dim the Burley heavyweight's confidence going into Saturday's championship bout at the Idaho 4A Wrestling Tournament at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

"I thought I wrestled well," said Jones, who couldn't fight off tears. "I wrestled to the best of my ability. I just didn't think I would lose." He nearly didn't. Jones was down just a point with about 30 seconds remaining and frantically tried time and again for two-point takeovers. "I was just thinking, 'Gotta score. Gotta score,'" he said. But Ledda was able to keep Jones away from his legs by tying his arms up and taking away Jones' quickness advantage. "It just came up a little short," Burley coach Clint Milliron agreed. "It was just awesome," he said.



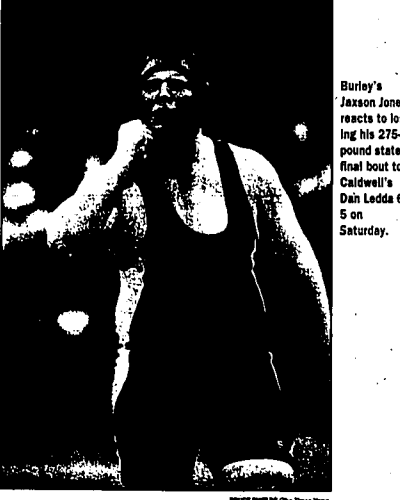
Matt Conover tosses Alan Plank of Kellogg to the mat in their 135-pound state championship match. Conover scored a takedown in overtime to beat Plank 9-7.

Wood River's Conover takes title in overtime

By Joe Sunnen Times-News writer

NAMPA - Wood River's Matt Conover might be the only state wrestling champion that's going to celebrate by slipping on a pair of ice skates. Conover's double-leg takedown in overtime pushed the Wolverine junior past Alan Plank of Kellogg, 9-7, to win the Idaho 3A Wrestling Tournament championship at 135 pounds Saturday at the Idaho Center in Nampa on Saturday. That's not too bad for a hockey player, and it was a memorable way to conclude an improbable three-day run. "I'm feeling very, very, good," Conover said. "My eye kind of hurts, but I'm going fine." Conover battled a cold, a black eye, and a near pin in the second round to grab the title. "When I was on my back I had thoughts of going back to school with second-place," Conover said. "I didn't know how much time was left, but when I saw the towel guy come out, I knew I had enough time to come back." Conover and Plank wrestled to a 7-7 tie through three rounds

and had his first double-leg in overtime taken away when he stepped out of bounds. But a few seconds later Conover shot again and this time took Plank down on his back. "Knowing Matt I'd say it was an upset," Wood River coach Danny Turner said. "Plank was a kid from up north and we've never seen him before. We didn't know much about him and he was the No. 1 kid. Matt was the No. 2 guy. He was the underdog." Conover moved into the championship match after earning a 4-3 win with a caution point in the semifinals. Against Plank he not only proved that he belonged in the title match, but that he was the best. "So what does a state champion do to celebrate? When you're also a member of the Sun Valley Suns midjet league hockey team, you hit the ice. "Tonight I might go play a game with my team because they're over in Boise," Conover said. "And if we win we'll be in the state championship on Sunday." That's a pretty good weekend.



Burley's Jaxxon Jones reacts to losing his 275-pound state final bout to Caldwell's Dan Ledda 6-5 on Saturday.

CSI

Continued from C1 weekend," Beach said. "I think them beating us down there a month ago had our guys motivated for tonight." CSI finishes up the regular season with games at Ricks College Thursday and North Idaho College on Saturday. CSI women CEU 64, CSI 62 Eastern Utah's Julianne Orgill led all scorers with 15 points as the Com Eagles posted a 64-62 upset of Southern Idaho Saturday at the CSI gymnasium. The win averaged a 65-60 loss to CSI on Jan. 25 and halted CSI's

three-game winning streak. Belinda Stubbs scored 13 points all free throws after going 0-for-10 in the first and Melanie Crozier had 12 to lead CSI (9-18, 9-7 SWAC), which shot just 26 percent for the game on 15-of-58 for the game. Eastern Utah (11-18, 6-11) shot 41 percent making 23-of-55 in the first half. The teams were tied at 61 after Crozier dialed in a 3-pointer and again at 62 after each made one free throw with just over a minute left. But CSI missed four shots and a pair of free throws by Tara Chemsirat as CEU got the benefit of a questionable foul on Crozier with just seconds left.

Kasey Mills drained two free throws and after a CSI timeout, Angela Williams missed a potential game-winning 3-pointer. But Orgill was whistled for a traveling call on the ensuing rebound giving the ball back to CSI, which went back to Williams, who put up another errant 3-point attempt. There was still 0.2 seconds showing on the clock when the officials called the game. Throw-ins Things are desiccated at the top of the women's standings as Dixie State College, Ricks College and Salt Lake

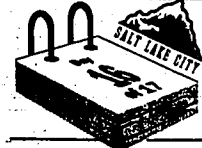
Community College are all tied at 13-3 after Saturday. The women's regular season champion hosts this year's Region XVIII Tournament March 6-9. Dixie defeated Ricks 65-57 and Utah Valley beat Salt Lake 64-60 on Saturday setting up next weekend as the one that will decide the tournament host. If the teams remain tied after next weekend, the tournament would be at Salt Lake CC because the Lady Bruins hold the first tiebreaker.

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SALT LAKE CITY 2002 OLYMPICS



U.S. makes breakthrough in bobsled

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The Olympic number for Saturday - lucky and unlucky - was two. As in two medals for the U.S. men's bobsled team - silver and a bronze, breaking a 46-year run of Winter Games futility.

At the Games As in Apolo Anton Ohno's 040r-2 in his last pair of Olympic races, leaving the 19-year-old short-track speedskating sensation with two medals in his first-ever games.

As in two runs in the men's slalom - one too many for U.S. skier Bode Miller, who started his second run in - where else? - second place before ending up 25th.

Ending an era of Winter Games failure that stretched from Elvis to Briney, the two American bobsled teams swept to silver and bronze medals that few would have predicted before the opening ceremony two weeks ago. Although the gold medal went to Germany 2, driven by Anish Laugel, second place - not to mention third - was every bit as sweet to the Americans.

"We came out here wanting a medal of any color - it didn't matter," said Todd Hays, driver of silver-medal winning USA-1. "What an amazing ending."

With just two gold medals left to hand out Sunday, Germany continued to lead all countries with 35 medals (12 gold, 16 silver, seven bronze). The Americans were second with its best-ever 33 medals. (10-12-11), followed by Norway with 22 (11-7-4).

Cross Country Skiing

Just as his Web site proclaims, Johann Muehlegg is the "king of Soldier Hollow." Muehlegg, a German who became a Spanish citizen in 1999, won his third gold medal of the games in the 50-kilometer classical race.

"Now I am feeling very tired," Muehlegg said. "I'm not sure if I will be able to celebrate these gold medals."

Muehlegg - known as "Juanito" in his adopted country - switched affiliations after a 1999 falling out with the German ski federation. He emerged as the dominant skier at the Soldier Hollow course in these Olympics.

Russian Mikhail Ivanov won the silver, while Estonia's Andrus Veerpalu took the bronze. Muehlegg earlier won gold in the 30K freestyle and 10K pursuit. Only Norway's Ole Einar Bjoerdalen, with four golds, and Croatia's Janica Kostelic, with three, have done as well as Muehlegg.

Speedskating

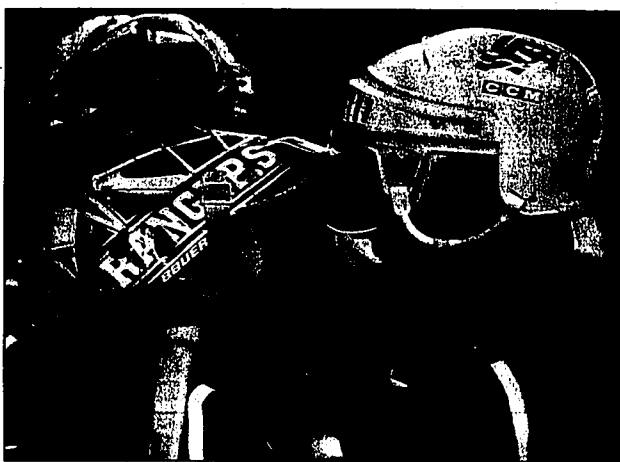
Two-time defending gold medalist Claudia Pechstein of Germany, in a world record performance, took the gold in the women's 5,000 meters.

It was her second gold of the games, and made her just the second speedskater to ever win three consecutive Olympic titles. American Bonnie Blair won the 500 in 1988, '92 and '94.

Pechstein, 30, now has seven career Olympic medals, including four golds.



U.S. skiers celebrate their bronze medal win in the men's 1000m short-track speedskating race Saturday.



USA's Brian Leetch, right, congratulates goalie Mike Richter after their 3-2 win over Russia in a semifinal Friday.

Two dreams, one gold

Canada faces U.S. in hockey

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah (AP) - For three periods, two hours and one history-making afternoon, it will be bigger than Game 7 of the Stanley Cup finals. With national pride and a gold medal at stake, it will be bigger than hockey itself.

Canada and the United States play today in the final on the last day of the Winter Olympics, drawing all eyes from bordering countries divided by patriotic loyalties but drawn together by one sport. Americans and Canadians go at each other nightly in NHL arenas from Vancouver to Miami, but this, of course, will be much different.

"This is the greatest thing that has happened for a long, long time," Team Canada executive director Wayne Gretzky said Saturday. "This will be the most-watched hockey game in the world - ever."

For Canadians, who invented hockey and follow it with an unmatched passion and loyalty, this would be the game they have waited since 1952, the last time the Maple Leaf wore the Olympic gold medal.

For the United States, it is an opportunity to relive the golden sports moment that perhaps lives in the hearts of Americans more than any other - coach Herb Brooks' 1980 Olympic team's seemingly impossible gold medal. The United States hasn't won a medal of any color since.

That Brooks is again behind the bench, unbeaten in the Olympics (10-0-2), only adds another extraordinary story line to a game that needs nothing other than the



Canada's Paul Kariya (9), left, Steve Yzerman (19), center and Mario Lemieux (88) celebrate Yzerman's second period goal during their semifinal match with Belarus Friday.

opposing jerseys to sell it. "It's great that it's Canada and the United States," U.S. defenseman Brian Leetch said. "It makes for a great story. It's perfect. It's what everyone was hoping for."

Everyone except those from Russia, Sweden and the Czech Republic. For the NHL, it could be a windfall, the once-in-a-generation game that compels people who otherwise would never watch a hockey game to turn on their TVs.

Bronze medal game

Russia 7, Belarus 2
WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah - Alexei Kovalev had two goals and an assist as Russia won the bronze medal in Olympic hockey with a 7-2 victory over Belarus on Saturday.

With an uninspired but produc-

ive performance against the tournament's most surprising underdog, the Russians claimed their 12th medal in Olympic hockey - a record their nation will share with Canada after Sunday's gold-medal game.

Sill, it was a disappointing finish for Russia, which won silver in Nagano and gold in three of the previous four Olympics. Russia has eight hockey gold medals in all, more than any nation.

A 3-2 loss to the United States on Friday night - caused by the latest in a series of slow starts by Russia's phenomenal group of forwards - cost the Russians a chance to play for another gold.

Instead, they took out their frustrations on Belarus in a physical game between two teams representing nations with a long history of dislike. Belarus is a former Soviet republic.

shut down the U.S. Olympic Committee Web site for nine hours after Ohno's victory by disqualification of South Korea's Dong-Sung Kim in the 1,500 meters on Wednesday evening.

"It seems that the gold was taken from us," South Korean delegation chief Park Sung-in charged the next day as South Korea threatened to sue the referee and boycott Sunday night's Closing Ceremony. "The gold medal should be awarded to the athlete who finished first, not the athlete who was the favorite."

Both threats were later withdrawn as the South Koreans took their complaints to the Court of Arbitration of Sports, an action that seems doomed to failure. Under short-track rules a referee's disqualification may not be protested.

Kim, after setting an Olympic record in a preliminary race of the 500, didn't make the final.

Bode Miller flops on final slalom run

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) - Bode Miller could have played it safe on a treacherous slalom course and walked to his third medal in 11 days.

But that's not his style. Miller threw himself down the mountain Saturday afternoon, falling just 15 seconds into his run. He climbed back onto the course, but missed a gate about 20 seconds later. Miller again worked his way back and finished in 25th place, nearly 12 seconds behind a Frenchman who won gold in his Olympic debut.

"It's the Olympics, you know. If I had backed off and I came down in fifth place or sixth place, I think I would have been really disappointed. I was going for the win," said Miller.

"If it was somewhere else, maybe I would have had the ability to hold back a little bit more. But I want to go out and race my best race in front of my home crowd."

Jean-Pierre Vidal, who three years ago severed ligaments in both knees in a training accident and spent 45 days in a wheelchair, won by 0.76 seconds over French teammate Sebastian Amiez.

Alistair Baxter won bronze, becoming the first British skier to win an Alpine medal.

Vidal, who turns 25 today, had a lead of 2.15 seconds over Amiez from the first run and delicately twisted down the slope for gold.

"When I heard that Miller had gone out, I knew that I had a two-second lead over Amiez and all I need was to finish," Vidal said.



Bode Miller falls during his second run in the men's slalom Saturday.

"But I still needed to finish." Miller had won silver in the giant slalom and in the combined event, and was trying to become the first U.S. skier to win three Alpine medals in a career - left alone this Olympics.

And he was in perfect place to do just that, starting the afternoon run in second place - trailing only Vidal. Miller had a lead of 1.79 seconds over Amiez entering the run, and knew beating Amiez would ensure him of at least another silver medal.

He also knew several skiers had fallen or missed gates on an incredibly tricky second-run course set by Miller's coach, U.S. slalom coach Jesse Hunt.

"My coaches set it to challenge the skiers. What it does is allow me to put a lot of time on guys, because I come into those sections with a lot more speed than anybody else," Miller said. "I can carry it through usually. It's a risk every time you do it. That's slalom racing."

What you see isn't always what you get

SALT LAKE CITY - He's already left juvenile delinquency and some of the best skaters in the world behind.

But there is still one opponent Apolo Anton Ohno can't shake. Controversy.

On Saturday night, for his third short track race in as many tries, it caught the Seattle teen-ager in its grasp and shook the sport, which like figure skating, has become a dispiriting metaphor for these Winter Games. What you see isn't always what you get.

In the second semifinal of the 500-meter, Ohno got off to his usual slow start and was hanging back in third place through the third of 4.5 laps when he made his move. It was the second qualifying spot. But with Satoru Terao on his right in the next-to-last turn, Ohno's outside skate blade caught the Japanese skater and upended him like a shovel dislodging a chunk of ice. The moment sent Terao careening into the padded sideboard and the judges reaching for their notebooks.

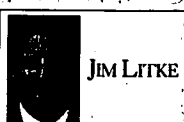
Ohno eventually finished the race in third place, then slowly circled the ice, much as he had in Wednesday night's 1,500, awaiting the judges' verdict. Unlike the last time, this call went against him.

He stole one last look at the video board, hoping to catch the replay while most of the stunned crowd sat in silence. With his quest for four medals out of reach and a few catcalls ringing in his ears, Ohno grinned and left the rink.

"I tried to set up the Japanese skater on the inside," he said. "I tried to hold the track and ran out of room."

Say this much for Ohno and controversy - they both sell. Once again, his appearance in the 500 and the 500-meter relay made the Salt Lake Ice Center the place to be. The building was packed and the luminaries in attendance ranged from Salt Lake Organizing Committee boss Mitt Romney to former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani to American figure skating bronze medalist Michelle Kwan to one-time U.S. short track ace Cathy Turner - the closest thing the sport offers to a star. Joannie Weston, the "Blonde Amazon" of Roller Derby fame.

But there was no doubt in the house about who was the star. False versions of the soul patch that dangled from Ohno's lower lip adorned the crowd, including a matching pair worn by one woman and her dog. Whether it's Ohno's relatives promoters or his



considerable achievements at age 19 - he was No. 1 in the world in every distance last season - he rarely fails to provide a buzz.

Even his quarterfinal race offered a delicious plot twist.

Among the four skaters in that group was Italian Fabio Carta, whose mouth moves faster than either his skates or his brain. After Ohno's disputed gold medal win over South Korean Kim Dong-sung in the 1,500, Carta, who finished fourth, said the American was lucky not to be kicked out. On the bell lap, Ohno swooped in to take the second and final qualifying place from Carta, an opponent he advanced to the next round.

The American cover boy's life off the ice has been no less eventful. Ohno met President Bush and Lance Armstrong, who could tell him a thing or two about what it's like to be dogged by an opponent who refuses to play fair. Like the president, he's learned what it's like to live with an armed bodyguard for a shadow.

A Utah state trooper drew that duty after Ohno won the 1,500-meter following Kim's disqualification. The barrage of threatening e-mails forced the U.S. Olympic Committee to shut down its Internet server and contact the FBI. Ohno admitted he wasn't worried about the angry missives so much as whether the six stitches in his left thigh would let him get off to the quick start the 500 demands.

He turned out to be right. "I knew I had a little downfall, really off my start. I didn't really get off the line too well. But that's all right. I still have the relay."

The stitches were the result of a chain-reaction crash in Ohno's first event, the 1,000-meter. He needed to slip and slide to claim silver at the finish line and switched to close a grab in his leg opened up when he fell across a skate blade.

Soon after Ohno was finished, Giuliani and his entourage left, deciding not to stick around for the relay. Apparently, they had enough controversy for one night.

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SALT LAKE 2002 OLYMPICS

Judging scandal poisons Olympic spirit

By Steve Wiltstein
The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The figure skating judging scandal poisoned the winter Games from the opening days until the end.

It was the anti-Olympic spirit story, diminishing the joy of watching the likes of Jim Shea seize gold.

It was the beauty of the white Wasatch mountains shimmering in the sun, the acrobatic antics of the U.S. halfpipers and the lump-in-the-throat snowboard run of Chris Klug 19 months after a transplanted liver saved his life.

The scandal emerged from the obscurity of pairs skating and became NBC's No. 1 nightly soap opera, the ratings rising with every twist and turn. It didn't have the cast of screwball characters that the Tonya Harding/Nancy Kerrigan show did eight years ago, and nobody got whacked, but it had a similar farcical quality.

All the shenanigans deepened the gold medal, at least for some. It also might have compromised the International Olympic Committee, and led indirectly to boycott threats by the Russians and South Koreans over judging complaints in other events.

"Any country that gets miffed at judges now can look back at the day the IOC put the squeeze on skating bosses to give away an extra gold."

