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Envoy: U.S. must stop Afghan strife

Official fears nation may slip into war

Los Angeles Times

KABUL, Afghanistan — President Bush's special envoy to Afghanistan said Sunday that he was returning to Washington with an urgent message that America must move quickly to improve security in a country where a Cabinet minister was recently slain in public and warlords and their armies are at one



Zalmay Khalilzad

another's throats. The greatest long-term threat to the country's stability is the large number of armed men commanded by rival warlords; Zalmay Khalilzad said, but "the assassination" of the aviation minister Feb. 14 was "a setback" to the struggling interim government.

On Sunday, diplomatic sources said the interim government suspects that the minister for civil aviation and tourism, Abdul Rahman, was overcharging Muslim pilgrims traveling to Mecca for the annual hajj. Interim Prime Minister Hamid Karzai has told Cabinet ministers that he intends to publicly "name names" of government officials allegedly involved with Rahman in overcharging pilgrims and pocketing the difference, the sources said. Despite the seriousness of the Please see ENVOY, Page A2



Ethnic Pashtun residents of Qalacha village in northern Afghanistan meet Saturday to discuss attacks they claim came from people in neighboring villages who are from different ethnic groups.

Olympic adieu



Fireworks explode over the Rice-Eccles Olympic Stadium at the start the closing ceremony of the 2002 Winter Olympics at the In Salt Lake City Sunday.

America rocks, rolls and exhales at closing ceremony

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — With a big sigh of relief and a star-studded celebration, Utah and America bid farewell to the Olympics on Sunday during a rollicking night of song and dance, a celebration of past athletic glory, and a quick glimpse into the future.

The closing ceremony was a wild ride — eclectic fun with a big dose of Vegas schmainz.

Rock band KISS, in full face paint and body armor, shared the stage with skaters Katarina Witt and Kristi Yamaguchi. Harry Connick Jr. sang while Dorothy Hamill skated. Later, in a more serious moment, the Olympic flame that burned brightly for 17 days went dark.

Most of the 2,500 athletes at the games paraded into Rice-Eccles Olympic Stadium and watched from the stands. Bobaelding bronze medalist Brian Shimer, a five-time Olympian, carried the American flag.

At the end, the athletes came down to the ice sheet on the stadium floor to mingle and party

Salt Lake wonders how to keep festive spirit

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — On his last morning of Olympic crowd-gazing, Andrew McEuen considered the possibility that downtown could return to what it was before the games — quiet, sedate, empty after dark.

"Why would we want it to?" he said. "I like seeing people on the streets."

But the party's over, and the guests — unless they're like the hooligans who sparked a riot early on closing day — know it's time to leave. So how can Salt

together in the final gathering of 77 nations that came to Salt Lake City — not all of whom got along so well.

The Russians and South Koreans showed up despite threats they might boycott the ceremony to protest what they believed was unfair judging. The mass of skiers, skaters,

Lake City keep the festive spirit alive?

"They should keep having downtown concerts," said Salt Lake City resident and Red Cross volunteer Todd Greenway.

"More concerts, more things going on, and just more people, so everyone knows Salt Lake is worth visiting," echoed Travis Pavich, also of Salt Lake City.

Bob Farrington, Downtown Alliance director, agrees with them, absolutely. The city, he said, can't replicate the Olympics.

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passel of glowing "stick men" skittered across the stadium, while ultraviolet paints shined through the darkness. Vice President Dick Cheney was in the audience.

Narrating the whole thing were a pair of huge dinosaur heads that hovered over the corner of the stadium, chiming in with the occasional wisecrack.

The Child of Light, urging everyone to "Light the Fire Within" throughout these games, made his final appearance, and skated with Scott Hamilton.

A crowd of 55,000 in the stadium and millions more TV viewers around the world watched this festival of Americana unfold —

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Solution eludes area dairy group

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A diverse group that includes dairy owners, dairy neighbors and other concerned citizens has been working for months on an animal feeding operation ordinance or "matrix," as it has been called.

The idea was that a small group representing conflicting interests could, through compromise, arrive at a single set of regulations governing siting and expansion of dairies in the county. It didn't quite work out that way.

Members of the group have come up with not one, but two documents, and they want Twin Falls County commissioners to decide which one is best.

"There are still some points where we're not in agreement," said Ken Edmunds, a local businessman who brought the group together. "What we're going to do is ask commissioners to give both sides a chance to give a brief presentation on their positions and then ask commissioners to make a decision."

A date for that meeting has not yet been set.

Edmunds said there are two main points on which dairymen and the people on the other side of the negotiating table disagree. One is the distance a new large animal feeding operation (1,000 or more animal units) could be located from an existing one. The other is whether there should be an additional setback for large operations that locate at higher elevations — a distance that would Please see MATRIX, Page A2

Commissioners will decide on fees

Twin Falls County commissioners are scheduled to decide on new application fees for animal feeding operations at 10 a.m. today in county commissioners' chambers on the fourth floor of the County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N. The meeting is open to the public.

If approved, the application fee for new 100- to 999-animal unit operations would increase to \$250 to \$345, and the fee for new 1,000-plus animal units would go from \$250 to \$1,750. Unregistered existing operations would have to pay a \$250 fee to register, and appeal transcripts would cost \$3.25 a page plus a \$25 deposit.

Intelligence reports say bin Laden survived U.S. bombing

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Recent intelligence reports indicate that Osama bin Laden survived the U.S. bombing assault on his hideouts in Afghanistan and may still be somewhere in the lawless, mountainous region that straddles the Afghan-Pakistan border, officials said Sunday.

The reports, which were distributed at top levels of the U.S. government about 10 days ago, are somewhat vague, and don't

involve solid evidence such as sightings by witnesses or interception of radio transmissions of the voice of the terrorist leader, said one official.

But, this official added, "There are indications that point to his still being in Afghanistan or in that general region." He declined to discuss the nature of that evidence, but it apparently involves in part information gleaned from interrogations of al-Qaida members now in captivity. The new intelligence reports



Osama bin Laden

aren't sufficiently detailed to lead to direct military action right now, the official said. He and other people familiar with the situation indicated that surveillance of both sides of the Afghan-Pakistan border are being closely

monitored by foot patrols, surveillance aircraft and reconnaissance satellites. The United States blames bin Laden for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The new report on bin Laden's possible location isn't "precise enough to know where to put a big operation," the official said. Even so, he said, "There's a lot of attention being paid to it."

One effect of the report may be to increase pressure on the U.S. military to consider inserting additional troops into the hills of

eastern Afghanistan in order to cordon and search areas. There already has been some quiet criticism inside the Army's officer corps that Army Gen. Tommy R. Franks, the U.S. commander in the war, and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld should have been more willing to put ground troops into the Tora Bora area in late November to help anti-Taliban Afghan allies track down members of the Taliban leadership and bin Laden, the al-Qaida terrorist network.

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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Idaho Extremes
 H: 47°
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Temperature
 High 47°
 Normal high/low 41°/25°
 Record high 80° in 1995
 Record low 15° in 1975

Precipitation
 24 hours ending 8 p.m. year: 0.01"
 Month to date: 0.77"
 Normal month to date: 0.77"
 Water year to date (Oct. 1): 3.06"
 Normal year to date (Oct. 1): 3.13"

Humidity
 Yesterday at noon: 62%

Barometric Pressure
 Yesterday at 8 p.m.: 30.00 in.

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cold despite plenty of sunshine. ▲ 34°	Clear, some high clouds late. ▼ 12°	A sprinkle or flurry possible. ▲ 36° ▼ 18°	Becoming cloudy; it may shower. ▲ 42° ▼ 22°	Partly to mostly sunny. ▲ 44° ▼ 24°	Increasingly cloudy; a shower late. ▲ 48° ▼ 28°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Abundant sunshine across most of the region today; a few lingering clouds in the east. High temperatures ranging from the teens in the eastern mountains to lower 40s in the western valleys.

Boiler: Cool despite plenty of sunshine today. High near 40. Mainly clear tonight; increasingly cloudy toward morning. Low 20. Cloudy to partly sunny tomorrow with a rain or snow shower possible. High 40.

Northern Nevada: Abundant sunshine across most of the region today. Highs ranging from the 40s across the higher ground to the 50s in the lower elevations and west. Clear to partly cloudy tonight.

Northern Utah: Cloudy and brisk in the east today; snow showers and flurries. Clouds and sun in the west with a passing flurry. Highs ranging from the 20s northeast to 30s west. Partly cloudy and cold tonight.

Northern Idaho: High pressure will be in control today; plenty of sunshine. High temperatures will range from the 20s in the mountains to 40s in the lowest valleys of the west. Mainly clear tonight; some clouds late.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 88° in Wink, TX
 Low -6° in Saranac Lake, NY

NATIONAL WEATHER



CANADIAN CITIES

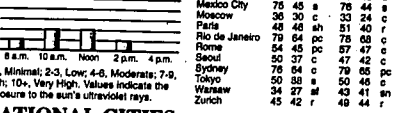
City	Today	Tue	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Calgary	11	10	10	10	10	10
Edmonton	21	4	24	8	21	9
Kelowna	10	0	21	9	21	9
Lethbridge	14	-1	20	12	20	12
Regina	4	-14	9	-3	9	-3
Saskatoon	12	13	20	12	20	12
Toronto	50	35	37	12	37	12
Vancouver	41	27	41	32	41	32
Winnipeg	40	19	41	32	41	32
Yellowknife	0	-19	af	4	-19	af

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 7:20 a.m.
Sunset tonight: 8:22 p.m.
Moonrise tonight: 4:28 p.m.
Moonset tomorrow: 6:37 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Feb 27	Mar 5	Mar 13	Mar 21

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NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tue	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Atlanta	67	45	25	25	25	25
Atlanta	67	45	25	25	25	25
Baltimore	59	37	61	31	61	31
Bilings	8	-4	24	14	24	14
Birmingham	49	42	49	17	49	17
Boston	48	40	58	10	58	10
Charleston, SC	72	48	68	34	68	34
Charlotte, WV	68	40	53	21	53	21
Chicago	41	22	24	10	24	10
Cleveland	62	35	38	17	38	17
Denver	28	10	15	23	15	23
Des Moines	62	31	32	17	32	17
Detroit	62	31	32	17	32	17
El Paso	76	38	56	25	56	25
Falmouth	10	-3	21	-3	21	-3
Fargo	10	0	8	-2	8	-2
Honolulu	79	67	78	66	78	66
Indianapolis	57	26	27	11	27	11
Jacksonville	72	49	70	42	70	42
Kansas City	52	14	22	8	22	8
Las Vegas	71	48	64	41	64	41
Little Rock	61	27	42	18	42	18
Los Angeles	68	52	78	68	78	68
Miami	78	67	78	66	78	66
Maryland	59	37	61	31	61	31
Mesa	72	49	70	42	70	42
Minneapolis	57	26	27	11	27	11
Missouri	62	31	32	17	32	17
New York	62	31	32	17	32	17
Oakland	72	49	70	42	70	42
Philadelphia	62	31	32	17	32	17
Phoenix	82	50	53	23	53	23
Pittsburgh, PA	41	31	42	18	42	18
Raleigh	62	31	32	17	32	17
Rapid City	10	-12	12	19	12	19
Reno	58	19	20	8	20	8
Sacramento	60	38	38	17	38	17
St. Louis	42	20	24	13	24	13
St. Paul	26	8	13	5	13	5
San Antonio	78	56	56	25	56	25
San Diego	75	51	78	48	78	48
San Francisco	68	48	64	37	64	37
Seattle	70	32	34	18	34	18
Tucson	80	44	48	18	48	18
Washington, DC	65	45	64	36	64	36

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tue	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Boise	20	3	24	8	24	8
Bonnerville	27	11	33	16	33	16
Burley	33	6	27	18	27	18
Clifton	33	14	33	18	33	18
Elko	37	2	30	9	30	9
Elgin	37	2	30	9	30	9
Idaho Falls	22	5	31	15	31	15
Malheur	25	-4	26	10	26	10
Madras	25	-3	26	10	26	10
Malta	5	-9	22	4	22	4
McCall	22	-5	28	4	28	4
Post Falls	22	-5	28	4	28	4
Portland, OR	50	23	50	38	50	38
Rockland, WA	46	32	46	34	46	34
Salmon	24	-4	24	12	24	12
Salt Lake City, UT	38	16	30	22	30	22
Shoshone, WA	46	32	46	34	46	34
Spokane, WA	30	-16	34	18	34	18
Stanley	22	-6	28	4	28	4
Twin Falls	33	6	27	18	27	18
Yellowstone, MT	18	-22	20	6	20	6

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Games

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and kitschy, sparkling and funky. They also saw a six-minute introduction to Turin.

Salt Lake City organizers and the International Olympic Committee were happy and relieved. The games weren't tainted by violence. Traffic problems many people predicted never materialized.

IOC president Jacques Rogge had said he would not call any Olympics "the best games ever" as his predecessor, Juan Antonio Samaranch often did.

In his closing remarks, Rogge thanked the city and country "for offering us these two unforgettable weeks" and applauded the athletes for "great performances."

"We were thrilled by your spirit of fair play and brotherhood," he said. "Keep this flame alive. Promote the Olympic values in your countries. You are the true ambassadors of the Olympic values."

Rogge also thanked the security forces that kept the games safe.

Matrix

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depend on the elevation and number of animals unit.

Edmunds said the group will ask county commissioners next week to choose between the two ordinances.

When it comes to locating a new large operation near an existing one, dairymen say the distance should be one mile, while others say it should be two miles.

"One mile is sufficient," said Brent Olmstead, executive director of Milk Producers of Idaho.

Olmstead said "What is the distance should be one mile, while others say it should be two miles."

"The current setbacks are quite adequate - more than adequate," Olmstead said. "Why is the county still allowing houses to be built in that amount of space? It's a two-way street."

But others say the Desert Rose Farms dairy in Filer is a perfect example of why such additional setbacks are needed. One of the dairies, located at a higher elevation than its nearby residents, has been known to drift for miles down Cedar Draw.

"That's one of the prime reasons we've had a problem down here," said Ed Smith, a member of the matrix group who lives near a large operation. "When the air cools in the evening and gets more dense, it will carry the odor all the way down the Cedar Draw and into Filer. There's a real need for an elevation setback if a proposed CAFO wants to be sited higher than its existing neighbors. That factor has to be taken into account, or you're just asking for a repeat of the problems we've encountered."

County Commissioners Gary

A matrix update

Members of a group formed to seek a compromise plan to regulate confined animal feeding operations in Twin Falls County:

- Ed Smith, Filer dairy neighbor
- Lewis Ellis, United Dairymen of Idaho executive
- Bill Chisholm, Idaho Rural Council
- Ken Edmunds, businessman and consultant
- Rich Carlson, Idaho Rural Council
- Kevin Taylor, attorney
- Alvin Smuty, dairymen
- Brent Olmstead, Milk Producers of Idaho executive
- Jack McCall, president of the Idaho Cattle Association

What they're proposing:

- CAFOs by size and water usage and whether they're new or expanding. The matrix places AFOS into the following categories:
 - Primarily confined or pastured: Operations that have one animal unit or less per acre.
 - Agricultural domestic: Operations with fewer than 300 animal units or domestic well water usage of 13,000 gallons or less per day.
 - Agricultural commercial: Operations using a commercial water permit with fewer than 1,000 animal units.
- Agricultural confined animal feeding operation: Operations using a commercial water permit with 1,000 animal units or more.

Expansion:

The matrix allows existing operations with fewer than 1,000 animal units to expand as long as their expansion doesn't put them into another category. They're in compliance with existing ordinances, rules and regulations, and they don't have a history of citations or nuisance complaints in the last five years.

Existing operations with 1,000 animal units or more would have to meet the same requirements to expand as new operations.

Setbacks:

An existing operation with fewer than 1,000 animals could expand in its current location as long as it doesn't reduce its current setbacks.

Existing agricultural CAFOs that want to expand and all new operations would have to meet stricter setback rules. Lagoons, waste treatment and liquid application of waste would have to be located at least one-fourth of a mile from residences and 300 feet from property lines and wells. Other facilities would have to be located at least 300 feet from residences and property lines.

What's an animal unit (AU)?

DAIRY CATTLE:

- Holsteins: 1.4 AU
- Milking and dry cows: 1 AU
- Other: 1,000 pounds or more: 1 AU
- Heifers: 100 to 300 pounds: 0.2 AU
- 300 to 500 pounds: 0.4 AU
- 500 to 700 pounds: 0.6 AU
- 700 to 900 pounds: 0.8 AU
- 900 to 1,000 pounds: 1 AU

BEEF CATTLE/SLAUGHTER/FEEDER:

- 100 to 300 pounds: 0.2 AU
- 300 to 500 pounds: 0.4 AU
- 500 to 700 pounds: 0.6 AU
- 700 to 900 pounds: 0.8 AU
- 900 to 1,000 pounds: 1 AU

SWINE:

- Boars: .5 AU
- Sows: .5 AU
- Pigs: 55 pounds to market: 0.4 AU
- Pigs: 10 to 55 pounds: 0.15 AU

OTHER:

- Sheep/Lambs: 0.1 AU
- Horses: 2 AU
- Chickens: 0.033 AU
- Turkeys: 0.18 AU

Envoy

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recent scandal, Khalizad made clear that the Bush administration believes the interim Afghan government is handling the matter properly after an initially chaotic response in which officials, including Karzai, gave conflicting accounts.

