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# U.S. battles al-Qaida forces

## One American dies in conflict

Los Angeles Times

**KABUL, Afghanistan** - At least one American and three Afghan government fighters were killed in a major new offensive launched Saturday against an al-Qaida

stronghold in the remote mountains of southeastern Afghanistan, according to U.S. and Afghan officials.

Heavy U.S. bombing began just before daybreak in the province of Paktia and was continuing Saturday night as American jets attempted to flush al-Qaida soldiers from their mountain redoubt.

An Afghan commander in the region, Wazir Khan, said he

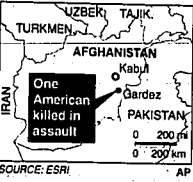
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believed that two or more Americans and three Afghans had been killed in the previous 24 hours. One of the Americans was killed Friday night and the other during Saturday's operation, he said. One was in a Datsun pickup when he was fired upon by an al-Qaida sniper, he said.

In addition, he said, at least three Americans and 27 Afghans had been injured by early Saturday evening.

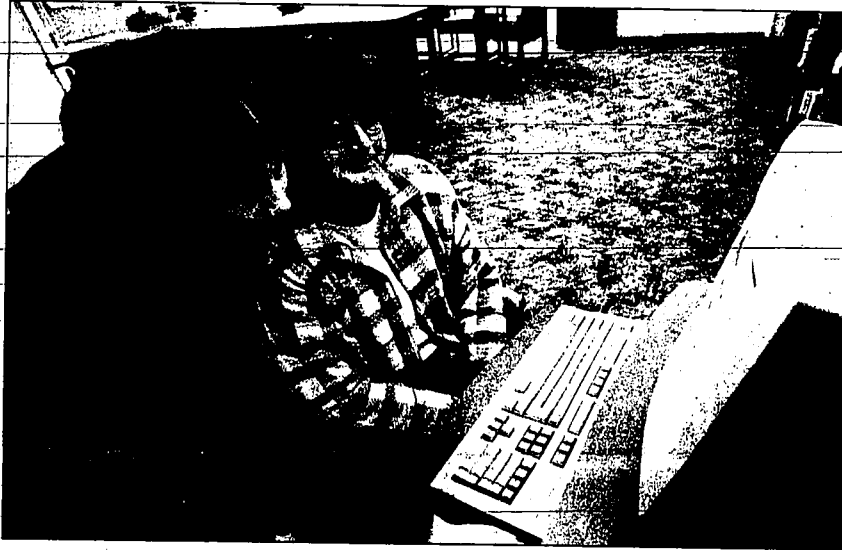
"The area is very well fortified and is high in the mountains," said Wazir Khan, who spoke from the front lines. "It's very difficult, and I can't say how long this operation will take."

Citing the ongoing combat, officials said. Please see WAR, Page A2



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# TECH CENTER'S TEST



Kristi Grindstaff, 13, left, shows her mother, Robin Grindstaff, how to use the family computer. Grindstaff, who attends Robert Stuart Junior High School in Twin Falls, says she plans to attend the proposed professional-technical center if it is built near the College of Southern Idaho campus.

# School facility issue heats up

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** - Put children in safe schools or else.

That was 4th District Judge Deborah Bail's order to the Legislature a year ago after hearing a lawsuit that has roots back in the 1980s. Some 16 of the state's 114 school districts claim it is the Legislature's responsibility to help local districts meet certain health and safety requirements in school buildings.

The Legislature responded last year by giving schools an easier way to borrow money for construction. Lawmakers have until July 29 to finish work on a permanent solution.

But certain events of the past week have House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, just about ready to go beyond Bail's authority and head straight to the state's highest court.

"I'm thinking maybe I want to go to the state Supreme Court and get it over with," he said Friday. "This lawsuit is a moving target."

He was referring to a squabble that erupted Thursday between Cottonwood School District Superintendent Stan Kress, banker Tom Pletcher and GOP leadership.

Kress is chief organizer of the lawsuit, in a press conference, he accused Pletcher of trying to bribe schools to drop out of the lawsuit. Pletcher is a registered lobbyist and also vice president of the only bank that so far will lend money to districts that access the Legislature's plan.

Kress said Pletcher had offered state money in exchange for dropping out of the lawsuit. He also said Pletcher asked him to go to the Legislature and lobby for firming up some new rules to House Bill 315, which is the law that the Legislature passed last

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# Twin Falls will vote on \$7M bond to build facility

By Robert Mayer  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Robin Grindstaff has been waiting a long time for a tech center come to Twin Falls.

The last time such a proposal was on the ballot, in 1991, her now 17-year-old daughter, Laura, was in the first grade.

While it's too late for Laura to take advantage of the center if it's approved, Grindstaff said she's hoping her other daughters, Kristi, 13, Jessica, 11, and Emily,

7, will have the option to attend a cutting-edge technical facility when they arrive at Twin Falls High School.

"Ten years ago, it would've been wonderful," Grindstaff said. "If it doesn't fly this time, we're just going to be way behind."

On Tuesday, residents of the Twin Falls School District will vote on a \$7 million bond issue to construct a professional-technical center on land adjacent to the College of Southern Idaho.

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## HOW TO VOTE

Twin Falls School District residents will vote Tuesday whether to approve a \$7 million bond issue to build a new professional-technical center. Polls are open from noon to 8 p.m. at the following locations:

- Twin Falls High School, 1615 Filer Ave. E.
- Magic Valley High School, 512 Main Ave. N.
- Robert Stuart Junior High School, 644 Caswell Ave. W.
- Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School, 2350 Elizabeth Blvd.
- Bickel Elementary School, 607 Second Ave. E.
- Harrison Elementary School, 600 Harrison St.
- Lincoln Elementary School, 283 Seventh St. N.

- Morningside Elementary School, 701 Morningside Drive
- Oregon Trail Elementary School, 680 Park Ave.
- Panthe Elementary School, 452 Caswell Ave. W.
- Sawtooth Elementary School, 1771 Stadium Blvd.
- College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Ave.

**Who's eligible to vote:** Registered voters who are U.S. citizens age 18 and older who have lived in the Twin Falls School District for at least 30 days.

**How to register:** You can register at the polls on election day, or at the county clerk's office in the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

# NASA clears shuttle to finish work

## Mission to upgrade Hubble continues

The Associated Press

**CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.** - NASA gave the shuttle Columbia astronauts permission Saturday to proceed with their full mission to renovate the Hubble Space Telescope despite clogged plumbing in their ship.

Optimism had been growing throughout the day, aboard Columbia and inside Mission Control, that the 11-day Hubble servicing mission would remain on track despite a problem with a radiator line used to shed heat from shuttle electronics. The trouble had threatened to cut short the flight.

Debris in the line, possibly from a welding job during Columbia's recent overhaul, resulted in a violation of flight safety rules during Friday's launch.

But mission director Phil Engelauf emphasized that engineers had become more comfortable with the reduced flow of



Astronaut John Grunsfeld prepares to check out the spacesuits in this teleview from space shuttle Columbia's middeck Saturday.

Freeze-in-that-loop, and that it would be sufficient for handling the increased heat load from shuttle systems during landing. The final decision by mission

managers came late in the afternoon as the seven astronauts slept. It means the crew can press forward with this morning's repair. Please see SHUTTLE, Page A2

# Bush's judicial nominees face defeat by Democrats

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** - Less than a year ago, federal judges Charles Pickering of Mississippi and D. Brooks Smith of Pennsylvania looked like shoo-ins for elevation to the U.S. Court of Appeals. No longer.

Today, Smith's nomination to the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia is in trouble and Pickering's nomination for the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans could be all but dead in the Democratic-controlled Senate. "This may be a warm-up for the next Supreme Court nomination," said one of Smith's patrons, Republican Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania.

At stake could be the future direction - right or left - for a nearly equally divided Supreme Court as well as the entire federal judiciary.

The judges' patrons were powerful Republican senators - including the then-Senate majority

leader - and neither judge was linked to anything particularly controversial.

Republicans readied for battles over appellate nominees such as Miguel Estrada, Jeff Sutton, Michael McConnell and Terrence Boyle, who had connections to Bush or came with strong conservative credentials.

No one expected the furor over Pickering or Smith.

Pickering is a former Mississippi prosecutor and lawmaker who easily won Senate confirmation in 1990 for a lifetime appointment as a U.S. District Court judge. Smith was named a U.S. District Court judge in 1988 by former President Reagan.

Liberal groups started issuing news releases almost daily leading up to Smith's confirmation hearing last week. They attacked his handling of conflicts of interests and his interpretations of laws regarding the workplace, the disabled and the environment.

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# FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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## IDAHO

**Idaho Extremes**  
 Yesterday's temperature:  
 High 49°  
 Normal high 50°  
 Low 23°  
 Normal low 24°  
 Record low 10°  
 Record high 78°

**34th hour ending 8 p.m. year**  
 High 49°  
 Low 23°  
 Normal high to date 50°  
 Normal low to date 24°  
 Water year to date (Oct. 1) 3.87  
 Normal year to date (Oct. 1) 3.37

**Humidity**  
 Yesterday at noon 96%  
**Barometric Pressure**  
 Yesterday at 8 p.m. 30.33 in.

**Police yesterday in Twin Falls**  
 Cases 24  
 Absent Warrants 2  
 Tires 2  
 Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

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

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**Twin Falls through 8 p.m. yesterday**  
 Temperature:  
 High/Low 32°/12°  
 Normal high/low 47°/24°  
 High/Low last year 37°/24°  
 Record low 10°  
 Record high 78°

**34th hour ending 8 p.m. year**  
 High 32°  
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## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Sunshine and a few clouds, not as cold.	Clear to partly cloudy and cold.	Partly sunny and mild.	Clouds and occasional sunshine.	Mostly cloudy; showers.	Mostly cloudy.
▲ 40°	▼ 18°	▲ 48° ▼ 26°	▲ 50° ▼ 28°	▲ 48° ▼ 30°	▲ 46° ▼ 32°

## REGIONAL WEATHER

**Southern Idaho:** Sunshine most of today, not as cold as recent days. High temperatures will range from the 20s in the mountains to the 40s in the valleys of the west. Mostly clear and cold tonight. Lows 9-20.

**Boise:** Mostly sunny today; turning a little milder than recent days. High 45. Mostly clear and cold tonight. Low 24. Milder tomorrow; sunshine will mix with clouds. High 50.

**Northern Nevada:** Bright and sunny today; still cooler than normal. Highs will range from the 30s in the northeast to the 50s in the southwest. Mostly clear and cold tonight. Lows 0-10.

**Northern Utah:** Sunshine and a few clouds today; a little milder than recent days. Highs will range from 20 in the mountains to the upper 30s in the lower valleys. Cold to partly cloudy and cold tonight.

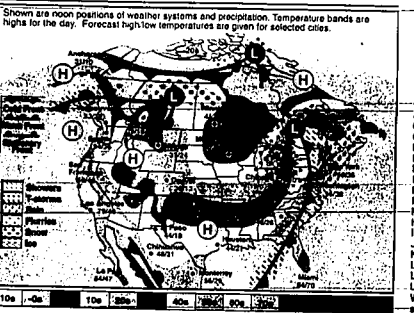
**Northern Idaho:** Today will turn a little milder than recent days; a mixture of clouds and sunshine across the north and mostly sunny in the south. Highs from the 20s in the mountains to the upper 40s in the lowest valleys.

## NATIONAL WEATHER

High 89° in Lakeland, FL Low -36° in West Yellowstone, MT

## NATIONAL WEATHER

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



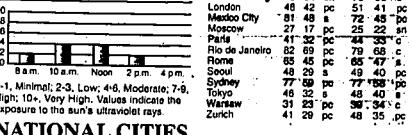
## CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	High	Low
Calgary	36	40	24
Edmonton	36	40	24
Regina	15	18	10
Saskatoon	17	20	10
Winnipeg	4	8	1

## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:30 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:30 p.m.
Moonset tonight	9:52 a.m.
Phase	None
Next New Moon	Mar 5
Next Full Moon	Mar 21

## UV INDEX TODAY



## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	High	Low
Atlanta	45	50	30
Baltimore	58	60	40
Boston	50	55	35
Chicago	67	70	45
Cleveland	37	40	20
Dallas	60	65	40
Denver	44	48	28
Detroit	29	32	18
Houston	44	48	28
Los Angeles	78	80	60

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	High	Low
Boise	45	50	30
Idaho Falls	38	42	22
Pocatello	32	36	16
Twin Falls	32	36	16

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## U.S. fighter crashes on way to Afghanistan, killing one

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — A Tomcat fighter jet crashed Saturday during a training exercise in the Mediterranean Sea, killing one of the two crew members, the Navy said.

The F-14 went into the water immediately after launch from the USS John F. Kennedy aircraft carrier, which is on its way to deployment in the war in Afghanistan, said the statement from the U.S. Sixth Fleet, based in Gaeta, Italy.

Fleet spokesman Cmdr. Bob Ross said by telephone that the pilot and radar officer in the two-seat jet ejected and both were recovered, but the pilot was killed.

Officials with the Navy's Atlantic Fleet in Norfolk identified the pilot as Lt. Cmdr. Christopher M. Blaschum, 33, of Virginia Beach. Blaschum had accumulated more than 2,700



flight hours, of which 1,400 were in an F-14. He is survived by his wife and two children.

The radar officer, Lt. jg. Rafe Wysham, 25, of Madras, Ore., was listed in good condition late Saturday, officials said in a release.

Both men were assigned to Fighter Squadron 43 based at Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach.

The cause of the crash is under investigation, Ross said.

## Shuttle

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devious with Hubble and five days of spacewalks to improve the telescope's electrical and scientific output.

Columbia's commander, Scott Altman, said earlier in the day that his crew were "charging ahead full speed with our eyes on the goal," regardless of what the outcome might be.

"To be honest, we've gone on the assumption that we're here to stay, that we're going to do our job, and we're just kind of hoping that thought foremost in our minds," he said in an interview

with The Associated Press.

The cooling system problem arose moments after Columbia reached orbit. The flow of Freon in one of two coolant loops dropped drastically and even dipped a little below the safety limit. Once the shuttle's payload bay doors were opened, excessive large radiators that dispel heat, the cooling problem was eased for the time being, Engelauf said.

But a concern did remain about landing day, when shuttle electronics generate additional heat and the payload doors are shut and can't radiate the excess.

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## Vote

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The idea is to offer improved education opportunities to underserved high school students. With only 30 percent who actually graduate from college, that leaves 70 percent unprepared in today's demanding technical workplace, supporters say. Thus, the idea of a new tech center delights some of the region's businessmen, who have long cried more a more-qualified work force.

As proposed, the 60,000-square-foot center will offer high school students tech-prep classes such as health occupations, information technology and, eventually, electronics that will be articulated with courses at CSI.

The center would provide certification for students seeking employment immediately after high school as well as a "seamless" stepping-stone for students continuing education at CSI, supporters say.

It would be open to all juniors and seniors from the region's high schools, and transportation to and from the facility would be largely state subsidized.

Grindstaff said she toured the Cassia Regional Technical Center and talked with some of its health occupation students. She walked away impressed and wondered why Twin Falls couldn't do the same.

"You could see it was doing the students a world of good," she said.

However, the center would require students to leave the high school campus for their education troubles some people.

Carl Snow, former Twin Falls High School principal, said he recognizes the need for expanded technical training. He presided over the school in 1995, when the Idaho State Department of Education 10-year accreditation report advised the high school to strengthen its vocational programs.

## WHAT IT WOULD COST

The following table shows what Twin Falls School District property owners would pay for school bond issues, depending on the outcome of next month's vote.

**Pass** — If the \$7 million bond issue passes, taxpayers will pay for both the bond issue and the district's refinanced 1992 bond issue.

**Fall** — If the proposal is not passed, taxpayers continue to pay only the 1992 refinanced bond issue until its completion in 2008.

To provide real-life examples, we asked the cooperation of three property owners: School Board member Del Traveller, high school booster Bob Thaeler, owner of a local photo studio; and farmer Lonn Thaeate, who has no personal involvement in the project. The table shows how taxes would change over time.

Residence, Del Traveller	Property	2002	2007	2008	2011	2012
House - \$95,497	Property - \$17,800	Total - \$113,292				
House - \$60.30	2002	\$60.30	\$60.30	\$60.30	\$60.30	\$12.45
Not passed	\$51.78	\$41.49	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Pomerella Portrait Studio, Bob Maloney	Lot, building - \$160,000	Furniture and fixtures - \$14,831	Total - \$175,831
House - \$161.76	2002	\$161.76	\$161.76
Not passed	\$138.91	\$110.77	\$0

Farm, Lonn Thaeate	155.5 acres - \$204,646	House - \$90,683	Total - \$295,329
House - \$229.99	2002	\$229.99	\$229.99
Not passed	\$197.49	\$157.49	\$0

**Your taxes**  
 Want to calculate your own taxes? Here are the rates per \$1,000 of taxable property value for various years:

2002	2007	2008	2011	2012
92	92	92	92	19
79	63	0	0	0

**'50-'50' affects taxes on homes**  
 Tax calculations for homes must consider Idaho's "50-50" property tax exemption for homeowners.

The "50-50" exemption applies to an owner-occupied house - but not the land under it. That means, if you own a home worth \$70,000 and land worth \$10,000, the taxable value is \$45,000: \$10,000 on the land and \$35,000 on the house.

The 50-50 exemption tops out at \$50,000. So if you own a home worth \$25,000 and land valued at \$20,000, the taxable value is \$35,000: \$7,500 for the home and \$27,500 for the land.

Jordan Juhnke, a ninth-grader at Robert Stuart Junior High School, disagrees. She said she's built for the new facility to be built: Active in both volleyball and track, she said she's looking forward to the opportunity to take challenging courses at a facility near CSI.

"I think it would be fun to go into a higher level of learning," she said.

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**Friday, March 1 1 3 8**

**Saturday, February 28 4 4**

**Sunday, March 3 2 7 36 34**

## War

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cials at U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Fla., said they were not free to discuss details of the fighting or circumstances surrounding the casualties. The U.S. officials said in a prepared statement that "initial reports are that one U.S. service member and one Afghan Forces have been killed."

The events marked the first major U.S. bombing in Afghanistan since a January attack on the al-Qaida cave complex in Pakistan but is far closer to the Pakistan border. Pakistan's military reported it have sealed its common border with Paktia province Saturday to prevent escape by any al-Qaida members fleeing the fight.

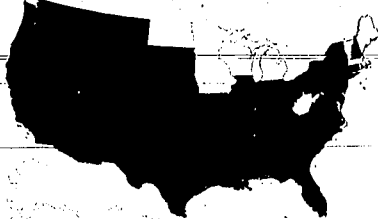
NATION

# Execution ban could lead to mass appeals

High court might take retarded off death row

## Death row and the mentally retarded

The U.S. Supreme Court could impose a nationwide ban on executions of the mentally retarded. Of 38 states with the death penalty, 18 states currently have such a ban.



■ No laws banning execution of the mentally retarded ■ Executions of the mentally retarded are banned ■ No death penalty

SOURCE: Associated Press

At least 82 death row inmates are seeking reprieves in states that recently banned executing the mentally retarded, an inkling of the hundreds that would likely challenge their sentences if the U.S. Supreme Court finds such executions are unconstitutional.

That means roughly one in 10 inmates sought to get off death row because of mental retardation in states where that option became available last year. Some who seek a national ban say the real number of retarded inmates could be twice that.

Prosecutors say the system already keeps the mentally retarded off death row, and argue a flat-out ban would spur a slew of groundless appeals.

At the murky intersection where the mentally retarded meet the criminal justice system, advocates and prosecutors square off with much unknown - how many retarded people are caught in the system and whether they fare worse with police or judges than others.

What seems obvious is that if the high court's decision creates a ban, hundreds of cases will be headed back to court.

The states that prohibit executions of the mentally retarded have jumped from two to 18 since the court's 1989 decision permitting such executions, and at least six more are now considering bans.

Idaho still allows the execution of mentally retarded. A House committee killed legislation Friday that would have eliminated the death penalty as a sentencing option for convicted murderers. Lawmakers were swayed by concerns from sheriffs and prosecutors that the standard for mental retardation was

too high and might let some criminals avoid paying the ultimate price.

In five states that banned the executions last year, at least 82 new challenges have been or will soon be filed claiming mental retardation, defense attorneys estimate conservatively. With a total of 822 death row inmates in those states, that's one in 10.

Nearly half the claims came in North Carolina, the only state that made the ban retroactive so those already condemned to death could seek a reprieve. Elsewhere, defense attorneys estimated there were, or would be, at least 28 claims in Florida, 12 in Arizona, two in Missouri and none in Connecticut.

Georgia banned executions of the mentally retarded in 1988, and a year-later its Supreme Court extended the ban to those already waiting on its death row.

Of 102 inmates awaiting execution in 1989, 27 claimed mental retardation, according to Georgia

officials.

Seven of those inmates got reprieves from the death penalty - one when a jury agreed on a finding of mental retardation, two through pardons and four through plea agreements that left them with life sentences.

Three inmates' claims were rejected by juries, one withdrew his claim, one died before sentencing and 15 more are still pending.

"It's a tough thing to sort out," said longtime Georgia death-penalty lawyer Steve Baylis. "Our clients, virtually to a man, were raised in environments that were conducive to developing mental retardation" - poverty, poor nutrition, alcoholism, drug abuse.

Mental retardation is a condition defined by significantly diminished intellectual ability, usually determined by IQs of about 20-100 (its average) - problems with adaptive behavior like holding a job or caring for one-

self, and the appearance of symptoms or diagnosis as a child.

Prosecutors in the 20 states that allow such executions say enough safeguards already exist to protect the retarded. In less than clear-cut cases, a murderer with low intelligence and poor social skills still deserves punishment, they say.

"I don't think a state is going to execute a severely retarded person, and I think they're highly unlikely to execute someone who is in this gray area," said Alabama Attorney General Bill Pryor.

"But if it does happen even there, it's because there have been some very powerful reasons for it" - like the gravity of the crime and the suspect's ability to understand right and wrong, he said.

Advocates for the mentally retarded say executions are unconstitutional because the condition leaves the retarded unable to negotiate police interrogations or court proceedings, and more likely to be wrongfully convicted. And they often don't fully understand the consequences of their actions, they say.

"There's lots of reasons we shouldn't execute a mentally retarded person," said Sean O'Brien, who runs a death-penalty clinic at the University of Missouri in Kansas City. "They're the same reasons we shouldn't execute a child" - even if they committed a horrible crime.

The tales from executions can be chilling. A Georgia man told an interviewer that after his execution he was going to live on a cloud; a Virginia man asked what he should wear to his funeral.

"They are not Ted Bundys," said Bob Parsky, retired pastor who has devoted much of his life to working with the mentally retarded. "We as a society are now being repulsed by the execution of these people." Bundy was a bright, articulate serial killer who was executed in 1989.

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# Democrats lose women voters to GOP message

By David Goldstein Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - The president's popularity is soaring, he has co-opted several of the opposition's key issues and in the midst of a recession, his party gets higher marks for being able to manage the economy.

Can it get any worse for the Democrats?

Possibly. Republicans have also begun chipping away at one of the bedrocks of Democratic strength - women voters.

In April, Democrats had an eight-point lead among women on party identification and a 10-point lead on the generic congressional ballot, according to Cinda Lake, a Democratic pollster.

But that was before Sept. 11. The wave of patriotism, coupled with a continuing concern over terrorism, and the huge spike in President Bush's approval rating has scrambled the political calculus.

Women are now evenly split on party identification and on which party they favor in a generic congressional ballot, according to last month's bipartisan Battleground 2002 Poll by Lake and Republican pollster Ed Goess.

"Republicans now are catching up to Democrats," said Matthew Dowd, a pollster for the Republican National Committee. "How great news it is will be determined by how long it sustains itself. If it continues, it can possibly be outstanding news."

Jenny Backus, communications director for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, countered that even with the current polling numbers, the issues breaking now favor her party. She said they include the administration's proposed budget cuts in domestic programs and concerns about pensions fueled by the Enron scandal.

"I think we have a huge advan-

tage right now," Backus said. "It hasn't caught up with the polling, but it will."

But in a year that will decide the fragile balance of power in Congress, a narrowing of the gender gap could mean trouble for the Democrats and opportunity for the Republicans. The gender gap is the difference in voting between men and women. Democrats traditionally do better among women and Republicans do better among men.

On the strength of issues like education, health care, entitlement and the environment, women voters have boosted Democratic candidates. They helped put Bill Clinton in the White House twice and added a record number of women to the Senate.

And the gap exists, depending upon the polls. A recent survey by Emily's List, a donor network for pro-choice Democratic women candidates, recently put it at 19

percent in a generic congressional trial heat; Democrats had a nine-point advantage with women, while Republicans had a 10-point advantage gain with men.

But Terry Madonna, director of the Center for Politics and Public Affairs at Millersville University in Pennsylvania, said that it makes sense that the gender gap would tighten because the issues in the wake of Sept. 11 tend to create unity, not division.

In addition, a survey by the nonpartisan Pew Research Center for the People and the Press found that women had become more interested in defense issues, which traditionally favor Republicans.

"The reason Republicans are doing better is we've got a very popular president who has pulled weak-leaning Democrats over to their side," Madonna said.

For evidence, there's a recent USA Today/CNN/Gallup Poll that put the president within striking

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# Agents say tunnel moved Mexican drugs

## Underground route brought immigrants, drugs over border

By Kevin Sullivan  
The Washington Post

**TIERRA DEL SOL, Calif.** — Down the dust-blown driveway, past a chain-link fence and the Keep Out sign, past the beely Rotweiler and the tire swing, in a closet under the staircase in a little two-story bungalow, Mexico's most violent drug lords kept a secret at Johnson's pig farm.

When U.S. drug agents broke into the closet on Wednesday, they found a large safe. They opened it and found nothing. Then they spotted the false floor. And when they pried it up, they found the entrance to a 1,200-foot tunnel — complete with electric lights, ventilation ducts and wooden walls — that ended in a fireplace in a house just beyond the metal wall that separates the United States from Mexico.

Investigators are calling the tunnel in this remote section of rocky border scrubland, 70 miles east of San Diego near a small town called Tecate, one of most lucrative drug-smuggling mechanisms ever discovered along the U.S.-Mexico frontier.

"It's one of the most significant finds ever along the southwestern border," said Errol J. Chavez, special agent in charge of the San Diego office of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. "They used this tunnel to smuggle billions of dollars worth of cocaine, marijuana and other drugs into the United States for several years."

Chavez, speaking to reporters in San Diego, said investigators



A lightning system and a cart are seen at the entrance of a tunnel in Colonia Chola Vista, 20 miles east of the village of Tecate, in the Mexican state of Baja California, Wednesday. The tunnel, approximately 1,000 feet long, was reportedly used to transport drugs and undocumented immigrants across the border to a ranch in Southern California.

believe the tunnel was built at least two or three years ago by the notorious Tijuana cartel, headed by several brothers in the Arellano Felix family. He said the Arellano Felixes moved tons of drugs in carts that rolled on railroad-style tracks through the tunnel, which is about 20 feet below ground.

The drugs were then likely loaded into pickups and other small trucks, which were used to deliver the drugs to Los Angeles and beyond.

Chavez said investigators have learned that the Arellano Felixes charged other smuggling rings a fee to use the tunnel. He said that the tunnel seems to have been used exclusively for drugs and that there was no evidence that illegal immigrants were also moved through it.

The tunnel, which is four-feet square, offers further evidence of the difficulty of sealing the 2,000-mile border despite efforts to cut off drug smuggling and illegal immigration. Since Sept. 11, border security has been sharply increased and drug seizures are way up. But Vincent E. Bond, a spokesman for the Customs Service in San Diego, said the tunnel shows that when one route is closed to smugglers, they find a new one.

The discovery came just days before a visit to Mexico by Tom Ridge, the U.S. director of Homeland Security, who will discuss border security with top Mexican officials.

Tunnels are nothing new along the border. Several have been discovered since 1990. The largest one, found in 1993,

stretched about 1,452 feet under the border at Tijuana, Mexico. That tunnel was never used because it was discovered just before it was completed. Chavez said it belonged to drug lord Joaquin Guzman, known as "El Chapo," who tried to keep the tunnel secret by murdering the workers who dug it.

No arrests have been made on the U.S. side in the tunnel case. Chavez said investigators from the DEA and the Customs Service, which assisted in Wednesday's raid, are seeking several suspects, including a man who leased the house and was living there.

Mexican police said they have detained for questioning two people who were found in the house at the Mexican end of the tunnel during the raid.

# Grisly crematory discovery brings community together

**NOBLE, Ga. (AP)** — It is hard to find anyone here who hasn't been around for two decades, or two generations, or a lifetime. Yet, this is a community of strangers.

The people of Noble — not so much a town as a 3.5-mile strip of country highway, with J.J. Motors at one end and Dixie Towing at the other — bristle at being labeled a close-knit Southern crossroads.

The nation has focused on this place, where a man is accused of accepting scores of bodies for cremation and instead dumping them on his land, and asked: How could you not know?

But the first thing residents of Noble say about their community is that people here mind their own business. A prayer service held about two weeks after the first bodies were found drew nearly two dozen ministers from northwest Georgia — but only a handful of Noble residents.

"I've got neighbors behind me that I've never done anything but throw my hands up at them," said Maxine Hill, who has lived here most all her life. "We are not a nosy bunch of people. It takes something like this to real-

ly get our curiosity." Technically, it isn't even a town, just an unincorporated township made up of scattered homes and small businesses. There are one or two churches, but the schools in nearby LaFayette.

Still, the gruesome discoveries at Tri-State Crematory, where searchers find more human remains almost daily, have deeply shaken people in the sparsely populated, rural area that is closer to Chattanooga, Tenn., than to Atlanta.

At Wanda's Restaurant and Smokey's Pit Cooked B-B-Q, the daily body count at Tri-State is tossed out by locals like a lottery number. It was 49 at first, then 149, then more than 300.

The subject of the crematory operator, 28-year-old Ray Breddi Marsh, who is jailed on 11 felony counts, is debated at the counter of the corner store, which is called The Corner Store.

"People are mad," said Carolyn Tate. "I've never seen so many hate people in my life." "They are angry, in part because the corpse-dumping at the crematory has brought a stormer of people who stare

# Jailed mobster's wife can't keep smuggled sperm, judge says

**HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)** — A federal judge has ruled that a convicted New York mobster's wife cannot use her husband's sperm to get pregnant because she broke the law by bribing a guard to smuggle it out of prison.

security section of Allenwood, in north-central Pennsylvania.

Judge Malcolm Muir wrote Friday that even though the sperm is not contraband, allowing her to use it would reward her for committing a crime.

Both pleaded guilty in the sperm-smuggling case. He got an additional six months; she received a year of probation.

Maria Parlavocchio's attorney, Eugene P. Tinari, said in the Feb. 1 motion seeking the return of the sperm that his client's "chances of conception diminish every day ... due to her age. She engaged in this scheme solely as a result of her

desperate desire to have a baby." Maria Parlavocchio, 38, of Garfield, N.J., is childless. She has decided not to appeal the motion; the government now has the court's permission to destroy the sperm, which was seized from her obstetrician-gynecologist.

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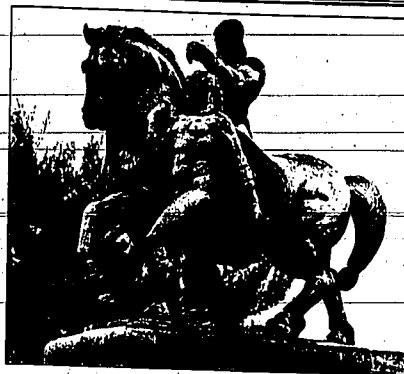
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NATION

Meat substitute made from fungus arrives in U.S. stores



The gilded bronze sculpture representing Valor, seen Monday, is one of a large number of works of nude art in the nation's capital.

Revealing art abounds in Washington D.C.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Some were mortified, others tickled, when a bare-chested statue of George Washington sat on Capitol Hill last August.

painting "A Flathead Chief and His Family."

Like that man of stone, some people at the Justice Department think nudism is good nudism. So they drew blue drapes over two scantily clad statues in the department's Great Hall.

In the august chamber of the Supreme Court, reflective justices look upon the figure of a topless woman holding a mirror in one hand and a rose in the other.

That cover-up has not done much to change the flesh tone in Washington, however. This is a city of many exposed rear ends, bare breasts, what's-the-point fig leaves and even no fig leaves at all.

Even the U.S. Capitol, where art tends toward the tame, has an eye-popper or two.

From barely wrapped bronze statues by the Memorial Bridge to the revealing discus thrower outside the State Department in Foggy Bottom, north to nudging nudes on the National Cathedral and east to the starkly immodest fountain figures outside the Library of Congress, the capital is quite the tease.

A woman in nothing but a gown dropped to her waist looks out languidly from a wall of the committee room where House members carve up the budget. This painting is called Good Government.

Susan Lineberry-of-Hampton, Va., remembers strolling past a nude Washington statue with her son, then 5, some years ago.

In high-traffic places like Congress, Capitol curator Barbara Wolanin said, officials realize that citizens are not visiting an art gallery and don't expect to come across graphic material.

"I said, 'Well, Kevin, that's art. Often the human body is used as art because the lines and curves are pretty.'"

"When you look at it as pure art, it shouldn't be covered up," she said. "But you have to look at it in the context of how people are using it."

"And he said, 'I still see his butt.'"

Do be nude nuders elsewhere in the Justice building are still in your face, Majesty's one exposed breast is screened off but at least 32 others are not.

NAACP begins 'border patrol' protest in So. Carolina over flag

FORT MILL, S.C. (AP) - Travelers driving into South Carolina on Saturday were met by protesters waving bright yellow signs telling them to take their money elsewhere as the battle over the Confederate battle flag hits the state's borders.

Many figures in Washington art represent social virtues and vices.

The protests are the latest push in an NAACP boycott of South Carolina that was launched two years ago over a Confederate flag that flew atop the Statehouse.

Above an entrance, there are three men wearing barely a stitch and a woman whose gown leaves her chest half exposed.

The legislature eventually agreed to bring the flag down, but in a compromise it raised another at a Confederate monument a few yards away. The compromise satisfied some groups, but the NAACP says the Confederate flag now flying is still on state-owned property and must go.

The Commission of Fine Arts said that was nice but "the fig leaves are not quite large enough."

"We will continue until the Confederate swastika is removed from a position of sovereignty on state property," the Rev. Charles White Jr., director of the NAACP's southeast regional office, said Saturday at a welcome center just south of Charlotte, N.C.

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WASHINGTON (AP) - A fake meat that is made from fungus but looks and tastes like chicken has arrived in U.S. supermarkets. In Europe, the meat substitute rivals soyburgers and similar products in popularity.

one in 20 British households, the company says, and is sold in six other European countries. It arrived in U.S. stores in January

after getting approval from the Food and Drug Administration. "I think it's got a lot of potential. We just have to make sure fungus

is not going to appear on the label anywhere," said Bonci, director of sports nutrition at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Known as mycoprotein, it is marketed under the trade name Quorn (pronounced kworn) and made into a variety of products, including chicken-like nuggets, lasagna and fettuccine Alfredo - even an alternative to ground beef, called "grounds."

"It's wonderful as far as consumers are concerned," said Leslie Bonci, a nutrition specialist who first tried mycoprotein in a London restaurant. "It's a lot of protein for a minimal amount of calories and three to four grams of fiber."

Scientists found the fungus growing on farms west of London in the 1960s and discovered that its long strands could be made into a product that mimicked the fibrous tissue of meat.

The fungus is now grown through fermentation, mixed with egg and flavorings and fashioned into imitation chicken or beef.

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NATION

# Jurors see videotape of mom on trial for killing children

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**HOUSTON**— On the huge screen above the courtroom, it's Andrea Yates' vacant, yet darting eyes that you notice first. They blink furiously and shift constantly, with dark-caved-in circles underneath that look like they were dug out with a spoon.

Then you see the nervous, clenching left jaw. It moves as fast as a heartbeat.

Her speech is slow and dull, but her words — captured in a videotaped interview projected onto a 7-by-9-foot screen for jurors Friday during her capital murder trial — are haunting.

"I didn't hate my children," the suburban mother says in the July 14 video, made about three weeks after she confessed to drowning her five children in a bathtub. "They didn't do things God likes."

Defense expert Dr. Phillip Resnick, one of the nation's leading authorities on parents who kill their children, made the tape after a three-hour interview with Yates, who drowned her five children in the family bathtub.

As he fed her questions about her bizarre belief that voices were ridiculing her, mothering skills and threatening her children with eternal damnation, Yates maintained a stony, blank expression, her long unwashed hair sticking to her face. Dressed in a plain orange jail-issued jumpsuit, she staves for several seconds instead of answering some questions.

Yes, she loved her children, she says on the tape, but then adds this disclaimer: "But not the right way though."

On trial for her own life, Yates, a high-school valedictorian and registered nurse, called police June 20 and told them to come to her home. When they arrived, she told them she had drowned Noah, 7, John, 5, Paul, 3, Luke, 2, and 6-month-old Mary just minutes after her husband left for his job at Johnson Space Center.

"They would have continued stumbling," if they hadn't died, Yates says in the video. "I thought it was in their best interest."

On Thursday, testimony



Andrea Yates Rusty Yates

described the cloistered Yates household as one laced with off-beat, dangerous religious zeal. It was a home in which the husband, "Rusty" Yates, played the dominant role, family friends said.

It was a home in which medicine was frowned upon, school systems were unacceptable and institutional religion was a tool of evil. Doomsday leaflets mailed to the house gave hysterical warnings against the demonic influences that threaten young children.

"I cannot stress how serious the whole thing is. By the time a child is 14 or 15 years old, it's too late," the Perilous Times newsletter said. Rusty Yates read aloud from the tract during Thursday's testimony.

"If you feed them with the world's ways, you reap what you sow."

"Do you have any idea how the information you just read would play to the mind of a psychotic individual?" defense lawyer George Parnham asked Yates.

For years, Andrea Yates suffered suicide attempts, catatonic states and psychosis. In a quivering voice, her best friend told the jury she watched helplessly while the 37-year-old mother wasted away, stopped talking to her children and paced aimless circles with a baby on her bony hip.

Yates stopped bathing and grew too emaciated to breast feed, said Deborah Holmes. The two women became friends before Yates' marriage, when they worked together as nurses in a Houston hospital.

For two years before the Yates children were killed, Holmes had kept a diary chronicling Andrea Yates' condition "in case

something bad happens." "I called her husband crying and sobbing, saying she needs help now," said Holmes. "He'd say, 'I'll look into it.' I'd say, 'She's not going to make it through the weekend.'"

Holmes said Rusty Yates considered child care a woman's responsibility and refused to help his wife tend the children.

"I'm not saying he didn't play with them or enjoy them, but as far as care for them, he didn't," Holmes said. "If the kids' faces or hands were dirty, he'd say, 'Wait 'til your mother comes.'"

Therapist Earline Wilcott counseled Andrea Yates for months in a Christian center. The only time she met Rusty Yates, he quoted from the Bible: Wives must submit to their husbands. "Sense of (Andrea Yates) being overwhelmed and trapped with no alternative," Wilcott jotted in her notes.

"I hoped she could have more support from him in terms of helping with home school and having more time off," the therapist testified Thursday.