Maybe the IOC was right to hand a gold to the Canadian pair to match the Russian couple, but it failed to investigate before acting. So far, the International Skating Union's internal investigation has gathered contradictory testimony to be presented at a council meeting in April.



U.S. gold medalist Sarah Hughes performs during the Olympic figure skating exhibition Friday in Salt Lake City.

The French judge in the middle of it all, Marie-Reine Le Gouge, cried to fellow judges the night of the event that she was pressured by French Federation chief Didier Galhaguet — also an ISU council member — to vote for the Russians. It was part of an alleged deal to secure a gold for the French in ice dancing. Galhaguet has denied the claims.

Nine days later, with lawyers at her side, Le Gouge recounted, said she wasn't pressured by anyone and claimed she really voted for the Russian pair on merit in the 5-4 decision over the Canadians.

"If that was the case, perhaps the Canadians didn't deserve a gold after all."

Le Gouge, by all accounts an earnest, sophisticated Frenchwoman, not unlike her colleagues around the rink, was transformed overnight into the villain of the games.

If she broke down under French federation pressure, as she first claimed, was it her fault or the judging system's?

The ISU blamed her and the

system, suspending her indefinitely, and quickly devised a "revolutionary" proposal for revamping judging.

The plan, complete with a roulette-wheel spin of the computer to see which seven of 14 judges' ballots count, is supposed to thwart vote swapping and bloc voting. The last attempt at reform with a far less ambitious plan failed two years ago to get past the ISU Congress.

No matter how the ISU cuts it, judges are still going to be watching too many things at once, doing their best to be fair, and fans will still jeer some of their crazy scores.

"A judge's life is not for the thinned. It requires a certain toughness to take the abuse heaped on them, even when events aren't rigged. And to do it free of charge out of sheer love for the sport, as virtually all judges do, requires an extraordinary calling.

The judges here are lawyers, doctors, engineers, teachers, psychologists, hairdressers, musi-

cians. Almost all of them are former competitive skaters at some level. They go through training, take tests, get rated and are judged on judging. They spend thousands of dollars of their own money, give up a dozen weekends a year, and work their way up the ranks from shopping mall rinks to arenas for 15 years or more.

Long before they hear Olympic crowds whistling and booing, they hear irate parents berating them for not giving little Katie or Kyle better marks.

Le Gouge was once one of those distraught young girls. That's why she became a judge — to make the world a better place for young skaters. As she tells it, she started skating as a 6-year-old in Strasbourg, and when she got good enough she traveled every year to the French nationals in Paris. And every year she finished second while a Parisian girl came in first. Someday, she vowed, she would become a judge and make the system fair.

There are people who believe

that figure skating's judging practices are "completely irredeemable and corrupt," to borrow a phrase from IOC member Dick Pound of Canada. Maybe that's going too far, though one of the judges here, Volker Waldack of Germany, a tax attorney, says that when he tells people what he does for fun their reaction is, "Oh, you're one of those evil men ... a mean little person."

Not that fans don't have good reasons for believing that. The scoring is arcane and the results are often hard to fathom. Rarely does an Olympics go by when some skaters don't feel they've been victimized by politically or aesthetically biased judges. It is coincidence or pure dominance that a Russian or Soviet pair has won a gold in every Olympics since 1964?

If any good came out of the scandal it is the warning to the judges in the rest of the events that they were being watched closely.

The heightened sense of scrutiny paid off dramatically in the premier event when Sarah Hughes won the women's gold after placing fourth in the short program.

In years past, reputation and the accepted pecking order would have prevented a 16-year-old like Hughes, who had never won a national or world title, from moving up higher than a bronze, even with a brilliant long program. This time, the judges scored it straight, placing Hughes first in the long over the much more celebrated Russian Irina Slutskaya and sentimental favorite Michelle Kwan.

That was enough to send Hughes to the top of the podium, a trip she might not have made if it weren't for the ugly uproar during the previous 10 days.

All that shouting, and the double gold it produced, led the Russians to stake their own claim of judging bias and demand a gold for Slutskaya, too. The protest failed, but the hard feelings will probably linger.

At the Games

2002 Winter Olympic Daily Schedule

Today's televised events

All Times MST
On NBC
1-4 p.m.
U.S. vs. Canada men's hockey (gold medal game)
8-9 p.m.
Women's 30-kilometer cross-country (telem)
closing ceremony (live)

Today's schedule of events

All Times MST
Cross-Country Skiing
A: Bolder Hopper
Women's 20km Classical, 9:30 a.m.
Ice Hockey
E: Center
Men's Gold Medal
Canada vs. United States, 7 p.m.



Medals Table

(76 medal events)

Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Germany	12	16	7	35
USA	10	10	10	30
Canada	5	3	8	16
Austria	4	5	2	11
France	4	5	2	11
Italy	3	3	4	10
China	2	2	4	8
Sweden	0	2	4	6
South Korea	2	0	4	6
Britain	1	0	2	3
Bulgaria	0	1	2	3
Czech Republic	1	0	2	3
Poland	0	1	2	3
Slovenia	0	0	1	1

U.S. bobsleds win silver and bronze

By Joe Juliano
Knight Ridder News Service

PARK CITY, Utah — The finish line of the bobsled run at Bear Hollow looked like Times Square at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve Saturday night.

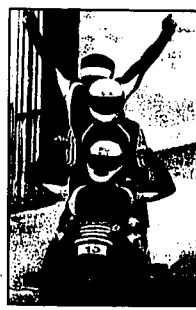
The group of drivers, pushers, brakemen and coaches of the two sleds representing the United States were the loudest in the area, and they didn't even win the Olympic four-man bobsled.

Victory didn't really matter, however. For the first time since 1956, a U.S. men's bobsled won a medal in the Winter Olympics. Actually, thanks to some clutch driving by Todd Hays and Brian Shimer in the fourth and final run, through the bone-chilling wind and snow at Utah Olympic Park, they won two.

Hays, who fell from the third run to third after the third run, placed 47.33, on USA-2 and finished on USA-1 and took the silver medal. Shimer, competing in his fifth and final Olympics, notched the fastest time of the last run, 47.23, on USA-2 and climbed one notch up the standings into third for the bronze.

"The United States stood 1-2 before Germany-2, the only sled with a chance to beat them, did just that. With Andre Lange driving, the Germans were precise in the turns and crossed the line in 47.32, to take the gold with an aggregate time of 3 minutes, 7.51 seconds, beating the two U.S. sleds by 30 and 35 seconds, respectively.

"It was difficult later to figure out for whom Hays, a former football player from Del Rio, Texas, was more excited — himself or the 38-year-old Shimer, who overcame injuries, two knee surgeries and doubts by his own coaching staff to return for one more



U.S. bobsled team USA-1 celebrates its silver medal Saturday in Park City, Utah.

Olympic filing.

"We are really happy with the silver, I'll tell you that much," Hays said. "To see Brian Shimer, in his fifth Olympics, the last one of his life, pull the fastest run of (the final run) and battle back to win the bronze, if that's not a story-book finish, I don't know what is."

Shimer credited Hays with pushing him to get better, but he also had a little dig for his colleague.

"Todd said to me, 'Could you think of a better way to end this?' and I said, 'Yeah, beating you,' but I wasn't for Todd. I wouldn't be sitting here. Through my career in the sport, I never had anybody to push me. I didn't like being se-

ond, so it was time to step it up."

Hays, who paid for his first sled with a \$10,000 prize he won in a freestyle fight tournament, was joined in his sled by Randy Jones of Winston-Salem, N.C., Bill Schuffenauer of Ogden, Utah, and Garrett Hines of Atlanta. Jones and Hines became the first African-American men to medal in a Winter Olympics.

The Russians in Shimer's sled included Mike Kohn of Chantilly, Va.; Doug Sharp of Jeffersonville, Ind.; and Dan Steele of Rock Island, Ill.

Hays, one of the hottest drivers in world bobsled, ended Friday's competition with a lead of .09 seconds over Germany-2 and Switzerland-1. But leading off Sweden in the third run, with temperatures in the mid-40s, Hays finished in 47.22, only the fourth-fastest time, and was passed by the two sleds that had been just behind them.

Shimer ripped off the second-fastest time of the third run and moved into fourth place, knowing a medal was in his grasp if he could remain consistent and someone ahead of him faltered in a fourth run where the temperature dipped 10 degrees and wind-blown snow arrived.

The faltering sled belonged to Switzerland, which clocked 47.49 after the American sleds had completed their final runs. Germany, however, made no mistakes and captured the gold, although you couldn't tell from the jubilation on the faces of the U.S. sledgers and their fans.

Shimer said he didn't know "what brought us down the hill so fast on that last run."

"It was electric," he said. "The fans were cheering and just willing us all the way down. I can't think of a better way to end my career on American soil."

U.S. Olympians

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- 11. Sweden, 47:50.00
- 12. Austria, 47:51.00
- 13. France, 47:52.00
- 14. Italy, 47:53.00
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SPORTS

McCarron, Sutherland reach final at Match Play Minico

Sloucum fires 64 to lead Tucson

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — This World Golf Championship event looks more like the final of the Sacramento city tournament.

After a week of surprising losses by Tiger Woods and just about every other big name in golf, the final survivors of the Match Play Championship are Scott McCarron and Kevin Sutherland, who have been playing each other since they were kids.

McCarron claimed a dramatic 1-up victory over Paul Azinger by holing a 40-foot birdie putt on the final hole. Sutherland became the highest seed ever to reach the finals — No. 62 — with a 1-up victory when Brad Faxon three-putted the 18th green from 15 feet.

Next up is a 36-hole final for Sutherland and the 45th-seeded McCarron.

In the quarterfinals, McCarron beat Tom Lehman 4 and 2, Sutherland edged PGA champion David Toms 3 and 2, Azinger beat Bob Estes 2 and 1, and Brad Faxon defeated Jose Maria Olazabal in 20 holes.

Sloucum takes lead at Tucson Open

TUCSON, Ariz. — Heath Sloucum, struggling in his first full season on the PGA Tour, shot an 8-under 64 to take a one-stroke lead over Andrew Magee and Brandt Chamblee in the Tucson Open.

Sloucum, who missed the cut in four of five previous tournaments, had eagled the par-5 second hole and added six birdies to finish 54 holes at 16-under 200. He qualified for the PGA Tour last year by winning three Buy.com Tour events.

Dougherty shoots 65 at Audi Senior Classic

NAUCAFLAN, Mexico — Ed Dougherty shot a 7-under 65 to take a two-stroke lead over Bruce Fleisher after the second round of the Audi Senior Classic.

Dougherty, a two-time senior winner, had an eagle and six birdies to reach 8-under 136 on the tree-lined Capulcule course that stretches to 7,119 yards at an altitude of 7,800 feet.



Scott McCarron looks up after sinking a long birdie putt to beat Paul Azinger on the 18th hole in their semifinal match at the Accenture Match Play Championship in Carlsbad, Calif., Saturday.

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Kody Cole again tied it with a long jumper from the left wing. Heworth followed with two free throws and Minico held the lead with a minute on the clock.

An old-fashioned three-point play by Bieker put the Patriots back on top, but Heworth answered with a drive to the bucket, tying the game at 60-60 with 15 seconds left.

Without calling a timeout Centennial moved down the floor and White nailed the jumper. The Spartans called timeout to set up the final play, but a jumper from the free-throw line bounced off the left side of the rim, ending Minico's season.

Heworth started the game with a 3-pointer to give Minico the early lead. Fennell hit a pair of jumpers while Kevin Hanks added a free throw as Minico held a one-point lead after the first quarter.

The score was tied at 18-18 midway through the second when Minico went on a run. Taylor Duncan scored inside. Heworth converted on a pair of slicing drives and nailed another shot from beyond the arc giving the Spartans the eight-point edge at the break.

The lead grew to 10 points three minutes into the third quarter when Duncan hit a pair from the charity stripe. Things would change over the next 2.5 minutes.

With a large and rowdy group of students supporting them, the Patriots began their charge. Duncan picked up his fourth foul and a big presence in the paint was gone for the Spartans.

Centennial attacked the basket and converted. White knocked down three buckets as the Patriots found their shooting touch, going on a 9-1 run to get back in.

Final scores table for the basketball game between Centennial and Minico. Includes scores for each quarter and final totals.

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

Golf Baseball

Baseball scores table including games like Philadelphia 6 at 10, Houston 10 at 1, and various minor league games.

Baseball

Baseball

Baseball scores table including games like Yankees 10 at 1, Red Sox 10 at 1, and various minor league games.

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National Basketball Association

NBA game results table including games like Boston 97 at 89, New York 90 at 87, and various other matchups.

National Basketball League

National Basketball League

NFL game results table including games like Kansas City 20 at 17, Houston 20 at 17, and various other matchups.

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Match Play

Match play golf results table including scores for various players in different tournaments.

WESTERN COLLEGE

Western college basketball scores table including games like Dallas 77 at 68, San Antonio 77 at 68, and various other matchups.

Women's Top 25

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Tennis scores table including matches like Roger S. Jahn, Jennifer H., and various other players.

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Table listing player transactions, including signings and trades.

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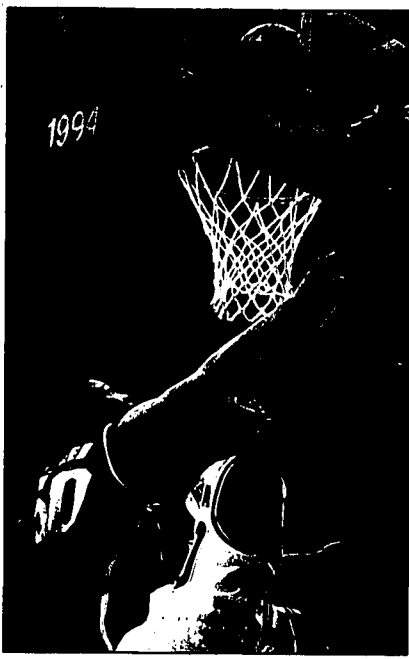
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Hockey scores table including games like Dallas 3 at 2, New York 3 at 2, and various other matchups.

Buzzer-beater lifts No. 5 Alabama past Gators

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Antoine Pettway's layup at the buzzer gave No. 5 Alabama a 65-64 victory over No. 8 Florida Saturday, clinching at least a share of its first Southeastern Conference title in 15 years.

The Crimson Tide (23-5, 11-3 SEC) trailed by as many as 13 points midway through the second half. Erwin Dudley's two free throws with 53 seconds left gave Alabama a 63-62 lead, its first of the half. Orien Greene of the Gators (20-6, 9-5) answered with a jumper 13 seconds later. Florida's James White missed the front end of a 1-and-1 with 16 seconds left. Maurice Williams rebounded White's miss and dribbled up the court, dishing off to Earnest Shelton. Shelton appeared trapped in the corner by two Gators with about three seconds left, but he managed to get a pass to a wide-open Pettway, who laid it in off the glass just beating the buzzer. Alabama secured its first SEC title since 1987.



Alabama's Antoine Pettway scores past Florida's Udonis Haslem, left, at the buzzer to give Alabama a 65-64 win over Florida at Coleman Coliseum in Tuscaloosa, Ala., Saturday.

No. 25 UCLA 95, No. 10 Stanford 92

STANFORD, Calif. — Jason Kapono scored 22 points and Dan Gadzuric had 12 points and 15 rebounds for the Bruins (18-9, 10-6 Pac-10), who won their third straight at Stanford.

Casey Jacobsen scored 24 points for the Cardinal (17-8, 10-6), who lost two straight for the first time this season and lost at home to both Southern California and UCLA for the first time in 10 years. It was the first time Stanford lost consecutive home games since 1997.

No. 12 Kentucky 71, Arkansas 58

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Tayshaun Prince had 16 points and 10 rebounds to lead five scorers in double figures for the Wildcats (19-7, 9-5 Southeastern Conference), who won for the fourth time in five games. Jannero Pargo had 13 points and six rebounds to lead Arkansas (13-13, 5-9), which has lost five of seven.

No. 13 Oklahoma St. 77, Baylor 64

STILLWATER, Okla. — Ivan McFarlin had 20 points and 14

rebounds and Victor Williams scored 18 points as the Cowboys (22-6, 9-5 Big 12) won their fourth straight.

Lawrence Roberts had 22 points and 15 rebounds for the Bears (14-13, 4-10), who lost their fourth straight overall and 16th in a row on the road.

No. 16 Illinois 56, Northwestern 41

EVANSTON, Ill. — Brian Cook had 12 points and nine rebounds and the Illini (21-7, 9-5 Big Ten) won their six straight while holding Northwestern to season-lows in scoring and shooting percentage.

Jim Young had 11 points for the Wildcats (16-10, 7-7).

Notre Dame 90, No. 17 Miami 77

MIAMI — Freshman Chris Thomas matched his career-high with 32 points and added 12 assists as the Fighting Irish (19-8, 9-5 Big East) snapped a three-game losing streak to the Hurricanes. Darius Rice scored 20 of his 23 points in the second half, including six 3-pointers, to lead Miami (21-6, 8-6).

No. 18 Georgia 55, LSU 54

BATON ROUGE, La. — Rashad

Wright's jumper from just inside the 3-point line with 22 seconds to play, his third field goal of the game, gave the Bulldogs (20-7, 9-5) the victory.

Antonio Hudson had 13 points for LSU (14-13, 4-10), which didn't get much out of its last chances at winning the game as Ronald Dupree shot an airball and then lost the ball out of bounds with 3.9 seconds remaining.

No. 19 Ohio St. 77, Purdue 66

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Boban Savic rebounding from one of the worst games of his career, led a first-half rally as No. 19 Ohio State beat Purdue 77-66 on Saturday.

The loss dropped the Boilermakers to 12-17, the most losses in Gene Keady's 22 seasons as Purdue's coach. Ohio State (19-6, 10-4) remained a notch behind Indiana in the Big Ten race. The Hoosiers, 10-3 in the conference, play at Michigan State on Sunday.

California 83, No. 20 USC 64

BERKELEY, Calif. — Dennis Gates scored a career-high 17 points as California broke No. 20 Southern California's three-game winning streak with an 83-64 victory on Saturday.

Ryan Forehan-Kelly added 14 points. A.J. Diggs had 12 and Solomon Hughes 10 for the Bears (20-6, 11-5), who are seeking their first Pac-10 Conference title since 1958-59.

California's conference-leading defense limited the Trojans (9-7, 11-5) to 34 percent shooting (23-of-68), while holding leading scorer Sam Clancy to 11 points on 4-of-16 shooting and six rebounds.

Georgia Tech 82, No. 22 Virginia 80

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Marvin Lewis hit a 3-pointer from the top of the key with one second left for the Yellow Jackets, who trailed 80-74. Tony Atkins had 23 points for Georgia Tech (13-15, 5-9 Atlantic Coast Conference), while Lewis had 15, all on 3s.