"The fact that senior people have been implicated (in the killing) and the government is talking about following a judicial process openly is good," Khalizad told reporters at the heavily fortified U.S. Embassy in

the center of Kabul, the capital.

As he spoke, armed U.S. Marines and plainclothes American security officers flanked the small group of journalists on the embassy steps.

Khalizad appeared to be agreeing with premediated and he played down the divisions within the government about the event.

"The interim administration seems to have its act together," he said. "The major overall challenge is how to prevent a return to warlordism."

Spirit

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But it can continue to draw the surrounding community downtown by proving there's a reason to be there.

"Most great cities that do have great street life tend to focus more on the permanent attractions and businesses," he said. "The temporary events are

infill."

Without that infill, though, pedestrians are unlikely to walk the long blocks of parking lot and empty ground between Main Street and the Gateway, a new shopping center a few blocks to the west. Foot traffic will dwindle to virtually nothing. People will get back in their cars, drive home at the end of the working day.

"Expecting that very thing, Chad Maxwell, who runs the Main Street business Year Image 2002, plans to close shop after the Paralympics end March 16.

"Main Street dies. It's unfortunate," Maxwell said. "There's not enough foot traffic."

It's almost a self-fulfilling prophecy.

The Festival Art Gallery, which takes up four Main Street storefronts, will empty. The temporary buildings that house Western travel offices, the Southern Utah

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issues were aware of. We hope the commission will treat the ordinance as an evolving document that will be modified as needed to solve other problems as they're identified."

Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3783 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

Wilderness Alliance and an Olympics memorabilia store will close.

The long lines snaking out of the Roots store doorway will disappear. So will the downtown International Pub, Korea House, Japan House - all the international houses, in fact. And say goodbye to Bud Weitz, Bud's Coffee, "yellow jacket" police officers, the Secret Service, FBI, CIA, National Guard, 2,400 elite athletes and tens of thousands of supporters and spectators.

The rift between State and local officials over the location of the Mall, which backs up to the Gallivan Center's Bud World, will lose almost all of its street-level businesses and once again be forgotten and boarded up.

Once again, there will be little to draw people to downtown.

"People want to know where other people are," Farrington said. "You can only diffuse that energy so much."

Chairman says U.S. is ready to act against Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Already stretched by its commitment in Afghanistan, the U.S. military nonetheless is ready to act if President Bush decides to use force against Iraq, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said Sunday.

Bush has said he would consider a wide range of options to oust Saddam Hussein, and has ordered a review that could result in a showdown.

The president, after a White House meeting on Feb. 13 with Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf, did not rule out a military strike to overthrow Saddam, who has pursued weapons of mass destruction and refused to admit U.N. weapons inspectors.

"The United States military is ready for anything our commander in chief asks us to do. And that's precisely the point, this is a decision the president would make. And he has, of course, not made that decision at this point," Gen. Richard Myers said on ABC's "This Week."

He acknowledged that the U.S. campaign in Afghanistan has used many Joint Direct Attack Munitions, which turn conventional bombs into satellite-guided warheads, and that "we didn't have a lot of these on hand" when the military action began in October.

Should Bush order the use of force against Iraq, Myers said, "We may not have all the preferred munitions, in terms of JDAMs, that you would want, but we have other munitions we can substitute."

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said the military is "actively replenishing" its supplies to a higher level than before the Sept. 11 attacks.

"You can be sure that the United States is not going to engage in something we're not capable of engaging in," Rumsfeld said on ABC's "Meet the Press" when asked if the country was prepared today for a strong military operation against Iraq.

Broad energy bill comes before Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate is ready to take up broad energy legislation that has caused splits over automobile gas mileage, drilling in an Arctic refuge and electricity competition in the shadow of Enron Corp.'s collapse.

Debate expected this week comes nine months after President Bush outlined his plan to increase the nation's energy supply by expanding oil and gas drilling on public land and rejuvenating nuclear power.

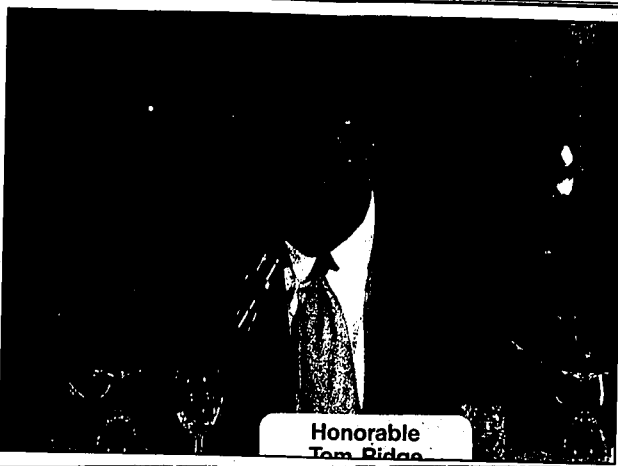
The House passed its version, but in the Senate, majority Democrats have offered legislation that relies more heavily on conservation.

The crisis atmosphere of a year has all but disappeared — energy prices are low, supplies plentiful — and the urgency to act, too, may have lost steam, say lawmakers and lobbyists.

President Bush, in a weekend push to promote his plan, dismissed claims that it focuses too much on fossil fuel production and not enough on conservation and renewable energy sources such as wind and solar.

"Conservation technology and renewables are important. Yet they alone cannot solve our energy problems," he said in his weekly radio address.

During his recent trip to Asia, Bush stopped in Alaska where he again stressed the need to drill for oil in an Arctic wildlife refuge.



Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge addresses the National Governors' Association in Washington Sunday. Ridge told governors they're responsible for closely coordinating security planning at the state and local levels and promised to provide better information about the terrorism threat to aid those efforts.

Ridge promises more information

WASHINGTON (AP) — Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge told governors Sunday they're responsible for closely coordinating security planning at the state and local levels and promised to provide better information about the terrorism threat to aid those efforts.

"I understand we have to do a better job of information sharing," he told the National Governors Association winter meeting. "I might as well bring this up before you do."

Ridge told the governors that in about two weeks, he would be releasing details of a new national alert system that would provide more information about the seriousness of a threat. He has made

references to the new alert system after people criticized the broader terrorist alerts that were issued.

"The broader goal will be that on those hopefully rare occasions when we get information that is of sufficient credibility and corroboration, we will be able to do an assessment and attach a certain level to it," Ridge said. "Right now, you're either on alert or not on alert."

Ridge said the system would give law enforcement and the public a better idea of what credibility professionals put on the threat. "There will be times when it goes just to a state, a governor or a region, and there will be times when it will go national," he said, adding that the alerts often

become national news no matter the original plan.

"We would hope and expect an enhanced level of preparedness would be the response," he said.

Ridge said it was crucial that governors coordinate security plans carefully with local authorities and that a planned \$3.5 billion intended to support emergency and medical personnel would be funneled through the states, with three-fourths of that money destined for cities and counties.

The federal government will work to improve the tracking of people who come into the country and work for border security that allows the resumed flow of commerce while being more vigilant.

Rumsfeld indicates fewer jet patrols

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld indicated Sunday he probably will scale back the continuous fighter jet patrols over U.S. cities, but said he had not yet made a decision.

He raised the possibility of tying the intensity of the patrols to different levels of threats against the United States, as assessed by the government.

"My personal view has been that what we need is what we have always done historically, and that's to have different threat levels. And as we see changes in

the threat condition, adjust up or down," Rumsfeld said.

"We have been at a relatively high threat level for some period of time, which has been appropriate given the threat information that I read every day," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

The Air Force's civilian leader told The Associated Press last week that he wants to end the post-Sept. 11 the current 24-hour, 7-day-a-week patrols and instead leave fighters on "strip alert" at airfields, ready to launch in case of emergency.

Asked Sunday about the future

of the patrols, Rumsfeld said: "It's probably going to be a mix of some combat air patrols over certain locations and strip alerts, and at a lower level."

But, he cautioned, "You shouldn't go away with the conclusion that there is a good possibility of it because ... I could go back to my office today, read a threat report that would say to me that would be not a good decision."

"What we need to do is get gradations of threat conditions and be able to move them up and down, depending on our best judgment and hope we're right."

Newsweek: Jury indicted suspect in kidnapping

WASHINGTON (AP) — The suspected mastermind in the abduction and murder of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl was secretly indicted last year by a federal grand jury for a foiled 1994 kidnapping, Newsweek magazine reported Sunday.

The charges brought in Washington in a grand jury indictment against Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh involved four Western tourists in India, the magazine said. One of the four was an American.

Taken into custody Feb. 5 in the Pearl case, Saeed told interrogators that his group wanted to teach the United States a lesson and Pearl's murder was just a first step, intelligence officials said in Pakistan.

In the abduction eight years ago, Indian authorities found the victims and imprisoned Saeed and his accomplices, who had been seeking freedom for Islamic extremists. Saeed's supporters won his release by hijacking an Indian airliner in 1999 and stabbing a passenger to death.

Justice Department officials pressed the National Security Council about extraditing Saeed to the United States, an administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press on Sunday.

Following the Justice

Department contact with the NSC, the U.S. ambassador to Pakistan, Wendy Chamberlin, raised the subject of extraditing Saeed on Jan. 9 with the foreign minister to President Pervez Musharraf, the official said.

Pearl was kidnapped Jan. 23. The next day FBI Director Robert Mueller and Chamberlin discussed Saeed at a previously scheduled meeting with Musharraf. But at that point there was no link between Pearl's kidnapping and Saeed, the official said.

Both Mueller and Chamberlin asked that Pakistan "provide all assistance" in getting Pearl released.

The United States and Pakistan do not have an extradition treaty.

Sen. Richard Shelby, vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said such a treaty should be priority. Shelby, R-Ala., also said on CNN's "Late Edition" that Pakistan might bring the killers to justice there, but "if they're not going to do the job," other steps might be necessary.

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Daschle says reform will have support

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle said Sunday that Senate supporters of campaign finance reform appear to have the votes to head off a possible filibuster.

"I'm hopeful that I can get the Republican support necessary to get the bill up and to have a good debate about it," Daschle said on ABC's "This Week." "But obviously if we don't we'll have to move toward" overcoming stalling tactics. "Then we'll need 60 votes, and ... it looks like we may have 60 votes."

Not so fast, said Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the Senate's leading opponent of the reform.

On CNN's "Late Edition," McConnell granted that it is "not possible now" to stop the bill. But he also argued that "there's no particular urgency."

"We'll have at least 41 senators to ensure we have the time to get it in a little better condition," McConnell said.

Daschle said he would try to have the Senate begin considering the bill as early as today.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Council will consider safety improvements

TWIN FALLS - The City Council tonight will consider a proposal to spend about \$13,000 improving pedestrian safety on Falls Avenue near the Twin Falls Boys and Girls Club and the College of Southern Idaho. The council meets at 5 p.m. in council chambers at City Hall.

The proposal, drawn up by the city's traffic safety commission, would install traffic safety islands near the campus and the boys and girls club. The plan also calls for improved curbing and raised center-line delineation on Frontier Road near the boys and girls club.

The council will also consider the purchase of two new police cars. The city has bids from four dealers running about \$21,000 per car.

CSI board holds

monthly meeting today

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho board of trustees will hold its monthly meeting today at 5:30 p.m. in the Taylor Building, room 258. On the agenda:

Tuition and Fees - Starting this summer, students will be paying \$70 per credit.

Preventative maintenance project bids - The Department of Public Works will be providing state funds for two projects at CSI. The first will involve building sidewalks and curbing some parking areas. The second will be replacing the fire lane that leads to the physical education building.

Sabbatical report - Business professor Dennis Heister spent four months in Thailand working for the world's largest fishing fly tying company. "Mine was a rather unusual sabbatical," he said.

Traffic report - Outgoing and incoming traffic at two entrances on Falls Avenue were measured last week. It's part of study in conjunction with the city to make it easier and safer for pedestrians to cross Falls Avenue in front of CSI.

Proposed tech center management review - A letter of understanding delineating the responsibility between the College of Southern Idaho and the Twin Falls School District will be discussed.

FY 2003 appropriations and budget - The board will discuss the latest financial wrangling at the state Legislature and its implications for CSI.

M.V. hospital offers free assisted parking

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center now offers free assisted parking from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at the main entrance to the hospital. The free service is available to both patients and visitors, according to a hospital news release.

"Assisted parking is just one more way we can make our patients' visits to the hospital as easy as possible," hospital CEO Jerry Hart said in the news release.

"When someone is checking into the hospital or coming to visit a sick friend, the last thing they want to do is search for a parking spot and then walk a long distance into the building. Now, they can hand their keys to one of our parking attendants and go about their business with no worries."

Patients and visitors wanting to use assisted parking should pull in under the canopy over Magic Valley Regional's main entrance on the north side of the hospital. They should then go inside to the main information desk to give their keys to an attendant and receive a claim slip. When patients and visitors are ready to leave the facility, they should call ahead to have their car waiting for them at the main entrance.

For more information about assisted parking at Magic Valley Regional, call 737-2807.

CAFO hearing will take place Tuesday in Boise

BOISE - A hearing on further proposed regulations on confined animal feeding operations will be held Tuesday at the State Capitol.

It is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. in the fourth floor Gold Room, but it might start a few minutes late if the House of Representatives has not adjourned from regular session, said Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer.

Some issues to be considered include a moratorium on fines for violators of the state's odor rules and definitions for CAFOs. The House Agricultural Affairs Committee will vote on whether to pass the proposal to the House floor.

Accident prevention

Students express concern, make suggestions

By Levi Aspayta
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Students at Twin Falls High School were dealt a shock on Jan. 30, when a classmate was struck by a vehicle driven by a fellow student.

Some students couldn't believe that the accident occurred because the crosswalk at the intersection of Filer Avenue and Maurice Street is so widely used.

"I am shocked that it could have been me in the accident," said senior Casey Coverdale, who uses the crosswalk almost every day.

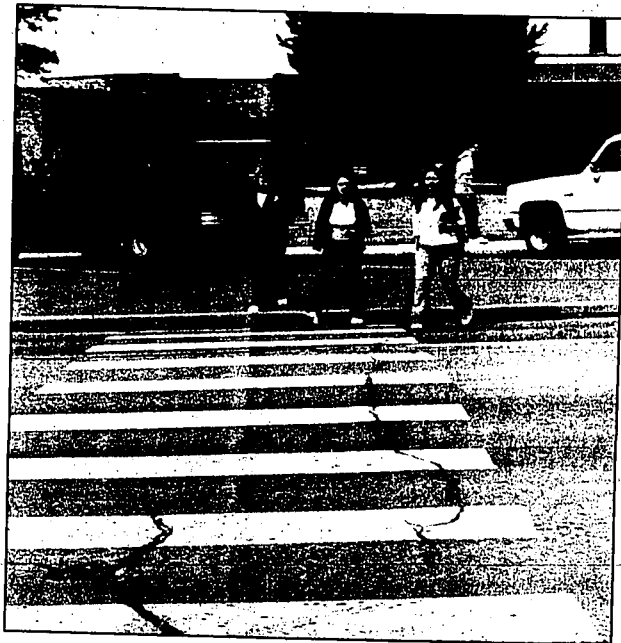
Senior Katie Juker was hospitalized with serious head injuries after being struck by a Ford Bronco driven by senior Katie Blair. Juker has been upgraded to fair condition and moved to the rehabilitation unit at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, where she remained Saturday, a hospital spokeswoman said.

City police have said they planned to cite Blair for failure to yield to a pedestrian.

Students experienced a wide range of emotions during the time after the accident. Many of them were concerned because it was a classmate of theirs who was injured.

"I was surprised, concerned, and curious over what happened," explained junior Aaron Kieck. "It is a typical response. Everybody wants to know what happened and hopes that the individuals involved were all right."

Principal Ben Allen now has the task of preventing future accidents. During the course of a school day, he will stand in the foyer, watching students use the crosswalk. Allen said the caution people had been showing at the intersection was short-lived.



Students wait to cross the street at the intersection of Filer Avenue and Maurice Street near Twin Falls High School. The intersection has been the site of several vehicle/pedestrian accidents in recent years.

"The problem I perceive is that it doesn't last very long," he said. "I observe the crosswalk and notice the same behavior."

One of the things Allen is currently having done is gathering data from the students. He wants to find out the number of students using the intersection, how fast the cars are going, and various other facts about the cross-

ing. Afterward, he will give the information to one of the math classes to analyze.

"We want students to present the information to the student body," Allen said. "It is something to get students involved and help solve the problem. My No. 1 goal is to see zero accidents per year."

A few students have already

observed the problem and have given some offers as to what needs to be done now to prevent further accidents.

"I think that they need to build a new crosswalk or have people patrolling the intersection," offered senior Rachelle Mueller. "They need to extend the 15 mile-per-hour limit to all day instead of 7 to 4."

M-C towns join weatherization program

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

Energy auditor can suggest ways to reduce energy use

RUPERT - In a time of rising utility costs, some area governments are offering a program to help people cut those costs. The cities of Heyburn and Rupert are participating in a weatherization program through the Idaho Energy Authority.

