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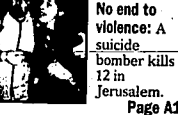
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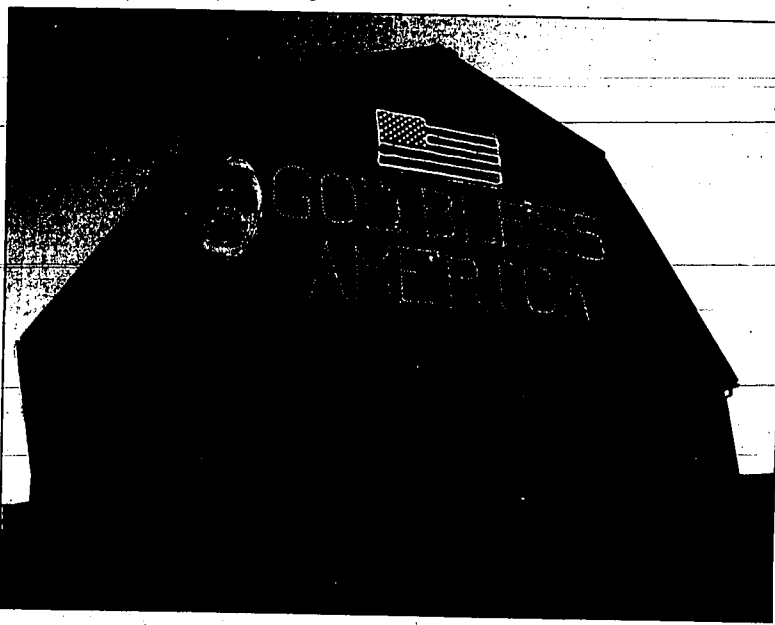


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SIX-MONTH ANNIVERSARY OF ATTACKS

'In everyone's heart'



Max Casperson searched all over town for extra bright lights to make the sign on his barn last October. He plans to 'fly' his flag for the rest of the year.

Impact of Sept. 11 still lingers in Magic Valley

By Robert Meyer Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Long before Sept. 11, Max Casperson's love for his country ran strong. Devastated by the terrorist attacks on the East Coast, Casperson said he needed to do something. Then, in bed at 3 a.m., the idea came to him.

"You get some of your best ideas driving and in the middle of the night," he said. Using his large 30-foot-tall barn as a backdrop, Casperson created, with a string of lights, a large U.S. flag measuring 4 feet by 8 feet. Below that an illuminated message with four-foot letters read "God Bless America."

Six months after the attacks, Casperson's barn still radiates its patriotic message.

"I won't take it down for a couple of years," he said. America is a special, chosen country. We should all be grateful to live here and show our honor and respect."

While many shared Casperson's long-held views, for others it took the terrorist attacks to rediscover their passion for the United States. Soon after, patriotic fever took hold of the country. Department

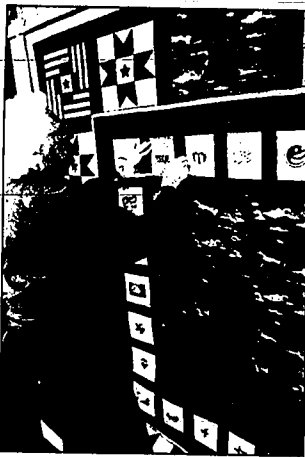
9.11

... and six months

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Coming Monday: A Twin Falls woman who was near the World Trade Center on Sept. 11 says she views life differently than before the terrorist attack.

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Naomi Ames measures a patch on a Twin Towers quilt at the Twin Falls Sewing Center. A group of quilters at the center made the quilt in honor of Sept. 11 and will raffie it off to raise money for Valley House. The group plans to make at least one more quilt.

Air travel changes, but probably for better, locals say

By Mark Heinz Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The United States was blindsided on Sept. 11 when terrorists turned passenger jets into bombs and swept away thousands of lives in a matter of minutes.

Some seasoned Magic Valley travelers and a local airport manager said the attacks have changed air travel in and from America forever, but it was probably for the better.

"I think it's been a long time coming," said Rosy Simcoe, a frequent flyer who owns Desert Sun Travel in Twin Falls. "Never travel in Twin Falls. 'Never' when we had been out of the country — had we been able to have anyone accompany us beyond the screening area."

Many of the changes in domestic air security mirror systems that were already in place around the world, she said.

And six months later, most travelers are still far more grateful for the changes than they are agitated by them, she said.

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Security's tighter, but are Americans any safer?

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Six months after terrorists struck the United States, we are much safer from a Sept. 11-style attack, but still exposed to a frightening array of assaults.

Airliners have been made more secure. America's busiest ports, prominent landmarks and high-profile sporting events such as the Olympics are heavily guarded. The nation is stockpiling antibiotics and vaccines to counter bioterrorism. Patrols of U.S. borders are being boosted. Guards are being added to nuclear power plants.

Yet danger lurks and the homeland remains vulnerable.

Not a single terrorist cell in the United States has been exposed. The al-Qaeda terrorist, very likely an American, remains at large. Long stretches of borders still go unpatrolled. Only 2 percent of

SIX MONTHS SINCE SEPT. 11

Federal spending on terrorism

New pre-Sept. 11 spending on homeland security categories compares with President Bush's budget proposal for 2003.

In billions	Pre-Sept. 11* For fiscal year 2002	2003 proposal
Police, other first responders	\$0.3	\$3.5
Bioterrorism defense	\$1.4	\$3.9
Border security	\$8.8	\$10.6
New technology	\$0.2	\$0.7
Aviation security	\$1.5	\$4.8
Defense Dept. security	\$4.2	\$6.8
Other homeland security	\$3.2	\$5.4
Total	\$19.6	\$37.7

*Source: U.S. Budget Accounting Office

Source: Knight Ridder

sealed cargo containers coming into U.S. ports are inspected. There is no national program to

protect oil refineries, pipelines, chemical plants and reservoirs. The nation's computer systems,

and thus much of its economy, remain vulnerable to terrorist attacks on airplanes — if not most — are not screened for bombs.

"We've still got a long way to go," said Phil Anderson, homeland security director for the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington research center with conservative roots.

The main thing Americans are doing to make the country safer is to disrupt or destroy terrorist networks. The Bush administration is waging war against the al-Qaeda network in Afghanistan and using diplomats, intelligence operatives and military special forces against terrorist outposts in the rest of the world.

At home, Americans face the difficult challenge of guarding their open society against a vast range of threats to an almost

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Still in limbo

Interim heads depart, but much seems unresolved at SIRCOMM

By Mark Heinz Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Capt. Jim Munn might have left the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center, but many of the center's problems seem unresolved.

"I think a lot of work needs to be done there," Munn said Friday, as he was busy settling back into his office at the Twin Falls police station.

Munn in December was appointed to be SIRCOMM's interim manager. Manager Jeff Rodeman, operations manager Gloria Falconburg and dispatch shift supervisor Chantel Smith were that month put on paid administrative leave in conjunction with an inquiry into allegations of misconduct at the center. Smith returned to work in January, but Falconburg and Rodeman were still on paid leave as of Friday.

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Lt. Jim Dahl from the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office was brought in to help Munn, and Twin Falls police Sgt. Brian Pike was later added to the interim management team. Officials have refused to say when the suspensions and inquiry had anything to do with a strip-tease dancer's performance at the center in November.

The inquiry was recently wrapped up and reports on it were issued to members of SIRCOMM's joint powers board and other officials. But the content of the report wasn't released to the public because, officials say, it deals with personnel matters.

Under Idaho laws, public agencies and the boards that oversee them can't keep secret many details of personnel matters.

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Pentagon shifts policy of using nuclear weapons

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon has informed Congress it is planning for the possible use of nuclear weapons against countries that threaten the United States — a policy shift some arms control experts say could make America more likely to use such weapons.

But a top Defense Department official said that over the next decade, it should be "far less likely" that the United States or other countries will rely on nuclear weapons.

It has been U.S. policy not to consider using nuclear weapons except as retaliation for a nuclear strike or in exceptional cases during wartime.

The classified nuclear posture review sent to Congress in January, however, says the Pentagon is developing contingency plans for using nuclear weapons against countries such as Iraq or North Korea that are developing weapons of mass destruction.

The Los Angeles Times reported Saturday that the Pentagon is preparing contingency plans for possibly using nuclear weapons against seven nations: China, Russia, Iraq, North Korea, Iran, Libya and Syria.

"We will not discuss classified details of military planning or contingencies, nor will we comment on selective and misleading leaks," Army Lt. Col. Catherine Abbott said Saturday in the Defense Department's spe

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

Weather forecast for Twin Falls from today to Thursday. Includes icons for clouds, showers, and snow. Highs: 48°, 34°, 38°, 50°, 48°. Lows: 17°, 21°, 17°, 16°, 22°.

CANADIAN CITIES

Weather forecast for Canadian cities including Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Saskatoon, Vancouver, and Winnipeg.

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Clouds and a few peaks of snow today; slightly milder. There could be a rain shower in some valley locations, and snow is likely in the mountains. Boise: Clouds may break for some sun today; it will be milder, but a rain shower could occur before the day is through. Northern Nevada: Changing amounts of clouds and sunshine today along with a gusty afternoon wind. Northern Utah: Today will be milder than recent days. There will be a south to southwest wind and at least a few hours of sunshine.

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise and sunset times for today and tomorrow. Moon phase information for March 21, 22, 23, and 24.

WORLD CITIES

Weather forecast for various world cities including Acapulco, Auckland, Bangkok, Beijing, Buenos Aires, Cairo, Hong Kong, Jerusalem, Johannesburg, London, Madrid, Mexico City, Moscow, Paris, Rio de Janeiro, Seoul, Sydney, Taipei, Warsaw, and Zurich.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 85° in Fort Myers, FL. Low -33° in Plantywood, MT.

NATIONAL WEATHER

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



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Weather forecast for major national cities including Atlanta, Baltimore, Billings, Birmingham, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, El Paso, Fairbanks, Fargo, Honolulu, Houston, Indianapolis, Jackson, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisville, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Nashville, New Orleans, New York, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland, ME, Raleigh, Rapid City, Sacramento, St. Louis, St. Paul, Salt Lake City, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Tucson, Washington, DC, and Wichita.

REGIONAL CITIES

Weather forecast for regional cities including Boise, Burley, Coeur d'Alene, Elko, Eugene, OR, Idaho Falls, Ketchikan, Lewiston, Malad, and Melissa.

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Al-Qaida holes up in two concentrations

Running low on ammunition, hundreds of al-Qaida fighters are concentrated near two cave complexes in the eastern Afghan mountains. A former Taliban commander, Saif Badam, however, is believed to be heading the troops in the mountains. At Bagram air base north of the capital, Kabul, Maj. Bryan Hilferty, a spokesman for the 10th Mountain Division, said at least one "high value target" was among the holdouts but he refused to elaborate. Hilferty said American troops are operating under the assumption that Osama bin Laden or other major al-Qaida figures might be anywhere, including the rugged Shah-e-Kot mountains south of Gardez. As the offensive ground on, with coalition forces conducting supply, search and attack missions through the snow, a new feud between America's Afghan allies emerged—and threatened to explode into violence. The trouble began when the interim administration of Hamid Karzai dispatched convoys of new Afghan fighters into the battle area. The troops were ethnic Tajiks from the north, however, and their presence exacerbated ethnic tensions in the Defense Ministry simply want to use the offensive to move their fighters into Pakistan.

Sheikh Saleh, was believed among them. Afghans say neither bin Laden nor ex-Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar is in the area. A former Taliban commander, Saif Badam, however, is believed to be heading the troops in the mountains. At Bagram air base north of the capital, Kabul, Maj. Bryan Hilferty, a spokesman for the 10th Mountain Division, said at least one "high value target" was among the holdouts but he refused to elaborate. Hilferty said American troops are operating under the assumption that Osama bin Laden or other major al-Qaida figures might be anywhere, including the rugged Shah-e-Kot mountains south of Gardez. As the offensive ground on, with coalition forces conducting supply, search and attack missions through the snow, a new feud between America's Afghan allies emerged—and threatened to explode into violence. The trouble began when the interim administration of Hamid Karzai dispatched convoys of new Afghan fighters into the battle area. The troops were ethnic Tajiks from the north, however, and their presence exacerbated ethnic tensions in the Defense Ministry simply want to use the offensive to move their fighters into Pakistan.

Bush urges journalists to honor slain colleague

WASHINGTON (AP) — Joining the capital's media elite for a night of revelry and comic relief, President Bush turned serious long enough to urge journalists Saturday to honor slain Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl by writing letters to his soon-to-be born son. Bush concluded the 117th annual Gridiron Club Dinner by also paying tribute to U.S. soldiers who died recently in Afghanistan.

"May God bless the fallen soldiers who came home this week," he said. "May God bless their families. May God bless Daniel Pearl and Marianne Pearl and her boy and my world and he enters into my heart just like the one his father just left." Pearl, South Asia bureau chief for The Wall Street Journal, was abducted in Karachi on Jan. 23 and subsequently killed.

Bush urged the journalists to write letters to the boy, send them to the White House and said he would add his own letter to Pearl's son and make sure the family gets them. "You better than anyone know where Daniel Pearl was doing in Afghanistan. You better than anyone can explain the larger purpose he was serving. Some day you'll help a little boy understand his father a little better and what a great gift that would be."

It was a somber ending to a brief speech that began with several nods at his top advisers, including Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Christine Whitman and Vice President Dick Cheney. Whitman gave him one of his dogs "and I gave her the EPA. Now we both have messes to clean up."

Astronauts set free rejuvenated Hubble telescope

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Columbia's astronauts set the Hubble Space Telescope free Saturday to behold the universe with sharper eyes and renewed energy, ending NASA's most challenging service call. "Good luck, Mr. Hubble," John Grunsfeld, the chief repairman, said as the telescope drifted off. Columbia's crane operator, Nancy Currie, released the observatory from the end of the robot arm more than 360 miles above the Atlantic. The shuttle slowly backed away, providing the world with its last close-up look at Hubble until astronauts return for another overhaul in two years. An hour later, flight controllers in Houston caught a glimpse of the twinkling spacecraft. "It was a very stirring sight to go out in the parking lot and to see Columbia fly overhead with 'Hubble in Trail,'" said Hubble program manager Preston Burch. Although everyone was thrilled to have the mission accomplished and Hubble headed back to work, "we also had that empty feeling that one gets when sending a goodbye to a friend or a relative after a visit of several days," Preston said. In a record-tying five spacewalks, Columbia's astronauts outfitted Hubble with smaller but more powerful sensors, a more robust central power controller, a pointing mechanism, an advanced camera for peering deeper than ever into the universe, and a super-cool refrigerator for resuscitating a disabled infrared camera. More nerve-racking than any single repair — on any of the four servicing missions — was the complete shutdown of the 52-inch-plus telescope. It was the first blackout in Hubble's 12 years in orbit, required for the power controller replacement. Everything came back on when power was restored.

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SIRCOMM

Continued from A1. And then the city of Twin Falls decided it wanted Munn and Pike back. Through Munn and Pike, the city had accomplished what it wanted at SIRCOMM, according to a letter sent Tuesday from Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney to joint powers board chairman Bill Brockman. Munn and Pike had helped bring some stability to SIRCOMM, and Munn had drawn up a nine-month strategic plan to tackle some of the center's problems, the letter said. Dahl and a sergeant from the

Goals

- Here's what the city of Twin Falls would like to see accomplished at the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center: Put together a streamlined personnel policy manual and set of training and hiring standards. Get a full-time manager back in charge, possibly through a professional recruitment firm. Find ways to keep a steady flow of money going toward the center's day-to-day personnel and technical needs. Source: Office of Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney.

Exactly how long they will be in charge or whether Falconburg and Rodeman would ever return was still unknown, Friday, said Munn and Brockman.

Munn said he is under strict orders not to discuss details of SIRCOMM's personnel matters. He did say he and Pike had been appointed by the joint powers board as "special managers" to tie up the last loose ends of the personnel situation. He didn't know how long that might take. Brockman also said little about Falconburg and Rodeman's jobs or when things will be resolved. "We're still in negotiation with SIRCOMM's legal council on the personnel matters." Despite SIRCOMM's problems, Munn said he still has faith the center can pull through. "There are some awesome people working there. I really learned a lot," he said. Brockman said he didn't think Munn's and Pike's departure will throw things off. "We owe them a great debt of gratitude, because they did a great job while they were there."

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Bush signs stimulus bill after live broadcast

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush signed a long-sought economic stimulus package on Saturday, saying he hopes it will spur business investment and create jobs six months after the Sept. 11 attacks.

"We're seeing some encouraging signs in the economy, but we can't stand by and simply hope for continued recovery," the president said during a Rose Garden ceremony that included a live broadcast of his weekly radio address. "Today we are acting to help workers, we're acting to create jobs, and we're acting to strengthen our economy."

The compromise bill was passed Friday by Congress after months of partisan gridlock. Three previous House-passed versions were blocked by Senate Democrats who contended the tax breaks Bush originally sought for corporations and wealthy individuals were excessive.

Bush said the final bill will help ensure that the economy gains momentum and continues to recover from the recession.

In attendance at the event were Vice President Dick Cheney, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., Senate Republican leader Trent Lott of Mississippi, as well as small business owners and unemployed workers who will benefit from

the extension of jobless benefits. "We want a recovery that broad enough and strong enough to provide jobs for all our citizens," Bush said.