Roger Mason Jr. had 19 points for the Cavaliers (13-8, 6-8), who missed four consecutive free throws in the last minute and lost for the seventh time in nine games.

Heat 97, Wizards 95

WASHINGTON — Brian Grant made a 16-foot baseline jump shot with 1.4 seconds remaining to give Miami a victory over Washington.

Jim Jackson preserved the victory by blocking Richard Hamilton's layup at the buzzer. Michael Jordan had 37 points and seven assists but also four of the Wizards' 11 turnovers.

Timberwolves 112, Spurs 88

SAN ANTONIO — Kevin Garnett had 30 points and 11 rebounds to lead Minnesota past San Antonio.

With the victory, Minnesota avenged its worst loss of the season, a 103-83 setback to the Spurs in San Antonio on Feb. 4.

Minnesota led by two points, 82-80, before going on a decisive 30-8 run in the final 8:40 of the game. Tim Duncan scored 25 points and David Robinson added 13 for the Spurs.

Los Angeles Lakers in the Pacific Division.

Dallas, the Midwest leader, has the league's second-best record at 39-17.

Magic 105, 76ers 87

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tracy McGrady had 22 points, 11 assists and 11 rebounds for his first career triple-double as Orlando extended its home winning streak to four games with a win over Philadelphia.

Mike Miller added 25 points and 11 rebounds as the Magic moved a season-best four games over .500 at 29-25. Allen Iverson had 32 points on 11-of-30 shooting to lead short-handed Philadelphia. Dikembe Mutombo added 12 points.

Rockets 99, Celtics 89

HOUSTON — Cuttino Mobley scored 40 points and Houston rallied from a 20-point deficit to beat Boston.

The Rockets' rally, their largest of the season, ranks as the fifth-best comeback in club history. Houston's comeback was fueled by a 55-30 scoring advantage in

the middle periods. Kelvin Cato had 14 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks for the Rockets.

Paul Pierce had 30 points, and Antoine Walker added 25 for Boston.

Bulls 105, Warriors 91

CHICAGO — Reserve Marcus Fizer scored a career-high 30 points as Chicago beat Golden State for its first three-game winning streak in two years.

Reserve Travis Best had 16 points and nine assists for Chicago, which last won three in a row in January 2000.

Gilbert Arenas and Troy Murphy scored 16 points apiece for Golden State, which has lost six in a row and 21 of 24.

Pacers 106, Clippers 88

INDIANAPOLIS — Reggie Miller scored a season-high 28 points and Jermaine O'Neal added 22 as Indiana beat the Los Angeles Clippers.

The Pacers had a 22-point lead cut to six with 8 minutes left in the game before going on a 14-2 run. O'Neal started the surge

with a basket and Jeff Foster ended it with consecutive baskets.

Nabors leads Boise State to home win

BOISE (AP) — Booker Nabors tied his career single-game scoring mark with 23 points and Bryan Defares added 16 as Boise State defeated Texas El Paso 81-72 in Western Athletic Conference play Saturday.

Nabors and Defares helped pick up the scoring slack from BSU's (11-15, 5-11) Abe Jackson, who scored 18 points while playing hobbled with a sprained ankle. The Miners (9-13, 3-13) were led by Justin Victoriano 19 Eugene Costello with 13.

The 18 by Jackson brings his career scoring record to 1,598, five points short of NBA regular Chris Childs for third place on BSU's all-time career scoring list. In the second half, Nabors scored 10 points in six minutes to put BSU up 56-45 with 12:55 left in the game. Boise State's biggest lead of the game came two minutes later, 64-49, when Jackson hit a three-point field goal.

The loss extended UTEP's winless road bid to 12 games. UTEP shot 68 percent from the field, compared with 47 percent by the Broncos. But BSU took 22 more field goal attempts and hit three more 3-pointers than the Miners. UTEP also outscored BSU from the free throw line, hitting 21 of 25 compared with 15 of 19 for the Broncos.

Playing in their final home game of the season, the Aggies (13-3 in the Big West, 21-4 overall) led by as many as 17 points in the first half, but the Vandals (6-10, 9-16) rallied back and twice got to within one point of USU in the final eight minutes.

The Vandals' Bethul Fletcher tied his career-high with 20 points, but was the only Idaho player to score more than eight points. Idaho pulled to within 52-51 on a 10-foot jumper by David Howell with 5:38 left, but Penigar scored the game's next seven points to help the Aggies pull away.

Utah St. 65, Idaho 56
LOGAN, Utah — Desmond Penigar scored 23 points and Tony Brown had 10 assists to help Utah State defeat Idaho 65-56 Saturday night.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

T.F.'s Diana Anderson wins first race

PHOENIX — Twin Falls drag racer Diana Anderson won her inaugural round race of the 2002 drag racing season, beating Dwight Downing in Super Street Saturday at the Checker Schuck's Krugen NHRA National.

Anderson qualified sixth in her category out of 65 entries.

Report: Jayson Williams agrees to surrender

NEWARK, N.J. — Retired New Jersey Nets star Jayson Williams has made arrangements with prosecutors to surrender Monday morning in Hunterdon County, N.J., WNBC-TV in New York reported Friday night.

A source told the television station that Williams is expected to be charged with manslaughter as related to the death of a limousine driver, Costas Christofi, 55, who was found shot to death at the former NBA star's 65-acre New Jersey estate last week.

Negotiations are ongoing with his attorney, but as of now, Williams is expected to face criminal charges Monday morning, the source said.

Carruth spends 10 days in solitary after fight

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Former pro football player Rae Carruth, who was convicted last year of plotting the murder of his pregnant girlfriend, spent 10 days in solitary confinement after a prison fight over a pen.

The ex-Carolina Panthers wide receiver was sentenced to 20 days in the disciplinary unit, where inmates are allowed out of their cells only to shower and exercise.

Correction Department spokesman Keith Acree said Friday that Carruth was released after 10 days because of overcrowding.

Acree said Carruth threw the first punch in the Feb. 7 fight, which began as an argument between two other inmates at Nash Correctional Institution. Acree said Carruth was drawn into the dispute when he denied selling a pen to one of the men who were arguing over it.

It was Carruth's first infraction at Nash since his January 2001 conspiracy conviction. He's expected to serve at least 18 months and 11 months.

Rocker to make movie debut as killer

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — John Rocker will be flinging bodies instead of baseballs when he makes his big-screen debut as a homicidal maniac.

The controversial Texas Rangers reliever is playing a slasher-killer in a movie titled "The Greenskeeper," Rangers spokesman John Blake confirmed Saturday.

Report: Armstead likely will be cap victim

NEW YORK — The New York Giants intend to release five-time Pro Bowl linebacker Jesse Armstead next week, Wednesday reported on Saturday.

The Giants, who waived running back Joe Montgomery on Friday, are trying to get under the salary cap of \$71.1 million.

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Cardinals bring in Istringhausen to close; Indians ink Sabathia

The Associated Press Jason Istringhausen grew up a St. Louis Cardinals fan. Now he's going to be their closer.

Spring training Istringhausen is going to play closer to home rather than with the Texas Rangers, who offered him more money.

back and throw it." The Cardinals used a closer-by-committee approach last year. Dave Veres led the team with 15 saves.

Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki in the AL Rookie of the Year voting. "It's been like a whirlwind," Sabathia said in Winter Haven, Fla.

mates during Philadelphia's 1980 championship season, as special assistants for spring training.



Cleveland's C.C. Sabathia throws a pitch April 13, 2001. Sabathia signed a four-year, \$9.5 million contract with the Indians Saturday.

Keller cruises at Grand National in Rockingham

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. - How dominating was Jason Keller's win in Saturday's NASCAR Grand National race at North Carolina Speedway?

Schrader talks about lack of NASCAR wins

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. - Ken Schrader is not an overly philosophical man. "You don't worry about the year or about goals," Schrader said after qualifying second for Sunday's Subway 400 at North Carolina Speedway.

MB2 Motorsports, which owns Schrader's cars, now owns majority ownership of Benson's team with its primary sponsor, Valvoline. That transaction took place during the 2000 season, but Schrader says it has taken until now for the benefits of the partnership to start showing.

Benson's team did show more promise in 2001. While Schrader finished no better than eighth all season and wound up 19th in points, Benson had six top-five finishes, was 11th in points and seemed poised to break through for his first Winston Cup victory all during the 2001 campaign.

While that victory never came, Benson did finish sixth and third in last season's races at the 1.017-mile Rockingham track where he'll make his 199th career Cup start Sunday afternoon, behind only Schrader and pole-winner Ricky Craven on the front row.

Schrader makes his 530th career start Sunday. He has four career victories, but the most recent one came at Dover in June of 1991 - 340 races ago.

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Growing wage gap
What U.S. women earn compares to the wages earned for every dollar earned by men in the industry.

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2000	\$1.00	73¢

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Donate cell phones for Sept. 11 charity

TWIN FALLS - Old cellular phones can be donated to charity to help raise college money for families who lost their providers in the Sept. 11 attack.

Each wireless phone brought to a U.S. Cellular retail store between now and March 31 will help raise money for the Families of Freedom Scholarship, the company says. The program is dedicated to providing educational assistance for post-secondary study to financially needy dependents of people killed or permanently disabled in the Sept. 11 attack.

"Wireless phones have become popular holiday gifts over the past few years," said Donna Barker, director of sales. "We're asking all residents in Twin Falls who received new phones for the holidays to drop off their old phones at U.S. Cellular locations so that we can help a worthwhile cause."

Any portable cellular or digital phone, excluding bag phones or vehicle-installed models can be donated. The phones need not be in working order. Phone batteries or chargers also will be taken if available.

Former President Clinton and former Sen. Bob Dole are co-chairman of the scholarship campaign. Find more information about the campaign online at www.familiesoffreedom.org.

Center offers program to learn self-management

TWIN FALLS - The Center for New Directions is offering "WorkSmart: Self-Management Skills" to train employees or those planning to enter the workforce to develop techniques to increase self-management skills.

The training is helpful for adults in transition whether job seeking, returning to school or involved in other financially related changes, said a press release from the Center for New Directions.

One credit is offered. Cost is \$70.50; financial assistance and scholarships are available. Employers are encouraged to ask about the two-for-one discount.

Classes will be offered in two locations:

• From 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 26 through March 14, at the Center for New Directions on the CSI campus in Twin Falls.

• From 4 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, March 6-20, at the Burley Outreach Center.

Students should register as soon as possible. For more information, call 733-9554 or (800) 680-0274, Ext. 21.

Curves for Women plans food drive during March

TWIN FALLS - Curves for Women in Twin Falls, Idaho and Burley is joining in the Curves International Inc. "Food for Friends" food drive to benefit local food banks.

During the month of March, members who bring a bag of non-perishable food items, worth three times a week and lose 5 pounds and 5 inches will be awarded a limited edition "Food for Friends" T-shirt. Anyone joining Curves the week of March 11 may bring a bag of groceries and have the normal service fee waived. Anyone wanting to make a donation may drop off non-perishable items at a Curves store during business hours Monday through Friday.

Curves for Women is located at 778 Falls Ave., Suite C-53, Twin Falls, phone 734-7300; 149 W. Main, Jerome, phone 324-7222; and 2267 Overland Ave., Burley, phone 678-2754.

Compiled from local reports.

Growing West



Doug Allison, a worker at Independent Meat Company in Twin Falls, loads a pallet on to a truck bound for Boise. Many Magic Valley firms have found it good business to expand into the Treasure Valley.

Magic Valley businesses expand to Boise area

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - When Magic Valley businesses grow, they often look toward the Treasure Valley.

"It only makes sense. Most of the people that live in Idaho are in that area. There's just more mouths to feed," said Mike McBride, vice president of marketing for Independent Meat Co., Independent Meat, maker of Falls Brand products, has developed a global distribution market over the past 10 years. The Boise market was one of the company's first expansion markets decades ago.

Shipping meat to the Treasure Valley has been good business, McBride said.

Other local businesses newer to the Ada County market are finding that to be true for them, too.

D.L. Evans Bank, which started in Albion in 1904, made its expansion to the Treasure Valley two years ago. The bank opened a Boise branch in June 2000. It

has generated \$22 million in revenue since it opened. The bank has since added a real estate lending office and another Boise branch.

"We are an Idaho bank and it is the strongest market in the area," said John Evans Jr., D.L. Evans chief executive officer.

Though the booming growth of the Treasure Valley has slowed with losses from Micron Technology Inc. and a nationwide recession, the area still is profitable. The Boise branch that opened at the beginning of January already has generated to \$2 million in revenue, Evans said.

D.L. Evans expanded to the Boise area to diversify its market and serve Magic Valley customers who moved into the Treasure Valley. These people had long requested a branch of the bank in Boise, Evans said.

It's against the policy of Rex Lytle, owner of Lytle Signs to open new offices outside Twin Falls, but he made an exception for Boise.

"There is such a concentration

of growth in the Boise area, it just made sense," Lytle said.

Though the company serves most of southern Idaho and northern Nevada, Lytle had thought it better to keep the offices consolidated in Twin Falls. When other sign companies have tried establishing multiple offices it didn't pay off, he said.

Boise seemed like a safe bet. Some of the company's largest customers, even before the expansion, were businesses based in Boise, Lytle said. The new office was worth the investment.

"We're very happy with how it worked out," he said.

Lytle signs still does the bulk of its business in Twin Falls, but the recent growth of the company has come from the Boise expansion.

"Home is where it's at, but it's been a nice expansion," Lytle said.

Not all businesses expand to the Treasure Valley first. Twin Falls-based McDonald InsurServ opened offices in Idaho Falls and

Blackfoot in the 1980's. In 1997 the insurance agency opened an office in Nampa, and moved it to Boise in December. The earlier eastern expansion came in response to exceptional work by employees in the area in establishing a customer base.

"We've had some outstanding producers over there," said Pete McDonald, president of McDonald InsurServ.

Now the agency has moved into the Treasure Valley market, with a goal of doubling itself in five years.

"We wanted growth and to get growth we had to get people," McDonald said.

While McDonald hopes to expand throughout southern Idaho, the headquarters will stay in Twin Falls.

"Magic Valley is where we started, it's where our roots are," he said.

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Younger people struggle with unemployment

The Associated Press

BOSTON - Priscilla Ramirez has never had stock options. She doesn't have high-tech skills. She has no MBA to fall back on. And she isn't spending her jobless months traveling through Asia.

She is 19, and simply wants work as a receptionist or office assistant to support herself and her year-old daughter.

She is also, a recent study argues, a more accurate picture of unemployment than the laid-off dot-commers and hyper-educated entrepreneurs who have gotten most of the attention lately.

"My age right now, if you want to find a decent job, unless it's like Walgreens, it's really hard to get a foot in the door," Ramirez said, sitting in a classroom at the Boston community center where she has been taking a course to learn to write resumes and cover

letters.

She has been unable to find a job since she graduated from high school. A half-dozen interviews have produced no offers that pay enough or meet her child-care needs.

The study, by economists Andrew Sum of Northeastern University and Robert Taggart of the University of Delaware, argues that young people ages 16 to 24 have been hit harder by unemployment in this recession than a cursory look at the numbers indicates. In fact, the study says this recession has been harder on younger workers than past downturns.

The U.S. unemployment rate, a relatively modest 5.6 percent overall in January, measures only active job seekers. The researchers focused instead on a broader measure that also accounts for jobseekers who

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Bryant Jones of Boston, left, and Priscilla Ramirez of Brookline, Mass., right, speak with a reporter in a classroom of a community center in Boston, Wednesday. Young people like Jones and Ramirez, a recent study argues, offer a more accurate picture of unemployment than the laid-off dot-commers and hyper-educated entrepreneurs who have garnered most of the attention lately.

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YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES



The Minidoka Irrigation District recently honored two employees for perfect attendance during the year 2001. Mechanic Carl Roberts, a welder, has been with the Minidoka Irrigation District since June 1985. He is responsible for maintenance on the pickup fleet and all of the heavy equipment. He also had perfect attendance the previous year. Michael Knight has been with the district since March of 1978. Now a plant engineer, he started as a chemical applicator and member of the crew. He is responsible for surveying and plating property ownership changes to the district's plot maps. Pictured, left to right in the back, are Carl Roberts, mechanic; Mike Wilkins, vice-chairman of the board; Bill Thompson, manager; and Frank Hunt, chairman of the board; and in front, Michael Knight, plant engineer.



Four employees of the Minidoka Irrigation District were honored for their years of service. Pictured from left to right are Charlie Cole, ditch rider, Ride 2; Mike Wilkins, vice-chairman of the board; Bill Thompson, manager; Frank Hunt, chairman of the board; Dennis Wilkie, pump man; Clarence Harrell, ditch rider, Ride 3; and Harley Goodwin, ditch rider, Ride 1.

Minidoka Irrigation District honors employees

RUPERT - The Minidoka Irrigation District recently honored four employees for their years of service to the district. Dennis Wilkie, pump man, received his 20-year pin. He joined the district in January 1981 as a member of the crew and has advanced to the position of pump man, where his responsibilities include year-round maintenance and operation of all the district pumps and the chemigation of the drainage system.

Charlie Cole, ditch rider for Ride 2, received his 15-year pin. He has been with the district since March 1986. Harley Goodwin, ditch rider for Ride 1, received his five-year pin. He has been with the dis-

trict since March 1996. Clarence Harrell, ditch rider for Ride 3, received his five-year pin. He has been with the district since June 1996.

The Minidoka Irrigation District is a quasi-governmental agency established in 1917 to take over the operations and maintenance of the water-delivery system established by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in 1907. The district currently serves more than 2,750 water users in both Minidoka and Cassia counties and delivers water to approximately 77,000 acres of land. Each of the eight ditch riders on staff is responsible for the safe, efficient and timely delivery of irrigation water to an average of 11,000 acres of land. The irrigation district board consists of five directors elected by the water users to serve three-year terms.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The Subway restaurant in the Lynwood Mall welcomed the Olympic Torch and about 6,000 people who came to see it make its way through Twin Falls in January.

Subway hosted a fund-raiser that fed hungry spectators and raised money for a local shelter. Breakfast sandwiches made specially for the morning crowds were sold at \$3 each. All proceeds were donated to Safe House, a local shelter for battered women and their children. Subway was able to raise and donate \$1,200 to the cause.

"It was really good exposure for Safe House," said Jackie Reeve, Subway manager. "They are an organization that is too often overlooked. We were happy not only to give a donation but also to help their cause gain publicity."

Children from Safe House added to the publicity by helping to serve more than 700 breakfast sandwiches to spectators. The Golden Knights of Columbus, a group of seven parachutists, also contributed when they dropped in for breakfast. The group jumped from more than 5,000 feet and landed about 20 feet in

front of the Subway restaurant. After landing, they went inside the restaurant to meet the children and spectators, pose for pictures and sign autographs.