Her lawyers say she was insane at the time of the killings and could not tell the difference between right and wrong. The legal standard that must be met for a successful insanity defense.

But prosecutors say she understood what she was doing and should be put to death or spend the rest of her life in prison.

Resnick, who has studied the reasons why parents convince themselves to kill their children since 1969, said he believes after interviewing Yates and studying her case that she tried to kill herself twice because Satan was instructing her to harm her children and she didn't want to.

# Mother admits she falsely claimed son was a genius

**DENVER (AP)**—A mother whose son scored 295 on an IQ test at age 6 now admits she rigged the results and falsified other records that helped him gain renown as a boy genius.

Elizabeth Chapman, 29, hospitalized her son Justin in November after what she feared was a suicide attempt. She said she decided to tell the truth because her lies were hurting the

boy, who is now 8, and that she wants to be reunited with him.

Chapman confessed to faking the results after the Rocky Mountain News reported on the boy's hospitalization and began investigating his mother's claims about the intelligence tests.

"I didn't plan on it," she told The New York Times for a story in Saturday's edition. "It just happened, and I let things get out of control."

After she took Justin to the hospital, Broomfield County removed the boy from his mother's care and charged her with neglect. A trial was set for March 18.

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Schools

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Newcomb says Picher has every right to campaign for the new rules that would help districts with low property values, high unemployment and low per-capita income.

"Isn't that what we're supposed to be doing - finding solutions?" Newcomb said. "Helping these schools solve their problems is just good public policy."

Newcomb said he suspects much of the effort that Assistant Majority Leader Lawrence Denney, R-Midvale, and Sen. Darrel Deide, R-Caldwell, have put toward new legislation to solve school safety problems might ultimately prove futile.

Since passage of the initial HB 315, Denney and Deide have worked to craft new legislation that would not only help the school districts in the lawsuit, but also any of the state's poorer districts having problems passing bond issues and levies.

**A boost for some districts**

No Magic Valley schools have joined the lawsuit, but the Wendell and Minidoka County districts helped drain the \$10 million account that lawmakers had set aside last year to help schools as well as satisfy Bail.

Recently, Jerome School District hired an engineering firm to go through all the district's school buildings to identify health and safety problems. Jerome Superintendent Jim Cobble said the district has no plans whatsoever to join the lawsuit, however.

"I just hope we don't find out that we have to condemn a building," he said.

Before the Legislature came up with HB 315, Wendell's middle school had achieved national notoriety because it was condemned. Wendell will break ground this spring on a new building because voters approved a \$4.6 million plant facilities levy that also secured a \$1.5 million facilities grant from the state.

Last year's legislation offers schools with verified safety problems up to 100 percent of interest on plant facility levies. In addition, the state promised to apply the amount of the interest up front to the principal, thereby reducing even further the amount the district would have to pony up.

Within months, five school districts accessed the fund. Newcomb likes to recall the day last spring that he and Denney walked into Wallace's gymnasium and got a standing ovation because the legislation enabled them to finally pass a plant facility levy.

**Changes proposed**

Denney's and Deide's new work would ideally open up HB 315 to many more districts and permanently fund it.

Denney's team has focused on making it clearer just what constitutes "safe" and "unsafe" in state code. Denney also managed to get through the House

**The two-thirds rule**

Comparing Idaho's two-thirds rule for passing school bond issues

Idaho's constitution requires a majority of 66.67 percent but has no election date requirement.

Montana requires only 50 percent plus one if 40 percent or more of the qualified voters participate, 50 percent if between 30 percent and 40 percent of the qualified voters turn out; but if fewer vote, then the bond issue is rejected. The law is a statute, not in the state constitution.

Nevada requires only 50 percent plus one but has strict election date requirements. In addition, school districts do not have taxing authority, but elections are held after a process defined by the state.

Oregon's constitution requires 50 percent plus one if 50 percent of registered voters vote. There are some election date requirements.

Utah only requires 50 percent plus one but has complicated date requirements.

Washington's constitution requires at least a 60 percent turnout with 60 percent of a number equal to 40 percent of the total votes cast at the last preceding general election voting "yes."

Wyoming requires 50 percent plus one with no voter turnout requirement but with defined dates. Local funding is almost illegal; but the Legislature is working out the details of a new ballot initiative funding system after the old one was deemed unconstitutional.

Source: Associated Taxpayers of Idaho

School District have said they would feel a lot better with a 60 percent approval needed for Tuesday's coming election to pass a \$7-million bond issue to build and equip a new professional-technical center.

"That supermajority is a huge hurdle. For every one 'no' we need two 'yesses,'" said district spokeswoman Linda Baird.

Many lawmakers bridle at the thought of dropping to 60 percent, even if it is only one day a year it can be applied. Farmers and ranchers - of which the Idaho Legislature has plenty - especially dislike property taxes, as they take bigger hits than most homeowners.

But those heading up the lawsuit against the state have said they will not be satisfied until the two-thirds requirement is dropped to 60 percent.

**What other states are doing**

Only eight other states rely on local taxes to support school construction. Idaho is the only state that makes getting funding for school construction doubly hard by requiring local districts to pay for it all, as well as do it by convincing a supermajority to approve bond issues.

Thirty-nine states in some way regulate the bonding authority of school districts.

The Idaho lawsuit that forced Idaho into opening the door to state regulation is not an isolated case. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, five other states - Florida, Kentucky, Nebraska, Virginia and Washington - are embroiled in school safety litigation.

At least another 20 states have been or are being challenged over equity in yearly funding formulas between rich and poor districts. Inequity in Idaho's funding formula was the original challenge of the school lawsuit. These days inequity is still its driving force, but it's inequity in terms of a district's ability to secure construction money.

Newcomb said he doesn't like the idea of lifting the responsibility of school construction from local districts because with more state funding comes less local autonomy.

"We don't want to be in there telling them how to spend their money," he said. "We'd rather give them the tools to solve their problems."

He said he thinks if the state gets into the business of "bricks and mortar," the result could be less operating money for schools.

"I'll wind up being a case of robbing Peter to pay Paul," Newcomb said, "because the public isn't going to stand for a tax increase."

As for a trip to the Idaho Supreme Court, no one has a crystal ball, but in recent years the movement nationally in state supreme courts has been toward increasing state funding for school capital improvements at the local level.

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**Funding proposals**

Some proposals for school funding that lawmakers are working on include:

- ✓ Transferring all of the July 1 lottery dividends to public school districts
- ✓ Putting \$10 million in a permanent school safety and health revolving loan and grant fund
- ✓ Refinancing school bonds issued before March 1, 1999, to get lower interest rates
- ✓ Expanding plant facility reserve

fund levy up to 20 years if the election occurs on a consolidation date on a permanent basis

✓ Requiring school districts to deposit money in a deferred building maintenance fund

✓ Providing for a formula-based subsidy for school districts with low property value, high unemployment, and low per-capita income

✓ Amending the constitution to lower the two-thirds requirement for bond issue approval to 60 percent if the

election is held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November

✓ Giving the State Board of Education authority over local districts that can't fix health and safety problems

There are more bills coming from Sen. Darrel Deide, R-Caldwell, and Rep. Lawrence Denney, R-Midvale. They have been working on a package since last summer they hope would satisfy 4th-District Judge Deborah Bail's ruling that the Legislature has to provide safe schools.

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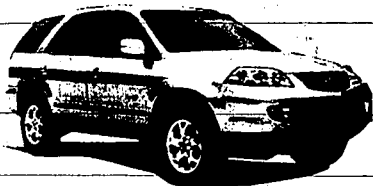
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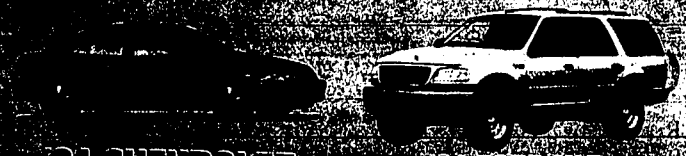
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# Crime-infested gorge could be war's next front

Region in former Soviet republic may shelter terrorists

DUISI, Georgia (AP) — Three years ago, the villagers of northeastern Georgia never bothered to lock their doors. Now they're so afraid of kidnapping, sheep-rustling and other crime emanating from the neighboring Pankisi Gorge that they've embraced a police crackdown.

Pankisi, a sparsely populated, 36-square-mile patch of rocky mountains bordering Russia's breakaway region of Chechnya, could become the next front in the U.S.-led war against terrorism.

Russia has long accused separatist rebels in Chechnya of being Islamic terrorists linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network. Some U.S. officials now believe rebels with al-Qaida ties are operating in the nearby Pankisi Gorge, and said this week that up to 200 U.S. troops may be sent to train Georgian security forces in anti-terrorism tactics.

The Georgian government, fearing the stigma of sheltering alleged terrorists in the gorge, says it would welcome U.S. help.

The Pankisi Gorge's slide into chaos reflects the downward spiral of this Caucasus Mountains country, awash in corruption and crime a decade after the Soviet collapse. President Eduard



Shevardnadze's government has virtually ceded control of the gorge to criminal gangs.

"This is the result of the shortsightedness and venality of our government structures, some of whose officials are profiting from the drug trade. And there's been talk of the involvement of high-ranking Interior Ministry officials in kidnapping," alleged Ilyan Khaidrava, a Georgian political analyst.

The Pankisi-crime-wave is intertwined with Russia's more

than 2-year-old war in Chechnya.

Residents of neighboring Georgian regions say they began fearing for their property and lives in late 1999 after Russian troops rolled across Chechnya and sent tens of thousands of refugees trekking across the snow-covered mountains to Pankisi.

Up to 40,000 refugees entered Georgia, and most made their way to Turkey and other predominantly Muslim nations, said

Khizri Aldamov, the leader of the Chechen Diaspora in Georgia and a representative of Chechen rebel leader Aslan Maskhadov. Some 7,000 refugees remain in the Pankisi Gorge, he said.

Russian officials have long alleged that Chechen fighters were hiding among the refugees and using the gorge as a transit route to send men, money and equipment into Chechnya. Like their comrades inside Chechnya, Russia says, the rebels in the

gorge are fighting Russian authority on the one hand and terrorizing civilians on the other.

Georgia-long denied the accusations of a rebel presence, but in June, Shevardnadze conceded that 200-300 Chechen fighters might be in the Pankisi Gorge.

Following the Sept. 11 terror attacks in the United States and the new Western sympathy for Russia's campaign against international terrorists

Chechnya, his government has come under increased pressure to tighten security in the gorge.

In October, a group of Chechen fighters led by warlord Ruslan Gelayev mysteriously appeared in Georgia's separatist province of Abkhazia, about 180 miles west of the Pankisi Gorge, killing civilians and downing a helicopter carrying United Nations observers.

Some Georgian analysts speculated that the Tbilisi government allowed them to move into Abkhazia as a way to oust them from the Pankisi Gorge.

Back in the Pankisi, crime was continuing to take its toll. Four Georgian monks were abducted last fall, and while three were released, one remains a captive. The alarm sparked by the kidnappings spread far beyond the Pankisi region, and a group of Georgian military veterans began

a protest to demand government action.

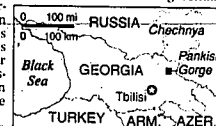
The government launched its security operation in January. The region is now dotted by police roadblocks built of cinderblocks and sandbags. Officers stop every car coming in or out of the gorge, recording the documents of every passenger. Their orders are to prevent anyone who is not a resident of the gorge from entering.

The government has launched similar operations—before, with no result. Still, residents of villages like Duisi, which lies at the entrance of the gorge, about 150 miles northeast of Tbilisi, say they are hopeful the newest crackdown will bring results.

"Before, we always left our doors open. No one stole livestock, much less kidnapped anyone," said Kote Ramarashvili, who lives in the village of Alaverdi near the entrance to the gorge. "Now times have changed. Pankisi has become a criminal black hole. It's time to bring justice."

Georgians are less hopeful that U.S. training can eradicate the problem.

"It's an illusion that with American involvement this problem will be solved immediately," said Khaidrava, the Georgian analyst. "Imagine how America would react to having even one coffin come back from Pankisi."



## U.S. relies on paid warriors in offensive

By Kathy Gannon  
Associated Press writer

GARDEZ, Afghanistan — They are the front-line partners for U.S. Special Forces in Afghanistan — rugged Afghan men outfitted by the United States and paid \$200 a month to hunt down al-Qaida and Taliban warriors.

Loyalty to their local commander binds them to the U.S. cause in a land where warlords have been known to switch sides easily, bringing along their entire force. As U.S. commanders pressed their biggest offensive this year on Saturday, they were relying heavily on these hired soldiers.

In Gardez, 385 Afghan fighters were leading the charge against suspected al-Qaida and Taliban holdouts in the mountains of eastern Paktia province, not far from Pakistan. They "stormed" in on pickup trucks and armaments with Kalashnikov assault rifles, rocket launchers and heavy machine guns. Thirty-two U.S. special forces in 12 vehicles also took part.

The Afghan fighters wore green wool uniforms and aimed to their black hats were fluorescent pieces of paper to alert U.S. helicopter pilots that they were friendly forces.

The fighting killed one American and two Afghan allies on Saturday, the Pentagon said. There were several wounded.

One of the injured, 19-year-old Bakhtiar Wali, said he hurt his



Afghan warriors pause in front of their base in Surmad, Afghanistan, about 28 miles from the Paktia provincial capital of Gardez, Friday.

nose when the vehicle he was riding to the mountains plunged off the road barely six miles from the top.

Wali and his 134 comrades-in-arms are loyal to Afghan Commander Khushkhar, who like many Afghans uses only one name. They are stationed with the 32 Special Forces troops inside two sprawling compounds on the southern edge of Gardez city, divided from the population by large cement barricades strung across the road.

Traffic is diverted so it doesn't pass in front of the high-walled mud compound.

The United States pays its Afghan troops \$200 a month and gives them food and clothing.

"It's very good. I like this job," said Abdul Razzak, who guards the road leading to the U.S. compound.

Commander Ismail, a former fighter against the 1980s Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, has 250 troops working for the United States in Jaji, 35 miles from Gardez.

The U.S. military gave Ismail three satellite telephones and money to finance his small army. He sent 80 of his fighters to Gardez this weekend to help U.S. Special Forces in Shah-e-Kor.

Ismail's base in Jaji is on the border with Pakistan, where several senior Taliban leaders are believed to be hiding and trying

to reorganize. "We have good intelligence. Our men know what is going on the other side of the border. This we share with the U.S. Special Forces," Commander Ismail said.

There have been problems, however, with Afghan fighters using U.S. military might to settle disputes and take revenge against enemies.

In Khost, for example, American soldiers are caught between Zakim Khan and Bacha Khan, two warlords with different loyalties and ambitions. Both are competing for American favor.

In Surmad, 25 miles from Gardez, village elders accuse their rivals in Gardez of telling U.S. soldiers that a checkpoint manned by their guards was an al-Qaida post. Surmad's police chief, Naem Farooqi, was taken last week by U.S. special forces and their Afghan allies from outside the village.

"We don't have any argument with the United States, but why are they using soldiers that are not from this area, that don't know our people?" said Shah Mohammed, a Surmad village elder.

U.S. Special Forces in Gardez and Khost refuse to speak to reporters. American soldiers in Khost rebuffed a request for comment, saying all questions have to be directed to press officers in Kandahar in the south of Afghanistan and Baghram in the north.

Canadian, U.S. forces pursue suspects after mine kills two

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — A land mine killed two U.S.-allied Afghan troops less than a mile from the U.S. military-held air base at Kandahar, and Canadian forces fired warning shots Saturday while pursuing two suspects after the blast.

Four other Afghans were injured by the mine, said Maj. A.C. Roper, spokesman for the 101st Airborne Division at Kandahar airport.

The Afghan forces were traveling in a three-vehicle convoy late Friday when they hit the mine northeast of the air base, Roper said.

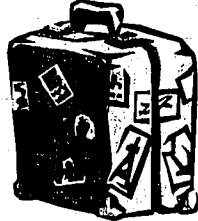
The injured were brought to the base for medical care. A joint Canadian-Afghan patrol, with cover from a U.S. Apache helicopter, was sent out in pursuit of two men seen digging holes in the area of the explosion, Roper said.

Canadian troops fired warning shots at the two men, who got away, said Lt. Navy Luc Charon, Canadian military spokesman at the base.

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An Italian police officer, right, looks on as a city inspector comes out of a manhole in front of the U.S. Embassy in Rome after inspecting a tunnel running alongside the embassy. Italian investigators are searching the tunnels in connection with the arrest of a group of Moroccans suspected of planning a chemical attack in Rome.

# Men arrested in Italy discussed attack ideas

ROME (AP) - Members of a suspected terror cell arrested this week discussed guns, bombs, and vague ideas for attacks in conversations recorded in a bugged mosque and on phone wiretaps, police officials said Saturday. After a seven-month investigation during which a squad of 30 Carabinieri paramilitary police followed six suspects day and night, authorities swooped down Thursday and Friday, taking them all into custody. Police are still hunting for several more suspects but would not say how many. The six arrested - a Pakistani believed to have headed the group, three Iraqis, an Algerian and a Tunisian - are charged with "subversive association," and are suspected of trying to obtain weapons and explosives, and of setting up a logistical base for terror operations, police said. A Carabinieri police official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the six are also believed to have ties to the radical Algerian insurgent move-

ment, the Armed Islamic Group, or GIA - though there was no clear link to Osama bin-Laden's al-Qaida terror network. The Pakistani suspect accused of heading the cell ran a travel agency in Rome, where employees strongly denied the charges. Younas Samuel, a travel agent there, said the police accusations were untrue. "It's false," Samuel said. "He always worked to help people." Police said authorities discovered anti-American books and pamphlets at the agency. Italy has been on high alert for a terror strike since the Sept. 11 attacks, and concerns intensified last month when police arrested a group of Moroccans suspected of plotting an attack on the U.S. Embassy in Rome. Also last month, an Italian court in Milan handed down the first al-Qaida-linked convictions in Europe since the Sept. 11 terror attacks, ruling on the case of a group of Tunisians accused of helping al-Qaida recruits get fake documents.

# General: Detainees want some answers

QUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) - About 75 captives of the war on terrorism held to a hunger strike for a fourth day Saturday in a protest rooted in uncertainty over their indefinite detention and their fate, a U.S. military commander said.

Six detainees have been given liquids with an intravenous drip, one against his wishes, officials said. "Right now, we have a hunger strike of about 75 hard-liners, with a number of sympathy strikers joining in periodically," said Brig. Gen. Michael Lehnert, commander of the detention mission at this U.S. naval base in southeastern Cuba. A large group among the 300 detainees stopped eating Wednesday, some telling their captors they were upset that a guard stripped a detainee of his turban during prayers on Tuesday.

But Lehnert said that while the turban issue was one cause, the "underlying complaint" was concern about the future. "The single biggest complaint is that they want to know what will happen to them," he said. U.S. officials say they are determining whether and how to prosecute the men and that those not tried by a military tribunal would be prosecuted in U.S. courts, returned to their home countries for prosecution or released outright. They could also be held indefinitely, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has said. The prisoners - whom the U.S. military says belong to the international al-Qaida terrorist network and Afghanistan's fallen Taliban regime - are being interrogated and are not allowed lawyers. On Saturday, 85 detainees refused to eat breakfast and 73 wouldn't eat lunch, down from a high of 194 who declined lunch



A detainee is returned to his cell at Camp X-Ray at the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, on Saturday.

Thursday. Fewer than 10 were refusing to drink fluids, Lehnert said. By Saturday afternoon, Marine Maj. Stephen Cox said, six detainees had been treated for dehydration with intravenous drips at the camp infirmary. "Five of the six agreed to the IV. There was one individual who did not want the IV," Cox said. "We overrode his desire and administered the IV to him." It is the first mass protest since the initial group of detainees was flown to Guantanamo on Jan. 11. Some of the inmates were held for months in Afghanistan before they arrived. The hunger strike began after two military guards shackled an inmate and stripped off his turban during prayers Tuesday, after he ignored repeated orders to take it off. The detainees also have been issued Muslim prayer caps and copies of the Quran. In an address to prisoners Thursday night, Lehnert told them he would allow them to wear turbans but that guards had the right to inspect them at any time. In the past, turbans had been banned, because of fears a prison could hide a dangerous object in it. "Those abstaining from eating are not a security problem," Lehnert said. "Security in the camp remains unchanged. Our view is that we will consider the needs of the detainees, but not at

the expense of security." Tension has been building at the camp. In recent days, some have been ignoring a taped call to prayer and instead have picked individual detainees to announce and lead prayers, which Muslims do five times a day. "A week ago there was 'a disturbance' when a guard doing a random search of a cell inadvertently dropped a copy of the Quran, officials said. The human rights group Amnesty International said the protest "highlights the dangers of the legal limbo into which the prisoners have been thrown" and "underscores the urgent need" for the United States to allow them due process.

# Yemen says U.S. will supply boats, build training facility

HADRAMOUT, Yemen (AP) - The United States will supply Yemen with coast guard boats and help build a training facility to bolster security along its coastline, a security official said Saturday. He spoke a day after a U.S. official said President Bush had given the go-ahead to dispatch troops to train the military in the Arabian peninsula country to combat terrorists. The Yemeni official said U.S. forces will train 2,000 Yemeni military personnel at a coast guard training center to be built in Aden, site of the October 2000 attack that killed 17 American sailors on the USS Cole. Washington has been pushing Yemen for greater cooperation against terrorism since the suicide bombing, which the United States blames on Osama bin Laden's al-

Qaida network. The Yemeni official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the United States will initially deliver 15 boats fitted with high-tech communications equipment. He would not say when they would be delivered. The official said Yemen needs 250 boats to protect military and commercial ships, including oil tankers, along its 1,400-mile coastline on the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden. The United States, Canada, France and Germany will provide funding for the center, boats and training, said the official. A U.S. administration official said on condition of anonymity Friday that Bush had given the go-ahead to send troops to train Yemen's military to combat terrorists.

# Macedonian police kill men accused of plotting attacks

SKOPJE, Macedonia (AP) - Police said they killed seven men who opened fire at a patrol near the capital Saturday and described them as foreigners - probably Pakistanis - suspected of planning terrorist attacks on Western embassies and Macedonian officials. The men tried to ambush a police patrol near Butel, a suburb of Skopje, Interior Minister Ljube Boskovski said. He said they opened fire with machine guns when police told them to identify themselves, and police fired back, killing all seven. Officials said no police were hurt. "They are probably Pakistani citizens," Boskovski told reporters. "That terrorist group was in the area with an aim of attacking vital installations, Macedonian officials and the embassies of Germany, Great Britain and the U.S. in Skopje."

Police officials said they found seven AK-47 assault rifles, several hand grenades and ammunition in or near the van the men used. Boskovski did not provide any details about the suspected plans for attacks. The U.S. Embassy released a statement that said U.S. personnel were "not aware of any indication that there was a specific threat" to the embassy. A senior law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said interrogation several weeks ago of two Jordanians and two Bosnians revealed links to a group planning to kill government officials and attack the American, British and German embassies in Skopje. Security measures were subsequently increased, he said. Western officials speaking on condition of anonymity said heightened security measures were in effect at some of their embassies. More than a dozen police officers were seen posted around the U.S. Embassy compound after the clash.

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# Neighbors do battle in India

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**AHMADABAD, India** — Neighbors battled neighbors with sticks, steel rods and swords in the narrow dirt lanes of a Naroda district, where dozens of homes and shops were looted and burned during three days of violence between Hindus and Muslims.

The charred remains of a man's corpse still lay Saturday morning where his killers set him ablaze, outside a one-story house in Naroda's poor Jawaharnagar neighborhood, on Ahmadabad's north side. The body was surrounded by the burnt-steel frame of a cot. The man's fists were frozen in the air, as if he died struggling to get up.

More than 400 people have died since a mob in the town of Godhra set fire to a train carrying Hindu nationalists Thursday from the central Indian city of Ayodhya, where right-wing Hindus want to build a temple on the site of a mosque destroyed in 1992. At least 57 people, including 14 children, died in the train attack. The toll from the reprisals has grown by the day.

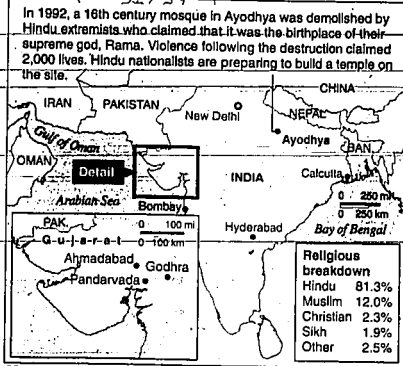
A year ago, Ahmadabad was reeling from a massive earthquake. Now it is struggling to stop a convulsion of violence rooted in the ancient feud over religion.

Hindu nationalists want to build a temple honoring Rama, the avatar or incarnation of the god Vishnu, on what they say was the original site of a temple demolished in the 16th century and replaced by the Babri Masjid mosque. The Hindu mob destroyed the mosque on Dec. 6, 1992.

The right-wing Vishwa Hindu Parishad party says it will defy a court order and try to build a Hindu temple at the Ayodhya site as early as March 15, but Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee has sent thousands of paramilitary police to stop them.

The 1992 razing of the 16th-century mosque sparked nationwide riots that killed 2,000 people.

Hindus are the majority in India, but 140 million of its 1 billion people are Muslims. There were fears that the violence would spread across the country.



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but so far it mostly has been confined to Ahmadabad and other parts of Gujarat state.

It is clear from the damage that people went door to door, looting and burning in a crowded neighborhood with few avenues of escape.

The man's corpse won't enter the official death toll until it is collected and delivered to the morgue. But by Friday night, local hospitals said they had received 65 bodies of people from the Naroda district, just one of several ravaged by mobs.

"They killed four Hindus and pulled their eyes out," said Ram Kirit Pannalal, 35. "They stuck swords in their stomachs and split them. They started shouting, 'Now we'll show you!'"

In the village of Pandavada, near Godhra, a mob hanged at least 30 people into a house and burned them alive Friday afternoon, police said.

In another attack, a crowd of some 200 swarmed six people walking next to a highway, about 30 miles from Godhra, and set them on fire.

Soldiers fanned out in the cities of Ahmadabad, Baroda and Rajkot with orders to shoot rioters on sight.

Government officials insisted the situation was under control, even though district police officers told The Associated Press of widespread burnings, stabbings and shootings in outlying towns.

The officers said they had been ordered not to talk to reporters. Independent television news stations, including CNN, were blacked out in the state after Chief Minister Narendra Modi accused them of showing gory and provocative pictures.

At Ahmadabad's Civil Hospital, Hindu and Muslim victims said they were shocked by the explosion of religious anger.

Hussain Mullah Baksh, a 74-year-old Muslim, said Hindus pulled him from his motorcycle, doused him with gasoline and set him on fire Thursday. He was being treated Saturday for burns over half of his body.

"I was attacked by my Hindu neighbors whom I know, though we were not friends," Baksh said.

Ramji Bhai, a 25-year-old Hindu auto-rickshaw driver, lying on a bed nearby, said a gasoline bomb was thrown at him from the roof of a mosque, burning the lower half of his body. He said he tore off his burning clothes and ran naked to a house for help.

# Suicide bomber kills at least nine

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — A Palestinian suicide bomber detonated a powerful explosive in an ultra-Orthodox neighborhood in Jerusalem, killing at least nine people and wounding more than 30 as residents gathered for prayers at the end of the Jewish Sabbath.

The thunderous blast shook downtown Jerusalem and sent flames leaping into the air from a car that caught fire. Blood covered the stone wall at the front of the Mahane Israel seminary, where up to 1,000 Jews meet every Saturday night for worship.

"This has nothing to do with warfare, this has nothing to do with national liberation, this has to do with the murder of innocent Jews," said Israeli government spokesman Dore Gold. "The state of Israel knows how to defend the people of Israel, and will do so."

Palestinian militants had vowed to attack after Israel's military stormed into two West Bank

refugee camps over the past three days. At least 23 Palestinians — including gunmen, policemen and civilians — have been killed in the camps since Thursday, and Israeli troops were continuing to search for militants and weapons in the Balata refugee camp on the edge of Nablus in the West Bank.

The violence comes as a Saudi peace overture to Israel is drawing sustained attention from the Bush administration.

CIA Director George Tenet flew to Jiddah last week to take up the proposal with its sponsor, Crown Prince Abdullah, and it has gained Palestinian and Egyptian backing.

The State Department and Saudi officials agree that Abdullah's proposal is more a "vision" than a blueprint to end the half-century Arab-Israeli conflict.

But with Middle East peace-making stymied, the Bush admin-

istration has latched on to Abdullah's initiative, and Tenet went on short notice to see the prince to discuss it.

"It serves as a promise of better life for all the regions, should the parties find a way to end violence and once again resume their negotiations," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Friday.

But, he said, sounding familiar administration themes, "The next steps mean maximum efforts by the Palestinian Authority to confront violence and terror; and steps by the Israeli government to facilitate Palestinian efforts on security and help promote a more positive environment on the ground."

The proposal offers Israel recognition, peace and trade with the oil-rich kingdom and the other Arab states in exchange for Israeli withdrawal from all the West Bank, Gaza and part of Jerusalem.

# Researcher says Pol Pot planned to flee Cambodia

**ANLONG VENG, Cambodia (AP)** — Khmer Rouge chief Pol Pot planned to flee Cambodia the night before he died in 1998 to avoid arrest for atrocities committed under his rule, a researcher said Saturday.

Pol Pot's escape was thwarted when he was badly shaken by artillery shells fired by government troops near the shanty on the Thai border where he spent his final days after fleeing from the Khmer Rouge. Ly Kim Heng told The Associated Press.

The communist Khmer Rouge is blamed for the deaths of 1.7 million Cambodians from disease, starvation, overwork and execution during 1975-79 rule.

The account of Pol Pot's final day was provided to AP by Ly Kim Heng, a schoolteacher who is researching about his regime for authorities in Anlong Veng, a one-time Khmer Rouge stronghold in the northwest that Cambodia's government wants to turn into a tourist site.

Ly Kim Heng said he was told the escape story in December by Koy, a trusted aide of Pol Pot.

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BLM won't back cat litter mine

RENO, Nev. (AP) - The Bureau of Land Management formally withdrew its approval of a proposed cat litter mine on BLM land north of Reno Friday...

would site the processing plant on federal land as well. Another option is to ship the raw clay material elsewhere for processing, company officials say.

"I really think this could end up being some kind of defining case on the 1872 mining law," said Tom Myers, a geologist and executive director of the Great Basin Mine-Watch...

Researchers link trails, migration change

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) - On a groomed snow-trail in the middle of winter, men on snowmobiles pass almost within arm's reach of a herd of swarming bison.

But for some researchers, this scene that is repeated almost daily during winter months masks a complex problem that raises questions about the road ahead for the bison of Yellowstone.

path of least resistance, expending less energy so that fewer die off naturally over the harsh winter. Increased bison populations and the changed travel patterns may help explain why, beginning some years ago, more of the animals started leaving the park in search of food, she says.

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Breakfast menu Milk served every day. Choice of juice or juice every day Monday: Cereal, graham crackers Tuesday: Waffles, maple syrup Wednesday: Biscuits, gravy Thursday: Meat lovers Friday: Hot rice, cinnamon-and-sugar toast Lunch menu Monday: Ham and cheese sandwich, fries, baked beans, grapes Friday: Turkey and noodles, green salad, crackers, fruit, chocolate pudding

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu Milk and juice served every day Tuesday: Donuts Wednesday: Scrambled eggs Wednesday: Turnovers Thursday: Cinnamon rolls Friday: No school Lunch menu Monday: Tacos Tuesday: Cheeseburger Wednesday: Baked potato bar Thursday: Burritos Friday: No school

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served every day Monday: Chicken nuggets, peas, hot roll, cherry crisp Tuesday: Slippy Joes, green beans, mixed fruit, pudding Wednesday: Scrambled eggs, donuts, cranberry sauce, peas Thursday: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, bread, peaches Friday: Sliced turkey, corn, cornbread, pineapple

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: Italian dunkers Tuesday: Cook's choice Wednesday: Chicken patty sandwich Thursday: Tacos Friday: Soup and sandwiches

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast menu Milk served every day Monday: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice Tuesday: Biscuits, gravy, fruit, juice Wednesday: Bagels, fruit, juice Thursday: Pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice Friday: Long johns, cereal, juice, fruit Lunch menu Milk served every day Monday: Spaghetti, salad, fruit, bread sticks Tuesday: Chicken patty, potatoes, gravy, rolls, green beans Wednesday: Tuna pita, potato chips, blueberry cobbler Thursday: Chicken and noodles, rolls, fruit, peas Friday: Finger steaks, potato wedges, rolls, fruit

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day Monday: Baked potato bar, orange slush Tuesday: Hamburger, French fries, carrot sticks, birthday cake, ice cream Wednesday: Nachos, green salad, cinnamon rolls, peaches Thursday: Ham and cheese sandwich, carrot and celery sticks, potato chips, grapes, chocolate pudding Friday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, peas

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served every day Monday: Ham and cheese sub sandwich, potato patty, carrot stick, fruit, juice Tuesday: Slippy Joes, later logs, pickle spears Wednesday: Chicken noodle soup, crackers, peaches Thursday: Chickentia, green salad, corn, sliced apples Friday: No school

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day Monday: Ham and cheese sub sandwich, fruit and vegetable bar, potato patty

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Monday: California club sandwich, turkey, fruit and vegetable bar Wednesday: Chicken noodle soup, fruit and vegetable bar Thursday: Barchetta, fruit and veggie Friday: No school

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day Monday: Hamburger, chips, carrots, peaches Tuesday: Tacos, corn, grapes, brownies Wednesday: Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls, fruit cocktail Thursday: Hot dogs, salad, peas, fruit sticks Friday: Turkey sandwich, chips, green beans, applesauce

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu Milk served every day Monday: Cereal, orange juice, graham crackers Tuesday: Biscuits and fruit, strawberry banana Wednesday: Cereal, orange wedges, warm bread Thursday: Scrambled eggs, link sausages, mixed fruit Friday: Cereal, applesauce, toast; peanut butter Lunch menu Monday: Deli sandwich; salad bar or hamburger, cheese, hot fudge, seaweed, potato wedges, pineapple chips, fruit roll-up Tuesday: Soft-shell tacos, soup and sandwich bar or finger sticks, mashed potatoes, gravy, Jell-O, whipped topping, dinner roll Wednesday: Taco bar or pizza, salad, orange slices, bread sticks, pizza sauce Thursday: French dip sandwich; poptart bar or grilled chicken and bacon wrap, nachos, Doritos, pear, raspberry juice bar Friday: Grilled cheese sandwich; salad bar or beef and bean burrito, sweet corn, applesauce, cinnamon crepe cookie

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday-Friday: Menu not available

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served every day Monday: Cereal, orange juice, graham crackers Tuesday: Biscuits and fruit, strawberry banana Wednesday: Cereal, orange wedges, warm bread Thursday: Scrambled eggs, link sausages, mixed fruit Friday: Cereal, applesauce, toast; peanut butter Lunch menu Monday: Corn dog, tater tots, fruit cup, trail mix Tuesday: Deli turkey sandwich, ranch dressing, orange, chocolate chip cookie Wednesday: Italian spaghetti, seasoned peas, strawberries and bananas, Italian bread Thursday: Chili, crackers, baby carrots, chilled applesauce, cinnamon roll Friday: Baked potato, steamed green beans, cool fruit Jell-O, corn bread, honey

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast served every day Monday-Friday: Menu not available

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Lunch is served every day Monday: The high school has a choice of main dish, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day. Taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main-line menu varies every day. Monday: Sea bar; deli sandwich or chicken tenders, French fries, apple sauce or soft-shell tacos, salsa sauce, M&M's, corn, strawberry shortcake Wednesday: Taco bar; deli sandwich or hamburger, fries, pear, trail mix Thursday: Coyote grill; deli sandwich

BLAINE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

All elementary Lunch menu Bellevue Elementary has no self-serve area Monday: Hamburger, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, country bread vegetables, orange wedges, cinnamon sliced almonds, Self-serve bar Ponia Tuesday: Pepperoni cheese bread, yogurt, carrots, applesauce, yellow brick cookie, Self-serve bar, Mike's sandwich Wednesday: Chicken patty, boiled egg and roll, mashed potatoes, peaches, crispy rice treat, Self-serve bar, Cheese tucchos Thursday: French toast sticks, string cheese and crackers, baked ham, hash brown patty, orange juice, Self-serve bar, Taco salad Friday: Grp beef taco, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, green bean chowder, onion roll, chilled peas, Self-serve bar, Spaghetti

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served every day Monday: Ham dinner, Jell-O Tuesday: Stir fry, rice, cookie Wednesday: Tostitos, pie Thursday: Fourth grade choice Friday: Fish and chips, Rice Krispie bar

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

Salad bar, fruit and milk served every day Monday: Mashed potatoes, roll, turkey gravy Tuesday: Beef and bean enchilada Wednesday: Slippy Joes Thursday: Baked potato bar Friday: Pizza

GLENN'S FERRY

Monday: Chicken burger, fries, fruit, milk, cookie Tuesday: Idaho nachos, Mexi-corn, fruit turnover Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza-pockers, fruit cocktail, fruit milk, brownie Thursday: Hot turkey sandwich, potatoes, fruit, mixed vegetables, fruit Friday: Fish sticks, fries, fruit, cake

GOODING ELEMENTARY

Choice of milk served every day Monday-Friday: Menu not available

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered every day Monday: Chicken nuggets, vegetable choice, fruit, hot roll Tuesday: Nachos, fruit, salad bar, pudding Wednesday: Turkey gravy, potatoes, fruit roll, fruit snack Thursday: Pizza, vegetable choice, fruit, Rice Krispie bar Friday: Chili, crackers, fruit, salad, cinnamon roll

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Milk served every day Breakfast menu Monday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, toast, bagel, jam Wednesday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, yogurt, blueberry muffin Thursday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, scrambled eggs, toast, jelly Friday: Choice of juice, fruit, cinnamon rice; French toast, Palish, sausage, jelly, syrup Lunch menu Salad bar and choice of milk served every day Monday: Braided chicken sandwich, peanut carrots, peach half, chocolate pudding Tuesday: Tacos, corn, chilled sliced pears, chocolate fudge cake, salsa Wednesday: Nachos, carrot sticks, banana, cinnamon roll, salsa Thursday: Hamburger, tater tots, apple slices or applesauce, oatmeal cookie Friday: Sea burger, chicken fajita, grapes or fruit cocktail, Rice Krispie bar

JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served every day Monday-Friday: Menu not available

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu Milk and juice served every day

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served every day Monday: Barchetta, pineapple, salad, Rice Krispie treat Tuesday: Chicken patty, French fries, lettuce, pickle, pineapple, Mandarin oranges Wednesday: Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, rolls, corn, fruit cocktail Thursday: Corn dog, potato puffs, sugar cookie, oranges Friday: Popcorn trout, potato waffle fries, green beans, peaches

WENDELL SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily Monday: Hamburger, fries, baby carrots Tuesday: Flour tostado, salsa, corn, cinnamon bread sticks, oranges Wednesday: Corn dog, mustard, ketchup, fries, peas, peanut butter bar Thursday: Pizza, salad, pineapple, gelatin Friday: Sub sandwich, baby carrots, tortilla chips, peaches All schools serve milk with meals.

CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu Monday: Cereal, cinnamon toast Tuesday: French toast sticks Wednesday: Cereal, orange juice Thursday: Baked burrito, cinnamon applesauce Friday: Peanut butter cereal bar Lunch menu Monday: Corn dog, tater tots, apple, fudge Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, potatoes, gravy, roll, pineapple Wednesday: Burrito, corn, peaches, chocolate chip cookie Thursday: School choice Friday: Rib-b-cue, vegetable sticks, orange, no-bake cookie

MINIDOKA COUNTY SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu Monday: Hot cereal, muffin, peaches Tuesday: Cereal, cinnamon toast, fruit mix Wednesday: Yogurt, toast, pears Thursday: Cereal, muffin, pineapple Friday: Granola bar, raisins, fruit Lunch menu Choice of white or chocolate milk

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# Lobsters don't cow former cattle man in rural Nevada

MINA, Nev. (AP) — Old-timers warn travelers venturing Nevada's lonely roads to expect the unexpected. But even the most sage desert dweller never spied a business like Bob Eddy's lobster-farm near the almost forgotten hamlet of Mina.

Among the sagebrush and brown mountains about 100 miles southeast of Reno, Eddy raises a half-million beautiful, blue and red Australian freshwater lobsters.

A lifelong resident of the Mina area, Eddy raised cattle for decades. Tired of federal rules and boom-and-bust market prices for beef, the 59-year-old went searching for a new career seven years ago.

He found he could sell lobster for \$14 a pound. Just as important, nobody in the federal or state government had dreamed up regulations to hinder such an endeavor.

Today, Eddy estimates he has 500,000 lobsters, many of them the size of a fly, scurrying around in 80-degree water pumped from nearby hot springs.

"I found out about lobsters just by reading," he said. "It got interesting. I got rid of the cows." It was all simple math to a man in the cow business for so long. Eddy figured a mother cow could have two calves that would produce 1,600 pounds of beef in two years. But a lobster mother could have thousands of babies that would produce 3,000 pounds of meat a year.

"It's all agricultural," he said. "With the beef, you might get \$1 a pound versus \$14 for the lobster. That's the economics."



Bob Eddy checks on his lobsters at his farm near Mina, Nevada. Eddy raises a half-million blue and red Australian freshwater lobsters, all of which he sells to folks driving by on U.S. Highway 95. At right, he shows an Australian Red Claw.



AP Photo

There is a caveat though. "It works except for the death count. I don't know what my mortality rate is."

His Desert Lobster farm can be found along U.S. 95 about 280 miles north of Las Vegas at a spot three miles south of Mina. Signs in front of the property read "Lobster Crossing" and "U812 Lobster Lane."

As far as Eddy knows, he is the only person in the country raising lobsters in the desert and the only lobster farmer in Nevada.

He sells all his decapods to passers-by from the highway. About 4,700 cars race by on the highway every day. Enough see the signs to keep Eddy busy.

"The gold mine in Mineral County now is this highway," he

said. "You just need to get people to stop."

You won't find many 1- or 2-pound lobsters in the large tanks Eddy has, both indoors and outdoors on property. Customers have purchased the big ones, so most of Eddy's sales now are of the quarter-pound variety.

Eddy sells only live lobsters, so a customer who wants 2 pounds of lobster will take home eight live-lobsters-packed-in-a-plastic bag. "People who buy lobsters are used to buying them live," he said. "You have to drop them in boiling water for 3.5 minutes. They are so much better fresh."

By the summer of 2003, Eddy hopes to open a lobster restaurant in Mina, a town of about 100 that nearly has died for the lack

of any sort of business. He purchased two lots on the town's main street for just \$3,500.

Already, Eddy imagines a boat-shaped-restaurant-becoming-his lobster McDonald's. He plans to sell a meal of lobster, cole slaw and french fries for \$6.95.

The hardest part of raising lobsters is making sure they have just the right amount of fish food. He points to a tub where his grandchildren dumped too much feed and the lobsters died of overeating. Lobsters will eat each other if they don't get enough food, though.

Eddy regularly climbs into the tanks filled with his lobsters when the ponds need to be cleaned. Seldom do the lobsters bother him, although he has been

pinched many times.

"They aren't as aggressive as you would think," he said. "When I am alone messing around here they will come out, but if a stranger walks in the door, because of vibrations or some-

thing, they hide. Their claws cut like razors. You have to be careful."

The lobsters thrive in 3 feet of hot water pumped into old tomato-tubs. In the tubs, Eddy places old tires in which the lobsters tend to hide. When a customer wants a couple, he fishes out a tire and out come a half dozen or so.

Eddy has discovered another use for the heat given off by his lobster tubs. His lobster barn doubles as a greenhouse, and he grows rows of tomatoes above the tanks.

He and his wife, Pam, often lunch on fresh tomatoes, lettuce and lobster. Lobster isn't his preferred food, however. Like a true cattleman, Eddy prefers rib steak.

Eddy hasn't made a lot of money off his lobster farm, but he remains confident the business will boom, especially if he opens his restaurant.

"If it isn't successful, at least it has been fun," Eddy said. "It is better than being on horseback going across some ridge with the wind blowing."

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## Gun ban seems headed to court

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Attorneys are ready for a court showdown over a ban on guns at the University of Utah.

The college has banned guns on its campus for 20 years. State lawmakers drew a bead on the prohibition after the Utah Attorney General's office issued an opinion last year saying such rules conflict with state law.

Under the law, only the legislature has the authority to make gun restrictions, according to House Speaker Marty Stephens. University President Bernie Machen has refused to lift

the gun ban and says he's acting within the law. "We will go to court. It will be done quickly and without a lot of expense. And the court will rule, and we'll know," said Rep. David Ure, R-Kamas, who described the court action as a "friendly lawsuit."

Court papers could be filed as soon as this week, said Paul Murphy, a spokesman for Attorney General Mark Shurtleff.

Ure, co-chairman of the state's Administrative Rules Committee, wants all state agencies to lift their bans on legally permitted concealed weapons.

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## EDITORIAL

### Property owners deserve their share of protection

Property owners long have understood that the value of their land is at the mercy of government. Local, state and federal governments all impose requirements limiting use of private property.

Now the Idaho Legislature is considering a way to compensate property owners when government decisions reduce the value of property.

House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, is on the right track with his resolution to amend the Idaho Constitution to strengthen property rights. But writing a law that adjusts the balance between public utility power and private property rights will require time and research.

Most people acknowledge government is justified in limiting property use. Municipal governments regulate development to assure that services such as roads, water, and sewers are efficient. Zoning protects landowners from incompatible uses that might spring up nearby. (A rendering plant next to a hospital is the classic example.)

At the state and federal level, agencies are responsible for protecting water quality, endangered species, wetlands - a growing list of worthy goals that nevertheless erode the prerogatives of property owners.

Property owners know this is the trade-off that comes with having property - part of pursuing the greatest good for the greatest number. But as regulations become more numerous and more intrusive, some property owners find the sacrifice intolerable.

Concern for property rights goes back to colonial times. Thomas Jefferson's early draft of the Declaration of Independence, a document

written in reaction to royal oppression, called for protection of "life, liberty and property." ("Property" eventually gave way to "pursuit of happiness.")

The Fifth Amendment in our Bill of Rights guarantees that government can't "take" property without paying for it. In recent years, some conservative thinkers have begun describing any government regulation as a partial "taking" of property. Hence Newcomb's proposal.

Newcomb's bill, not surprisingly, is meeting resistance from Idaho cities and counties. They fear that such an amendment would open the floodgates of litigation. Municipal leaders argue that the threat of liability could straitjacket legitimate zoning and regulatory protections.

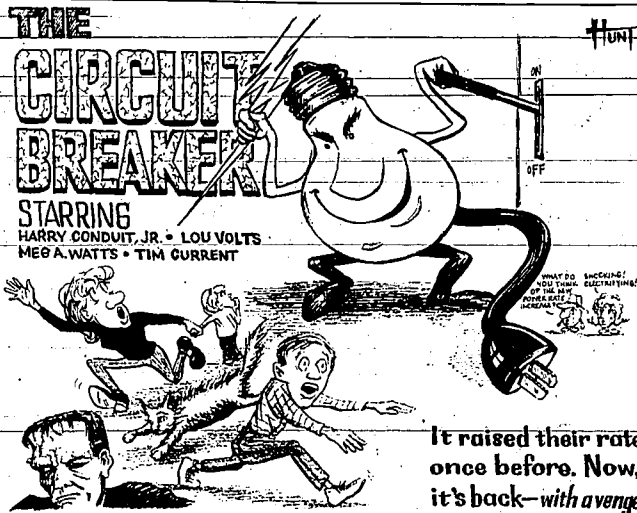
That's a concern worth thinking about. Any legislative attempt to define compensation should be crafted carefully to resolve legal questions rather than create new ones.

"Fine-tuning the balance between municipalities and property owners will be a complicated job with enormous financial implications. Newcomb was wise not to put this plan on a fast track. The idea deserves plenty of discussion.

The task force that Newcomb has talked about is a good start. It should include representatives of municipalities, land developers and other interested parties.

Many individual property owners these days feel powerless against the omnipotent hand of government. And it's usually the little guy who has no practical avenue of recourse. Legislators need to keep that in mind as they think about Newcomb's proposal.

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### Lieberman steps into Gore territory

**S**EATTLE - Chewing over internet policy with Silicon Valley techies at breakfast. A lunchtime speech to earnest environmentalists in San Francisco. Cocktail-hour mulling the new economy and foreign affairs with lawyers and businesspeople at a downtown Seattle office listening to bland wood, modern art and funky African sculpture. That might have been the prototypical blue-state itinerary for Al Gore in 2000. But one day last week, it was the schedule of Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman, D-Conn., Gore's affable running mate. And therein may lie the promise and peril for Lieberman as he joins the flock of Democrats now exploring, with increasing tempo, possible bids for the party's 2004 presidential nomination.

**RONALD BROWNSTEIN**

received at each stop. At the breakfast in Silicon Valley, several executives emerged giving him high marks on high-tech policy. He stirred his small audience at the Seattle cocktail hour with a denunciation of President Bush's tax cut. And later that evening, he was greeted with a steady stream of young well-wishers pledging support at a stylish Seattle restaurant where diners seemed more likely to recognize the surviving members of Nirvana than a visiting politician.

On the other hand, the prospect that Lieberman might eventually defer to Gore could make it tougher for the Connecticut senator to line up firm commitments from activists, fund-raisers and other elected officials. "Lieberman is lagging behind in the infrastructure assets game," insists a top operative for one potential rival. One Democratic fundraiser at the Silicon Valley stop said that while Lieberman "was incredibly well received out here," few were yet even thinking about him as a potential nominee. "The one who is just out here all the time," the fundraiser added, "is (Massachusetts Sen. John) Kerry."

Still, as the tortoise in this early maneuvering, Lieberman is demonstrating some potential strengths. He's raised money steadily (\$1.2 million last year) for a political action committee he formed to support other Democrats in 2002, traveled widely (he's appeared in some three dozen cities since the 2000 election, both raising money and appearing for other candidates) and kept himself visible in Washington (he played an important role in brokering the agreement Congress reached with Bush on education reform).

When Lieberman departs from the Clinton legacy, he usually edges to the

right. Even compared to other "New Democrats," Lieberman has been more critical of Hollywood and the music industry, and more hawkish on foreign policy; he's been the leading Democrat urging Bush to remove Saddam Hussein in Iraq). By contrast, Gore's departures have typically tilted him left of Clinton (on issues such as licensing gun owners), which means that even if Gore doesn't run, a Lieberman candidacy would test the boundaries of acceptable heresy from conventional liberalism in a Democratic primary. His boosters believe Lieberman's muscular foreign policy and strong appeal to cultural conservatives on values issues fit the profile Democrats will need in a general election against Bush, who's likely to be strong on both fronts. But in the primaries, those views won't be easy to sell to dovish schoolteachers in Iowa or secular young professionals in New Hampshire.

Before Lieberman can worry about any of those voters, he'll need to resolve his minut with Gore. For all their personal affinity, the two men already may be subtly jostling. Some Democratic foreign policy experts thought Gore's recent call for action against Iraq may have partially reflected a determination not to allow Lieberman to his right. And Lieberman's pitch to Silicon Valley and environmentalists last week caused some of the former vice president's California supporters to wonder if the Connecticut senator was firing a shot across Gore's bow. Lieberman says he has no inside information on Gore's intentions. But as Lieberman bustles exuberantly from event to event, a happy warrior if ever there was one, it doesn't take any inside information to know exactly what he hopes Gore will do.

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### We don't need new structure at CSI

After meeting with several knowledgeable people in the Twin Falls public school system, I find myself with raised eyebrows over several aspects of the hard-sell marketing campaign being administered by our school district concerning the College of Southern Idaho high school vocational education project.

First, why has the vocational education program in the high school been allowed to deteriorate to the point where it is almost non-existent?

Second, why is it necessary to build a \$7 million new building on the CSI campus when presently there are three main shop areas in the high school vocational building that are empty and unused and also acres of grass available on the high school grounds should additional vocational education buildings be needed?

Third, why is the public being brainwashed into thinking that it will cost them nothing?

It doesn't take an intelligence quotient of 200 to conclude that a \$7 million building is going to cost the taxpayers \$7 million plus interest.

Fourth, how can it be considered a wise use of time and money to have a facility for high school students located on the CSI campus - some two miles away from the high school campus?

Unless someone can satisfactorily answer these four questions, I believe that it makes more sense to scuttle the CSI vocational building project and to restructure the vocational education department at the high school, adding new classrooms, equipment and teachers when they are needed.  
DR. WENDELL PETTY  
Twin Falls

### Tech center can improve lives

In response to Jean Emerson's comment in the Feb. 26 issue where she comments, "I believe that the Twin Falls School District's obligation to the community would best be met by graduating students who can competently speak and write the English language and possess a mastery of basic skills. That background will adequately prepare a student for enrollment in college or a university or vocational-technical school."

I, too, feel that this is a true and justified statement. However, from recent experience, I have found that there is a greater need to apply these basic skills in ways a student can learn them.

My son graduated last spring. We were proud as all parents can be at this time. However, for us it was an even greater accomplishment for my son. He struggled every day he set his foot into our schools.

This fall he was accepted in the vocational-technical program in heating and air conditioning at the College of Southern Idaho. When grades came out, my son had made the dean's list. Quite an excitement for us. He now feels success. He enjoys going to class every moment.

I can only wonder now, what if he had the opportunity to learn in a vo-tech program in high school? Would every day have been such a struggle? How would my son have felt about his education in that situation?

It is my understanding that these students will be taught the same required skills in the vo-tech program as is already expected. However, these skills will be taught in a manner to which they can understand and use in the profession of their choice in addition to new skills to help them succeed at what they

### Group endorses building center

We, as the parent-teacher-student organization based at Robert Stuart Junior High, wish to fully endorse the building of the Professional Technical Center. As we have reviewed the proposal, we feel that the time is right for our community to take this step to increase educational opportunities for high school students. This center will provide hands-on training for many of our children, and also give them marketable skills as they enter the workforce. The additional space will also allow the center to include additional programs as future needs arise in our communities.

On March 5, the voting booths will be open at each school and at the College of Southern Idaho Taylor Building. We ask that each Robert Stuart parent take advantage of the opportunity to provide better education for our children by voting yes to this proposal on March 5.  
HEIDI WADSEN  
Twin Falls

### New facilities would be redundant

March 5 - Tech center. We are voting

yes. This is not to bash academics or teachers. This is to help others realize that it is not what he taught, it is how it is taught.

I plan on voting in favor of this tech center. It may not help my son now; however, it can help someone else's child in the future.  
GINGER HANCHEY  
Twin Falls

(Editor's note: Ginger Hanchey is the president of the parent-teacher organization at Oregon Trail Elementary School.)

on a \$7 million bond proposal without raising taxes, according to its supporters - not true. If passed, the Theatre Farm tax liability from 2002 to 2011 would be \$229.99 per year. If not passed, the tax liability from 2002 to 2007 would be \$197.49 per year and be paid in full. This amount is \$1,574.43 more if the bond passes. It also will take more money to maintain and pay for day-to-day operations - maybe override bonds?

Why do we need a new tech center when there aren't enough students to support the one that closed down? I have toured the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition center in Burley and student population is very low there. What is the cost of transportation of the students to the center? Why such a large parking lot? Why are there math and English classes at the tech center? Are they going to eliminate the tech teachers in our high schools? Is the teacher center for Magic Valley area schools or is it being designed for the Twin Falls High School students? Many questions - no answers!

I am not against the bond proposal as much as I am against spending money on a new facility when facilities already exist at Twin Falls High School. We need to rejuvenate the existing building and furnish it with new basic equipment for all vocational areas. There were 400 hundred students a day that went through the existing buildings in years past. Students could stay in their high school and decide if tech training is their career choice. If tech is their career choice, let them do all their core classes in their high school. Now when they enter the college tech program, their time will be spent in labs and/or workshops of their career choice.

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### State Rep should show leadership

Dear Rep. Doug Jones: Could you please explain to the farmers, ranchers and dairymen of Twin Falls County how you can draft your radical Order Management Bill 646 while you sell your own commodities to the very neighbors you seek to put out of business? Your hypocrisy is what really stinks.

Could you exhibit some real leadership for a change? Your bill would force compliance upon any farm with more than 10 animal units. Your proposed penalty of \$1 per animal per day or \$1 per cubic yard of manure or anything else that smells is absurd. Your bill is totally anti-culture, and every farmer, rancher and dairymen should remember how you sold out the small family farms instead of working for a common sense solution.

Mr. Jones, could you use your leadership position to craft a solution that serves all Idaho without driving hard-working people off of the land?

TOM BILLINGTON  
Twin Falls

# Death row isn't filled with innocents

The recent conventional wisdom presumption that the nation's death rows are packed with innocent men and women is dead wrong. This "innocents in danger of execution" assertion comes from a warmed-over study issued in 1995 by defense lawyer and Columbia University professor James S. Liebman. In his study—reissued with new conclusions in 2000 and again this year as part of a campaign to discredit the death penalty—Liebman claims that the high rate of reversal in death penalty cases means a high likelihood of innocence.

**JOSHUA MARQUIS**

Kelley's characters in "The Practice," but not in real life. In the last quarter of a century, almost 500,000 murders have been committed in the United States. Slightly more than 7,000 of the murderers received death sentences and fewer than 800 have been executed. The death penalty is properly reserved for the worst of the worst.

When Liebman's study was recycled in June 2000, it was met with healthy skepticism by many scholars who pointed to fuzzy math and counterintuitive conclusions. Liebman's study shows the state with the best or lowest reversal rate to be Virginia, a state reviled by those who want the death penalty abolished because of the large number of people on its death row. Last month, the study was again trotted out, with no new data or research, just inflammatory assertions intended to further undermine confidence that the death penalty is administered fairly.

Meanwhile, the so-called Innocence Protection Act proposed by Sen. Patrick J. Leahy, D-Vt., has failed to gain traction because, despite its catchy name, it contains provisions that would effectively prevent states from ever seeking the death penalty.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., has introduced a much better piece of legislation, the Criminal Justice Integrity and Innocence Protection Act of 2001, which has received relatively little notice. Although Leahy's bill would allow virtual anyone convicted of a crime to demand a DNA test, Feinstein's bill would restrict DNA testing to those for whom tests could establish innocence.

We have far more to fear from guilty people wrongfully freed by the courts than from that tiny number wrongfully imprisoned and the even smaller number of them who actually are innocent.

Joshua Marquis is the district attorney of Clatsop County in Astoria, Ore.

## Mull license fees carefully

Reference: Increased fees for confined animal feeding operations by the Twin Falls County commissioners; Times-News; Feb. 26.

I have a small confined animal feeding operation with 25 cows, so as of this date, the increased fee does not apply, but this increase raises some interesting questions and some serious apprehensions. Any increase in license fees is of concern to all citizens and should be well considered before being implemented by elected officials. The justification in this case is supposedly to cover increased costs for processing. What could possibly cause this sudden increase in processing costs? I have no idea how many people are currently involved in the licensing process, but I assume that the planning and zoning department has been adequately staffed up to now because the only county government agency with chronic personnel shortages appearing in *The Times-News* is the sheriff's.

For the commissioners to increase costs from \$250 to \$545 (118 percent for the 100 to 999 animal unit operation) and from \$250 to \$1,750 (600 percent increase for those new operations with more than 1,000 AUMs) is excessive and unreasonable.

The commissioners say they are anticipating a huge increase in the work load caused by more documentation. Is it possible the staff is inadequate and they will require programmed overtime? Will the planning and zoning department be working nights and weekends to process all these licenses? If not, where do these increased costs come from?

The huge increase in fees appears punitive to me, and I don't think that is a proper response to the CAFO problem. Up to now, I have "sang your praises" for the straightforward way you commissioners have worked on the seemingly unsolvable CAFO issues. You get no praise for this unreasonable license increase.

**JIM BARRON**  
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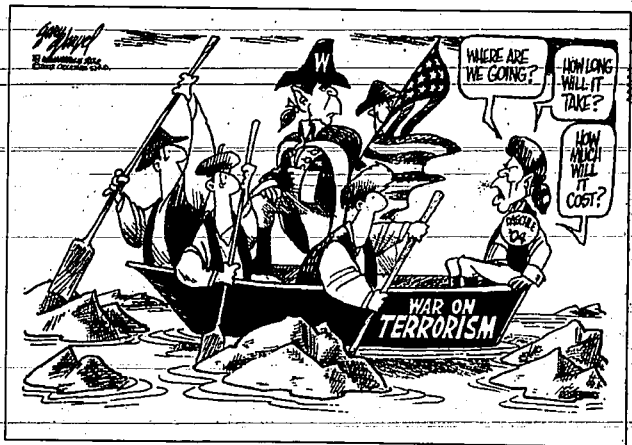
## God isn't in nationalism

Does being politically correct do harm?

To Mr. Richard Meyer Sr. from Kennewick, Wash.: I spoke of this motto, "In God We Trust," with such a conviction to your nationalism and none to God—"In God We Trust" is on money helps to support every vile thing you can imagine. More money is spent on tearing down societies than in doing what is right.

Concerning 9-11, this action done by extremists who claim they are the "One Nation Under God." Feeling they can kill innocents in the name of God and revenge. Revenge, because 2,000 and 3,000-pound bombs dropped from a B-52 bomber show no discretion or prejudice in who they kill. One is terrorism and the other is militarism, yet both actions create terror.

After 9-11 we saw a large influx of people turning to patriotism and returning to churches and synagogues. The flags are still fly-



ing, and the numbers in the churches have declined. This display of society shows me who is really in control. Did you see, in all his speeches, hear President Bush mention him? Yet, Satan does exist and is having it his way through concepts like nationalism.

Do you think Jesus who stated, "My Kingdom is not of this world," would take sides in anything going on in this world involving nationalism? Or do you think he would counsel us to not trust men to solve problems? Or praying for the kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven? Have you pledged your allegiance to the flag and not God?

You have the right to tell people to leave by the Constitution. Yet, we have the right to stay and make this our home by the Constitution and God. There are people who try to force people out of their homes, because some don't think like they do. This happens everywhere in the world, even to the point of ethnic cleansing.

If you learned to speak Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, German or whatever, you may develop a better understanding and not seem so prejudiced and righteous. Meek does not mean to be weak, it means being humble enough to be teachable.

You don't offend me and I don't need slogans to put my trust in God. This God who originally gave us all the right to live, love and pursue happiness. The God who does not put a flag.

**TERRILL MCCASKILL**  
Kimberly

## Disabled parents have rights

Citizens of Idaho, have you heard about the bill your legislators are trying to pass? You know, don't you. The one that will take parenting from parents with a disability. If you haven't heard about it, maybe you should find out about it because, someday, it might concern you.

Healy and Wellfare has already judged a married couple that they

wouldn't or couldn't be proper parents to a brand new baby and took the baby from them.

What's wrong with Idaho or this picture? Parents that are abusive to a child go through procedures to prove they will never do it again. The parents with a disability didn't have any procedures offered to them. Idaho played judge and jury and took the baby. They didn't care that the baby was a gift from God. They played God.

Now your legislators want to pass a law that gives a judge the power not to give a child in a divorce court or through losing a parent without a disability to the parent with a disability.

Idaho, you will open up lawsuits all over for taking a civil right from someone, not to mention the federal Supreme Court taking a look at Idaho's treatment of humanity. Did you know that Idaho has the worst reputation in the nation on its treatment of people of color and disabilities? Do you want Idaho to even have a worse reputation if the legislators pass Bill 577?

Citizens, don't just sit there. Call your legislators and ask them what the heck they are doing.

**SANDRA DRESSEL**  
Heyburn

## Therapy costs too much

I would like to share a recent experience in the faint hope that someone can add some fairness to a system out of control.

I had a shoulder problem diagnosed as bursitis by a local physician. Standard ailment, no problem; the doctor gave me a prescription for anti-inflammatories and for six to eight visits to physical therapy.

My problems started when, after my first visit to physical therapy, I went to the hospital desk to pay for my visit and was told I would be billed at the end of the month. I confess I am partially to blame at this point as I was naive enough to believe the charges would be reasonable.

When I received my bill I was astounded, dismayed and out-

raged to see that I was charged \$694 for five half-hour visits to physical therapy. A visit consisted of applying a hot pack and electrodes. During the time the hot packs and electrodes were on my shoulder, the therapist would return to his desk and do paperwork. I got some hands-on attention with the application of a saline that was rubbed in with a rotating device. Then came a few minutes of stretching on a rubber band. Session over, charged \$138 per visit. Do the math! That is more than \$4.50 per minute! That is more than the board-certified orthopedic surgeon who sent me to physical therapy charged.

Now the good part! Because I am not covered by the U.S. government or the state of Idaho, nor does my insurance policy cover physical therapy; I get to pay the entire bill. Had my policy covered physical therapy and my deductible been met, my insurance would have paid the portion of the bill allowed under its operating policy and the hospital would have written off the difference.

I was so upset with the inequity of this situation I called Blue Cross, physical therapy, hospital financial services and the hospital administrator. The administrator, to his credit, listened and explained his position and we came to an understanding. The problem is not his but lies within a flawed system.

We as patients know when we need medical care it will be expensive. I expect that. What I cannot accept is knowing I must work more than a full day to spend a half-hour with someone putting hot packs on my shoulder.

Here is one possible solution to part of the problem. When we go for physical therapy, X-rays and other tests and procedures, ask to be told up front what the costs are going to be. Then we can make the choice to have the X-rays or the physical therapy and not be shocked by the outrageous charges.

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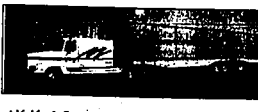
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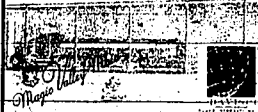
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After the teenage years, adults can settle back into 1,000 milligrams (three servings of milk) each day to maintain bone mass. Then, as we move into our twilight years, 51 and beyond, our calcium intake needs to increase again to ward off the debilitating affects of osteoporosis.

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### It's past time it was past our bedtime

I had company from out of town a week ago Saturday. We'd been out and about doing stuff, and it occurred to us about 10:15 p.m. that we hadn't had dinner yet.

There are eateries open in Twin Falls at that hour, but let's be candid: Your options are limited. We ended up getting a sandwich at a convenience store; the gas-pump clerk made it.

When I moved here 19 years ago, it struck me as odd that a town with so many shift workers would roll up the streets so early. The city has grown by almost one-third since then, but the home-in-out-jammies-by-9:30 ethic hasn't budged much.

That's curious, because very few people I know still go to bed at half-past-Ken-Ricoy, and even fewer get up at 5. The cadence of life in Twin Falls is no longer ruled by the rooster; we - most of us - know Jay Leno. So why are we still keeping Richfield's hours?

Maybe it's time that we as a community screwed our courage to the sticking point and stayed open past 10:15.

I know, it's a stretch: The notion of a lively social scene sorts badly with our community's self-image as a cad-cad of quiet. But check the population sign at the city limits: We're not a small town anymore.

Folks from every corner of the world live in Twin Falls now; it's time we seriously considered acquiring just a smidge of urban sophistication.

The need has been apparent long enough, most obviously in the Blue Lakes Boulevard Cruises now a Friday- and Saturday-night ritual from April through October. These kids are bored, and they're bored not because there's not enough for young people to do in Twin Falls, they're bored because there's not enough for young people to do in Twin Falls after 9 o'clock.

They don't go to bars, but neither do the large majority of their parents. Public drinking as a social pastime has quite rightly been marginalized by tough DUI laws and changing attitudes about alcohol; besides, we're just not a community of clubbers.

Yet we do enjoy music and food and good conversation, and swapping ideas in a comfortable environment. Hemingway called such a setting a "clean, well-lighted place," and there's nothing in the Idaho Constitution that prohibits such an establishment from staying open until midnight. This is, after all, a college town - a place of intellectual curiosity - but you'd be hard-pressed to find a coffee house that's open for very long after a weeknight class. It's time that changed.

Jack Kerouac once observed that there's nothing at night that isn't also there during the daytime; it just looks better with the lights on. Much that is interesting and distinct about American culture - jazz, rock 'n' roll, baseball, stand-up comedy, drive-in movies, lover's lanes, even Kerouac's beat poetry - comes out after dark.

So, why not? There are precedents in rural Idaho. Fifty years ago, Monsanto, a St. Louis chemical company, built a phosphate plant near the eastern Idaho hamlet of Soda Springs - a place so sleepy that the post office didn't always stay open until 5. Within a few months, Soda was transformed into a 24/7 kind of place.

One bar started staying open until 11, the other kept the lights on until 1 a.m. One restaurant took to opening up for early shift-change, so the other began serving customers all night. Before long, you could pop down on a cafe stool at any nearly any hour of the day or night and strike up a conversation.

It was never the Algonquin Roundtable, but Soda Springs was lively enough. People had ideas, and they shared them by means other than small-town grudges so ancient that nobody remembered their origins. Soda became, in short, bigger than itself. Eventually, phosphate prices slumped and the company cut back. Soda Springs once again turned inward. And the restaurants closed at 7:30.

"Civilization," Andre Malraux wrote, "is the point at which men's lives are no longer ruled by the length of the shadows."

But then again, Malraux stayed up late, writing in a cafe.

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# Fit as a fiddle

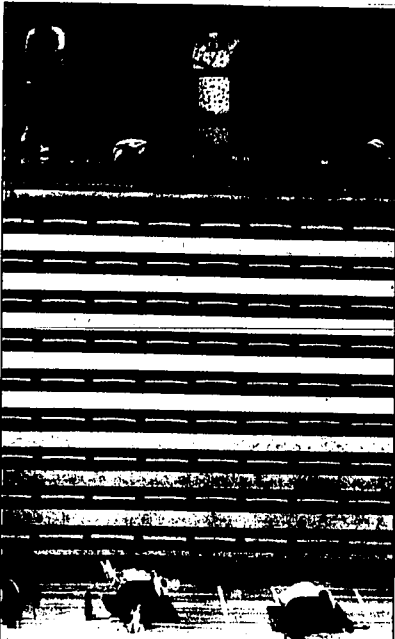


Jan Mitteldeier leads a senior exercise class in the gym at the College of Southern Idaho.

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DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump



The upper level of the gym is reserved for those who need to sit or stand to do the exercises.

## CSI offers senior fitness course

TWIN FALLS - Let me help you wish that, you shouldn't be doing that at your age, just take it easy.

Sound familiar? It probably does if you are over 60 years old. In fact, you probably hear it all the time.

From the time your first gray hair appears, society assumes your vitality begins leaking out your feet.

But the myth that seniors must get frail with advancing age is just that - a myth.

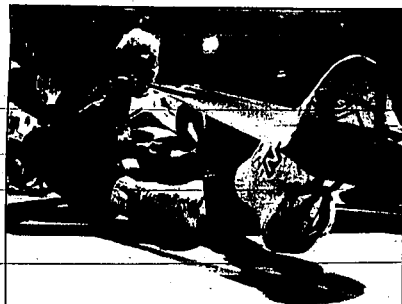
Studies have shown that regular exercise does everything from decreasing impotence to improving balance.

In fact, seniors who exercise regularly live an average of three years longer and are half as likely to develop severe disabilities that could force them into nursing homes.

Simple exercise, it seems, is the magical fountain of youth that scientists have sought for years.

If there is a high priestess of senior fitness in the Magic Valley she is Jan Mitteldeier, an instructor at the College of Southern Idaho.

Mitteldeier teaches a fitness class at the college that fills the gymnasium on three weekday



Georgella Hartwell uses a resistance band to build strength and flexibility.

mornings every week.

The program began as an afternoon yoga class more than 20 years ago and now has more than 700 participants in seven cities across the Magic Valley.

"I have people report to me all the time they have never felt better," Mitteldeier said. "They (seniors) are jumping on the exercise bandwagon like never before."

Mitteldeier has also designed the program to meet more needs than just the physical. The sheer number of students encourages friendships.

"We have people going out for coffee and things all the time," she said. "In fact, we've

even had two marriages."

"The one thing that Mitteldeier hadn't counted on when she began the program 20 years ago was the effect it would have on her."

"I love it," said Mitteldeier, who is 55. "They are preparing me for my old age. I plan to be an active old lady."

For more information on Mitteldeier's fitness class, call CSI at 733-9554.

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## T.F. medical center's new testing lab diagnoses lung disease

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's new pulmonary function testing lab is one of the first steps to helping patients breathe a little easier.

The hospital recently brought all its lung testing equipment from both its downtown and Addison facilities under one roof at 570 Shoup Ave. W.

The new lab is helping doctors more easily and accurately diagnose diseases and illnesses of the airways and lungs. Lung function tests evaluate how much air a patient's lungs can hold, how quickly they can move air in and out of their lungs and how well the lungs add oxygen to the blood and

### Asthma

Asthma is a reversible obstructive lung disease caused by an increased reaction of the airways to various stimuli. It is a chronic condition and can be life-threatening if not properly managed. It is estimated that 26.3 million people have been diagnosed with asthma by a health professional, and more than a third of them (at least 8.6 million) are children under 18 years of age. In 1998, 3.8 million (out of the 8.6 million) had an asthma episode.

An asthma episode is a series of events that results in narrowed airways. These include swelling of the lining, tightening of the muscle, and increased secretion of mucus in the airway. The narrowed airway is responsible for the difficulty in breathing with the familiar "wheezing."

Asthma medications help reduce underlying inflammation in the airways

### Some facts about lung disease

and relieve or prevent symptomatic airway narrowing.

#### Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease includes emphysema and chronic bronchitis - diseases that are characterized by obstruction to air flow. Emphysema and chronic bronchitis frequently coexist. Thus, physicians refer to them as COPD.

COPD is the fourth-leading cause of death, claiming the lives of 107,146 Americans annually.

Approximately 80 to 90 percent of COPD cases are caused by smoking, and a smoker is 10 times more likely than a nonsmoker to die of COPD. Other known causes are frequent lung infections and exposure to certain industrial pollutants.

Symptoms of emphysema include cough, shortness of breath and a limited exercise tolerance. Diagnosis is made by pulmonary

function tests, along with the patient's history, examination and other tests.

Chronic bronchitis is an inflammation and eventual scarring of the lining of the bronchial tubes. An estimated 8.9 million people were diagnosed with chronic bronchitis in 1998.

Symptoms of chronic bronchitis include chronic cough, increased mucus, frequent clearing of the throat and shortness of breath.

Emphysema causes irreversible lung damage. The walls between the air sacs within the lungs lose their ability to stretch and recoil. They become weakened and break. Elasticity of the lung tissue is lost, causing air to be trapped in the air sacs and impeding the exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide. Also, the support of the airways is lost, allowing for obstruction of airflow.

An estimated 3 million Americans have been diagnosed with emphysema sometime in their lives. Of the emphysema sul-

fers, 57 percent are male and 43 percent are female. While more men suffer from the disease than women, the condition is increasing among women.

Treatments for COPD may include bronchodilators, which open up air passages in the lungs, antibiotics, and exercise to strengthen muscles. People with COPD may eventually require supplemental oxygen.

To reduce and control symptoms of chronic bronchitis, sufferers should live a healthy lifestyle by exercising, avoiding cigarette smoke and other air pollutants, and eating well.

Lung transplantation is being performed in increasing numbers and may be an option for people who suffer from severe emphysema. Additionally, a new surgical procedure, lung volume reduction surgery, shows promise and is being performed with increasing frequency.

Source: American Lung Association

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BURLEY



**Eldon Duane Bingham**  
Eldon Duane Bingham, 90-year-old Georgetown, California resident, formerly of Burley, died Monday, February 25, 2002, at Marshall Hospital in Placerville, California.  
He was born in Vev, Cassia County, Idaho, on June 6, 1911, the second son of Ezra and Mary Elizabeth Wood Bingham. He attended Burley schools through high school. He attended Albion Normal School and the University of Utah. He married Mona LoLita Lowe on June 13, 1935. He lived in the Burley area and worked mostly as a farmer until January 1945, when he bought a ranch and moved with his family to Emmett, Idaho. He lived in Emmett, Gem County, Idaho, and worked as a farmer until the spring of 1965.  
He served as the President of the Idaho State Farm Bureau for a number of years in the 1950's and helped organize the Western Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company, located in Denver, Colorado. He served in leadership positions in many other civic organizations while living in Emmett.  
Duane and Mona moved to Fair Oaks, California, in 1965. He worked as an office manager in two Veterinary Hospitals until 1995, when he officially retired and moved to Georgetown, California. His wife, Mona, died in February 1988. Duane married Katherine E. Darling on October 7, 1988, and they moved to Cameron Park, California in 1995. They moved to Georgetown, California. Kai died in June of 1997. Duane continued to live in Georgetown until his death.  
Duane was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, until his passing. He served in many assignments throughout his life until 2001.  
He is survived by his sons, J. Irvine Bingham of Georgetown, California, and Bruce D. Bingham of Los Alamitos, New Mexico, one daughter, Claudia M. Rioser of Blackfoot, Idaho, 19 of 21 grandchildren, numbers of great-grandchildren, and one brother, Dex (Bessie) Bingham of Burley. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents, live brothers and one sister.  
The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 8, 2002, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley. Interment will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call at the Rasmussen Funeral Home on Thursday, March 7, 2002, from 6 until 8 p.m., and on Friday, from 12 noon until 12:45 p.m.

brothers, Elder Sean P. Christensen, serving in the Wisconsin, Milwaukee Mission, and Elder Cory R. Christensen, serving in the Honduras, Tegucigalpa Mission, Paternal Grandparents Eugene and Nola Christensen of Burley; Maternal Grandparents, Frank W. and Mary Loeffler of Clovis, California, and numerous Aunts, Uncles and Cousins. He was preceded in death by his Maternal Grandmother, Marian Loeffler.  
Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 7, 2002, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Springdale First Ward, 200 South 475 East, with Bishop John M. Hines officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main Street in Burley on Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. and at the church from 10 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral on Thursday. Family suggests that those who wish to make memorial contributions in memory of Andrew to the Springdale First Ward Missionary Fund for his brothers Sean and Cory.