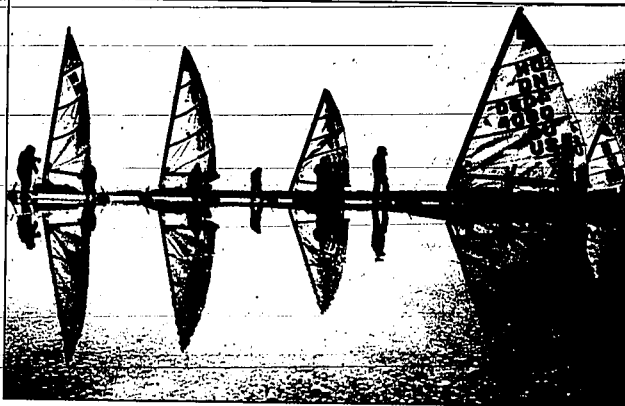
The package extends regular 26-week unemployment benefits by 13 weeks and allows additional automatic extensions in states with high unemployment rates. It also provides businesses with a variety of tax breaks.

"This will allow those who lost their jobs in the recession, or in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks, more time to pay their bills and support their families while looking for work," Bush said. "And in order for people to find jobs, businesses need to be hiring. So this new law will provide tax incentives for companies to expand and create jobs by investing in plant and equipment."

The economic stimulus bill is projected to pump \$51 billion into the economy this year, \$43 billion next year and \$29 billion in 2004, congressional analysts say. The cost over 10 years is about \$42 billion, because some tax breaks would generate government revenue in later years.

The unemployment rate unexpectedly dipped to 5.5 percent in February as businesses, after cutting payrolls for six straight months, added 66,000 new workers.

RACING REFLECTIONS



Great Pond is turned into a watery mirror by warm weather as sailors prepare for the New England Spring Classic ice boat regatta Saturday in Belgrade, Maine. Light winds and temperatures in the 50s created slushy conditions that eventually cut the regatta short.

Priests admit to sex abuse

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — The Roman Catholic diocese removed two priests from their parishes Saturday after they admitted to sexually abusing minors two decades ago.

The priests will not be sent to other parishes, said Auxiliary Bishop Michael Cote, second-in-command for the Portland diocese, which covers the state. He spoke at the St. Agatha parish in northern Maine where one priest had been serving.

In a statement read to parishioners, Bishop Joseph Gerry wrote the revelations of priest abuse "leave us all embarrassed, humiliated and disheartened."

As part of a recent policy on disclosing such cases, the diocese said Feb. 10 that the Revs. Michael Doucette and John Audibert had each sexually abused a teenage boy. The cases began 22 and 26 years ago, respectively.

At the time, the diocese said it moved the priests to other parishes because they had received treatment and evaluations determined they did not pose a threat to children.

Energy bill compromise would mean more ethanol for gasoline

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bridging longtime differences between farm and oil interests, senators have agreed to triple the ethanol used in gasoline and to ban a fuel additive that has fouled drinking water.

The compromise assures that a package of new gasoline requirements — aimed at giving refiners more flexibility, helping farmers sell corn for ethanol and ensuring no backsliding in air quality — will be part of energy legislation now before the Senate.

But some California officials worried the ethanol requirement could cause fuel shortages and high prices because the state's refineries already operate at high


capacity and there is little ethanol produced in the state. Ethanol takes up less volume than the fuel additive MTBE, meaning more gasoline will have to be refined, possibly causing shortages, they said.

Jury convicts former black power activist in killing of deputy

ATLANTA (AP) — A jury on Saturday convicted former 1960s radical H. Rap Brown of killing one sheriff's deputy and wounding another in a shootout in March 2000.

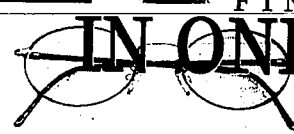
Jurors deliberated 10 hours over two days before finding the Muslim cleric now called Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin guilty of shooting to death Deputy Ricky Kinchen and wounding Deputy Aldranon English in Atlanta.

The trial now moves to a penalty phase.



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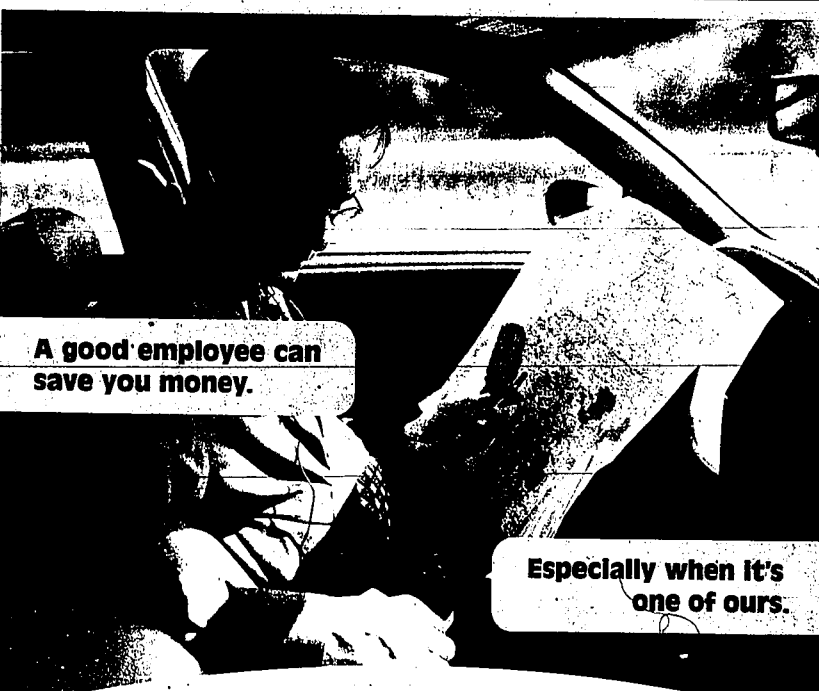
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Manhunt for bin Laden drags on

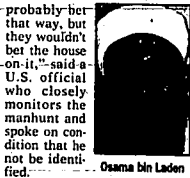
Three theories of his whereabouts linger

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - Where is Osama bin Laden?

The U.S.-led manhunt for the accused terrorist mastermind appears to be no closer to running him to ground than it was when it began five months ago. There are three general theories about where he is:

The leading one is that he is on the move in mountainous territory along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, though not in the area where American and allied forces have been fighting Taliban and al-Qaida holdouts since early March. "Most people I know would



Osama bin Laden

probably bet that way, but they wouldn't bet the house on it," said a U.S. official who closely monitors the manhunt and spoke on condition that he not be identified.

Another theory is that bin Laden slipped over the border into Pakistan's nearly lawless tribal territories, made his way to the Arabian Sea coast and shipped out. Finally, many people say he probably died in Afghanistan from a bomb or illness.

"I've given up on predictions about where he is," Deputy

Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz told Knight Ridder Newspapers on Thursday. "We continue to look for him very hard."

I don't think we have any hard evidence as of now as to where he is or even absolute certainty that he's still alive.

Daily avalanches of intelligence reports suggest bin Laden could be anywhere from the cave-riddled mountains along the Afghan-Pakistani border to Chad in north Africa. Wolfowitz said the search involved checking all reports and keeping a \$25 million reward on offer.

One place defense officials are pretty sure bin Laden is not is the 60-square-mile region of eastern Afghanistan called Shahi Kot, where al-Qaida and Taliban forces are facing the most intense

U.S.-led ground assault since American military operations in Afghanistan began Oct. 7.

The last time U.S. officials were somewhat certain of bin Laden's whereabouts was in early December, when he was believed to have been monitored speaking over a radio at his former mountain stronghold of Tora Bora, north of Shuhi Kot. But American special forces troops and anti-Taliban Afghans found no trace of bin Laden or his top aides when they searched the area after intense airstrikes.

"I still think that if we - when we get him, it may be because somebody decided that it was both safe and profitable to turn him in," Wolfowitz said. "One of the things that this operation has accomplished is it's making it safer for people to turn him in."

Safer

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unlimited number of targets.

"I don't think we can ever really be safe, but I think we can be safer than we have been," said James Lee Witt, former director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. "There will always be a weak link."

Americans recognize that now. In Greenwood, Ind., antiques dealer Christa Cooper keeps a store of food and water in case something happens, particularly in nearby Indianapolis.

"I know that the government is doing everything they can," Cooper said. "But realistically, people are tired, people make mistakes, and sooner or later I

expect there will be another incident, since the terrorists' apparently sit around all day thinking of unique and interesting ways to kill Americans."

In the San Francisco Bay area, architect Brian Landrum feels little assurance from the beefed-up security at airports.

"I don't feel safer," said Landrum, of Pleasant Hill, Calif. "I don't think things have really changed all that much. There does seem to be a heightened awareness of the possibility of violence, but I think if a terrorist wants to commit a crime, they'll find a way to do it and I don't know if we can prevent it."

Historians interview 1,000 to chronicle Sept. 11 attack

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) - Some of Steven Carter's memories of Sept. 11 remain vivid: Pentagon workers up to their ankles in cold water and jet fuel, helping injured colleagues. A macabre jog down to the arrival of another plane that was rumored to be on the way. He and others manning their posts to keep critical parts of the building running. Other recollections, though, are already fading.

"I think the mind is kind and it takes the edge off some of your memories. It's part of the numbing process," said Carter, who was on duty as the Pentagon's assistant building manager the morning of the attack.

Government historians have interviewed Carter and roughly 1,000 others as part of a huge effort to chronicle the Sept. 11 attack on the Pentagon - and do it quickly.

Alfred Goldberg, the Defense Department's chief historian, said he expects a 200- to 300-page history of the attack to be completed some time next year, an unusually swift project for an office that typically researches and writes over many years about events from decades past.

"We want to get to people while their memories are still fresh," said Goldberg, 83, who began his career as a field histori-

an in England and France during World War II.

Goldberg said about 20 to 30 military historians, representing all the military branches, have been interviewing survivors, Pentagon workers, medical workers, police, firefighters and others involved in the attacks and the response.

Reservists, including lawyers and public affairs specialists, have been called up to help.

Nuclear

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cific response to details in the article. But she noted that the nuclear posture review is required by law and said "it does not provide operational guidance on nuclear targeting or planning."

Pentagon officials have said publicly they are also exploring ways to modify existing nuclear warheads to destroy underground bunkers and other "hardened" targets that countries such as Iraq might use to hide chemical, biological or nuclear arms.

Past U.S. policy has relied mainly on the threat of conventional military force to deter the production and spread of weapons of mass destruction.

"By targeting these seven countries, some of which are new targets the U.S. is increasing, not decreasing, the possibility of using nuclear weapons in its policy," said Daryl Kimball, executive director of the Arms Control Association.

A senior U.S. official said Saturday that the posture review is a statement of strategy, and neither represents a change in policy on using nuclear weapons nor makes their use more likely. It also reflects that "there are threats out there" and "there are long have been contingencies for dealing with those threats, the official said.

The classified report is not a plan for action, said the official, speaking on condition of

anonymity. The posture review also includes President Bush's plans to slash the United States' ready nuclear stockpiles by about two-thirds over the next decade.

The top Pentagon arms control official declined to discuss the contents or details of the report. But Douglas J. Feith, the undersecretary of defense, told The Associated Press that "the purpose and the effect of the administration's nuclear policy as embodied in the nuclear policy review to make the use of nuclear weapons less likely."

Feith said the administration intended to accomplish this by developing a missile defense, conventional weapons that can be used over longer ranges and

with more precision, and better intelligence.

"If we have an effective military, our allies are not going to feel they are under any compulsion to develop their own nuclear weapons," he said, apart from those such as Britain and France that already are nuclear powers.

The Times reported that the review said the weapons could be used in three types of situations: against targets able to withstand nuclear attack; in retaliation for attack with nuclear, biological or chemical weapons; or "in the event of surprising military developments."

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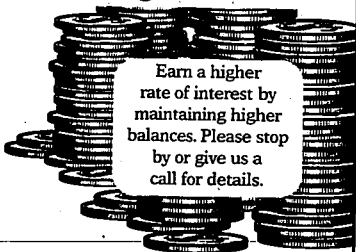
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Official plans unveiling of terror alert system

WASHINGTON (AP) Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge will soon make public a new terrorism alert system to grade threats by their seriousness and give states and cities more specific information.

The new system is said to have several alert levels, with the highest meaning an attack is considered imminent.

The White House confirmed published reports that Ridge and his staff are working with federal, state and local officials, police chiefs and sheriffs with the aim of making the alerts more useful.

states and the local communities and the private sector that they have to use the system," Ridge told Fox News Channel last week.

Attack

Continued from A1 stores and flag stores across the region quickly ran out of flags and other symbolic memorabilia, then found it difficult to replenish their supplies.

McGill, owner of United States Flag in Burley, has witnessed a downturn. Sometimes he'll sell three or four flags a day. On other days, nary a single flag is purchased.

ever. She just returned from the National Sewing and Stitching Expo in Washington state and said that nearly every booth had a patriotic theme.

Six months later, there are some signs that the patriotic fervor has subsided as the terrorist incident slowly blends into the history books. But patriotism, as a state of mind, is difficult to measure.

He shuddered every time he witnessed a vehicle whizzing down the highway with a tattered flag tied to it, violently flapping in the airstream.

While she hated to see the flag replaced, it's probably an accurate gauge of the languishing patriotism among high school students, she said.

For Gem State Trophy owner Walt Baltzer, the number of customers buying U.S. flags remains significant. Business has doubled over the period since September.

Kim Garrity, purchasing agent for Lytle Signs, has also seen a downturn in patriotic sales. Initially customers overwhelmed the store, scooping up all red, white and blue items.

Indeed, Derek Pollard, an economics sophomore at the College of Southern Idaho, has noticed his classmates on campus revert to their old ways.

On the other hand, Otha

Travel

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formed Federal Transportation Security Administration, Carberry said. And it's bound to take some longer than others to adapt.

One little change Simcoe said has jumped out her is airport screeners' new procedure of breaking the files off of fingernail clippers and then handing the clippers back to passengers.

Travelers can now expect to be asked to remove their shoes just about everywhere they go, said Carberry, who manages Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport.

Benny Blick, who must often fly in connection with his job as the chairman of the Idaho Potato Commission, said that's one procedure he has a hard time understanding.

One federal mandate that must be met by the end of the year is the installation of some sort of explosives detection system in every airport, Carberry said.

Uniformity will come in time, said the Twin Falls airport manager.

Tabletop-sized detection machines are in the works, he said. And there's always the option of hiring on a team with bomb-sniffing dogs.

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Possible breakthrough in fusion could revolutionize energy use

Mark Bowden
The Philadelphia Inquirer

In case you missed it, the story of the century might have happened last week. I made the inside pages of a few newspapers around the country. With so much news about war, scandal, and endless bloody stalemate in the Middle East, it was hard to find from these days. But it is healthy, I think, particularly in dark times, to savor a small piece of good news, even if it comes on slightly slobbily feet.

Physicists at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee have reported achieving nuclear fusion in a device smaller than an ice bucket.

"I think there's definitely fusion," says the report's co-author, Richard T. Lahey Jr., a professor of engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. "Don't think I'm being too flip-pant in saying 'Yeah, it's fusion.' There are a lot of ways to create fusion, so that's not a shock. But it is a shock to make fusion so cheaply."

Fusion itself is the elusive goal of energy technology. Cheap fusion is something closer to miraculous. It involves placing atomic particles under such

extreme pressure that they fuse—and in the process release energy. It is the phenomenon that fires the sun. If it is harnessed here on Earth, it promises a virtually limitless, low-cost energy supply.

Its fuel is lithium and seawater. Instead of generating radioactive waste, as does its cousin, nuclear fission, its only byproduct is helium. While any device used to sustain a fusion reaction would likely become radioactive, the amount of contaminated material would be far less, and far less dangerous, than the byproducts of fission, which is the way today's nuclear reactors produce power. The waste would decay completely in less than 100 years, unlike the thousands-of-years-long decay rate of our current radioactive waste stockpiles.

There have been false alarms about fusion in the past. In 1989, the press went overboard responding to reports that fusion had been created on a similarly small scale, and at room temperature—a "miracle" that other scientists failed to duplicate. Hoopla over that fizzled "breakthrough" can still bring a blush to the face of news editors and TV producers, and they are not people who embarrass easily. But if this current report proves true, it would be hard to overstate

its importance. The gradual mastery of energy production and its efficient use is one way to define human progress. From the first fires that cast warmth on a cold savannah to handheld, wireless devices that allow users to communicate with anyone in the world is a journey of tens of thousands of years. A civilization that can produce unlimited amounts of energy from seawater would extend that journey or at least achieve a millennial milestone. It would lick the problem once and for all.

We can no more easily imagine a world of limitless low-cost energy today than a 19th century person could imagine the Concorde. But cheap fusion would have a much more fundamental and far-reaching effect on civilization than the invention of the airplane and jet engine. It would shatter one basic, seemingly immutable law of economics—that energy is rare and, hence, valuable. Energy could become more plentiful than rain. Think of all the worldwide disaster scenarios that would ruin

Three die after scaffolding falls

CHICAGO — Scaffolding from the landmark John Hancock Building fell on a busy downtown street and crushed cars Saturday, killing three people and critically injuring four, a fire department spokesman said.