"We knew that a lot of people would be here to see the torch and thought we'd take advantage of the opportunity to do some good," Reeve said. "We also wanted the public to know of our commitment to the community here in Twin Falls."

Subway says it is the world's second largest fast-food chain with more than 15,000 individually owned and operated restaurants in 74 countries, of which 10 Subway stores are located in the Twin Falls region.

CRAFT STORE OPENS



The River Place, owned and operated by Kent and Judy Severe, has opened at 519 Overland Ave. in Burley. The business offers crafts and craft supplies, kitchen supplies and nutritional items including vitamins, herbs and more. Pictured, left to right, at the ribbon cutting commemorating the grand opening are Laz Kusan, Dale Whipple, Kort Severe, Beverly Rankley, June Potter, Ruth Woodward, Rose Bryant, Bonnie Latta, Donna Sincial, John Stokes, Dwinelle Alford, Mistline Coleman and Shanna Walsh. The River Place can be reached at 878-5728.

SCHOOL'S NEW HOME



The Cosmology School of Arts and Sciences held a ribbon cutting at its new location, 820 Overland Ave. in Burley. Pictured in the front row center with the scissors are owners Tammy Nethery, Ronda Clark and LaDonna Goodfellow. Also pictured are members of Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, community members and students and staff of the cosmology school. The school can be reached at 878-4484.

Psychologists encourage desirable work atmosphere

BOISE - The Idaho Psychological Association is encouraging organizations that strive to create desirable work environments to apply for the 2002 Psychologically Healthy Workplace Award.

This award honors businesses and organizations that are committed to providing for the psychological health and well-being of their employees.

Four awards are available: for-profit large business (more than 200 employees), for-profit small business, not-for-profit large business and not-for-profit small business.

The application deadline is March 4.

In today's business atmosphere, employees are asked to deliver more with less, work smarter, work longer hours and identify ways to improve the bottom line, said a press release from the Idaho Psychological Association.

Mergers, downsizing, competition, rapid growth and technology shifts can adversely affect employee morale and job satisfaction.

Stress generated at work can undermine an employee's ability to cope, to be productive and to be safe in the workplace, the press release said.

"Smart employers are those who realize the benefits of a workplace that is sensitive to their employees' psychological

well-being," said Anthony Cellucci, president of the Idaho Psychological Association. "We want to recognize these employers for their efforts and encourage them to serve as progressive models for other employers."

The benefits of a healthy workplace include increased productivity, higher employee retention rates, recruiting advantages, enhanced company image, an upbeat workplace atmosphere and workers who are committed to their jobs and to quality work, Cellucci said.

Judging criteria for the award include:

- The level of employee involvement in decision-making, performance evaluations, problem-solving and improving the work environment.
- Family support programs, including child-care and elder-care assistance, flexible work arrangements, options for leave beyond the Family and Medical Leave Act, and family problem resolution.
- Employee growth and development opportunities, including coaching, training, timely feedback, lateral and vertical promotion possibilities.
- Provision of a safe work environment and programs that promote employee physical and mental health.

CAREER MOVES

BURLEY - Roxanne Olason recently passed her national board certification exam for advanced nursing administration. Olason is the assistant administrator for patient care services and operations officer at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

This is a four-hour examination administered through the American Nurses Credentialing Center, a subsidiary of the American Nursing Association, which established the ANA Certification Program in 1973 to provide tangible recognition of professional achievement in a defined functional or clinical area of nursing. The examination for advanced nursing administration covers five domains of practice: organization and structure, economics, human resources, ethics, and legal and regulatory issues.

TWIN FALLS - Dr. Richard E. Alexander was inducted as a Fellow of the International College of Dentists at its 72nd Annual Convocation in Kansas City, Mo.

An honorary organization for the recognition of outstanding and meritorious service to the profession, the college presented Alexander a membership for conspicuous service rendered to the art and science of dentistry.

The International College of Dentists has about 9,500 members, including 5,700 in the United States, and representative chapters in more than 80 countries.

JEROME - Former regional fish biologist Doug Megargle has been promoted to regional fish manager for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game in the Magic Valley region.

Megargle served as biologist under former manager Fred Partridge through most of 2001. In taking over as manager for all fishery projects in the region, Megargle said he was looking forward to the challenges and working with anglers to continue making fishing better.

Megargle received a bachelor's degree in fish and wildlife management from Colorado State University in 1989 and master's degree in fisheries management from Montana State University in 1997. He began working for Idaho Fish and Game as a fisheries technician in 1993 in the Southwest Region. Megargle worked this area again in 1998 as an eight-month temporary technician in 1992 and the Upper Snake Region in 1998. From 1999-2000, he studied the impacts of irrigation diversions

to trout populations and if fish health at stocking had a significant relationship to return to the creek. He participated during 2000-2001 in a statewide research program on tripartite trout production in trout hatcheries.

The Magic Valley Region also recognized several reservists for their contributions to fish and wildlife projects and programs. Dwain Demaray of Gooding was named Reservist of the Year 2001 by program coordinator Jerry Baltazar. Demaray has been a reservist since 1998 and currently serves as the coordinator for Jerome District reservists. He worked on sharp-tailed grouse capture operations and developed a booklet for the aging and sexing of this species.

Reservists honored for helping with fish and wildlife research and management programs include Cloyce Edwards of West Magic, 100 hours; Larry Ames of Kimberly and Cory Cress of Ketchum, 750 hours each; Warren Wallace of Twin Falls, 1,000 hours; Gene Wright of Burley, 3,000 hours.

Russell Beams of Twin Falls, Kim Christensen of Burley, George Kirk of Hailey and Wright were presented with 10-year service certificates.

TWIN FALLS - The staff of Sawtooth Dental attended the Crown Council's Seventh Annual Event Jan. 31 through Feb. 2 in Salt Lake City.

The Crown Council is a dental association covering all of North America.

Dr. Gary Dixon received an Outstanding Achievement Award. Dixon, Dr. Eric Thomas and their staff members from Sawtooth Dental heard several motivational speakers and attended an interactive concert by

Garth Brooks. The Crown Council gave Brooks "Touch 'Em All Foundation" charity for children about \$3 million, which will be distributed to several children's charities in North America. Crown Council dentists raise the money through their "Smiles for Life" tooth-bleaching program, where 100 percent of the cost goes to charity fund. The current fund-raising program ends May 30.

Team members from Sawtooth Dental attending the event were Annette Ekocok, Alisa Veenstra, Neda Kidd, Jill Nebecker, Bryan Burnham, Kim DeLama, Rachel Johnson, Shauna Price, Cheryl McLemore and Marinel Lemore. Some family members of the staff also attended.

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MONEY

Farm bill still includes controversial milk plan

TWIN FALLS - A National Dairy Program injected into the Senate version of the farm bill in early December, riling Idaho's milk industry, is still afloat as the bill goes to a congressional conference committee for final tweaking.



Region's pumpers brace for cutbacks in water use

RUPERT - Last year's agreement between pumpers and surface-water users has kept approximately 1,000 pumps on for the 2002 irrigation season, but that doesn't ensure those pumps will run at full capacity.

"Everybody needs to be aware that you could be facing curtailment," Doug Grant told fellow ground-water pumpers at the Magic Valley Groundwater District's annual meeting Feb. 19 in Rupert.

When the agreement was reached last fall, everyone hoped the drought would end and pumpers would be able to rent the 68,500 acre-feet of mitigation water for the senior surface-water right holders in the Magic Valley. But with snopack only 75 percent of normal, the prospects for renting water are starting to dry up.

Malt barley looks golden for eastern Idaho

AMERICAN FALLS - Visions of golden barley fields sprouting up across southern Idaho to fill new malting vats sound intoxicating, but may turn out to be flat.

The need for more malting acreage was created this winter when two new malting facilities in Idaho Falls were announced. The expansion of the existing Anheuser-Busch facility in Idaho Falls will double demand from 8 million bushels of malt barley annually to 16 million bushels.

A couple that expansion with the new Modelo Brewing Company's 6.4 million bushel facility and some have estimated that another 110,000 to 120,000 acres of malt barley will be needed in the next two to three years.

Even Hayes, a barley producer from Soda Springs, doubts that translates to new production.

Approximately half of the new demand for the expanded new Modelo Brewing plant in Idaho Falls will likely come from barley fields already grown in the Magic Valley. That contracted barley has been shipped to the Midwest, but could be malted in Idaho Falls once the expansion is complete. If new acres of malt are planted, those acres will probably be planted in eastern Idaho.

NEW BUSINESSES

BOISE - Following is the list of businesses filed during January with the Idaho Secretary of State Office, including new businesses and existing businesses already filed with individual counties and related with the state. Businesses are listed by name, agent, address and nature of business.

"JobSite" Scrappers, Don Krupiec, 564 Serah Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83401, services.
B & P Association, John Priebe, 411 Flat Top Road, Carey, ID 83202.

Idaho Mountain Inn, Glenda Pocher, P.O. Box 275, Paul, ID 83447, services.
Air & Water Pollution & Products, Nancy Ellen Gray, 1156 S. 200 E., Wendou, ID 83304, retail trade.

All Seasons Child Mark Schow, P.O. Box 5725, Twin Falls, ID 83401, wholesale trade.
Alpine Management Services Ltd., Victor Thomas, 371 Barry Creek Drive, Halley, ID 83444, services.
Kings Upholstery, Kim Manchester, P.O. Box 5933, Ketchikan, ID 83430, retail trade.

Artison & Jones LLP, 201 Main St., Coalinga, ID 83230.
Audiobooks Construction & Excavation, Gary Auderbach, 156 Brookhills N., Twin Falls, ID 83401, construction.
William G. Borner, 200 Ranch View E., Jerome, ID 83318, wholesale trade.

Bene Affix, Diane J. Edinger, 250 Oak Creek Circle, Idaho Falls, ID 83402, services.
BAS Property Management LLC, Robert J. Ryper, 180 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, ID 83401, services.
Bayer Technology, David A. Decker, 125 Airport, ID 83350, retail trade.

Beys Technology, Bruce W. May, 241 Avenida Rio Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83401, services.
Beverly Appert, Cade Valley, Ted Murphy, 591 Monroe St., Twin Falls, ID 83401, retail trade.
Boonchao Audio, Andrew Teascher, 362 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83401, services.
Borchard & B Farms LLP, 512 E. 4250 N., Twin Falls, ID 83401, services.

Borchard Farms Inc., Patrick L. Borchard, 1523 E. 4250 N., Twin Falls, ID 83401.
Borwick & Sons, William R. Bradley, 510 S. Fillmore, Jerome, ID 83318.
Borwick Publishing Inc., Amy Loughmiller, 3599 N. 2500 E., Twin Falls, ID 83401.
Borwick & Sons, William R. Bradley, 510 S. Fillmore, Jerome, ID 83318.

Brady & Sons, James E. Brady, 4170 Black Owl Drive, Halley, ID 83440.
CAD Drafting Systems Inc., Samuel S. Steyer, 200 Riverside, Twin Falls, ID 83401.
Carson LLC, Rob Carlson, 382 S. 150 E., Carey, ID 83202, retail trade.
Carpenter Tech, Tom Worthington, 326 S. 250 E. 700 E., Jerome, ID 83318, services and construction.

Chubbington Farm, Carl Claborn, 3668 N. 3600 E., Kimberly, ID 83441, agriculture.
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Clear Creek Outfitters LLC, Jeff Sessions, 3475 Round Mountain Lane, Malin, ID 83424, retail trade.
Computer Consultants, Eric Palmer, P.O. Box 14, Ketchikan, ID 83430, services.
Creative Body Works, Michelle Barnes, 2445 Boardwalk Court, Carey, ID 83202, retail trade.
Creative Timber & Ker, ID 83401, construction.
Crown's Classics Auto Upholstery & Top Shop, Donna J. Lissberg, 310 Highway 30, Piler, ID 83324, retail trade and wholesale trade.

D & H Enterprises Inc., David D. Moleworth, 1056 Wood Springs Place, Twin Falls, ID 83401.
D & S Trucking, Dan Ramsey, 3410 E. 2800 N., Kimberly, ID 83414, agriculture.
D J Photo, June James, 1515 Elm, Almo Highway, Malin, ID 83442, retail trade and services.
D&L Cleaning, Debbie Cabral, 102 Brookhills N., Twin Falls, ID 83401, services.
Dakar Inc., Larry D. Muegel, 402 Main Ave., N. Twin Falls, ID 83401.
Dan Gochner Farms Inc., Dan Gochner, 102 S. 200 W., Carey, ID 83202.
The Dean L. Brown and LeDeane S. Brown Family Limited Partnership, Denn L. Brown, 37 N. 500 E., Jerome, ID 83318.
Desertglow LLC, Shellie Frey, P.O. Box 696, Cascadeville, ID 83302, services.
Devore Design Services, Bobba A. Borner, 896 Arrowwood Court, Twin Falls, ID 83401, retail trade.

The Diverted Specialist, Andrew Freerksen, P.O. Box 3125, Halley, ID 83444, services.
Diaman Inc., Danny F. West, 1650 Overland Ave., Carey, ID 83202.
Doug Cassidi Photography, Doug Cassidi, 1155 E. 1300 N., Twin Falls, ID 83401, services.
Driggs Construction, Danny J. Driggs, 405 Fourth Ave. E., Jerome, ID 83318, construction.
Ecklon Corp., Colleen S. Sullivan, Rte. 1, Box 58, Bellevue, ID 83314.
Echelon Holdings LLC, Edward L. Wieman, 559 Barfield Lane, Nise, ID 83314.
Enchanted Interiors LLC, Janet Renaldi, 276 Robbins Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83401.
Erie & Associates Inc., Eric R. Altshuler, 400 S. 500 E., Jerome, ID 83318.
Erickson Construction LLC, Gary Erickson, 512 S. Main, Alhambra, ID 83311.
Express Magic, Mark Finley, 1853 Skyline Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83401, services.
Express Yourself, Donnie Lee Clintstone, P.O. Box 44, Rupert, ID 83350, retail trade and services.

Excellent Computer Services, Todd Croy, 379 Grandview Drive N., Twin Falls, ID 83401, services.
Ergonomics & Research, Heidi Equipment Co., 200 W. Rupert, ID 83350.
E-Corp Enterprises LLC, Larry Prodrickson, 48 E. 100 N., Jerome, ID 83318.
Feltton Executive Services Inc., Michael H. Feltton, 1020 Main St., Twin Falls, ID 83401.
Filipino Dental Lab Inc., Mark W. Filizoro, 2311 Park Ave. Suite 4, Carey, ID 83202.
Fire Wide Refractory, Julia L. Decker, 220 Second Ave. S., Suite 202, Ketchikan, ID 83430, services.
Garden Space, Dean Hernandez, 208 First Ave. N., Halley, ID 83333, retail trade and services.
Garwood Marketing LLC, Gary Garwood, 129 Eastley Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83401.
Guardian Insurance Inc., Sam Kay, 1963 Hilland Ave., Carey, ID 83202.
The Gem Merchant, Malinda Merchant, P.O. Box 902, Cozysville, ID 83401, wholesale trade and services.
Go Go Getz LLC, Craig L. Miller, 2000 Burton Ave., Carey, ID 83202.
Gold Key Auto Credit, Larry L. Burton, 117 E. 400 N., Jerome, ID 83318, retail and wholesale trade and services.
Hagerman Gun Club LLC, Donald Pico, 3706 Vista Grande Lane, Twin Falls, ID 83401.
Hagerman IDEA Inc., James F. Scott, 150 Spruce Street, Carey, ID 83202.
Handy Falls, Larry F. Hansen, 1531 Lindy Lane, Twin Falls, ID 83401, retail trade.
Hawthorn Hair Design, Heather Hartly, 125 Inland, Joe Road, Buhl, ID 83316.
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Hilgdon Design, Laura Hilgdon, 171 Bordeaux St., N., Ketchikan, ID 83430, retail trade and services.
Historic American Trails Inc., L. Road Tucker, 8315 Main St., Twin Falls, ID 83401.
Home Massage, Maria Louisa, 304 Pierce St., Twin Falls, ID 83401, services.
Honey Toes and Ties, Barry D. Gomez, 715 E. Third St., Rupert, ID 83350, services, construction.
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141 Twin Falls, ID 83402, services.
Rack River Farms, Jack M. Hunsaker, 561 Terrace Drive, Carey, ID 83202, agriculture.
Ratchford End Services, Linda M. Larson, 1508 S. 1800 E., Gooding, ID 83431, retail trade and services.
Reaves Enterprises, Bruce Stuart Reaves, 636 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls, ID 83401, wholesale trade.
Resolutions Arbitration & Mediation Service LLC, Robert E. Leonard, 218 Marjorie Road, Halley, ID 83444.
Right Now Properties, Warren Scott Young, 222 Ninth Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83401, services, construction.
Riviera Equipment LLC, Neil King, 1710 Overland Ave., Carey, ID 83202.
The River, Judy Severn, 519 Overland Ave., Carey, ID 83202, retail trade.
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Senate bill includes \$2.4 billion for disaster aid

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Both of Idaho's U.S. senators voted against the farm bill passed by the Senate Feb. 13, but both supported an amendment to it that could provide \$2.4 billion for production disaster assistance.

The provision in the Senate bill would use funds from the Commodity Credit Corporation for direct payment to producers who have incurred qualifying income losses for the 2001 crop.

The amendment, which was presented by Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., calls for \$1.8 billion for crop-production loss assistance, \$500 million for livestock assistance and \$100 million for disaster assistance for apple growers.

The livestock funds are also to include \$12 million for the American Indian livestock program, and will likely include payment for feed, hay and grazing losses.

The Senate bill now must be melded with the House's version of the farm bill.

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After a fashion, my degree came in handy

Back when I was shuttling kids to elementary school, one of the other moms drove up beside me, rolled down her window and said, "I want you to write a column about what we wear when we drive our kids to school."

It was a scary thought. I was an especially pitiful case in point. I actually have a degree in fashion merchandising, but after I became a mother, there were days when I couldn't even think straight enough to give you a working definition of "color-coordinated wardrobe." Sort of like an investment banker ending up on skid row.

Somewhere in all that, I lost track of current fashion trends altogether. On those days when I was forced to go somewhere besides the school parking lot, I learned to specialize in 30-second makeup and quick questions, like, "Did I forget to take off my nightgown before I put on my skirt." That way, I could be sure I was halfway successfully dressed. It was a step up from wearing oversized sweats and practical shoes (defined as "anything you can find under the bed when you step out of the shower").