Residents can have an energy auditor come to their homes and identify ways to reduce energy use.

Rupert City Administrator Roger Bagley said those interested in the audit can pick up an application at City Hall. After submitting the information, an energy auditor will contact the residents and set up a time for the energy evaluation. Services for the audit are provided through Green Thumb Idaho, Bagley said.

The auditor identifies projects

that would reduce energy consumption, such as new windows, siding, weather stripping, insulation or a new thermostat. The list is given to the homeowner.

If the individual does any of the projects, there is no charge for the audit, Bagley said. If none of the suggestions are acted on, the audit costs \$100.

If the project is major, such as siding or windows, people can go to D.L. Evans Bank and apply for a zero-percent-interest loan to pay for the project.

IDEA made the arrangement with D.L. Evans Bank, with participating cities putting in money and IDEA paying the interest on the loan so people don't have to, Bagley said.

The program creates an incentive to be more energy efficient, Bagley said.

As of Feb. 21, some 12 Rupert electric customers had taken advantage of the program. Two people had gone through the audit process and had opted to take out a loan. Several others are in the midst of that process, he said.

Roughly 15 to 20 applications and information sheets have been given out, Bagley said.

Heyburn city officials said 11 people have come into their office requesting information about the program.

Van Ashton, customer service manager at Idaho Falls Power, said funding the program begins

with a discount Bonneville Power Administration offers utilities that buy power from BPA, as long as the money saved is spent on conservation activities.

For smaller utilities, this discount doesn't amount to much, Ashton said. If utilities pool their resources they can bring better conservation programs to more people, such as the weatherization program which is organized through the many utilities in IDEA.

"This gives customers a chance to lower their power bill and not just bite the bullet," Ashton said.

Earlier, participating utilities also sent customers coupons for discounts on energy-efficient light bulbs.

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East Coast college offers master's degree in T.F.

By Almee L. Durand
Times-News Staff

TWIN FALLS - An East Coast college is offering a master's degree in education degree in Twin Falls.

The creative arts in learning master's program at Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass., is based on the belief that a teacher's creativity encourages the classroom, information from the university said.

"This program made me a much better and fun teacher," said Jan Zollinger, a teacher at the Gooding School for the Deaf and Blind. A former student of the program, Zollinger is now the site coordinator for Lesley University.

Zollinger said the university had a desire to expand but no room to physically grow. So the university decided to create the local outreach programs in rural areas.

Lesley is fully accredited in the state of Idaho. A hands-on approach including graduate work in a fun, learning atmosphere is accomplished through

Interested?

What: Informational meetings on a master's of education degree program being offered in Twin Falls by Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass.

When: 4 p.m. Wednesday in Twin Falls; 4 p.m. Thursday in Burley

Where: The Twin Falls High School Library, 1615 Flare Ave. E.; the Burley Junior High School Library, 700 W. 16th St.

story-telling, drama, music, movement and various other courses, the university said. Every paper and project required for the program is directly related to the teacher's own classroom.

Zollinger recommends that all teachers interested attend one of the informational meetings this week. There will be a meeting at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Twin Falls High School library and 4 p.m. Thursday in the Burley Junior High School library.

Each course would run an entire weekend, from 5-10 p.m. Fridays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. There is one course per month. The program is 20-22 months long. Each course is three credits at \$295 per credit, or \$885 every two months. A payment plan and financial aid are available.

one course per month. The program is 20-22 months long. Each course is three credits at \$295 per credit, or \$885 every two months. A payment plan and financial aid are available. Lesley University has programs in 15 states. Sue A. Brooks, the

regional director of Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Minnesota, is a former K-12 teacher who now recruits and trains as well as teaches for Lesley University.

"This is a master's degree you will use your entire life. The whole program is phenomenal," Brooks said.

Brooks teaches three courses in technology and one in creative arts. When teaching the tech classes she enjoys watching her teachers grow from being scared the first weekend to buying computers, scanners and cameras the second weekend. Many of her former students continue to send her projects that they do in their classrooms.

Access to instructors, an online library, the friendly atmosphere, and the word of mouth, will help the program sell itself, Brooks said.

There is a requirement for 20 applications in order to declare a start date for the program. Those interested in applying can call Zollinger at (208) 837-4255 or e-mail her at janzollinger@yahooc.com.

Advisory board meets in Burley

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Bureau of Land Management personnel have scheduled a resource advisory council meeting Wednesday and Thursday in Burley to discuss sagebrush management.

Local members of the council include Bob Adams, Bob Bronson and Greg Crane of Burley and Gwen Montgomery of Albion. This district includes the Magic Valley and southeast Idaho.

Council members are chosen to represent a cross section of the public. BLM spokesman David Howell said. The council consists of five BLM permit holders, five people interested in recreation,

conservation, archeology or related issues, five government officials, and members of the general public or academics. "We can kind of get an idea of how the public feels by asking" the council, Howell said.

The council will discuss sage grouse and fire management in the BLM's upper Snake River district at this meeting.

The BLM has planned to update its sagebrush management program which is organized at a previous hearing, Alma Winward, a U.S. Forest Service sagebrush ecologist, explained the differences in various types of sagebrush to the BLM representatives.

"We're not talking about one species here, or a few species, were talking about dozens of different species," Howell said. The species can combine in several different ways, creating a spectrum of distinct ecosystems, he said.

The current land management plan does not take those differences into account.

The challenge before the BLM is to define and understand ecosystems, to better protect and manage them. Sage grouse come into this picture because the birds are completely dependent on sagebrush for survival.

The sage grouse depend on sage for nesting in some areas and for shelter in others, Howell said.

The BLM also hopes to come Please see BLM, Page A6

Snow, high winds close Highway 20

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - U.S. Highway 20 between Mountain Home and Fairfield was closed Sunday due to snow and high winds, according to an Elmore County Sheriff's Office dispatcher. The closure, which runs north between Pine and U.S. Highway 20 was also closed, the dispatcher said.

It was not known at press time Sunday when the highway would reopen.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Average
Upper Snake River	75%
Sawton Falls Creek	103%
Oakley Basin	108%

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CSI TODAY

ON THE AGENDA

Today
 CSI Golden Eagle Boosters luncheon, noon, Taylor 277.
 CSI Student Senate weekly meeting, 4 p.m., Taylor 256.
 CSI Board of Trustees monthly meeting, 5:30 p.m., Taylor 258.

Tuesday
 Flier High School camp tour, 8:45 a.m.
 Bilingual Education program meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 113.
 Ski Club meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 107.
 Inter-Club meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 101.
 CSI art faculty display, "Half Time," Jean B. King Gallery (until March 30).
 Probation and Parole Life Skills class, 6:30 p.m., Shields 102.

"WSKY: Radio Station of the Stars," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Wednesday
 Chemistry program for Twin Falls School District gifted and talented students, 9:15 a.m., Evergreen A09.
 Snake River Kennel Club monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor 256.

Thursday
 KMYT Agri-Action, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Expo Center.
 Flying Hands sign language club meeting, 1 p.m., Desert 113.
 CSI Golden Eagle basketball against Ricks in Rexburg, women play at 5:30 p.m., men at 7:30.

Friday
 KMYT Agri-Action, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Expo Center.
 CSI Golden Eagle baseball against Colorado Northwestern, 1 p.m., Frontier Field.
 Narcotic Anonymous weekly meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 112.
 "The Dinosaur Chronicles," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
 Magic Valley Symphony concert, directed by Craig Purdy, 8 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

Saturday
 Idaho Fish and Game Department Hunter Education workshop, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Taylor 276.
 KMYT Agri-Action, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Expo Center.
 CSI Golden Eagle baseball

against Colorado Northwestern, noon, Frontier Field.
 "Larry Cat in Space," 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
 "The Dinosaur Chronicles," 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
 CSI Golden Eagle basketball against North Idaho Community College in Coeur d'Alene, women play at 6:30 p.m., men at 8:30.
 "WSKY: Radio Station of the Stars," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
 First Choice Hospice Assistance presents the second Annual Variety Show, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. (Admission: \$8 adults, \$6 children and seniors, \$20 family).

Sunday
 Magic Valley Bible Church, 9 a.m. to noon, Shields 117 and 118.

Today
 Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse.
 Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
 College of Southern Idaho Board, 8:30 p.m., Room 258, Taylor Administration building.
 Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
 Gooding County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
 Hailley City Council, 6 p.m., Hailley Town Center.
 Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers.
 Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
 Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., courthouse.

Tuesday
 Burley Public Library Board, 5:30 p.m., library conference room.
 Glens Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
 Gooding County Memorial Hospital Board, 7:30 a.m., conference room.
 Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., district administration office.
 Shoshone Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
 Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., council chambers, City Hall.
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Wednesday
 Cassia Regional Medical Center Board, 5 p.m., board room.
 Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
 Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Thursday
 Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Friday
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

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

Boise resident wins court battle to keep painting

BOISE (AP) - Claude Abel doesn't look like a tough guy. He's 83 years old, a soft-spoken gentleman whose tastes run to classic cars and cardigan sweaters. But don't get him riled. Rick Kenyon found out the hard way. A Wyoming art collector, Kenyon purchased a painting left to Abel by his aunt's estate. The Salvation Army mistakenly took it after her death in 1999 and sold it to Kenyon for \$25. Its appraised value as much as \$15,000. Abel said he contacted Kenyon twice about the mistake, but he wouldn't talk to him. That made me mad.

right," he said. The Wyoming Supreme Court agreed, recently ordering the Bill Gollings painting of a Crow Indian on a white horse to be returned to Abel. It now hangs in his Boise home, where it will be the centerpiece of a family reunion. "I'm not sure where it will end up," he said. "My sons and I will get together and decide the best place to keep it." His son, Ron, also of Boise, said the family "may loan it to a museum - someplace where it's protected and we don't have to worry about it and people can enjoy it." The court decision is the latest chapter in a saga that began in 1921, the year Gollings did the painting. Gollings was a Wyoming artist with an Idaho connection. He was born in 1878 in the Idaho Territory, acquiring an interest in drawing while growing up on a ranch on the Clearwater River east of Lawiston and went on to

become one of the nation's most accomplished Western artists. He attended art school in Chicago, but in his brief autobiography recalled Lewiston of the late 1800s as a place that made cities pale in comparison. "There was everything there that we wanted: horses and cattle, Indians and cowboys, a river to swim and fish in, good hunting and no game laws." "There were men left from the trapper period whose only clothes had been buckskin and fur. We had seen 'jerk line' freight trains, flying stagecoaches of the old type, with six horses in a harness all beringed and polished, and the driver the proudest man in the world as he sat on the boot with his gauntlet gloves and big hat, which belonged to the stage driver alone." "We had seen a pony war dance given by the Nez Perce Indians. Thinking of these things, Chi-

did not amount to a great deal." In Sheridan, Wyo., where he spent most of his adult life and did most of his paintings, Gollings befriended Abel's aunt, Rillie Taylor. She was a waitress in the cafeteria at the Sheridan Hotel, where Gollings lived. The youthful Abel made his acquaintance there while visiting his Aunt Rillie. "He was a young man then," Abel recalled. "He used to say, 'Hey, kid, you want some ice cream?' And we'd go have ice cream together. He looked like the cowboys he painted because he was a cowboy." A cowpuncher when he wasn't doing artwork, Gollings was known for his realistic drawings and paintings of the Old West. Though he was never as renowned as Western artists Frederic Remington and Charles Russell, his work was compared with theirs.

Public gets a look at oil-shale project

RIFLE, Colo. (AP) - Past failures have tempered, but not stifled, area residents' excitement over the latest effort to get oil out of shale in northwestern Colorado. The public got its first look Friday and Saturday in open houses by Shell Exploration and Production Co. at the newest venture. "This is like the old days," said former U.S. Geological Survey worker Glenn Miller at an open house. Shell has been trying for about 40 years to spring the 300 billion barrels of oil estimated to be in the huge Piceance Basin shale formation that covers northwest Colorado and reaches into Utah and Wyoming.

Miller was one of many people who remember the excitement of the early oil shale boom of the 1970s. They also remember the devastating bust in the 1980s. "We have a curious skepticism around here about oil shale," said Colorado Division of Wildlife director Russell George, a Rifle native. There is said to be as much oil in the shale as there is in all of Saudi Arabia - and nearly half as much of all the oil estimated to be in the entire Middle East. The challenge has been to find an economical way to recover the oil. Shell's new method of lowering electric heaters into the shale to melt the oil-containing kerogen has worked in the past. Sweden-

used electric heaters to produce oil from that country's much smaller and much deeper shale deposits during WWII. But Sweden's oil cost about \$100 a barrel to produce and Shell is trying to refine the electric-heater technique so it will be competitive with oil prices, which fluctuate between \$15 and \$25 a barrel. "Can we do it that range? We don't know yet," said Shell spokesman Rich Hansen. Shell is also working on a new extraction method. Hansen said the method being tested at the Mahogany Research Project requires less above-ground processing and less water than mining shale and would create no open pits or tailings piles.

LEGISLATIVE LOG

The Associated Press
Completes for Friday Sent to Governor
 HB41 (State Affairs) - Deletes references to inquests by coroners for unclaimed bodies.
 HB42 (State Affairs) - Reduces the amount for dealing with dead bodies in counties with just one licensed funeral home.
Killed by Senate
 SJM11 (Transportation) - Urges Congress to require identification and background checks for flight instructors, airport operators and those renting planes or seeking pilot training.
Introduced in House
 HR6 (Education) - Encourages parents, educators and other adults to make reading to children a priority.
 HR57 (Education) - Calls for promoting moral development through sex education.
 HR58 (State Affairs) - Calls for a state Board of Education study and plan for addressing a shortage of nurses.
 HB667 (State Affairs) - Prohibits crop residue burning on the Rathdrum Prairie on days when the wind is blowing to the north, toward Lake Pend Oreille and Sandpoint.
 HB68 (State Affairs) - Limits the amount of debt guaranteed by the state's credit enhancement program for school district bonds to twice the amount made available by the Public

School Perment Fund. HB 669 (State Affairs) - Creates an alternate intercept procedure for the Idaho Bond Bank Authority when municipal bonds are not secured by money appropriated by the Legislature.
 HB170 (State Affairs) - Requires cities to give notice of intent to annex, conduct a public hearing and an election in the affected area before annexing adjacent territory, unless there is mutual consent.
 HB671 (Education) - Sets guidelines and criteria for low-income households to establish and use individual development accounts.
 HB672 (Education) - Clarifies which districts are to be used for criminal history checks of school district employees or applicants.
 HB673 (Education) - Increases from \$35 to \$55 the fee paid for initial and renewal certification required to hold professional positions in public schools.
 HB674 (Education) - Requires transfer to the school district building account of any Idaho Lottery net income more than \$17 million.
 HB675 (Education) - Provides resident status for anyone earning a degree at an Idaho college or university.
Introduced in Senate
 SB1471 (Finance) - Cuts \$64 million from the current state budget.

SERVICES

Michael Eugene Yeaman of Rupert, service at 2 p.m. today at the Acquia First and Second Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery.
 Friends may call from 1-1:45 p.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).
 Archie Garner of Burley and formerly of Salt Lake City, service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Burley LDS Third and Seventh Ward building, 2200 Oakley Ave.; friends may call one hour before the service Tuesday at the church; graveside service at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Lake Hills Cemetery in Sandy, Utah (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).
 Betty Joyce Haak of Filer, graveside service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Shoshone Cemetery; burial will follow the service; visitation from 5-8 p.m. today at Filer's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.
 Ina B. Portrey of Burley, service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Bonners Ferry First and Second Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; burial will follow at the Grandview Cemetery; friends may call from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Wednesday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).
 Patricia Dianne Lehmann of Wendell, memorial service at

5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the American Legion Hall in Wendell (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).
 Rose Werner of Rupert, prayer vigil, 7 p.m. Thursday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St., Rupert; funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church; burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery; friends may call from 6-7 p.m. Thursday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).
 Wilbur I. 'Tex' Norcross of Gooding, memorial service with a potluck lunch at 11 a.m. March 9 at the Gooding Senior Citizens Center, 308 Senior Ave. (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

OBITUARY

PHOENIX, ARIZ.
William 'Bill' Smazal
 William 'Bill' Smazal, 47, of Phoenix, Ariz., and a former Twin Falls resident died Wednesday February 20, 2002 at his home in Phoenix.
 Bill was born January 3, 1955 in Twin Falls, Idaho to Vincent and Mabel Buchanan Smazal; he grew up and attended schools in Twin Falls graduating from Twin Falls High School in 1973. He graduated from the College of Southern Idaho and went on to attend Boise State University.
 Bill married Bonnie Gier at Clover Church in Lullan on December 13, 1978. He operated the family business, Smazals Office Supply, until 2001 when he sold the business to his partners.
 His hobbies included collecting guitars, model cars, and fire trucks, and he enjoyed traveling. He was a past member of the Twin Falls Elks Lodge No. 1183 and, following his father's footsteps he was active in the Democratic Party where served as a precinct committeeman and a state committee member. He was a member of the Clover Trinity Lutheran Church.
 Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday February 27, 2002 at Clover Trinity Lutheran Church. Interment will follow in the Clover Cemetery. Friends may call Tuesday from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel and Wednesday one hour prior to the services at the church.
 The family suggests memorials to the Clover Trinity Lutheran Church or a charity of donor's choice. Contributions may be left in cash at chapel staff at the services or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID, 83303.