Unusually high winds were whipping through the area, but it was too soon to say if they caused the 25 feet of scaffolding to fall from the 43rd floor, Fire Department Cmdr. Tim Stokes said.

Those killed were in three cars that were crushed by the debris, Stokes said. Glass also rained down on the crowded streets.

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ACCOMAC, Va. — A tour bus headed for Atlantic City, N.J., crashed into the back of another tour bus Saturday, injuring dozens of passengers.

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Historian Goodwin faces constant scrutiny

BOSTON (AP) — First, Doris Kearns Goodwin wrote books, employing her extraordinary level of access to presidents and their papers. But then she proved to be a remarkably entertaining guest on TV.



Doris Kearns Goodwin Under fire for plagiarism

The rest, as they say, is history. Suddenly, Goodwin's wide smile and pithy anecdotes were everywhere on television. She rhapsodized about the national pastime on the 1994 PBS documentary "Baseball" and became a mainstay on the pundit circuit, weighing in on everything from the death of John F. Kennedy Jr. to the Clinton scandals.

But now the Pulitzer Prize-winning historian has become the subject of the talking-head panels she once sat on. She has joined the growing ranks of historians whose credibility has come under attack, admitting she lifted from other authors' works without attribution in her 1987 book "The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys."

Since then, universities have canceled speaking engagements. Her publisher is destroying remaining paperback copies of the book. Her regular appearance on "NewsHour with Jim Lehrer" have ceased. And this week the Pulitzer Board announced Goodwin has withdrawn from the judging of journalists' most prestigious prizes.

The 59-year-old author, who

lives in Concord, has denied she intentionally plagiarized but acknowledged "there were sentences that should have been in quotes." She predicted Thursday that her openness about her "sloppiness" will ultimately quell the storm that has arisen in recent weeks.

"I have deep faith that my passion for history and the reputation I have developed over my entire career will sustain me," she said in a speech at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minn. "I will continue being a historian."

Both critics and supporters said the historian's fame may be catching up to her.

"Once you enter into that realm, you become fair game," said filmmaker Ken Burns, who introduced Goodwin to a wider audience in his "Baseball" documentary. "Once your work punches out and you're clearly good at what you do, inevitably you get drawn into that world and that world has its dangers, not the least of which is the delight at her missteps."

The credibility of several other best-selling historians has also recently come under scrutiny. Joseph Ellis, who won a Pulitzer for "Founding Brothers," admitted lying to his Mount Holyoke students about serving in Vietnam. David McCullough said he misquoted Thomas Jefferson in "John Adams," and at least five books by Stephen Ambrose have been cited for material lifted from other sources.

The Weekly Standard first revealed Goodwin's transgressions in a January article about a 15-year-old confidential monetary settlement between Goodwin and British author Lynne McTaggart. McTaggart had complained that several passages in Goodwin's book were nearly identical to parts of her 1983 book on Kathleen Kennedy.

Goodwin explained that in her handwritten notes for the book, passages from other books were intertwined with her own observations. She said she has since

begun to use scanners to copy pages from books.

In late February, Goodwin admitted that her borrowing was far more extensive, and that her researchers had found scores of additional quotations and phrases in the Kennedy book that came from other authors. She also announced Simon & Schuster's plan to destroy copies of the book and reissue a corrected version.

Soon after, the University of Delaware withdrew an invitation for her to speak at its commencement, and James Madison University canceled a March 15 appearance.

Goodwin remains on the Northwest Airlines board and the 30-member Harvard Board of Overseers, whose function is to "encourage the university to maintain the highest attainable standards as a place of learning."

"I don't believe in involuntary plagiarism," said Roy Peter Clark, senior scholar at the Poynter Institute journalism school and author of an essay on plagiarism called "The Unoriginal Sin." "We know that something serious happened."

Five die in 14-vehicle accident

SANTA ROSA, N.M. (AP) — State crews on Saturday picked apart a mound of wrecked and charred vehicles left by a pileup on a smoke-obscured major highway that killed five people and injured 17.

Wind-fanned smoke and flames from a railroad construction fire swept across Interstate 40 on Friday, triggering a 14-vehicle pileup that included a school bus. The interstate, one of the

nation's main east-west arteries, was closed in both directions for hours after the crash some 120 miles east of Albuquerque. Westbound lanes reopened late Friday, but the eastbound side wasn't reopened until late Saturday morning.

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Inmates advocates have been harshly critical of Hodgson for some of his other measures, such as restoring chain gangs, and charging inmates for haircuts, medical care and transportation.

The \$5-a-day room and board would be deducted automatically from an inmate's account. When an inmate is sentenced to a jail in Bristol County, Hodgson said, any money they have goes into a jail account that they do not control until their sentence is complete.

The only way to avoid the fee would be for an inmate to either have no funds to begin with or to transfer all of his or her funds to someone else before they enter jail, he said.

The \$35 a week charge, that goes into effect in three months, will raise \$1.7 million to offset other budget cuts, he said.

Actors elect Gilbert president of SAG again

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Melissa Gilbert was elected president of the Screen Actors Guild in a retake of a vote that had been thrown out by union officials after questions about procedures in the first round of balloting.

Following a bitter election campaign, Gilbert garnered 21,351 votes, or 57 percent, to

challenger Valerie Harper's 12,613, or 34 percent, a SAG spokeswoman said Saturday.

"I'm honored to have been trusted by the SAG membership," Gilbert said in a prepared statement. "With the re-run of the election now behind us, I welcome focusing on the crucial issues at hand."

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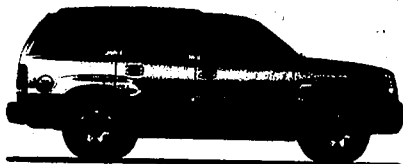
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Robert DeNiro tapes a segment for '9/11,' a documentary on the World Trade Center attack, from Ground Zero on Feb. 15 in New York. The eyewitness story features video that has never been broadcast and will be seen on CBS today.

CBS documentary offers vivid view of World Trade Center attack

By David Bianculli
New York Daily News

CBS held an advance screening last night for "9/11," the highly anticipated two-hour documentary special about New York fire fighters.

It was a rough cut, but even in unfinished form, "9/11" is an astonishing, riveting, remarkable piece of filmmaking.

"9/11" comes not from CBS News but from NYU Film School graduates Gedeon and Jules Naudet. The brothers (Gedeon is 31, Jules 28) arrived in Paris in 1989, attended film school, made one documentary about boxers in Spanish Harlem and, last year, began another — about New York City firefighters.

Their friend, firefighter James Hanlon, got them access to his post: Engine 7, Ladder 1. The plan was to follow a new recruit (in firefighter lingo, a "probie"), and follow the nine-month orientation period it takes to become a full-fledged part of the team.

In June, they found their man, a Bronx rookie named Tony Benetos, and got him assigned to Engine 7. And started filming him. And kept filming until and after Sept. 11, when everything changed.

Because younger brother Jules was still practicing with his camera, he accompanied Battalion Chief Joseph Pfeifer on a routine gas-leak report. On the street, Jules heard a sound, pointed his camera toward the World Trade Center 14 blocks away, and caught the footage, 10 seconds of which appeared on

On TV
"9/11" is scheduled to show this evening at 8 p.m. on KMVT.

TV for days afterward — of the hijacked airliner plowing into Tower One.

Jules then followed Pfeifer to, and inside, Tower One, and kept filming. His brother Gedeon, inside the station house with the rookie, filmed, too, and eventually hit the streets. They captured spectacular footage.

More than that, they captured, and recorded for posterity, spectacular acts of bravery.

"9/11" begins earlier than expected, and ends later. Its narrative is the story of one rookie, but also the story of two brothers, and every rescue worker filmed at Ground Zero, and everyone not filmed but represented by these brave peers.

It is intensely dramatic, but not at all exploitive or gruesome. Indeed, it's almost curiously bloodless and free of gore; horrid stories of body parts and burning victims are told, but not shown. Even those who jumped to their

deaths are not shown. Their impact is heard, though, and that's more than enough.

Amazing as the sights are in "9/11," the sounds are even more unforgettable. The bodies falling. The building collapsing. The debris cloud approaching. It's all as rough and raw as the language, which CBS, to its credit, says will be air uncensored.

Don't miss "9/11" because you're afraid of what you'll see. What you'll see is humanity at its best, and a story that, in the midst of all the unimaginable devastation, is a tale of love, honor, duty and resilience.

Robert De Niro, who has strong ties to the neighborhood and the subject (he starred in Ron Howard's firefighter movie "Backdraft"), is the host of this special. But he doesn't intrude, any more than the Naudets get fancy with their camerawork.

In many documentaries, the subjects can be caught playing to the cameras. "9/11" was no time for play. Everything was real, and everything in this understated, impeccably assembled two-hour special is flat-out perfect.

Residents near WTC ask that trials take place elsewhere

NEW YORK (AP) — New Yorkers living near the World Trade Center disaster site are asking the federal government to keep its terrorism trials and the dangers they could pose out of Manhattan.

A community board representing about 50,000 residents sent a letter to The White House Office of Homeland Security last month making that request and also asking for sophisticated monitoring devices to warn of biological, chemical and nuclear agents.

"Regrettably, our district has twice been targeted by terrorists," the letter said. "We will continue to be a potential target."

The district, on the southern tip of Manhattan, includes the trade-center site, the New York Stock Exchange, City Hall and two federal courthouses.

Those courthouses have been the site of six major terrorism trials since the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center killed six and injured more than 1,000. The same year, the FBI also unearthed a plot to blow up five New York City landmarks in one day.

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WORLD

Explosion at Jerusalem cafe kills 12

Israel retaliates by targeting Arafat office

JERUSALEM (AP) — A Palestinian suicide bomber transformed a crowded cafe into a mass of mangled bodies and upturned, blood-covered furniture Saturday night, killing at least 12 people in an attack across the street from Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's walled compound. By Sunday morning, Israel had destroyed Yasser Arafat's seaside office in Gaza and some ministers were calling for all-out war.

The compound, where Arafat received world leaders and held many news conferences, was empty at the time of the attack. Arafat himself has been trapped in the West Bank city of Ramallah by Israeli forces for more than three months.

Witnesses in Gaza — a city described as a walled enclave that shook walls and broke windows around the neighborhood, as the building itself collapsed.

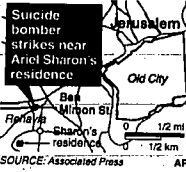
The retaliatory attack came at the end of a day of carnage on both sides; 14 Israelis and six



A woman is escorted by a paramedic away from Cafe Moment following an explosion at the cafe in downtown Jerusalem Saturday. At least 12 people died in the attack.

Palestinians died by nightfall.

The bloodshed ranged from a Palestinian gun-and-grenade rampage on the Mediterranean seacoast that killed a 9-month-old Israeli girl, to the shooting deaths of two Palestinians, including a 15-year-old girl, in the densely packed refugee camps near Bethlehem.



Source: Associated Press

There was a flurry of peace moves in Western and Arab capitals during the day Saturday, but after the two Palestinian attacks some Israeli Cabinet ministers began calling for all-out war. "We must keep up the attacks by land, sea and air until they ask for a cease-fire," Interior Minister Eli Yishai told Israel TV. As he inspected the remains of the Moment cafe in Jerusalem, "We must not stop the attacks of the closures until they reach the situation that the civilians there ask their leaders to draw the right conclusions."

Sharon called his senior ministers together for consultations before the regular weekly Cabinet session Sunday morning.

Israel TV reported. Several ministers called for stiff action.

In the Jerusalem bombing, the assailant walked into the cafe, which is frequented by young Israelis, and detonated explosives, said Jerusalem Police Chief Mickey Levy. Sharon was not at the residence in the central Jerusalem neighborhood of Rehavia.

"There was a huge explosion, simply atomic," said one of the cafe's patrons, who only gave his first name, Eran. "There was smoke everywhere and an acrid smell of gunpowder. People were screaming."

In competing claims, the militant Islamic group Hamas and the Al Aqsa Brigades, a militia linked to Arafat's Fatah movement, both said they were responsible for the bombing. Both groups have carried out suicide bombings previously, and Hamas called it "the beginning of retaliatory activities for Sharon's war on the (Palestinian) refugee camps."

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Arab ministers question Israel's desire for peace

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Arab leaders will decide on whether to adopt a Saudi peace offer to Israel when they meet later this month, foreign ministers said Saturday, and they questioned Israel's readiness to make peace amid the sharpest escalation in Middle East violence yet.

Arab foreign ministers in closed-door talks discussed the Saudi proposals to offer Israel peace and recognition in return for withdrawal from Arab lands it captured in the 1967 Middle East war.

The Saudi initiative has won the support of heavyweight Arab countries, including Egypt, Jordan and Syria. Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher said Saturday, "There is no Arab division about these ideas." But Libya criticized the proposals, calling on Arabs to increase support for the Palestinian uprising.

Israel has shown interest in the initiative put forward by Saudi leader Crown Prince Abdullah, though it rejects any full withdrawal to pre-1967 lines.

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April 18 Robert Mugabe becomes prime minister and a coalition government is formed.

1982 Those from Mugabe's majority Shona tribe begin a lengthy campaign of terror against the minority Ndebele.

1985 Mugabe's party wins at least two of the seats in parliamentary elections, which were boycotted by several opposition parties.

1986 Mugabe is re-elected despite lower turnout rate in an election marred by a low voter turnout.

April 29, 1988 Mugabe's cabinet is reshuffled. He dismisses two ministers and the government is reformed.

1987 Government abolishes a separate role for white voters.

without competition Sept. 6 The opposition Movement for Democratic Change is established under Morgan Tsvangirai.

Feb. 12-13, 2000 The new constitution is rejected by 53 percent of the voters.

June 24-25 Hung parliament narrowly wins parliamentary elections. Observers say Mugabe was unfair.

Jan.-Feb. 2002 Political violence intensifies, and human rights continue to be violated.

Zimbabweans vote in their first true election

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — Tempers flared among voters waiting in long lines at polling stations Saturday as the opposition accused government officials of intentionally slowing balloting to frustrate its supporters in the most hotly contested presidential election in Zimbabwe's history. Some waited for more than 10 hours under a hot sun to cast their ballot in an election that for the first time in two decades gave Zimbabweans a serious alternative to the authoritarian rule of President Robert Mugabe. Observers said a high turnout benefited Mugabe's challenger, Morgan Tsvangirai.

Civic groups, opposition supporters and witnesses said violence and intimidation blamed on Mugabe supporters that plagued the election campaign continued on the first of two days of voting. Militants took over two polling stations, stole voting materials from a third — and at another station, ballots arrived already marked in favor of Mugabe, the observers and opposition supporters said. But the most widespread and potentially explosive complaint was about the long wait at polling stations, which the opposition called a deliberate government ploy. "The intention, of course, is that you frustrate as many voters as you can," Mugabe is trying to move the goal posts to disenfranchise people, these people he thinks will vote against him," Tsvangirai said. He called for voting to be extended two days. Mugabe, 78, and his Zimbabwean African National Union Patriotic Front have ruled this southern African nation since independence in 1980 without significant dissent — until recent years, when the economy was thrown into its worst ever crisis. Inflation is over 110 percent, unemployment at 60 percent, and hundreds of thousands of people are going hungry.



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Search goes on after boat sinks

LAMPEDUSA, Sicily (AP) — Authorities held out little hope of finding more survivors from a vessel carrying illegal immigrants that capsized in rough seas. About 50 were feared dead. Despite the gloomy outlook, Italian navy, coast guard and fishing vessels searched the area Saturday.

The boat jammed with as many as 60 immigrants flipped over Thursday about 65 miles south of Lampedusa, a Sicilian island in the Mediterranean Sea. Rescuers recovered 12 bodies and 11 survivors, who said they were from Nigeria, Sudan and Turkey. Strong winds and choppy waters complicated search efforts. The captain of one boat told Italian television that his crew had spotted fragments of clothing and pieces of a boat, but that there was no way of knowing if the debris came from the vessel.

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WORLD

Rome struggles with what dogs leave behind

ROME (AP) — The 95-year-old woman leaned her cane into the cobblestones and heaved another step up the hill. Pigeons scattered as she stopped for air, but Lidia Aversa wasn't about to lift her eyes, cautiously scanning the ground in front of her.

"For heaven's sake!" she exclaimed, waving a gloved finger toward piles of dog dung dirtying her path. "It's all full of — to wipe clean."

"Rome offers myriad glorious sights for the walker, but the ground is not one of them. Dog droppings are a shameful and smelly problem that authorities are trying — not for the first time — to wipe clean."

Fines for abandoning dog waste to the shoes of the next pedestrian have long existed, but haven't worked. So the Roman city government announced in mid-February that dogwalkers may be charged up to \$130 just for being caught without a cleanup kit.

Milan has taken a similar step. "We're counting on support from hundreds of people tired of having to clean their shoes after wan-



Anna Maria Fratola picks up her dog, Camilla's bagged and knotted waste in Rome's Via Piccolomini near the Vatican Feb. 22. Fines for abandoning dog waste have long existed in Rome, but they haven't worked so far.

dering in a park," said the deputy mayor, Riccardo De Corato. Rome's mayor, Walter Veltroni, appealed to dog owners. "Without a civic sense, this battle

will not be won." Rome has authorized its 6,500 police officers as well as nine garbage inspectors to hand out tickets. But with tens of thou-

sands of dogs looking at every square foot of city turf as legitimate dumping grounds, the success of the campaign will be determined by whether dog owners prove willing to stoop and scoop.