MALTA



**Vicki Diane Udy**  
Vicki Diane Udy, 48-year-old Katy, Texas, resident, passed away Wednesday, February 27, 2002, at her home, after a long courageous battle with Leukemia. She was a wonderful mother and friend with an insatiable zest for life and love for her family.  
She was born on January 22, 1954, in Odessa, Texas. She received her education in Texas, graduating from Robert E. Lee High School in Midland, Texas, in 1972. She later attended Tarleton State College in Stephenville, Texas, and Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. Vicki married Jerry L. Udy on December 29, 1981, in the Salt Lake City, Utah, Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They lived in Utah and Colorado prior to moving to Katy, Texas, in 1999.  
She was an active member of the LDS church, where she served in the Primary, Relief Society, and Young Women's organizations. She enjoyed sewing and crafts, skiing and the outdoors and worked as a legal and executive secretary and medical transcriptionist. Vicki had just completed real estate school and had accepted a position with John Daugherty Realtors prior to her passing.  
Survivors include her husband, Jerry L. Udy, her children, sons, Jody Richards and Joshua Udy, and daughters, Randi Udy and Dana Udy. She is also survived by her father, Roger D. Hoestenbach, Sr. of Houston, Texas, and brother, Roger D. Hoestenbach, Jr. of College Station, Texas; her sister, Sherry Gieger of Harper Woods, Michigan; and her father and mother-in-law, Jerry and Delma Udy of Malta. Her mother, Lavonne Hoestenbach and sister, Debbie Smith preceded her in death.  
The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 9, 2002, at the Malta First and Second Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with Bishop DeVan W. Tolman officiating. Interment will follow at Valley Vu Cemetery. Friends may call at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, Idaho, Friday, March 8, 2002, from 6 until 8 p.m., and at the church on Saturday, from 10 until 10:45 a.m. The family suggests that memorials be directed to the American Cancer Society, in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home.

JEROME



**Jack Richard Chitwood**  
Jack Richard Chitwood, 70, died in Bulkhead City, Ariz., on Feb. 27, 2002.  
Jack was born on March 24, 1931, in Jacksonville, Florida, to Arthur E. Lemor and Austin Chitwood. He spent his youth in Miami, Florida, and Columbus, Georgia. He joined the Navy at the age of sixteen and served during the Korean Conflict aboard the USS Toledo during his five years of service. He was always patriotic and enjoyed meeting his old Navy buddies at conventions in recent years.  
Jack was a self-employed businessman throughout his working years. He started Maxie's Pizza in 1956 at its Main Street location in Twin Falls. It was the first pizza business in Twin Falls, and the third in Idaho. At first, customers were not impressed with the pizza, one that was not "fruit flavored" and had to be baked as you waited. But within two years, he was serving 20 pizzas a day and dozens through Alberston grocery stores, and to local organizations who chose to have pizza sales instead of the more common pie suppliers. When he sold Maxie's in the mid-80's, he also sold his special pizza sauce and agreed not to open a pizza business for five years in Twin Falls.  
Jack and his wife, Sue, also owned and operated the Beacon Club during the 60's and 70's. Jack's Pawn Shop in Caldwell, Idaho, in the 70's and 80's, and most recently, Southside Sinclair in Shoshone, Idaho. Jack enjoyed visiting with everyone who came into his businesses, and always had a joke and pleasant conversation for them. He made many friends everywhere, and was one of those people who knew someone no matter what town or city he was visiting. He also worked as a plumbing contractor and kept up his license, because he said it was important to have a skill to fall back on.  
Jack enjoyed fishing, boating, and camping with his family. He and Sue would take long vacations some years to enjoy life together. He planned to retire early, but once he retired, he decided that he enjoyed working with people more and went back to work. He was known for his business sense, successful business ventures, and his belief in customer satisfaction. Jack was a member of the Twin Falls Moose Lodge and the USS Toledo Association.  
He is survived by his wife, Sue, his brother, Austin Chitwood, and his sister, Catherine Chitwood, his son, Jack E. Rodney, and Randy Chitwood, and his stepchildren, whom he loved and raised as his own: Kathy Waggoner (Jim), Terry (Vicki) Terross, Don (Vicki) Terross, Sharon Johnson, and Sandra Fahrwald, sixteen grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. He was also survived by his step-children and his brother, Curtis Chitwood.  
The Memorial Service will be held at The Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls on Tuesday, March 5, at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of

flowers, donations may be made to the Twin Falls Moose Lodge for the Children of the Mooseheart.

TWIN FALLS

**Eunice Mae Davis**  
Eunice Mae Davis, 84, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, February 28, 2002, at her residence.  
Eunice was born the daughter of Augustus and Florence (Ferguson) Morris on March 29, 1917, in Buhl, Idaho. She grew up in the Magic Valley and attended schools in the Falls-City-District in Jerome. She was a 1935 graduate of Jerome High School. Following high school, she attended the Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa for one year. She worked for J. G. Penny's in Jerome and also as a waitress for several years. On September 14, 1957, in Eli, Nevada, she was married to Neil Davis. They lived in several places in Nevada, where she also worked as a waitress. They moved to Twin Falls in 1979. Neil preceded her in death on January 22, 1993, in Twin Falls. After moving back to Twin Falls, she was a very active volunteer with the Twin Falls Library. She was an avid gardener and loved to grow flowers and vegetables.  
Gravestone services will be held Wednesday, March 6, at 1 p.m. in the Twin Falls Cemetery with Pastor Andrew Morris officiating. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 5, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at White Mortuary. The family has suggested that contributions be made in her memory to Hospice Visions Inc. of Twin Falls at 308 Shoshone St. E., Suite #11, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

PHOENIX, ARIZ.

**Vernon Eldridge Wilson**  
Vernon E. (Van) Wilson, 83, a Virginia native, passed away in Phoenix, AZ, on February 26, 2002. A veteran of WW-II, he served as an Army Air Force pilot instructor in Kingman, AZ. He received his PhD from Iowa State University in the field of plant pathology. As a legume specialist, Dr. Wilson was attached to the USDA Agricultural Research Station in Twin Falls, Idaho, from 1954 to 1963. He was a USDA research scientist at Washington State University, Pullman, WA, until 1980. Dr. Wilson published many articles in the course of his career, and served as an agricultural advisor in Pakistan and Iran.  
He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Lavonne Hedges Wilson of Scottsdale, AZ, stepdaughter Lucy Murray Howell of Phoenix, AZ, and stepson James Lore Murray, Jr. of Spokane, WA, and two brothers, Harold Wilson of Vero Beach, FL, and Wallace Wilson of Frederickburg, MD.  
Memorial service and interment will be at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona on Friday, March 8, at 11 a.m.

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BURLEY



**Andrew Leon Christensen**  
Andrew Leon Christensen, 11-year-old Burley resident, died Friday, March 1, 2002, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. He was born May 5, 1990, in Salt Lake City, Utah, the son of Leon Dar and Linda Jean Loeffler Christensen. He was the fifth of six children.  
Andrew was a special child and was loved by all those who were around him. He loved his family and friends. His body had him confined but he found happiness in being surrounded by his family.  
He is survived by his father and mother of Burley; three sisters, Michelle (Randall) Hild of Logan, Utah; Nicole and Marian Christensen of Burley, and two

EUGENE, ORE.

**Lorena Cox Hutcheson Callies**  
Lorena Cox Hutcheson Callies, 85, passed away Feb. 5, 2002, at her home in Eugene, Oregon.  
She was born in Egin, Idaho, on Nov. 2, 1918, to Bert and Ginny "Moon" Cox. She was three when the family moved to Fairfield, where she attended school. She met and married Donald Dale Hutcheson. They had two sons, Warren Lloyd "Dutch" and Marian Lee. She and Don raised their sons in Fairfield. Don passed away in 1962. Lorena married Ralph Callies in 1964. They moved to Oakridge, Ore., where Ralph worked in the logging industry and Lorena was close to her grandchildren. Lorena was an avid basketball fan and loved to play. She quit and stayed involved with her grandchildren for entertainment.  
Lorena is survived by her husband of 37 years, Ralph Callies; her sons, Dutch and Marian; Hutcheson of Springfield, Oregon; and Lee (Linda) Hutcheson of Gooding, Idaho; two sisters, Ginny Thompson of Orem, Utah, and Virginia Albright of Boise, Idaho; four brothers, Howard Cox of Salem, Oregon, and Don, Eldon and Dale Cox, all of Fairfield; eleven grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.  
Services were held in Eugene, Oregon, on Feb. 9, interment was at Emerald Cemetery in Gooding, Idaho, on Feb. 11, 2002.

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# Stockholders, creditors give Zilog deal support

NAMPA (AP) - Zilog Inc. has received unanimous approval from shareholders and creditors for its prepackaged reorganization plan, allowing the company to move forward free of a debt. Zilog filed for Chapter 11 reorganization in U.S. Bankruptcy Court to get final approval of the plan. Because of its unanimous acceptance, Zilog expects to quickly emerge from the reorganization. Nampa is home to the San Jose, Calif.-based electronics company's only remaining manufacturing plant.

Under the plan, Zilog's major creditors will receive company stock in exchange for canceling their debts. Unsecured creditors will be paid in full in the ordinary course of business. All existing debt and equity securities will be canceled, amounting to about \$280 million. Jim Thorburn, Zilog's chairman and chief executive officer, said the plan's acceptance is a significant step for the company, which is trying to position itself so that it can join an expected economic recovery during the coming months.

# Jury convicts pipeline leak suspect of weapons charge

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) - An Alaska man accused of blasting a gunshot hole in the trans-Alaska pipeline, causing a leak that gushed 285,000 gallons of crude oil, was convicted of a federal weapons charge. Daniel Carson Lewis, 37, faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for the conviction Friday of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Sentencing was set for May 6. Lewis, who prosecutors said had eight prior felony convictions, was accused of firing a hunting rifle at the trans-Alaska oil pipeline Oct. 4. The cleanup

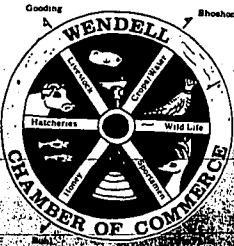
from the leak, about 80 miles north of Fairbanks, has cost more than \$7 million. Prosecutors presented physical evidence, including DNA samples from bloodstains on a .338-caliber rifle that was allegedly used to shoot the pipeline. Lewis still faces more extensive state charges related to the pipeline shooting. That trial is set for September. It was the second-largest spill in the 800-mile line in its 25 years of operation, and the first time a bullet pierced it. The pipeline carries about 17 percent of the nation's oil production.

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# Lopsided state government quiets public policy debates

By Bob Fick  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — When the state Senate made history last week with the first-ever vote to cut support for the fewest number of public policy, the Capitol has experienced this winter.

For a state facing its worst budget crisis in two decades, the lack of serious discussion about the options and their ramifications has not escaped the notice of veterans and newcomers alike.

"I thought I was missing something," Lt. Gov. Jack Riggs said.

"What has passed for debate most of the year has been little more than arguing and complaining about decisions most saw as inevitable.

Political scientist Jasper LiCalzi at Albertson College of Idaho believes a lack of serious debate shortchanges the state and its voters.

"That's how you can find out whether something's the right answer," LiCalzi says. "You don't

know until you've discussed it," he heard all sides of the issue.

Many believe a lack of money has shut people up. Cutting budgets is something most politicians would just as soon not talk about.

"People came in here in the doldrums, the bottom had fallen out," House Speaker Bruce Newcomb said. "Their heart is not in this like it used to be, primarily because of the money."

Riggs suspects September's terrorist attacks on the East Coast changed the attitude of people, even those more than 2,000 miles from ground zero.

"I think that we're on all in this together, and we all have to pull together," he said.

Before the Legislature convened eight weeks ago, Republicans knew they could take the admission by GOP leaders that slashing education and other budgets without even a nod a possibly raising taxes would have been impossible a decade

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capitalizing on their ability to keep intact GOP caucuses that span most of the philosophical spectrum.

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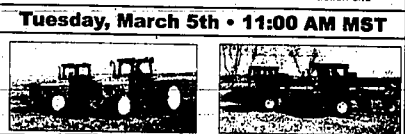
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Idaho woman struggles with injury

Former postal worker relives day 12-year-old shot her with high-powered BB gun

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Donna Jones should work, garden and celebrate he son's and daughter's progress in school.

Instead she says, "I'm real angry," she said, opening a green file folder with official-looking documents. "I figured I would get my own postal route someday and retire when I was 65 - a good shape."

Those assumptions disintegrated June 22, 1998, when a 12-year-old boy shot Donna, then 38, in the head with a high-powered BB gun as she delivered mail on his street near Post Falls.

She tried to keep working, but something inside her had changed. She was scared.

"Post-traumatic stress doesn't go away quickly," said Skip Frazier, a licensed counselor in Coeur d'Alene. "We can stand on it, but it's not going to go away. It's over it, it wasn't that big a deal. But it may be to the person experiencing it."

Which is why anger still consumes Donna more than three years later.

"I should have been assisted more, not discredited," she said.

Donna is a dead ringer for Mary Ann on "Gilligan's Island" and just as unassuming. She settled in Post Falls after a divorce and applied for postal work in 1996. Several relatives had worked for the post office.

She substituted for absent mail carriers, hoping to earn her own route.

"I liked the fast pace, the high stress. It was real physical," she said.

As she delivered mail on a sunny summer day in 1998, Donna heard a few bangs, saw two boys and assumed the little creeps were throwing rocks at her truck, she said. She continued to deliver mail until she heard another alarming bang and felt blood near her right ear.

"I panicked," she said. Neighbors called the Sheriff's Department. Donna called her supervisor, who drove her to Kootenai Medical Center. Doctors found her in good shape, bandaged her head, warned her to return for headaches, confusion or vomiting, and sent her home.

Donna's supervisor took her back to work where, Donna told a counselor in the days later, co-workers and her boss jokingly suggested she wear armor on the job.

The counselor diagnosed Donna with post-traumatic stress based on her crying, headaches, blurred vision and anxiety.

The counselor recommended Donna stay away from work a few days and ordered more counseling. Donna's supervisor told the counselor that Donna had to work in the office unless she required bed rest.

"I told her, 'Don't you dare go,'" said Cheryl Smith, Donna's friend and neighbor. "She was so distraught. Her eyes were glazed. But she said, 'I have to,' and went."

Donna's anger deepened in November after the boy who shot her was sentenced to six months of probation and placed in the county diversion program. The county program provides kids through counseling, community service and more to motivate an end to their criminal activity.

Donna quit the post office in December. The sympathy she wanted was absent. She periodically looked over her shoulder as she delivered mail. She couldn't sleep.

She applied for unemployment benefits. Her boss responded by

saying Donna exaggerated the shooting. Her application was denied.

"I won't deny it happened, but whether she was a mail carrier or 'Avon lady,' it would have still happened," said Greg Gresham, postmaster of the Post Falls post office. "A normal person would have brushed it off."

"I think she needs counseling," Donna has held temporary jobs since, at a computer company, cleaning houses, detailing cars.

She takes medication for depression. She's near bankruptcy. She has no health insurance.

"She used to be very energetic. She was landscaping her own yard, moving rocks," Cheryl said. "I haven't seen anything in the last few years. She doesn't even get outside like she used to."

Post-traumatic stress is one of those cloudy diagnoses easy to debate, particularly by employers unwilling to cover the costs of therapy, said Skip the counselor,

who's familiar with Donna's situation.

Donna wants to return to normal. She wants to move past her anger. She wants to work.

Counseling and compassion could have helped.

"With compassion, she could have gotten treatment sooner," Skip said. "It takes money to afford, and time and a ton of courage. Post-traumatic stress doesn't go away quickly or easily."



Donna Jones of Post Falls was shot in the head three years ago

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Half of alleged robbery pair pleads guilty

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A Salt Lake County man faces up to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to bank robbery.

David Martin Allen, 39, entered the plea in federal court Thursday. He admitted taking \$1,600 from Washington Mutual Bank in Sandy last year.

In the plea deal, Allen admitted that he and a partner, William Frank Donnelly, Jr., 51, pulled off six other robberies in September and October.

Donnelly, also of Salt Lake County, was indicted along with Allen. His case is pending.

# Officers find fake bills in Burley

By Nata Johnson  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — Last week, the Cassia County Sheriff's Office received two reports of people trying to use counterfeit bills.

Officers have not made any arrests, but investigators are following up on the cases. Officers have a good description of a possible suspect, Sheriff Jim Hagens said.

On Feb. 25, someone brought what looked like a \$50 bill into the south Burley branch of D.L. Evans Bank and asked a clerk to change the counterfeit currency for two \$20 bills and a \$10 bill, a Cassia County offense report said. The clerk noticed the fake did not have the soft, flexible feel of normal currency. She marked detecting pen and the ink turned black, instead of the usual yellow. The clerk gave the fake to investigating officers. The man who brought the fake to the bank told officers he had received it from another person.

On Tuesday evening, a young woman in a gray van gave another fake \$50 bill to an employee working at the drive-in window of Taco Bonito, a Cassia County offense report said. The woman and her male companion acted nervous, the employee told officers.

The fake had a slightly bluish tint and did not have the texture of money, but felt smooth, like a piece of paper. The employee gave the bill back to the occupants, the report said.

Hagens has alerted the U.S. Treasury Department to the counterfeits. The treasury will not send investigators unless the counterfeits become a major problem, he said.

Diane Alvey, D.L. Evans' bank manager, said she does not think many people will be fooled by the counterfeits.

"It's pretty obvious," she said. "The print quality of the fake is good, but the texture of the paper feels wrong, Hagens said.

"It looks exactly like a \$50 bill," he said.

The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce gives information about counterfeit money to concerned business owners, who call in. Shanna Walsh, the chamber's administrative assistant, suggests people question buyers who try to use fake bills.

"If they are honest people they will stay and talk to the police," she said.

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Bill "Superfoot" Wallace leads a martial arts seminar Saturday at Cirincione's Martial Arts Studio in Rupert. Wallace is a legendary martial arts champion.

# Martial arts expert talks to M-C students

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News correspondent

**RUPERT** — Sometimes being sneaky is the smart thing to do. When it comes to protecting oneself, legendary martial arts champion Bill "Superfoot" Wallace told a group of Rupert martial arts students that's the way to go.

"There's always somebody faster and stronger than you," Wallace said Saturday at a demonstration at Cirincione's Martial Arts Academy. "But nobody ever, ever has to be sneaker than you."

Wallace, who retired as the undefeated Professional Karate Association (PKA) middleweight champion in 1980, is still one of martial arts' most popular figures. On Saturday he said the way to protect oneself when sparring is to create an opening. That can be done by causing the sparring partner to block blows. Once an opening is found, a fast sneaky kick to the vulnerable spot can be delivered.

And Wallace would know. During his 15-year career in tournament and full-contact fighting, he used his foot as others would use their hands, faking opponents with two or three rapid fake kicks and following with one solid knockout technique.

Speed is often more important than power, he said. "In speed you develop a certain amount of power," Wallace said. "In power you don't necessarily have speed."

Known to the karate world simply as "Superfoot" — symbolic of his left leg, which was once clocked in excess of 60 mph — Wallace left a string of battered

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and bruised bodies along the martial arts fighting trail.

The legend's leg was one reason Joshua Imlay was attracted to Saturday's seminar.

"When I heard he was coming to town I was so excited," Imlay said. "I heard he was able to get a kick over 50 miles per hour and I wanted to meet someone like that."

Weston Galbraith was also looking forward to Wallace's visit. "I wanted to get his autograph," Galbraith said. "I brought my bow staff so he could sign it."

Dominic Cirincione, known as Master C, and who has been friends with Wallace since the 1980s, invited him to Rupert for another reason.

"He's always teaching me something new," Cirincione said. Wallace is the author of three books: "Karate: Basic Concepts & Skills," "Dynamic Kicking & Stretching" and "The Ultimate Kick."

He is a former member of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and has been active in the film industry. His credits include: "A Force of One" with Chuck Norris; "Kill Point" with Cameron Mitchell; "Continental Divide and Neighbors" with John Belushi; for whom Wallace acted as trainer and bodyguard; "Protector" with Jackie Chan; "A Prayer for the Dying" with Mickey Rourke; "Ninja Turf"; and "A Sorrow of Heaven."

Von Krenner said she left the country with her son because she had been abused by her ex-husband, a college professor, and feared for her life. Elmos Konis, 40, said he has never abused his ex-wife or his son.

# Rupert school receives a facelift

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** — Principal Dan Rogers looked out his office window and reported construction crews were pouring footings.

The \$10.5 million construction project to build an addition to Minico High School, as well as a separate multipurpose gym and athletic complex, continues. Some of the money will also be used for projects at other schools throughout the district.

Visible progress on the project is seen behind the high school: Walls are up, forming the multipurpose gym.

The multipurpose gym is on schedule, Rogers said. If it continues on schedule, students can begin using the facilities when school begins in the fall.

A weekly construction update sent to district officials said "masonry crews are continuing to lay block. Mechanical and electrical contractors are roughing in the block walls."

Crews should be finishing cement work in the weight room, and scaffolding will be removed next week, Rogers said.

Work has moved to the front of the building, where Rogers watches the footings being poured. The concrete contractor is continuing to work on base gravel, vapor barrier and concrete slabs, the construction report said.

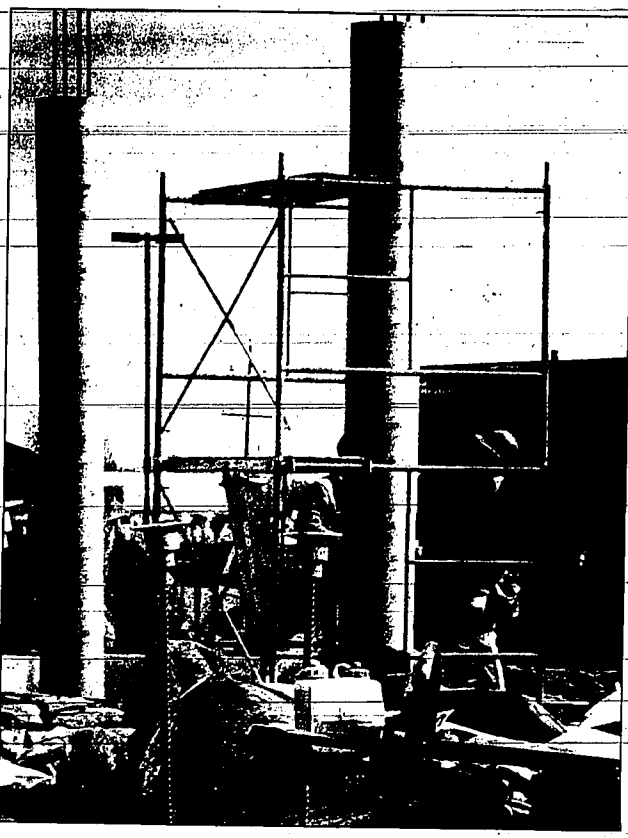
Scaffolding should go up on Monday, Rogers said. The construction report said masons will begin working on the addition next week.

"They're just moving right along," Rogers said.

Cold weather has pushed work on the addition behind schedule by "quite a bit," Rogers said. Construction reports said concrete workers are continuing to work at thawing ground ahead of their work.

Although work is behind schedule on the addition, Rogers said students would not have moved in until after Christmas break anyway, and construction should be complete before then. On the budget side of the project, Superintendent Nick Hallett said the numbers look good. The schedule is allowing the money to be spent as required, and the project is generally within budget.

In some areas the project is over budget, and in some areas it is under budget, Hallett said. "So far, so good," he added. "The district is also moving ahead with an on-site water



A \$10.5 million construction project continues at Minico High School. Workers are beginning an addition to the front of the building which will house the library and additional classrooms.

source, Hallett said. The school district had tried to bring water from the city of Rupert to the school, but the two entities did not agree on details of the project.

Hallett said the water system will include a water tower and a well, possibly combined with a groundwater source. The district is waiting on engineers for the final plans.

Construction hasn't seemed to affect the learning at Minico High.

Rogers said one exit has been closed to student traffic because of construction, but students say they don't even miss it. Disruption has been minimal.

In a few weeks, the front entrance to the school will be closed for a few days due to construction, Rogers said.

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# Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Average*
Upper Snake River	75%
Salmon Falls Creek	97%
Oakley Basin	106%
Big and Little Wood	81%
Hemvy Fork	83%

# Man will serve time for shooting

**CALDWELL (AP)** — A 21-year-old Nampa man will spend at least six months in prison for his role in the shooting death of an acquaintance last year.

Friday's sentence of Sean A. Crawford comes he shot 17-year-old Barron Whitley in the head with a .357-caliber revolver behind a Caldwell home on Sept. 14.

Nampa police say Crawford loaded one round in his revolver. He first pointed the gun at one man, then cocked the weapon, pointed it at Whitley and pulled the trigger, investigators said.

An aggravated assault charge was dropped in exchange for Crawford's plea to involuntary manslaughter. Crawford could be eligible for parole in six months.

But Friday afternoon, lawyers signed off on an agreement to keep the 12-year-old boy in Coeur d'Alene where he has lived for the past six months. Christopher had spent the last two and half weeks at a local children's shelter while attorneys for his American mother and Cypriot father worked out the details to keep Christopher in the United States while protecting his father's visitation rights.

# Police arrest sexual battery suspect

**IDAHO FALLS (AP)** — An Ammon man who was being investigated for alleged child endangerment has been arrested on suspicion of unrelated sexual battery.

Police believe Gregory Hemperly, 30, may have been the man who grabbed the buttocks of a 17-year-old girl in a movie theater parking lot.

During a search of Hemperly's home on Monday, police report-ers found hundreds of photos of teenage girls and young women, which appeared to be taken without their knowledge, said Sgt. Steve Hunt.

Officers also linked Hemperly to an abandoned backpack found in January, which had

latex gloves, a picture of three teen-agers, a gun, a towel and other items in it, Hunt said.

The bag also contained a sheet of paper with two questions written on it: "How old are you?" and "Are you a virgin?"

"Cooperate — let you go in 30 minutes," police said.

According to a police report, Hemperly admitted the backpack was his. However, no charges have been filed regarding the pack.

Police say a girl was walking with a friend at Edwards Cinemas on Feb. 15 in Ammon when someone came up behind her and grabbed her buttocks. She turned around and saw a

man in a green jacket running away.

Hemperly is being held in the Bonneville County Jail on \$150,000 bond. He will make an initial court appearance on March 13.

The latest arrest comes nearly six weeks after Idaho Falls Police officers arrested Hemperly on a felony child injury charge.

Police say he left a baby boy alone in his blue 1992 Geo Prism for at least 50 minutes during 10-degree weather.

Hemperly will be arraigned on the child injury charge March 11 in 7th District Court. If found guilty, he could face up to 10 years in prison.

# Lung

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remove carbon dioxide from the blood.

"It allows us to offer more sophisticated testing," said Dr. Ronald Fullmer.

The tests offered in the lab not only diagnose lung diseases, but measure the severity of lung problems such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma and emphysema.

"The tests assess how a person is doing and how they're progressing," Fullmer said. "It measures whether medications are working."

One diagnostic tool at the new lab is the Autobox, which measures total lung volume. "It's a big, acrylic chamber," Fullmer said. "We put the person inside it, and the person breathes through a tube. The machine senses the changes in pressure, and it shows how their lungs are functioning. It's a bit more accurate than other methods of measuring total lung capacity."

But the Autobox isn't for everyone. "If someone is claustrophobic, they won't want to get in and do the test," Fullmer said.

For those people, there is another test called the nitrogen washout technique. The person simply sits in a chair and breathes through a mouthpiece, Fullmer said.

Lung disease is the No. 3 killer in America, responsible for one in seven deaths, according to the American Lung Association. Lung disease and other breathing problems are the No. 1 killer of babies younger than 1-year-old. Today, more than 30 million Americans are living with chronic lung disease such as asthma, emphysema and chronic bronchitis, according to the ALA.

Fullmer said the most common lung diseases doctors see are asthma and emphysema, and both are on the rise. Asthma is a reversible obstructive lung disease, caused by an increased reaction of the airways to various stimuli.

"When it comes to asthma, there are a number of theories," Fullmer said. "One is that we're being exposed to a lot more chemicals and aerosols from all our sophisticated technology that we weren't exposed to 15 years ago. Also, things that

affect the immune system can induce asthma."

On the other hand, emphysema is often preventable if people just avoid smoking, Fullmer said.

Emphysema and chronic bronchitis are chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases that obstruct air flow. In emphysema, the walls between the air sacs in the lungs become weakened and break. The air becomes trapped in the air sacs and interferes with the exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide which obstructs air flow.

Chronic bronchitis is an inflammation and eventual scarring of the lining of the bronchial tubes.

About 80 to 90 percent of COPD cases are caused by smoking, according to the ALC.

Those interested in services at the hospital's new pulmonary function testing lab should speak to their doctors or call Magic Valley Regional's Community Connection at 737-2065.

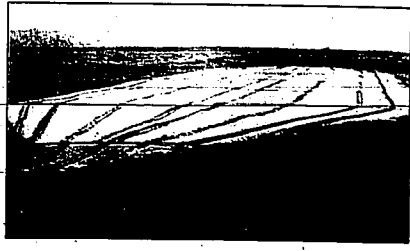
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# Plan to move water in bags has NorCal residents aghast

ALBION, Calif. (AP) — People who live near the muddy banks of the Albion River laughed when they first heard about a plan to pump its fresh water into colossal bladders and tow them down the coast to thirsty Southern California.



This photograph shows a 35,000-ton waterbag used to transport water. The bag is about 100 feet wide and the length of nearly three football fields.

Then they got mad. "Most people around here said, 'Oh my God. This is going to destroy the river,' says Rachel Binah, who runs a bed and breakfast on the rugged Northern California coast.

Alaska businessman Ric Davidge, who also plans to tap into the nearby Gualala River, calls his proposal an innovative, environmentally friendly way of salvaging much-needed fresh water that would otherwise be lost at sea.

"The water in those rivers belongs in common to the people in the state of California," Davidge says. "Not to the people adjacent to the rivers."

Davidge, a former aide to ex-Interior Secretary James Watt, proposes drawing up to 20,000 acre-feet of water a year — enough to serve at least 40,000 households in San Diego — from the Gualala

and Albion during the rainy season.

His application was filed with the state months ago. A public hearing is expected some time this spring.

Word of the project started circulating early this year.

At first, the idea of towing a giant container behind a tugboat smacked of Rubie Goldberg. The

bag, as Davidge calls it, or bladder, as locals resolutely refer to it, is about 100 feet wide and nearly three football fields long.

As the reality sank in — the water-bagging operation is already being done in Turkey by a partner of Davidge's Anchorage-based Alaska Water Exports company — residents mustered in opposition.

In Albion, a tiny town about 150 miles north of San Francisco, townspeople quickly formed Forgers — Lifting — Our — Water (FLOW). Mendocino County supervisors passed a resolution opposing the project.

Gualala residents came up with their own non-mud protest, Save Our Rivers and Estuaries (SORE).

Opponents complain that Davidge's plans to sink pipes into the river beds would disturb wildlife, including coho salmon and steelhead trout. They say the bagging and towing operation would be unsightly.

"People don't come here to look at a big tugboat and listen to pumps all day," says Ursula Jones of SORE.

Opponents also argue that the rivers need all available water to flush out sediment deposited by erosion and logging upstream.

In Albion, activist Bill Heil calls the river in winter "Chocolate Albion" because of its muddy brown cast. He doubts the water Davidge would get would be palatable; Davidge says filters could take care of that.

Davidge is proposing burying a pipe in the river beds with an

opening above the point of salt water intrusion, which means it would be some distance inland from the river mouth. The pipe would be connected to the inflat-

able containers which would be attached to tug boats. The containers float below the water line and won't be visible, Davidge says.

## MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>

### Buying A New Or Used Car Or Truck

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## Events & Education at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center March 2002

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Baby and Children's Faire



Enjoy fun activities and interactive demonstrations designed for children age 13 and under and their parents. It is a unique opportunity to focus on quality parenting and learn about the latest health information and services available for expectant parents and young families.

Booths will include information on prenatal care, childhood development, immunizations, child identification and fingerprinting, health and safety, nutrition, reading and learning activities, child safety seat inspections, with information about healthy kids provided by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's team of medical professionals. Fun activities will take place in Center Court all day including a stroller parade, crawling derby, Daddy's diaper changing race, baby food eating contests, story time, dancing, and fashion show. Older children can participate in the scavenger hunt, and much more. Door prizes will be given throughout the day.

For a full list of activities log onto: [www.mvrmmc.com](http://www.mvrmmc.com)  
**Saturday, March 9, 10:00 am - 9:00 pm**  
 Magic Valley Mall Center Court  
 1485 Pole Line Road East - Twin Falls

#### Birth & Parenting

**Big Kids Klub** \* A class designed to help prepare brothers and sisters for the new baby. To Register Call 737-2900. Fee: \$7.50/family with one child - \$10/family with two or more children

Saturday, March 2, 10:00 - 11:30 am  
 Doctors Meeting Room

**Childbirth Refresher Course** \* This class is designed for persons who have previously taken any prepared childbirth classes. Childbirth preparation and procedures are reviewed, along with a tour of the Women's and Infant Center. Pre-registration is required. Fee: \$15.00

Tuesday, March 5, 6:30 - 9:30 pm  
 Education Center Sage Room

Thursday, March 21, 6:30 - 9:30 pm  
 Education Center Sage Room

**Cesarean Childbirth Class** \* This class is available to anyone wishing to learn more about cesarean deliveries, post-partum care instructions, medications, hospital procedures, non-conforming labors. Pre-registration is not required.

Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 - 9:30 pm  
 Education Center Sage Room

Thursday, March 28, 6:30 - 9:30 pm  
 Education Center Sage Room

#### Living Better

**Back School** \* Learn proper body mechanics and exercises to help prevent and/or treat common back injuries. Pre-registration is required. Contact MVRMRC Physical Therapy Services at 737-2126 for more information. Fee: \$25.00

Wednesday, March 6, 5:00 - 7:00 pm  
 MVRMRC Rehabilitation Services  
 560 Sheop Ave W - Twin Falls

**CPR Class** \* This class is offered to the community under the guidelines of the American Heart Association and includes emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking for adult and infant. The program includes both classroom instruction and hands-on practice. Pre-registration is required. To Register Call 737-2007. Fee: \$25.00

Thursday, March 7, 4:00 - 8:00 pm  
 Doctors Meeting Room

Saturday, March 16, 8:00 am - 12:00 noon  
 Doctor's Meeting Room

Tuesday, March 19, 6:00 - 10:00 pm  
 Doctor's Meeting Room

#### Healthy Kids

**Twin Falls County HealthNet Coalition** \* This community coalition meets monthly to plan and implement strategies to increase the number of Developmental Assets in our county's youth. For more information call Melanie Shouse at 423-5915.

Tuesday, March 5, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
 KMYT Community Room  
 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N - Twin Falls

**SAFE KIDS** \* Baby and Children's Faire booth at the Magic Valley Mall. Stop by for a chance to win a free bike helmet. For more information call 737-2430.

Saturday, March 9, 10:00 am - 8:30 pm  
 Magic Valley Mall  
 1485 Pole Line Road East - Twin Falls

**SAFE KIDS** \* Buckle Up! Come in for a free inspection of your child's car seat. Purchase a new car seat and have it installed for free at SAFE KIDS. For more information call 737-2430.

**SAFE KIDS Buckle Up Event**  
 Saturday, March 9, 10 am - 2 pm  
 Randy Hansen Autoplex  
 1654 Blue Lakes Blvd. North in Twin Falls

**SAFE KIDS Buckle Up Event**  
 Friday, March 15, 10 am - 2 pm  
 Workzone GMC  
 5<sup>th</sup> & E Streets in Rupert

**SAFE KIDS** \* Come in for a free inspection of your child's car seat or purchase a new one and have it installed for free. SAFE KIDS also has low cost snow helmets and skate helmets for sale! For more information call 737-2430.

#### Healthy Women

**When the Going Gets TOO Easy: Overactive Bladder at Midlife**: This free education session will feature Dr. Lorie DiMaggio and Dr. Donald Whese. Learn about this important midlife issue and what you can do to gain back control! Come and enjoy refreshments and win door prizes. For more information call Women's Health Services at 737-2685.

Tuesday, March 19, 7 p.m.  
 Women's Health and Imaging Services  
 224 Martin Street, Twin Falls

**Breast Cancer Support Group** \* This is an on-going group open to breast cancer survivors or patients (male or female) and their families and friends. Special programs and guest speakers are offered periodically. The goal is to offer support, information, hope and humor to those dealing with cancer. For more information contact Lydio Gilman at 737-2979 or Mary Howard at 734-1766.

Monday, March 25, 7:00 pm  
 Breast Cancer Reception area

**Free Breast Screening Education Program**. The Facts About Breast Care. Learn the facts about early detection of breast cancer, self breast exam, examination by clinical specialist, and information about mammography. This program is offered free to all women (no age limit) through MVRMRC Women's Health and Imaging Services, 224 Martin St. For more information or to make an appointment call 737-2192.

Monday, March 25, 7:00 pm  
 Breast Cancer Reception area

#### Infant CPR Class

\* Offered as part of the Prepared Childbirth Course, new parents, grandparents and children are encouraged to attend this class to learn infant CPR, and what to do if the infant should choke. Child safety and prevention of injury are also discussed. Pre-registration is not required.

Wednesday, March 13, 6:30 - 9:30 pm  
 Education Center Sage Room

Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 - 9:30 pm  
 Education Center Sage Room

**Prepared Childbirth Course** \* A comprehensive program designed to prepare the expectant mother and support you for labor and childbirth. The course includes classroom instruction on wellness of the mother, the labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the post partum mother, care of the newborn including breast and bottle feeding, and a tour of the Women's and Infant Center. Pre-registration is required. To Register Call 737-2900. Fee: \$40.00.

Thursday, March 14 - April 11, 6:30 - 9:30 pm  
 Education Center Sage Room

**VBAC Preparation Course** \* Mothers who plan on having a vaginal birth after a previous cesarean delivery have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with a childbirth educator. Safety is discussed, plus tools and information on coping with labor. Set an appointment by calling Karan at 737-2901.

**Volunteering** is an energizing experience, providing many rewarding opportunities. Volunteer opportunities include: patient visitor, refreshment cart hostess/host, information desk attendant, gift shop associate, clerical support, emergency room assistant, outpatient surgery hostess, and hospice patient companion. Bilingual volunteers also needed. To volunteer, please call Volunteer Services at 737-2006.

Do you want to live independently? Lifeline gives you the confidence and freedom to live on your own because there's always someone standing by to help whenever you need it 24-hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week, at the press of a button. Call MVRMRC's Community Connection at 737-2065 for information about Lifeline.

**Prostate Cancer Support Group** Join us for education and discussion topics about cancer. For more information contact Andy Hall at 737-2800.

Wednesday, March 20th 7 pm  
 Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Downtown  
 660 Sheehane Street, Twin Falls

To register for any of the classes contact, 737-2900. If you require special accommodations, call 737-2102 or TDD 737-2980 at least 24 hours in advance of the event. Interpreter services are available, contact Malena Rodriguez at 737-2163. Servicio de Interpretes disponible, por favor comuniquese con Malena Rodriguez Coordinadora al numero 737-2163.