Some mornings, we carpool moms would arrive wearing something terrycloth and nursing our dripping hair, ready to round the school parking circle (enter from the left, exit on the right, or something like that). One day when I wore my ragged jogging suit, I would rationalize my look by telling myself that anyone who saw me would believe I had just been jogging.

Most days, I lived in fear that someone influential would see what I was wearing to drive the kids to school, or that I would have to get out of my vehicle for some reason. "What if someone comes along doing a non-scholarship candid camera interview?" I wondered. "How will I explain my deviant sense of style?"

Maybe I could have said, "I may not be able to remember where I put my hairbrush, but I can recite every line of 'Toy Story Spider' for you ... I'm a good mother, really I am."

Not long after my kids graduated from elementary school, America fell in love with super-casual clothes, and Casual Fridays came into vogue. By the time I returned to the full-time work force, I didn't feel out of place at all.

But according to Consumer Tastes and Trends 2002, we're now moving away from Casual Friday toward more "put-together" looks - as in preppy chic or '50s femininity. That's still a far cry from elegance, the booklet explained, advising everyone to "put away the gold lame, the gold look accents (eye-wear, buckles and buttons) and the sky-high stiletto-heeled shoes."

No problem there. Other fashion predictions: Flower appliques are "in," along with plain-gray sweatshirts and angled haircuts. Listed in the "out" column are Capri pants, cascading curls and anything with butterflies. And anything goes in helmets, including micro-minis "up to there."

I hope I can remember all that. But if I don't, I'm sure another day will be fluttering along as quickly as those butterflies. After all, our clothing choices have always been tied to the latest fads, and some of that fad-inspired clothing - like those guy-inspired "up to there" skirts - were definitely meant to flatter most female figures.

Oh well, at least we have more freedom of style than we once did. I mean, I saw a copy of a 1915 Massachusetts school-department manual that contained the "out" column fashion rule for females: "Do not wear any dress more than two inches above the ankle."

Alli McBeal would be banned from the office.

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Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Forget your boss and your mother-in-law: Nobody keeps a closer eye on you than your dog.

"A dog knows by the way you get out of your chair if it's time for a walk," said Marty Becker, a former Twin Falls veterinarian and the author of the just-released "The Healing Power of Pets" (Hyperion, \$22.95), written with the help of Los Angeles freelance journalist Danielle Morton. "A dog knows your moods, when you're happy, or sad, or angry. It's not surprising at all that a dog could be such an asset to your health."

For this book, the 48-year-old Becker - best known as a veterinary contributor to ABC's "Good Morning America" and as co-author of "Chicken Soup for the Pet Owners' Soul" - gathered a series of anecdotes about dogs and cats helping turn people's illnesses around or comforting the dying. But he believes there's some serious science at work here too.

"I've talked to a doctor at the Mayo Clinic about doing more on this subject," he said in a telephone interview from his ranch outside Bonners Ferry. "These stories are so common. Everywhere I go, I hear them." "Therapists used animals to aid survivors in the wake of the school shootings in Littleton, Colo., in 1999, and in Springfield, Ore., in 1998, Becker says.

"Seizure dogs" - pets who can sense when a human is about to have a seizure - are increasingly common in the lives of severe epileptics, and senior citizens who have pets seem to live longer and are healthier and more mentally acute.

"I believe that pets prolong our lives by reacquainting us with our animal nature, the elemental self that our society and lifestyle conspire to suppress," Becker writes.

Regular exercise - the shortage of which may be responsible for most of the heart disease and diabetes in America - is a primary health benefit to humans of pets, he says.

"Against the backdrop of forced and awkward contact with the world, the regularity of that wagging tailing and the unconditional affection of pets brings you instantly out of isolation," Becker said. "You stop rattling around inside your own head, and focus on what they give you - simply and for free."

Becker, who writes a syndicated newspaper column called "The Bond," is convinced that relationship is elemental, mutually beneficial - and far from understood.

"It starts from the fact that dogs are pack animals who form



Marty Becker and three friends at their home outside Bonners Ferry. Photo courtesy of MARTY BECKER

serious and lifetime attachments to humans," he said. "That's the bond, and it's a subject that deserves a lot more study."

Cats, whose personalities are the polar opposites of dogs, are no less valuable to the physical and emotional health of their human companions, Becker believes.

"If more than 60 percent of

American homes contain pets, why aren't most of us a lot healthier?" he writes.

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Pet sounds
"The Healing Power of Pets" is published by Hyperion and sells for \$22.95. It's available in most south-central Idaho bookstores.

Marty Becker's column - E5

He went on to veterinary school at Washington State University, where he says he learned that vets should not just treat injuries; they should help preserve relationships. "When I first started in practice, we used to separate the pet from the owner when the animal was treated," Becker said. "I learned that was harder on both of them."

He opened one veterinary practice, then six more in Idaho and Utah. His offices looked like '50s diners and included hospitals, pet stores with fish and birds, grooming, boarding, adoption centers and bakeries with pet treats.

By 1986, magazine editors were calling for his expertise and veterinary schools and associations were inviting him to lecture.

Everything Becker did reinforced his belief that people need pets as much as pets need people. His desire to spread that message began to outweigh his need for clinical work.

With travel in mind, Becker moved his family - his wife, Teresa, daughter, Mikael, and son, Lex - from Twin Falls to an 80-acre ranch in northern Idaho. He cut his clinical time in half and accelerated his personal appearance schedule, landing a regular spot on "Good Morning America," which led to an invitation to co-author two pet books for the "Chicken Soup" publishing series. They turned into bestsellers.

The greatest benefit of traveling is the stories I get to hear about people and pets," he said.

Recently on the GMA set in New York City, Becker says, the morning program's medical correspondent, Dr. Timothy Johnson, complained that he wasn't getting enough sleep.

"It turns out his dog sleeps on his bed," Becker said. "The dog keeps waking him up during the night."

So why didn't the doctor just kick the dog off the bed? "He thought about that, and said, 'We choose not to do that.'"

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Find homework help online

How do families arm themselves for the homework drill?

Some schools - check with yours - run homework hot lines that parents and students can call to get assignment information.

There's help on the Internet, too. Here are some Web sites where children can get help with their homework and others that offer parents tips on handling homework.

For students:

• <http://www.about.com/>
Links to topics ranging from the arts to social studies.

• <http://www.studyweb.com/>
Online calculators, dictionaries, quizzes and links to information from economics to world history.

• <http://www.homeschoolhelp.com/>
Resources for middle-schoolers and high-schoolers.

• <http://www.studentcenter.com/>

The Ask Dr. Math Web site will answer all those pesky math questions, like what is pi?

For parents:

• <http://www.loveandlogic.com/>
Parenting advice, including a one-year plan for parents and teachers designed to help children do better in their lessons.

• <http://www.familyeducation.com/>
Parenting advice, child development information and more.

• <http://www.teachervision.com/lesson>
Lesson plans, brain games, organizers and other helpful educational materials for parents and teachers.

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Source: Kansas City Star

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Planetarium offers dinosaur show

Tuesday, Friday and Saturday

TWIN FALLS - The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrick Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho will present "Larry Cat in Space," Saturdays at 2 p.m.; "The Dinosaur Chronicles," Fridays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 4 p.m., and "WSKY: Radio Station to the Stars," Saturday at 7 p.m. and Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families. Children under 4 are not admitted.

Upcoming

JACKPOT - The third annual Carl Hayden Young Writers Contest is open to students in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades in the Twin Falls, Buhl, Kimberly, Filer, Gooding, Hansen, Murtaugh, Shoshone, Wendell, Minidoka and Jerome school districts.

Each grade will be judged separately. More than \$1,200 in cash prizes will be awarded to participating students, with

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another \$500 going to the school with the greatest number of winning authors. Last year Acquia Elementary School and Kimberly Elementary School tied for that honor.

Contest rules and application forms can be obtained from participating schools, or by phoning 735-1626. Deadline is April 12. Winners will be announced May 10.

Some 200 young writers participated in last year's contest; 12 shared nearly \$1,500 in cash prizes.

Carl Hayden was a longtime publicist for Cactus Petes. He died in 1992.

Every week, To Do for Families lists family-oriented events throughout south-central Idaho. To get an item listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon on Wednesday.

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FAMILY LIFE

KEEPING THE ROMANCE ALIVE

Small daily gestures keep parents in love, experts say

The Seattle Times

David and Claudia Arp have a simple question for parents: Do you have 20 seconds a day to devote to your marriage?

If you can manage one-third of a minute a day, they suggest dividing it between a passionate kiss when you part in the morning and another when you meet again at night. Most people find it's a longer liplock than they expect. "We get more emails from that one suggestion," said Claudia Arp, who heads Marriage Alive International with her husband. "People say it makes such a big difference to focus on each other even just for 20 seconds each day."

Indeed, while experts support the oft-cited "date night," they say it's the small, daily gestures of romance that keep parents in love.

"It's the small things that change how you feel, not the trip to Hawaii," said Leslie Parrot, co-director of the Center for Relationship Development at Seattle Pacific University. "If you're in the kitchen standing at the sink washing bottles at 11 p.m. and your husband comes up behind you and rubs your shoulders for 30 seconds, you feel so connected because that moment happened."

A kiss is important because how couples greet each other "sets the emotional tone for intimacy for the whole rest of the evening," said Parrot, who co-wrote "When Bad Things Happen to Good Marriages" with her husband, Les. "If you start off with 'What's for dinner?' or 'Did you get the mail?' that sets a different tone."

Robert Jacobson, a third-grade teacher, always greets his husband of 19 years, with a buss. "I drop what I'm doing usually making dinner and come to the door to greet him," said the Realtor.

She also calls him or work every day during her 15-minute class break. "We have the best conversations on the phone," she said. "I look forward to it, because I have his undivided attention."

Finding time for each other can be challenging for parents, who sometimes sacrifice romance to the demands of children and busy schedules.

"Most couples at our workshops tell us they can't find time to be together," said David Arp, who co-authored "Love Life for Parents: How to Have Kids and a Sex Life Too" with his wife. "And when they do have time, they have no energy left to invest."

Parents today "really take their parenting role seriously, often at the expense of their own relationship," David Arp said. "It's



The notion that there was room for romance between Betty and Jim Anderson (Jane Wyatt and Robert Young, here with Laurin Chapin, Elton Donahue and Billy Gray) would have struck viewers of the '50s sitcom 'Father Knows Best' as silly.

Tips for adding romance to your marriage

- Write a love letter and mail it to your home address.
- If you keep television and videos as a treat, it will probably buy you at least 30 minutes of uninterrupted time.
- For a stay-at-home parent, the most romantic gesture might not be time together, but time alone. "Keep the kids and let her get out of the house and away from the kids," said Claudia Arp.
- Surprise your mate. Some suggestions: Bring home flowers for no reason other than "I love you"; stick a love note in her lunch; "kidnap" him from work for an impromptu lunch date; leave a romantic message on the answering machine; make a tape of love songs to play during the commute.
- Schedule romantic activities. "If you wait for spontaneity, you're going to wait a long time if you've got kids," said Arp.
- If you have teens, plan Saturday-morning dates when they sleep in.
- Keep your bedroom private. Don't make it the family gathering spot or a

- part-time office. Add a lock and use it.
- Make sure children go to bed at a decent hour so you have time together alone.
- A date doesn't have to be dinner and a movie. "A date can be anything where you can concentrate on each other," said Claudia Arp.
- Some free-date ideas: Go for a hike or bike ride; garden or cook together; share a hobby; look at the stars after kids are in bed.
- Share an activity. When parents are queried about what they crave in their relationship, women say they miss conversation and men say they regret not doing things together, said Leslie Parrot. But that can be a win-win situation: Women often find that when they do something active with their husband, they chat the whole time — so everyone is happy.
- If you can't find a sitter, order take-out for a candlelit dinner or make a special dessert for an in-home date. Do it after children go to bed or enlist kids as servers.

—Source: The Seattle Times

always, 'Next month we'll have time for us.' But it never quite happens."

Often, parents who work outside the home feel guilty about leaving their children and let them stay up late in the evening so they have more family time but less alone time.

In the end, though, keeping their marriage strong is the best thing parents can do for their kids, said Pamela Jordan, a University of Washington School of Nursing professor and co-author of "Becoming Parents: How to Strengthen Your Marriage as You Family Grows."

"Marriage forms the foundation of a family, so parents need to make sure it's a nice, firm foundation," Jordan said. "If parents

are angry and resentful toward each other, that's not a happy emotional environment for children to grow in."

"Parents let the 'goodies' the fun, friendship and intimacy that brought them together in the first place fall by the wayside," Jordan said. "Life gets very hectic, and children and work clamor for attention. A relationship doesn't exist until it's in bad shape."

For many new parents, the sudden switch from "all-you-time-to-all-baby" time is difficult, Parrot said.

"You trade in your couple relationship for a family-centered relationship," she noted. While for her it's a positive trade, parents might mourn the loss of their couplehood.

Parents of young children often put off their relationship at first, figuring it will get easier to be together when children are older and more independent.

In fact, older children come with their own demands. They need help with homework and various car pools; teens stay up late and require a lot of emotional support for various crises.

Postponing romance until kids leave the house shouldn't be an option. Romance when kids are around is tepid, at best. So parents always end up with the well-worn favorite date-night.

"When parents schedule time together regularly, they're amazed at how different their lives look afterward," said Jordan. "They're much less angry with each other. It really makes a difference."

She and her husband rate their love life on a scale of 1 to 10 using each of the three factors.

"Many times, my passion is a 2," said Parrot, who has a 4-year-old son. "Parents have lots of opportunities for passion to be doused."

In that case, she said, seeing a movie is probably not going to be a fulfilling date. "We don't have time as parents to be sloppy in leaving love alive," she said.

"You see so many marriages crumbling," Jacobson said. "You have to be proactive and take care of your marriage. It's not something that's just going to happen."

Having friendship as the basis for their relationship helps them communicate quickly about important things without wasting time fighting, Jacobson said.

"It hasn't always been perfect," she said. "But no matter how many years go by, our relationship feels quite fresh. One of the secrets of staying in love is falling in love over and over. You can learn the same things about a person, but on deeper and deeper levels."

Money issues: When she makes more than he does

Knight Ridder Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — When Bob and Ann Murphy meet new people in a social setting, they introduce her as a physician and him as a lawyer — who happens to have forgone a regular paycheck for the moment to stay at home raising their two children.

Although he has very few funds to deposit, Bob, 35, maintains a checking account of his own and a personal credit card, on which he puts the expenses of his hobby — buying and restoring old cars. He wouldn't consider letting his wife finance that.

"It's a pride thing," said Ann, 36, who would be quite happy to pay off the balance.

Although in many respects we've come a long way, baby, when wives bring home bigger paychecks than their husbands, there's a lingering expectation in many circles that real men still outearn their wives.

"The world isn't ready for the breadwinner-wife phenomenon," said Randi Minot, a "breadwinner" wife and the author of the recently published "Breadwinner Wives and the Men They Marry: How to Have a Successful Marriage While Outearning Your Husband." Commuri, an assistant professor in the University of Missouri-Columbia College of Business, has recently studied such couples and is writing a paper on the topic that he plans to submit soon for publication in an academic journal.

It's true that in most U.S. households men still earn most of the money. However, according to a 2001 U.S. Census Bureau report, women earned at least \$5,000 more than their male partners in 15 percent of married-couple households and in 21.5 percent of nonmarried-couple households. And it can be a dicey fact of married life — reflected, no doubt, in the fact that several people declined to discuss the matter before we found three couples who would.

Many such couples experience "recurring issues," Minot said, while others "have no issues at all." She interviewed 75 women and 55 men from all over the country who were or had been in such marriages.

Handy book helps out parents

Knight Ridder News Service

What do you do when your 2-year-old is on the floor of the grocery store pitching a fit? You pull out your "Pocket Parent," flip to the chapter on tantrums and find six suggestions, from ignoring the fit to grabbing your child and heading for the exit.

"The Pocket Parent" (Workman Publishing, \$10.95), by Gail Reichlin and Caroline Windler, is a pocket-sized manual for busy

parents, similar to an English-Spanish dictionary you might scour when you need to find a bathroom in Barcelona.

The book, designed for parents of 2- to 5-year-olds, covers 40 common problems and gives quick tips, short anecdotes and "take-charge" reminders that you are not alone. There's also a list of more than 140 recommended children's picture books on subjects ranging from lying to "morning crazies."

"If being the breadwinner is how he estimates himself as a man, and his wife starts to out-earn him, that's a problem," Minot said. In her interviews, she encountered women who somehow kept secret from their husbands the exact amount of their large paychecks. They were afraid of the anger and humiliation that might ensue.

The happy husband of a breadwinner wife is one who "can find a role in the relationship, beyond breadwinning, that makes him feel he's making a contribution," she said.

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Virtual infidelity: In causing pain, it's the real thing

Chicago Tribune

Tammy fell sick to her stomach when she saw it. Sitting there on the scanner by the computer were photographs of her husband, Gene. Pictures she scanned in herself. And one of them was a picture of Gene and Tammy dancing at their wedding—except Tammy had been cut out of the scene.

"I immediately just had a bad feeling about it," she said.

So she called Gene on his cell phone. He was on the road, traveling for his New England company.

I asked him why he had been scanning in pictures of himself," Tammy said. "There was a 30-second silence—it seemed like 5 minutes."

"My mother asked for some wedding photos," Gene finally said. "You're a liar," Tammy said and hung up.

Eventually the truth would come out, thanks in part to some computer detective work by Tammy. Gene had struck up a friendship with a woman from Michigan on the Internet. Although they initially talked about the news of the day—especially the incidents of Sept. 11, which had just occurred—the talk turned personal. Soon they were having cybersex, a common Internet practice in which people send instant messages to each other with details of what they would do to each other if they were face to face at that moment. Gene said there is no sex in cyberspace along with each keystroke.

Signs of cyber straying — how to spot betrayal

Chicago Tribune

So what are the classic signs of someone in extracurricular cyber activity? Here are a few symptoms, cited by people who have experienced cybersex betrayal by their spouse or partner and who have requested anonymity.

- Online for hours. Betsy, a homemaker, lives in Illinois, and she and Tom have been married for more than 30 years. Tom was always a hobbyist, tinkering in his woodworking shop. When CB and ham radios were the latest rage, he and his friends jumped in with both feet. Same thing when computers came along. But soon, a computer wasn't enough for Tom. He needed lots of extra gadgets—especially a video camera. And Tom wanted privacy, too, so he bought equipment at night to his woodworking shop and would spend all his free time out there.
- "He was always on at night and on weekends, till 2 or 3 in the morning."

Although Gene and the other woman never met, the cyberspace affair was just as devastating to Tammy and Gene's marriage as an affair conducted in a motel room. And the regrets are the same.

"It came pretty darn close to costing me my marriage," Gene said.