In Rome's lush Villa Borghese park, an unscientific survey of dog-walkers strolling through a ravine nicknamed "Dog Valley" displayed considerable support for the new rules. Not to mention a new fashion accessory: filmy plastic-bags stuffed in any free pocket.

Vanessa Armellini, 32, insisted she had always picked up what her mutt, Mario, left in his wake.

But she noted a problem with the new law: "If I use and throw away the bag now, what happens if I meet a cop? Is he going to give me a ticket? I can't go around with an entire pack of bags."

Leodo Balocchi, an official in the city police's quality-of-life department, acknowledged that practical problems could arise. In any case, he had doubts about whether people would obey.

"At the beginning they will," he said. "But then they'll stop."

World in brief

Yugoslav president's party leaves ruling coalition

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — The party of Yugoslav President Vojislav Kostunica announced it would stop participating in key ruling coalition meetings, effectively withdrawing from the 18-party alliance that leads Serbia.

Kostunica's Democratic Party of Serbia, a key member of the ruling alliance, the Democratic Opposition of Serbia, announced the move late Friday after it refused to endorse a draft law on cooperation with the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands.

This is the third time that Kostunica's party has boycotted the coalition's meetings. In previous occasions, the disputes were resolved after long and complex negotiations.

Kostunica's consistent refusal to accept the law on cooperation

with the U.N. tribunal led to the collapse of Yugoslavia's federal government last year.

Alpine tunnel reopens three years after fire killed 39

CHAMONIX, France — The Mont Blanc tunnel, rebuilt, blessed and hailed as the safest such passage through the Alps, reopened Saturday three years after a truck fire transformed it into an inferno that killed 39 people.

The first car — a convertible with British license plates — rolled through the tunnel linking Italy and France shortly after noon.

However, signs that not all was well preceded the opening. A pre-dawn blast blamed on protesters destroyed a maintenance truck at the French entrance, and some 1,500 demonstrators marched to the entrance ringing car bells.

Nearly 200 police watched over the protest.

— compiled from wire reports

Mexico sting nabs key drug trafficker

MEXICO CITY — In a blow to Mexico's bloodiest drug gang, soldiers raiding a house early Saturday captured its alleged leader, Benjamin Arellano Felix. They also found evidence that his brother, the gang's alleged co-

leader, was dead.

An altar to Arellano Felix's brother Ramon was found in the house, suggesting he was killed a Feb. 10 police shootout in Mazatlan, as officials have suspected, a government statement said. Ramon Arellano Felix is on the FBI's 10 most wanted list with a \$2 million reward for his capture.





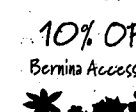
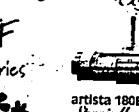


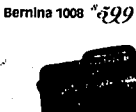


U.S. and Mexican authorities say the brothers led a Tijuana-based operation that smuggled tons of cocaine, amphetamines and marijuana into the United States and murdered hundreds of people over the past 15 years.

"We've been seeking his apprehension for years," U.S. Drug Enforcement Administrator Asa Hutchinson said Saturday of Benjamin Arellano Felix. "It was our top priority."

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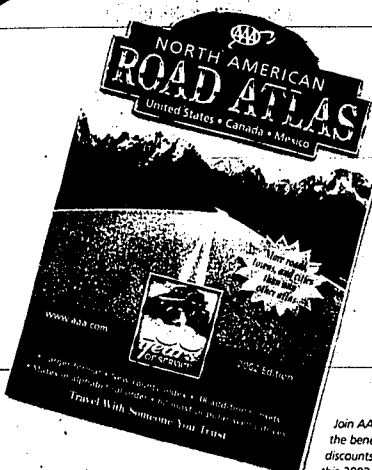
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Thursday: Beef stew, macaroni, dessert
Friday: Chicken, fruit

BUHL SCHOOL

Milk served every day. Choice of fruit or juice
Monday: Cereal, cinnamon toast
Tuesday: Scrambled eggs, toast
Wednesday: Pancakes, maple syrup
Friday: Breakfast pizza

Mini-Cassia lunches - B4

Menu varies every day
Monday: Salad bar, deli sandwich, ham and cheese
Tuesday: Hot turkey, chicken, chicken noodle soup, celery sticks, potato butter, sweet potato
Wednesday: Chicken, apple, apple slices, cinnamon sticks
Thursday: Chicken, chicken, chicken, chicken
Friday: Peanut butter, deli sandwich or Little Caesar's pizza, salad, potato, carrot sticks, pizza sauce

BLAINE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

All elementary
Lunch menu
Bellevue Elementary has no self-serve bar
Monday: Hot dog, potato butter and jelly sandwich, potato wedges, celery sticks, carrot cake. Self-serve bar: Dietrich
Tuesday: Beef finger sticks, potato, mashed potato, animal crackers, pineapple rolls. Self-serve bar: Make a sandwich
Wednesday: Combination pizza, baked egg and roll, baby carrots, peas, soft bread, pretzel. Self-serve bar: Fruit
Thursday: Breakfast bundles, meat and cheese pizza, turkey, orange juice, trail mix. Self-serve bar: Taco salad
Friday: No school

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk and juice served every day
Monday: Ribbione dinner, vegetable, cookie
Tuesday: Rice bowl, roasted almonds, vegetables, or cream
Wednesday: Pocket sandwich, French fries, vegetable, fruit, cookie
Thursday: Chili, salad, cinnamon roll
Friday: Fried chicken, chips

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

Salad bar, fruit and milk served every day
Monday: Chili dog
Tuesday: Hot, cold, mixed potatos
Wednesday: Burrito
Friday: Vegetable soup, cheese sticks, juice
Friday: Spaghetti, garlic bread

GLENN'S FERRY

Monday: Beef enchiladas, corn, fruit, cake
Tuesday: Chicken party, potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot roll
Wednesday: Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, fruit, beans, chocolate cream pie
Thursday: Chili, crackers, 1996, cinnamon roll
Friday: Vegetable soup, cheese sticks, juice
Friday: Omelet, cookie

GOODING ELEMENTARY

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

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered every day
Monday: Beef stew, lettuce, cheese, vegetable
Tuesday: Baked beans
Wednesday: Spaghetti, salad bar, fruit, French bread
Thursday: Deli sandwich, oven fries, fruit, cookie
Friday: Fruit, vegetable choice, fruit, grande bar
Friday: Bacon burger, oven fries, fruit, cookie

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Milk served every day

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Milk and juice served every day
Monday: Pancakes
Tuesday: Scrambled eggs
Wednesday: Pancakes
Friday: Lunch menu
Lunch menu
Monday: Fruit
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Hoagie sandwiches
Thursday: Salads and cheese sandwich
Friday: Fruit

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk and juice served every day
Monday: Cookies, carrots, bread, applesauce
Tuesday: King of the dog, later rice, coffee cake
Wednesday: Tom salad, roasted salmon, salad, crackers, peach
Friday: Hoagie sandwich, potato, beans, pineapple
Friday: Beef stroganoff, corn, peas

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: Pizza
Tuesday: Hamburgers
Wednesday: Turkey gravy
Thursday: Pigs in a blanket
Friday: Fruit

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Milk served every day
Monday: French fries, fruit
Tuesday: Beef and gravy, fruit, juice
Wednesday: Scrambled eggs, ham, fruit, flour tortilla
Thursday: Fruit, fruit, fruit, fruit
Friday: Fruit, fruit, fruit, fruit

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day
Monday: Hot dog, potato planks, applesauce, pumpkin pie
Tuesday: Soft flour taco, salsa, potato puffs, peach, hot sauce, chocolate
Wednesday: Pancakes, sausage links, later rice
Thursday: Combination pizza, vegetables, dip, fresh applesauce, chocolate cookie
Friday: Ham and cheese sandwich, carrot and celery sticks, potato chips, box of raisins, Cornut George fruit snack

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Chicken salad, French fries, pickle spear, applesauce
Tuesday: Burrito, baked beans, cinnamon bread stick
Wednesday: Fruit, fruit, fruit, fruit
Thursday: Chicken and macaroni, mashed potatoes, whole wheat rolls, fruit cup
Friday: Ham and cheese pocket, potato patty, peas, carrots, chocolate cake

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Chicken salad, French fries, fruit and vegetable bar
Tuesday: Burrito, cinnamon bread stick, baked beans, fruit and vegetable bar
Wednesday: Fruit, fruit, fruit, fruit
Thursday: Beef ranch wrap, pizza salad, fruit and vegetable bar
Friday: Ham and cheese pocket, potato patty, fruit and vegetable bar

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served every day
Monday: Pappardelle, hot pocket, hot green salad, ranch dressing, banana, ranch sauce
Tuesday: Italian chicken sandwich, steamed potato wedges, pineapple chunks, baked cookies
Wednesday: Hot chili taco, later rice, applesauce, Rice Krispie treat
Thursday: Italian sub sandwich, cool ranch dressing, orange, fruit, fruit, fruit
Friday: Turkey fried steak, scalloped potatoes, strawberries, French bread

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Stew, crackers, biscuits, celery sticks, peach
Tuesday: Ham sandwich, sausage, fruit, chocolate, omelet
Wednesday: Hamburger, french fries, mashed potatoes, rolls, peas
Thursday: Chicken burger, corn, orange, juice
Friday: Open menu

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Hot dog, apple juice, toast, jelly
Tuesday: Waffles, french fries, sausage patty, peas
Wednesday: Cereal, peach, carrot bar
Thursday: D.C. toaster, spiced apple slices
Friday: Cereal, orange slices, toast
Lunch menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Foot long hot dog, salad bar or hamburger
Tuesday: French fries, apple, Rice Krispie bar
Wednesday: Ribbione sandwich, soup and sandwich, hot or deli turkey sandwich, corn, fruit, pudding
Wednesday: Taco bar or pizza, vegetables, dip, mixed fruit, rancher cookie
Thursday: Malibu chicken sandwich, potato bar or hot Italian sub sandwich, potato chips, banana, Sara Lee pound cake
Friday: Chicken, pizza, salad bar or spicy chicken sandwich, French fries, peas, cupcake

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday-Friday: Menu not available

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal, apple juice, toast, jelly
Tuesday: Waffles, french fries, sausage patty, peas
Wednesday: Cereal, peach, carrot bar
Friday: D.C. toaster, spiced apple slices
Friday: Cereal, orange slices, toast
Lunch menu
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Wednesday: Hot chili taco, later rice, applesauce, Rice Krispie treat
Thursday: Italian sub sandwich, cool ranch dressing, orange, fruit, fruit, fruit
Friday: Turkey fried steak, scalloped potatoes, strawberries, French bread

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served every day
Monday: Corn dog, potato wedges, mince, strawberry shortcake
Tuesday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot roll, barbeque, cookie, fruit
Wednesday: Chicken, baked beans, French roll, butter, peach
Thursday: Fruit, fruit, fruit, fruit, fruit
Friday: Potato soup, crackers, turkey sandwich, chocolate pudding, fruit

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast is served every day
Lunch: The high school has a choice of milk, Macaroni burger bar, and salad bar each day, also bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Malibu

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EDITORIAL

Tell cellular customers when new fee pays off

If you own a cell phone in the western part of Magic Valley, you're about to start paying a new tax. You should ask your elected leaders when you'll start getting something for it.

The Twin Falls County commissioners last week approved a \$1 monthly fee on every cell phone in the county. This fee is supposed to ease the dire financial straits of SIRCOMM, the four-county 911 service based in Jerome.

Cell phone customers in Lincoln, Jerome, and Gooding counties can look forward to the same fee.

What will your \$12 a year buy you? For the foreseeable future, nothing.

This newspaper proudly backed the 1990 community effort that launched the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center, but the results have been less than "satisfying." Throughout its history, SIRCOMM has suffered from financial and operational shortcomings.

Phone customers with traditional land lines paid their \$1 fee for six years before the center finally opened. Now, five-years-later, much of SIRCOMM's equipment is growing obsolete, it has chronic budget problems, and a \$2.2 million balloon payment falls due in August 2005.

Services from the dispatch center have never fully satisfied law enforcement agencies. A November incident involving a stripper, followed by an investigation into undisclosed management issues, made perceptions even worse. Two managers remain on paid administrative leave — three months after the investigation began.

SIRCOMM's employees do a tough, stressful — and vitally important — job. They deserve to work for an agency with sound leadership and solid finances.

The new plan for cell phone users to pay the same \$1 monthly fee as land-line

customers. Officials justify this fee by noting that 45 percent of SIRCOMM's calls come from cell phones.

But reviewing some history is useful. Residents of the four counties voted in 1990 to pay the \$1 fee for "enhanced" 911 services. This enhanced service lets an emergency dispatcher instantly determine a caller's location — even if the caller can't speak.

Cell phone users have never paid the \$1 fee. That's only fair, since the enhanced-service doesn't work on cell phones.

But cell phone users do help pay for SIRCOMM, through city and county taxes that help support the dispatch center. So cell customers have a right to ask: "If I'm paying the extra fee, when do I get the extra service?"

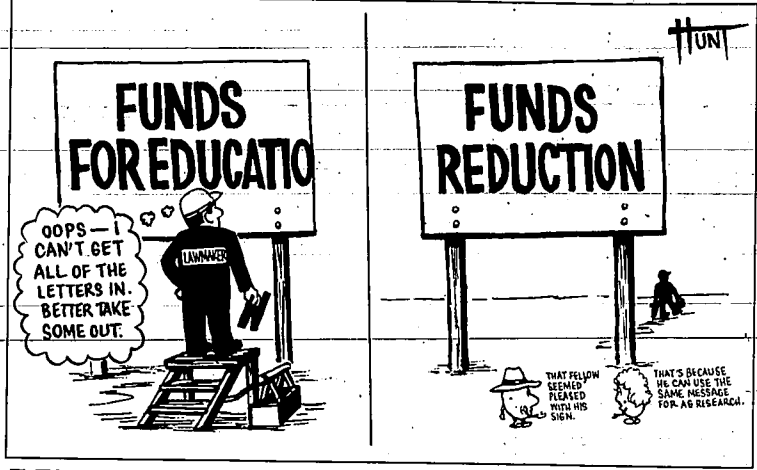
The answer from local leaders is: "Someday." Twin Falls County Commissioner Marvin Hemlein says some of the fee money will buy triangulation technology — so that dispatchers can pinpoint cell phone callers.

But SIRCOMM has no definite timetable for that upgrade. Cell phone users may wait years for their enhanced service, just as land-line customers did in the early 1990s.

With an estimated 70,000 cell phone users in the four-county area, the fee could generate \$70,000 a month, or \$840,000 a year. In the next three years, that's enough to pay off the \$2.2 million debt, with some left over for new technology, if the money doesn't get spent on operating costs.

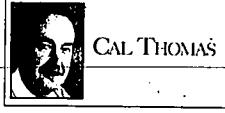
But plans involving this four-county partnership have a way of going awry. If cell phone users are expected to pay off SIRCOMM's debt and bankroll new technology, they at least should be told when they'll start getting something for their money.

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Hidden terrorists sow seeds of hatred

Democrats and Republicans don't agree on much these days, but the Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, Emergent Bob Graham of Florida, and the Ranking Member, Republican Richard Shelby of Alabama, concur that there are at least 100 al Qaeda operatives hiding in the United States. Graham says they pose an "immediate threat" to our security. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said virtually the same thing in Monday's (March 4) Washington Times, warning of terrorist sleeper cells in the United States. The magnitude of the problem confronting law enforcement officials searching for these killers-in-hiding is revealed by the Department of Justice. Spokesman Dan Nelson says that following the Sept. 11 attacks, U.S. authorities arrested 560 terrorist suspects. Some were released after investigations failed to turn up evidence that would justify their continuing to be held. As of last week, Nelson says 327 remain in detention and under investigation.



CAL THOMAS

Of far greater concern is what Nelson says are "314,000 absconders," people who've been ordered deported but law enforcement cannot find them. These are aliens in the United States illegally because they've violated their visa status. Nelson says deportations will increase as each case is processed. But with 314,000 "absconders," this is bound to be an arduous and time-consuming. Can we afford to wait?

While waiting (and hopefully not long) for the deportations to begin, perhaps something can be done about the training grounds of hate currently on American soil. The Washington Post has carried several stories on Islamic schools in the Washington area which teach Muslim children that "the day of Judgment can't come until Jesus Christ returns to Earth, breaks the cross, and converts everyone to Islam, and until Muslims start attacking

Jews." It's that last part that ought to be of concern.

The Post reports there are "about a dozen" of these schools between Baltimore and Richmond and 200 to 300 nationwide, with at least 30,000 students. Thousands of other students attend Islamic weekend schools, the Post reports. One of the schools profiled by the newspaper is the Islamic Saudi Academy, located in the Virginia suburbs of Washington. An 11th grade textbook at the school says one sign of the Day of Judgment will be that Muslims will get it is exporting to schools on our shores an ideology that supports terror over civics," Stone wrote. Students at many of these schools are not required to take U.S. history.