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SPORTSQUOTE

“ You don't know what it's like to have a piano on your back. No other team had more pressure than ours. ”

—Canadian hockey team defenseman *Al MacInnis* after his team won the gold over the United States

IN BRIEF

Bruin Boosters meet tonight at 7 p.m.

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High Bruin Booster Club is meeting tonight at 7 p.m. at the high school teacher's lounge.

TF Parks & Rec registers wrestlers

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is registering children for its Kids Wrestling program, which is co-sponsored by Twin Falls High School wrestling. The program is open to all boys and girls in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Practice will be on Mondays and Wednesdays with three Saturday meets. The program begins March 4. Cost is \$12 within city limits and \$15 outside of city limits. For more information, call 736-2265 or stop by the main office at 136 Maxwell Ave.

Church holds

sportsman's banquet

JEROME — The Jerome Bible Baptist Church is holding a sportsman's banquet on Friday, March 1 from 6:30-8 p.m. Door prizes will be awarded and a buffet dinner will be served with wild game and salmon as the main course. Alaskan trapper Neil Greenfield will hold a slide presentation and several pelts and trophies will be on display. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. The church is located at 132 2nd Ave. E. in Jerome. For more information, call 324-2804.

Boys, girls teams win state academic honors

BOISE — The Valley High School boys and girls basketball teams and the Camas County High girls basketball team all were recognized as basketball academic state champions this year.

The Lady Vikings earned a 3.88 grade-point average while the Camas County girls took the 1A award for their 3.82 grade-point average. The Valley High boys took the 2A honors with a 3.78 GPA.

Other winners: Boys—Skyligne (5A, 3.65), Century (4A, 3.62), Shelley (3A, 3.64), Culestad (1A, 3.63); Girls—Rigby (5A, 3.90), Bonneville (4A, 3.90), Soda Springs (3A, 3.82).

Big Ten cancels indoor track championships

MINNEAPOLIS — Teary-eyed Penn State athletes led a lap around the track, and a moment of silence replaced competition at the Big Ten men's track and field indoor championships Sunday.

A day after a Penn State pole vaulter Kevin Darr died in competition, the championships were called off. The decision was made after a meeting of Big Ten coaches, conference athletic commissioner Jim Delaney said. The meet, which began Saturday, won't be rescheduled.

Coaches, athletes and fans gathered around the track Sunday afternoon to honor Darr, a 19-year-old sophomore, who fell during a pole vault attempt Saturday and hit his head.

He never regained consciousness, and was pronounced dead shortly after arriving at the hospital.

Compiled from staff and wire reports.

OH, CANADA

Canadians grab gold for first time in 50 years

The Associated Press

WEST-VALLEY CITY, Utah — Oh, yes, Canada.

Canada finally ended its agonizing 50-year wait to win the Olympic gold medal in its national sport, beating the United States as Jarome Iginla and Joe Sakic each scored twice in a historic 5-2 victory Sunday.

The loss ended U.S. coach Herb Brooks' quest to lead a second gold-medal winning team 22 years after the famous "Miracle on Ice" with a group of college players.

This time, with the best of the NHL playing each other, the U.S. men's team lost for the first time in 70 years on Olympic home ice — three days after the American women's team lost to Canada in the final.

Paul Kariya and Iginla scored less than four minutes apart in the first period as Canada seized the lead after falling behind 1-0. Brian Rafalski tied it in the second period after the Americans killed off a two-man advantage, but Canada regained the lead on Sakic's goal later in the period.

In the third, Iginla redirected Steve Yzerman's shot from the left point with just under four minutes left to increase Canada's lead, then Sakic added his second goal.

That sealed what is perhaps Canada's biggest victory in any sport and caused Wayne Gretzky, the team's executive director, to jump up wildly in his private box, pumping his fists and waving his arms.

"This is a great moment for a proud country," Gretzky said.

Remarkably, Canada's gold came 50 years to the day an amateur team called the Edmonton Waterloo Mercurys won the hockey-crazed nation's last Olympic

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Silver makes Team USA captain proud

Night Rider News Service

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah — The third time was the sweetest for Team USA captain Chris Chelios, even if it didn't end with a gold medal around his neck.

The Red Wings defenseman poured his heart, soul and 40-year-old body into the gold-medal hockey game Sunday at the E Center, the final event of the Salt Lake Games and probably the final game of Chelios' Olympic career. He played with his usual intensity, but seemed calm and satisfied after the 5-2 loss to Canada.

"Anybody would give his right arm to win a silver medal,"



Canadian goaltender Martin Brodeur jumps in the arms of teammate Simori Gagne after beating the USA 5-2 for the Olympic gold medal in men's hockey at the Olympic Winter Games in West Valley City, Utah, Sunday. The win gave Canada its first gold medal in men's hockey since 1952. Below, United States goalie Mike Richter watches as a shot by Canada's Joe Sakic gets by him for a goal in the second period of their game.



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Sutherland wins battle between old friends

The Associated Press

CARLSBAD, Calif. — In a 36-hole match that had more at stake than just hometown bragging rights, Kevin Sutherland compensated for wild tee shots with clutch putting to beat childhood friend Scott McCarron 1-up in the Match Play Championship on Sunday.

The last match they played was the San Joaquin Sectionals in high school 20 years ago, which Sutherland came back to win. The only thing different about this match was the payoff — \$1 million for Sutherland, who became the first player to make a World Golf Championship event his first career victory.

Sutherland, at No. 62, became the highest seed to win in the four-year history of the event.

Sorenstam wins Australian Ladies Masters

GOLD COAST, Australia — Annika Sorenstam ended Karrie Webb's hope to make history.

Sorenstam, the top-ranked player in women's golf, parred the fourth playoff hole to win the Australian Ladies Masters.

Webb had been attempting to become the first golfer to win the same tournament five years in a row.

Leggatt ends frustration with Tucson Open win

TUCSON, Ariz. — Ian Leggatt ended a decade of frustration, carrying out a two-shot victory over Loren Roberts and David Peoples in the Tucson Open for

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Final SWAC weekend will decide tourney host

The Times-News

Hosting rights for this season's Region 18 Men's and Women's Basketball tournaments will come down to this weekend.

And most likely, it will be decided by the women's game Friday between Dixie State College and Salt Lake Community College. Both teams, along with Ricks College, are deadlocked at 13-3 atop the Scenic West Athletic Conference standings.

The Lady Rebels became a contender with their 65-57 defeat of Ricks on Saturday, ending the Lady Vikings' eight-game winning streak. And Salt Lake, which has led for virtually the entire season, seems to be crumbling under the pressure, having lost its second in a row Saturday at Utah Valley State College 64-60.

Salt Lake finishes with pesky Snow College on Saturday while Dixie visits Utah Valley State College. Ricks College closes with College of Southern Idaho Thursday and Treasure Valley Community College on Saturday.

If both Salt Lake and Ricks win outright this week, Salt Lake would host by virtue of sweeping Dixie State.

However, several "what if" scenarios remain on which school could end up hosting the tournaments.

Two of the most likely ones fall in the Lady Bruins' favor.

SLCC hosts if: If Dixie defeats Salt Lake but loses to Utah Valley and Salt Lake beats Snow and Ricks loses to CSI but beats TVCC, Salt Lake would host by its sweep of Southern Idaho.

If Salt Lake defeats Dixie but loses to Snow while Dixie defeats Utah Valley and Ricks loses to CSI but beats TVCC, Salt Lake would host with its sweep of Dixie. And if Salt Lake and Ricks win twice, Salt Lake hosts by sweeping Dixie.

Dixie hosts if: But if both Dixie and Ricks win out, Dixie would host by its sweep of UVSC.

Either way, the CSI women can move no higher than fourth on Saturday's loss to Eastern Utah. And if CSI and Snow, currently a game back at 8-8, should end up tied, CSI wins the tiebreaker with its victory over Dixie.

On the men's side, Dixie clinched the No. 1 seed and second straight SWAC title Saturday beating Ricks College. It was also the Rebels' 11th consecutive win.

CSI remains the No. 2 seed with a game lead on third-place Snow. CSI would have to lose to Ricks and North Idaho College while Snow sweeps both Utah Valley and Salt Lake this week for the Golden Eagles to fall to the third seed.

Kenseth rallies for victory

The Associated Press

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. — Matt Kenseth admitted he wasn't too sure he would even win again.

A charge from fourth to first late in the race gave Kenseth the victory Sunday in the Subway 400 at North Carolina Speedway — the second win of his career and his first in 60 races.

"It felt like 160 races, like forever," the 29-year-old driver said after taking the checkered flag for the first time since winning the Coca-Cola 600 in May 2000 in Charlotte.

Kenseth built leads of more than 4 seconds after taking the top spot during a stop under caution on lap 257.

"We were never perfect," Kenseth said. "But what we usually do wrong, especially if we run halfway decent, is just kind of rest a little bit when we're running sixth or seventh, and we won't adjust the car."

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SALT LAKE OLYMPICS 2002

What the Games are all about

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah - A game. Finally. A game without whining, whispering or screams for review. Without over-the-top displays or under-the-table deals.

Just the best athletes from two nations on the world's biggest stage, playing a game that for a few hours mattered more to one of them than anything else.

Before the opening faceoff, Brendan Shanahan, a Canadian by birth and a Detroit Red Wing by trade, said there wouldn't be a single car on a road anywhere back home.

"And if there was," he added, "I will probably have a satellite dish attached to the roof."

Back in Salt Lake City, the talk was about Russian and Spanish cross-country skiers being suspended from these Winter Games for using a performance-enhancing drug, and the French judge who poisoned figure skater pointing her finger in another direction.

But all that was put aside for a few hours here, in a minor league arena with just 8,500 seats, for a game that reminded everybody what these Olympics were supposed to be about.

For the first time in two weeks, nationalism finally felt more like a balm than a weapon.

Cold-blooded professionals won Canada's first gold medal 50 years to the day after its amateur team from Edmonton called the Waterloo Mercurys last turned the trick. The players on the U.S. side were friends and will be teammates again the moment all of them depart for their regularly scheduled National Hockey League games.

But for two hours in the middle of a Sunday afternoon, they were fierce rivals, pulling the best from each other.

"We would have loved to win, but if we couldn't, there's nobody better to do it," U.S. center Jeremy Roenick said moments after the 5-2 loss. "We were playing hockey's creators."

A moment later, someone asked Roenick whether he could imagine the pressure in the Canadian locker room before the puck was dropped.

"No, I can't," he said pausing. "No I can't. Maybe they're just destined to win it every 50 years."

The wait was etched on Wayne Gretzky's face every day for nearly two weeks. The most famous athlete hockey has ever produced - arguably the most famous person Canada has ever produced - served as Canada's executive director for this effort and barely survived the tournament.

After Canada started slowly, he threw a tirade about all the people snickering behind his back and how much everybody - Americans included - would love to see his hockey team fail. He sat in the first row of the balcony every time his nation played and looked ready at a moment's notice to chew the tips off his fingers.

"I just felt that Monday, our players were taking so much criticism. I just thought, OK, I'll take some heat off these guys, and I did," he said.

Across the way this time, U.S. coach Herb Brooks wore out one piece of gum after another. Twenty-two years earlier, he was behind that same bench for the 1980 U.S. team's "Miracle on Ice." Nobody had to tell him what this game meant, either.

But afterward, Brooks wasn't in the mood to delve any deeper into the significance of the game. It already had taken too much emotion out of him.

Suddenly, it was just a game again.

And not just any game, but their game.

"I know the Canadian people are probably having a great time," Gretzky said, "coast to coast."

Precious medals

American athletes revel in success

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Until the Olympics arrived in Utah, the highest U.S. medal count at the Winter Games was 13. Even before the first event, there was a feeling among the U.S. athletes that number wouldn't stand.

The new record is a whopping 34 medals, just three less than the Americans won combined in the last three Winter Games. That includes 10 golds, four more than the previous U.S. high. The Americans were just one behind overall medals leader Germany.

"We're the United States, and we're here to play," speedskater Derek Parra said Sunday, recalling the easy buzz among U.S. athletes in the Olympic Village. "Every athlete has been behind each other."

With chants of "U-S-A, U-S-A" echoing through the Wasatch Mountains, it was a spectacular Olympics for America.

"I feel like a very proud mother today," said U.S. Olympic Committee president Sandy Baldwin. "We all put a lot of work into these games. The USOC really made a plan. This is not serendipity."

USOC officials publicly predicted at least 20 medals, although an internal memo disclosed last week suggested a more accurate forecast was 27. But nobody expected 34.

"I'm thrilled and surprised," Baldwin said. "Because of the element of danger in many winter sports, I personally thought 27 medals would have been a real gamble."

How to explain the success? Follow the money, Baldwin credited Podhum 2002, the USOC's \$40 million program that more than doubled the amount spent before the 1998 Nagano Games.

The USOC handed out almost \$5 million in cash to athletes for training and living costs, and boosted its bonus program for medalists. A gold medal was worth \$25,000, silver \$15,000 and bronze \$10,000.

"This is the first four years where speedskaters have been funded like professional athletes," said Parra, who won gold in the 1,500 meters and silver in the



Tristan Gale, right, displays her gold medal as Jim Shea, bites his medal during a medal ceremony in Salt Lake City Wednesday, Feb. 20. The U.S. earned 34 medals at the games, an all-time high for Americans at the Winter Games.

Jack Shea's skates back in the family

SALT LAKE CITY - The leather cracked and faded, but the blades still gleaming, the skates that Jack Shea rode to two gold medals 70 years ago were returned to his son and grandson Sunday, ending an extraordinary journey.

"I'm overwhelmed," said Jimmy Shea, a third-generation Olympian who became the family's second gold medalist by winning the skeleton at these Winter Olympics.

Jack Shea last saw his skates after winning two speedskating golds at the Lake Placid Games in 1932 when he swapped them with Japanese skier Yamada Katsumi for Nordic skis.

Almost a half-century ago, Katsumi passed the skates along to a young friend who was a speedskater. That youngster's name was Kozo Yoshida. Now 62 and a horse breeder in Hokkaido, Japan, Yoshida decided to return the skates to the Shea family after learning that Jack died in a car crash last month.

"Today I was showed some extreme greatness and kindness," Shea said. "The Olympics are not about the gold, not about the politics, but about the friendships."

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Medals Table

Final Count				
(78 total medal events)				
Nation	G	S	B	Tot
United States	10	12	14	34
Canada	6	3	8	17
Austria	2	4	10	16
France	4	5	2	11
Netherlands	3	5	0	8
Finland	4	2	1	7
Croatia	3	1	0	4
Estonia	1	1	1	3
Bulgaria	0	1	2	3

Disturbance dispatches police at Games

Riot erupts at beer garden

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Police in tight gear used foam-tipped bullets to scatter an unruly crowd outside a downtown beer garden early Sunday on the last weekend of the Winter Games. Twenty people were arrested but no major injuries were reported.

The clash began when Bud World, set up for Olympic festivities, got too crowded and people spilled onto Main Street, just blocks from the medals plaza and main media center.

"The people who were standing in line got unhappy," said Scott Folsom, Salt Lake City assistant police chief.

Folsom said some of the people threw beer cans and bottles when 75 to 100 helmeted officers were brought in to try to clear the crowd out and close off the intersection. He said he knew of no injuries and only one broken window.

Rob Garcia, 18, of Salt Lake City said the crowd was yelling at police, and officers forced people against cars.

"The police were pushing people," he said. "The cops just jumped across and set up a barricade."

20 people were arrested, he said. He said he expected them to be charged with misdemeanors such as failure to disperse and public intoxication.

Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson credited the police with showing restraint.

"There were some bottles thrown at police officers and they responded accordingly," Anderson said. "It's just amazing that this is all that has happened with these crowds we've had every night."

Silver

Continued from A7 Despite high expectations, both teams were disappointing - finishing seventh and sixth, respectively, out of the medals - and the Nagano team also came home with the stain of the trashed-dorm-room incident.

As captain of the Nagano team, Chelios wrote a \$3,000 check to cover the damages, though he had nothing to do with the incident. But he knew damage control for the team's reputation would require more.

So Chelios came to Salt Lake City as a man on a mission, determined to make it work this time. Coach Herb Brooks named him captain and decreed the U.S. was Chelios' team. But that was pretty obvious from the way he batted every game, contested every puck and fell in front of shots.

"The whole tournament, Chell showed what a warrior he is," said Canada's Brendan Shanahan, a Wings teammate who had one of his shots blocked by Chelios.

"We talked about him before the game, being the leader of their team. He really took personally the success of the U.S. team. 'They've got nothing to be ashamed off, they have the silver, medal.'"

drowned out the pockets of Canadian fans.

"That is, until the end, when delighted Canadian fans sang 'O Canada' in the closing moments.

Canada scored as many goals - five - as the Americans' first five opponents and controlled the Mike Modano-Brett Hull line that had produced nine goals and 10 assists in five Olympic blame.

"Maybe," Roenick said, "they're just destined to win it every 50 years."

Canada

Continued from A7 gold. In 1998, Canada easily won its first four games, only to be eliminated in an upset loss to the Czech Republic.