Tammy and Gene (who, like others in this story, requested anonymity) are not alone in finding their lives damaged by Internet activity related to sex. Last July MSNBC.com released a poll of more than 38,000 adult Internet users. It found that 1 in

Betsy said. She caught Tom one day when a message popped up on the screen from a female friend that said "Hi, Betsy."

Eventually, Betsy found out that he had spent most of his time on a now-defunct site that lets people chat with live video and sound while they masturbate with each other.

• Secretive behavior. Sandy and Ed had been married for 35 years, so Sandy thought she could trust her husband. Besides, they were aware of a couple of 25-year affairs that had been ruined by online affairs.

One night he was resting on the sofa while Ed had been—as usual—playing on the computer. He came in to see if she was sleeping; she pretended she was.

"I don't know why I did that, but something told me I should," she said. "After he went back to the computer, I got up quietly and walked into the computer room. A woman was telling him that she had been

10 admitted being addicted to Internet sex and that of every 7 hours of Internet usage is devoted to sexual activity, be it Internet affairs or pornography.

Through counseling and the support of an Internet message board for relationships hurt by cybercheating, Tammy and Gene are trying to gather the fragments of their marriage.

"One thing that's helped is we read this book called 'After the Affair' and annotated it," Gene said. "She'd underline a section and write my name and I'd see if I fit. 'Yes, that's me. That's what I've been doing.' And I'd do the

miserable all day without him."

As far as Sandy knows, the affair never was consummated in the bedroom. Sandy and Ed moved to Georgia to be near their grandchildren and are mending their marriage, but Sandy is wary. "If it happened again, he'd be history," she said.

• A sudden change in sexual appetite. Marlene Maheu, co-author of "Infidelity and the Internet," said unusual bedroom behavior can be a signal that your partner is up to something.

"It could be either a dramatic increase or decrease in sexual interest," Maheu said. "They suddenly want to try new things sexually, or there may be a decrease in their emotional connection during the act."

If there's no interest at all, they may be using up their sexual energy on Internet activities, she said. And she said that if your partner seems sexually aroused while working on the computer, beware.

"After the Affair," written by Yale psychologist Janis Abrahams Spring, has been published in 11 countries and sold 150,000 copies. Although its focus is on the Internet, Spring said she and other mental-health professionals are seeing an alarming increase in relationships damaged by Internet affairs.

"When I give a workshop, I always ask how many of the counselors in the room are dealing more and more with affairs that began on the Internet," she said. "And almost every hand goes up."

Cure child's misbehavior with surprise consequences

A mom recently asked me for advice concerning a discipline problem that had had a small beginning, but was getting completely out of hand. Her two boys, ages 4 1/2 and 3 1/2, were refusing to come with her when she arrived at their preschool class to take them home. At first, they had merely asked to stay for a couple of minutes to finish something they were doing. Not wanting to appear draconian, she indulged them.

Within a few days, those few extra minutes had grown to 10 or 15, and "one more thing" had developed into two more things, then three and so on. Then, to her consternation, the boys began ignoring her when she made her appearance.

"I feel paralyzed," Mom told me. "I don't know what to do. I don't want to appear impatient, much less lose my temper, and I certainly don't want to create a scene by dragging them out. Help!"

Most parents have been in such circumstances at one time or another, feeling like the eyes of the world are upon them as they struggle with how to properly handle a discipline problem.

It is indeed paralyzing, and the more paralyzed one feels, the less clearly one thinks and the less effectively one acts. Under the circumstances, a snowball of misbehavior can begin rolling downhill and quickly become a disciplinary avalanche.

Believe it or not, the cure took one day. Mom and I talked and the next time she went to pick up the boys at preschool, she simply went to their classroom and announced that it was time to go. Not surprisingly, and as we had hoped, they ignored her. Every minute or so, she calmly repeated the announcement, but made no attempt to force the issue. This went on for 10 or 15 minutes. Finally, the teachers coaxed the boys over their "problem with transitions" and everyone left. On the drive home, Mom acted cheerful, as if nothing was amiss. She asked how their day had been, what had they done, and so on. When they arrived home, however, Mom took the boys to their rooms and told them that because they did not come with her the first time she called, they were spending the rest of the day in confinement and going to bed immediately after supper. They could come out of their rooms to use the bathroom, eat meals, and go places with her if she had to leave the house. It was not yet noon, mind you.

"From now on, I'm going to come to your class and say, 'It's time to go,' she told them. You are to put down what they're doing and come with me, right away."

Note that Mom did not give the boys advance notice of her intent. As I told her, consequences delivered without warning are more persuasive than consequences that are announced beforehand.

Mom had to do this once, and once only. These days, she just walks into class, tells her boys it's time to go, and they immediately put down what they're doing and accompany her to the car. At the slightest hesitation, she told me, all she does is narrow her eyes and cock her head in their direction and they come running. She also reports that the boys have been considerably more obedient since she lowered the boom.

These brothers were only doing what children do when they suddenly realize they are running one "show" or another: They were working the situation for all it was worth, trying to turn the proverbial inch into a mile. The feeling of power that ensues from being able, in whatever fashion, to turn the parent-child relationship upside-down has an exhilarating, intoxicating effect. So quickly is this a testament to the power of consequences.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at Affirmative Parenting, 1020 East 86th Street, Suite 208, Indianapolis, Ind. 46240 and at his Web site: <http://www.rosemond.com/>

HEALTHNET ASSETS

Kids and community

Once a week through Nov. 4, The Times-News in cooperation with the Twin Falls County HealthNet Coalition and the Youth Action Council will profile one of HealthNet's "Assets" for kids and community.

And we'll illustrate it with a poster about the Asset of the Week, designed and drawn by youngsters from throughout Twin Falls County.

With the help of HealthNet, we'll also detail the attributes of each Asset, in this case a caring

neighborhood.

The fourth poster in the series was done by Tyler Barton, a sixth-grader at Sgawtooth Elementary School.

Look for other Assets in the next 36 weeks in The Times-News Family Life section on Sundays.

And to find out more about Assets and the work of HealthNet, call 423-5915 or 825-5887.

HealthNet is a coalition of public agencies, health-care institutions and the College of Southern Idaho.

Caring neighborhood

Week No. 4: Monday through

March 3.

Name:

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Grade:

Sixth

School:

Sgawtooth Elementary School,

Twin Falls

Parents:

Kim and Derek Barton



Asset of the week: Caring neighborhood

Young people need to feel their neighbors' support, encouragement and care about them. Yet 61 percent of our county's teens said they do not feel they have this asset. **Take the Asset Challenge:** Help a child build this week's Asset.

Home

■ **Map your neighborhood.** Mark the names of the youth who live in each house and apartment and details you know about them. Seek out information on those you do not know well.

■ **Introduce your kids to your adult neighbors;** talk about your kids' accomplishments.

Congregation

■ **Plan service projects that** introduce your youth to the neighborhood.

■ **Offer after-school programs** or organize a youth fair.

Community

■ **Meet and greet your neighborhood youth** by name.

■ **Don't be intimidated** by youth you don't know; say "Hi" and talk to them.

Youth

■ **Plan a neighborhood pet show** for all ages; collect and award silly prizes.

■ **If some adults seem intimidated** by you, introduce yourself, act friendly and offer to be of service to them.

■ **Pick three neighborhood problems** that interest you and lead an effort to make improvements.

To learn more

■ **Call HealthNet** at 423-5915 or 825-5887.

Asset of the Week is a public service of Twin Falls County HealthNet Coalition, Youth Action Council and The Times-News.

ASSETS FOR YOUTH

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Watch for the biggest full moon of 2002

Everything you know is wrong... that's the lesson I've learned through years of higher education in physics. The moon's orbit is a case in point.

In grade school, I learned that the moon went 'round the earth in a circle. By high school, I was told that not only is the moon's orbit not a circle (it's an ellipse), but it doesn't really orbit the earth either (they both orbit a common center of mass—the barycenter—located about 1,000 miles underground).

At some college, and with it a further circle of hell, the moon's orbit would only be an ellipse if the moon and earth were the only objects in the universe. In the real world, the sun and planets all give a little tug to the moon, thus distorting the moon's path. The sun's tug is the most significant, followed by Jupiter's. We call these tugs tidal force. They tend to make round things egg-shaped, like oceans, the atmosphere, the earth, the moon's orbit and the tug of war makes the lunar orbit sometimes a little more elliptical, sometimes a little less, depending on whether its long axis is pointing toward the sun or perpendicular to it.

This week, the line connecting the moon's farthest point from earth (apogee) to its nearest point (perigee)—called the line of apsides—will point almost directly at the sun. Jupiter's not far off the line of apsides either, so it can put in its gravitational 2 cents' worth as well. The result is the most egg-shaped lunar orbit all year.

Book says etiquette for men needn't be 'mission impossible'

The Dallas Morning News

John Bridges takes a drill-sergeant approach to manners. Not that he'd yell at you—heaven forbid—but he believes manners need to be practiced so that you're prepared, in case you're put on the spot.

For instance, suppose a co-worker shows off a picture of a new and very un-cute baby. What do you say? A scoundrel might say, "That sure is a baby." A gentleman, on the other hand, says, "You must be so proud."

In his new book, "As a Gentleman Would Say," Bridges and co-author Bryan Curtis set out scenarios with suggestions on the gentlemanly thing to do.

The book is the third in the "gentleman's series." Short and snappy, it focuses on everyday situations rather than "extreme etiquette" of how to

SKYWATCH
Chris Anderson

Sky calendar
(through Saturday)

- Planets: One hour before sunrise: No planets visible. One hour after sunset: Mars, WSW. Saturn: SSW, very high. Jupiter: SE, very high.
- Moon: Full Wednesday, 2:17 a.m. (closest full moon of 2002: 221,887 miles)

Wednesday's full moon will fall just under 11 hours before perigee, making it appear bigger than any other full moon in 2002.

How big is big? Compared to this September's farthest full moon of 2002, and being that we're less than two months past the moon's closest annual approach to the sun, this week's big moon will be, by far, the brightest of this year as well.

Next week: The sky's brightest star.

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use finger bowls or eat antichokes.

"The basics are really what we're talking about, especially with younger guys," says Bridges, 51, who is the director of cultural affairs for the city of Nashville, Tenn.

Curtis tends to come up with the scenarios, while Bridges handles the responses: "He had all the right questions, and I think I have all the right answers," Bridges jokes.

Bridges attributes his interest in manners to a childhood in small-town Alabama, with parents who were the age of his friends' grandparents.

"It wasn't as if we were made to sit with our hands folded in our laps, but they didn't put up with much misbehavior," Bridges says. "The message was, life was going to be easier if you behave."

The Orange County Register

• **"Collateral Damage" (R)** - The Orpheum of Twin Falls, Jerome Cinema. **Best for:** Mature audiences who enjoy war movies.

What it's about: Gordy Brewer (Arnold Schwarzenegger) is a Los Angeles firefighter who loses his wife and son to a terrorist bombing masterminded by "The Wolf" (Cliff Curtis). Though federal agents are on the case, Gordy goes to Cambodia and seeks revenge. He gets help from a mechanic (John Turturro), a cocaine fiend (John Leguizamo) and a woman who turns out to be the Wolf's wife (Francesca Neri). Time is running out for Gordy as the Wolf plans another deadly act.

The good: There's no mystery as to what you're going to get with Schwarzenegger's movies - lots of exciting adventure, big explosions, thrilling stunts, a high body count, evil bad guys and, of course, Arnold being Arnold. This time around the terrorist plot hits closer to home, his character is believable and his grief over losing his family makes him more human, and that all works to make the revenge and payback seem more plausible. The controversy surrounding the delayed release of this movie because of its violence has been widely publicized. Arnold's "super-hero movie" style of release may end up being sort of cathartic.

The not-so-good: Violence is extreme—many people are killed or wounded, including a mother and child. Thus, it's not appropriate for those under 17.

Offensive language: Several uses of the F-word, plus profanities. **Sexual situation:** Cross references to a sexual act are made, but no sex is shown.

Violence: Numerous people are killed or wounded by gunfire, bombs, grenades, rocks, a knife and even a coral snake. Others are injured by fighting, including a scene where Gordy bites a man's ear off (a la Mike Tyson). **The themes:**

Family flicks

are too intense or graphic for children or young teens. Entertainment value: B+

• "Rollerball" (PG-13) - Twin Cinema.

Best for: Mature audiences only. **What it's about:** It's 2005, and Rollerball is a part-roller derby, part-hockey sport popular in Asia. The American players on the international team are Jonathan Cross (Chris Klein) and his friend Marcus Ridley (LL Cool J), who happen to be the most popular players. Jonathan notices the team owner Alex Petrovich (Jean Reno) fixing the games with injuries to the players in order to make the game more popular and profitable. Jonathan and Marcus devise a way to expose the owner, but it ends up putting the two in a dangerous situation. Rebecca Romijn-Stamos plays Jonathan's love interest.

The good: The best and most thrilling part of this movie is the beginning, when Jonathan is shown racing down the hilly streets of San Francisco on elongated skateboards, zipping through traffic, stop signs and busy intersections. Klein and LL Cool J are perfectly cast and prove they can play action/adventure roles—they just don't have a great script. This is a remake of the 1975 film that was visionary for its time, but the litigious nature of current society makes the violence a little too far-fetched. The film shows several rollerball matches that are exciting but dangerous. All of the players skate fast around the track, jumping ramps, shoving, punching, flipping and knocking each other down. Among them are two players on motorcycles who race around, jump on the ramps, leap over skaters and even crash into them. The match scenes are excit-

ing, and Klein and Romijn-Stamos have great chemistry.

The not-so-good: This was an interesting remake, but it's too violent for the PG-13 rating. Various characters drink and/or smoke constantly, and drug references are made about one player.

Offensive language: Lots of what's considered mild profanity including the F-word.

Sexual situations: Various male players in the locker room wear only towels; women wear revealing costumes, including S&M leather outfits.

Violence: This is a violent and bloody movie with numerous people killed in various ways. On the Rollerball track, men and women athletes are hit, shot to death, run over with a motorcycle, etc. and one character is even outnumbered and tortured by opposing teammates.

Parental advisory: This movie deserves an R rating, so it's unsuitable for kids and young teens.

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LINCOLN EINSTEINS



Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls recognized it math 'Einstein' for the month of December. They are, from left, top row: Kim Delebeck, Kassy Cooper, Shalyn Davis, Dakota Marovich, Mercedes Newman, Krystyn Whitmore, Bradley Altshouse, N. J. Miljovic and Emily Shepherd; middle row: Jamie Chan, Ariana Bernier, Mallory Hymas, Jenina Chubb, Kadrija Harselic, Dino Hukic, Vanessa Cortes and Vanessa Ramirez; bottom row: Tyler Dixon, Edina Hukic, Phillip Nielsen, Storme Jansson, Breonna Bailey, Corrie Morales, Becca Holloway and Maddie Dahlquist.



Dorothy Morris of Buhl, Mary Hobday of Gooding, Danell Wolf of Fairfield and Phyllis Rickert of Jerome listen at a recent meeting of the Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in Jerome.

Teacher's group meets for info, fun

JEROME - Investing and a national honor were among the topics discussed at the Jan. 19 gathering of the Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma at the home of Lu Mae (Correll) Coates in Jerome.

Delta Kappa Gamma is a global honorary society that promotes and supports women educators. The Theta Chapter includes educators from the Northside.

The speaker was Gretchen Jones Clelland of the Edward Jones Investment Company. She discussed investment opportunities, including the new PERSI Plan, which was helpful to teachers and retired teachers, member Begie Hamaker says.

One of the chapter members, Donna Pence of Gooding had been named "Idaho Pathfinder" at the National American Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in Orlando, Fla. in March 2000 for providing opportunities for girls and women in sports.

In other business, committee report forms were distributed for 2001 and discussion was held on retaining members.

The meeting was well attended and roll call was a favorite flower, Hamaker says.

The group's Feb. 12 gathering featured a dinner and trip to the Herrett Museum and Falkner Planetarium.

SHOWING PATRIOTISM



Students at Hayburn Elementary School put together a patriotic display on the fence in front of the north building of the school. Using red, white and blue plastic cups, the children spelled out 'USA' and made American flags.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Student makes dean's list at New England College

Sara Humphrey, daughter of Margaret Arnhart-Humphrey of Twin Falls, was named to the dean's list at New England College in Henniker, N.H., for the fall 2001 semester.

Humphrey, a sociology major, is a member of the New England College Class of 2003.

Robert Stuart honors teacher of the month

Joe Keeney, ninth-grade teacher at Robert Stuart Junior High in Twin Falls, was chosen as teacher of the month for December 2001 by the student body.

Keeney has devoted 20 years of teaching at Robert Stuart Junior High, school officials say. He also coaches varsity football and track at Twin Falls High School. He was presented with a gift certificate donated by Jakers.

University of Iowa adds students to dean's lists

Annie Janelle Croner of Twin Falls was among the undergraduate students at the University of Iowa in Iowa City named to the dean's list for the 2001 winter semester.

Croner is in the college of liberal arts.

Jacob C. Brackett of Rogerson was named to the 2001 fall semester dean's list. He is majoring in agricultural business.

All students named to the dean's list carried at least 12-graded semester hours during the semester and held a minimum 3.5 grade-point average.

Students take place on Seattle Pacific's dean's list

The following students made the autumn quarter dean's list for Seattle Pacific University in Seattle, Wash.

Students have completed at least 12 credits and attained a 3.50 or higher grade point average.

Among the students were: Ashley Rebeck Allen of Twin Falls, the daughter of Richard G.

Allen and Mary Melissa K. Allen.

Louis William Bokma of Twin Falls.

Alex Brent Wills of Seattle, the son of Greg B. Wills and E. Sue Wills of Twin Falls.



Joe Keeney

FEEDING ACHIEVEMENT



White Pine Intermediate School in Burley invited students who earned A's and B's to breakfast of chocolate chip pancakes. Children could bring along family. Each student also received a certificate of achievement.

CSI Blaine courses include page design

HAILEY - Web page design, art and landscaping are some of the courses offered by the College of Southern Idaho Blaine County Outreach Center.

Web Page Design - This class will allow hands-on programming in HTML, the language of the World Wide Web. Learn how to format text and graphics to create a home page. Some familiarity with the Internet is helpful, but not necessary. The cost is \$95.50.

The class meets from 5-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 20 to March 4 at the Fox Building in Hailey.

Seamless Remodel - Tobin Dougherty Architecture will help students define a design approach for their own project. Over the past 20 years Tobin has been involved in residential remodeling,

Want more information?
Call Joan Davies at 788-2033 or 788-2038.