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## BOYS STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

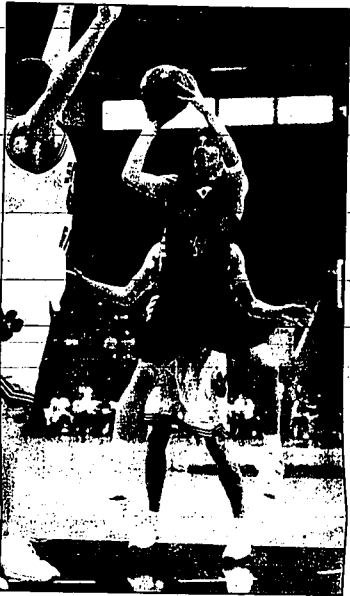
# Snake River-bitten



Photos by BRUCE SHIELDS/The Times-News

Left, Jordan Bagwell and Josh Boehler, right, show their disappointment after Declo's 66-49 loss to the Snake River Panthers in the 3A state championship game Saturday at The Idaho Center in Nampa.

Below, Declo's Spencer Glenn gets airborne for two of his 11 points in the Hornets game with Snake River on Saturday during the 3A boys state championship game.



## Declo falls short in state title game

By Joe Sunnen  
Times-News writer

NAMPA - There was no miracle finish this time. No full court heave for a state title.

Just a solid inside game, great defense, and Snake River's plodding, persistent offense.

That's all it took to end Declo's run at its second boys basketball state championship Saturday at the Idaho 3A Boys Real Dairy Basketball Championships at The Idaho Center in Nampa.

Keith Kelly scored 16 points and Preston Kelly added 11, as the Panthers

(21-4) defeated Declo 66-49 to claim its third 3A boys basketball title and second in three years. Snake River led by as many as 20 points throughout the contest and never trailed after the first three minutes of the game.

"Snake River came out very aggressive and we found ourselves fighting back all the time," Declo coach Loyd Garey said. "We didn't really respond well. Then every thing that we did seemed to wors-

en the situation. The kids played hard. We just couldn't get the focus going in the right direction."

The loss ended a great run for the Hornets that began with the return of junior Marc Christensen in early January. Declo rebounded from a losing record in the regular season to take the District Four championship in two games and win two games at the state tournament. Declo finished the season 15-13.

"I know that the experience of coming to a state tournament really does help," Garey said. "These kids knew what they wanted to do, but they just couldn't get it done."

The Panthers jumped out to a 19-8 lead at the end of the first quarter and built a 37-23 advantage by the end of the half. Declo managed just seven field goals in the first two quarters and shot a woeful 23 percent. Christensen finished with 11 points in the half before sitting out the rest of the game with a knee injury. Spencer Glenn also added 11 in the game.

"There were a lot of jitters," Christensen said. "And it's real different not having a back drop right behind the basket. But it was jitters, and they came

out wanting it worse than we did."

Despite having an edge on the offensive boards, the Hornets had trouble finishing close to the basket. Declo missed several point-blank layups and had to alter many of its shots with the Kellys in the middle.

"We told our kids at the beginning of the year that we would go as far as defense takes us," Snake River coach

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## Century overpowers Burley | Chargers topple Castleford



Burley's Jed Thomas fights for the loose ball against two Century defenders during Saturday's 4A state championship game at The Idaho Center in Nampa. Century won the title with a 60-44 win.

By Scott Thompson  
Times-News writer

NAMPA - The Burley Bobcats' dramatic run for a state title came to an abrupt end at the hands of the Century Diamondback Saturday at The Idaho Center in Nampa.

A day after the Bobcats pulled out a miracle to beat the Moscow Bears in the semifinals of the Idaho 4A Boys Real Dairy Basketball Championships, the bubble burst as the Diamondbacks controlled the action from the outset in an easy 60-44 victory.

Doing the bulk of the shooting was 6-foot-5 Century forward Matt Sucki, who finished with 15 points and seven rebounds to help guide the Diamondbacks (21-4) to their first-ever state basketball title with many of the players who won back-to-back football championships.

"They are the best team in the state," Burley

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By John Derr  
Times-News writer

NAMPA - Castleford couldn't overcome a first-

half deficit in failing to hot-shoot Cole Valley Christian 61-54 in the championship game of the Idaho 1A Boys Real Dairy Basketball Championships title game Saturday at The Idaho Center in Nampa.

The Chargers (25-4), a Christian school in Boise, pulled away near the end of the first quarter and answered every Wolves (25-2) rally. Castleford closed within four points late in the game, but couldn't get any closer.

Elvis Medina scored a game-high 25 points and Brandon Tverdy chipped in 15 to lead Castleford, which shot a respectable 46 percent (22-of-48). But red-hot Cole Valley, which was led by Cameron Mayer's 20 points and the 18 points of Michael Bayless, finished the game knocking down 58 percent of its shots (26-of-45).

"Our kids played hard. Cole Valley shot the lights,



Castleford's Ben Rodgers collapses on the floor while watching the last few seconds tick away of the Idaho 1A boys state championship game at The Idaho Center in Nampa on Saturday. Cole Valley beat the Wolves 61-54 for the championship.

out and maybe we missed a couple of easy ones," Castleford coach Andy Wiseman said.

"Sometimes they go in for somebody else and not yours."

It was only Castleford's second defeat all season. The second-place trophy goes along with a third-place finish in football. But the Wolves walked away with another trophy, as well, when they received the Sportsmanship Award.

The score was tied midway through the first period

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Shelley 54, Middleton 48	
2A Real Dairy Basketball Championships	Consolation
Coe Valley 61, Castleford 54	
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Shoshone 57, Detroit 50	
1A Real Dairy Basketball Championships	Consolation
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## CSI basketball teams win SWAC finales at North Idaho

Men breeze to 25th victory; women pull out win to snap two-game skid

The Times-News

COEUR D'ALENE - Both College of Southern Idaho basketball teams "closed" out the Sognic West Athletic Conference season with wins over northern

neighbor North Idaho College Saturday in Coeur d'Alene.

The CSI men improved to 25-5 on the season and 15-3 in the conference with the 79-57 win - their fifth in a row.

The women snapped a two-

game skid with a hard-fought 66-60 victory Saturday as Angela Williams scored 13 points and Crystal Hardcastle 12 to lead CSI.

Both teams now head to St. George, Utah for the Region XVIII Tournament starting on Wednesday. The Dixie State College women secured the hosting right with a 63-51 victory at Utah Valley State College Saturday.

The CSI men, with the No. 2 seed, will most likely face No. 1 Ricks College in the opening round of the men's tournament on Thursday at 6 p.m.

The fifth-seeded women CSI (10-19, 10-5 SWAC) will most likely face UVSC on Wednesday at noon.

Official pairings and times will be announced on Monday. Look for a preview of the tour-

namment in Tuesday's sports section.

In other men's games Saturday, Utah Valley snapped No. 4 Dixie's 12-game winning streak, 94-91, in overtime and Salt Lake ended Snow College's seven-game winning streak. The top-seeded Rebels will face North Idaho and Snow will most likely meet Salt Lake in Thursday's opening round of the tournament.

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**SPORTS**

# Bench play lifts Timberwolves past Jazz

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — Try as they might, the Utah Jazz can't hang with the top teams in the Western Conference.

Kevin Garnett had 26 points and 11 rebounds, and Gary Trent added 17 points as Minnesota's reserves produced 56 points to lead the Timberwolves to a 116-105 victory over Utah on Saturday night.

Karl Malone scored 25 points, and Bryon-Russell tied a career high with 25 for the Jazz.

John Stockton, who turns 40 later this month, had 21 points and nine assists, an inspired performance that helped Utah rally late in the first half and again in the fourth quarter.

Utah trailed 51-45 at halftime but turned up the defensive intensity after the break, leading an 80 burst midway through the third quarter to take a 63-61 lead on a basket by Malone with 6:15 left.

From that point, the teams matched each other shot for shot until Minnesota took a 92-84 lead with 8:38 remaining after a 3-pointer by Anthony Peeler and a three-point play by Garnett.

That's when the Timberwolves took over, though Utah twice came close in the final five minutes. Russell's 3-pointer with 1:47 remaining pulled the Jazz to 100-97, but they couldn't erase the deficit.

Wally Szczerbiak scored 17 points, and William Avery had 14 points. Marc Jackson, who led Minnesota, which opened a four-game road trip.

## Trail Blazers 104, Bulls 103, OT

**MILWAUKEE** — Damon Stoudamire hit a 3-pointer with two-tenths-of-a-second left in overtime as the Portland Trail Blazers extended their winning streak to a season-high nine games with an improbable 104-103 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Saturday night.

Stoudamire, who had 24 points, gave the Blazers their first lead at 98-94 when he made a 3 with 1:13 remaining in the fourth quarter. Patterson followed Stoudamire's miss with a dunk on the next possession to make it 101-98.

Glenn Robinson made a free throw to cut the lead to two before Sam Cassell, who finished with 20 points, converted a four-point play that gave Milwaukee a 103-101 lead with 3.4 seconds to go.



Minnesota guard William Avery (left) and Utah guard John Stockton (right) during their game Saturday in Salt Lake City.



Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant, center, is restrained by an unidentified Indiana Pacers assistant coach after he and Indiana's Reggie Miller got into a scuffle following the Lakers 96-84 win at the Staples Center in Los Angeles Friday.

# L.A. Lakers' Bryant takes his turn to swing

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — There's rarely a dull moment with Shaq, Kobe & Crew, who have a knack for creating excitement when the regular season grind grows tedious.

Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant, now best buddies, feuded last season. Then there was Shaq miffed at coach Phil Jackson for a time, Jackson taking some subtle potshots at O'Neal, then O'Neal taking a roundhouse shot at then-Chicago Bulls center Brad Miller about 15 months ago.

Just when O'Neal was back from his suspension and the two-time NBA champions were looking serene and formidable again, Bryant stirred things up by throwing a punch at Indiana's Reggie Miller.

It was a weird confrontation — near center court, after the final buzzer, after the two hadn't even guarded each other or had much contact during Friday night's game.

Their brief bout — which possibly will result in a suspension and fine for Bryant — ended with a scrum on the scorers' table near the Pacers' bench, apparently with no serious injuries.

The only two guys who knew what really happened — Bryant and Reggie Miller — weren't talking after the Lakers' 96-84 win. Bryant did issue a statement through team spokesman John Black, saying, "If somebody comes at me, I'm going to defend myself."

By midday Saturday, there was no word on any action from the NBA.

Bryant, who scored 25 points, and Miller, who had just five on 2-of-10 shooting, were walking toward each other, apparently trash-talking, when Bryant suddenly threw a punch.

It happened so quickly, even the other players and the coaches weren't quite sure what led up to the scuffle.

Indiana coach Isiah Thomas said words apparently were exchanged, and "I saw Kobe take a swing."

"Before I knew it, everyone was trying to grab each other and hold each other and make peace. I don't know what they were saying or what it was about," Thomas said.

Los Angeles coach Phil

Jackson said: "It was a hotly contested game, and a very physical game. I imagine there was a lot of talking going on after the game. It looked like Kobe and Miller lined up and went after each other."

Jackson expects Bryant to be disciplined by the NBA, saying it was "more than likely."

Thomas believes Miller might not be punished.

"I don't know if Reggie should be suspended. I didn't really see him throw a punch, and if he didn't swing then you're allowed to grab the guy that's swinging at you," Thomas said.

Bryant, normally a model of composure, has had a rough few weeks, beginning with being booted at the All-Star game in Philadelphia, where he played high school ball.

Last week, he scuffled with teammate Samaki Walker, reportedly over some money Walker owed him.

Then came the match with Miller.

Lakers teammate Rick Fox, one of those trying to unpick the Pacers, predictably took Bryant's side.

"He's a grown man, and he did what he felt he had to do," Fox said. "You never condone any kind of action like that on the floor, but I know earlier on in his career, he might not prepare himself for an altercation against the New York Knicks a few years ago and he found himself off-guard and taking a couple of shots."

The Lakers' Derek Fisher said that maybe Bryant hit O'Neal when he launched a roundhouse right at Brad Miller, simply felt it was time to stand up for himself.

"I think sometimes we get fed up. Shaq's had a situation this year and now we have Kobe," Fisher said. "Guys need to defend themselves and do whatever they feel like they need to do to make sure that teams don't feel they can do whatever they want to do."

Before Bryant and Reggie Miller squared off, O'Neal and Brad Miller merely tapped knuckles in a friendly gesture before the opening tipoff.

O'Neal was suspended for three games, Brad Miller for one for their tussle.

Cassell took a crossover pass from Ray Allen and sank a 3 as he was fouled by Patterson.

After a Portland timeout, Steve Kerr passed to Stoudamire, who dribbled to the right and pulled up for his game-winner.

Anthony Mason attempted to inbound for Milwaukee, but his pass was knocked away at the buzzer.

It was Portland's sixth win in a row on the road and 22nd of 28 overall.

## Heat 109, Mavericks 95

**DALLAS** — Alonzo Mourning scored 10 of his 23 points during a decisive 24-5 run to start the third quarter, and the Miami Heat cruised to a 109-95 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Saturday night.

Miami, which began the night first in the NBA in defense and last in offense, got 26 points from Eddie Jones and a season-high 19 points from reserve Chris Gatling

to surpass 100 points for only the seventh time this season.

The Heat won for the fourth time in five games to continue their climb into the Eastern Conference playoff race after a 5-23 start.

Dallas, which had won six of seven, was paced by Michael Finley's 25 points. Dirk Nowitzki added 21.

The Mavericks started the night No. 1 in the league in scoring and last in team defense, but they shot only 40.7

## Rockets 104, Suns 97

**PHOENIX** — Walt Williams, activated from the injured list hours before the game, had 13 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter as the Houston Rockets beat the Phoenix Suns 104-97 Saturday night.

Cuttino Mobley had 24 points and eight rebounds, and Kenny Thomas added 22 points and had 14 rebounds for the Rockets, who

won for only the second time in their last five road games.

Eddie Griffin added 12 points. Shawn Marion scored 24 points for the Suns. Penny Hardaway, playing 36 minutes in a reserve role, had 22 points, 10 rebounds and six assists, and Stephen Marbury had 21 points and 10 assists.

## Hawks 84, Cavaliers 81

**ATLANTA** — Toni Kukoc scored 23 points, and the Atlanta Hawks bounced back from a dismal first quarter to beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 84-81 Saturday night.

Kukoc scored 10 points in the fourth quarter to bail out the Hawks on a night when their top two scorers combined for just 17 points.

Shareef Abdur-Rahim was held to 14, and Jason Terry managed only three on 1-of-14 shooting.

Lamond Murray led the Cavaliers with 29 points.

# Lindros nets hat trick as Rangers beat Flyers

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Eric Lindros scored three goals against his former team, leading the New York Rangers to a 6-5 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers on Saturday.

Simon Gagne scored three goals for Philadelphia, his last coming with 7:05 remaining to bring the Flyers within 6-5.

Theo Fleury added a power-play goal at 15:25 of the second period, but Lindros broke it open, scoring twice in a 19-second span early in the second for a 4-0 New York lead.

Mike York and defenseman Brian Leach each had three assists, and Radek Dvorak added a short-handed goal for the Rangers.

Eric Desjardins and Jeremy Roenick scored on the Flyers' first two shots of the third period.

## Red Wings 4, Penguins 2

**PITTSBURGH** — Brendan Shanahan and Boyd Devereaux scored in the second period and Detroit won its sixth in a row, holding Pittsburgh to one shot in the first period.

Dominik Hasek allowed Jan Hrdina's goal on the Penguins' second shot of the game early in the second period, but stopped 20 shots and made a series of key saves during a Pittsburgh power play early in the third period to preserve a one-goal lead.

Sean Avery made it 3-1 by scoring his first NHL goal at 14:49 of the third.

Pittsburgh's Stephane Richer scored with 10 seconds remaining, before Nicklas Lidstrom, who also had an assist, scored into an empty net with 3.5 seconds left. Half of the game's goals were scored in the final 5.5 minutes.

Detroit, despite playing Saturday without the injured Steve Yzerman and Igor Larionov, was won seven of eight.

## Stars 2, Avalanche 1

**DENVER** — Mike Modano scored a short-handed goal, and



New York's Eric Lindros and Philadelphia's Kim Johnson battle for the puck during their game Saturday at Madison Square Garden in New York. Lindros had three goals in the Rangers 6-5 win over the Flyers.

Marty Turco stopped 28 shots as Dallas beat Colorado.

Both of Dallas' goals came on odd-man rushes after Colorado mistakes. The Stars also stifled Colorado's offense through the game, giving the forwards few chances to go after Turco.

John MacLean scored the decisive game-winner at 5:20 in the second.

Joe Sakic scored Colorado's lone goal on a power play.

## Blue Jackets 2, Kings 0

**LOS ANGELES** — Ron Tugnutt earned his 21st career shutout, and Mike Sillinger scored in the first period as the Columbus Blue Jackets earned their first road shutout this season.

Ray Whitney assisted on both goals, including Grant Marshall's empty-net score with 43 seconds remaining.

## Islanders 4, Thrashers 1

**UNIONDALE, N.Y.** — Dave Scatchard scored twice as the New York Islanders earned a split of a home-and-home series

with Atlanta.

Alexei Yashin and Claude Lapointe also scored for New York, which lost at Atlanta on Friday night. Chris Osgood only had to stop 13 shots in the Islanders' victory.

## Lightning 3, Panthers 2

**TAMPA, Fla.** — Dan Boyle completed Tampa Bay's three-goal third period by scoring a power-play goal with 4:14 left as the Lightning beat Florida.

Boyle scored from the low slot off a pass from Brad Richards, giving the Lightning their first win this season when trailing after two periods (2-2-1).

Tampa Bay had scored just once in 87 shots on Florida goalie Roberto Luongo. This season before Richards' power-play goal at 8:40.

Marcus Nilson and Valeri Bure scored for the Panthers, who have lost six straight games and are 1-10-2 in the last 13 games.

## Hurricanes 4, Canadiens 3

**MONTREAL** — Jeff O'Neill

scored with 2:04 play, lifting Carolina over Montreal.

Martin Gelnas, Sami Kapanen and Marek Malik also scored for Carolina, which played the sixth of eight straight home games.

Doug Gilmour had his first two-goal game of the season, and Shaun Van Allen added a short-handed goal for the Canadiens, who lost for the fourth time in five games.

Jose Theodore stopped 37 shots as the Canadiens were outshot for the 11th straight game 41-19.

## Capitals 3, Senators 2, OT

**OTTAWA** — Jaromir Jagr scored his second goal of the game at 1:53 of overtime as Washington beat Ottawa.

Andrei Nikolishin also scored for the Capitals, who won for the fourth time in five games.

Marian Hossa and Magnus Arvedsson had goals for the Senators, who had their three-game winning streak stopped.

The Senators — playing their first home game since the Olympics ended — are 7-1-3 in their last 14 games and have lost just seven of their last 25 home games (16-5-2-2).

## Maple Leafs 3, Sabres 3, OT

**TORONTO** — Mats Sundin scored twice as Toronto tied Buffalo in a game that was delayed twice.

The first delay came after the nephew of former hockey player Harvey "Busher" Jackson collapsed during a pregame ceremony.

Art Jackson collapsed on Toronto's bench just as he was being introduced during the ceremony that honored the top 25 players in Maple Leafs history. The game, which began 35 minutes late, was delayed another 12 minutes in the second period when Chris Gratton's slap shot broke the glass behind the net.

Gratton, Miroslav Satan and J.P. Dumont scored for the Sabres, winless in eight trips to Toronto.

# Fresno QB Carr could be Houston's No. 1 pick

**INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (AP)** — Unlike some high-profile players in recent years, former Fresno State quarterback David Carr — expected to be the Houston Texans' first pick in the NFL draft — plans to participate in drills during the NFL scouting combine.

"I've had some people tell me that maybe it wouldn't be a good idea to go through all the workouts here. But I can't do that. I can't be around a football field without wanting to get out there and (start) playing," Carr said Saturday.

Workouts for quarterbacks begin today at the RCA Dome. Carr is one of a select group of quarterbacks — including Oregon's Joey Harrington, Illinois' Kurt Kittner, LSU's Ronan Davey, North Carolina's Ronald Curry, Tulane's Patrick Ramsey and Sam Houston State's Josh McCown — who will try to show league coaches, general managers and player personnel directors what they can do.

Other college quarterbacks such as Heisman Trophy winner

Eric Crouch of Nebraska and Indiana's Antwan Randall E are getting looks at other positions. Crouch is being listed as a running back while Randall E is working out as a wide receiver.

Even though he's expected to be the No. 1 pick in the draft April 20-21 in New York City, Carr isn't taking anything for granted.

"People get caught up in the hype of, 'Boy, you're the top pick. Don't work out. You might hurt yourself.' If that happens, it happens. I'm not going to go out there and just stand around," Carr said.

And if Carr is the top pick, he knows he'll have his work cut out for him. A rookie quarterback with a new team is likely to have a long learning curve, and he knows he'll have to adapt to the mental differences in the pro game, not just the physical ones.

"It's going to be work, just like anything else," he said. "It's just like when a marriage starts off, it gets better as you go along. You can kind of look at it that way."

SPORTS

13th-ranked Ducks win Pac-10 crown

LOS ANGELES - Frederick Jones scored 22 points and the Ducks won the Pac-10 title outright and earned a No. 1 seeding for next week's conference tournament.

The Ducks (22-7, 14-4) won at Pauley Pavilion for the first time since 1984, also the last time they swept the Bruins. It was Oregon's first outright title since winning the 1939 NCAA championship.

No. 5 Oklahoma 82, Colorado 71

BOULDER, Colo. - Hollis Price scored 23 points and had some key steals in the second half as No. 5 Oklahoma overcame a sluggish start and then held off Colorado for an 82-71 victory on Saturday.

No. 7 Gonzaga 82, Loyola Marymount 64

SAN DIEGO (AP) - Dan Dickau overcame a slow start by making two clutch shots midway through the second half and the Bulldogs advanced to the semifinals of the West Coast Conference tournament.

No. 10 Pittsburgh 92, West Virginia 65

PITTSBURGH - Julius Page had 23 points for the Panthers (25-4, 13-3 Big East), who closed the best season in school history and 51-year-old Fitzgerald Field House with their seventh straight win.

No. 11 Kentucky 70, No. 8 Florida 67

LEXINGTON, Ky. - Gerald Fitch, playing for the first time since being suspended for disciplinary reasons, hit a 3-pointer with 33 seconds to play for Kentucky.

No. 12 Oklahoma St. 66, Texas A&M 51

STILLWATER, Okla. - Melvin Sanders tied his career high with 19 points and Oklahoma State outscored Texas A&M 16-1 in the



UCLA's Jason Garduque attempts to save the ball out of bounds against the University of Oregon during the first half of their game Saturday in Los Angeles.

final 7:04 to beat the Aggies. Oklahoma State (23-7, 10-6 Big 12) led by as many as 16 in the first half and by 10 with 13 minutes remaining before the Aggies made things interesting.

No. 14 Arizona 99, No. 21 California 53

TUCSON, Ariz. - Rick Anderson had 17 points to lead six Arizona scorers in double figures as the Wildcats handed California its second-worst loss in school history.

Tennessee 71, No. 16 Georgia 63, OT

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - Marcus Hislop scored six of his 18 points in overtime for the Volunteers (14-15, 7-9 Southeastern Conference), who finished the regular season with a losing record for the first time since 1996-97.

No. 17 Stanford 81, Arizona St. 76

TEMPE, Ariz. - Casey Jacobsen had 29 points and Curtis Borchardt had 19 points and 17 rebounds for the Cardinal (19-8,

12-6 Pac-10), who finished the regular season with a road sweep. Chad Previtt had 18 points for the Sun Devils (14-13, 7-11), who lost their ninth straight to Stanford.

No. 18 Ohio St. 84, Michigan 75

ANN ARBOR, Mich. - Boban Savovic and Brian Brown each scored 19 points as Ohio State beat Michigan, becoming the third team - and possibly not the last - to clinch a share of the Big Ten title.

No. 19 Southern California 79, Oregon St. 45

LOS ANGELES - Sam Clancy scored 20 points and Southern California defeated Oregon State to close out the regular season with a split. The Trojans (20-8) lost to No. 13 Oregon 67-65 on a last-second shot Thursday night, costing them a share of the conference title.

No. 22 Miami 83, Virginia Tech 77

MIAMI - Elton Tyler scored a

season-high 24 points and the Hurricanes (23-6, 10-6 Big East) tied the school record for most victories in a season by getting their 23rd for the third time in four years.

No. 23 Connecticut 90, Seton Hall 78

STORRS, Conn. - Johnnie Selvie had 21 points, including the go-ahead free throw with 4:47 to play, for the Huskies (21-6, 13-3 Big East).

No. 24 Wake Forest 83, N.C. State 71

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. - Darius Sogunica scored 20 points and grabbed a career-high 18 rebounds for the Demon Deacons (19-11, 9-7 Atlantic Coast Conference) who had lost three in a row and five of six.

No. 25 Indiana 79, Northwestern 67

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. - Tom Coverdale scored 20 points and Jarrad Odle added 16 points and 10 rebounds as the Hoosiers (19-10, 11-5) snapped a two-game losing streak and earned a share of its first Big Ten title since 1993.

Men's Conference Tournaments

Table listing various men's conference tournaments including All-Time NEST, American East, Big South, Colonial Athletic Association, Metro Atlantic Athletic, and others, with dates and locations.

Louisiana State upsets No. 3 Tennessee 81-80

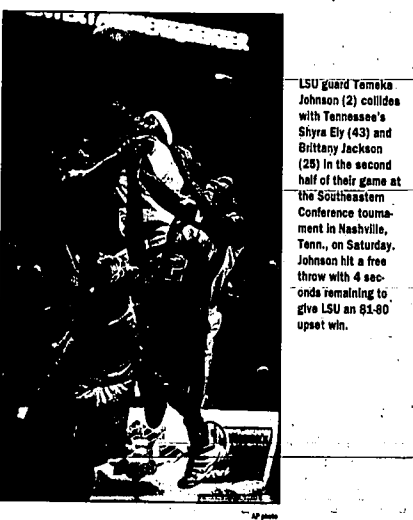
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Temeka Johnson hit a free throw with 4.5 seconds left as Louisiana State upset No. 3 Tennessee 81-80 on Saturday night in the semifinals of the Southeastern Conference tournament to reach the championship game for the first time since 1991.

No. 20 Colorado St. 58, New Mexico 54

FORT COLLINS, Colo. - Lisa Narkiewicz scored 12 points, and Jasni Ferrucho scored on a driving layup and made a steal in the closing minutes to lead Colorado State over New Mexico.

No. 19 North Carolina 78, Maryland 53

GREENSBORO, N.C. - Nikki Teasley scored 25 points and Coretta Brown added 23 as North Carolina beat Maryland in the quarterfinals of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.



LSU guard Temeka Johnson (2) collides with Tennessee's Shyra Ely (43) and Brittany Jackson (25) in the second half of their game at the Southeastern Conference tournament in Nashville, Tenn., on Saturday.

Hogs play sans Richardson

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) - From the empty red chair to the subdued public address introduction for his replacement, former coach Nolan Richardson was much in evidence when Arkansas beat Vanderbilt 81-67 on Saturday.

The last six years of Richardson's contract were bought out by the school on Friday after a tumultuous week when the coach made comments concerning fans, the media and his treatment as the only black head coach at Arkansas.

For 21 years, Anderson was on the sideline Saturday, in the middle of the players on the bench, was an empty red chair. Draped over the chair was a red towel, with Richardson's name in white. The towel was a gift after he recorded his 500th division I victory in December.

A low-key voice introduced "Assistant coach Mike Anderson." For years, George has made quite a show of introducing the head coach with a growling drawl. "No-lan Rrrriicchihhhaardson."

Anderson wore black loafers; a far cry from the flashy boots that set off Richardson's ensemble. Many of the players had written "NR" or "Nolan Richardson" on their shoes. Most let them wear wearing white armbands with "NR" on them.

Wearing suits, three minor members of the Razorback entourage sported red ribbons with white polka dots on their coats. Before Richardson arrived at Arkansas, he spent five years at Tulsa, where polka dot shirts became his trademark. Arkansas (14-14, 6-10 Southeastern Conference) pulled away from Vanderbilt, with a 13-0 run early in the second half.

Women's Top 25

Lady Vols (25-4). It was Tennessee's first loss to an inranked team since it lost to Auburn in the semifinals of the SEC tournament on March 2, 1997 - exactly five years ago.

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SPORTS

# Rangers' Everett: Ignore the past

By T.R. Sullivan  
Knight Ridder News Service

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Carl Everett doesn't apologize for anything. He makes no attempt to explain anything or set the record straight about his past.

"He just wants to play baseball. ... You're going to miss out on a lot. Everyone has jumped on the bandwagon. Everybody has been ... what they've heard."

Everett is sitting at his locker at the Rangers' spring-training complex. It is three in the afternoon, and he has finished working out for the day. He does some hitting, but most of his work is conditioning and rehabilitation, trying to mend the right knee that was operated on in December.

The work is grinding, but, otherwise, Everett has been in a jovial mood since he arrived in camp, laughing and joking with his teammates, exchanging pleasantries with manager Jerry Narron and even consenting to interviews from the media.

Spring training is far removed from the intensity and maddening crowds of the regular season. But so far, Everett's engaging behavior has contradicted his established image of being one of baseball's most troubled and mercurial players.

"You can't always go by what you hear because it's not always true," first baseman Rafael Palmeiro said. "You go by what you see and experience, and my experience is he's been great."

But when people come up with reasons why the Rangers' clubhouse will implode this season, Everett's name ranks at the top of the list. He has a seemingly volatile personality that has led over the years to clashes with umpires, opposing players, teammates and managers.

"I can't judge me at all because you don't know me," Everett said. "That's just flat out. Regardless of how you put it or say it, you don't know me. People want you to be that bad boy. They want you to be nasty. Anybody who writes anything negative, they want to say they were right; they don't ever want to change anything."

Everett said nobody really knows the truth about the many controversial incidents that have come up in his career, especially during the past two difficult seasons with the Boston Sox when he was suspended three times in two years.

He was suspended for 10 games in 2000 for bumping umpire Ron Kulpa, but that was nothing compared to the number of clashes, feuds and screaming arguments he had with Red Sox managers Jimmy Williams and Joe Kerrigan.

Red Sox general manager Dan Duquette decided to trade Everett this off-season while openly regretting the need to do so. There were doubts the Red Sox could find someone to take Everett, even though he had hit 108 runs in both 1999 and 2000. But the Rangers decided they needed a center fielder, so they agreed to trade Darren Oliver for him.

"When we put down all the names of the center fielders who were available, Carl was at the top of the list, defensively and offensively," Rangers general manager John Hart said. "He was talented, he was an intense player, and he played hard. He has an edge. We recognized what had happened before, and there were issues coming out of Boston."

"We talked to our scouts and our staff, (manager) Jerry Narron was involved. We understand what happened. We didn't go in this with blinders on. But here he's got a staff and a front office and players who really want him here. There will be a lot of support. We want to see Carl play well."

# Perfect fit in pinstripes: Giambi homers twice in debut

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Jason Giambi needed just a few swings to prove what the New York Yankees already knew: He's a perfect fit in pinstripes.

Giambi got off to a smashing debut for his new team, hitting a two-run homer in his very first at-bat and later launching a solo shot Saturday in a 6-3 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

"I set my expectation level a little high today," he said.

Giambi went 2-for-3 and also made a nifty, backhanded pickup at first base on a throw bounced by shortstop Derek Jeter.

The star first baseman exited after five innings to high-fives from his teammates and a standing ovation from the crowd of 10,205 at Legends Field.

"That's certainly a statement, even if it is just spring training," owner George Steinbrenner gushed.

Giambi, the prize free agent in the offseason, left Oakland to sign a \$120 million, seven-year contract with the Yankees. The 2000 AL MVP carried high hopes from Yankees' management and fans who have seen their team win four of the last six World Series.

"It's my job to temper the excitement, to say it's only one game and it's only spring training," general manager Brian Cashman said. "But it was pretty neat."

Slowed by tightness in his left

hamstring, Giambi did not play in the Yankees' first two exhibition games.

"It was great to get out there and get a chance to play, move around the bases and swing the bat a little," he said.

An energetic personality, Giambi always had a sense of drama when he played for the Athletics. The fact that he connected in his first at-bat — albeit a wind-aided home run to the opposite field — did not surprise his brother, Oakland outfielder Jeremy Giambi.

"The guy is amazing. Here he hasn't touched a bat all winter and then the first time he does, he takes three swings and he's locked in," the younger Giambi said before the A's played Anaheim at Phoenix.

"I've seen him do some amazing things with the bat. He left in the best shape of his life, he goes to a new team and hopefully he'll have a year he won't forget," he said. "I still hope we go farther in the playoffs than they do."

Jason Giambi drew a loud cheer when he stepped into the batter's box to face Brandon Lyon in the first inning with Bernie Williams on second base and no outs.

On a full-count pitch, Giambi sliced a drive down the left-field line. He stood at the plate, twisting his body and watching the ball get a big boost from the

wind and sail over the Skipper's Smoke House sign.

After popping up in his next at-bat, Giambi got up again in the fifth against rookie Corey Thurman and pulled a shot that rocketed through a stiff breeze and over the right-center field fence.

"We made fun of the first home run, but the second one was pretty impressive," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

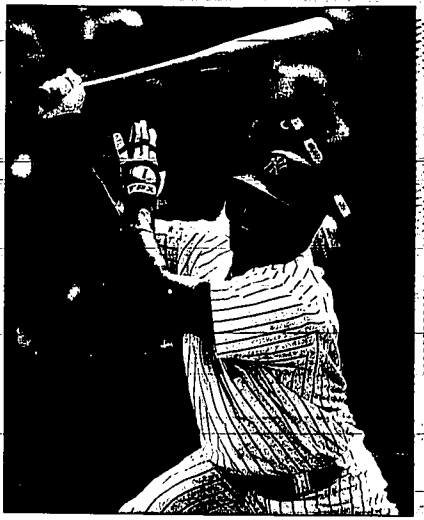
Even before the game began, it already had been a good day for Giambi.

He worked with former first baseman Don Mattingly on fielding drills, hob-knobbed with Hall of Famers Yogi Berra and Whitey Ford in the clubhouse and watched Yankees stars of the past get big cheers in introductions before the spring home opener.

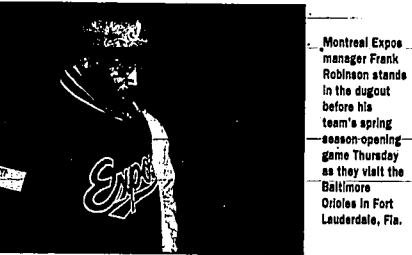
"When they talk about the greats of the game, they run them out there," Giambi said. "I was sitting there and said all they need now is one of the bats boys from the '27 Yankees."

Giambi's home runs made Roger Clemens the winning pitcher. Clemens, like fellow All-Star pitcher Mike Mussina, struggled to fit in with the Yankees when they first arrived in recent years.

So far, no problem for Giambi. "It was nice," Clemens said. "I'm sure he'll tell you he had to excited to be in pinstripes."



New York Yankees first baseman Jason Giambi watches his first inning three-run homer sail over the left field wall Saturday at Legends Field in Tampa, Fla., in the Yankees home exhibition opener against the Toronto Blue Jays.



Montreal Expos manager Frank Robinson stands in the dugout before his team's spring season-opening game Thursday as they await the Baltimore Orioles in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

# Expos begin path to unknown destination

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — Manager Frank Robinson is studying to learn his players' names so he can make out a lineup card.

General manager Omar Minaya is scrambling to replace missing scouting reports, computers and folding chairs.

And Jose Canseco is standing way out in left field — literally.

"If a lot of things seem out of place with the Montreal Expos these days, well, they are."

"It was surprised at how big the task was here," Minaya said. "Yet no one is complaining. This is the clubhouse atmosphere is positively charged and full of chatter."

Vladimir Guerrero clowns with the newly signed Canseco. Lee Stevens holds court with some hitters. Graeme Lloyd cracks up a few pitchers.

Maybe that's because it's still spring training, and hope is eternal of teams. More likely, it's because this bunch of players has banded together as baseball orphans.

"People want to root for the little guy, the cast-asides, the ones that no one wants," Robinson said.

Having survived commissioner Bud Selig's winter plan to eliminate them, the Expos were caught in an ownership shuffle. Sold to major league baseball for \$120 million, their future is severely in doubt — chances are, they'll either be folded or moved, possibly to Washington, D.C., after this season.

"We are approaching this as a long-term situation, but knowing there's the potential that we may not be in existence much longer," Minaya said.

Minaya and Robinson were hired by major league baseball in February, and they scurried to assemble a coaching staff before the first practice.

Minaya arrived in camp to find the previous owner, Jeffrey Loria, had stripped the Expos' staff and spring complex when

he took over the Florida Marlins. Only a half-dozen employees were left, and the offices at Roger Dean Stadium were bare — even a couple of autographed jerseys were gone.

Loria was entitled to the computers and chairs, yet their removal created ill will. The Expos have now changed the locks at the ballpark, which they share with the St. Louis Cardinals.

Montreal's best players, however, are still in place. Guerrero is among the majors' top talents. Orlando Cabrera and Jose Vidro form a strong double-play tandem and Javier Vazquez and Tony Armas Jr. are highly coveted young pitchers.

"Which prompts this question: If the Expos get off to a good start, could this Canadian club that no one wants turn into America's team?"

"I think people would want to see us do well," pitcher Carl Lundy said. "Besides, we've got the right colors on our uniforms — red, white and blue."

Not that any team is going to take it easy on them.

"We're all out here trying to beat each other," Lloyd said. "Among players on other teams, there might be some sympathy or sympathy for the situation that we're going through. I've had some guys ask, 'Do you have enough players this year?'"

Jeff Torborg is plenty familiar with the Expos. He was their manager until last month when he joined Loria in moving over to run the Marlins.

"For those guys personally, I hope somehow it's a positive," Torborg said.

The Marlins will see soon enough. The Marlins open the regular season at Montreal on April 2.

# Giants' Kent breaks his wrist; Garciparra flaunts recovery

The Associated Press

Nomar Garciparra made an emphatic return from his injured wrist. Jeff Kent broke a bone in his

Kent injured himself while washing his truck and will miss 4-6 weeks.

SPRING BREAK & TRAINING

Kent, the 2000 NL MVP, revealed the injury to Giants trainer Stan Conte on Saturday after swelling and soreness set in overnight.

"He was pretty depressed when he came in this morning. I guarantee you he'll never wash his car again as long as he's a Giant," Conte said.

Kent will be put in a cast for the next month. Giants manager Dusty Baker said he's expecting Kent to start the regular season as the second baseman and cleanup hitter.

"I believe in miracles," said Baker. "I want Jeff back as early as possible. Luckily it's March 2 and not April 2. We're counting on starting Jeff."

Garciparra homered in his spring debut after missing most of last season with a wrist injury but Boston lost to Minnesota 8-7 in 10 innings at Fort Myers, Fla.

"It was good to be out there," Garciparra said. "It's always nice to get into a game situation."