Another Post letter was even more to the point. Thomas A. DiMaggio, of York, Penn., wrote regarding the same curriculum: "When this (anti-Semitic) filth is brought to the attention of a member of one of the state accrediting authorities, the most he can muster by way of outrage is to say that his organization does not

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delve into curriculum extensively, but that it would be concerned about such material being taught." It's time to be more than concerned. Any school, whether Muslim or white supremacist - that teaches hate and encourages violence should not be accredited by a state and, in fact, should be shut down. In the name of tolerance and academic freedom, we have allowed schools to proliferate that teach ideas antithetical to the American way of life and are a threat to the very existence of our country. This is sedition. Those who hate us are using our openness and good will against us. We will continue to tolerate this at our peril. In fact, the peril is already here as demonstrated six months ago on Sept. 11.

Cal Thomas is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

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Defeating the al-Qaida will take ingenuity

Some of our best young men — Special Forces, Rangers, paratroopers of the 101st Airborne — are risking their lives in this very moment in the mountains of Afghanistan, and several of them already have paid the highest price possible. The problem is with the price — the casualties.

Al Qaida has some built-in advantages. They hold the higher elevation, they know their little caves, their attack routes and escape channels. They are used to the terrain and the weather, and their needs are few. Their weaponry is neither new nor old and can suffice their tactical needs. Most of them are Arabs, and as the old Arab saying goes, "When you push a cat into the corner, it becomes a tiger."

We are better trained and our equipment is unmatched. Nevertheless, if I were commanding a battalion, moving uphill in those rugged mountains and chilly weather, trying to wipe out many little outposts and caves that house fanatics who are engaged in a psychological fervor of suicidal martyrdom, I would be concerned.

There are at least three things that we should do that al-Qaida can't:

- We should operate in these mountains only at night. We are well equipped for night fighting, which they know nothing about and certainly are not outfitted for. Every shot fired in the dark by an al-Qaida fighter will extricate his position, which is not necessarily the case during daytime. At night, he can't see us, but we can see him.
- We should command the mountain peaks from the top down. Don't crawl up from the valley or expose big helicopters to fire; instead drop in those tough small military skydiver units that cap land on a dime on a mountain peak.

RANAN R. LURIE

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They can take position and start sniping their way in the right direction: from top to bottom.

• We should use gas. Not nerve gas or mustard gas but sleeping gas. There's no reason why we can't use C-130 planes to crop-dust them with sleeping gas. Explosions of sleeping gas will neutralize the enemy for several hours while our young men put their gas masks on and get their hand cuffs ready to arrest the snoring foe. The clouds of sleeping sedatives would infiltrate every trench hole, bunker and cave. The days of fixing bayonets are over. The days of fixing new thinking have arrived. We are almost guaranteed technological superiority against any feasible enemy, and we should use it fully to our advantage, and to the benefit of the American mothers and fathers who send their sons into battle.

Ranan Lurie, a syndicated columnist and political cartoonist, was an Israeli combat major who trained and jumped with the U.S. 101st Airborne and the Israeli special skydivers unit.

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What's in a name? Don't let this one fool you.
 MICHAEL PEBLEY
 Rupert

Choose a health care provider

The letter of Mr. Michael McIntosh on March 3 was uncomfortable to read. I am a physical therapist and, with my two physical therapist partners, own a private outpatient clinic which employs three other therapists. Mr. McIntosh had reported his dissatisfaction with a recent series of physical therapy treatments. His description of the experience certainly justified his dissatisfaction. I hope his letter doesn't paint my brothers and sisters with a brush because what was reported is not the norm. With the recent purchases of the Twin Falls Clinic and the trend of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center purchasing doctors' practices, we in the private health-care field (i.e. physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, home-health agencies and private pharmacies) are seeing changes in referral patterns. Physicians, formerly independent but now employed by the hospital, have told us that they now have pressure to refer to their employer. Our business has earned physician referrals because of our reputation, our

history of quality care and for the expectation that we would deliver, to their patients, the quality of professional rehabilitation. There has never been any "co-ownership" or any type of financial incentive for referrals. I believe this to be true of most private health-care providers in our area. The public has the right to go to any health-care provider it chooses. If they feel the standard of their care isn't what they expect, they can change to other providers. The public has been somewhat easily led in the health-care industry. Discharge planners, employed physicians and others in the position of directing people to extended health-care areas often have pressures of financial interests of which patients are unaware, which dictate who and where they refer. Costs are not the same! It is perfectly logical to ask before a procedure is initiated what will the fee be, will my insurance cover any of the fee and other pertinent questions which are all standard practices at our facility. This goes without saying in other industries why we have had so many problems.

I regret the experience Mr. McIntosh had with his physical therapy. I don't want the public to think that this is "the way it is" here in the Magic Valley. Each and every individual patient has the right to choose which practitioner they want and, if they feel they are not getting satisfactory care, have the right to change. You are not locked into a "closed system."
 TOM WAGNER
 Twin Falls
 Dr. Telford will be missed greatly
 I'd like to write a few lines about Dr. V.V. Telford upon his recent passing. In 1996, my husband had his second serious stroke. He fell under the care of

a very uncaring group of individuals at the clinic. My husband was discharged straight out of the intensive care unit from the clinic. When I got him home, he still didn't know who he was or where he was. Because of my husband's Masonic friendship with Dr. Telford, I called him and asked if he could help me. He answered yes and came to my house and stayed for many, many hours on several occasions. My husband lived another two years. I made a contribution to the Scottish Rite Learning Center in Dr. Telford's name then, and I shall make another now. Good-bye and godspeed to a kind, caring gentleman who was never too busy and whom I shall miss talking to from time to time. There are so few like him and so many of the other kind.
 En, I'm sorry for your loss and for ours.
 ANN RIDGELY
 Twin Falls

Check out political candidates

Check out the people that are running for an office in your county, city or state. Learn what their positions are on the issues you are concerned with. Education is your best tool in electing the right people. Then get out and vote and make your vote count. Even consider running for an office.
 JACK STREETER
 Mountain Home

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OPINION

Free trade in steel didn't last long

PARIS - President Bush wants to appear as a strong and principled leader of a nation at war. So what were his advisers thinking when they encouraged him to capitulate to a powerful pressure group and impose tariffs on steel imports?

But we know the answer: Bush's advisers were thinking about politics. And in allowing the president to so blatantly abandon his previous free-trade commitments, they hurt him more than they probably realize - at home and abroad.

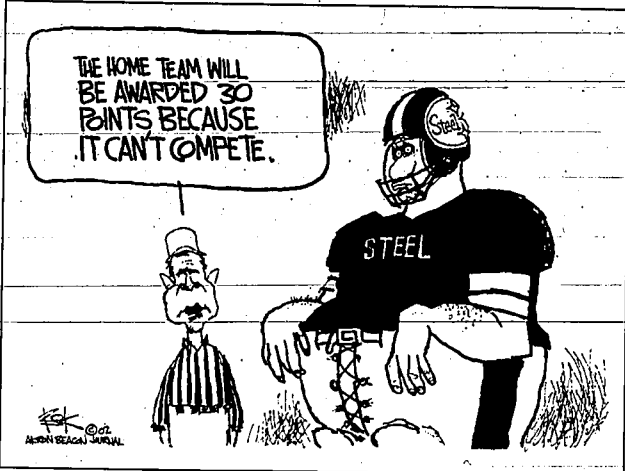
The Hypocrite Monsieur Bush," headlined an editorial in the French daily *Le Monde* on Thursday, and for once the French have it absolutely right. With his embrace of steel tariffs, Bush joined the ranks of those who preach competition and free trade for others but practice protectionism for potent domestic political interests.

Hypocrisy, alas, is becoming the rule in matters of economic competition and trade. Take the French: Paris this very week blocked a proposal by the European Union to allow consumers a choice of electricity suppliers. Why? The French government wanted to protect its state-owned monopoly, *Electricite de France*. Privatizing the utility would be "political suicide," wrote Thomas Fuller of the *International Herald Tribune*, because it would offend "the country's powerful unions, which fear job cuts."

But Bush should have known better. The steel story has been playing for so long - and the protectionist chorus from the United Steelworkers Union has become such a broken record - that a sensible White House staff should have spared their president this embarrassment.

If I sound cranky on this subject, it may be because my first reporting job was covering the steel industry in Pittsburgh for the *Wall Street Journal* in the mid-1970s. That's when the modern battle over protectionism really began, and it's amazing to me how little the fundamentals of this argument have changed in 25 years.

Then, as now, the steelworkers feared their jobs would be threatened by imports of low-



DAVID IGNATIUS

cost foreign steel. And they were right. Their powerful union had negotiated such a high level of wages and benefits over the years from a weak and demoralized management that the industry was chronically uncompetitive.

Here are some figures that suggest how the industry got into its current mess: In 1950, steelworkers earned 15 percent more than the average manufacturing wage; by 1980, that cushion had widened to 84 percent. From 1967 to 1979, hourly employment costs in the steel industry rose at an annual rate of 12.1 percent - while the industry's output grew just 2 percent a year.

This was a comfortable world for steelworkers but a costly one for U.S. consumers. And by the mid-1970s, both the union and management realized that the only way they could maintain their cozy but uncompetitive world was to exclude low-cost foreign steel. The union even agreed to give up its strike

weapon, as part of the union-management campaign for protection.

Back then, the steel lobby claimed that foreign competition was "unfair," because it was supposedly being "dumped" and sold below production costs.

That was nonsense, as reporters and analysts who looked carefully at the numbers were able to prove. The Japanese became a special target of the lobbying campaign, but the fact was that Japanese steel-makers could sell steel so cheaply because they had the best and most modern mills in the world.

Steel's campaigns for protection failed to keep out foreign competition during the 1970s, '80 and '90s - thanks to principled politicians who were tough-minded enough to resist the union's pleas for help. As a result, tens of thousands of jobs were lost in the traditional steel-producing areas of the Midwest. According to one study, employment in the U.S. steel industry has fallen from 600,000 in 1980 to 210,000 now. Mighty companies such as Bethlehem, LTV and National have been driven into bankruptcy.

It's a grim legacy - if you look only at the job losses. But in other ways, it's a classic success story of adaptation and growth in a capitalist economy. The resources that were freed by allowing aging, inefficient mills to close opened the way for change.

The Pittsburgh area, for example, became something of a high-tech center - with new companies that paid higher salaries than the old mills ever had. The U.S. steel industry finally began to modernize during the 1980s - moving increasingly to non-union "mini-mills" that had much lower production costs. But the old-line steelworkers still wanted protection - a shelter from the storm of competition that will allow them "to save the industry," in the words of union president Leo Gerard.

The steelworkers make a poignant argument, but it's as wrong now as it was 25 years ago. And it's a shame that President Bush fell for it. Steel's only salvation, then and now, is to compete efficiently in the global marketplace.

David Ignatius writes for the *Washington Post*.

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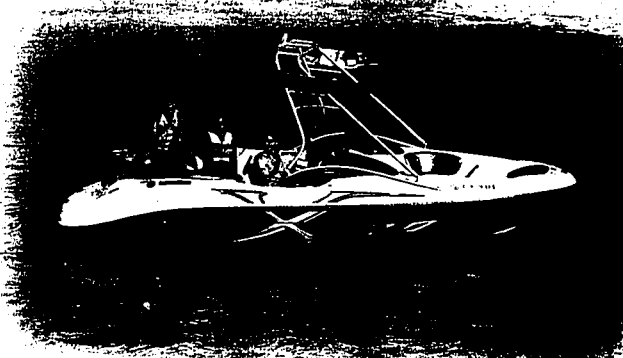
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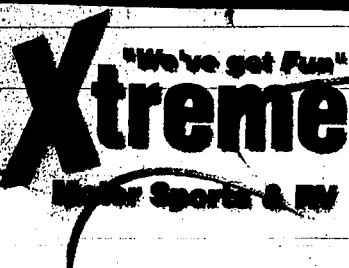
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Section B

Hot water's nice, but I'll take Sweden

I am of Swedish extraction, and we Swedes are required to carry a permanent sneer upon our faces for the supposed terrors of winter.

Swedes are a horribly phlegmatic people, terribly egalitarian and dull at the cellular level, and genetically predisposed to look down on subfreezing temperatures and just about anything Norwegian.

My people bathe in uncovered hot tubs during the 14 1/2-month Swedish winter and then run out into the snow and beat themselves about their naked persons with birch branches.

This is why Sweden has so long been politically neutral, nobody, for some reason, wants to hang out with us.

I mention all this because the water heater in my house recently became deceased and I was compelled to make do for the better part of a week with cold showers.

Now for a Swede, a cold shower should be a walk in a blizzard, but after a day or two the whimpering got out of hand. I just couldn't handle 45-degree water being driven into my skin with the force of a power washer.

And so I was compelled to resort to sponge baths.

Now, no true Swede worth his aquavit would take a sponge bath: The wimp factor is just off the charts.

My grandfather, who changed the grounds in his coffee pot once a year, would have moved into the coal shed rather than take a sponge bath. It smacks of self-indulgence, and worse, dilettantism.

See, most Swedes - Abba excepted - believe in their hearts that the cosmos has no sense of humor, whatsoever and that God keeps score.

That comes from too many generations of living in a country that's on the same latitude as the Yukon: In Sweden, Mother Nature is a drill-sergeant with steel-toed combat boots.

Her great preference, if you're stupid enough to lick a pump handle in January, is to leave you there until August.

God - and most Swedes are believers even when they claim otherwise - is widely supposed to be a high-school Latin teacher who hasn't given anybody a grade higher than a "D" since St. Augustine was a sophomore.

In "Winter Light," a movie by the great Swedish director Ingmar Bergman, a preacher who proclaims that there's no God complains for 20 minutes that the Almighty is too mean to him.

If suffering were Disney World, Sweden would be Splash Mountain. So don't talk to a real Swede about sponge baths, and when my departed forebears learn that I've eschewed cold showers, they won't just spin in their graves - they'll luge.

And they'll conclude, as every Swede must, that I've grown too big for my britches.

You must understand that Sweden is a country where the king rides the bus to work, and Swedes spend an inordinate amount of energy making sure that no one becomes hafslutan. Hence, the 80 percent tax bracket.

Nobody, the theory goes, should be enjoying himself unless everyone is enjoying himself, and in a land where the mean annual temperature is 37 degrees, there just isn't that much joy to go around.

And that includes sex.

Despite the widespread international perception that Swedes are libertines, the harsh reality is that Sweden has the second-lowest birth rate in the world. All of those cold showers have clearly taken a terrible toll.

So while the new water heater is in place in my basement, I haven't had the heart to turn it on yet.

Maybe it's loyalty to my granddad, who would be so disappointed to see me enjoying a hot shower when the alternative is so readily available.

Maybe it's the lingering suspicion that creature comforts, however small, secretly corrupt the soul, leaving one prey to dark morals, intellectual sloppiness and Pop Tarts.

Or maybe it's the fact that the last time - some years ago - that I plugged in a new water heater, it shorted out the breaker box.

I had to call both a plumber and an electrician to get the hot water running again. They were Italian.

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DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

Tots romp at children's fair

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The games in Salt Lake were a good warm-up, but the events everyone anticipates come at the Baby and Children's Fair.

The fair opened Saturday with the pomp and pageantry of a stroller parade. To the techno beat of 2 Unlimited's "Get Ready 4 This," three parents pushed their babies in decorated strollers around the center court of the Magic Valley Mall.

Judges gave the first-place award to Jaedon Benedict, who was dressed as a worm. His father, Mark Benedict, wore fishing garb and carried a pole, baited with his baby.

This is the second year Jaedon has taken first place, said Jamie Porter, his mother. Last year she transformed the stroller into a John Deere tractor, dressed Jaedon as a farmer while she wore a potato outfit.

Porter thinks Jaedon may continue his prize-winning performances as he grows up.

"He's a ham around the camera," she said.

Babies also competed in the 2.5-meter mat crawl. With six babies lined up on hands and knees at the starting blocks, it looked like a competition that could end in a photo finish.

But after the race began, the situation deteriorated. Babies blatantly broke out of their lanes, cut off fellow racers, got confused and headed back in the wrong direction.

Racer Kamaha's Salas had a strong start but came to a standstill in the center of the mat, more interested in rocking out to the music than finishing.

Despite this setback, Kamaha's took third place.

In true Olympic fashion he bit into his medal, a gift certificate.

His mother, Sandy Salas, thinks Kamaha's medal may be a hooper rather than a spritzer.

"He moves a lot and likes to dance," she said.

The many other events included a baby food eating contest, where children fed their parents, and a beautifully belly contest for expectant mothers.

Mandi Rucker, 37 weeks pregnant, took first place with a 105-centimeter waist.

"First prize should be a free induction," Rucker said.

The fair offers more than games. The main purpose of the event is to provide education for parents.

"We try to have fun and get information out," said Shawn Barigar, spokesman for Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, which sponsored the fourth annual event.



Mandi Rucker gets her belly measured during the 'beautiful bellies' contest. She measured in at 105 centimeters to win a \$25 gift certificate at the Magic Valley Mall during the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Fourth Annual Baby and Children's Fair at the mall Saturday.

Magic Valley Regional set up several information booths in the center court.

Companies targeting children and nonprofit organizations had tables in the halls of the mall.

This year the medical center set up an area for classes on a variety of child-related topics.

"I got some good information here ... and my daughter has a 'good time,'" Duffina Hall said.

Shoshone man helps farmers in Nigeria

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE - Natural resource consultant Steve Popovich spent almost three weeks in February assisting farmers who are narrowly making ends meet.