"You don't know what it's like to have a piano on your back. No other team had more pressure than ours," defenseman Al MacIsaac said.

"Everybody in Canada was watching with the same intensity that we played the game with. It's amazing the way a sport can bring the country together."

The American loss came

IOC strips champions of medals

Positive drug tests toss three from Games

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Cross-country skiers Larissa Lazutina of Russia and Johann Muehlegg of Spain were stripped Sunday of their most recent gold medals after testing positive for a performance-enhancing drug.

A third cross-country skier, Olga Danilova of Russia, also tested positive for the same drug, darbepoetin, which is used to treat anemia by boosting the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to muscles.

All three athletes were tossed out of the Winter Olympics on the final day of competition.

Lazutina, who tied an Olympic record Sunday with her 10th medal by winning the women's 30-kilometer classical race, will be forced to forfeit that victory. But she will be allowed to keep two medals she won earlier in these Olympics.

Danilova was disqualified from the 30K classical race in which she finished eighth.

The Spanish and Russian Olympic delegations challenged the process by which the test results were validated. All three positive results came from out-of-competition drug tests on Thursday.

Since darbepoetin is relatively new, it is not on the IOC's list of banned substances. But it has similar properties to the banned hormone erythropoietin, or EPO.

Arne Ljunqvist, chairman of the IOC's medical commission, said Sunday's disqualifications were a warning to athletes who think they can get away with using new drugs. Darbepoetin has been on the market just since October.

"The substance is not listed on the banned list because it is so new," he said. "This is a strong statement to those who say we are far behind. We are on their heels."

After Lazutina was disqualified, Gabriella Paruzzi of Italy, who finished second, was awarded the gold. Sunday, she was awarded the gold. She and the bronze medalist, the silver and bronze medalists, were awarded the silver and bronze medals.

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Sunday's Results

United States Winter Olympic Medalists		IOC's Country of Birth	
022101	Team USA: South Lake Tahoe, UT, 1992-1994	022102	Team USA: Salt Lake City, UT, 1994-1996
022103	Team USA: Salt Lake City, UT, 1996-1998	022104	Team USA: Salt Lake City, UT, 1998-2000
022105	Team USA: Salt Lake City, UT, 2000-2002	022106	Team USA: Salt Lake City, UT, 2002-2004

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SPORTS

O'Neal, Lakers bash Knicks

NEW YORK (AP) - Shaquille O'Neal overpowered the Knicks for 30 points, Kobe Bryant added 27, and Robert Horvath had 20 Sunday as the Los Angeles Lakers defeated New York 107-91.

NBA

winning streak. Milwaukee moved into sole possession of first place in the Central Division, one game ahead of the Pistons.

Supersons 101, Raptors 92

TORONTO - Brent Barry scored 23 points, Gary Payton added 22 and Rashard Lewis had 21 as Seattle won its sixth straight on the road.

Heat 92, Wizards 80

MIAMI - Michael Jordan sat out the final 6:27 with a bruised right knee, and Washington blew a fourth-quarter lead to give Miami for the second night in a row.

Bucks 89, Pistons 82

MILWAUKEE - Sam Cassell scored 27 points and Ray Allen added 21 as Milwaukee beat Detroit, snapping the Pistons' franchise-record seven-game road

Cavaliers 111, Magic 98

CLEVELAND - Ricky Davis scored 27 points in a rare start as Cleveland took advantage of an Orlando team playing without All-Star Tracy McGrady.

Suns 92, Spurs 83

PHOENIX - Stephan Marbury scored a season-high 36 points, leading the Phoenix Suns to a 92-83 victory over San Antonio on Sunday, handing the weary Spurs their second road defeat in two nights.

Hawks 89, Nuggets 84

DENVER - Jason Terry scored 25 points to lead the Atlanta Hawks past Denver 89-84 Sunday night, handing the Nuggets their fifth straight loss.

Jayhawks survive scare at Nebraska

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Freshman Keith Langford hit a 3-point shot with 33 seconds left and No. 1 Kansas rallied to beat Nebraska 88-87 Sunday and clinch the Big 12 regular season title for the first time in four years.

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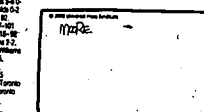
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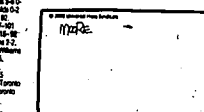
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OTHER VIEWS

Full disclosure still lacking in the new law

Deseret News

Even a bad piece of legislation, if paraded around enough, may eventually be approved.

That may very well be the case regarding campaign finance reform, which is regrettable.

Campaign finance reform is a noble goal, but change merely for the sake of change isn't. Last week's passage by the House of a finance measure authored by Connecticut Republican Christopher Shays and Massachusetts Democrat Marty Meehan is a good example of that statement.

Like its Senate cousin, McCain-Feingold, Shays-Meehan doesn't address the key issue of political contributions, which is full disclosure.

However noble the intentions, curbing spending through legislation does more to stifle the democratic process than enhance it.

Trying to place limits on campaign donations is fraught with peril. While proponents portray it as a way to get spending under control and as the cure to campaign finance abuse, it's not.

Passage of the currently constituted campaign finance reform measures will cause more problems than they solve.

Limiting contributions at national and local levels favors incumbents and well-known public figures. How are John and Jayne Q. Public supposed to compete with high-profile individuals if they are denied the ability to raise money they feel is necessary to achieve the name recognition to get elected? Only those

who are so well off that they can finance their own campaigns can get around those hurdles.

Then, of course, there is the matter of constitutionality. Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., a longtime opponent of campaign finance reform, believes Shays-Meehan violates free-speech rights. His experience as a teacher of political science and as a senator has convinced him that restrictions on free speech favor the status quo.

This editorial, reprinted from the Deseret News in Salt Lake City, says the newly passed campaign finance reform law still misses the mark.

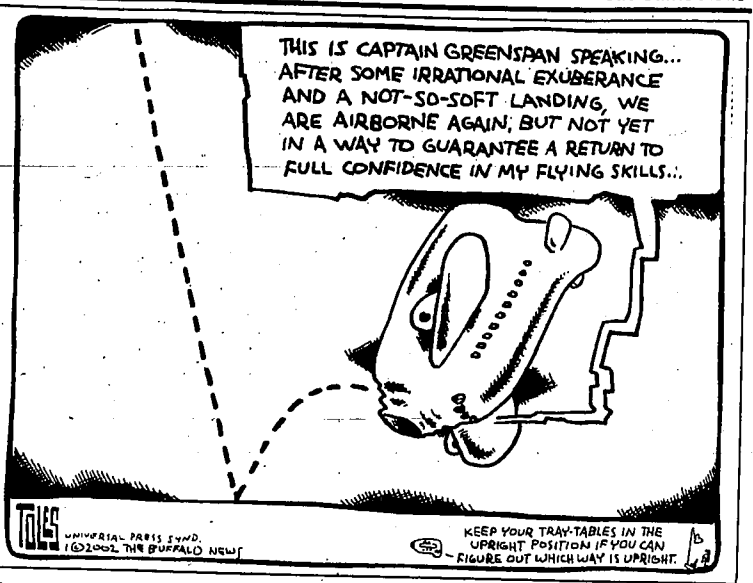
Utah Sen. Bob Bennett believes the same about McCain-Feingold, that it is "clearly unconstitutional" and that it also is an attack on the First Amendment's guarantee of free speech.

The position of this page is the same as what Bennett espoused in 1997 — full disclosure, supports allowing any organization, group or person being allowed to donate unlimited amounts of money to political candidates, and the names of the donors, available to the public.

In this era of technological wizardry, that information could be easily posted on the Internet and be available for review. Let the public then decide what is deemed acceptable.

Full disclosure is the best way to hold candidates accountable. The voters can decide when or if someone is trying to inappropriately "buy" an election.

The solutions proposed by current campaign finance reform legislation are not solutions at all. If passed, they will become part of the problem.



It takes skill to unravel Greenspan-speak

BILL TAMMEUS

Alan Greenspan, the wizard behind the Federal Reserve Bank's curtain, recently made one of his rare (no more than once or thrice a day) appearances before a Senate committee.

He used the occasion to complain that many Americans are financially illiterate and need to be better educated if they are to understand anything he says. Well, no, he didn't say the part about anything he says because even Greenspan knows that one of the economy's largest sectors is made up of economists who spend their days trying to unravel the gelatinously impenetrable words Greenspan uses to maintain his position as wizard.

Rather, these were his inexact words: "For an increasingly complex financial system to function effectively, widespread dissemination of timely financial and other relevant information among educated market participants is essential if they are to make the type of informed judgments that promote their own well-being and foster the most efficient allocation of capital."

See if you can read Greenspan's words without taking a breath. If you can, you clearly have the lung capacity to have competed well in the most stressful events of the Winter Olympics.

No matter how he inflates the lan-

guage, Greenspan has a decent point. Which is that you and I need to be better informed so we don't make the same mistake too many Enron employees made by betting the farm on one single stock. We need to be smarter about personal investment decisions.

So I'm going to help by giving you a glossary of terms you should understand if you are to have any hope of reaching retirement without living in the poor-house.

• Bank. This is where you take your money for safekeeping. The bank, however, doesn't safekeep it. Instead, it lends it to people like you to buy cars and houses. Because of that, neither you nor the bank has any money. The bank gave your money back to you in a loan and you used it to buy a car.

• Car dealer. This, then, is where you should go to borrow money.

• Pension, rhyme with tension. Your company will send you a little money each month after you retire and call it a pension if you promise not to come back to the office any more. There are two types of pension. You have the other if kind, which you would have known if only you'd read all that printed material

that looked as if it were written in Sanskrit by Alan Greenspan.

• 401(k). This is the third type of pension that I failed to mention when I was talking about pensions, which I was just a minute ago. Really. The difference is that in a 401(k) plan, you get to make the bad investment choices instead of relying on an expert to make them.

• IRA. This is the fourth type of the two types of pension plan that I also failed to mention earlier. The thing about IRAs is that you have to put all your own money into them and then, eventually, take it out, unless you own a Roth IRA, in which case you never have to take any of the money out but can leave it to Greenspan so eventually he can afford to take location lessons.

• Mutual funds. Instead of buying one bad stock, you can pool your money with other investors and buy a whole bunch of bad stocks at once. This collection of bad stocks is called a mutual fund. Sometimes the fund also includes bonds.

• Bonds. These sometimes are found in mutual funds that also contain stocks.

• Stocks. These are what keep bonds company in some mutual funds.

• Social Security. If you are under 50, you don't need to know.

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Being politically correct does harm

I am tired of this nation worrying about whether we are offending some individual or their culture. Since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, we have experienced a surge in patriotism by the majority of Americans. However, the dust from the attacks had barely settled when the "politically correct" crowd began complaining about the possibility that our patriotism was offending others.

I am not against immigration, nor do I hold a grudge against anyone who is seeking a better life by coming to America. Our population is entirely comprised of descendants of immigrants; however, there are a few things that those who have recently come to our country and apparently some who were born here need to understand.

This idea of America being a multicultural community has served only to dilute our sovereignty and our national identity. As Americans, we have our own culture, our own language and our own lifestyle. This culture has been developed over centuries of struggles, trials and victories by millions of men and women who have sought freedom. Our national language is English, not Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, German or any other language.

Therefore, if you wish to become part

of our society, "In God we trust" is our national motto; this is not some Christian, right-wing political slogan. We adopted this motto because Christian men and women on Christian principles founded this nation and this is clearly documented. It is certainly appropriate to display it on the walls of our schools. If God offends you, then I suggest you consider another part of the planet as your new home because God is part of our culture.

If Stars and Stripes offend you or you don't like Uncle Sam, then you should seriously consider a mover to another part of the planet. We are happy with our culture and have no desire to change. This is our country, our land and our way of life.

Our First Amendment gives every citizen the right to express his or her opinion, and we allow you every opportunity to do so. But once you are done complaining, whining and griping about our flag, our pledge, our national motto or our way of life, I highly encourage you to take advantage of the one great American freedom: The right to leave!

RICHARD MEYER SR.
Kennewick, Wash.
(Editor's note: Richard Meyer is a former Twin Falls resident and graduate of the Twin Falls High School Class of 1953.)

Granddaughter appreciates sympathy
To the many friends of Glenn

LETTERS

W. Young:

It has been three weeks since the death of my grandfather. With his passing, it has left a large void in the hearts of our family. In many ways, he was the staple of our family and his presence can never be replaced. His death came unexpectedly, leaving his family stunned and struggling to understand just how to go on without him.

I would like to take a moment to thank the many people who know and worked with him. Your sympathy cards and letters to The Times-News memorializing him have been both kind and heart-warming. The healing process has begun. It will be long and slow, but just knowing that he touched many lives and will be remembered by all who regarded him as a friend has helped speed up the healing.

I haven't met all of you, but I feel as if I have known many of you for years through the stories my grandfather has told me of him growing up in Twin Falls. For those of you I haven't had the pleasure of meeting and for those of you I have, thank you so much for your kind words and heartfelt sympathy.

KELLY MILLER
Twin Falls

Tech center will benefit community
As a business owner and resident of

Twin Falls, I am wholeheartedly in favor of the professional-technical center facility that the Twin Falls School District is proposing for our community.

I feel that this type of facility will provide a very important area that is lacking now in our community. It will provide options for many students to expand their learning opportunities.

Hands-on learning experience, along with academic courses, seems to make sense for all students interested in a career of any sort. This will provide this education for those interested in a technical career that will benefit both the student and our city.

It will gap those bridges where a student who may not necessarily be "university" bound but still wants an academic regimen while learning skills and a trade.

KURT HEFNER, R.P.H.
Twin Falls

Feeding fee increases are unfair

I am writing in reference to the article of Feb. 19 about the proposed confined animal feeding operation fee increases. It is sad that the fees are going to go up more than 100 percent for smaller operations and more than 600 percent for larger. This is an outrage and a total abuse of the system.

We need the dairies and feedlots to help support our economy. Raising the

fees by this amount will put some of the smaller operations out of business. It is ridiculous! It is especially outrageous when the city gives a multimillion-dollar industry a building. The company will probably last more than 10 years and turn into another Norex Wine and Spirits. We do not need to give buildings away to people who can afford them; we need to instead look for ways to keep the industries here.

A lot of these people have been here for their lifetimes and have given to this community willingly and here they are stabbing them in the back and making them pay higher fees. Face the fact, people, we live in an agricultural community and need the CAFOs. This community needs the monies that they provide. We need to find ways to keep them, not force them out of the area.

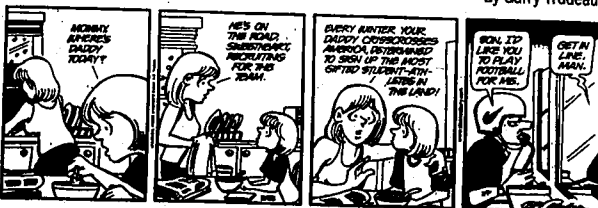
What will this fee increase mean to independent meat, which is looking to expand? This fee increase will most certainly drive them elsewhere. This company began here and contributes to this community greatly, and without asking for anything in return, this fee increase will give them another excuse to leave, and leave this community poorer than it already is.

The county needs to rethink the increase. It is unnecessary and unwanted.

GERRY HILDRETH
Twin Falls

Doonesbury Flashback

By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley



U.S. needs Russia's help to contain Iran

BRENDA SHAFFER

President Bush didn't leave much room for interpretation when he declared Iran a part of an "axis of evil." What wasn't clear was whether the United States is willing to go beyond tough rhetoric and take concrete steps to stop Iran from obtaining weapons of mass destruction.

One of the ways for the United States to prevent Tehran from developing these weapons is for Washington to address one of the sources of Iran's proliferation advances: Russia. Over the past decade, various government ministries and defense companies in Russia have contributed significantly to Iran's advancement toward acquisition of these weapons.

Washington is beginning to forge a new strategic framework for its relations with Moscow. This new deal should require that Russia curtail its cooperation with Iran in areas that could enhance Tehran's ability to acquire weapons of mass destruction. For the United States to succeed on this front, it must understand the importance that Russia attaches to its relations with Iran and offer significant trade-offs that will help Moscow.

After the collapse of the Soviet Union, a momentous opportunity emerged for U.S.-Russia cooperation. There are different explanations as to which side is more at fault for the failure of this partnership to develop. It is clear that both failed to demonstrate significant consideration for the other's security needs and continued to interact in a competitive manner.

American policymakers have been upset with Russia's cooperation with Iran in areas that help Tehran acquire nuclear weapons. Russian leaders have been disappointed by Washington's promotion of the expansion of NATO into Eastern Europe and its decision to unilaterally pursue a national missile defense system.

However, it is now time for a new and mutually beneficial strategic deal between Russia

and the United States. An important component would be the issue of proliferation in Iran.

In the last 1 1/2 years, Russia has shown signs that it recognizes that it has some common interests with the United States on energy and security issues. Russia's refusal in November to cut back its oil production in accordance with OPEC demands has prevented the world economy from plummeting deeper into recession. In addition, Russia has removed its active opposition to the building of the Baku-Ceyhan pipeline for transport of Caspian oil.