Minaya said he expects only 21 games last year after undergoing right wrist surgery on opening day. Garciparra went 1-for-2, including a two-run homer in the second that gave Boston a 2-0 lead.

"It's a lot different swing than he had last year," manager Joe Kerrigan said. "We didn't see that power, that quickness, that lightning he has in his forearms and wrists. It's back now."

Jason Varitek also made a healthy debut for Boston. Varitek, limited to 51 games before a broken right elbow ended his season, went 1-for-2.

Minaya won an B.J. Garbe's run-scoring single in the 10th after Darnell Stenson's two-run homer tied the game in the bottom of the ninth against Dave Lee.

"Garciparra showed why the Yankees are counting so heavily on him this year. The prized free agent in the offseason hit a two-run homer in his very first at-bat and later launched a solo shot in a



Boston's Nomar Garciaparra hits a two-run home run in the fourth inning of Minnesota's Mike Jackson Saturday in Fort Myers, Fla.

Rockies 6, Brewers 3

At Tucson, Ariz., Larry Walker, seeing his first spring action after a bout with a respiratory infection, hit a two-run homer and ace Mike Hampton pitched two shutout innings for Colorado.

Mets 4, Marlins 2

At Melbourne, Fla., Al Leiter, allowed on unearned run in two innings of his spring debut for New York. A. J. Burnett threw two scoreless innings for Florida.

Indians 9, Tigers 6

At Winter Haven, Fla., Ed Taubensee, Russell Brannan, Brooks Kieschnick and Greg LaRocca homered as Cleveland rallied for the win.

Orioles 10, Dodgers 6

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Jerry Hairston homered and walked twice, and Baltimore took advantage of five errors to defeat Los Angeles.

Pirates 18, Phillies 7

At Clearwater, Fla., Pittsburgh had 25 hits, including homers from Chad Hermansen, Craig Wilson and Adam Hyndu.

Astros 8, Royals 1

At Haines City, Fla., Wade Miller and five relievers combined on a three-hitter as Houston defeated Kansas City.

Expos 4, Cardinals 2

At Jupiter, Fla., Howard Battle hit a two-run double in the eighth inning to give Frank Robinson his second win as Montreal manager.

Angels 7, Athletics 4

At Phoenix, Jeff Guel singled in the go-ahead run during a two-run eighth-inning as Anaheim defeated Oakland.

Cubs 7, Giants 3

At Mesa, Ariz., Jon Lieber pitched two innings in his first start of the spring and Luis Ordez hit a two-run single for Chicago.

Diamondbacks 6, White Sox 5, 10 Innings

At Tucson, Chris Donnels, making a bid to step in for the injured Matt Williams, hit a two-run homer in the 10th inning to give Arizona the win.

Mariners 7, Padres 4

At Peoria, Ariz., John Olerud was 2-for-4 with an RBI double and two runs scored as Seattle defeated San Diego.

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# Els calms windy course to take big lead at Genuity



Ernie Els hits from the sand on the 16th hole during the third round of the Genuity Championship Saturday in Miami.

MIAMI (AP) — Ernie Els made a mockery of the Blue Monster at Doral on a busy Saturday afternoon and blew away the field with a 6-under 66 to take an eight-stroke lead into the final round of the Genuity Championship.

The South African made eight birdies and was eight strokes lower than the average score. He was at 17-under 199 and had the largest 54-hole lead on tour since Tiger Woods led by nine in the NEC Invitational at Firestone two years ago, when he won by 11.

Woods and Australia's Peter Lonard were tied for second. Woods birdied his first two holes, but managed nothing but pars the rest of the day and had a 70, not a bad afternoon in gusts over 30 mph, but not nearly enough to keep pace.

Lonard, who will be paired with Els on Sunday, also shot a 70.

## Sorenstam wins Takefuku Classic

WAIKOLOA, Hawaii — Annika Sorenstam birdied the first hole of a playoff with Lori Kane to win the Takefuku Classic, the Swedish star's second straight playoff victory.

Sorenstam, who edged Karrie Webb on the fourth extra hole last week in the

Australian Ladies Masters, shook her fist and smiled after sinking the winning 4-foot putt at Waikoloa Beach Resort.

Sorenstam closed with a 4-under 66 to match Kane, the 2000 winner, at 14-under 196. Kane, from Canada, shot a 67.

The victory, Sorenstam's 32nd on the LPGA Tour, followed two runner-up finishes in the tournament. She finished two strokes behind Kane last year, and lost a playoff to Webb in 2000.

The 31-year-old Swede had four birdies on the back nine after making the turn three strokes behind Kane.

## Watson wins at windy SBC Classic

SANTA CLARITA, Calif. — Tom Watson shot a 3-under 69 in windy conditions to take a two-stroke lead after the second round of the SBC Senior Classic.

The five-time British Open champion overcame a 30 mph wind and even stronger gusts at Valencia Country Club to take a 3-under 141 total into the final round.

Tom Kite, Doug Johnson and Gil Morgan were tied for second. Kite, seeking his second victory of the

year, matched Watson's 69. Johnson shot a 70, and Morgan had a 72. First-round leader Tom Purtzer was three strokes back at even-par 144 after a 74.

## Webb, Petersen share lead

MELBOURNE, Australia — Australian star Karrie Webb and Norway's Suzann Pettersen shot 3-under 69s to share the third-round lead in the Women's Australian Open.

Webb and Pettersen had 7-under 209 total on the Yarra Yarra Golf Club course. Defending champion Sophie Gustafson of Sweden and Australia's Jane Crafter were five strokes back at 214. Gustafson had a 67, and Crafter shot a 70.

## Scott takes lead at Malaysian Open

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Scotland's Alastair Forsyth shot a 2-under 69 to take a two-stroke lead over Spain's Ignacio Garrido after the third round of the Malaysian Open.

Forsyth had a 16-under 197 total on the Royal Selangor Golf Club course. Garrido shot a 67. Australia's Stephen Leaney (66) and Spain's Miguel-Angel Martin (71) were three back at 200.

# Jacobs wins mile for 21st national title

NEW YORK (AP) — Appropriately, Regina Jacobs went out with a win. Nicole Teter collected her very first championship, and it came with a U.S. record, too.

The 38-year-old Jacobs claimed her 21st national title Saturday by pulling away over the last lap of the mile in the USA Track & Field Indoor Championships, her final major indoor meet.

"Well, you guys saw it. That's it," Jacobs told the crowd of about 4,000 at the Army Track & Field Center after finishing in 4 minutes, 32.13 seconds.

The only U.S. record of the two-day meet came — surprisingly enough — courtesy of Teter, who won the women's 800 meters in 1:58.71. That's more than a second faster than the mark set by Mary Decker Slaney in 1980, and matched by Suzy Favor Hamilton in 1999.

"I'm incredibly shocked," the 28-year-old Teter said.

As recently as last year, she couldn't even persuade meet organizers to let her enter races in the United States. So she wound up finding competition in two second-tier races in Germany, finishing first in one and third in the other.

"I don't think it's going to be a problem now," she said.

Mary Jayne Hareless was second to Jacobs in the mile and to Teter in the 800, races contested about an hour apart.

Neither of the Olympic dash champions, Maurice Greene and Marion Jones, participated in the championships. Both were at the Army; though, with Greene a spectator, and Jones working as an announcer for ESPN.

And they saw some good races. Two-time U.S. champ Jon Drummond was third, 0.01 back, then hobbled off the track with a left hamstring injury.



Regina Jacobs crosses the finish line to win the women's 1 mile Saturday at the USA Indoor Championships at New York's Armory Track and Field Center.

hurdles, won a photo-finish dash.

He was timed in 6.552 seconds, 0.005 ahead of Jason Smoots. Two-time U.S. champ Jon Drummond was third, 0.01 back, then hobbled off the track with a left hamstring injury.

Allen Johnson, 1996 Olympic gold medalist, won the 60 hurdles in 7.45. Sydney Olympic bronze medalist Melissa Morrison claimed her fourth women's hurdles championship in five years, in 7.91, while Chryste Gaines won

her second straight dash, in 7.13.

Winners Saturday also included world indoor champion Shawn Crawford in the 200 (20.49); Brandon Couts in the 400 (46.73); and Derrick Peterson in the 800 (1:46.60). Tim Seaman took his fifth consecutive title in the 5,000 race walk; Nathan Leeper won his second straight high jump title (7 feet, 7.25 inches); Timothy Mack won the pole vault; and Tim Rusan the triple jump. In Chapel Hill, N.C., Tom Pappas won the heptathlon.

Kelli White won the women's 200; Monique Hennagan the 400; Grace Uphaw the long jump; and Joanne Dow the 3,000 race walk.

Jacobs showed a veteran's poise, staying just off leader Sarah Schwald's right shoulder until making a move with 1.25 laps to go. Jacobs steadily increased her lead and finished more than 1.5 seconds ahead of Hareless, with Schwald third.

The pace in the mile was relatively slow, but that's the way Jacobs' coach and husband, Tom Craig, wanted it.

"After years of not listening to him, I decided to," said Jacobs, the 1,500 world indoor champion in 1995.

Her U.S. titles include five indoor track titles in the mile in 1995, '00 and '02; the 3,000 in '99 and '01; 14 outdoor track titles and two cross-country crowns.

"She's wrapping up her indoor career in style, having this year broken the world indoor best for 2 miles and 3 miles, marks that stood more than 15 years.

Now she plans to try the steeplechase.

"I want an event," Jacobs said, "that isn't too easily recognized by life a lot of hurdles, and once in a while a really big hurdle."

# Burton racks up another Las Vegas victory

LAS VEGAS (AP) — If only Jeff Burton could run every weekend at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

The pole-winning driver came from behind following his final pit stop and pulled

away to win by a full straightaway Saturday in the Sam's Town 300 Busch Series race.

"He was in another zip code," joked former series champion Jeff Green, who finished a distant fifth.

Burton has been dominating on the 1.5-mile oval in both Busch and Winston Cup. He now owns two victories and five top-10 finishes in as many Busch Series starts here, and goes into Sunday's UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400 with two victories and a runner-up finish in four Cup starts.

He led 149 of the 200 laps on Saturday, averaging 123.796 mph in the race slowed by five cautions for 31 laps. It was the 16th Busch victory for Burton.

"I don't have an explanation for it," Burton said of his success on the track. "I'm just real proud of my guys. This is our first Busch race (of the year) and we were really prepared."

Scott Riggs and Michael Waltrip appeared to be the only entries capable of challenging Burton, but Riggs fell out of contention with a battery problem after passing Burton on the track. Waltrip had to make up a lost lap after an air gun broke during his first green-flag pit stop.

Rookie Johnny Sauter, in the car driven to the championship



Sam Hornish Jr. celebrates his win in the Grand Prix of Miami Saturday at Homestead-Miami Speedway in Homestead, Fla.

last year by Kevin Harvick, had a career-best third-place finish, followed by Kevin Lepage, Green, Jack Sprague and two-time series champion Randy LaJoie.

## Baldi, Thays win Grand American race

MIAMI, Fla. — Mauro Baldi and Didier Thays teamed up to earn their second straight win in the Grand American Rolex Sports Car Series, taking the Nextel 250 on Saturday at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

Starting from the pole, they matched their finish at last month's Rolex 24 At Daytona, leading most of the way through the 104-lap,

250-mile race in a Doran Lista Racing/Judd-engine Dallara.

The biggest surprise of the race was the GT class winning team of Thierry Perrier and Joao Barbosa. They drove their Perspective Racing Mosler MT300R to victory, giving the American boutique manufacturer its first win in professional competition.

## Hornish Jr. wins Grand Prix of Miami

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Sam Hornish Jr. hasn't been having much fun this weekend.

"I've been fighting being sick for about the last week and a half now," Hornish said. "I think the

"best cure for that is just being able to get out and be in the race car."

When Hornish did that Saturday he made the rest of the field feel sick, as the Panther Pennzoil driver put on a dominating show, leading 166 of the 200 laps to win the Indy Racing League Grand Prix of Miami.

Marlboro Team Penske's 1-2 punch of Gil de Ferran and Helio Castroneves finished 2-3, which sounds a lot closer than it was. "We didn't have much for (Hornish) today," de Ferran said. "Just trying to catch up to the guy was tough."

There were nine yellows on the day, most trouble occurring between the short chute exiting Turn 3 and the entrance of Turn 4. The wind, which was blowing down the front straight Friday, had changed direction and was blowing across the track Saturday.

The only driver who seemed to not have any trouble was Hornish, who got faster as the race went on.

"Hornish was consistent," Castroneves said. "I noticed his line was very high. Everyone else was in a low line."

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## Housing market stays hot



Some large homes have been built in the Magic Valley in recent years, and architect Russ Lively expects that trend will continue into 2002.

### Twin Falls architect sees no slowdown

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Trophy homes in Twin Falls? You'd better believe it. Retired couples aren't downsizing now that the kids have moved out. And they're not moving to Arizona, either.

Instead, they're taking the kids' inheritance and building 10,000-square-foot homes. Large homes. Fancy homes.

"Most of these people decide 'We've worked hard all our lives. Now we're going to enjoy it,'" said Twin Falls architect Russ Lively. "They've made their fortune. They don't have mortgages. And they have kids who didn't have much opportunity to stay here once they'd gone to college and gone after a career."

So, Lively said, they build a home for the kids and grandkids to come home to at Thanksgiving and Christmas. A home where the kids can come to Idaho and enjoy the snow they remember from their youth. A home where every bedroom is a

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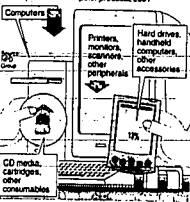
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### BRIEFLY IN MONEY

#### U of I hosts nutrient conference March 28

NAMPA - The University of Idaho will host its first Nutrient Management Conference for agricultural and engineering professionals engaged in nutrient management planning.

The conference will be March 28 at the Nampa Civic Center.

Faculty from the UI College of Agricultural and Life Sciences will describe research and discuss issues relative to the entire nutrient cycle - crop fertilization, nitrogen and water quality, soil and plant tests, precision agriculture, pasture grazing, dairy rations, waste management and nutrient management-plan training.

Speakers from Utah State University, the USDA Agricultural Research Service, the Idaho departments of Agriculture and Environmental Quality and Compost West will address related subjects. Topics include the Idaho phosphorus index, legislative and regulatory updates, implications of composting and effectiveness of remote sensing.

Jason Ellsworth, UI Extension soil fertility specialist in Twin Falls, said the conference will provide an opportunity for nutrient management professionals from around the state to learn about current research and coordinate their efforts.

The conference is co-sponsored by the Idaho chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. It begins at 8 a.m. and concludes at 5 p.m. Registration is \$45 and includes lunch.

For information, call Ellsworth at 736-3611 or click on Web site <http://soils.ag.uidaho.edu/soilfertility/NM01/>.

#### CSI offers course on buying a home

BURLEY - A Finally Home! home buyer course will be held in two sessions - from 6 to 9 p.m. March 11 and 18 - at the College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center.

Participants can learn about homeownership benefits in the organization's step-by-step program. Course completion may help attendees qualify for reduced mortgage insurance premiums, down payment and closing cost assistance or other special lender programs.

Admission is free; a training manual and expert speakers are included.

Space is limited and preregistration required. For information or to register, call Penny Johnston at 733-9554, Ext. 2287.

The home buyer education event is sponsored by the Community Education Center at CSI and Idaho Partners for Homebuyer Education Inc.

#### Idaho credit unions post gains in membership

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Credit Union League said Idaho credit unions continued to post healthy gains in number of members, savings, loans and assets during 2001.

Idaho credit unions saw a 1.9 percent increase in membership to 440,510. Savings grew by 19.6 percent to \$1.776 billion, loans by 5.8 percent to \$1.346 billion and assets by 18.3 percent to \$1.989 billion.

"The substantial increases in credit union shares and loans reflect the trust and confidence credit union members traditionally show in their credit union," the league's President and Chief Executive Officer Alan D. Cameron said in a statement.

The league serves Idaho's 73 credit unions.

Compiled from staff reports



Rex Schorzman, owner of Paul Chemical, sees several reasons for agriculture to be cautiously optimistic in 2002.

## Conditions improve for agriculture industry

By Cindy Snyder  
Times-News correspondent

PAUL - For the first time in several years, agricultural suppliers see more than one positive item for their customers as they gear up for the 2002 production season.

"We're not over the worst yet, but at least we can see some light," said Rex Schorzman, owner of Paul Chemical in Paul.

He ticked off a list of five potentially positive factors that are giving rise to the cautious optimism he sees in his customers: fertilizer prices are down from a year ago, fuel costs are down, loan rates are way down, commodity prices are inching up and the snowpack, though not tremendous, is ahead of last year's accumulation.

On the negative side, he puts electricity rates which will be high again this year for irrigators.

Last year, all six of those factors were in negative territory for farmers. That combination made for a tight operating year for agricultural producers and suppliers alike.

Many of the negative factors in 2001 were related to each other.

Absymal snowpack helped contribute to power concerns, which in turn drove up the price of natural gas. Nitrogen fertilizers are derived from natural gas, so surging demand for natural gas sent fertilizer prices soaring. Fuel prices also went up, while commodity prices continued to dwell in the cellar.

The reduction program for irrigators, introduced just before the 2001 planting season, presented a new challenge for agriculture in southern Idaho.

Although Schorzman sold less fertilizer and agricultural last year as a result of both the power buyback and the Oust-affected fields, prices were up and his business was not adversely affected. That's not necessarily true for agricultural suppliers in the western Magic Valley and Elmore County where the bulk of the 160,000 acres enrolled in the buyback program were located.

While trends looked bad at the beginning of 2001, by the middle of the year improvements were being seen.

Lower demand for natural gas combined with increased manufacturing worldwide began driving fertilizer prices down by

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## Milk, alfalfa prices bounced back

By David Burgess  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The year 2001 was surprisingly sunny for some Gem State commodities. Some markets continued to wallow, but prices for potatoes, alfalfa and milk were up substantially. For potato growers, the dramatic turnaround was most welcome.

#### Potatoes

After historic low prices and two diversion programs, potato markets rebounded in 2001.

"The market was very receptive to the 2001 crop," said Paul Patterson, agricultural economist at the University of Idaho.

Idaho: He said reduced acreage helped make 2001 almost the opposite of the previous year.

According to Bruce Huffacker, publisher of North American potato Market News in Idaho Falls, fresh-pack potatoes showed the greatest upswing.

Huffacker calculated Idaho fresh-pack growers got about \$1.96 per hundredweight for the 2000 crop (September 2000 to July 2001).

The average from September to December 2001 was \$5.96 cwt. In late December, growers were getting as much as \$6.93, according to Huffacker.

January 2002 has seen prices drop to the low \$5-dollar range.

#### Alfalfa

Patterson said it was a good year for hay to be on the selling end, not so good to be on the buying end.

Neil Rimbey, UI range economist, figures the water picture played a big role. "Last spring when people figured out that we were going to be tight on water and hay, it went about as high \$140 a ton, and a lot of it was contracted. Then when we found out that water wasn't so tight, it dropped to about \$30 to \$110 for dairy quality hay," he said.

In December, alfalfa hay inched back up to about \$120 to \$130 per ton partly due to heavy snows, he said.

#### Milk

Milk prices spiked in 2001 - spurring an industry that had a dull 2000 with prices hanging around \$10 per hundredweight. Prices started off at \$9.99 per



Water worries drove up prices for alfalfa last year.

hundredweight in January 2001 and peaked at \$15.90 in September, according to C. Wilson Gray, UI agricultural economist. Through November, prices averaged \$13.41.

Gray attributed a decline in cheese prices in fall to the economy: "A lot of cheese is consumed away from home. People are eating out less with the recession."

#### Beef cattle

Both fed cattle and feeder cows started out 2001 pretty well, according to Gray. Prices tend to decline in late summer, but after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, prices just stayed low, he said.

Prices were in the low-60s per hundredweight, he said. "We are now in the mid-60s. And we should see a little increase after the first of the year."

#### Sheep

"Sheep and lambs started out strong, then crashed in the middle of the summer," according to Gray.

Prices in spring 2001 were in the \$70 to \$80 range, then fell way down to the \$40 range, he said.

"Part of the situation is that there have been quite a few over-finished animals," Gray said.

#### Hogs

Patrick Florenz, CEO at Independent Meat in Twin Falls, said 2001 followed a pretty normal pattern. The high was in early summer, and prices tapered off toward winter.

Nationally, live hogs averaged around \$50 per hundredweight for the year - \$4 to \$5 higher than the 10-year average, he said. "Per-capita consumption has

continued to rise. We are seeing more versatility in uses of pork, more products, and that is good for consumers," he said.

#### Wheat

"What we're seeing is grain prices in general up just a bit," said UI agricultural economist Larry Makus.

Portland white wheat started out around \$3.50 a bushel in the marketing year beginning July 2001, he said. Prices rose in December to between \$3.70 and \$3.80. The previous crop year averaged \$3.03 at Portland.

Idaho wheat growers received only about \$2.80 per bushel at the beginning of 2001. But the market rose fairly steadily through the year to over \$3.30 in December.

#### Barley

Prices on feed barley rose only slightly during 2001, even though the harvest was the smallest in decades, according to Makus. Early in 2001, barley brought only \$80 to \$85 per ton. It traded around \$90 in December, with malt barley paying a bit more generally.

Makus thought the 2001 barley market was held down by abundant corn - a competing feed crop.

#### Dry beans

The market for beans rose slightly in 2001, and Idaho plantings were down. Prices hovered around a relatively low \$17 cwt. through the first half of the year, and then inched up to over \$19 toward the end.

Patterson forecasts Idaho's composite dry bean price for the 2001-02 marketing year at \$22 cwt., compared with \$17.35 last year and a five-year average of \$18.80.

Pintos were at \$21 cwt. in mid-December. Patterson's projection is for \$22 over the year. Last year's crop averaged \$16.70. The five-year average is \$18.25.

Patterson said that pinks show the strongest trends among classes grown in southern Idaho, and great northern shows the weakest.

#### Sugar beets

John Schorr, Paul district manager for Amalgamated Sugar Co., said sugar beet growers are receiving more per ton this year.

Growers were paid around \$31 per ton in 2000. Prices were ranging from \$36 to \$38 for the 2001 crop through January 2002, Schorr said.

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## MILESTONES

### Northwest Farm Credit announces earnings

TWIN FALLS - Spokane, Wash.-based Northwest Farm Credit Services, which has a branch in Twin Falls, announced earnings of \$74.5 million and growth of loan volume owned and serviced of 8.9 percent for 2001. Total capital in the association increased 12 percent during 2001.

Net income, however, was down from the \$108.4 million of 2000.

"The association has continued strong earnings. Improved capital and has returned over \$15 million directly to customers through the Interest Reduction Program," President and Chief Executive Officer Jay Penick said.

"Although our nonperforming loans have increased, they remain less than 2.5 percent of the loan portfolio. Throughout this agricultural downturn, a high percentage of our customers have been able to meet repayment obligations as well as maintain sound financial condition," he said.

Total accrual loan volume by the association increased to \$3.4 billion at Dec. 31. Nonaccrual loans were 2.4 percent of the portfolio at Dec. 31, up from 1.3 percent one year earlier.

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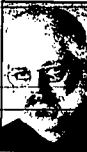
### TWIN FALLS - Jason Olsen was named Top Route Sales Representative for 2001 for the Frito-Lay Twin Falls district. He received the recognition through increasing his sales by 28 percent over the previous year and controlling his expense budget.



Jason Olsen

Olsen has been with Frito-Lay for five years. He and his wife, Shelly, and their three children live in Kimberly.

### TWIN FALLS - Mart R. Laird was promoted to manager of Longview Fibre's Bowling Green, Ky., container plant.



Mart R. Laird

Laird has 20 years of experience in all phases of container manufacturing. At Bowling Green, he will manage a new 300,000-square-foot facility that manufactures and distributes corrugated packaging to serve industrial-aluminum container needs in Kentucky, Tennessee and southern Indiana.

Laird has been superintendent of Longview's Twin Falls container plant for the past year. He also was interim plant manager at the company's Minneapolis container facility. And he has been involved in implementation of a new computerization system in other Longview container plants at Amsterdam, N.Y.; Cedar

### Rapids, Iowa, and Spanish Fork, Utah, as well as Twin Falls.

At Twin Falls, Laird was production supervisor in the finishing and corrugating departments, plant maintenance supervisor and, before being promoted to plant superintendent, was personnel and office manager. He started his container career as a flexo folder-gluer operator at Twin Falls.

Laird, his wife, Leita, and their son will relocate to the Bowling Green area.

### JEROME - St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's auxiliary awarded a \$350 scholarship to Paula Henson in January.

For a number of years, the auxiliary has awarded up to three scholarships yearly to nursing students. Auxiliary Faye Williams oversees the committee that awards the scholarship and works with CSI to get candidates who are eligible.

Henson, a licensed practical nurse, is studying to become a registered nurse. She has worked for St. Benedict's for 10 1/2 years and is a mother of three children. The scholarship will help her complete her final semester in the associate-degree nursing program at CSI.

Henson has chaired the St. Benedict's Paint Magic Team.

### TWIN FALLS - J. Kent Just, executive vice president of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of

Commerce, was awarded the Outstanding Chamber Executive of the Year Award from the Idaho Association of Chambers of Commerce.

Just was nominated by his staff and selected by a committee of his peers.

He has been in Twin Falls for 13 years and is in his 21st year in chamber management in Idaho. He has served as president of the IACC and the Northwest Chamber Leaders Conference, where he is serving his second stint on the board. Just has served as the only editor of the Gem State magazine, an IACC annual publication listing chambers and important legislative positions that is distributed annually to all legislators.

PAUL - Dale Adams, president of Butte Irrigation Inc. was named Person of the Year for the Idaho Irrigation Equipment Association.

Adams, 56, co-founded Butte Irrigation Inc. in Paul in 1975. He has been active in the irrigation industry since then and is president of the company.

Adams has been instrumental to the growth of the agricultural irrigation industry that continues to change rapidly to better use the limited water resource, the association said. He has been part of the leading edge of technology that allows farmers to be more efficient and more productive with less labor and energy costs, it said.

Adams received the award at the association banquet Jan. 8 in Albion.

Adams has been active in the association for many years. He also has allowed several of his employees to serve in various positions within the association.

PAUL - Members of the Idaho Irrigation Equipment Association Inc. elected 2002 officers and board of directors,

### including vice president Dwight Davis of Rain for Rent in Paul.

The board of directors will include Dave Montgomery of Farnore Irrigation in Jerome.

Howard Nehling of the University of Idaho extension office in Twin Falls will serve as education-chairman for the association's activities.

Past president Lee Leslie of Butte Irrigation in Paul will serve as an ex-officio member of the board and member of the executive committee.

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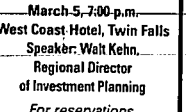
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Cassia Regional Medical Center's laboratory achieved a perfect score on its recent Joint-Commission Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations Laboratory Accreditation Services survey. Pictured in back, from left, are Charles Clayton, David Gibbons and Cliff Golcoechas; in front, from left, are Michelle Higley, Dana Greener-Blake and Chris Mascorro. Not pictured are Melissa Martinez, Missy Ferrenburg, David Budge, Shirley Berkeley, Kent Evensen, Kevin Hedges, Linda Jentzsch, Diane Baker and Don Rock.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

### A GIFT FROM WORKERS



Employees of Gem State Paper present a check representing their 9-11 fund-raising efforts to the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho Sawtooth Branch in Twin Falls.

### FOR THE 9-11 FUND



Jason Smullin, left, owner of CJ's Car Wash, presents a 9-11 fund-raising donation to the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho Sawtooth Chapter's public relations manager, Marty Buss.

### A BIG 'THANK YOU'



The American Red Cross of Greater Idaho Sawtooth Branch presents Mix 103 Radio a thank-you poster for its help with Red Cross 9-11 fund-raising efforts. Pictured left to right are Judy Jones, Kent Lee, Karla Cunha and Branden Rathart, all from Mix-103; Marty Buss, public-relations manager for the Sawtooth Branch; and Con Paulos.

### BANK DONATES



Alan Homer, left, president of First Federal Savings and Loan, presents the bank's 9-11 donation to Marty Buss, public relations manager for Red Cross in Twin Falls.

### The Twin Falls Public Library recently added the "Martial Arts for Peace" series to its collection as a gift from local instructor Brian Higley.

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Exhibitors Doug Fisher, left, and Devin Hancock take a break from their duties at Agri-Action to enjoy the atmosphere. They have noticed farmers are feeling a bit more optimistic about the 2002 season than they have in past years.

## Magic Valley farmers bank on a better year

TWIN FALLS - Farmers and ranchers in the Magic Valley are feeling a bit more optimistic about the future of their industry as they get ready to plant the 2002 crop than they did a year ago. That was the feeling Friday at 2002 Agri-Action, being held at the College of Southern Idaho.

A combination of continued low commodity prices coupled with a forecasted short water year, and the uncertainty caused by the power buyback programs left many producers wondering what was the best strategy for the 2001 season.

A year later farmers can tick off four potentially positive factors going into spring: fertilizer prices are down from a year ago, fuel costs are down, loan rates are way down and commodity prices are inching up. On the negative side are electricity rates, which will be high again this year for irrigators.

Jim McCall, who farms in Minidoka County, said improving commodity prices are raising the spirits of the farmers he's talked to, although concern about the 2002 irrigation water supply is tempering some of that optimism.

### Idaho launches campaign to fight invasive weeds

MERIDIAN - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne officially launched Idaho's new Weed Awareness Campaign in a ceremony Jan. 15, and the campaign's coordinator has hit the ground running.

Kempthorne said he was glad to see this organized endeavor. "The people of Idaho need to understand the economic and environmental impacts of invasive weeds," he said.

The campaign is designed to educate Idaho citizens about the problems created by invasive weeds and the financial and biological impact they have on the state. The campaign will form partnerships with public and private groups on weed control issues and offer greater support for integrated weed management and better coordination of existing efforts.

### Bill will establish odor rules, define punishments

BOISE - The latest chapter of the dairy odor drama ended with a cliffhanger Tuesday.

The House Agricultural Affairs Committee produced a six vote on proposed tightening of odor legislation put forth by Chairman Doug Jones, R-Filer. A hearing on the bill had lasted more than five hours, so members agreed to meet again on Monday in order to work out some amendments.

The bill would have more clear-  
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ly-defined the term "odor" than legislation of a year ago, in addition to establishing a matrix for punishing violators \$1 per day per animal unit. Some other language that addressed a definition of a "waste system" gave specifics on when construction of waste systems can begin.

County Commissioner Bill Brockman lent support to Jones' proposals, saying that odor legislation is a work in progress. He said up until the Legislature put odor rules in place last year, no one in the Magic Valley had any basis upon which to abate dairy odor.  
"Now we have some odor rules," he said.

### Rim preservation worries property owners

JEROME - "I don't like the fact that if I want to plant a flower it has to be approved," said Warren Beddo, Jerome County property owner.

Normally, planting flowers in Jerome County would not be a problem, but Beddo's property is located on the northside of the Snake River Canyon rim. It is part of a 35-mile strip of land along the canyon rim currently undergoing a proposed zoning change by Jerome County officials.

The 35-mile rim section is comprised of approximately 21 miles of private property, about 11 miles of Bureau of Land Management property and 3 miles of state property. The land would be designated as a Preservation Zone thus codifying a whole host of new regulations for property owners.

Although the language in the proposed Preservation Zone doesn't specifically prevent Beddo and other property owners from planting flowers, there are restrictions governing vegetation in the development standards portion of the proposal. (i.e., Landscape vegetation should be compatible with the surrounding natural vegetation.)

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## CSI offers career-planning workshop

TWIN FALLS - The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a career-planning workshop.

The workshop aims to benefit participants whether they are beginning an education, trying to identify interests or developing new skills. A professional staff member will help students identify their interests, discover their workplace talents, explore careers in demand and investigate their options.

Class will be held in two parts, from 2 to 4 p.m. March 11 and 14, at the Center for New Directions. Admission is free, and career tests are included. Deadline to register is Thursday. To sign up, call 733-9554 or (800) 680-0274, Ext. 2680.

### Agency reminds producers of crop insurance deadline

TWIN FALLS - USDA's Risk Management Agency is reminding producers of the March 15 final sales closing date for purchasing Multi-Peril Crop Insurance for the 2002 crop year spring seeded crops (excluding onions, wheat and canola in counties with fall and spring planted types).

Producers can ask local MPCI agents for crop insurance details. A list of agents is available at all USDA Service Centers or online at [www.rma.usda.gov/tools/](http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/).

### AARP looks for best employers for older workers

TWIN FALLS - AARP said it is looking for employers in Idaho who have innovative policies and practices toward older workers.

The nonprofit AARP said it will select "50+ friendly businesses." Those included on the annual Best Companies for

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YourBusiness is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it:  
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Workers Over 50 list will get national media coverage for their efforts to promote 50+ friendly workplaces, the organization said. The list will be published in Modern Maturity and

shared with AARP's 35 million members nationwide. Companies with 50 or more employees are eligible to apply. The yardsticks used to evaluate applications are career develop-

ment, including training; equal compensation for equal work; pension and employee health benefits; retiree health benefits; retiree relations, including job opportunities for retirees; age-neutral practices and policies; and flexible work options including part-time work.

"AARP is looking for those employers who are putting innovative policies in place," said John Ganguzzo, AARP Idaho state director. "All employers can benefit by recruiting and retaining qualified, skilled older workers."

To apply, go to the Web site [www.aarp.org/bestcompanies/](http://www.aarp.org/bestcompanies/). An independent research firm will evaluate applicants. Deadline for applications is March 15.

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MIDWINTER BUSINESS CHECKUP

PREDICTIONS

Compiled by Lorraine Cavener, The Times-News

10 predictions for the economy in southern Idaho, given by 10 experts in their fields

Kennt Just, Executive vice president of Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce

"While the rest of Idaho and the nation are talking recession, our local numbers have remained strong and will continue to do so."

The continued hiring of Dell, combined with expansions at Solo Cup and other manufacturers and processors, and the opening of new retail and restaurant establishments will raise the prospects for job-seekers, Just said.

Commodity prices look promising. The trout industry is looking for strong sales going out.

Housing starts should continue strong as long as interest rates do not rise. The possibility of construction projects at College of Southern Idaho, the Twin Falls School District—after the March bond issue passes, would be positive for the construction trades.

Automobile sales should be quite brisk. The recent buyout of Twin Falls Clinic by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center would prove to be a positive growth factor in the healthcare industry.

Elizabeth Thomas, executive director of Jerome Chamber of Commerce

"Jerome is committed to steady, stable growth in a diversified and caring community," Thomas said.

In perspective, the next five years will bring an abundant amount of change, she said. Thomas sees Jerome growing at a rate of nine percent or higher per year.

Population numbers in the next five years could run to 15,000 within city limits and possibly over 22,000 in the county with the addition of the North River Business Park on South Lincoln, with several other industrial parks possible along or adjacent to South Lincoln, she said.

The addition of the Point of Presence, an on-ramp of AT&T's Global Fiber Network, on the route in Jerome County, will bring more technology-based businesses to the area. The addition of diverse businesses will bring growth in the residential areas as well, Thomas said.

Joan Asson, executive director of Min-Cassia Chamber

"We will see a positive business growth in this year," Asson said. "We will see an increase of tourism."

Road trips are back in vogue, brought on by an increase in patriotism.

People are going to be in their cars this summer," she said. "There is so much to see in America. I want to see my homeland and I know I'm not the only one."

The chamber has seen a change of opinion in many of the visitors, which Asson sees as a continuing trend. Visitors are more open and interested in small communities.

Steve Koatz, president of the Buhl Chamber of Commerce

The Buhl downtown revitalization project is slated for this summer, has Buhl residents hopeful of attracting additional niche-type businesses.

Improvements to curbs, streets, streetsights and more should bring in tourists attracting shops. Koatz bases his prediction on the few niche businesses that he has seen operating in Buhl, which are doing well.

The Chamber is working with the Buhl Arts Council to encourage events in the past and throughout the year that lean toward the artistic," he said.

Brent White, manager of Magic Valley Mall in Twin Falls

"People are going to save gas and drive less to Boise and will shop shopping at the new Canyon Park shopping center and Magic Valley Mall."

People have wanted the new stores for a long time, as shown in marketing surveys, he said.

New stores and other new development is good for the whole community. A combination of weak commodity prices, water issues and a lack of major new employers have weakened the economy since about 1996. But White said he is looking for this to be the beginning of several good years, because those issues have improved.

Steve Thompson, manager of Snake River Plaza in Burley

"Niche markets will show strength in the coming years," Thompson said.

"Whoever provides the best service in niche markets will do the best." Thompson bases his prediction partly on a recent survey, which was a collaboration between local merchant associations and the Mini-Cassia Chamber. Of the three considerations for buying, selection and service came out ahead of price, he said.

The rise in utility costs helps determine how much people will spend, but they will still make retail purchases, Thompson said.

Denny Curtis, real estate broker for DE Curtis Company in Burley

All real estate will be hot when gas prices increase and new better jobs are added, Curtis said.

"Once that happens everything will be hot," Curtis said. "That's where it's at."

Greg Rogers, regional labor economist at National Restaurant Association

The unemployment rate is stable at about 4.5 percent and probably will not top 5 percent.

Magic Valley has been fortunate so far and has had no recent major layoffs. The addition of Dell and expansion of Solo Cup as well as four major retailers coming to the canyon rim has strengthened employment.

2001 set a record for housing starts in Twin Falls, he said. While Dell and Solo have brought technical and manufacturing jobs, housing has brought construction jobs.

The biggest concern is possible cutbacks, which could cause loss of jobs at College of Southern Idaho and within the school districts.

"For the most part I look optimistic," Rogers said.

Steve Ahrens, president of the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry Lobbying Items

Maintaining tax relief in a state budget, which is under difficult financial limitations, is the key for business during this year's legislative session, he said.

"It's critically important to the entire business community," Ahrens said. While the governor has said he would not accept tax increases and legislative leaders are on record against tax increases, the lobbying team will continue to do everything it can to prevent tax increases.

Tax cuts related pressure on business and made Idaho business more competitive with businesses in other states, he said.

Matt Schurzer, crops extension educator for Min-Cassia

"Optimistic" is the word for the agriculture community. From the amount of moisture in the soil to the price of commodities, everything in the agricultural future looks good.

While growers are hoping for more moisture in the mountains to fill reservoirs, they are already starting off with more moisture in the ground than last year, Schurzer said.

"It's not nearly as dry as it was at this time last year," he said.

While the moisture outlook is good, so are prices. Demand has gone up for hay. "Prices should stay relatively high," he said. "Beans are the same way."

Price is up a little on wheat and is more favorable for sugar beets and potatoes. A new mulling barley plant in Idaho Falls will help.

"Overall things look a lot more optimistic than last year," Schurzer said.

By Loretta Burkhart Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — A prominent local caterer sees some business due to the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, but 2002 looks strong.

Steve Soran, owner of the Depot Grill and one of the Magic Valley's longest-lived catering services, said some corporate events canceled immediately after Sept. 11. "A group from overseas scheduled to come to the Magic Valley area were waiting for a plane in Washington, D.C., during the terrorist attack and had to cancel."

outlook "And where catering is usually a one-time event, you don't make it up," Soran said.