In Nigeria, As a volunteer with Winrock International - a cooperative that provides economic assistance - Popovich and colleague David Koehler of Colorado assisted Nigerian farmers with financial, production and marketing advice.

"It's all part of the 'Farmer-to-Farmer' program," said Popovich, who worked as a botanist for the Bureau of Land Management from 1991 to 1997 and is now the owner/operator of a private consulting firm in Shoshone.

Winrock is a volunteer program that donates time and expertise to promote food security and business development overseas.

Nigeria is West Africa's most-populated country, where about 70 percent of its residents live below the poverty level - more

Steve Popovich of Shoshone, right, and colleague David Koehler of Colorado, left, pause with a coordinator of a Nigerian farm cooperative in February. The two Americans are part of an effort to promote food security and business development overseas.

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Burley man compiles irrigation history

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The director of the Burley Irrigation District has written a book charting the history of irrigation in Minidoka.

Randy Bingham started the project because he had requests from high school students working on reports and other people for a brief history of the district.

The basement of the district's office building was filled with records of the irrigation district and the records of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for all of the West. Bingham went down

into the basement to look at a few records and emerged 10 years later with a complete book.

Bingham set out with the intent of writing a two-page history, but the project grew. In his spare time and after hours he poured over the old records. As he researched, he would stumble across other interesting tidbits and become sidetracked.

When historian Damien Hess came to Burley for two weeks in 1997 to research the Mindokoa power plant, Bingham gave him the information he had compiled. In return, Bingham asked

Hess to send him references to pertinent information he found at the Library of Congress. A year later, Bingham received a 60-page list of possible sources.

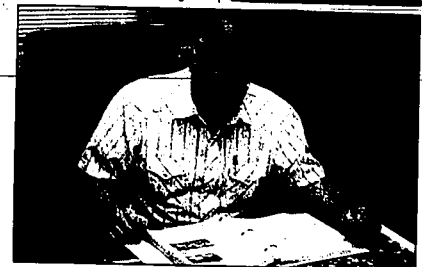
When people in the community heard Bingham was writing a history, they brought in old family pictures, which he has included in the book.

Bingham's history consolidates and preserves a record which is beginning to deteriorate. When Bingham went back into the basement to look for some pictures he had seen a few years ago, he was alarmed to find

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Steve Popovich of Shoshone, right, and colleague David Koehler of Colorado, left, pause with a coordinator of a Nigerian farm cooperative in February. The two Americans are part of an effort to promote food security and business development overseas.



Randy Bingham looks over the history of the Burley Irrigation District, which he has compiled.

Albion City Council OKs liquor licenses

By Mary Lynne Bristol
Times-News correspondent

ALBION - The City Council gave final approval to the liquor license application process in Albion this week, and two businesses were awarded liquor licenses.

Licenses were approved for the Albion Cafe and Annie's Saloon, owned by Roger Jenkins and Leeanne Hauser, and the Sage Mountain Grill, owned by Tom and Ina DiGrazia.

The businesses must pay a \$93.75 fee for the pro-rated license. Licenses must be renewed in July for a full year.

Also this week, Mary Yeaman was introduced as the new city clerk/treasurer, replacing Heather Whitehead. Yeaman was chosen from a field of 21 applicants.

Marcella Mahoney of the Albion Improvement and Recreation Committee discussed several items with the council. She was granted permission to operate a climbing wall during the hometown July Fourth celebration.

The council also approved the annual Easter egg hunt on the Normal School campus. The hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 30, the day before Easter.

Council members voted to have the water storage tank northwest of town cleaned and inspected. There was some discussion about possible problems noted during the previous

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Wreck kills man south of Hailey

The Times-News

HAILEY - A Boise man was killed on a one-vehicle accident Saturday on Idaho Highway 75 south of Hailey.

Kelly A. McMullin, 24, was northbound in a 1999 Chevy pickup when he lost control on a broken snow floor, an Idaho State Police release said.

Police said McMullin drove off the right shoulder of the road, hit an embankment and spun into a power pole. He was not wearing a seat belt and died at the scene.

Shaun M. Skidmore, 29, of Boise, the owner of the pickup, was taken to St. Luke's Medical Center in Hailey where he was in stable condition Saturday. Skidmore had been wearing a seat belt.

The accident occurred around 10:30 a.m. at milepost 104.6, two miles north of the Timmermann rest area, police said. The crash is still under investigation.

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TWIN FALLS



Albert E. Mayer

Albert E. Mayer, 87, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died February 26, 2002, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls, Idaho. He was born December 29, 1914, in Goodrich, North Dakota, the son of Fred and Catherine Wain Mayer. On August 18, 1940, in Jerome, Idaho, he tied the knot with his lifelong love, Florence Pratt. She picked him out of Church, knew his mother and decided he was the only man for her. She caught his eye and he never looked at anyone else. To this union were born five children. Albert worked for the Railroad as a young man, then he moved on to farming and then went to work for the Jerome Co-Op Creamery which later became Ida Gem Dairy's Association. He worked there for over thirty years, before retiring from there in 1976. When he was not working, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, singing with his wife at Church and on the radio. He never knew that his wife would like fishing, till one day she asked if he would take her along. Astounded at the fact that she would go, he went right out and bought her everything she would need and after that she became even more of an enthusiast than he was. They always went fishing together after lunch. He took up Bowling at the age of 70 and even bowled on his family team. He also grew the most incredible gardens. Where others gardens failed, his would flourish. He had all these adages that he kept in his head about when the right time was to plant different things. His knowledge was always shared with his family, but no one knew gardening like Albert. Albert was a wonderful son, brother, husband, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and friend. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Albert is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Florence, sons: Michael Mayer of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Frederick T. Mayer of Glenns Ferry, Idaho; daughters: Kaye Bowen of Filer, Idaho, and Julia C. McGee of Twin Falls, Idaho. 11 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter, Barbara, two brothers and two sisters.

Memorial Services for Albert will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at 1 p.m. at the First Church of God, 131 East F Street in Jerome, Idaho. Officiating will be Pastor Ken Gostin. Cremation and Private Inurnment are under the direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

BUHL



Stanley J. Nazian

Stanley J. Nazian, 80, of Buhl, Idaho, passed away at his home in Buhl, on March 7, 2002. He was born December 4, 1921, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Stanley J. and Mary Swiatkowski Nazian. Stanley was a highly educated man who earned a Degree in Electrical Engineering and also received extensive training as an Electronic Technician's Mate-2nd Class at the United States Naval Training School at the University of Houston, Houston, Texas. He served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1944-1946 and served both the American and Pacific Theaters. On August 3, 1974, he married Frankie V. Brandon in Marietta, Georgia, and they have been inseparable. At the time of his retirement, he was working for Beauty Ford in Atlanta, Georgia. Then, together with Frankie, he moved here to Idaho. Stanley was

a Charter member of the Knights of Columbus Chapter 42 in Philadelphia and a devout Catholic. Stanley is survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Frankie of Buhl; sons: Dr. Stanley J. Nazian III of Tampa, Florida; Stephen W. Nazian of Minneapolis, Minnesota; daughter, Christine Rawlins of Farmersville, Ohio; and step-son: Ed Nolan of Filer, Idaho; one brother, Chester Nazian of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his step-son, Ernest Short, a retired Master Sgt. in the Marine Corps in 1955.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at 10 a.m. at the Church of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, 1720 Poplar Street in Buhl, Idaho. Friends may call Monday from 4-6 p.m. at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Knights of Columbus

McBride of Heyburn and Don (Veda) Bringhurst of Magna, Utah; sixteen grandchildren; twenty-nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband on May 3, 1972, a daughter-in-law, Corky Curtis, five brothers, Leonidis Brower, Eldred Brower, Earl Brower, Ray Brower and Bruce Brower; two grandsons, Ronald A. Curtis and Kennon Taylor Curtis.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Burley 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel, 2200 Oakley Avenue, with Bishop Steve Ormond, officiating. Burial will be in the Declo Cemetery. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary, 22 West Main Street in Burley, on Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral on Tuesday.

BURLEY



John J. 'Jack' Williams

John J. 'Jack' Williams, 76-year-old Burley resident, died Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at his home. He was born February 22, 1926, at Delaplain, Nevada, the son of John and Lorraine Williams. He attended schools in various states, while his father worked for Union Pacific Railroad during World War II, he served in the United States Army from January 1945 until November 1946.

Following his honorable discharge, he returned home and married his sweetheart, Lorraine Winter on March 16, 1947. Jack worked at the Sugar Factory for 10 years prior to working for the City of Burley. After nine years of service with the City, he gained employment with the Idaho State Department of Transportation, retiring in 1982, after 25 years of service. He also operated his own land-survey business and instrument repair.

Jack and Lorraine have spent 55 years together and have resided in Burley their entire married life. He leaves behind many dear friends. Survivors include his wife, Lorraine of Burley; one son, John P. (Jackie) Williams of Pocatello, Idaho; one daughter-in-law, Ruth Williams of Caldwell, Idaho; four grandchildren: Tammy (Burt) Dyson of Spokane, Washington; John C. (Tracy) Williams of Kuna, Idaho; Amber Dawn (Loren) Walker of Heyburn; and Brianna Laa Williams of Caldwell, Idaho; nine great-grandchildren, one brother, Harry B. Williams of Burley, one sister, Myrtle Edith (Merle) Hornum ofampa, Idaho; four sisters-in-law, Helen Williams of Burley, Wilma Jean Williams of Twin Falls, Lita Stillwell of Bend, Oregon, and Claudette Jones of Houston, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Donald, Frank and Byron; one sister, Margaret Leverton; and one son, Howard Evan "Blue" Williams. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 11, 2002, at Gem Memorial Gardens, under the direction of the local veterans. Arrangements are under the direction of the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley.

BURLEY



Ruth B. Curtis

Ruth B. Curtis, 89-year-old Burley resident, died Friday, March 8, 2002, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. She was born April 25, 1912, in Franklin, Idaho, the daughter of William Gee and Etile Purnell Brower. She attended Heyburn school, graduating from Heyburn High School in 1931. Ruth married Blaine D. Curtis on August 11, 1937. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Temple. Ruth was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she served in various capacities with pride and honor. She was active in the Burley Literary Club. She also served in many capacities in the Rotato Growers and Shippers organization. She was very involved and traveled extensively with her husband in the produce and cattle business. Ruth's crown of glory was as a wife, mother, and grandmother. All of her grandchildren each thought of themselves as grandma's favorite and they were. She was blessed with three sons and a daughter, and each of them knew they were favored. Ruth's best friend was her daughter, Susan. Survivors include a daughter, Susan (David) Toner of Burley; three sons, Dennis Curtis of Burley, Gale (Sandra) Curtis of San Jose, California, and Raleigh (Mary) Curtis of Rufus, Oregon; two sisters, Lenard (Mona)

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Alberta A. Chidester

Alberta Adella Chidester, passed away at a Boise hospital March 7, 2002, at the age of 92. Alberta was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, on August 19, 1909, the third of five daughters. Her proud parents were Fred and Mary Chidester. She was preceded in death by daughter, Marion Ellen; husband, Virgil A. Chidester; and sisters, Georgie Burgermeister, Myrtle Smalley, Edna Anderson, and Gertrude Maughan. Alberta is survived by her son, Ron Chidester; granddaughters, Luana Arneson and Raleigh Chidester; and great-granddaughter, Rosemary Atkinson. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and loving friends. Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. 9th Ave., Buhl, will have a visitation from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. March 10, 2002. Funeral services will be held March 11, 2002, at 2 p.m., with viewing starting at 1 p.m. in the LDS Second Ward on Fair Street in Buhl.

DEATH NOTICES

Key Richter

TWIN FALLS - Key Richter, 83, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, March 9, 2002, at Bridgeview Retirement Estates. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Steven R. Miller

TWIN FALLS - Steven Robert "Zack" Miller, 60, of Twin Falls, died Friday, March 8, 2002. Cremation will take place under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory. A memorial service will be held at a later date in the South Hills.

Janice M. Martinell

BURLEY - Marie Martinell, 55, of Burley, died Thursday, March 7, 2002, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Hilda Woodhouse

BURLEY - Hilda Woodhouse, 77, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and formerly of Burley and Oakley, died Friday, March 8, 2002, at St. Joseph's Villa in Salt Lake City. The funeral is pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

May Drox Petersen

DEULO - May Drox Petersen, 93, of Santa Monica, Calif., and formerly of Deulo, died Saturday, March 9, 2002, at a Santa Monica hospital. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Juanita M. Sisiam

HAILEY - Juanita Marie Sisiam, 74 of Hailey, died Friday, March 8, 2002, at her home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Wood River Chapel in Hailey.

Betty O'Harrow

KIMBERLY - Betty Foley O'Harrow, 90, of Kimberly, died Friday, March 8, 2002, at Mountain View Care Center. At her request, no services will be held and cremation will take place under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory. A complete obituary will follow.

at a later date. 8, 2002, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

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Bonnie Lorraine Farris of Greeley, Colo., memorial services at 10 a.m. Monday at the First United Methodist Church in Greeley.

Thomas (Tom) A. Peabody of Rupert, military graveside service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Rupert Cemetery with local veteran organizations participating; visitation from 9-10:45 a.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., Rupert.

Maida I. Gillett of Declo, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Declo Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 213 W. Main; inter-

ment will follow at the Declo Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley; and from 10-10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

John S. Toupin of Jerome, service at 1 p.m. Monday at the First Church of God, 131 E. Ave. F, Jerome; visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, and one hour before the service at the church; burial will follow at the Jerome Cemetery.

Mabel 'Pat' George of Rupert, service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Rupert Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 324 E. 18th; interment will follow at the Rupert Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 1-1:45 p.m. Monday at the church.

Frederick Clyde Wood of Jerome, graveside memorial ser-

vice at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Jerome Cemetery with military rites (Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel, Jerome).

Jerry Leon Kiser of Jerome, service at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel; burial will follow at the Jerome Cemetery; friends may call from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

Helen Juanita Conyers of Silver City, N.M., graveside service at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Hagerman Cemetery; friends may call at 9:30 a.m. Saturday before the service at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Ralph J. Andree of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. March 19 at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.

Volunteer faces charge in case of stolen police gear

LOGAN, Utah (AP) - A volunteer for the Logan police department with a record of stealing was arrested for allegedly pirating equipment from the department. Jonathan D. Watkins, 20, of Hyrum, is accused of stealing three police radios, two flashlights, a bullet proof vest, a police jacket, coat, leather belt and a uniform shirt, said Logan police Lt. Greg Ridler. Watkins was not authorized to have any police property except

one explorer shirt and vest, Ridler said. Watkins was a police explorer - a young volunteer who performs fingerprinting duties and helps set up parade routes, Ridler said. Wednesdays arrest was not Watkins first criminal arrest this year. He was first arrested in January in Cache County for stealing medical personnel uniforms and supplies from the Hyrum Fire Department.

The Family of Arthur (Art) Tattersall extends their heartfelt thanks to all the relatives, friends, and neighbors who sent flowers, food, cards, and phone calls. Your kindness was greatly appreciated and will be long remembered.

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Friday: Cheese toast, trail mix, rosy applesauce

Lunch menu

Monday: Pizza, corn, mixed fruit, snickerdoodle cookie

Tuesday: Chili, crackers, carrot stick, fruited gelatin, maple bar

Wednesday: Baked potato, applesauce oatmeal muffin, peas, carrots, raisins

Thursday: Taco, pineapple, banana bread

Friday: No school

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Thursday: Breakfast cookie, trail mix, applesauce

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Lunch menu

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sauce

Tuesday: Chili, crackers, vegetable sticks, fruit cobbler, sweet roll

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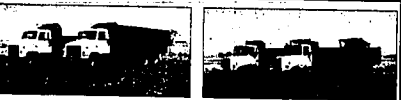
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Chamber honors volunteers at banquet

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

SUN-VALLEY—It was billed as an awards banquet. But it turned into an robotics exercise as people kept bouncing out of their seats to deliver standing ovations to the honorees.

More than 150 people attended the sell-out Community Awards Night at the River Run Lodge hosted by the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber of Commerce.

Pam Colesworthy, past president of the chamber, called Carolyn Nystrom an "angel on earth" as she awarded Nystrom a plaque as 2001 citizen of the year for her work as executive director of the Hospice of the Wood River Valley.

Ninety-six percent of all of those who die in the Wood River Valley do so with the help of the hospice and its 65 volunteers. The average nationwide is 25 percent.

No sooner had the tribute been made from the podium than teary-eyed individuals sitting around tables began recounting to tablemates how Nystrom had been there for their loved ones as they neared death.

Nystrom admitted that she has left a lot of guests in the middle of dinner to be at someone's bedside. "And I wouldn't miss it for the world." She added that her husband Jim has been a willing partner, going to Carey in a bizzard or the Galena Summit at two in the morning to set up a bed for someone.

It's easy to honor advocates for the arts, she added, but there's not another community in the country that would honor someone who talks about death and dying, grief and loss all the time.

"One of our board members said, 'This is a good place to live and this is a good place to die,'" she added.

Kathy Wylie was given the nod as "the godmother of community theater in the Wood River Valley."

There was no community theater here 32 years ago when Wylie moved to Sun Valley. The Wood River Players, a group of Sun Valley employees, had put on a few small plays in the company cafeteria but even they had lost their enthusiasm for it, Wylie recalled.