On security issues, not only has Moscow mobilized full-fledged support for the war on terrorism, it has permitted an extensive U.S. military presence in Central Asia. The Russian government also has made efforts to establish export controls to rein in some of the proliferation activities of Russian companies.

Russia, however, has not been willing to compromise its cooperation with Iran. Moscow views its neighbor Iran as an important partner in maintaining stability in the Caucasus and Central Asia, and Tehran plays the leading role in minimizing Muslim backlash against Moscow for its military campaigns in Chechnya. Iran and Moscow also see each other as important "poles" in maintaining a multi-polar international system and preventing U.S. hegemony. Thus, Moscow will be reluctant to endanger its relations with Iran, especially if it appears that Russia is reacting to U.S. pressure.

But a strategic reformation that includes concessions by Washington on issues of the highest order that affect Russian national security — such as missile defense and further expansion of NATO — ultimately could lead to an important change in

the nature of Moscow's cooperation with Iran. As part of a new deal with Russia, the United States should focus on preventing the transfer of a limited number of sensitive items that could contribute most seriously to the advancement of Iran's nuclear weapons programs. The United States should not oppose all military cooperation between Russia and Iran, such as pacts on conventional weapons. The United States should not do anything to weaken political relations between Iran and Russia, and instead focus only on proliferation issues. Washington would benefit from initiating quiet diplomacy with Russian President Vladimir V. Putin on the issue of Iran, without making it seem like a Russian concession to U.S. demands.

Bush has signaled to the world that he wants to get tough with those who dabble with weapons of mass destruction. The administration now needs to go beyond words and threats and work intelligently with Russia to contain Iran's drive for such weapons.

Brenda Shaffer, research director at the Caspian studies program at Harvard University, is the author of "Partners in Need: The Strategic Relationship of Russia and Iran."



LETTERS

Homosexuals hurt nobody

This letter is in response to the Rev. Tim Baker's letter on Feb. 14 and anyone who shares the same opinion as Mr. Baker.

You asked the question of why it is so difficult for homosexuals to admit that they can change. Perhaps the answer is that they do not want to change. Could it be that they are happy with who they are and their sexual preference?

If you could prove that homosexuality is a choice, it would not stop the gay community from fighting for their equal rights. What I mean by equal rights is they would not be discriminated against for something that they choose to do in their own bedroom. A choice that affects no one but themselves and their partner. I am afraid that you (Mr. Baker) made a gross misjudgment when you compared homosexuals to rapists and pedophiles. A gay couple does nothing more than make some of society uncomfortable. Maybe it makes society question its own sexuality, or they simply do not understand that a man can be attracted to another man. I would like to know when we started to include the words "men and women" in our definition of a marriage. I grew up believing that a relationship consisted of two people who cared, loved, respected and nurtured each other. I know that it is possible for two people of the same sex to encompass all of these things and be very happy. On the other hand, I have met many heterosexual cou-

ples that do not possess one, let alone all, of these qualities.

And if the dear reverend would like to tackle the downhill moral slide that our country is in, why does he not discuss children being ripped from loving homes, houses being set on fire, good workers losing their jobs, people being beaten and raped and, above all, people being murdered. All of these things are happening in our country in the name of abolishing the horrible, evil sin called homosexuality.

So, Rev. Baker, you can tell all the youth in America that homosexuality is a choice, but you will not brainwash everyone into changing themselves for you. You will never be rid of that which makes you uncomfortable and uneasy. The gay community is growing and becoming a big part of our country. And I don't believe that they will be going away anytime soon.

Deadline for bond vote

The March 5 local bond 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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TIA C. WELCH
Twin Falls

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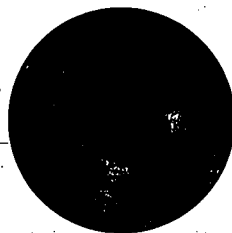
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North Dakota takes your breath away

My advice to aspiring humor columnists is: Never make fun of North Dakota. Because the North Dakotans will invite you, nicely but relentlessly, to visit, and eventually you'll have to accept. When you get there, they'll be incredibly nice to you, treating you with such warmth and hospitality that before long you feel almost like family. Then they will try to asphyxiate you with sewer gas.

I found this out when I went to Grand Forks, N.D., in January. I had made fun of Grand Forks and its sister city, East Grand Forks, Minn., for calling themselves the Grand Cities and declaring that they are "where the earth meets the sky." (This turns out to be slightly inaccurate: In between the earth and the sky, there's a layer of really hard ice.)

I arrived at Grand Forks International Airport on a subzero Tuesday night. I have never been so cold in my life. And that was inside the terminal. Outside it was much worse. I'm pretty sure wolves were stalking me as I staggered across the wind-whipped parking lot, wondering if there could be a colder place on the planet.

Unfortunately, there was. The interior of my rental car, which had liquid oxygen on the seats.

The way the North Dakotans deal with this is to leave their cars running. The state fuel-economy average must be around .000003 miles per gallon, because everywhere you see unattended cars with the motors running. Many people start their cars with remote-control devices, but I believe that some of the smarter cars also spontaneously start themselves to keep warm.

The thing is, nobody steals the unattended cars, or anything else. During my visit, roughly once every four minutes a North Dakotan would remind me, in a nice way, that they have hardly any crime up there, in stark contrast to my Miami. It does feel very safe up there, and everybody does seem to get along, despite the fact that the population is quite diverse, ranging all the way from people whose ancestors immigrated from Norway, to people whose ancestors immigrated from a different part of Norway.

Without question the most memorable experience I had in Grand Forks was a public ceremony in which a municipal sewer pumping station was formally named after me. I am not making this up. They took me in a limousine to the station, where more than 100 people had gathered, despite the fact that the temperature was an estimated 8,500 degrees below zero.

The mayor of Grand Forks, Mike Brown, who is also an obstetrician/gynecologist, gave the opening speech in which he flatteringly compared my work to the production of excrement. Then came the big moment when I unveiled a big sign on the side of the building, with large letters stating DAVE BARRY LIFT STATION NO. 16.

Words cannot convey what it feels like to look at a building with your name on it — a building capable of pumping 450,000 gallons of untreated sewage per day — and at the same time hear the unmistakable *whupwhupwhup* of North Dakotans enthusiastically applauding with heavy gloves. It was a wonderful occasion, until they took me on an official tour of the pumping station. When they opened the door, *whosh* we were engulfed by a cloud of pent-up fumes from the Outhouse from Hell. Trees wilted as far away as Wisconsin.

Fortunately I survived, and went on to have several more memorable experiences in the Grand Cities. Next week I'll tell you about the sport of ice fishing, which is irrefutable proof that prolonged exposure to cold causes brain damage. I'll also describe a tradition called the "poduck supper," which poses a serious threat to the world's dwindling reserves of jelly-O. Until then, keep your engines running.

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HUMOR
Dave Barry

Body and sole



Cecilia Jordan practices the art of reflexology on her husband during his lunch break. Reflexology is the art of treating the whole foot to have a relaxing and healing effect on the whole body.

Reflexology claims to unlock health secrets

Your feet deserve a little respect

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Listen, says Cecilia Jordan, to your feet.

For there's a part of your foot, she's convinced, that's the key to whatever ails you.

"Energy is the basis of all life and a vital factor in healing," said Jordan, a 56-year-old one-time bank and sheet-metal worker who has tapped one of the more intriguing currents of alternative medicine. "Reflexology stimulates and revitalizes this energy flow through the entire body and its organs by applying pressure to reflex points in the feet, hand and ears."

But if that sounds too New Age to you, Jordan has a more basic explanation.

"Reflexology is primarily a deep relaxation technique," she said. "And that has all kinds of potential health benefits."

Reflexology belongs to the body of alternative medicine based on the notion that life-energy and how it's directed means the difference between health and illness — the so-called unity of mind, body and spirit. That's long been a tenet of Chinese medicine, but largely irrelevant to Western doctors.

Until recently, Dr. Andrew Weil, the Arizona internal medicine specialist and the father of *ait*-medicine, has preached the integration of mainstream Western medicine with Eastern concepts such as *reiki* and reflexology.

It's a substantial leap between the two. Reflexologists claim their art.

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On our feet!
If the shoe fits,
One step at a time.
Put your best foot forward.
That's one small step for man ...
Funny, isn't it, how many of our common expressions and clichés have to do with our feet?

We call on them to support our weight all day, every day, and expect them to carry us to the coffeepot, to lunch, to a business meeting, to the front of the class, through the checkout lane, to a child's bedside.

Yet, we pay little or no attention to them.

Unless, of course, they're bothering us. We're here to suggest that it's time to take a different approach to your feet. They deserve a little respect, even when they're not hurting. Here are some suggestions, and some facts you might not know.

The heel bone's ...
... connected to the ankle bone. And to a whole bunch of other bones: the navicular, cuboid, cuneiforms, metatarsals and phalanges.

A normal adult foot has 26 bones, about one-eighth of all the bones in your body. The skull also has 26 bones, which

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Study links alcohol consumption, lower heart failure risk in men

Drinking alcohol may reduce the risk of heart failure in men, according to a study published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

Researchers monitored alcohol consumption in 2,796 men and 3,493 women. During the six to 10 years they were followed, 99 men and 120 women developed heart failure. The men who routinely drank any amount of alcohol (from one to more than 15 drinks per week) had a lower risk of heart failure than those who did not drink at all. Those who had eight to 14 drinks a week showed the highest risk reduction, 59 percent.

Memory decline

A new study suggests there might be some truth to the use-it-or-lose-it hypothesis that mentally stimulating activities reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease. Popular wisdom contends that doing crossword puzzles or playing cards might ward off a decline in memory. Now scientists at the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center in Chicago report that frequent participation in cognitively stimulating activities does indeed help us maintain brainpower as we age. The study of aging among older Catholic men, priests and brothers found that those who engaged most frequently in activities

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like reading books, newspapers or magazines, doing crosswords, playing card games and going to museums reduced their risk of Alzheimer's by 47 percent, compared to those with the lowest activity level.

Diabetes test

A simple blood test that can be administered on the spot, in the doctor's office, without prior fasting, could identify millions of patients with previously undetected diabetes, new research shows. The study, published in the January issue of the *Journal of General Internal Medicine* also suggests that three easily assessed risk factors can be used to identify the best candidates for the test. The test, HgA1c, accurately indicates blood-sugar levels over the previous two to three months and can detect at least 75 percent of diabetes cases without the need for fasting, researchers say. The new screening technique could detect almost as many new cases of type 2 diabetes as the current one or more of three risk factors: obesity, high blood pressure and family history of diabetes. Such targeting would make the screening even more cost-effective.

—compiled from wire service reports

Get used to working with leather

Leather garments are more fashionable than ever, and home sewers need not be hesitant to make one. You can use a regular sewing machine on the light to medium weight skins. If you don't feel confident enough to sew an entire garment, try adding leather accents to cuffs, pockets, upper collars or bound buttonholes of a fabric garment. Or make a small purse, just to get used to working with leather.

• **Choosing patterns.** Select styles with multiple seams, to make the best use of skins. You can piece larger sections, at the waist for coats and jackets, and at the knee for pants (an angled seam just above the knee). Look for dropped-shoulder or raglan sleeves, to avoid easing at shoulders.

• **Fitting.** It's difficult to alter or let out leather because the needle holes will show. Check the fit by making a muslin. Then take that apart and make a new pattern out of heavy paper to use on the skins. Include left and right pieces so you can cut leather in a single thickness. A sharp rotary cutter works well.

• **Supplies.** You'll need a Teflon presser foot and a machine needle marked leather. For hand sewing use a Glover's needle. Thread should be 100-percent polyester. Rubber cement or two-sided adhesive tape will secure seams and hems and hold pieces in position temporarily. A wax chalk is good for marking,



SEWING
Barbara Gash

and a rubber mallet will help flatten thick areas.

• **Choosing skins.** Today's tanning methods are now providing home sewers with soft, supple leathers in a variety of finishes — smooth, suede, or embossed.

There are many colors and weights, even some that are suitable for hot weather. A few leathers can now be washed, and summer-weight hides are even treated to prevent staining.

Cowhides are large, but tough, so they are best suited to outerwear.

Pigskins are fairly large, and a good medium weight. Skins have large, visible pores.

Lambskins are smaller, good for garments with smaller pieces. They're soft and lightweight, for tops, skirts and dresses.

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HEALTH & FASHION

Center offers 'Baby and Me' classes

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer "Baby and Me" classes from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The sessions, which are for parents of children from infancy through toddler years, will be presented by Anita Bartels, RN, and various guest speakers. This week's topic will be "Come Share Favorite Products."

The class is free. For more information, call 324-7262.

Support group

Breast Cancer Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. today in the reception area of the Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center, 656 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The ongoing group is open to breast cancer survivors or patients (male or female) and their families and friends.

For more information, call Lydia Gilman at 737-2979 or Mary Howard at 734-1766.

Childbirth classes

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Tuesday through March 26, in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class will include classroom instruction on wellness of the mother, labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the postpartum mother and newborn, including breast and bottle feeding.

Cost is \$40. Preregistration is required, call 737-2900.

About C-sections

Cesarean childbirth class will

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be offered from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Sage Room of the Education Center at MVRMC in Twin Falls.

The class will include information on cesarean deliveries, postpartum care, hospital procedures and non-conforming labors.

Cost is \$15. Preregistration is not required. For more information or to register, call 737-2900.

The beauty part

An education session, "Beauty: More Than Skin Deep," will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Women's Health and Imaging Services, 224 Martin St., Twin Falls.

The program will include information on the basics of skin care, a demonstration on derma planning and discussion about Botox.

For more information, call 737-2685.

Big Kids Klub

Big Kids Klub will meet from 10:15-11:30 a.m. Saturday in the doctors' meeting room at MVRMC in Twin Falls.

The class is designed to help prepare siblings for the new baby.

Cost is \$7.50 per family with one child or \$10 per family with two or more children. To register, call 737-2900.

AWAKE organizes

Magic Valley AWAKE, an education and support group for sleep apnea and their families, will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. March 5 at the College of Southern Idaho's Office on Aging, 998 Washington St. N., Twin Falls.

AWAKE is an acronym of "Alerts, Well and Keeping Energetic" and is a part of the American Sleep Apnea Association.

Will Tester, manager of Paxair-Interwest Healthcare Services, and Ace Martin, therapist, will discuss the topic, "Medicare, Insurance and Apnea Patients."

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning March 6 through April 10, at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The second class will be a refresher course for mothers who have previously taken the childbirth classes.

The sessions, taught by a registered nurse, emphasize preparation for labor and birth, changes during pregnancy and newborn care. Participants are asked to bring two pillows and a blanket to each class.

The classes are free for those who will be delivering at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. To register, call 324-4301.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

Try a mild cleanser for a rash

"DEAR PAULA: I'm 25 years old, and I have a huge problem that I hope you can answer. I used a facial cream sample with an SPF 10. It's also an anti-aging cream. After using this cream, I have an intense irritation and rash all over my face and under my eye area. Prior to using this sample cream, I had excellent, smooth skin. And now, this rash is still there. I went to a facialist, and she recommended another product for me. Should I use it or do something else about this rash?"

→ IRENE, VIA E-MAIL
DEAR IRENE: When you have a reaction to a product that is severe in nature, the last thing you should do is experiment with other moisturizers.

There is no way to know for sure what your skin reacted to unless you are patch-tested by a dermatologist, which is time consuming and still might not identify the problem. It could be a combination of ingredients, the fragrance, sunscreen ingredients, or other products you used with it.

The redness and rashy look can usually be remedied with an over-the-counter cortisone cream, lotion or gel (whichever texture you prefer). Apply as directed for 7 to 10 days, and keep your skin-care routine as gentle and minimal as possible.

Use a mild cleanser, such as Cetaphil or Aquanil Lotion (no bar soaps or fragranced cleansers) and protect your skin with a titanium dioxide sunscreen



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(Neutrogena Sensitive Skin SPF 17, Clinique Super City Block SPF 25, or any foundation with a titanium dioxide sunscreen). Do not use any scrubs, toners, or astringents, AHAs, BHAs, anti-acne medications, washcloths, retinal products or fragranced moisturizers. For dry areas, use a simple, unscented moisturizer like Cetaphil.

If the redness and irritation do not clear up within one week, or if

The redness and rashy look can usually be remedied with an over-the-counter cortisone cream, lotion or gel.

It gets progressively worse, see your physician - not a facialist or cosmetics counter salesperson

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String of purls: Knitting enjoys a renaissance

Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — Maria Alvarez finds it helps free her mind for the rigorous classes at Swarthmore College.

Juliane Steig, 8, likes it, even though she gives away most of what she makes.

Jill Freed Klazmer finds it connects her with her grandmother, who died 13 years ago.

Knitting — the craft of creating fabric by knitting yarn with two pointed sticks — is enjoying a renaissance. And not just among what society has viewed as traditional knitters: gray-haired, grandmotherly types. Knitting has become a passion for

younger adults, children and college students. Even prison inmates have discovered what millions already know.

Mary Colucci, director of communications for the Craft Yarn Council of America, said the number of people knitting and crocheting has increased from 34 million in 1994 to 38 million today. The largest increase came in the under-35 category.

"It seems that a new generation is discovering just how wonderful it can be," she said.

Like Sophia Kleiber, 32, who "has been knitting religiously since August" and took her current project with her on a trip to Jamaica.