Drawing and Painting Art Concepts - This class offers several levels of development in the uses of pencil, charcoal, conte crayon, colored chalk and acrylics. Color will be explored from basic mixing, that will give final and landscape designs, and painting the human form. For those who have taken this class in the past, there will be additional levels you might request to study as a continuation from previous courses. The cost is \$65

plus materials. The class meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 26 to March 21 at Hemingway Elementary School in Ketchum.

IV Living Space Design - The Home Landscape Planning series continues. Design useful spaces and fire safety features that are enticing for living, relaxing, and recreating as successfully integrated within the planted areas. The cost is \$16. The class meets from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at Wood River High School in Hailey. Participants should bring a base map, hand-drawing or sketch of their property, including the location of their home within the existing landscape. Accurate scale is not a necessity. Veteran designers and planners Denise Jackson and Carol Blackburn are the instructors.

architecture and design. The cost is \$75. The class meets from 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 20 to March 20 at Tobin Dougherty Architecture.

Anyone interested must call the CSI Student Information office by Monday to pre-register at 733-9554, Ext. 2221 or Ext. 2112.

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BREATH group holds volunteer meeting

GOODING - The Business Recreation Education Arts Tourism History (BREATH) group will hold a volunteer meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Gooding City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W. in Gooding.

BREATH is a Gooding County nonprofit volunteer organization which says its mission is to preserve, protect and promote quality of life in the areas of business, recreation, education, arts, tourism and history.

Committees are forming to plan the End-of-the-Trial celebration to be held in October. Other projects include the Gooding County Memorial Garden, Buy-a-brick fundraiser and Arbor Day celebration.

For more information, call Judice at 934-4374.

Cassia Regional offers early pregnancy class

BURLEY - Cassia Regional Medical Center is offering an early pregnancy class from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday.

The class should be taken in the second to fourth month or pregnancy or if considering pregnancy.

Topics covered include nutrition, fetal growth and development, exercise and solutions for common discomforts.

The cost, which includes several other childbirth classes, is \$20.

Burley Legion Post seeks Boys, Girls State applicants

BURLEY - Burley American Legion Post 17 and Auxiliary reports that this year's Boys and Girls State will be held June 9-15.

The boys will meet at Albion School in Caldwell and the girls at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa.

Applications and forms have been provided to Burley High School officials for recommendations of qualified members from the 2002 junior class. Selections will be made by mid-March after an interview and review process by the Burley Post and Auxiliary.

Boys and Girls State are pro-

Cassia County Citizens Academy includes jail tour

BURLEY - The Cassia County Citizens Academy will be held from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, March 13 through May 22.

Law enforcement topics covered will include jail tour, canine procedures, marine deputy, drug recognition and more. Application deadline March 11.

Pick up an application at the Cassia Sheriff's Office or call Sgt. Peggy Marizza or Capt. Carey Bristol at 878-2251.

CSI schedules Equine Day for future students

TWIN FALLS - Students and parents who are interested in the College of Southern Idaho equine studies program are encouraged to attend the school's first Equine Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 6.

Instructor Jim Knight says the event will feature workshops and demonstrations in all facets of the curriculum, including horse anatomy, draft horses, business aspects of raising horses, horse shoeing and equestrian team. Information also will be available on internships offered through CSI at world-class horse farms around the United States.

The event is free and Presidential Scholarships will be awarded to two event participants that will pay half the student's tuition and fees during the fall 2002 semester. A tour of the campus and lunch will be provided.

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Winners for north/south were: first, Peggy Hackley and Mary Klenz; second, Beverly Burns and Bev Clark; and third, Jodi Faulstich and Louise Smith.

Winners for east/west were: first, Darla Hancock and Velda Lawrence; second, Gib Brown and

Weight-in takes place to prepare for county Fair

SEOSHONE - The Lincoln County Fair will be held July 14-20.

'Inheritance of the Heart' takes place at center

TWIN FALLS - A free class entitled, "Inheritance of the Heart," is being offered from 1-2 p.m. Tuesday and March 5, March 12 and March 26 at the Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center, 616 Eastland Ave. in Twin Falls.

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Earrings making will be held from 10 a.m. to noon March 2 at Primrose Lane in Buhl. Students will learn to design and construct earrings. All materials and tools will be furnished and participants will take home at least two pairs of earrings. The cost is \$6 plus \$7 for materials.

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Teen offers tips for parents

DEAR ABBY: Over the years, you have advised many people, mothers-in-law and so on. But I have never seen advice for parents. I am a 13-year-old reader who has decided to write my own set of "guidelines" for moms and dads. Here goes:

- (1) Don't expect your kids to like the same things you do.
- (2) Tell your kids you love them every day.
- (3) When your kids do something wrong, don't keep reminding them. Chances are they feel bad enough already.
- (4) Remember, you weren't perfect when you were growing up. Don't expect your kids to be.
- (5) If you have more than one kid, don't compare them. They are completely different people.

(6) Be patient with your kids. They're just learning.

(7) If something goes wrong, don't blame it on them. It isn't always their fault.

(8) Surprise your kids sometimes - even if it's something simple.

(9) Accept that your kids are getting older. They can't always be 5 years old.

(10) Don't fight in front of your kids. (That should be a no-brainer.)

(11) Don't assume that you know what your kids are thinking.

Thanks for letting me contribute to the column, Abby.

-13-YEAR-OLD

DEAR 13-YEAR-OLD: You're welcome. If you were older, you would have seen the following "commandments" that first appeared in my column in 1981. They clearly address the subject of parenting:

A Child's Ten Commandments for Parents

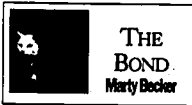
1. My hands are small; please don't expect perfection whenever I make a bed, draw a picture or throw a ball. My legs are short; please slow down so that I can keep up with you.
2. My eyes have not seen the world as yours have; please let me explore safely. Don't restrict me unnecessarily.
3. Housework will always be there. I'm little for only a short time - please take time to explain things to me about this wonderful world, and do so willingly.
4. My feelings are tender; please be sensitive to my needs. Don't nag me all day long. (You wouldn't want to be nagged for your inquisitiveness.) Treat me as you would like to be treated.
5. I am a special gift from God; please treasure me as God intended you to do, holding me accountable for my actions, giving me guidelines to live by and disciplining me in a loving manner.
6. I need your encouragement to grow. Please go easy on the criticism; remember, you can criticize the things I do without criticizing me.
7. Please give me the freedom to make decisions concerning myself. Permit me to fail so that I can learn from my mistakes. Then someday I'll be prepared to make the kind of decisions life requires of me.
8. Please don't do things over for me. Somehow that makes me feel that my efforts don't quite measure up to your expectations. I know it's hard, but please don't try to compare me with my brother or sister.
9. Please don't be afraid to leave for a weekend together. Kids need vacations from parents, just as parents need vacations from kids. Besides, it's a great way to show us kids that your marriage is very special.
10. Please take me to Sunday school and church regularly, setting a good example for me to follow. I enjoy learning more about God.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and her daughter, Joanne.

Make your pet's bath time a bonding time

If you believe pets help make and keep people healthy, one nagging question might challenge that conviction: If more than 60 percent of American homes contain pets, why aren't most of us a lot healthier? Over and over in my new book, "The Healing Power Of Pets," it became clear that those who had the most life-sustaining relationship with their animals were those who had an intimate relationship with them.

Even among those of us who indulge our pets like favorite grandchildren, there is room to optimize intimacy and the Bond. When illness forced me to shift my focus to the here and now, my pet became my physical therapist, pain management consultant, personal trainer and psychological counselor. I only received these benefits because I took the time to enhance our bond and to slow to their pace, follow their instincts, and begin, like them, to listen to my heart and express gratitude for simpler gifts. In the next two columns I will share with you some simple steps to harnessing that intimacy, which are explored in more detail in my book.



In your quest to develop a closer relationship with your pet, I've discovered that some of the best Bond enhancers include huggable coats, kissable breath, therapeutic massages, fun, interactive games, and serving an occasional homemade cuisine that caters to your cat or dog's taste buds without sacrificing nutritional needs.

A pet will not last on a lap or sleep next to those with their loved one reeking of cologne or dry-dog. Regular grooming also makes your pet more comfortable and healthier. Imagine what you'd look and feel like if you never washed or brushed your hair, or your pet's coat so grungy and smelly that you'd like to unzip it and take it to a Laundromat, if you could? My rule of thumb - the pet should be "huggable" - if it's not, it needs a bath.

Before bathing, feed the dog in

the bathtub periodically, and especially a few days before bath time. Keep irresistibly tasty treats handy, and give one during the bath to reward acceptance, but never right after shaking or with any attempt to leave the tub.

To prepare, put a bath mat or towel in the bottom of the tub (even if it already has no-slip strips in the bottom). For those brave souls who bathe their cats, a small section of window screen will provide something to latch onto. Put a ball of steel wool in the drain to catch hair, plug your pet's ears loosely with cotton (don't forget to take them out!), and put a drop of mineral oil or a little optically clear mineral oil in the eyes to protect them from shampoo.

Take the pet - don't call him to the tub - and douse his body, not his head, with lukewarm water. Keep his head dry until the very last part of the bath. This is important because water dripping off of his face and ears triggers shaking. Use a high-quality pet shampoo and conditioner that is pH-balanced for pets, not people; or a therapeutic shampoo recommended by your veterinarian. Work up

a good lather on the body and then work down the neck and back.

To prevent your pet from shaking dry and bathing you while lathering, drape a large towel over his back while you work on the rest of the body. This towel keeps the pet warm, and 90 percent of the water in the towel they shake. If you like a high-gloss coat, apply a veterinarian-approved coat conditioner or cream rinse to make her coat smoother and easier to brush.

Conditioners make grooming easier both this time, and next. Rinse well! Blot his coat with a terry towel to remove moisture or use a hairdryer, pointing the nozzle at a section of wet hair, as you simultaneously brush. If the weather is cold, keep your pet inside until dry.

No matter what you do for grooming on the outside of your dog, you need to feed his coat from "the inside out" with veterinary-recommended foods that are nutrient-rich and formulated to give your pet healthy skin, a shiny, luxurious coat, and vigor. Veterinarians and groomers can

tell from a mile away which pets are fed premium foods, as their coats announce it like a neon sign.

Most pets loved to be brushed, especially if started early in life. Think of what it feels like to have someone rhythmically brush your hair or massage your scalp during shampooing. Aaaaah. Just imagining it is therapeutic. Because pet coats differ so much, what you use for short-haired Black Labrador, Sirolin, wouldn't work very well on long-haired LLLucky. And cats have sensitive skin so they need a softer brush than dogs do.

The physical benefits to you of this maintenance ritual will be apparent almost immediately in a greater comfort level between you and your pet as well as health-inducing contact, a stress reducer in our high-tech low touch society.

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Capricorn: Tonight proves that time is on your side

IF FEBRUARY 24TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY - your voice is melodious, you are fascinated by the lives of composers. You are affectionate and, for you, life is no life without love. Taurus, Libra and Scorpio individuals play special tricks to enhance our bond and to slow to their pace, follow their instincts, and begin, like them, to listen to my heart and express gratitude for simpler gifts. In the next two columns I will share with you some simple steps to harnessing that intimacy, which are explored in more detail in my book.

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Sydney Omarr

Lucky number today is 4.
TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Key is to communicate, write and read, and take note of your dreams. Filtration is key. Do not play games with emotions. Virgo will play major role.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Article you lost 48 hours ago had sentimental value; tonight it could be recovered. Emphasis on where you live, domestic adjustment and marital status. Libra represented.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your power of persuasion is awe-

some. You "make" circumstances turn in your favor. Events transpire to bring you closer to goal. You exude sex appeal. Be discriminating.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A "powerful" person is active behind scenes, not for your benefit. Protect self in clinches. Fight for cause that is right. Cancer, Capricorn natives figure prominently. You will win!
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Participate in humanitarian project. Lunar cycle high; you will be chosen for unique honor. Your words will be quoted in distant lands. Complete assignment. Don't give up the ship!
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You

get recognition, will be in leadership role. Take initiative. Do not follow others. Exciting romantic relationship is featured. Leo, Aquarius will play "fantastic" roles.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Favorable lunar aspect coincides with interest in philosophy and theology. Emphasis on living quarters, partnership and marriage. Capricorn, Cancer natives dominate scenario.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your lucky day! Stick with number 3 - you could win contest. You will be interviewed concerning fashion news. Express original ideas. Gemini, another Sagittarian play roles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Lie low, play waiting game. Time is on your side; that will be brought. Taurus, Leo and Scorpio persons figure in exciting scenario. Keep recent diet resolutions.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be ready for change of itinerary and variety of experiences. Filtration lends spice, enables you to give romance another chance. Gnat indicated via written word. Virgo involved.
PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Attention revolves around luxury item, a gift from one who wants to be close to you. Make home your castle; decorate and remodel. Taurus, Libra make crystal clear their affection.

Take action now for a happier, healthier life

Do you have personal habits and behaviors that place you at risk for premature death? Do you know what those habits and behaviors are?

Do you wear your seatbelts every time you drive? Do you smoke or use smokeless tobacco every day? Do you consume more than one beer or a small amount of wine or a mixed drink with 1 ounce of alcohol each day?

Do you know what your cholesterol numbers are? Do you know what they mean? Do you have high blood pressure? Do you have a genetic predisposition for any disease?

Are you in aerobic condition? Do you know what aerobic conditioning means? Do you know how to exercise aerobically? Do you know how often to do it?

Are you more than 10 percent above your ideal body weight for your height and build? Do you know what your ideal body weight is?

Do you get at least 7 hours of restful sleep per night? Do you relax daily? Do you know how to relax without drugs or alcohol?

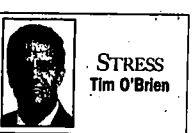
Do you eat a balanced diet, drink enough water and take in enough fiber? Do you know how much you should consume?

Depending on your answers, you could be in a potentially dangerous situation and not know it. In this instance, ignorance is not bliss, and it could be fatal. Accurate information is the first step in helping ourselves avoid all limiting factors within our control. The second and most important step is to act based on what you learn.

Go to authorities on the subjects you need more information on, such as the American Heart Association for cardiovascular questions, or the American Cancer Institute for cancer issues. Dr. Kenneth Cooper is the father of aerobic training. Go to his Web site or purchase one of his books to help you learn the benefits and importance of regular exercise.

The American Psychological Association can help you with mental disorder topics. The book, "The Glucose Revolution," clearly explains the glycemic index, and the impact of sugar on our insulin levels. This is a breakthrough book concerning diet and energy levels.

The American Automobile Association can scare you into wearing seatbelts if you still need convincing. Alcoholics Anonymous has many chapters



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around the country to help those with an alcohol challenge. Scientific research says that small amounts of alcohol are heart healthy. Large and regular quantities of alcohol can destroy lives and families. If either prescription or illegal drugs are a concern, check with your physician for treatments and ways to overcome the dependency.

Are there any diseases that run in your family? If there are, check with your doctor, and follow instructions on how to reduce or avoid their impact on your life.

Some people say, "I don't care about my health. We all die from something. I might get hit by a car tomorrow, so why deny myself some fun today?"

Those I have seen with this attitude change their perspective very rapidly, but often too late, once an avoidable problem affects their life.

Don't become obsessed with diet, exercise, hygiene, and safety issues. Simply be sensible. Know where you can make a difference in your life, and take those steps.

Buddha's motto was "moderation in everything." He lived to his mid-eighties, 2500 years ago. The average life expectancy was less than 30 years, I believe.

Learn about the areas in your life that are potential problems from expert sources. Then, give Buddha's suggestion of moderation a one-year trial in your life. You will probably find yourself happier, healthier, and less stressed for having done tried it.

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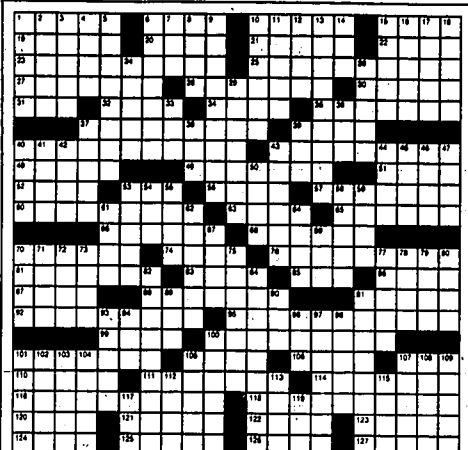
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Keep love blooming

Experts say there's no one method

The Washington Post

More than a century ago, Russian novelist Leo Tolstoy wrote, "Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way."
 The words have become immortalized, and the unhappy story of "Anna Karenina" is considered one of the greatest novels ever written. But psychologists and sociologists are starting to question the observation.
 "It's like Tolstoy was totally wrong," said John Gottman, a psychology professor at the University of Washington in Seattle. "Unhappy families are really similar to one another — there's much more variability among happy families."
 Gottman and others are trying to understand why as many as one in two marriages end in divorce, and why so many couples seem to fall out of love and break apart.
 Some of the most revealing answers, it turns out, come from the couples who stay together.
 While conventional wisdom holds that conflicts in a relationship slowly erode the bonds that hold partners together, couples who are happy in the long term turn out to have plenty of conflicts, too. Fights and disagree-

ments are apparently intrinsic to all relationships, but couples who stay together over the long haul don't let the fighting consume most other parts of the relationship, experts say.
 "Why do people get married in the first place?" asked Thomas Bradbury, a professor of psychology at the University of California at Los Angeles. "To have someone to listen to, to have a friend to share life's ups and downs. We want to try to draw attention to what's valuable in their relationship."
 Researchers are finding that these other, positive factors of relationships are potent predictors of whether couples feel committed to relationships, and whether they weather storms together. As long as those factors are intact, conflicts don't drive people apart.
 "What we've discovered is surprising and contrary to what most people think," said Gottman, author of "The Mathematics of Marriage." "Most books say it's important for couples to fight fair, but 69 percent of all marital conflicts never get resolved because they are about personality differences between couples. What's critical is not whether they resolve conflicts but whether they can cope with them."
 "Every couple has irreconcilable differences," agreed Diane Solles, founder of smartmarriages.com, a Web site devoted to teaching couples skills to improve their relationships. She explained such differences ought to be "managed" instead of being grounds for separations, split-ups

and divorce.
 Almost 90 percent of Americans marry at some point. An overwhelming number of those who divorce marry a second time, meaning they may have lost faith in a partner but not in the promise of the institution.
 At the same time, changing social mores and expectations are stressing long-term relationships. Two-income couples juggle demanding jobs and professional advancement can sometimes detract from family and intimate relationships. The rising number of women in the workforce has given women the economic security to leave unhappy relationships, the sexual revolution has made sex before and outside marriage common, and divorce has lost its stigma.
 Nevertheless, most Americans still seek lifelong mates — and expectations from love and marriage have never been higher.
 The juxtaposition of high expectations with the stress and cycles of relationships appears to be an important reason why many relationships don't work, said Ted Huston, a professor of human ecology and psychology at the University of Texas at Austin, who tracked 168 couples over 13 1/2 years.
 Huston found that changes in the first two years of marriage often predicted the outcome of relationships. Almost half of all divorces occur within the first seven years of marriage, according to national census data, and many of these "early exiters" report a decline in "bliss" right after marriage.