In 1977 Wylie founded Laughing Stock Theater, which has staged more than 40 musicals, comedies and dramas and spawned at least three other theater companies.

She also created a summer youth theater camp and helped develop the Wood-River-Arts Alliance, in part to keep the nextStage Theater open as a venue for the performing arts.

The community of theater and arts in this town now is huge when you look at the size of the community, Wylie told listeners.

Berge Levy, named 2001 Youth Advocate of the Year for his role in founding the Silver Creek Alternative School for at-risk youth in 1993.

Levy recounted how the school superintendent asked if he was trying to make the high school look bad after he graduated a dozen youth with honors.

"That's not why I'm here and I don't think the high school needs my help," he replied.

"The kids themselves have always felt unconditional support of this community and that's made all the difference," he added.

Joe Jesinger DiFrancesco was selected youth citizen of the year for contributing more than 100 hours of community service in the past two-and-a-half years.

He helped bring the Utah Shakespearean Festival to the Wood River Middle School, has served food at the Souper Supper-soup-kitchen and assisted with the Trailing of the Sheep festival and Sun Valley Swing 'n' Dixie Jamboree.

He also developed a Kid Kit, which includes an ID card for youngsters.

Les Reid was named the chamber volunteer of the year. He has been to most every restaurant and hiked and skied a majority of the trails and absolutely loves sharing his experiences with visitors, Colesworthy said.

Webb Landscape, the third largest employer in the Wood River Valley, was honored for its charitable giving, as well as its switch to an employee-owned company.

And Jim Cimino was given a special award as philanthropist of the year for his unannounced donations to various causes. Cimino has been nominated for other awards and politely turned them down, but his gift this year of a park at Sixth and Main streets could not be overlooked, Colesworthy said.

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Teen could get adult sentence for killing

BOISE — A 17-year-old high school senior agreed to plead guilty to adult charges for his role in the December shooting death of fellow student Phillip Tinney.

Brian McDonald of Boise will serve 120 days in the Ada County Jail and receive six years probation, County Deputy Prosecutor Jonathan Medina said Friday.

The accident happened on Dec. 28, when teens gathered at the Boise home of an adult friend for a birthday party where alcohol was consumed.

McDonald and another teen were showing off a pair of shotguns when McDonald's weapon went off near Tinney's head, killing the 15-year-old sophomore and injuring another boy, officials said.

McDonald could have fought to keep the case in juvenile court, where he faced a maximum penalty of 270 days of confinement and three years probation. But prosecutors said that was insufficient for involuntary manslaughter and injury by careless handling of a firearm.

West in brief

Jordanelle rapist gets maximum prison time

SALT LAKE CITY — The 23-year-old man who pleaded guilty to charges of raping and stabbing a 13-year-old girl and then leaving her for dead near Jordanelle Reservoir, was sentenced to a minimum of 23 years in prison.

Jonathan Fuentes had pleaded guilty to first-degree felony counts of attempted aggravated murder and child kidnapping, and to second-degree felony sexual abuse of a child.

In District Court Friday, Judge Donald J. Eyre handed him the maximum possible prison term by adding weapons enhancements.

The girl knew Fuentes as a family acquaintance and got in his car willingly when he offered her a ride to school from the bus stop.

Fuentes drove her to Jordanelle, sexually assaulted her and stabbed her three times, twice in the neck and once in the chest, with a screwdriver. He then left believing she was dead.

She walked several miles until flagging down a motorist.

— compiled from wire reports

Mexican authorities catch Blackfoot shooting suspect.

POCATELLO — A man suspected of shooting one person and stabbing another in Idaho in 1998 is in the hands of Mexican authorities.

Gabriel Barajas, 40, is suspected of shooting Rogelio Gonzalez, 33, in the back with a .45 caliber handgun while the victim slept on a couch. Gonzalez is now paralyzed below the waist. Barajas also allegedly stabbed Epifanio Lopez.

Barajas was arrested in San Francisco del Rincon, in the Mexican state of Guanajuato, last week.

Blackfoot police detective Sgt. Paul Newbold said he did not know whether Barajas would be extradited to Blackfoot, or if he would stand trial in Mexico.

If Barajas stays in Mexico, the case could be argued by a prosecutor using evidence gathered by Blackfoot police.

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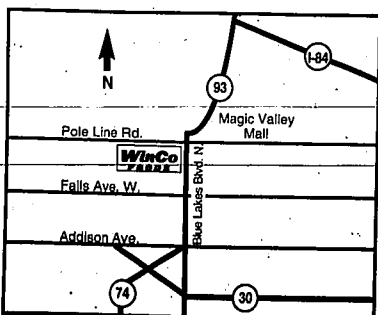
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Putting CSI back on the map

ST. GEORGE, Utah — I have a lot of respect for Guy Beach. How can you not? Beach struck both his and his College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team's necks — out — when he promised the rest of the league last week that the Golden Eagles would play for the region championship.



SIDELINE VIEW
Kevin Hall

The CSI men didn't live up to those expectations Friday, of course, as they lost badly in the semifinals of the regional tournament. But Beach didn't backpedal from his beliefs or his team: "I made the guarantee, and I'll stick by it," Beach said afterward, still as composed and professional as always.

"I just thought that if we'd gotten beat playing our best basketball you could take it a little bit better," he said. "But it gives us something to build on for next year."

During my postgame interview with Beach, I realized that a basketball game — at any level — is just that, a game. In the bigger picture, it's merely two hours of entertainment. However stressful, disappointing or elating it is for the participants.

Before that said interview, I watched as the Most Wanted Man went from prized employee, to radio hot-seat subject, to respected colleague and to beloved husband and father — all in about 15 minutes.

When I finally caught up with him, Beach coolly answered each of my questions with insight, patience and a lot of class. Just as he'd done since he first was introduced to Twin Falls back in August.

I expect better things to come CSI's way with Beach now finally feeling settled into his role. It's only been 6.5 months since he's been here. Give him a full season to build the team he wants to build. He inherited this one, as great as it was, but it wasn't his, no matter how much he tried to make it his.

"I think we came together as a team," he said. "Anytime you're in a new coach when the kids have been around the old coach and the staff for a long time . . . I was the new guy on the block and we all had to make adjustments and it's really been hectic."

— Guy Beach, CSI coach

Beach then turned to the rebuilding process, which is already sounding like another serious run for the region championship. Already, nine freshmen, many of which played substantial minutes, should return to a team that finished 26-5.

And assistant coaches Jay Cytac and Brian Hancock, along with Beach, are already well on the trail to finding the next Tom Bobbitt, Ricky Clemons and Tim Ellis.

"We're not going to be able to replace their talent level," Beach said. "But I think we can go out and get some quality players and some quality kids and get this thing back on top where it belongs."

He guarantees it.

Dixie, Ricks win regional titles

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Region 18 Tournament MVP Jaime Lloreda's slam dunk with 1.1 seconds left lifted Dixie State College to its second consecutive men's championship, 59-58, over Snow College Saturday at Burns Arena in St. George, Utah.

The Ricks College women won the women's side, blowing out host Dixie State 83-64 earlier on Saturday.

Region 18 Tournament
At Burns Arena, St. George, Utah
Saturday's championships
Men
Dixie State 59, Snow 58
Women
Ricks 83, Dixie State 64

The men's game came down to the final two possessions. Sam Burgess, who led Snow with 14

points, buried a 3-pointer to put the Badgers up 58-57 with 6.0 seconds left on the clock. After a timeout, Dixie needed to go the length of the court. Kevin Woodberry took the inbound and raced up the near sideline with two defenders chasing him. Woodberry made a cut toward the hoop that pulled Snow's Jackson Vroman out of the lane, then he ripped a pass to the trailing Lloreda, who caught the ball and flushed it for the game-winner.

Snow tried a desperation heave from halfcourt that sailed wide left as fans stormed the floor and the Rebels celebrated their repeat.

It was the eighth consecutive win for Dixie (30-3) over Snow (25-8), which was playing in its first-ever region championship game. It was also Dixie's third region championship in four seasons.

Lloreda finished with a game-high 20 points and 14 rebounds. Andrew Gauden chipped in with

14 points and Al Williams had 13 for Dixie. Vroman added 13 points for Snow.

The Badgers led most of the way early until Dixie State caught its first lead with 2:35 left in the first half on a Lloreda score in the paint. The teams went into halftime locked at 29-29.

The lead changed hands several times to open the second-half until the Rebels opened up a 41-33 lead with 13 minutes left. But

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NOT FAINT OF HEART

Iowa's Recker hits another game-winner

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Luke Recker couldn't have asked for anything more: He beat the clock — and his former team.

Recker made a 15-foot runner from the right corner as time expired — his second straight game-winner — to give Iowa a 62-60 victory over No. 23 Indiana in the Big Ten semifinals Saturday.



Iowa's Luke Recker shoots the game-winning basket over Indiana's Jared Jefferies (1) as time expires during the semifinals of the Big Ten Tournament in Indianapolis Saturday. Iowa won 62-60 to advance to the championship game.

Recker was an Indiana Mr. Basketball who played for the Hoosiers but transferred from Indiana after his sophomore season.

"I've never hit two like this in my career," said Recker, who won Friday's quarterfinal against top-seeded Wisconsin with a 13-footer with 1.4 seconds left. "When it went in, I saw my teammates attack me. It was a great feeling."

While the Hawkeyes celebrated, the game's officials huddled around a replay monitor to make sure Recker got the shot off in time. The ball appeared to leave Recker's hands with about 0.2 seconds remaining.

A local TV station later aired videotape that appeared to show the clock pausing for about half a second with 2.2 left. Indiana said it didn't plan to protest.

"If there was a problem, the game is over," university spokesman Jeff Fenter said.

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Geography plays a role for selection committee

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — When the NCAA tournament bracket is released today, it will have the familiar interlocking lines ready for the names of teams advancing toward the Final Four.

The big difference will be geography.

Chicago could be part of the West, Sacramento part of the Midwest.

A first- and second-round site could have two No. 1 seeds playing there, while some venues may be without a No. 1 or No. 2 seed. Some lower-seeded teams might even be staying close to home.

Welcome to the 2002 NCAA tournament, where change and flexibility are the rule, not the exception.

What's on
NCAA Championship Selection Show
Today, 4 p.m. CBS

"The teams on the first line will stay in their region and then we'll put them in the actual pods," tournament selection committee chairman Lee Fowler said this week. "If there is any way we can keep them closer to home, we'll do that, too."

The selection committee can't achieve that goal because of a rule change this summer intended to limit travel in the early rounds.

In the past, eight teams have been placed into each of the

eight subregionals. This year, the committee will place four teams into each "pod" and place two pods at each site. The teams then move on the next weekend to their assigned regionals.

It is the second major change to the tournament in two seasons. Last year, the committee added a 65th team and set up a Tuesday game between the final two teams qualifying for the tournament. The winner advances to a

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Bumstead, Burrow lead CSI to sweep in bad weather

The Times-News

BOISE — There's nothing like putting a little determination and old-fashioned elbow grease on the mound in back-to-back baseball games.

And when the greased elbow throws attached-leather laser beams like College of Southern Idaho sophomore Nate Bumstead, it's always a good day at the park.

Bumstead pitched a complete game, three-hitter against Utah Valley State College to win 2-1 and teammate Brad Burrow had his typical solid outing in Game 2, scattering five hits in a 5-3

Hit and run
UVSC at CSI (2)
Today, noon at Frontier Field

Boomer Walker said. "The wind was really blowing and it was cold. Neither team played real well, we just got some breaks."

The Eagles (13-4, 9-1) created their own breaks in Game 1. Freshman Kris Walker hit a solo home run in the bottom of the third to put the Eagles up 1-0, and Kody Kirkland singled in the fourth then stole second to get into scoring position before a wild pitch pushed him across the plate to make it 2-0.

The Wolverines (7-11, 4-6) only run came in the fifth after three errors by CSI spoiled the inning. Bumstead struck out five to improve to 4-1 this season.

"He threw really well," Walker said. "Especially in those tough conditions."

In the second game, CSI jumped out to a 5-0 lead after just two innings on an RBI single by Kirkland in the first and a double by Tom Myers in the second with two runners on.

Myers also played a big role on defense, turning a line drive by Apana Nakayama with a runner on in the seventh with into a double play.

"Tommy came up huge for us," Walker said.

Burrow also picked up his fourth win of the season with the complete game, five-strike-

out performance. Nakayama came into the games with the second best batting average in the SWAC (.417), but was held hitless by Burrow and Bumstead.

The Eagles meet UVSC again today for two more at Frontier Field at noon.

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SPORTS

Bruins sweep powerful Capital squad

BOISE - Starting Twin Falls pitchers Andy Coats and Tyler Maxfield got the Bruins out of the gates quickly and Derrick Tenney...

Local sports

liked what he saw in the opener. "We got a good group of kids and we enjoy working with them," he said.

it showed Saturday. "We're trying to see what we have," Minico coach Russ Wright said.

tunity to play in that gym but that was canceled. Basically that's the first time we try grass.

Wood River earns split with Mountain Home

Magic Valley Babe Ruth holds registrations

Boah dusts Spartans in double-header

BOISE - The Boah Lions swept an inexperienced Minico squad in a season-opening double-header Saturday.

Wood River earns split with Mountain Home

MOUNTAIN HOME - The Wood River Wolverines split a double-header on the road against the Mountain Home Tigers in season-openers for both teams Saturday.

Twin Falls cheerleaders crowned champions

BOISE - The Twin Falls Bruin cheerleaders took home the Class 5A Large Divines and the overall championship at the Idaho Cheerleader Championships Saturday.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Magic Valley Babe Ruth holds registrations

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Babe Ruth League will be holding registration for summer league play on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Harmon Park Recreation Building from 6 p.m. to 8:30...

Burley freestyle wrestling gets started

BURLEY - The Burley/Cassia County freestyle wrestling club will be holding wrestlingers from 5 to 18 years old Tuesday and Thursday at Burley High School wrestling room at 6 p.m.

Filer holds baseball, swimming registrations

FILER - The Filer Community Recreation District is holding baseball and swimming registration for its summer recreation program.

Minidoka County readies for Babe Ruth season

BURLEY - Minidoka County will be holding registration for Babe Ruth baseball through March 21. The league is open to boys ages 13-15.

Mini-Cassia softball season starts soon

BURLEY - The Mini-Cassia Softball Association will be holding the first of two meetings in late March for its Spring/Summer league.

TF Parks and Rec. holds 2Ball tourney

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is taking registration for the NBA 2Ball Show. 2Ball is a timed basketball shooting contest in which partners alternate shooting from various areas on the court.

Bucs add QB Rob Johnson to quarterback mix

TAMPA, Fla. - Jon Gruden is making good on his promise to make the competition for Tampa Bay's starting quarterback job interesting next season.

Sabres forward Kozlov to miss rest of season

BUFFALO, N.Y. - Buffalo Sabres forward Slava Kozlov will miss the rest of the regular season, slowly recovering after tearing his left Achilles' tendon in December.

Cubs courting closer Jeff Shaw

PHOENIX - Needing to fill Tom Gordon's void in a hurry, the Chicago Cubs hope to close a deal with free agent Jeff Shaw.

Former Packers GM says no job offer was made

ATLANTA - Ron Wolf described his Friday meeting with Arthur Blank as exploratory, adding that the new Atlanta Falcons owner didn't offer a job.

Tennessee takes men's indoor track title

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) - Tennessee's sprinters and a tough freshman half-miler made good on coach Bill Webb's promise.

Buser maintains solid lead in Iditarod

KALTAG, Alaska (AP) - Martin Buser popped B.B. King into his compact disc player and left Kaltag for Unalakleet on Saturday afternoon, maintaining a solid lead in the Iditarod trail sled dog race.



Three-time Iditarod champion Martin Buser of Big Lake, Alaska, drives his team out of the Ruby, Alaska, checkpoint of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race and up the Yukon River, Friday. Buser was leading the 3,100-mile sled dog race to Nome.

strong tail wind at his back for much of the trip but said the little push it gave was not worth it. "It's drifting pretty hard," he said after his nap.

From Kaltag, it's a 90-mile run to the coast at Unalakleet. The trail leaves the river and runs through spruce forest and open areas along the Kaltag River.

A high pressure system has kept daytime skies brilliant blue for the entire race.

Baker was more appreciative than Buser of the tail wind, for its cooling effect rather than its pushing power.

"The wind was actually helpful," he said as Kaltag, "but that kind of warm for the dogs, but the tail wind helped. We didn't have to work so hard."

Ruby at 3:58 a.m. and announced his eight-hour mandatory rest.

Koyukukan Athabaskan Indian residents, its 335 miles west of Fairbanks.

Movie about Knight leaves viewers in the dark

By Jennifer Frey The Washington Post

Brian Dennehy curses and riddles and growls. He stomps, he screams, he throws the infamous chair. He denigrates women. He makes a college student cry.

A season on the brink

When: Today, 6 p.m. ESPN What: An ESPN movie about former University of Indiana basketball coach Bob Knight. Based on the book of the same title by John Feinstein.

throat and strangle him. (Indeed, Knight was caught on tape alleged ly choking former Indiana player Neil Reed, an event that triggered his eventual firing from the university.) And despite all his well-displayed rage, Dennehy comes across as too grandfatherly for that.