"I love the process, the yarns and the ability to make something I can use," she said. "I can't put the needles down."

Mary Jennings Spratt, owner of the Tangled Web, a Philadelphia knitting and yarn shop, said her store has many customers among the "stroller crowd," young women with children. The mother of 4-year-old and 3-month-old daughters, Spratt knows knitting's appeal firsthand.

Certainly, more than a few Hollywood stars have caught the bug, with Julia Roberts, Cameron Diaz, Darryl Hannah, Hilary Swank, Sarah Jessica Parker, Debra Messing, Tyra

Banks, and Patricia Arquette among those who knit.

Knitting's reputation and ability to soothe is one reason elementary school teacher Debbie Bakan teaches her class the craft.

"We were seeing children with no fine motor control, who couldn't properly hold a pencil or scissors," said Bakan.

Several years ago, Bakan, an avid knitter, decided to teach her first and second graders the art, and she began to see improvement.

"Their handwriting became better," she said. "We use knitting to practice math skills. If a child is just wiggly, I have him sit and knit

for a while; it can really calm a child down."

The children use their knitting skills as community service as well, making small stuffed animals and blanket squares that eventually will be sewn together as blankets for use in homeless shelters. All of which Juliane, who is in Bakan's class, likes a lot. "It makes me feel good that some other kid will get what I make," she said. "I think about that when I'm knitting."

The calming effect has been noted among prisoners at the Limon Correctional Facility in Colorado. There, knitting (with machines) and crocheting have been used as part of Therapeutic

Community, a program that helps inmates manage drug and alcohol problems and anger.

But it's inmates who participate in the program, making baby clothes, afghans and toys that are donated to social-service agencies.

The prison houses men serving everything from two years to life without parole, and the handwork program has been most helpful in managing behavior, said Tami Williams, Limon's public information officer.

"They get a lot of satisfaction from the process and knowing that what they make is going to help others," Williams said. "It really does make them feel good about themselves."

Institute: Kids need to sleep more

Knight Ridder News Service

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Bedtime in the Godfrey household goes something like this: At 9 p.m. approaches, Allison announces round up their daughters and start herding them toward their bedrooms.

Claire, 9, seldom offers any resistance. Generally she's asleep within minutes of climbing under the covers. Twelve-year-old Katrina, however, is another matter.

"Sometimes she's getting up, asking for water or telling me things she forgot to tell me — something she can think of," Allison said. "Usually it takes her 30 minutes to an hour to get to sleep."

And that, of course, can have ramifications the next morning.

Not to many children in this country don't get enough sleep, it seems, and the National Institute of Health is sufficiently concerned that it has launched a campaign to urge parents, teachers and pediatricians to make sure that children, particularly those 7 to 11 years old, get more shuteye.

"Whatever children do, they will do it better if they are well rested," said Carl Hunt, director of the NIH's National Center on Sleep Disorders. In the last few years, he noted, research data suggest that chronic sleep deprivation is taking its toll among the nation's children.

"This information is not widely appreciated by the public and by health-care providers," he said. Through its campaign, Hunt said, the NIH hopes to enlist the help of pediatricians and teachers to persuade parents to take a firmer stance ensuring that their children get enough sleep.

It's pretty clear that most elementary-school age children



The National Institute of Health says American kids between the ages of 7 and 11 are sleep-deprived.

need at least nine hours of sleep nightly to function optimally, Hunt said. However, several small studies suggest that many children sleep between seven and eight hours most nights.

In addition, he said, "There is considerable anecdotal evidence from talking with teachers. Sleepy children in the classroom is a common observation."

At Glendale Elementary School in Independence, Mo., "Children fall asleep from time to time," said principal Galen Hoff.

"While I don't think it affects a large majority of our kids, I think it affects more kids than it did five or 13 years ago."

On the other hand, Pam Bakke, principal at Harmony Elementary School in Overland Park, Kan., said her students "seem well-rested and prepared. I've been doing this job a long time, and I can't say I've seen a change."

At Cambridge Elementary School in Belton, Mo., principal Sandra Tiffany said children's sleep needs are "something we try to talk to parents about. I think for the most part, our parents try to make sure the students get enough rest."

However, when she hears about children who are distracted and lethargic, or who are out of control, Tiffany often asks their parents about sleep.

"That's one of the first things I talk about," And often, she said, it's an issue.

Allison Godfrey, who struggles some nights to get her daughter into bed and to keep her there, knows what sleep-deprivation looks like in her 12-year-old the next day.

"She has a much greater tendency to get upset about minor things when she's tired, simple things that should be pretty easy, and normally are easy for her, are much more frustrating."

Reflexology

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Among other things, eliminates toxins, promotes healing, reduces pain and increases circulation. Most mainstream physicians believe reflexology is, at best, relaxation therapy and massage.

"When stimulated by touch, the thousands of nerve endings in our feet, hands and ears send energy messages to the spinal cord and brain, then on to the organs, glands and muscles — every part of the body," Jordan said.

Reflexology can be done equally well on the ears and hands, but many of its practitioners work on the feet.

"Look at the outline of two feet together," Jordan said. "They mirror the shape of the human body, wider at the shoulders, narrower at the waist. The nerve endings in the feet are connected to every system of the body."

Reflexologists believe that manipulating pressure points in the toes can alleviate pain and

tension in the head. Working the ball of the foot helps problems of the chest and lung, while the instep affects internal organs and the heel is linked to the pelvic area.

"The idea is that physical problems in one part of the body don't exist in isolation," Jordan said. "The whole body is interconnected."

In an hour, she combines a foot soak, foot relaxation techniques and foot reflexology.

"I don't diagnose and I don't do medical treatment," said Jordan, who charges \$30 a session. "I don't recommend vitamins and herbs, and I don't use gadgets or instruments."

A North Dakota native and a resident of Bellevue for 21 years, Jordan and her husband moved to Twin Falls five years ago. With her children growing, she decided to investigate starting a business, and contacts through the College of Southern Idaho New Directions Center led her to

alt-medicine. She attended the Seattle Reflexology Center and became certified.

About a half dozen people claim to practice reflexology in the Twin Falls area, with varying levels of training, with perhaps another dozen in the Wood River Valley and Burley. There is a professional accreditation organization, the American Reflexology Certification Board, but it's not the AMA: It's always a good idea to ask about the credentials of a reflexologist before you spend your money.

"Reflexology is complementary care to help the body's healing powers. It's a tool to help balance and revitalize a body and bring it back to a natural state. But reflexology is not a foot rub," Jordan said, "and it's not a cure."

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Foot

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seems to say something about the importance of the foot.

Basic foot care

Especially if you work out, wash your feet daily with soap and water and dry them thoroughly, especially between the toes.

Take off sweaty socks and shoes as soon as you're done with physical activity. And grab a clean pair of socks for your next outing.

Keep toenails trimmed straight across to prevent ingrown toenails. Nails that are too long can dig into the skin of adjacent toes.

Don't pop a blister. If a blister cracks, clean it carefully, apply an antiseptic and cover it with an adhesive strip.

Choose shoes that fit. And switch between pairs from day to day.

The right shoe

Leather is the best material for shoes, because it breathes like skin and molds to your foot. Soles should be strong and comfortable, and insoles should be cushioned. The toebox should be roomy enough so you can wiggle all your toes.

Don't expect shoes to stretch. If you're a walker, choose a walking shoe, even if the cross-trainers are on sale. Cross-training shoes are designed for sports in which you move from side to side, such as tennis. Walking shoes have a beveled heel and flexible forefoot, appropriate for a forward-striding motion.

Replace shoes regularly. If you've worn them, try on shoes with varying heel heights. Some people prefer shoes with no heels others like wooden or rubber soles.

Self-pampering

The better shape your feet are in, the lower your risk of problems. Here's how to pamper feet with a home massage:

- First, wash them carefully with mild soap and water. Dry thoroughly and rub lotion on skin.

- Use the heel of your hand or your thumb to stroke the sole of one foot from the heel to the tips of the toes. Start at one side of the foot and continue making long strokes until you've covered the entire sole.

- Use a fingertip or thumb to make circles the size of a dime all over the foot.

- Press your thumb on a spot and hold for a few seconds, for deeper relief. Repeat all over the bottom of the foot.

- Grasp a toe between your thumb and finger, and squeeze and tug gently along the length of the toe. Repeat for each toe.

Fun facts

- Percentage of women who wear high heels to work: 21. In 1990, the figure was 37 percent. We're learning.

- Feet continue to grow throughout life, though not at the same pace as when you're young. At age 50, you'll probably need a shoe a full size bigger than you wore at age 20. That's why you should have your feet measured every time you buy shoes.

- By age 50, your feet will have 75,000 miles on them.

- A 150-pound person walking one mile exerts the equivalent of 63.5 tons — 127,000 pounds — of pressure on each foot.

- It was Socrates who said, "When your feet hurt, we hurt all over."

- Repeat the process for the second foot.

- Elevate your feet on a couple of pillows and relax them.

Common foot problems

Bunions are firm bumps that form at the base of the big toe joint. The skin may reddens, and the underlying bursa may swell and become painfully inflamed.

Women get bunions about 10 times more often than men, probably because of the shoes they wear.

Wide, soft leather shoes with low heels can lessen the pressure and pain. Doughnut-shaped pads, anti-inflammatory drugs and custom-made shoe inserts also may help. Eventually, surgical intervention may be necessary.

Corns are raised areas of thick skin, usually caused by poorly fitting shoes. They often go away on their own when you change shoes. You also can try a corn pad over the corn, to reduce pressure. Some do-it-yourself corn preparations containing salicylic acid are available.

Hard corns can be cut away by a podiatrist.

Plantar fasciitis is heel pain caused by inflammation of the fibrous tissue on the bottom of the heel and underneath the foot. Poor footwear may provoke it; often there is no known cause.

You can rest your heel by putting a quarter-inch foam pad in the heel of your shoe. If that doesn't work, try a heel cup.

To reduce inflammation, try ice and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory

Home remedies

- For sweaty feet, boil five tea bags in a quart of water. When the liquid has cooled, soak your feet for 20 minutes. The effects should last one to three days.

- Roll a golf ball under your foot, from heel to toe, for two minutes each morning to prevent painful inflammation of the ligament in the sole of your foot.

- To soothe the itching and burning of athlete's foot, soak your feet in a basin of warm water, a little rubbing alcohol and several peeled, crushed garlic cloves. If you can't stand the smell, try simmering an ounce of fresh chopped ginger in a cup of water for 20 minutes. Cool and apply to feet twice a day.

- Lose weight, if you're overweight, on your feet all day. Losing 10 to 20 pounds will make a difference.

— Sources: The American Medical Association Encyclopedia of Medicine, Harvard Medical School Family Health Guide, American Podiatric Medical Association, The American College for Physical Activity and Aging, Men's Health, Prevention, Natural Health and Health magazines

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include blood tests to find out if you are allergic to a result of blood tests, or if there is an elevated number of white blood cells, suggesting an inflammatory process in your body. Examination of a stool sample can tell the doctor if there is a blood loss, or if an infection by a parasite or bacteria is causing the symptoms.

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- Chew the scenery
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- Cartoon sailor
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- Interrupt rudely
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- Black-and-white treat
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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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Mom's husband isn't 'grandpa'

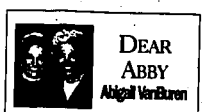
DEAR ABBY: I am 28 years old and pregnant with my first child. My beloved father passed away a few years ago, and my mother has since remarried. Mom keeps calling her new husband "Grandpa."

I'm having a hard time with this. Even though this man may be, he is not Grandpa. Both grandfathers have passed away, and it's going to be tough enough making sure they are properly remembered.

Maybe I'm being overly protective of this "grandfather" thing, because my sweet dad can't be here to share the joy of our baby. I need advice on how to tell my mother that I'd prefer she didn't call her husband "Grandpa." I know this should be the least of my problems, but it's been nagging at me.

KATIE IN VIRGINIA

DEAR KATIE: Please rethink your stance on this. Although you loved your dad and keep his memory in your heart, your mother's flesh-and-blood husband will



DEAR ABBY: I am an animal lover. When I was younger, I raised three kittens from birth. I fed them every four hours from a bottle. My husband doesn't like

now Jake is telling us he intends to continue living here for five years!

Jake does nothing to help around the house. He gives me a small sum of money each month, but that pittance isn't nearly enough to buy the food he consumes.

I want to ask Jake to move, but my husband is afraid it would damage their friendship. I say we need our own life; we've got two small children to consider. Please help, Abby.

FED UP IN PITTSBURGH

DEAR FED UP: Somebody has to be direct with this man. If your husband can't find the strength to tell his cousin, "Enough is enough, already!" - then you must. And please don't feel guilty about it. Jake will be a lot happier, too, once he's on his own two feet.

DEAR ABBY: I am an animal lover. When I was younger, I raised three kittens from birth. I fed them every four hours from a bottle. My husband doesn't like

animals, but before we were married, he agreed I could have a pet. Well, it's been seven years, and he refuses to let me have a cat.

Abby, I love my husband dearly; however, I don't feel like a complete person without a cat. If I lived alone I'd have a household of them, but now I would be happy with just one.

My heart breaks every time I visit a friend who has a cat or sees one roaming on the street. Sometimes I even cry myself to sleep.

My husband knows I love cats. He even buys me calendars with pictures of cats, yet he denies me the one thing I love most besides him. I respect his feelings, but it hurts. What do you think I should do?

CAT LOVER IN ILLINOIS

DEAR CAT LOVER: Unless your husband has a medical condition that prevents you from having a cat, go get yourself one. You don't need his permission. He's your partner - not your parent.

A house mouse can breed after it's a month old

Put numerous names of single college students into a computer - equal numbers of men and women. Let the computer assign three brief dates - all in one evening - to each person. Diner, from 6 to 8, dance from 8 to 10, bistro from 10 to midnight. See how hard it works? Each person spends two hours each with three different members of the opposite sex. This is called a Computer Date. It multiplies the potentially romantic opportunities. Sponsored once a month, it almost guarantees every eligible on the list will be involved within a year in some formal socially significant procedure. Engagement. Wedding. Paternity suit. Whatever.

Q. Where'd we get the expression "to start from scratch"?

A. From the old Greeks. They started their footraces on a line scratched in the sand, and literature thereafter recorded numerous starts from scratches.

Q. If all the farmers stopped



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producing food today, how long would the world's stockpile of food last?

A. Two months maybe. When the ready supply exceeds more than two months' worth, prices drop drastically.

Wanted - Glad Friday. Says an employment counselor of lengthy experience: "To fill this job, given two female applicants of equal ability, age and poise, the average employer, if a man, will choose the blonde, and if a woman, the brunette."

The price of a newspaper in the Venice of old was one small coin called a "gazetta," and from that

early time many a paper has come to be named "The Gazette."

Where you find an eagle eating a snake on a cactus, there you will build your city. That's what the hummingbird got allegedly told the ancient Aztecs. Too bad. Those Aztecs found just such an omen in a swampy place later called Lake Texcoco. And they started what turned into Mexico City. Residents have been trying to fill soft spots there ever since. Any surveyor will tell you the eagle-eating-snake method is the poorest possible way to pick a townsite. Yet that particular town

is turning into the largest in the world.

It's not an insect, if it doesn't live inside a hard skeleton. An ostrich egg is 1.6 percent as heavy as the ostrich. A hummingbird egg is 15 percent as heavy as the hummingbird. See? Egg laying takes a lot out of a hummingbird. I mean it's harder work.

A house mouse is ready to breed when it's little more than a month old.

Sir Francis Drake's famous three-master "The Golden Hind" was smaller than a modern tugboat.

Leo: Elements of timing and luck ride with you

IF FEBRUARY 25TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you are introspective, are fascinated by subjects others consider "mysterious." When you fall in love, it is not an ordinary person; you are selective, can be moody and are not happy unless in throes of romance. Pices, Virgo persons play important roles in your life, could have these letters in your names: C, P, Y. April will be memorable because of finance and romance.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Energy returns; read and write, let the world know that you are alive and kicking. Short journey could be related to "affair of the heart." Gemini is in picture.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Spotlight on structure, design and possible change in your lifestyle. Question of marital status will loom large. Music plays; find your rhythm and dance to your own tune.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Overcome temptation to see relationships only as you wish they could be. Define terms, avoid self-deception. Intuitive intellect serves as reliable guide. Pisces in mysterious role.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will be part of financial transaction that drains energy but raises morale. Your importance is recognized; know it and exude confidence. Relationship exciting and stormy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Everything goes "just right" unless you get in your own way. Elements of timing and luck ride with you. You will be at right places; you profit as a result. Personality is overwhelming.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Answer to question: This is the time to break free, possibly to go into business for yourself. Secret

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meeting tonight. Speak freely of your feelings. Leo plays dramatic role.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Focus on direction, where you are going and what to do when you arrive. Partnership and marriage figure prominently. Take care of minor digestive problem. Keep warm, eat heartily.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): By displaying sense of humor, you win friends in "high places." Individual who was shy will approach you boldly. Be receptive without being naive. Sagittarius is represented.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Shaky of lethargy; being inhibited is not your style. Present material that was accepted. It could now be accepted.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep options open. Individual who was "leader" will be replaced. Be ready for different "marching orders." Flirtation serious, could lead to partnership or marriage. Virgo represented.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be diplomatic - kind words will win your way. Be generous, not extravagant. You could change residence, marital status. Financial windfall is "on the way." Taurus plays key role.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Your kind of day if you make it so. Work behind scenes, keep secrets sacred. Not sure could be in "budding stage." Utilize your extrasensory perception. Another Pisces is involved.