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ENGAGEMENTS

MYERS-EISEN

TWIN FALLS — Ron and Gail Myers of Wenatchee, Wash., announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Margaret Myers, to Scott Allen Eisen, son of Arthur and Mary Eisen of Twin Falls. Myers is a graduate of Arizona

State University. Eisen is a graduate of Wenatchee Valley College in Wenatchee.

Together they own Adventure Raft Co. in Leavenworth, Wash., and work at Stevens Pass Ski Area in the winter time. The wedding is planned for Aug. 24 in Leavenworth.



Emily McMullin and D.J. Stone

CLARK-HANSING

BUHL — Alan and Shawna Clark of Buhl announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Lee Clark, to Terrance LaVon Hansing, son of David and Debra Hansing of Bliss and Jenalee Hansing of Twin Falls.



Amanda Clark and Terrance Hansing

Clark is a senior at Buhl High School. She is employed at First Assembly of God in Buhl.

Hansing is a senior at Bliss High School. He is employed at Pisces Investments in Hagerman.

The wedding is planned for June 7 at the First Assembly of God in Buhl.

CROWLEY-STERNER

EDEN — Marv and Wendy Dunlap of Eden announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Anne Crowley, to Shaun Paul Sterner, son of Joel and Mona Brady of Twin Falls.



Sarah Crowley and Shaun Sterner

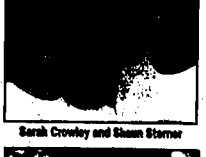
Crowley is a graduate of Valley High School.

Sterner is also a graduate of Valley High School. He is employed at Smith's Food and Drug Center in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for Aug. 8.

DAVIS-KAY

BURLEY — Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Davis of Wellington, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Machele Davis, to Logan Kay, son of Robert and Jackie Kay of Burley.



Machele Davis and Logan Kay

Davis has attended Utah State University for three years.

Kay is a graduate of Burley High School and is also attending Utah State University.

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held March 8 at Star 1st Ward Church, 100 S. 200 W., Burley.

UTERHOLZNER-MATTHEWS

MURTAUGH — Dennis and Mary Uterholzner of Mukwonago, Wis., announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Margaret Uterholzner, to Rocky T. Matthews, son of Grant and Maribelle Matthews of Murtaugh.



Rebecca Uterholzner and Rocky Matthews

Uterholzner is currently attending Waukegan County Technical College and plans to attend college in Murtaugh. Matthews is currently attending Murtaugh High School and plans to attend college in Murtaugh.

The wedding is planned for April 6 in Waukegan with a reception and dinner to follow in North Prairie.

ANNIVERSARY

THE TUPPERS

HAGERMAN — Mr. and Mrs. Robert "Bob" Tupper of Hagerman will be honored at an open house today for their 50th wedding anniversary.
 Friends and relatives are invited to attend from noon to 4 p.m. at North's Chuck Wagon in Twin Falls.
 Tupper and Faye Calkins were married Feb. 24, 1942.
 They have lived in Hagerman all of their lives.
 He has farmed all of his life on

the original Tupper property.
 She worked on the farm, owned The Sew and Save Fabric Shop, and became a licensed practical nurse in 1980.
 The event is being given by their children, Elwyn (Rita) Tupper of Fairfield, Mike (Francis) Tupper of Challis, Jeff (Kristi) Tupper of St. Anthony, Rebecca Tupper of Twin Falls and David (Becci) Tupper of Hagerman.
 The couple has 13 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.



Bob and Faye Tupper

Figures show more seniors still work

The Hartford Courant

Heard the one about the guy who retired at 65 and spent his golden years in a rocking chair on the porch? Not if the new data on work and the elderly are correct, you haven't. These days, more and more individuals are opting for a post-retirement return to the work force — or delaying retirement altogether.

Census figures show an increase in the number of Americans 65 and older who are working, and a recent AARP study found that 80 percent of baby boomers expect to stay in the work force well into their retirement years. For many, it's an economic necessity.

Job-market analysts say the shaky stock market, along with the recent Enron disaster, has seniors concerned about shrinking retirement funds — especially those whose portfolios are weighted heavily with company stock. In these uncertain times, tax law reforms that allow older workers to keep earning money without jeopardizing Social Security benefits make staying on the job more attractive.

"With the downturn in the market, investments aren't bringing in the income they used to," says John Howells, author of "Retirement on a Shoestring." "Some folks can't afford to retire at all, while others have to work at least part time. People don't want to go through their nest eggs. They're concerned about outliving their savings."
 Other elderly workers are not

Off to work you go

If you're interested in returning to the work force, experts offer the following tips:

- Meet with a financial adviser to analyze your situation and help you figure out how expenses with income from Social Security, pensions, etc. The shortfall is what you'll need to make up with work income.
- Register with a senior job bank. Most are free, and many offer a number of training programs and refresher courses.
- Decide whether you want to remain in your same line of work or try something different. If the field you choose demands a return to school, be sure you can support yourself during the interim.

— Source: The Hartford Courant

interested in cleaning out their desks and heading home for a life of leisure.
 "Some folks work because they need the income and some because they need the connection and the identity," job brings," says Pat Newton, director of the Senior Job Bank, a West Hartford, Conn., nonprofit agency providing free employment services to individuals over 55. "For most, it's a combination of the two."
 Take Frank Roy, for example. After working in manufacturing for more than 50 years, he retired from the 9-to-5 grind and began a second career as an industry consultant and trouble-shooter. Five years ago, when Connecticut's Waterbury Adult Education

Services opened a Technical Training Center to train individuals for metalworking industries in the area, he was the first instructor hired for the program.

"I wanted to cut back and have some flexibility in my schedule, but I wanted to keep working," says Roy, 77. "I get bored just sitting around. I like challenges. If I'm working, I have something to look forward to, and it helps me financially as well."

Some retirees such as Roy, have lifetime job skills that make it relatively easy to find jobs. Others, says Howells, return to school to renew skills or learn new skills. Some combine working and retirement by relocating to high-growth areas that offer opportunities in the hospitality industry, while others never leave their jobs at all, opting instead for shorter or more flexible schedules.

And although age-related discrimination still exists, many companies appreciate the maturity and experience older workers bring to the workplace, says Martin Rome, vice president of communications for Experience Works (www.experienceworks.org), a national nonprofit organization that provides job training for low-income seniors who wish to re-enter the job market.

"The stereotypes about senior workers are disappearing," says Rome. "There are many companies that prefer older employees, encourage age-friendly work practices, actively recruit, hire and retain older workers, and offer special programs such as training and flexible work schedules."

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

516 Eastland Drive
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Monday: Swedish meatballs, rice, peas and carrots, fruit salad, bread, brownies
Tuesday: Soup, chef salad
Wednesday: Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, corn, Jell-O with fruit, rolls, cake
Thursday: Baked potato bar
Friday: Menu not available
Activities
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Monday
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Foot clinic, make appointment
Tuesday
Ticket Tuesday
Blood pressure check
Wednesday
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Elks Card Club at 7 p.m.
Thursday
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Friday
Blood pressure
Lunch bingo
Quitting
West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St. Buhl.
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.
Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Lunch prices are \$3 and evening meals will be \$2. Sunday dinners are \$3.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the center, everyone is welcome.
Sunday: Pork roast
Monday: Baked potato bar
Tuesday: Ham
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: Meat loaf
Friday: Hamburgers, hot dogs
Activities
Thrift shop open every day.

Quitting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Roseland Band plays from 8-11 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. Admission is \$3.
Sunday
All-you-can-eat pork roast dinner, \$3.50
Monday
Exercise from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Smorgy at 5:30 p.m.
Cards at 6 p.m.
Tuesday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m.
Treasure Tuesday
Bingo at 11:45 a.m.
Crafts from 1-4 p.m.
Bingo from 7-9 p.m.
Wednesday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Thursday
Exercises from 7-8 p.m.
Bingo from 1-3 p.m.
Friday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.
Tuesday: Hot beef sandwich
Thursday: Oven fried chicken

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main N., Kimberly
Monday-Friday: Menu not available
Activities
Tuesday
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Wednesday
Dominos at 1 p.m.
Thursday
Crafts at 1 p.m.
Friday
Bingo at 11:55 a.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.

308 Senior Ave.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.
Monday: Lemon pepper cod, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, salad, french bread, cake
Tuesday: Meat loaf, potatoes, gravy, spinach, penny carrot salad, french bread, peaches
Wednesday: Chicken a la king, noodles, peas, carrots, corn bread, Jell-O with fruit, pudding

Thursday: Pit ham, potatoes, California blend vegetables, cottage cheese with pineapple, whole wheat roll, peach cobbler
Activities
Monday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Pinocle at 12:30 p.m.
Hand and foot at 6 p.m.
Tuesday
Pool at 9 a.m. and at 1 p.m.
Bridge at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Shuffleboard at 6 p.m.
Thursday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Blood pressure check at 11 a.m.
Birthday dinner at 12 p.m.
Sing-a-long at 12:30 p.m.
TOPS at 5 p.m.
Pinocle at 7 p.m.
Friday
Hand and foot check at 1 p.m.
Bowling at 1:30 p.m.
Bingo at 6:30 p.m.

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.
Monday: Pork chops with applesauce, macaroni and cheese, winter blend vegetables, salad, fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Ham and cheese pockets, potato wedges, green beans, broccoli salad, pineapple upside down cake
Wednesday: Chicken chow mein over rice, oriental vegetables, Jell-O with fruit, chocolate pudding
Thursday: Salisbury steak, potatoes, gravy, broccoli, kidney bean salad, cherry squares
Friday: Menu not available
Activities
Monday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Zora's band
Tuesday
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Snack bar at 6 p.m.
Early bird bingo at 6:45 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Wednesday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Pinocle at 7 p.m.
Friday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

Monday: Chicken patties, fried potatoes, green beans, bread, peas, cottage cheese, sugar cookies, orange juice,

mill, coffee
Thursday: Hamburgers, fries, green salad, apple pie, orange juice, milk, coffee

Shoshone Senior Center

218 N. Ball St. W., Shoshone
Thursday: Cheese broccoli tuna bake, green salad, pears, biscuits, cinnamon rolls, orange juice, milk, coffee
Wednesday: Beef tacos, tomato soup, banana cream pie, orange juice, milk, coffee
Friday: Menu not available
Activities
Monday
Exercise from 9-9:30 a.m.
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
Quitting from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Quilt class
Tuesday
Lunch at noon
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Wednesday
Lunch at noon
Rotary Club
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Snack bar at 6 p.m.
Early bird at 6 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Thursday
Exercise from 9-9:30 a.m.
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
Richfield lunch
Friday
Pinocle at 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Citizens

203 Wilson, Eden
Open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Mondays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days. Home delivered meals are delivered Monday through Friday.
Tuesday: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, salad, rolls, fruit cocktail, cake, ice cream
Wednesday: Bake day
Thursday: Tacos, Spanish rice, refried beans, pear cup, oatmeal raisin cookie
Activities
Wednesday
Bingo at 7 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior/Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman
Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday,

Wednesday and Friday. Lunch is served at noon on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2.75. Milk, juice, coffee, tea, rolls, sourdough or cornbread served with all meals
Monday: Stuffed bell peppers, salad, country potatoes
Tuesday: Potato soup, sandwich, salad
Friday: Menu not available
Thrift store open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey
Meals are served at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Milk, juice, coffee and tea are served with all meals
Tuesday: Beef vegetable soup, bread sticks, salad bar, fruit, orange sherbet, sugar cookie
Wednesday: Meat loaf gravy, mashed potatoes, sliced peaches, biscuits, frosted chocolate brownie
Friday: Menu not available
Activities
Tuesday
Exercise at 9 a.m.
Blood pressure check
Tax assistance
Video presentation at 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Diabetic support group meeting at 12:30 p.m.
Thursday
Exercise at 9 a.m.

Mindoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals.
Monday: Assorted salads, Swiss steak, potatoes, gravy, corn, rolls, ice cream, juice, beverages
Tuesday: Tossed salad, chicken and rice, gravy, green beans, sherbet, rolls, juice, beverage
Wednesday: Chef salad, Texas toast, cake, beverages, biscuits, beverage
Thursday: Vegetable salad, pork roast, potatoes, gravy, broccoli, Jell-O jewels, biscuits, beverage, juice
Friday: Smorgasbord
Center gift shop is open from

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Quilting and pool table daily during center hours. Crafts every day. Volunteers are needed to do grocery shopping for shut-ins. Call Ridgely at 436-1200
Activities
Monday
Exercise from 10-11 a.m.
Songfest from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Bridge
Tuesday
Quilting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Bingo from 1-2 p.m.
Wednesday
Pinocle 1-4 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Thursday
Exercise from 10-11 a.m.
SHIBA Medicare supplemental insurance assistance from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call George Schwinderman at 436-9107.

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All dinners are served at noon.
Monday: Hamburger, macaroni and cheese, biscuits, sugar snap peas, fruit salad, ice cream sundae
Tuesday: Corn chowder, bacon and tomato sandwich, fruit cup, cole slaw, brownie
Wednesday: Apricot chicken, baked potato, broccoli normandy, rolls, Clara's salad, cherry cobbler
Thursday: Barbecue on a bun, fries, corn medley, mixed fruit, rocky road pudding
Friday: Lemon fish, baked potato, bread sticks, cole slaw, spinach, ice cream sundae
Activities
Monday
Men's pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Tuesday
Men's pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Tax assistance by appointment
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Wednesday
Men's pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Thursday
Ladies pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Friday
Men's pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Bingo at 1 p.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.

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Prevent bedsores with proper care

Q. It was only a couple of weeks after Mother was discharged from the hospital to the nursing home that we began seeing bedsores on her heels and other signs of skin breakdown. She had suffered several strokes and has been pretty much immobile. We were told that skin breakdown of this kind was to be expected given her condition. We live in a small town and have not heard from the doctor. Is there anything we can do because it looks to us that this problem is getting worse?

A. Although considered to be an anticipated result of immobility in the elderly years ago, bedsores — also called pressure sores or decubitus ulcers — are, for the most part, preventable with proper care.

Bedsores are caused by damage to skin and underlying tissue which result from unrelieved pressure and generally occur over bony areas such as the heels, lower back, tailbone, hip, and pelvis. Because these conditions most often occur in residents who



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are over age 70 and who are afflicted with diabetes, circulation problems, and illnesses that make them immobile, caregivers in nursing homes and hospitals should anticipate skin breakdown and take preventative measures. For example, residents who are at risk should be placed on pressure-reducing mattresses, should be prescribed heel-pads to relieve pressure, and should be turned and moved frequently to change the pressure points. Dehydration, malnutrition, and

incontinence of bowel or bladder can also contribute to this problem.

Appropriate wound care requires frequent dressing and attention to the problem. Telling you that these wounds are to be expected is not acceptable as, based on statistics, residents with bedsores have greater risks of earlier death.

If you are unable to get the doctor to contact you, we suggest getting in touch with a geriatric care manager or independent nurse to review your mother's records at the facility. We suggest a sit-down with the administrator and, if necessary, a report to your state's licensing authority.

Q. My sister has been handling our father's finances for years, and we have recently learned that there is very little left in the bank. My sister finally admitted to me that although she is employed full time, she has provided care for Dad — which I know she has — for which she has paid herself \$40,000 per year (more than \$200,000 over

the past five years) — which I believe is unacceptable. Is there anything I can do about this?

A. If your sister was paid as a caregiver, then she has received taxable income that she should have reported on her federal and state tax return. In addition, under the tax rules, your father should have been filing quarterly employee reports and withholding Social Security.

Once your sister has been made aware of this, she may change her story and claim that these payments were gifts. If gifts made under a power of attorney, the power of attorney must have specific gifting provisions. And if the gifts exceed \$10,000 per year, your father should have been filing gift tax returns.

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You might not get as much if you retire early

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Q. I paid the maximum amount of FICA for many years and then retired at age 55 and took a part-time job earning much less. Will this reduce my benefit at age 62?

A. By stopping work before retirement age, you cannot reduce your benefits, but you may not receive as high an amount as you would had you continued working up to retirement age. The earnings of a worker are "indexed," that is, updated to account for increases in average wages since the year the earnings were received. We use this amount; not the actual earnings, to figure the retirement benefit. For most people retiring now and in the future, we average 35 years of earnings to figure retirement benefit.

Q. I'm 56 years old and will retire in two years. I've earned about the national average income during all of my working life and don't plan to work after

Social Security Q&A

age 58. How will you calculate my Social Security benefit at age 62?

A. We use your highest 35 years of earnings to compute the benefit you would receive at full retirement — age 65 for people born before 1938 or earlier. Years in which you have low earnings or no earnings may be counted to bring the total years of earnings up to 35. Next, your monthly benefit is reduced by five-ninths of 1 percent for each month you are retired before your full retirement.

For example, if your full retirement age is 65 and you sign up for Social Security when you're 64, you will receive 93 1/3 percent of your full benefit.

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1 can (16 oz) tomatoes, undrained
1 can (8 oz) tomato sauce
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In 2-quat casserole, combine ground beef, onion & garlic. Microwave on full power for 4-5 minutes, or until beef is no longer pink, stirring once. Drain fat. Add remaining ingredients. Stir to blend and break apart tomatoes. Cover. Microwave at power level 8 for ten minutes. Stir. Microwave, uncovered, at power level 8 for 5 minutes longer. Garnish with fat-free sour cream and/or grated cheese. Serve with cornbread, if desired. Serves 4-6.
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Time for a Medicine Cabinet Checkup?

- Be sure to look through your medicine supply at least once a year.
- Always store medicines in a cool, dry place.
- Throw away any medicines that are past the expiration date.
- To make sure no one takes the wrong medicine, keep all medicines in their original containers.
- Make sure all medicines are out of reach of your grandchildren.

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- Be alert to the tamper-resistant features on the package before you open it. These features are described on the label.
- Inspect the outer packaging before you buy it. When you get home, inspect the medicine inside.
- Don't buy an OTC product if the packaging is damaged.
- Don't use any medicine that looks discolored or different in any way.
- If anything looks suspicious, be suspicious. Contact the store where you bought the product. Take it back!
- Never take medicines in the dark.

Source/Resource: U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Nonprescription Drug Manufacturers Association (NDMA), 2002.



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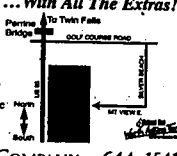
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