Soran, winner of a special recognition award Jan. 21 at the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's 82nd Annual Banquet, said both corporate and social catering dropped considerably following the East Coast attacks, but the catering market remains strong.

"The overall catering business began picking up near year's end," said Soran, whose family-owned and operated business schedules 30 to 40 catered events a month, and served about 35,000 meals "off premise" in 2001.

According to Soran, everyday there's a birthday, an anniversary or another special event that calls for people to get together and celebrate.

Research provided by the National Restaurant Association shows that more than 50 percent of all consumers visit a restaurant on their birthday. In the Magic Valley, many of these events are catered.

And much of the credit for the increase in off-premise dining goes to technology.

Where food safety is concerned, "timing is everything," said Soran, who depends on advanced refrigeration, electronic data, packaging



Steve Soran said the catering business began picking up near the end of 2001, following a lull caused by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Local sales

Total sales reported to the Idaho State Tax Commission for November 2001 by food service businesses:

Eating establishments sales	
Blaine	\$2,190,010
Cassia	\$703,737
Gooding	\$342,922
Jerome	\$204,859
Lincoln	\$118,364
Minidoka	\$236,888
Twin Falls	\$2,922,315

Drinking establishment sales

Blaine	\$416,089
Cassia	\$100,367
Gooding	\$60,092
Jerome	\$60,339
Lincoln	\$18,974
Minidoka	\$79,057
Twin Falls	\$328,958

Total sales for all of Idaho

Eating	\$77,593,927
Drinking	\$5,532,428

Rogers, regional economist with Idaho Department of Labor.

With about 2,500 people in the Magic Valley employed in the retail eating and drinking trade, it is one of the area's fastest growing service sectors, Rogers said.

Soran's Depot Grill has 72 employees, including part-time workers.

Overall, Soran sees a growing local economy, and considering the company's list scheduled events, he predicts a 10 to 15 percent dollar increase in his catering service in 2002.

Some events have already been scheduled into the company's 2003 calendar, Soran said.

Nationally, restaurant industry sales are forecast to advance 3.9 percent in 2002 and equal 4 percent of the U.S. gross domestic product. The food-and-beverage purchases alone are predicted to exceed \$144 billion. From 1970 to 2002, restaurant industry sales are expected to post a compound annual growth rate of 7.3 percent nationally.

magnitude when scaled down to the local economy, nonetheless, they can be strong indicators of economic trends.

In the Magic Valley, where, 25 percent of the work force is tied to restaurants, economic trends are on the rise. With low unemployment rates, consumers are confident and spending more.

"And for every dollar spent, it generates about \$2.20 in additional revenue. Eating out puts money into our economy," said Greg

and transportation devices, and specially designed racks for quality and growth in the restaurant business.

Industry research also claims the restaurant business is the nation's largest employer, aside from government. And from a national perspective, the overall national economic impact of the restaurant industry is expected to reach \$1 trillion in 2002, when related sales in the food industry are included.

Although dollar figures drop in

Printer sees fuel surcharges persist into 2002

By Cindy Snyder Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — Add up all the things that can impact a customer's decision to mail an advertising flyer or a newsletter, and the deciding factor more often than not is the cost of postage.

"When postage starts going up, I start losing customers," said Jack Kinyon, owner of J&D Printing in Castleford.

outlook "A customer comes in and wants to do a blanket flyer, but when they find out it'll cost them a thousand dollars for postage, they say forget about it."

Postage rate increases, along with a nearly predictable 3 percent hike in paper prices, have become an annual occurrence for printers such as Kinyon. Last year, the postage rate on both postcards and each additional ounce of mail went up by a penny.

"The biggest impact on the printing business in the last few years has been the doggone postage," he said. No postal rate increases have been announced at this time.

Over the 20 years Jack and his wife, Patsy, have been in the business, they have seen paper prices rise about 3 percent each year. That inflationary increase does not impact customer decisions as much as postal rate hikes or as much as the economy does.

When business gets tough and economies are tight, that is when the printing business picks up. When times are good, people don't advertise as much," Kinyon said. "On the other hand, bad times tend to generate more newsletters as businesses and organizations try to get the word out about what they do."

Even though farm prices are beginning to edge up in 2002 and the sagging U.S. economy is projected to recover, Kinyon doesn't anticipate much change in

demand for printing services. Both recoveries are more talk than reality this early in the year.

One economic impact from last year has lingered into 2002. Fuel surcharges became a common part of freight charges last year when fuel prices skyrocketed. Kinyon often ships finished product to customers outside of the Magic Valley using UPS.

The shipping company charged an additional fuel charge last year, but that was eliminated when the new rate structure was announced. His paper suppliers have continued to charge the fuel surcharge.

He blames the continuation of the surcharge on reduced customer service more than economic necessity. Years ago he worked with several paper suppliers, each of which was willing to go the extra mile for Kinyon and his customers.

But as suppliers have consolidated, customer service along with paper variety and color

selection has shrunk. Kinyon now works with mainly one supplier which represents just one manufacturer.

While competition on his supply side has dwindled, Kinyon has seen increased competition in his own market.

The advent of desktop publishing capabilities for home and business computers ate into Kinyon's business at first. But the slack has been taken up by customers who need to print large quantities of a flyer or newsletter.

"Computers can't compete on volume," he said.

In recent years, he has seen more small print shops start up business, but the trend seems to be for about as many print shops to close their doors as for new ones to open.

"When he looks back over what has happened in the last year and projects to the future, Kinyon expects a pretty normal year. "I don't anticipate any big changes."

Cost of heating spurs demand for new technology

By Lorraine Cavener Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Energy costs are going up so much that people are trying to find less expensive ways to heat.

That is the biggest trend in the heating and electric business seen by Larry Larson, owner of Larson's Electric and Heating.

While people were turning to electric heat throughout the 1950s and '70s, now people are going back to gas, he said.

But it is not just gas. People are going to high-efficiency equipment.

"We are even seeing a lot of propane," he said. Whether it is gas or propane, customers choosing high-efficiency furnaces are keeping Larson and his colleagues in the industry busy.

Over the last several years, geothermal water-to-air furnaces have also been big sellers. "That is the highest-efficiency system on the market now," he said.

While the Pacific Northwest has been blessed with the cheapest power in the country, over the past few years, rates have increased dramatically, Larson said.

When he started in 1968, power cost less than a penny per kilowatt.

"Now you're looking at four-and-a-half to five cents and up," he said. "The big jump has been here in the last 10 years."

Many people on a fixed income, trying to figure out any way they can to save money, are finding it economical in the long run to have high-efficiency systems installed.

Others, who are having new homes built, are able to take advantage of more new technology in the industry.

Whenever Larry's prepares to install heating and electric systems in a new home, a computer program is used. Windows, doors and air conditioning are factored into the program.

"The program tells us how much the heat load should be," Larson said.

The program tells the difference in what the cost would be between propane, natural gas, electric, oil and wood.

"The payback will be that the high-efficiency equipment will save money," he said.

Another trend is that homeowners are getting gas or propane fireplaces instead of wood-burning heat. Often people find that gas propane can be more efficient than wood.

No matter what the system, customers want to know if it will save them money.

"Is it going to help me or not," Larson said is the question people always ask.

Fertilizer

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mid-year. Venezuela, China, Indonesia and Malaysia entered the U.S. fertilizer market last year. Schorzman said that competition means fertilizer prices are back to 2000 levels and his suppliers tell him there is no immediate threat of a spike in fertilizer prices.

Farmers are also benefiting from competition among crop-protection chemicals, even though that competition is less obvious. Many feared that consolidation of agricultural companies would result in less competition and higher prices. Instead, as older products lose their patents and cheaper generic products are put

on the market, the pressure is on to keep the pricing on new products low as well to compete with the generics.

Fortunately, chemical companies continue to develop new products. Schorzman said many new fungicides and herbicides are available this year for producers to use.

Although lower input costs are affecting part of the customer's bottom line, improving commodity prices are just as important.

Schorzman expects customers to order what is needed for their crops and then watch the market. If the market looks like it will reward them for applying additional inputs, farmers may be

willing to make the investment this year.

If spending an extra dollar an acre to increase yield nets a farmer an additional dollar in profit, the incentive isn't there to apply more fertilizer and increase yield, Schorzman said. But if the market will reward the dollar investment with a two-dollar profit, a farmer will be more willing to spend the dollar.

Farmers will be more conservative this year. They've learned how to live on nothing, how to raise a crop with nothing," Schorzman said. "If they apply what they've learned in the last few years and get paid for it, this could be a good year."

Housing

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master suite with a bathroom — a far cry from the days when everyone shared a single bathroom.

The nation may have slowed down but Lively, who has been in business since 1981, sees no similar slowdown here. His practice was down in total volume last year only because of personal reasons, not because of the economy around him.

This year he's working on a new facility for the Potomac airport, a new school in Bliss, a couple of restaurant remodels and a plethora of home remodels.

"I'm extremely busy with some pretty good-sized projects," he said. "The magazines are surprised to hear that, but that's the way it is."

The trend for now lies in remodeling. Homes and businesses both.

Lively, for instance, was involved in giving the Lynwood shopping center a facelift.

"Everything gets dated. The Lynwood complex is the same building it has always been but it looks like new on the outside. "You've heard the old saying 'location, location, location.'"

There's no reason for them to get elsewhere. They've got what they should be. We just need to spiff them up so they can compete with the new buildings on the block."

Lively said he's never found any one material that compares with concrete for wood framing. Still, there's a lot of interest in straw homes. There's also an increase amount of interest in radiant heat, especially in commercial buildings.

"It's more expensive than forced air to install, but less expensive to maintain."



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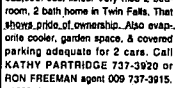
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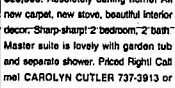
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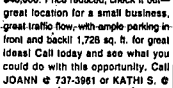
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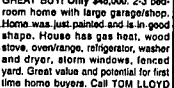
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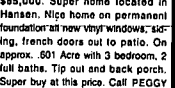
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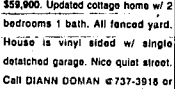
**\$78,900.** Such a cute home on 1/2 acre. 3 bedroom, 1,500 sq. ft. central air. Mature trees all around. Very serene! Don't delay. Call **BRENDA today! 410-5074** or **324-8652** #100610



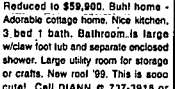
**\$79,900.** Great home on quiet street. Features 2 bedrooms 1 bath, gas heat, large detached double garage & covered patio. Basement has room for extra bedrooms, etc. Metal sided exterior. Call **THE RASMUSSEN TEAM @ 737-3900** or **737-3923** or view @ [lynrasrasmussen.com](http://lynrasrasmussen.com) #101200



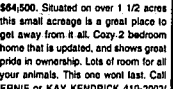
**\$88,500.** Brand New Home in the new Park View Estates Sub. Great sq. ft. at this price. Three bedroom, 2 baths. Has it all gas heat, central air, vinyl siding, front porch. Close to Oregon Trail Elementary & Driving Range, more floor plans to choose from. Call **THE RASMUSSEN TEAM @ 737-3900** or **737-3925**. Very Affordable. #101355



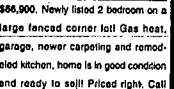
REDUCED TO **\$92,500.** Lovely brick home in quiet neighborhood. 3 bed (1 wood egress window) 1 3/4 bath, bright kitchen, nice utility room, single car garage w/ auto opener, fenced yard w/ beautiful mature landscaping, covered patio, auto sprinklers, very nice home. A must see! Call **DIANA WHITNEY 737-3969** #100925



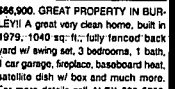
**\$104,500.** LOTS OF ROOM! 3 Bedroom 1 1/2 bath home on 1.1 acre 1405 sq. ft. main floor with full basement, 2 car garage, heat pump, air conditioning, mature trees, garden soil, new roof summer 2000. A great place with space and potential. Call **TOM LLOYD 737-3924** or **308-0117** #100925



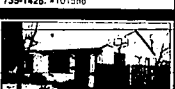
**NEAT AS A PIN \$104,900.** Beautifully maintained 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on a quiet cul-de-sac near Monticopa School. Built in 1993. Large fenced yard with concrete patio. Gas heat and central air. Auto sprinklers. Great fireplace in living room. Call **Dorothy or Ken for an appointment to see this immaculate home. \$104,900.** Call **KEN or DOROTHY 734-0400** #101850



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**\$109,000.** Better than new with this great 3 bedroom, 2 bath home near Monticopa Elementary. Built in 1996, has large fenced back yard, auto sprinklers and gas heat. Call **KATHY PARTRIDGE 737-3920** or **RON FREEMAN 737-3920** Licensed to Sell. #101327



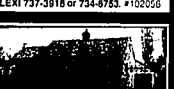
Let the surrounding homes bring you added value! Sweet country home with 3 bed kitchen, pellet stove, large great room, covered patio, hot tub area, three bedrooms, double car garage is priced to SELL. **\$109,000.** Please call **KATHI S.** today to see. **737-3917** or call **730-8219** at home. #101206



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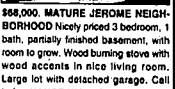
Brick duplex, 2 possible 3 bedroom units, garage **\$115,900.** Please call **RICK BEARD 539-5311** #101385



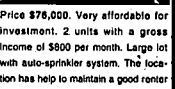
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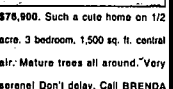
**\$129,000.** Kimberly, 1998 manufactured home on permanent foundation on 2.54. Features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, off-entrance (could be 4th bedroom), forced air, electric heat, central air, formal dining & shed. Lots of room for RV's & shop. Visit [TheHessTeam.com](http://TheHessTeam.com) or Call **WALT 737-3939** or **TAMI 737-3940** for more details. #100642



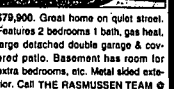
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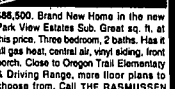
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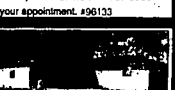
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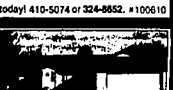
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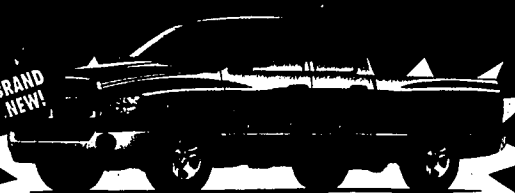
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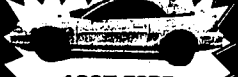


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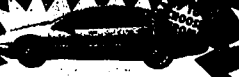


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## The way you stop is by falling down

My friend Lynn made the decision to "get a life" after she watched too many TV shows about jet-set movie stars. She decided she would go away every weekend to ski.

But first, she had to learn how. "They didn't show me how to lean forward and get off the chair lift," Linda told me after her first big weekend on the slopes. "So I kept riding around and around all day." I thought of this week while I was watching the Winter Olympic Games, and I realized I could identify much more easily with my ski-bummed-out friend than I could identify with those wild-and-crazy ski-jumper types who are willing to risk life and limb and frostbite, too.

When I was a kid growing up in the Midwest, I never thought much about snow-covered mountains. And ice, to me, was just something that swirled around in a Pepsi. Then I grew up and became a member of the mobile society. Every time I moved, I moved farther north.

Twelve years ago, shortly after my family had moved to Idaho, I received my full indoctrination. My daughter's school planned a ski trip.

"My husband and I will do it," I told the sixth-grade teacher when she asked for volunteers to chaperone the outing to Pomerelle.

Then I called my mother, back east, to tell her the news. "You're going to do what?" she shrieked, in her usual surely-not-going-to ride your bicycle down the street" voice. It was an omen of things to come.

In preparation for the ski trip, I thumbed through a few books on skiing. The chapters had titles like "So you're really lost." And, "Cold can kill." The permission slip my daughter brought home from school was worse. There, I read words like "injury" and "dangerous."

"The other parents don't read those, Mom," my child assured me, thrusting the form back into my hand. "They just sign them."

The school also sent a note saying we would meet at 8 a.m. the day of the trip. The last time I had gotten up at 5 in the morning, I was in labor.

By the time the big day arrived, my daughter had come down with a secondary infection of some sort - and I ended up stuck in the ski lodge most of the day, playing Scrabble with her.

My husband signed up for the beginner class.

Going downhill takes more confidence than going uphill," the ski instructor told his students. No one dared ask why. So he went on to talk about how to use ski poles, how to turn around and how to fall down. That's when my husband asked if he could get part of his money back, since he already knew how to fall down.

Eventually, my daring spouse progressed from the bunny slope to a reasonable facsimile of a real downhill run.

When he jumped onto the chair lift, I waved good-bye to him with the stoic determination of a wife sending her husband off to war. Forty-five minutes later, he was down the slope.

"How many times did you fall?" I asked him, as he sloshed back into the lodge.

"I lost count," he snapped. "The only way I know how to stop is to fall down."

To add a lighter note to this ski report, my family did spend a whole day cross-country skiing the following year. At least that's what we told our friends back in the Midwest.

This is what really happened: My husband did fairly well. Our daughter did OK, but grumbled a lot because her rented ski gear didn't have designer labels. Her little brother zipped down his small inclines with ease, but after five minutes of being fastened into multiple layers of snow ropes, he had to go to the bathroom.

I barely made it around the tree in front of the ski lodge.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

# Tell me a story

## Spinning yarns taps humankind's oldest tradition

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — He's not making this up, Baxter Black insists.

"There was a fella who worked in the oil fields of southern Colorado until he lost his leg in an accident on an oil rig. So he got himself an artificial leg and he went into the cattle business. One day there was this newborn calf that needed attention, but the fella couldn't get close because the mother wouldn't let him near."

"So he got the bright idea to drive up to the cow and calf in his pickup, open the door, grab the calf and drive off. Except that when he grabbed the calf and pulled it into the cab, the mama came right in after it."

"He opened the driver's side door to get out of there, but his prosthesis got stuck between the high-low and gear shift. He's hangin' out the door upside down, the calf is on top of him and the mama's comin' after him."

"So he got the bright idea to take off his pants, and the artificial leg came off with them, leaving the cow and the calf, and him underneath the truck. It wouldn't be nearly as funny if it wasn't."

Black is a storyteller, by which he means he tells the truth about the untidy business of being human.

"The best stories are about real lives," said Black, syndicated columnist, radio commentator and former Idahoan.

"That's why they appeal to people." Yet storytelling, the oldest art form of all, is a dwindling skill in an era of 10-second sound bites. Although most writers are to some extent storytellers, storytelling is at heart an oral tradition that requires empathy, a good ear - and most particularly a willingness to do your homework.

"You can't be a good storyteller if you don't know what you're talking about," said Mary Inman of Twin Falls, a National Park Service naturalist-turned-medical technician who now tells stories of the Oregon Trail through a character called Gramma Maude Miller. "I can talk about the Oregon Trail as if I was there because I've read these people's diaries."

The Arizona-based Black, who spent the 1970s as a J.R. Simplot Company veterinarian based in Grand View and once managed a feed store in Twin Falls, does his homework by listening to folks he meets at farm and livestock trade shows and fairs where he speaks - and by reading his e-mail.

"I get a ton of it," he said. "A lot of people just sharing things that are funny or make them mad."

Good storytelling is equal parts material and presentation, Black believes.

"I tell funny stories, but I always mix in a few stories that aren't intended to be funny," he said.

The gold standard of American storytelling was established by Will Rogers, the Oklahoma cowboy humorist and trick-roper who became a superstar entertainer in the days before mass media.

"Will Rogers was like Johnny Carson and Jay Leno in that regular people could identify with what he said and thought they knew him," he said. "Now



Libby Gordes reads a book for a group of preschoolers at the Bunt Public Library. Gordes, who is a former drama teacher, uses props and songs to tell stories.

Carson and Leno are multi-millionaires and have very little in common with most people, but Will Rogers was a regular person and he stayed that way."

"When people hear 'storytelling,' they think it's someone reading picture books aloud to small children," said Rosemary Vohs, who teaches storytelling courses at Western Washington University.

"But it's not that at all. They don't understand the power and history of storytelling."

Inman says the art of storytelling transcends time and place. Her listeners are, for the most part, living comfortable lives in a well-watered modern agricultural greenbelt, but her stories are about a trackless Idaho desert and frightened people trying to escape it before succumbing to heat, cold, thirst, hunger or disease.

"Many of the women who traveled the Oregon Trail didn't want to be there," she said. "It was the men who wanted to go west, and the women just had to make the most of it."

Drawing on oral traditions passed down for generations, storytellers relate cultural folk tales, fairy tales, tall tales, autobiographical stories and sometimes their own inventions.

While it's fun to watch professionals, storytelling is something all parents can

- and should - do with their children, according to Margaret Read MacDonal, a Bothell, Wash., writer who has produced 32 books on storytelling and folk tales.

Knowing how to tell a good story is also a useful skill for grandparents, teachers, Scout leaders and other adults who work with kids, she said.

"Stories have always been shared by families," MacDonal told the Seattle Times. "It's the way we passed on information about culture and morals. Under the guise of a story, there's a little moral at the end telling children how they should act."

While reading picture books is great, it can discourage young children from creating their own images in their minds, Vohs told the Times.

Spending so much time in front of television, computer and game screens adds to the problem.

"They have plenty of media contact," she said. "They need more personal contact. When you tell a story, it's your heart to their heart, your eyes to their eyes."

The best storyteller Black ever knew was Texas cowboy cartoonist named Ace Reid.

"Ace knew Lyndon Johnson from Johnson's Texas days, and one day Ace

## Storytelling 101

1 Paint images with your words by describing things using words related to the five senses. "The day that my grandmother died the world looked like a barren place to me. Everything looked brown and vacant."

2 Use concrete words from the physical world when speaking, even when talking about invisible things. For example, an audience would be more touched by the very real image of "crying" than the more abstract words "mourn" or "grieve." "I cried on and off for several months after my grandfather died" vs. "I mourned and grieved for four months when my grandfather passed away."

3 Create suspense by starting out with a provocative sentence or a provocative question. Finish up by delivering the resolution to your original provocative question. For instance, "Do you know what the one thing is that all women hate? Years ago, I met a female police officer who: And that's now I learned that the one thing that all women hate is..."

4 Use words that "sing." This would include words that inspire, words that initiate a sound, words that paint a beautiful picture, etc. Become an investigator on the go to find more words that have this kind of effect. Examples: sanctuary, crescendo, seaside, etc.

5 Tell stories when extra emphasis is needed. Your listeners will remember the story long after they remember anything else that you may have shared.

6 Use anecdotes from movies to draw home a point that you are trying to make. For example, you could say, "When she found out how much credit card debt I am in, I felt like the Wizard of Oz when they pulled back the curtain and revealed the little girl."

7 Take note of which anecdotes have a powerful impact on others. Reuse these anecdotes whenever possible. This type of anecdote will either move an audience to tears or move listeners enough to make them talk about the anecdote later on with you. Why keep a valuable tool in a drawer?

8 Limit the use of personal anecdotes when making a public presentation.

9 If you use more than three or four stories about your own life, your listeners may feel that you are taking more of their time, attention, etc.) from them than you are giving to them.

10 Tell stories about your kids and pets. These anecdotes will brighten up your listeners' day and warm their hearts.

Practice, practice, practice. People will feel nurtured, entertained, and supported by your effort to become a good storyteller.

Source: Clara Albright, "Secrets for Improving Your Communication Skills"

was walking into a cafe in Johnson City when the screen door flew open and a couple of Secret Service guys came out, followed by the president.

"They nodded to each other and Johnson and his entourage went on their way. Ace went inside and stroled into the bathroom. There, right over a urinal, he signed Lyndon Johnson's name."

"Then he walked back out of the bathroom and into the restaurant and he said in a loud voice, 'You boys won't believe what I found in there.'"

The Seattle Times contributed to this report

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## Help children through a divorce

• Forge a working relationship with your ex-spouse so the children can have a meaningful relationship with mom and dad.

• Avoid fighting with your ex-spouse - or at least keep your arguments away from the children.

• Realize that, early on, you'll face a roller coaster of emotions, but try to maintain your composure for the children.

• Don't criticize your ex-spouse in front of the children.

• Keep your children's routines as much as possible.

• Listen to your children's concerns.

## Writers contest accepts applications

Upcoming JACKPOT - The third annual Carl Hayden Young Writers Contest is open to students in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades in the Twin Falls, Buhl, Kimberly, Filer, Gooding, Hansen, Murtaugh, Shoshone, Wendell, Minidoka and Jerome school districts.

Each grade will be judged separately. More than \$1,200 in cash prizes will be awarded to participating students, with another \$500 going to the school with the greatest number of winning authors: Last year, Acequia Elementary School and Kimberly Elementary School tied for that honor.

Contest rules and application forms can

## Help children through a divorce Etc...

• Reassure them repeatedly they are not the cause of the divorce and tell them you love them.

• Try to find a support group for your children.

Source: The Miami Herald

## To do for families

be obtained from participating schools, or by phoning 736-1626. Deadline is April 12. Winners will be announced May 10.

Some 200 young writers participated in last year's contest; 12 shared nearly \$1,500 in cash prizes. Carl Hayden was a longtime in cash prizes. Carl Hayden was a longtime publicist for Cactus Petes. He died in 1992.

Every week, To Do for Families lists family-oriented events in south-central Idaho. To get an item listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon on Wednesdays.

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FAMILY LIFE

The threat of emotional infidelity

Psychologist says male-female friendships harm marriages

The Baltimore Sun

Are you a woman who shares secrets with a male friend? Are you the kind of man who reviews his weekend plans with a female co-worker? Or do you go out for drinks with a colleague of the opposite sex?

If you are married and answer yes to any of these questions, then therapist M. Gary Neuman has a word to describe your behavior: unfaithful.

"We can't fool ourselves into believing that we can have intimate relationships at work and still have a great relationship at home," says Neuman. "My message is that if you want to preserve passion and have a buddy for the rest of your life, you have to keep that emotional content in your marriage. Otherwise, it's not going to happen."

Neuman, a Miami Beach psychologist, has raised hackles in the marriage counseling field with his recently published book, "Emotional Infidelity: (Random House) that decries male-female friendships outside marriage as a form of adultery.

The funny thing is that while Neuman's views might seem extreme, even his critics say his central premise—that friendships between members of the opposite sex can harm marriages—is probably valid.

"It's a concern," says Shirley Glass, an Owings Mills, Md., psychologist and longtime researcher into marital infidelity. "Many love affairs begin just that way."

Marital infidelity, the sexual kind, is hardly an uncommon phenomenon in contemporary America. Nor does it show any sign of abating. According to a 1998 survey by the University of Chicago, about 25 percent of mar-



In the 1989 movie 'When Harry Met Sally,' Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan learned it's not always easy to separate friendship and romance.

ried men and 17 percent of married women in this country admit to having been unfaithful. Glass suspects those numbers are too low. Her own research suggests it is probably closer to 25 percent of women and 40 to 50 percent of men.

How many married men and women might admit to an emotional infidelity? Probably 55 to 65 percent, she says, and she thinks the numbers are growing. Her own definition of emotional infidelity is more cautious than Neuman's. Glass thinks a friendship between members of the opposite sex must have three traits to be an infidelity: emotional intimacy that is greater than that within the marriage, sexual tension and secrecy.

Hamit Aizen, 38, of Reisterstown, says she used to think that

opposite-gender friends were fine for married couples—but after nine years of marriage she no longer feels that way. Instead, she puts a greater priority on preserving intimacy with her husband.

A married-father-of-five, Neuman, 37, believes society generally has underestimated how harmful these emotional infidelities can be. He has counseled too many couples not to have noticed that marriages suffer when men and women seek intimate relationships outside the home.

Consider, he says, the husband who gripes about work with a female co-worker and then comes home and doesn't really want to repeat his complaints all over again with his wife. The result? She is isolated from a significant part of his life.

Or what about the wife who

How to stay true

Here are 10 rules for avoiding emotional infidelity:

- 1. Keep it all business in the office.
2. Avoid meetings with members of the opposite sex outside the workplace.
3. Meet in groups.
4. Find polite ways of ending personal conversations.
5. Take particular care not to have regular (perhaps daily or even weekly) conversations about your life outside work.
6. Don't share your personal feelings.
7. Be unflinchingly honest with yourself.
8. Avoid cordial kisses and hugs, or dancing with members of the opposite sex.
9. Don't drink in mixed company.
10. Show your commitment to your spouse daily.

—Source: Baltimore Sun

flirts with other men? Will she feel better or worse about her marriage when she compares their reaction to her husband's behavior? He might seem much less fun and exciting.

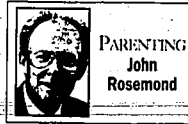
In his book, Neuman refers to research that shows it's where the majority of extramarital affairs get started—perhaps as high as 73 percent, according to one study.

He sees opportunities for inappropriate behavior behind every lunch, every trip for drinks after work and every business trip where men and women are thrust into prolonged social contact without their spouses.

Modern "team building" retreats where male and female co-workers climb walls or rappel down cliffs? Neuman would like to see them end.

"We have hard and fast decisions to make," he says. "What's the most meaningful thing in your life? We can't fool ourselves into thinking we can have these intimate relationships at work and still have a great relationship at home."

You can toilet train a 32-month-old child



PARENTING John Rosemond

I tried toilet training my 32-month-old boy, but after a couple of days of no success, I decided to stop and try again later. My friend says I need to hang in there, but my pediatrician says my son isn't ready. She suggests I wait a few months and try again. Any thoughts?

A. What does it mean that a 2 1/2-year-old child "isn't ready" to learn to properly use the toilet? Excuse me, but in the absence of serious developmental delays, a child is capable of learning to do this between 18 and 24 months.

I prefer the term "capable" to "ready" because the latter implies that the parents must approach the child with great caution, almost as if they are asking the child's permission to proceed. It also implies that toilet training is fraught with psychological pitfalls, especially if one does not correctly interpret the arcane readiness signs."

Anecdotes as well as emerging research confirm that not only is it relatively easy to train a child before his second birthday, but that the longer the parents wait past that point to initiate training, the more difficult it will be.

Your second mistake is you obviously think that if something you do doesn't bring results in a few days, something must be wrong. The fact is it can take from a few days to several weeks to toilet train a toddler. It is premature to conclude that a child who isn't happily accident-free after several days isn't "ready."

The fact that your son did not have any success in three days likely means that you waited too long, not that you ought to wait longer. You might also have made another common mistake—micromanaging. Parents are very anxious about toilet training, and their anxiety drives a lot of over-directing. Toddlers are not inclined to follow instructions when someone is hovering over them.

The keys to relatively quick, painless toilet training are:

• Set the stage properly. Put the child's potty out in the open, in that area of the house where the child spends most of his time during the day. Yes, even if that means the living room.

• Make it simple. Either let the child walk around the house naked from the waist down or wearing only thin cotton underwear. Any bulky material around the child's pelvic area (those nefarious devices called "pull ups") will defeat the child's ability to sense when he has to use the toilet and hold until he gets there. Also, by letting your child walk around naked or wearing only the thinnest of underwear (no wetting pants either), when he has an accident, he will know it and so will you. Stains? Big deal. When your child is trained, call the carpet cleaner.

• Keep your distance. Remember that this is trial-and-error. If you hover, trying to prevent errors, you will not only be an obstacle to your child's learning, you will also provoke resistance.

• Respond properly to mistakes (and remember they are inevitable). When a mistake occurs, be encouraging and supportive. Take your child to the potty and remind. Needless to say, yelling is counterproductive. Now, go ahead and get started. And this time, stick with it.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at Affirmative Parenting, 1020 E. 86th St., Suite 268, Indianopolis, Ind. 46240 and at his Web site: http://www.rosemond.com/

Doctor: Parents, kids should have 'the talk'

South Florida Sun-Sentinel

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.—The father stopped typing at his computer when he heard a knock on the door. He welcomed his son with a wide smile, which quickly dissipated once his son revealed the reason for his visit.

The father's eyes darted everywhere, trying not to focus on his son, who had just asked about sex.

"All I have to tell you, man, is that you need to use a condom," the father said, his head turning in embarrassment. "I'm too young to be a granddad."

The father's eyes darted everywhere, trying not to focus on his son, who had just asked about sex.

"My mom asked me about sex and at least she was concerned!" "You can't talk a boy not to have sex nowadays!"

The health education class at the club is one of many South Florida programs addressing an issue some parents are too embarrassed to talk about.

Talking to children about sex can be hard, but parents shouldn't completely depend on programs, schools or other people to provide the information.

"We don't see our roles as the primary educators of our students in this area," said Fay Clark Broward County director of student support services and exceptional student education.

Parents should talk to their children often about sexual issues instead of having "the one talk," said Dr. Walter F. Lambert, medical director of the child protection team for Miami-Dade and Monroe counties.

For more information

Here's lots of information that can help parents talk to their children about sex. International Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy: Booklet with tips on how to talk to your children about sex, in English and Spanish. See www.teenpregnancy.org Web sites: Teens can get tips at www.teenwire.com and www.great-twat.com

The first talk for boys and girls ages 9 to 10 doesn't have to be specifically about sex but more about the changes they'll see in their bodies. At first, girls need to know about the concept of menstruation and boys about masturbation and wet dreams, said Dr. David Marcus, pediatrician and vice president of Florida's Pediatric Society.

"As they get older, parents can bring up the topic by asking their children if they have any questions about sex.

"There's no magic age," Lambert said. "Circumstances

sometimes force you to talk about things."

Using slang should be avoided when talking about sex, and the topic shouldn't be brought out of the blue, Marcus said, but instead led into with an appropriate opportunity.

Some parents are concerned their children are not asking questions because they're getting possibly wrong information from other sources.

"If they say 'Dad, I know all about that,' then you sit them down and say 'what do you know?'" Marcus said.

Both parents should become involved in the discussion, because daughters and sons will have different questions for their parents, he said.

Dominique Armenteros, 12, of Miramar, Fla., said the only reason she talked to her father about sex is because he initiated the conversation.

"Now I feel comfortable because he approached me," she said. "I know from my father's perspective what a boy goes through."

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Gemini, Sagittarius persons play major roles in your life, could have these letters in names: C, L, U. During this cycle, you exercise independence of thought and action. You experience a new, exciting kind of romance. July most memorable!

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You'll exude warmth, sensuality and sex appeal. Focus on where you live and with whom. Marital status figures prominently. You discern direction of your life—straight ahead!

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Avoid scattering forces. Check legal aspects relating to project. Lie low, play waiting game. Gemini, Sagittarius natives play outstanding roles. Lucky number: 3.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Attention revolves around safety, security and ability to overcome objections from relatives. Revise, review and rewrite; what had

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been rejected could now be accepted.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Put feelings into words. Obtain story behind the story. Focus on reading, writing and teaching. Flirtation lends spice; know when to say, "Enough!" Virgo represented.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Beautify surroundings, hang pictures on walls of home. Domestic adjustment dominates, could mean change of residence or marital status. Taurus, Libra involved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Circumstances turn in your favor. Take direct aim at "target." Highlight personality, avoid self-deception.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Money comes your way from anonymous source. Power-play day; you could win contest. Romantic relationship is hot and heavy. Capricorn, Cancer natives play roles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You could be "talk of the town!" Events transpire in your favor. Take initiative; don't wait to be told what to do. Highlight universal appeal. Aries in pictures.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make fresh start. Creative juices flow. Let go of previous notions. You can almost do the impossible if you so permit. You'll experience "different" kind of romance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Lucky day! You win friends; power of persuasion is highlighted. Fortunate number for you today is 2. Focus will be on home and marriage. Cancer native involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Emphasis on versatility, diversity and intellectual curiosity. You might be playing a "question-and-answer" game. Gemini, Sagittarius figure in dynamic scenario.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Attention revolves around philosophical thoughts and discussions. Do research, line up priorities. Taurus, Scorpio persons will help in finding key to conundrum.

Advertisement for Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Baby and Children's Faire. Includes text: 'There's so much to learn about staying healthy', 'Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Baby and Children's Faire', and a list of activities like 'Live drawing for the Native Idaho Toilet Fund Baby' and 'Stroller Parade'.

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Wife can't stop loving her ex

DEAR ABBY: I am 34 years old, married and very confused. My current husband, "Austin," and I have a good marriage. He is wonderful to me. I have three children from a previous marriage. My ex-husband, "Chet," and I are great friends. I have never stopped loving him. That is my problem. I dream of Chet every night. I think of him all day. I don't know how to get him out of my mind and heart. Abby: I am committed to my marriage and take my vows seriously, but it's almost like I am emotionally cheating on Austin. I have even considered leaving him because I feel so guilty about the way I feel. I know I could never be reunited with Chet, but I don't think I love Austin the way a wife should. Is it wrong to have feelings about your children's father?

DEAR ABBY: No, Chet may have been a poor husband, but the attraction you felt for him is still powerful. I call it moth-to-the-flame syndrome. Even though the moth may get singed, the attraction is still there. What would be wrong would be to act on those feelings. Consider this: The objects we dream about are usually symbolic. Counseling could help you to figure out what Chet symbolizes in your dreams and fantasies. It may not be what you think.



DEAR ABBY: Our elementary school second-grade class had an assembly conducted by the local fire department. The firemen demonstrated their equipment, let the children try on helmets and protective clothing, and talked to them about fire safety. One thing they did was show the children how to crawl out of a room or house that was on fire.

One child in the class is in a wheelchair. He cannot walk or crawl or maneuver his manual chair-by-himself. This student's one-on-one aide thought the boy should learn what HE should do if he was ever in a fire. She decided that he could yell for help so the firemen could find him.

Now when she brings him to my office for toileting, she puts him on the toilet and then leaves the room to give him some privacy. When he's ready to get back in his chair, he is to yell loudly. His normal speaking voice is very soft, so he had to be trained to yell loudly. Some people in the school have been frightened when they heard him yell, "Help! I'm in here!" from the bathroom - but it's just! I save his life one day.

EDUCATOR IN TUCSON: DEAR EDUCATOR: I am all for a child being prepared in case of an emergency. What concerns me is the possibility that the child's cries would be discounted if a real emergency were to occur. It is unwise to instruct a child to yell "Help!" unless there is danger. Assistance in the restroom could just as easily be gained by shouting, "Agnes, I'm ready now!" The message would be accurate and not frighten anyone.

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing regarding the sister-in-law who parades around the house naked. I wonder if the couple who live there would like to supplement their income by taking in a boarder. Tell them Grandpa's suitcase is packed.

NATURE LOVER IN THE NORTHWEST: DEAR NATURE LOVER: Unpack your suitcase. Grandpa's. They have enough problems already.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and her daughter, Jaane.

HEALTHNET ASSETS

About our kids

Once a week through Nov. 4, The Times-News in cooperation with the Twin Falls County HealthNet Coalition and the Youth Action Council will profile one of HealthNet's "Assets" for kids and caregivers.

And we'll illustrate it with a poster about the Asset of the Week, designed and drawn by youngsters from throughout Twin Falls County.

With the help of HealthNet, we'll also detail the attributes of each Asset, in this case a caring school climate.

Caring school climate

The first story in the series was done by Staniela Nikolova, an eighth-grader at Robert Stuart Junior High School in Twin Falls. Look for other Assets in the next 35 weeks in The Times-News Family Life section on Sundays.