Judges choose world's best water in tasting competition

BERKELEY SPRINGS, W.Va. (AP) - Water is water, right? Not even close.

Three quick sniffs, one short sip and a little conversation and the differences become clear.

Chlorine, mustiness, even sweetness rise to the nose, while salt, metal or a taste vaguely like pebbles can settle on the palate.

How the water feels in the mouth is important, too, whether full and round, flat and thin, or soft and bubbly.

"We have incredible tools in our mouths," says Arthur von Wiesenberger, a food critic author who has trained judges and served as water master of the International Water Tasting for 10 years.

Von Wiesenberger spent about an hour Saturday coaching a dozen journalists-turned-judges to tell the differences for the 12th annual Berkeley Springs International Water Tasting.

"It gives you a finer appreciation for the subtle qualities of water," said Peter Swanson, a filmmaker from Leicester, Mass., who was among the judges.

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ving in four categories: municipal, bottled, purified and carbonated bottled.

The winners were:

- For municipal water - Barraute of Quebec, Canada, was first, followed by Senneterre, Canada; Hesperia, Calif.; West Gilgo Beach, N.Y.; and Montpellier, Ohio.
- For bottled water - Ice Mist of Morarp, Sweden, was first, followed by Canadian Mountain of Barrie, Canada; Laure Spring Water of Unicoi, Tenn.; Whistler Water Pure Glacial Spring Water of Burnaby, Canada; and Mountain Valley Spring Water of Hot Springs, Ark.
- For purified water - Blue Moon Water Systems of Brandon, Canada, and Cherokee Bottled Water of Cherokee, N.C., tied for first, followed by Whispering Springs Purified Drinking Water of Florence, Ind.; and Stonecreek Springs of Vanleer, Tenn.
- For carbonated bottled water - Ozaa Tesanj of Tesanj, Bosnia, was first, followed by Glenegles Scottish Spring Water of Blackford Scotland; and Highland Spring Scottish Spring Water of Blackford, Scotland.

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There are sensible sets of options. The problem is that few people are skilled in taking all relevant factors into account. Complex facts, issues, and legal eligibility. Veterans benefits, asset protection, insurance, estate planning, property law rights, federal spousal anti-assignment rules, and fiduciary law can all come together at the same time. Someone with a "handle" on these aspects of law is needed.

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Coast Guard plans to enlist Maine fisherman

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Tom Skolfield was only eight years old at the end of World War II, but he vividly recalls seeing a German U-boat periscope rising from Casco Bay late one afternoon.

The submarine disappeared quickly before U.S. forces on the mainland began shelling, said Skolfield, the son of a lighthouse keeper on Seguin Island.

Back then, fishermen and lighthouse keepers were the nation's first line of defense. And if the Coast Guard has its way, they will once again be back on the front lines in the battle against terrorism.

The Coast Guard on Monday will begin sending letters to 9,000 Maine fishermen asking them to serve as "eyes and ears" and alert the Coast Guard whenever they spot suspicious activities.

"If somebody goes into your house and moves your stuff, you're going to know about it," said Arn Heggors, the Coast Guard's fishing vessel safety examiner in Portland. "This is the same thing."

Officials plan to register participants in the program, called Coastal Beacons. They will also inspect their boats and conduct background checks on operators.

A similar program will go into effect this summer on the waters



Tom Skolfield, 68, sits in front of a projected image of Maine's Seguin Island Wednesday in Freeport, Maine.

around southeast Michigan, while Coast Guard districts in Florida and California are inquiring about programs of their own.

"Some areas are looking into it," said Jim McPherson, a Coast Guard spokesman in Washington.

"But it seems like the Maine program is the first and the most ambitious."

The Coast Guard has been stretched thin nationwide handling seaport security, fishing regulation, enforcement, boat

inspections, and search and rescue operations.

The new program won't decrease the Coast Guard's duties but could make the nation's coastline safer, Heggors said.

A boy stands by a police barricade in San Vicente del Caguan, the main town of the former FARC rebel safe haven, Sunday. Earlier in the week Colombian President Andres Pastrana launched an offensive to recapture the former safe haven territory following the collapse of peace efforts.

Guerrillas abduct a presidential candidate

SAN VICENTE DEL CAGUAN, Colombia — Leftist guerrillas held a presidential candidate hostage Sunday after abducting her at a roadblock as she was driving into a volatile area of southern Colombia where government troops are trying to oust the rebels.

Sen. Ingrid Betancourt, an outspoken critic of the rebels, was being held along with her campaign manager, Clara Rojas, by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC.

Betancourt's campaign spokeswoman Diana Rodriguez, said the senator's entourage ran into the rebel roadblock Saturday afternoon as they tried to reach San Vicente del Caguan, the main town inside a rebel zone where the government began attacking last week.

Israel will ease Arafat siege only slightly

JERUSALEM — Israel decided Sunday to draw tanks back from Yasser Arafat's compound but continue restricting him to the West Bank city of Ramallah — a halfway measure that led angry Palestinians to cancel planned cease-fire talks with Israeli security officials.

That anger increased when Israeli troops fired at Palestinian parliament speaker Ahmed Qureia's car as it approached a roadblock between Ramallah and Jerusalem, a Palestinian source close to Qureia said.

Qureia, who was on his way to his home on the outskirts of Jerusalem after a meeting with Arafat in Ramallah, was uninjured, but seven bullets hit his BMW car, the source said, adding that he had contacted his journey in advance with the Israelis.

An army statement said Qureia's vehicle approached the checkpoint at speed and the soldiers, fearing it was about to hit them, fired warning shots in the air.

Pressure mounts on U.N. to reinjoin Khmer Rouge tribunal

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — The United States and other nations are pressing the United Nations to reverse its decision to withdraw from a planned genocide tribunal for former Khmer Rouge leaders.

U.S. Ambassador Kent Wiedemann told The Associated Press that Washington would aggressively lobby the United Nations because the proposed U.S.-assisted Cambodian tribunal provides "the best possible chance that Khmer Rouge leaders will face justice."

France, Japan and Australia also are believed to be urging U.N. officials to rethink its position.

Diplomats here acknowledge privately, however, that the United Nations is unlikely to reinjoin the process unless Cambodia makes a concession.

Probe into Moroccan terrorist cell deepens

ROME (AP) — Italian authori-

World in brief

ties are investigating whether holes in the walls of a utility tunnel near the U.S. Embassy in Rome are linked to a group of Moroccan men police suspect were planning an attack on the embassy.

Photographs of the holes, which were large enough for a person to crawl through, have been forwarded to the prosecutor handling the case of nine Moroccan detainees last week, the Italian newspapers Corriere della Sera and La Repubblica reported Sunday.

The U.S. Embassy has been informed about at least one tunnel hole, but is awaiting more information from investigators before coming to any conclusions, an embassy official told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The Moroccans were arrested after police raided a Rome apartment Tuesday. Police said that during the raid, they found a cyanide-based compound and maps of Rome highlighting the U.S. Embassy and the capital's water supply.

Karzai urges U.S., Iran to put aside differences

TEHRAN, Iran — Hamid Karzai, making his first official visit to Iran as interim leader of Afghanistan, urged the United States and Iran on Sunday to put aside their differences and to focus on helping to rebuild his impoverished country.

Karzai arrived in Tehran just hours after meeting with U.S. special envoy Zalmay Khalilzad, who told him the United States suspects Iran of sending elite commandos known as Sipah-e-Mohammed, or Soldiers of Mohammed, into Afghanistan to stir up trouble among armed tribes.

Washington accuses Iran of protecting fleeing al-Qaida and Taliban members, and sending the commandos into Afghanistan to undermine the U.S.-backed interim administration.

Iranian President Mohammad Khatami rejected the renewed accusations Sunday, saying "Iran stands by the government of Afghanistan and thinks strengthening this government is its responsibility."

Rebels refuse to surrender despite leader's death

LUANDA, Angola — UNITA rebels are "shaken" by the death of their leader, Jonas Savimbi, but they will not heed the Angolan government's appeal for them to surrender, a UNITA representative said Sunday.

The comments came as Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos left for Portugal — the former colonial ruler here — and the United States to present his plans for securing an end to his country's long civil war. Dos Santos meets President Bush on Tuesday.

— compiled from wire reports

Reliability of fingerprints will go on trial Monday

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Ninety-one years after fingerprint evidence was first presented in an American courtroom, its reputation as an infallible forensic tool is under attack in a court challenge that could change how criminal cases are tried.

On Monday, federal prosecutors will try to persuade U.S. District Judge Louis H. Pollak to reverse his recent decision barring experts from testifying about whether a fingerprint

taken from a crime scene matches a defendant. If the judge doesn't change his mind, the decision could change the way forensic evidence is gathered and presented in court.

While prosecutors and some forensic experts say Pollak's ruling could have grave consequences, critics of fingerprint analysis say it's about time the process was reviewed.

The ruling, believed to be the first of its kind, involves a death

penalty case in which three men are charged with operating a multimillion-dollar drug ring and are linked to four killings.

Lawyers for Carlos Liera-Plaza, Wilfredo Acosta and Victor Rodriguez asked the judge to bar fingerprint evidence. Under Pollak's ruling, experts can testify about and show illustrations of similarities or dissimilarities between "latent" fingerprints from a crime scene and "rolled" fingerprints on file, but they can-

not testify that crime scene prints match a defendant's fingerprints.

Citing a 1993 U.S. Supreme Court decision requiring judges to take a more active role in deciding what scientific evidence to admit, Pollak said that, unlike DNA evidence, fingerprint evidence has not been scientifically tested, its error rate has not been calculated, and there are no standards for what constitutes a match.

California will ask federal agency to modify power deals

LOS ANGELES — California will petition the federal government to modify dozens of long-term electricity contracts signed during the peak of the power crisis, a spokesman for Gov. Gray Davis said Sunday.

The Public Utilities Commission and the Electricity Oversight Board will ask the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on Monday to declare the state's \$43 billion worth of power contracts overpriced, Davis spokesman Steve Maviglio said.

The appeal to FERC, which oversees wholesale electricity sales, could give the state leverage in its efforts to renegotiate the contracts with power companies.

Energy company officials in those renegotiation talks said they believe the state's appeal will be denied.

Alleged member of Hells Angels faces charge

NEW YORK — An alleged member of the Hells Angels was charged with killing another biker during fighting at a motorcycle and tattoo expo called the Hellraiser Ball.

More than 70 other people were injured. At least 10 others were injured in the Saturday free-for-all in Plainville, N.Y., including four wounded by gunfire.

Hundreds of weapons, including knives, baseball bats, handguns, shotguns and an Uzi, were seized by Nassau County police and federal agents.

The violence was just the latest eruption in a long-running feud between the Hells Angels and the Pagans gang, said Nassau County Chief of Detectives Herbert Faust.

Nation in brief

Survey finds companies expect hiring to improve

MILWAUKEE — Some companies expect hiring will improve slightly this spring, but not enough to signal a recovery from recession levels, a new survey finds.

Twenty-one percent of the companies interviewed said they planned to add jobs in April through June, while 10 percent said they anticipated cutting staff, according to Manpower Inc.'s survey of 16,000 businesses.

The rest of the companies said they either expected to maintain their staffing levels or were uncertain about hiring activities in the second quarter.

When seasonally adjusted, the findings reflect a 1 percent increase in hiring activity during the first three months of the year, compared to a flat hiring trend in the first quarter.

Oklahomans lose trees after devastating ice storm

PERRY, Okla. — All that's left of the mimosa tree that once spread its gnarled limbs across Helen and Denton James' front lawn are memories.

Like hundreds of thousands of trees across the region — many of them planted on the once treeless prairie to fight the Dust Bowl — the mimosa could not stand up to a storm that coated it with heavy ice and snapped its trunk like a matchstick.

Helen James scooped up pieces of the tree from her lawn and lamented its loss. "We watched our kids and grandkids learn to climb in this

tree," she said. "They used that thing like a jungle gym. They swung from it and played hide and seek in it."

Thousands of acres of trees in 100 communities and forests throughout northwest Oklahoma were damaged or destroyed by the Jan. 30 storm. The storm was also blamed for at least 28 deaths as snapped power lines from Oklahoma to New England.

Senator announces he has multiple sclerosis

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Sen. Paul Wellstone announced Sunday that he has a mild form of multiple sclerosis, but he said it wouldn't stop his bid for a third term in Congress.

"Nothing's changed at all," the 57-year-old Democrat said.

Wellstone's doctor diagnosed the disease a month ago and said the senator had probably had it for about 15 years.

In Wellstone's case, the chronic, sometimes disabling disease of the

nervous system only affects his right leg. His physician, J.D. Bartleson of the Mayo Clinic, said Sunday that Wellstone would not need to take any medication and could proceed with his normal day-to-day activities.

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When: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27

Where: Hagerman Senior Center Hagerman, Idaho

For more information contact: Lewis Wardle, Relicensing Project Manager Idaho Power Company P.O. Box 70 Boise, ID 83707 (208) 388-2964 lwardle@idahopower.com

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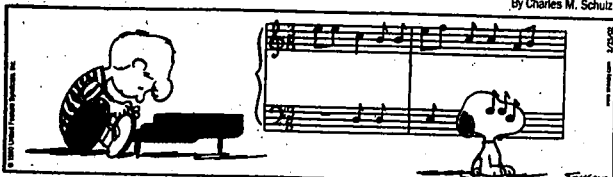
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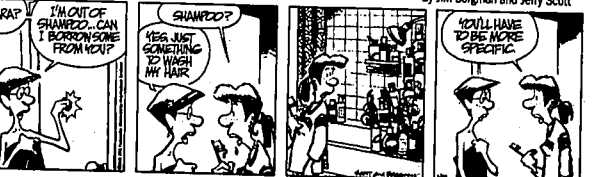
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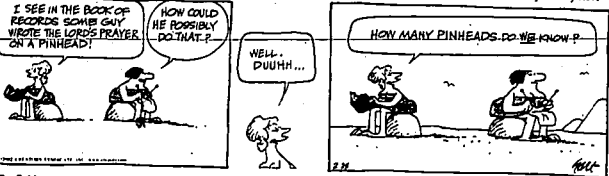
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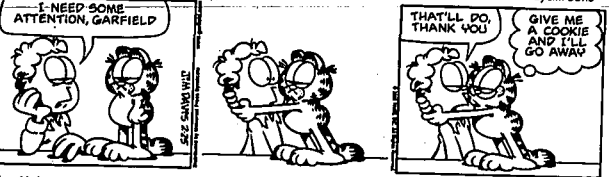
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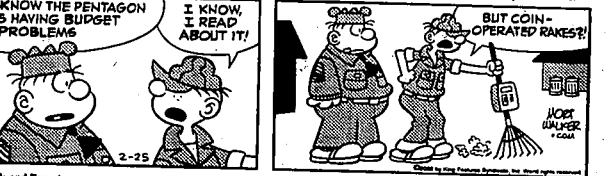
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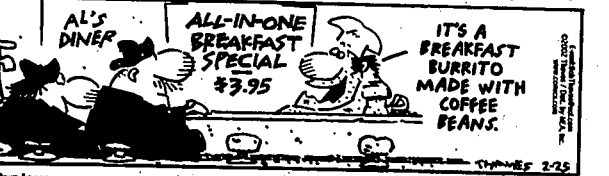
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Monday, Feb. 25, 2002

THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolf

"What is the hardest task in the world? To think." — Emerson

NORTH
10 9 8
7 4
8 3
A, Q 10 9 7

WEST
7 2
K 9 8 5
10 7 2
6 5 3

EAST
6 5 4 3
Q J 2
K Q 5 4
K 2

There are three ways for East to defend against today's game. The easiest way is to follow routine woodenly, requiring little thought. The second way demonstrates some constructive thought by East, but it doesn't get the job done. The third way displays thorough analysis and is a favorite to defeat the game.

West leads his heart six to East's jack and South ducks. East continues with his queen and South ducks again. East stubbornly leads a third heart to South's ace, and South loses only the club finesse, claiming an overtrick.

East earns the result that his defense deserves. A more experienced East takes stock after he wins his heart queen. With 10 HCP in dummy and 11 HCP in his hand, what can West hold other than the obvious heart king? Seeing no future in hearts, East abandons the suit and switches to diamonds. Unfortunately, he leads the king, and he holds declarer to only nine tricks. A better result, but not best.

What does a thinking player do at trick three? He leads a low diamond instead of the king. This unblocks the suit if West has J-x and offers good chances when West has the 10. In today's layout, when East leads a low diamond, South is likely to insert his nine instead of the jack. West wins his 10 and returns the suit, and when the club finesse loses, East defeats the game with another diamond trick.

ANSWER: Diamond king. This is a risky lead. However, all the options carry some risk, and time is important. Declarer will probably enjoy discards on dummy's heart suit.

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H 7 6 4 2
D 8 5 3
C 8

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