And to find out more about Assets and the work of HealthNet, call 423-5915 or 825-5887.

HealthNet is a coalition of public agencies, health-care institutions and the College of Southern Idaho.

Caring school climate

Week No. 5: Monday through March 10.

Name: Staniela Nikolova
Grade: Eighth
School: Robert Stuart Junior High School, Twin Falls

Asset of the week: Caring school climate

Young people need to feel that their school is a caring, encouraging place to be. Yet only 31 percent of our county's teens feel they have this asset.

Take the Asset Challenge: Help a child build a caring school climate.

- Congregation
- Host a community roundtable on the topic of caring schools. Include both adults and youth, and report highlights to your school district.
- Identify teachers, administrators and other educators within

your congregation; acknowledge and honor their efforts.

- Home
- Ask your children about things they would like to see changed at their school; act on them.
- Volunteer at your child's school.

- Community
- Encourage neighbors to vote during school board elections.
- Submit letters, articles and photos to the media spotlighting caring schools and teachers.

Youth

- Be a role model of caring behavior to your peers.
- Get involved in school activities; join Youth Action Council, and encourage your friends to join with you.

To learn more

Call HealthNet and Youth Action Council at 423-5915 or 825-5887.

Asset of the Week is a public service of Twin Falls County HealthNet Coalition; Youth Action Council and The Times-News.

ASSETS FOR YOUTH
CARING BINDS ASSET #5 CARING SCHOOL CLIMATE
POSTER DESIGNED BY STANIELA NIKOLOVA, 8TH GRADE, ROBERT STUART JR. HIGH

Stipulations: Don't let them hold you back

The restrictions we place on what we'll accept can be a major factor of our success or failure in a situation. And, by extension, it can also be a major factor in life. More stipulations usually mean fewer options and fewer opportunities.

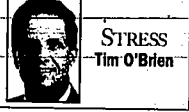
This is not a call to be indiscriminate. We certainly need to maintain principles and selectively choose what relationships, work and recreation are correct for us. However, intractable demands, especially on peripheral issues, can stifle us. Frustration is often the result of a conflict between desires, and the requirements for satisfying the desires. We might actually feel bewildered, initially not understanding why we "can't have it our way."

Neither the world, an employer, or any other person owes us anything. There is no universal entitlement to always having what we want. We can plan a perfect job, relationship, or future. We can rationally believe it is possible. We can feel and be worthy of it. We can want it deeply. We can have a strong motivation to work for it.

However, life, other people, and organizations sometimes have alternate, apparently conflicting, plans or timetables. What should we do? Here are three suggestions. They will help you when everything doesn't "go your way."

1. Realistically review your criteria and demands. Which are matters of principle? Which are matters of taste, or are "would likes"? Don't compromise principle. Consider suspending some preference items until you gain seniority or become better known to those involved. Don't give up. Don't feel like you're giving in. Just postpone temporarily.

• Be as flexible as possible.



STRESS - Tim O'Brien

Wouldn't another shift work at all? Is moving completely unreasonable to consider? Is a slightly lower starting salary manageable until the bonuses kick in? Ask yourself, "Are all of my demands necessary? Are they fair?"

• Consider new perspectives. When ideas, situations and alternatives outside your normal view come up, be willing to consider them. They might surprise you. They might be better than your original idea. Do any of us always have the right idea, or the right way the first time, every time? I certainly don't. Analyze the benefits and drawbacks of alternatives and options. When you do try something new, start small. Then, as your confidence grows, increase your exposure to the new way.

Find a balance between desires and demands. The more flexibility you have during the process of planning and working toward your success, the more options you have. Keep your standards high and your willingness open. Then, if you pay the price for the best, in effort and acceptance, you'll likely get it.

Tim O'Brien writes continuing-education courses and presents seminars on stress management. Readers may write to him at 2938 Hawthorne Circle East, Tallahassee, Fla. 32308 or send e-mail to iso1@hyperstress.com. He also has a web site at www.hyperstress.com.

Dogs provide way to lose weight

When you look at him waiting desperately for you to begin a game of fetch, my family's Labrador retriever, Sirloin, doesn't exactly look like a physical therapist. That's just what he became for me last year when a spinal injury forced me to take three months off work.

I soon learned that animal rescues don't have to come in the form of a dog jumping you from a burning building to qualify as heroic. Just as often, pets perform heroic rescues on a daily basis just by being there during times of need.

The first day of January, 2001, just four days after having my neck vertebrae fused, on my doctor's orders and to fulfill my promised Christmas present for my wife Teresa to lose weight and get control of my blood pressure, I started morning sessions on the treadmill. Teresa is the type who can pound away happily for hours on those machines, but for me, a half an hour of forced labor is about my limit. So each afternoon I began taking walks in the great outdoors accompanied by Sirloin.

My first tentative outing was only the distance from our house to the barn, about the length of a soccer field. I'd forgotten that this is how everyone has to start toward a goal.

One step at a time. Then up to the barn and back. Then up to the barn and back two times. A week later, past the barn, down the hill and back. Movement was painful, and the route we took was repetitive at first. I viewed it as a duty.

One of the amazing powers of pets is their ability to attack a sedentary lifestyle with joy instead of grinding discipline. My walk was transformed by piggybacking onto his acute senses. When I looked at the trail-I saw nothing, but through



THE BOND - Marty Becker

Letters sought

Marty Becker has been nominated for Veterinarian of the Year by the American Veterinary Medical Association and the Delta Society. The groups are requesting letters from former clients of Becker's in Twin Falls about how he was as a veterinarian. Letters or emails should be sent to Marty Becker, P.O. Box 2775, Twin Falls, ID 83403-2775. or... thebond@aol.com

him I saw everything. It was amazing to watch him alert to movement hundreds of yards away, something I normally would have been blind to. Or to have him screech to a halt, nose down, detecting the presence of a bird that had walked by many minutes ago.

Soon shuffling steps turned into long strides over varied terrain as the days turned into weeks. In just three months, I knocked 25 pounds off my frame and actually had pants that didn't fit like a tourniquet. My back stopped hurting from carrying a large fanny pack in the form of an actual fanny. My fused neck could once again swivel as I viewed the panorama of sky and mountain. The fresh air, peace and beauty of my environment - as well as the loving canine companionship and vigorous exercise - were transforming me.

For those of you whose well-intentioned New Year's resolutions have started to slip, one way to jump start your self-

improvement campaign is to link it to exercising with your pet. The No. 1 factor in adhering to a fitness routine is a supportive family member. Yet a dog doesn't just offer an encouraging word from time to time like a well-meaning family member might. He knows when you're supposed to go for a walk and can make your life pretty miserable if you try and weasel out of it.

And when you get out into the world with the pet as your companion, you are increasingly more likely to interact with those you see. Studies here and in the United Kingdom show that those who walked with a dog were three times more likely to chat with passers-by, which researchers pointed out is key to a greater sense of psychological well-being. And studies of human health demonstrate the punishing health side effects of loneliness. Pets are an important bulwark against the isolation of our increasingly single society.

The centers for Disease Control and Prevention call our physical inactivity the No. 1 cause of dying before our time, more significant even than smoking. Taking your dog for a brief walk twice a day easily fulfills the surgeon general's recommendation of 30 minutes of exercise a day.

Dr. Kenneth Cooper, who coined the word aerobics, has said, "Take your dog for a walk twice a day whether you have one or not."

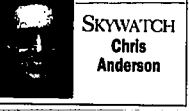
Former Twin Falls veterinarian Marty Becker is a contributor to ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" and the author of the new book, "The Healing Power of Pets." Write to him in care of Knight Rider/Tribune News Service, 790 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045

Check out some Sirius-ly bright stars

After three decades of stargazing, I still find it amazing that, despite their enormous distances, stars look so bright. Since every-day experience tells us that the nearer a light source is, the brighter it looks, it's tempting to think that the brightest stars are the closest.

Before astronomers figured out how to measure stellar distances, there was no way to know that a star's brightness is an unreliable indicator of its distance. Sure, there are stars that appear bright because (as we now know) they are really relatively nearby. Sirius, the brightest star in the sky, is a prime example. You can find it by tracing a line to the left from Orion's belt until you hit this brilliant blue-white star. It's a mere 8.6 light years away, making it the sun's nearest naked-eye stellar neighbor visible to Idahoans.

Pre-telescopic astronomers failed to apprehend was that stars span an enormous range of intrinsic brightness. Seen side by side, Sirius would appear about 20 times brighter



SKYWATCH - Chris Anderson

than the sun. Compare this to Al Anz, the fifth-brightest star in the constellation of Auriga, the Finleyer. Five Anz by looking through a telescope at stars just west of Capella, the bright star currently passing nearly overhead just before 8 p.m. Al Anz is at the sharp end of the triangle, closest to Capella). Despite appearing one-sixtieth as bright as Sirius, Al Anz actually emits 6,000 times more light.

Now consider that a star's brightness drops rapidly with distance according to a rule known as the inverse square law. Simply put, a star twice as far away would appear four (two squared) times dimmer; a star three times as far looks nine times dimmer, and so on.

Sky calendar (through Saturday)

- Planets: One hour before sunrise: No planets visible One hour after sunset: Mars: WSW Saturn: SW, very high Jupiter: SSE, very high • Moon: Third quarter, Tuesday, 6:24 p.m.

Needless to say, Al Anz must be a real overachiever to appear luminous enough for our eyes to detect. It's one of the farthest stars visible to the naked eye; its light reaches your eye after nearly 8,000 years of interstellar travel.

Next week: A new comet in Idaho skies.

Chris Anderson is the planetarium production specialist at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herpet Center of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Write to him at c-anderson@csi.edu.

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## PROCLAIMING MUSIC



Janelle Byington, Miss Mini-Cassia, watches as Burley Mayor Jon Anderson signs a proclamation declaring March National Music in Our Schools Month in the Burley area. Students, parents, teachers and communities celebrate the event each year to generate an awareness of and reflect on the importance of music in people's lives. Participation in music classes provides life-long benefits, and students express themselves through learning, describing, making and creating music. Supporters say, Music study also provides a vehicle for multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural learning.

SHAR CHANEY/The Press

Garity Pruitt, a runner up in the DAR essay contest, is congratulated by Betty Hyder, chairwoman of the citizenship committee.



DALE THOMAS/MALE/The Times-News

## DAR honors essay winners

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** - Several young people have been honored as "good citizens."

Each year, the Daughters of the American Revolution sponsors a good-citizen-contest open to high school seniors.

Contestants are judged on the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism, said Betty Hyder, chairwoman of the Magic Valley chapter of the DAR Good Citizen committee.

The local winner of the DAR Good Citizen award was recognized Feb. 9 at the Jerome

Library. The local winner of the DAR Good Citizen award and \$50 was Michelle Pospichal, daughter of Dale and Susan Pospichal of Filer. Honorable mentions went to Garity Pruitt, daughter of Steve and Collett Pruitt, from Wood River High School; Angeliece Guerry, daughter of Michael and Victoria

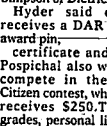
Guerry of Castleford; Eric Littlefield, daughter of Shelly and Mark Wagner of Buhl; Molly McBride, daughter of Janet and Michael McBride of Twin Falls; Amy McGrew, daughter of Brian and Christie McGrew of Kimberley; and Jacob Simpson, son of Lynn and Murein Simpson of Dietrich.

Hyder said each winner receives a DAR Good citizen award pin, certificate and wallet card. Pospichal also will be able to compete in the state Good Citizen contest, where the winner receives \$250. The students' grades, personal life, community involvement and extracurricular activities also are considered in the selection process. The schools' faculty selected three students displaying the "good citizen qualities," and the senior class voted to determine who of the three would be the school's DAR Good Citizen. The name of the student

is then sent to the DAR chapter chairman who conducts the local contest, which consists of writing an essay in a two-hour period of time, Hyder said. The essay must be written by hand and no reference materials are allowed in the room when the student is writing. State winners proceed to a national level, where the winner receives a \$3,000 scholarship. Second place winners receive a \$1,000 scholarship and third place wins \$750. In addition, six division winners receive a \$500 award.

Diane Green, DAR chairwoman for the American history essay contest open to children in grades five through eight, also announced winners in that competition. Kacie Ann Bitzenburg of Twin Falls took the top spot. Bitzenburg wrote an essay based on imagined interviews with two signers of the Declaration of Independence. Bitzenburg will be able to go on to the state level for competition.

Megan Hart of Castleford was the winner of the Christopher Columbus essay contest open to students in grades nine through 12. In her essay, Hart compared John Glenn and Christopher Columbus as explorers.



Michelle Pospichal

## STARTING A NEW YEAR



The Rookies 4-H Club of Gooding elected new officers at its first meeting of the new year. The new officers are President Thomas Ulrich, Vice President Kelle Bates, Secretary Jana Reed, Treasurer Allia Reed, Reporter Nicole Reed and Historian Michelle Elliott. Robin Ulrich is the new club leader. Members also discussed possible community pride projects for the coming year.

Photo courtesy of Robbin Ott

## Bliss School announces honor roll students

**BLISS** - Bliss School listed its honor roll students.

Students with a grade point average of 4.0-3.7 are: Samantha Allen, Joshua Bishop, Sundii Brizendine, Calib Burk, Jarvis

Cline, Brian Elliot, Code Erkins, Chase Erkins, Sebastain Hansen, John Leonard and Martin Scheele.

Students with a grade point average of 3.69-3.4 are: Rachel

Adams, Barmabas Bowler, Mariah Burk, Magda Campos, Steve Faulkner, Gabo Gallardo, Adrian Gonzalez, Steven Gooley, Vanessa Leija and Jeremy Myers.

## MVHS lists honor students

**TWIN FALLS** - Magic Valley High School in Twin Falls announced its honor roll for the first semester of the 2001-2002 school year.

Students with a grade point average of 3.6-3.8 were: Teddy Barksdale, Jessi Boyer, Colla Kinney and Nidia Sansores. Students with a grade point average of 3.4-3.5 were:

Misty Chandler, Angela Martinez, Nicci Thompson and Kelly Tovar.

Students with a grade point average of 3.0-3.3 were: Matt Arrington, Megan Brown, Sarah Denton, Jesse Howell, Adam McCabe, Angela Moody, Teela Olson, Sumi Phillips, Kyle Ricks and Shaun Wildman.

## We want your news

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## Cassia Regional offers childbirth refresher course

**BURLEY** - Cassia Regional Medical Center is offering a refresher course for anyone who has previously taken childbirth classes.

The class will be taught from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in the board room.

This class will address breathing and pain control update, as well as include a tour of the birth center. The cost is \$10, or it can be taken as part of the birthing series for \$20, which offers several other classes.

For more information, call 678-4444.

Timmons and Kathy Carter: seven gallons, Jackie Nichols; and eight gallons, Mary Bellem.

The next drive will be held April 29 at the Rupert Civic Building.

## Burley Elks serves up pancake breakfast

**BURLEY** - The Burley Elks will hold a pancake breakfast from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Elks Lodge, 1340 Oakley Ave. in Burley.

The menu will include pancakes, eggs, bacon and sausage, and will be served buffet style. Cost is \$5.

## Foundation sponsors 'Spring Fling' dinner

**GOODING** - The Gooding County Memorial Hospital Foundation will sponsor its annual "Spring Fling" dinner and entertainment night Saturday at the Gooding Country Club.

The benefit is to raise funds for the hospital to assist in purchase of equipment, for scholarships to students going into the medical field and other needs.

Tickets are \$50 per person and may be purchased by calling Ron Durey at 934-4366.

## Gooding Grange meets this week at hall

**GOODING** - The Gooding Grange will meet at 7 p.m. Friday at the Grange Hall. Children are welcome.

Those who join during the month of April will have their dues paid for the whole year.

For more information, call Diana Rowe Pauls at 934-5125.

## Buhl Arts Council offers teen cooking classes

**BUHL** - The Buhl Arts Council is offering teen cooking classes.

ABC's of creative cookies will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Students will learn about key tools and ingredients needed to make cookies. The class is for children ages 10 and up and is \$5 per person.

ABC's of basic breads will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 16. Students will learn techniques for braided bread, rolls and Irish soda bread. Emphasis will be on the key elements of successful bread making. The class is for children ages 10 and up and the cost is \$5 per person.

Both classes will be held at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth Ave., Buhl.

For more information, call the Buhl Arts Council at 543-2888.

## Galley, CASI Foundation hold doll house auction

**KETCHUM** - The Anne Reed Galley and CASI Foundation for children will hold a doll house silent auction fund-raiser from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday at the Ann Reed Gallery, 391 First Ave. N., Ketchum.

The proceeds will go towards helping Chinese orphans who reside in a CASI orphanage in Jiaocheng, China.

Residents of the Sun Valley area are invited to attend the reception and information discussion about the program. CASI representatives will attend the fund-raiser. Beverages will be available.

## TFHS class of 1957 holds reunion planning meeting

**TWIN FALLS** - Twin Falls High School class of 1957 will hold a planning meeting at 7 p.m. March 13 at Gene Federico's home, 698 Bristlecone Drive in Twin Falls.

The meeting will be held to discuss plans for the 45th class reunion.

Planners also are trying to find the following classmates: Jeanie Anderson Soares, Sharon Hettenbach, Ruth Anglin Croft, Jane Armstrong, Dale Bailey, Lynn Bell, Ronald Bidwell, Dan Davis, Jim Dewey, Jim Duncan, Richard Elsworth, Lee Fortier, Karen Galloway-Courter, Anita Garate Sarasua, Jennell Goekner Hoffman, Dean Grow, Gary Hall, Neal Hansen, Sharon Jellison Jiron, Sidney Jay Jorgensen, Elizabeth Keefe, Phyllis King David, Barbara Laypath, Steve Morgan, Ron Nelson, Beverly Poulter Evans, Marjett Scherbinski Ward, Mary Ann Scholes Sutterfield, Larry Schweiger, Adrian Smith, John Dale Urbach, Judy Urbach Cox, Lola Weatherbee Lee, Donna White Kauric, Jacqueline White, Kenneth Wilham, Lloyd Williams, Dan Worsencroft Eckelson and Charlene Wynn.

Those who have information on a missing classmate should call 734-2612.

## Twin Falls Scout receives Eagle honor today

**TWIN FALLS** - E. Morgan Quigley, son of Dale and Betty Jo Quigley of Twin Falls, will receive his Eagle Scout award in a court of honor at 7 p.m. today



E. Morgan Quigley

at the LDS Church, 847 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls.

Quigley has completed 23 merit badges, and has served as patrol leaders several times. For his Eagle Scout project, he designed a coat rack for the Smokey Lodge LDS Church Cabins at Aurora Lake. He organized a group of nine Scouts and built 12 racks that he and his father installed in cabins.

Quigley is a member of Troop 3, sponsored by the Twin Falls LDS 11th Ward.

Quigley is a senior at Twin Falls High School. He has served as president of his church seminary class and other church groups. Last June, he attended American Legion Gem Boys State. In July, he traveled around Europe performing with the Utah Ambassadors of Music. He is a member of high school Chamber Singers and JIVE. He also enjoys mountain biking, backpacking, kayaking, white water rafting and camping.

## Scouts sponsor Mexican fund-raising dinner

**KIMBERLY** - Cub Scout Pack 42 and Boy Scout Troop 42 will sponsor a Mexican dinner from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the Crossroads United Methodist Church, 205 Madison E. in Kimberly. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under age 12.

Tickets are available at the door. Take-out is available. For more information, call Kathleen Clark at 423-5862.

## Dining with Diabetes Program starts this month

**TWIN FALLS** - Dining with Diabetes: A Diabetes Education Program will be offered from 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, March 12-26 at the Twin Falls County Extension Office, 246 Third Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

The class will teach people how to manage diabetes through healthy eating habits.

The cost is \$15 per person or \$20 per couple to cover materials, food and supplies.

For more information, call 734-9550.

## Jackpot HS FBIA chapter hosts bowla-ton

**TWIN FALLS** - The Jackpot High School Future Business Leaders of America chapter will host a bowla-ton from 6-9 p.m. Saturday at Bowladrome, 220 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.

Proceeds will benefit the March of Dimes and chapter activities. The club's goal is to raise \$300.

The cost is \$10 and includes shoe rental and bowling for three hours. A trophy will be awarded to the top male and female scorer.

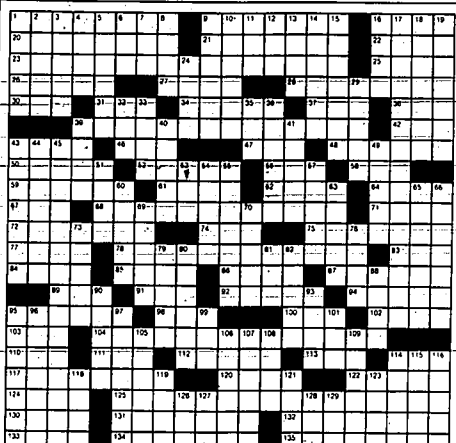
The March of Dime supplies research and funding for underprivileged families who are trying to battle birth defects. For more information, call Eric Ungraub at Jackpot High School at (775) 755-2375.

**FASHIONABLE ALTERATIONS**

By Bill Swain, New Port Richey, Florida

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**HANSEN-RODERICK**

**TWIN FALLS** — Craig and Carol Hansen of St. George, Utah, and formerly of Twin Falls, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mandy Hansen, to John Anthony Roderick, son of Mizzi Roderick and Jim Roderick of Salt Lake City, Utah.



Mandy Hansen and John Roderick

Hansen is a graduate of Utah State University in Logan, Utah. She is employed at CNN in Washington, D.C.

Roderick is also a graduate of Utah State University. He is employed by Human Genome Sciences in Rockville, Md. The wedding is planned for Friday at Memory Grove in Salt Lake City.



Dustin Robison and Lara Willkom

**WILLKOM-ROBISON**

**TWIN FALLS** — Dick and Brenda Willkom of Billings, Mont., announce the engagement of their daughter, Lara M. Willkom, to Dustin R. Robison, son of Ralph and Terri Garrison of Twin Falls and Jay and Sheri Robison of Billings.

The wedding is planned for April 2 in Billings. The couple will reside in Billings.

**SIBBETT-BROWN**

**RUPERT** — Joe and Sandra Sibbett of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Cindy Sibbett, to Jeremy Brown, son of Terry and Vicky Brown of Twin Falls.



Cindy Sibbett and Jeremy Brown

Sibbett is a 1998 graduate of Minico High School in Rupert. She has attended the past four years at the College of Southern Idaho, majoring in education and minoring in theater.

Brown is a 1998 graduate of Twin Falls High School. He served a full-time LDS Mission in Macon, Ga. He is currently attending CSI, majoring in law enforcement. The wedding is planned for Thursday in the Bountiful LDS Temple in Bountiful, Utah. A reception will be held in their Falls.



Nathan Jones and Aubri Pead

**PEAD-JONES**

**PAUL** — Brian and Corrie Ann Pead of Pocatello announce the engagement of their daughter, Aubri Ann Pead, to Nathan B. Jones, son of Irwin and Judy Jones of Paul.

Pead is a graduate of Star Valley High School in Afon, Wyo. Jones is attending Idaho State University.

**BARTLETT-BROWNE**

**TWIN FALLS** — Scott and Connie Bartlett of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Larie Bartlett, to John Mark Lucius Browne, son of Mark and Suzie Browne of Twin Falls.



Elizabeth Bartlett and John Browne

Bartlett is a 2000 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending Boise State University.

Browne is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending ITT Tech in Nampa. The wedding is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday at the Ballroom in Twin Falls. A reception will follow the ceremony.

**ANNIVERSARY**

**THE ROBERTSES**

**BUHL** — Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Roberts of Buhl celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Feb. 24.

Roberts and Golda Hunt were married Feb. 24, 1932, in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple.

They have lived in the Buhl area all of their married life.

He worked for Ida Frozen Foods for many years and also sold cars for Ken Curtis in Buhl and Glen Jenkins in Twin Falls. He owned and operated a small farm with both dairy cows and beef cattle.



William and Golda Roberts

She has been a homemaker and raised her family. She has spent many hours doing genealogical research during the past 50 years. She has enjoyed gardening, sewing and has made many quilts.

They have been active members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

They have five children, Bill (Dawn) Roberts of St. George, Utah; Shirley (Larry) Hulme and Sharon (Bruce) Wegener, all in Buhl; Nancy (James) Guest of Boise and Gloria (Rodney) Weir of Twin Falls. Two daughters, Julie Ann Roberts and Darlene Monrath, and one granddaughter are deceased.

The couple has 28 grandchildren and 58 great-grandchildren with several more on the way.

**Therapist urges people to stop dating**

Knight Ridder News Service

In order to reduce the divorce rate from 46 percent to 9 percent during the next 50 years, therapist Neil Clark Warren is urging Americans to stop dating. Sound counterproductive? Follow his path of reasoning:

On average, a single person will go on 100 dates before they marry. Current statistics show that only one in four marriages are happy. This would mean that 499 dates will produce four marriages and, only one of those marriages will be happy.

Put another way, 400 dates produce one happy marriage.

"Dating doesn't work," says Warren, author of "Date...or Soul Mate? How to Know If Someone is Your Person in Two Dates or Less" (Thomas Nelson Inc., \$14.99).

Warren is talking about the familiar cycle of two people meeting, deciding they like each other, dating for a while until things either get serious or fizzle out. Then starting the process all over again.

"Fact is that dating is a pretty miserable thing if indeed you're serious about wanting to be linked with a person for a long-term relationship," he said.

His solution is to educate people on "the soul-mate equation," a list of qualities one must have in common with their partner in order to achieve a fulfilling marriage.

It requires a grasp of the 29 intricate dimensions that must be matched for two people to fall successfully into a relationship. Warren believes you can weed out a majority of mismatches — and some serious nut cases — in two dates or less if you follow his plan.

To do this, get your date out in public and then watch with a critical eye how she or he behaves. Is he rude to the waitress? Is there thematic development in her conversation, meaning does she know how to take what you say and respond with her own ideas in a way that builds on the discussion? Do his thoughts make any sense? Do she seem bent on drinking a lot of alcohol?

When you hold these facts up against a solid list of 10 "must-haves" and 10 "can't-stands," it becomes easier to decide if there should be a third or fourth date.

"I'm not saying you can know everything about a person in two dates," Warren says. "But in two dates there are a lot of things you can pick up; and having this information could save people from a lot of pain later."

Warren says his book is for Generation Xers, whom he calls the most earnest generation in decades. He cites a recent Gallup Poll that revealed 94 percent of them said they wanted to marry their soul mate.

Principles in the book are put

into practice at Warren's online dating Web site — <http://www.charmony.com> — where, for \$49.95 for one month, a user can be introduced to a random person who has been scientifically matched to suit him or her.

For Warren, who has counseled thousands of singles and married couples, his strategy is designed to get people out of the dead-end dating cycle and into lasting relationships.

By assessing potential mates on variables such as intelligence (because you want to marry someone who is at least as smart as you are) and energy level, you find out a lot about yourself, too.

Warren and his wife, Marylyn, have been married for more than 40 years. They have three married daughters and nine grandchildren. If he could have, Warren says he would have had his daughters date out of a pool of men whose variables had all been worked out and found to match their ideals.

"I think that if, for instance, it was a real close match I would say go with the person as long as it takes for you to know for sure."



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# SENIOR CALENDAR

## Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive  
 Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.  
**Monday-Friday:** Menu-not available  
**Activities**  
 Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Monday**  
 Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 Foot clinic, make appointment  
**Tuesday**  
 Ticket Tuesday  
 Blood pressure check  
**Wednesday**  
 Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
**Thursday**  
 Elks Card Club at 7 p.m.  
**Friday**  
 Pinocle at 1 p.m.  
 Blood pressure  
 Lunch bingo  
 Quilting

## West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl  
 Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.  
 Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Lunch prices are \$3 and evening meals will be \$2. Sunday dinners are \$3.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the center, everyone is welcome.  
**Sunday:** Roast beef  
**Monday:** Fish  
**Tuesday:** Lasagna  
**Wednesday:** Taco salad  
**Thursday:** Ham  
**Friday:** Baked potato bar  
**Activities**  
 Thrift shop open every day. Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. - The Roseland Band plays from 8-11 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. Admission is \$3.  
**Sunday**  
 All-you-can-eat roast beef dinner; \$3.50  
 Exercise from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
**Monday**  
 Smorgy at 5:30 p.m.  
 Cards at 6 p.m.  
**Tuesday**  
 Exercises from 7-8 a.m.  
**Wednesday**  
 Bingo at 11:45 a.m.  
 Crafts from 1-4 p.m.  
 Bingo from 7-9 p.m.  
**Wednesday**  
 Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
**Thursday**  
 Exercises from 7-8 p.m.  
 Bingo from 1-3 p.m.  
**Friday**  
 Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
**Saturday**  
 Dance with the Roseland Band; \$3 per person  
 Filer Senior Haven  
 222 Main St., Filer  
 Diners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors. Home-delivered meals available each meal time.  
**Tuesday:** Beef stew, corn bread, honey butter  
**Thursday:** Hot turkey sandwich

## Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main N., Kimberly  
**Monday:** Sandwich, chicken noodle soup, cottage cheese, apricots, cookie, coffee, milk  
**Wednesday:** Beef stroganoff over noodles, broccoli and cheese, pineapple salad, banana bread, pears, coffee, milk  
**Friday:** Meat loaf potatoes, gravy, corn, relish tray, rolls, apple crisp, coffee, milk  
**Activities**  
**Sunday**  
 Chicken dinner from 12:22 p.m.; \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12.  
**Monday**  
 Bingo at 7 p.m.  
 AARP free tax aid; call 423-4338 for an appointment  
**Wednesday**  
 Dominoes at 1 p.m.  
**Friday**  
 Bingo at 11:55 a.m.  
 Pinocle at 1 p.m.  
 Foot clinic; sign up; \$6

## Silver and Gold Senior Citizens

203 Wilson, Eden  
 Open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Tuesday and from 8 a.m. to noon Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Home delivered meals are delivered Monday through Friday.  
**Tuesday:** Beef-stroganoff, spinach, salad, bread, apple wedge, pineapple, cookie

## Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.

308 Senior Ave.  
 All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.  
**Monday:** Pizza, layered salad, bread sticks, custard  
**Tuesday:** Ham, macaroni and cheese, peas, orange Jell-O, muffin, carrot cookie  
**Wednesday:** Pepper steak, rice pilaf, spring vegetables, three bean salad, french bread  
**Thursday:** Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, Scandinavian vegetables, peaches in orange juice, roll, oatmeal raisin cake  
**Activities**  
**Monday**  
 Pool at 9:30 a.m.  
 Pinocle at 12:30 p.m.  
 Hand and foot at 6 p.m.  
**Tuesday**  
 Pool at 9 a.m.  
 Foot clinic from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Wednesday**  
 Pool at 1 p.m.  
 Bridge at 6:30 p.m.  
**Thursday**  
 Shuffles at 9:30 a.m.  
 Shuffleboard at 6 p.m.  
**Friday**  
 Pool at 9:30 a.m.  
 Linda Norris at 12:30 p.m.  
 TOPS at 5 p.m.  
 Bridge at 7 p.m.  
**Saturday**  
 Pinocle at 1 p.m.  
 Hand and foot check at 1 p.m.  
 Bowling at 1:30 p.m.  
 Bingo at 6:30 p.m.  
**Sunday**  
 Narcosis memorial service and potluck at 11 a.m.

## Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey  
 Meals are served at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.  
**Monday:** Milk, juice, coffee and tea are served with all meals  
**Tuesday:** Western round steak, rice, gravy, brussel sprouts, jelly-vegetable-salad, hot rolls, chocolate chip cookie bars  
**Wednesday:** Spaghetti, garlic cheese bread, salad bar, peaches, broccoli spears, apple crisp with ice cream  
**Friday:** Baked chicken or baked fish, almonds, hot rolls, julienne beans, mashed potatoes, peas, cole slaw, coconut pie  
**Activities**  
**Tuesday**  
 Exercise at 9 a.m.  
 Foot clinic at 10 a.m.  
 Caregiver support group at 10:30 a.m.  
 Blood pressure check at 11:30 a.m.  
**Wednesday**  
 Choir at 11 a.m.  
 Eurotoes presentation at 12:30 p.m.  
**Thursday**  
 Exercise at 9 a.m.  
 Twin Falls shopping trip at 9:30 a.m.

## Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert  
 Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals.  
**Monday:** Assorted salad, salmon patties, oven browns, lima beans, ice cream  
**Tuesday:** Fruit salad, ham, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, cake  
**Wednesday:** Tossed salad, enchiladas, refried beans, Spanish rice, ice cream  
**Thursday:** Cole slaw, beef stew, orange wedges, biscuits, pie  
**Friday:** Smorgasbord  
 Center gift shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Quilting and pool table daily during center hours. Crafts every day. Volunteers are needed to do grocery shopping for shut-ins. Call Rideleys at 436-1200

## Richfield Senior Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman  
 Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lunch is served at noon on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2. Coffee, tea, juice and bread served with all meals.  
**Monday:** Chicken pot pie, cottage cheese, fruit  
**Wednesday:** Beef stroganoff, noodles, vegetable  
**Friday:** Chowder, sandwich, salad  
 Thrift store open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Hagerman Valley Senior/Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman  
 Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lunch is served at noon on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2. Coffee, tea, juice and bread served with all meals.  
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## Shoshone Senior Center

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone  
**Tuesday:** Beef stew, cheese slices, homemade biscuits, apple crisp, orange juice, milk, coffee  
**Wednesday:** Hot dogs, three bean salad, macaroni salad, peach pie, orange juice, milk, coffee  
**Friday:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, green salad, garlic sticks, rice custard, orange juice, milk, coffee  
**Activities**  
**Monday**  
 Exercise from 9-9:30 a.m.  
 Coffee at 9:30 a.m.  
 Quilting at 10 a.m.  
**Tuesday**  
 Quilting class 1-3 p.m.  
**Wednesday**  
 Lunch at noon

## Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland, Burley  
 All dinners are served at noon.  
**Monday:** Spaghetti, green salad, french bread, Italian vegetables, strawberry shortcake  
**Tuesday:** Ham and beans, corn bread, carrot salad, fruit, Jell-O, dessert  
**Wednesday:** Italian meatballs, pasta, french bread, green beans, salad, strawberry/rhubarb crisp  
**Thursday:** Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, sugar snap peas, roll, fruit salad, applesauce cake  
**Friday:** Macaroni and cheese, cod, summer vegetables, hard roll, raspberry applesauce, Jell-O, minnow cake  
**Activities**  
**Monday**  
 Pool at 10 a.m.  
 Exercise at 11 a.m.  
 Pinocle at 1 p.m.  
**Tuesday**  
 Pool at 10 a.m.  
 Exercise at 11 a.m.  
 Tax assistance by appointment. Bingo at 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday**  
 Pool at 10 a.m.  
 Exercise at 11 a.m.  
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**Activities**  
**Monday**  
 Exercise from 9-9:30 a.m.  
 Coffee at 9:30 a.m.  
 Quilting at 10 a.m.  
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**Friday:** Macaroni and cheese, cod, summer vegetables, hard roll, raspberry applesauce, Jell-O, minnow cake  
**Activities**  
**Monday**  
 Pool at 10 a.m.  
 Exercise at 11 a.m.  
 Pinocle at 1 p.m.  
**Tuesday**  
 Pool at 10 a.m.  
 Exercise at 11 a.m.  
 Tax assistance by appointment. Bingo at 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday**  
 Pool at 10 a.m.  
 Exercise at 11 a.m.  
**Thursday**  
 Pool at 10 a.m.  
 Exercise at 11 a.m.  
**Friday**  
 Pool at 10 a.m.  
 Exercise at 11 a.m.  
 Bingo at 1 p.m.

# Explore total return trusts



NEXT STEPS  
 Jan Collins and Jan Warner

Q. My wife and I have been discussing the pros and cons of creating a living trust for us that would become irrevocable after the first of us dies so it could continue for the survivor and then for our children. Since my wife and I will have income from Social Security and retirement while we are living, we anticipate enough cash flow to take care of our needs. However, at the time of the first death, the income will be reduced and, at the second, it will stop. With interest rates as low as they are now, we are concerned that there may not be enough income to provide for the survivor and then for our children. We don't want those who are to get the income to keep going back to the trustee to get more principal that, in turn, will reduce future income and what is left. Is there any way to avoid this?

A. Until recently, the vast majority of trusts required that the trustee invest the principal and distribute the income to the designated "income beneficiary" - or beneficiaries. And, depending on the language of the trust, the trustee might also have the authority to distribute a percentage of the principal each year. At the death of the income beneficiary, the remaining principal would be distributed to the "remainder beneficiary" - or beneficiaries. Since the income beneficiary wanted the "highest income available," and the remainder beneficiary wanted the assets invested for growth, the trustee, who must be impartial, could not please both.

With the adoption of the "Prudent Investor Rule" in most states, trusts are now drafted to provide for different distribution requirements - unless the language of the trust specifically

provides to the contrary. Today, more trusts require distributions based upon the "total return," which blurs the difference between income and principal under what is called the "modern portfolio theory."

The use of a total return trust seems best where the income and remainder beneficiaries are not the same person - such as in a second marriage where each spouse has their own children. In this way, the income beneficiary can receive greater distributions while the remainder beneficiary can benefit from asset growth.

Total return trusts can make distributions either like an annuity - a fixed amount is paid in each time period regardless of the principal balance and the amount will not vary - or a unitrust - a fixed percentage of trust assets and income is paid during each time period and the amount varies with market fluctuations.

For example: If a total return trust is established with \$100,000 and provides for the payment of \$5,000 per year for the life of the income beneficiary, the beneficiary would receive \$5,000 per year like an annuity, even if the principal grew to \$200,000 or \$300,000. On the other hand, if the annual payment was set at 5

The use of a total return trust seems best where the income and remainder beneficiaries are not the same person - such as in a second marriage where each spouse has their own children. In this way, the income beneficiary can receive greater distributions while the remainder beneficiary can benefit from asset growth.

percent of assets each year for the life of the income beneficiary and the trust principal grew to \$200,000, the beneficiary would receive \$10,000. But, at the same time, if the principal fell to \$50,000, the beneficiary would receive only \$2,500.

The decision of whether to use an annuity or unitrust format depends on the whether the degree of risk that one is willing to assume and the respective needs of the income beneficiary and the remainder beneficiary. Total return trusts should be considered when appropriate and only in connection with a coordinated plan created with the assistance of a qualified lawyer and investment professionals.

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# Disability benefits are based on earnings

## Social Security Q&A

Q. I am 53 and had a stroke recently. I applied for Social Security disability benefits. How much will I receive monthly?

A. If you are eligible for disability benefits, they will be based on your average earnings. Although we cannot tell you the exact amount without knowing your earnings history, the average monthly disability benefit in 2002 is \$815. If you have a spouse and one or more children, the average family benefit is \$1,360.

## Disability benefits are based on earnings

Q. My wife, who just turned 60, recently had to retire after 38 years of working because her diabetes had resulted in the amputation of both her legs. Can she get disability benefits?

A. She certainly should file an application for Social Security disability benefits. A person is eligible for disability if they have a severe medical condition that is expected to prevent them from working for at least 12 months or to end in death.

For more information, visit <http://www.ssa.gov> or call us at 1-800-772-1213 or visit your local Social Security office.

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