The film, which first airs on both ESPN and ESPN2 today from 6 to 8 p.m. (on ESPN2 much of the profane language will be bleeped out for younger viewers), is based on Washington Post contributing writer John Feinstein's best-selling book of the same name.

son finally mentions his mother - he refers to how she's called from North Carolina - and then the spect is dropped, with no explanation as to why she is out of the picture, and why Knight is apparently rearing his son on his own.

"Every once in awhile everything comes together for a team," Baker said, and this year might be Buser's.

Titles

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the resilient Badgers clawed back until recapturing the lead at 44-43 on a 50-run with nine minutes to play.

All-Tournament teams

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The women's all-conference team was announced on Saturday. Belling Stubbs represented College of Southern Idaho on the first team and Crystal Hardestad and Angela Williams were honorable mention selections.

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Ricks 83, Dixie State 64

History was on the Lady Vikings' side as the Rexburg women's basketball program concluded its storied past yet another regional crown - its sixth since the 1929-30 season.

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NCAA Championship Weekend Meet Mr. RPI



Jim Sukup, college basketball's RPI guru, watches the opening round of the Big Ten Tournament in Indianapolis Thursday.

Geologist has grasp on NCAA selection mystery

The Associated Press

A soft, whirring computer is sweet music for Jim Sukup, college basketball's guru of quality wins and strength of schedule, the man who broke the code for the Ratings Percentage Index.

Headquartered in the basketball hall heartland of Indiana, Sukup has a degree in geology and a Ph.D. in bracketology.

For 11 years now, Sukup has been translating the RPI - the arcane formula that defines one of the key elements of which teams go to the NCAA tournament and which teams do not.

He has made the RPI mainstream, shining a light on the secret that is protected so zealously by the NCAA.

Sukup begins by applying values to team performance - 25 percent for winning percentage, 50 percent for schedule strength and 25 percent for opponent's schedule strength - and then goes from there.

"It's more complicated, than that," Sukup said. "But that's a start."

Oh, that is not the real RPI, according to the NCAA. It is, however, as close as anyone has come, and it's the one available each week - the one to which schools and conferences and maybe even selection committee members pay attention in the course of the season.

The selection committee will come out of a weekend's worth of meetings today, the pizzas, peanuts and pretzels all consumed, the grid set for 65 teams. Thirty-one go to conference champions. The remaining 34 are at-large choices, discretionary picks that complicate the task.

Getting the brackets and the seedings right is important to create a fair tournament, said Mike Tranghese, commissioner of the Big East Conference and former chairman of the selection committee. "The selection process for the most part is done by the end of Saturday."

There is a nine-page explanation issued by the NCAA, intended to detail how the brackets are established. They get around to RPI on the last page, perhaps to play down its effect on the tournament.

Now all they have to do is convince the teams.

Lee Fowler, athletic director at North Carolina State and first-year chairman of the selection committee, says Sukup's RPI and the one the NCAA uses differ - one top-secret, the other very public.

Fowler knows which one everybody is looking at. "As an athletic director, it gives you a barometer of where your basketball team stands in relation to the rest of Division I," he said. "When I was at Middle Tennessee State, we went from 110 to 280, so we knew where we stood."

And even though the committee is weighing all manner of other things, Fowler knows how prominent the RPI has become. "It's only one factor but it's one of the few people can actually see

on paper, so that makes it more important," he said. "A lot of time, after the process is over, we may catch ourselves looking at the RPI."

Since Sukup's version of the RPI went public, he's had a parade of coaches calling him to plead their case.

"They complain about schedule strength. It's hard to convince people sometimes that their schedule isn't as strong as they think. They'll call and say, 'We played North Carolina.' Well, North Carolina this year is not the usual North Carolina. Normally, playing North Carolina would help in the strength of schedule. This year, it does not."

And the whirring computer knows it. Sukup's RPI will continue through the tournament, although interest in it diminishes after today, when the field has been seeded.

Then he will return to his off-season work: Environmental geology.

Bound for the big dance

Women's NCAA

Automatic Bids

- Arizona State, Pac-10 Conference
- Austin Peay, Ohio Valley Conference
- Brigham Young, Mountain West Conference
- Bucknell, Patriot League
- Chattanooga, Southern Conference
- Cincinnati, Conference USA
- Craigton, Missouri Valley Conference
- Connecticut, Big East Conference
- Duke, Atlantic Coast Conference
- Florida International, Sun Belt Conference
- Georgia State, Atlantic Sun Conference
- Harford, America East Conference
- Harvard, Ivy League
- Indiana, Big Ten Conference
- Kent State, Mid-American Conference
- Liberty, Big South Conference
- Louisiana Tech, Western Athletic Conference
- Norfolk State, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
- Oakland, Mich., Mid-Continent Conference
- Oklahoma, Big 12 Conference
- Old Dominion, Colonial Athletic Association
- Pepperdine, West Coast Conference
- St. Francis, Pa., Northeast Conference
- St. Peter's, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
- Southern University, Southwestern Athletic Conference
- Stephen F. Austin, Southland Conference
- Texas A&M, Big 12 Conference
- UC Santa Barbara, Big West

Men's NCAA

Automatic Bids

- Vanderbilt, Southeastern Conference
- Woburn State, Big Sky Conference
- Wisconsin-Green Bay, Horizon League
- Alcorn State, Southwestern Athletic Conference
- Arizona, Pacific-10 Conference
- Boston University, America East Conference
- Central Connecticut State, Northeast Conference
- Cincinnati, Conference USA
- Connecticut, Big East Conference
- Craigton, Missouri Valley Conference
- Dawson, Southern Conference
- Florida Atlantic, Atlantic Sun Conference
- Gonzaga, West Coast Conference
- Hampton, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
- Hawaii, Western Athletic Conference
- Holy Cross, Patriot League
- Illinois-Chicago, Horizon League
- Kent State, Mid-American Conference
- McNeese State, Southland Conference
- Montana, Big Sky Conference
- Murray State, Ohio Valley Conference
- North Carolina-Wilmington, Colonial Athletic Association
- Pennsylvania, Ivy League
- Sioux Falls, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
- Valparaiso, Mid-Continent Conference
- Western Kentucky, Sun Belt Conference
- Winthrop, Big South Conference
- Xavier, Atlantic 10 Conference

Oklahoma bounces Baylor for first-ever Big 12 title

Dales drops 25 points for No. 4 Sooners

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - Stacey Dales scored 25 points as fourth-ranked Oklahoma defeated No. 7 Baylor 84-69 Saturday night for its first Big 12 Conference tournament championship and an NCAA berth.

Oklahoma (27-3) fell behind early, but took control with 14-0 blitz before halftime. The Lady Bears (26-5), who got 23 points from Danielle Crockrom, never recovered.

Oklahoma, the regular-season champion, won 23 turnovers and beat Baylor for the ninth straight time.

Dales, the tournament's MVP, added 11 rebounds. Ross had 16 points, LaNeisha Campbell 15, Eaton Hill 12 and Dionn Jackson had 11 for the Sooners.

Sheila Lambert added 15 points for the Bears.

No. 8 Louisiana Tech 53, Hawaii 50

TULSA, Okla. - Amber Obaze scored 16 points and made two crucial baskets in the closing minutes as Louisiana Tech won the Western Athletic Conference tournament.

Weber State knocks off Montana St. for Big Sky title

Win gives Wildcats first NCAA bid

OGDEN, Utah (AP) - Stephanie Stanger scored 26 points to lead Weber State to its first Big Sky Conference tournament championship and its first berth to the NCAA tournament with a 53-47 victory Saturday night over Montana State.

Stanger hit 7 of 14 shots, and 8 of 10 free throws. In a game that featured poor shooting from both teams, Stanger closed out the first half with a solo 8-2 run that gave the Wildcats (22-8) a three-point lead.

Pearson scores 15 as BYU upends UNLV for MWG championship

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Melanie Pearson scored 15 points as Brigham Young scored a 25-3 run over 10:46 that upended UNLV 61-46 and win the Mountain West Conference championship Saturday.

Jennifer Leitner scored 8 of her 12 points during the spur for the Cougars (22-8), who earn an automatic bid in the NCAA tournament as BYU's third straight appearance in the conference championship, but first win in those games.

Constance Jinks scored 19 points and Linda Frolich had 11 for UNLV (23-7). Brigham Young's big run started

Obaze gave Tech a 50-48 lead with 2:36 remaining. Hawaii tied it on a shot by Christi Roper with 1:14 to play, then Obaze made it 52-48 with 47 seconds left.

Cheryl Ford added 15 points and Anyana Walker 14 for the Lady Techsters (25-4), who picked up the automatic bid to the NCAA tournament by winning their 20th straight conference tournament game. Siyavuta (23-7) was led by Kim Willoughby with 12 points.

No. 15 Old Dominion 76, N.C.-Wilmington 48

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) - Myriah Spence scored 15 points and Hamchero Maiga 13 for Old Dominion in the Colonial Athletic Association tournament championship game.

The victory was the 33rd in as many tries in the tournament for the Lady Monarchs (25-5), and the championship was their 11th in as many years since joining the CAA. The win put Old Dominion in the NCAA tournament.

North Carolina-Wilmington (16-13) was led by Shamika Montgomery with 11 points. The Seahawks shot just 31 percent to 60 percent for the Lady Monarchs.

The Wildcats never relinquished the lead, relying on Stanger's outside shooting and Crystal Howe's inside defense to control the Bobcats' offense. Montana State (18-0) lost to Weber State with 11, led by Kati Burrows with 13 points, shot 32 percent in the second half and hit only one 3-pointer.

Stanger shut down Bobcats point guard Rebecca Alvidrez, who carried her team in the semifinals victory Thursday over Montana. Alvidrez struggled to penetrate the Weber State defense and only managed two points, four assists and seven rebounds.

UNLV was able to cut the margin to 51-41 with 4:58 remaining, but couldn't get any closer. Erin Thorn, the tourney most valuable player, nailed a 3-pointer to cut short the rally and put BYU up 54-41 with 4:27 left. Thorn finished with 10 points. The Cougars had beaten the Rebels twice during the regular season, by scores of 72-61 and 64-48.

Women's selection gets more attention

The Associated Press

Women's basketball teams around the country will gather in front of TV sets today in a scene that has become as much a part of March as the arrival of spring.

They'll eat pizza, sip soft drinks and watch the NCAA tournament selection show. They'll cheer if their school name appears on the bracket. They'll suddenly lose their appetite in disappointment if it doesn't.

ESPN will cut live to some of these gatherings for on-the-spot reaction. With fax machines, e-mail and the Internet, the word spreads quickly.

It wasn't always this way. When the first NCAA women's tournament bracket was announced only 20 years ago, there was no live TV coverage. Only two reporters showed up for the announcement-and-one was late.

To notify the 32 schools in the field - there are 64 now - members of the selection committee got on the phone and called each one with the news: "You're in." "I would divide up who called which schools," said Nora Lynn Finch, who chaired that first committee. "While we were having our press conference, members of our committee were phoning women's basketball contacts or the person whose name was on the official form from the institutions."

Selection

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first-round matchup against a No. 1 seed. This year, the change is a little more confusing. With the added flexibility, the committee could place No. 1 seeds from two regions in a site such as Chicago, while a site such as Albuquerque may be left with-

Women's NCAA selection show

Women's College Basketball NCAA Championship Selection Show Today, 3 p.m. EST, ESPN

According to Finch, the calls went something like this: "You're going to be hosting the first round and coming to you will be North Carolina State. The game is Wednesday, March 13 at 7:30 and here's the name of the person and the phone number for that person at North Carolina State."

"Call that person, please, first thing tomorrow, give them the hotel contact person, tell them when they'll practice. We'll get the officials information to you. You need to get someone to come in and evaluate the officials. Call your conference office and have them make those plans."

How different it is now. The selection has become an integral part of the process. Teams know immediately who and where they are playing. They check the Web or their e-mail if they miss the show.

While Finch dealt with two reporters, the current chair, Marylynn Jeremiah, will take questions from dozens of them in a conference call after the selections are announced. The brackets are scrutinized, analyzed and criticized.

"People say, 'Aren't you pleased-and-excited-over-how-fair-it's come?' Finch said. "That's sort of a mixed bag. Yes, I am, but I'm also impatient because I know where we could be. I'm pleased but not satisfied." A lot of teams might be saying the same thing today night.



Hartford women's coach Jennifer Rizotti cheers and waves the net after Hartford defeated Stony Brook Saturday in West Hartford, Conn., to win the America East Championship.

interest playing at their site." The change was made after last season when three teams from the Washington, D.C., area - Georgetown, Maryland and George Mason - and Hampton, which is from southern Virginia, all were sent to Boise for the first and second rounds. There will be other changes,

too. Old standards, such as 20 wins, might not be enough to warrant a bid, in Fowler's opinion. "I've been on this committee for four years and a lot of teams with 20 wins don't get in," Fowler said. "I'd definitely say that just because you have 20 wins, you're not necessarily going to get in."

SPORTS



Los Angeles goalie Felix Potvin, right, deflects a shot off the stick of Avalanche center Stephane Yelle, middle, as Kings defensemen Mattias Norstrom, far left, and Philippe Boucher, behind Yelle, defend in the first period Saturday in Denver.

Third-period rally lifts Avalanche past Kings

DENVER (AP) - Ville Niemenen scored with 1:09 left, and Colorado had two goals in the third period to beat Los Angeles 6-1 in its last eight games, scored two goals in the final seven minutes.

Former Colorado forward Adam Deadmarsh had two goals and an assist for Los Angeles, 1-2-1 in its last five games.

Colorado's Joe Sakic, who became the 34th player in NHL history to play 1,000 games with one goal, set up the tying goal after stealing a pass from Mattias Norstrom in the Kings' zone.

Rob Zamuner and Marty McInnis also scored for Boston, which posted its second straight win after going winless in its previous five games.

Iginia, who leads the league in scoring with 77 points, scored a game-tying goal that erased Calgary's 2-0 deficit in the second period. He has seven goals and six assists in his last seven games.

Marc Savard had the Flames' other goal.

NHL

Red Wings 5, Blues 2

ST. LOUIS - Dominik Hasek stopped 28 shots in stretching his unbeaten streak to 15 games Saturday in the Detroit Red Wings' 5-2 victory over the St. Louis Blues.

Luc Robitaille scored twice to back Hasek, 13-0-2 since his last loss Jan. 16 at Phoenix. The Red Wings, who lead the NHL with 100 points, set a franchise record with their eighth consecutive road win.

The Red Wings have won their last eight overall, and are one victory away from tying their longest on-ice streak. Detroit is 10-1 in its last 11 and hasn't lost since Feb. 8.

Coyotes 3, Senators 2

PHOENIX - Phoenix captain Teppo Numminen scored two goals, coming within one of his career 100th, as the Coyotes beat Ottawa to vault into a tie for fifth in the Western Conference playoff race.

It was the fourth straight win for Phoenix, which is 6-0-1-1 and has collected 14 standings points in eight games. The Coyotes pulled even with Los Angeles and St. Louis, all with 73 points.

Penguins 3, Rangers 2, OT

PITTSBURGH - Jan Hrdina scored 37 seconds into overtime, lifting Pittsburgh over-slumping New York.

The Rangers have dropped six of eight and lost a point to the Penguins in the race for the Eastern Conference playoffs. Pittsburgh, in 11th place, trails New York by four points.

New York's Sandy McCarthy took overtime by scoring his 151 left in the third period. Andreas Johansson had the other New York goal.

Milan Kraft and Kris Beech also scored for Pittsburgh.

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Maple Leafs 1, Canadiens 1

MONTREAL - Joe Juneau scored in the second period and the Montreal Canadiens held on for a 1-1 tie with the Toronto Maple Leafs at a packed Molson Centre on Saturday night.

Travis Green scored in the first period for Toronto.

The Leafs dropped three points behind Northeast Division-leading Boston, which won 3-2 against Calgary earlier in the day.

Montreal, fourth in the division, moved into a three-way tie with New Jersey and the New York Rangers for seventh in the Eastern Conference. Only eight teams make the playoffs.

Bruins 3, Flames 2

BOSTON - Sergei Samonov scored with 2:51 left in the third period as Boston defeated Calgary despite Jarome Iginia's league-leading 42nd goal.

Panthers 2, Predators 2

SUNRISE, Fla. - Byron Ritchie's power-play goal with 7:51 remaining in the third period lifted Florida to a tie with Nashville.

After losing their previous seven games, the Panthers went back-to-back games without a loss for the first time since winning two straight on Dec. 29 and Dec. 31.

Niklas Hagman also scored for Florida.

Cliff Ronning and Greg Johnson scored Nashville's goals.

Iverson leads 76ers past Atlanta

ATLANTA (AP) - Allen Iverson scored 28 points and Speedy Claxton added 18 as the Philadelphia 76ers beat the Atlanta Hawks 112-91 Saturday night for their sixth win in seven games.

Philadelphia moved four games over .500 for the first time this season.

The Sixers pulled away with a 22-6 run at the start of the fourth quarter.

Atlanta, which had a three-game home winning streak snapped, was led by Shareef Abdur-Rahim's 26 points.

Mavericks 107, Warriors 105

DALLAS - Michael Finley scored 28 points and Steve Nash added 22 as Dallas beat Golden State.

Dirk Nowitzki added 19 points and 11 rebounds, and Raef LaFrenz had 15 points and nine rebounds for the Mavericks, who won for the seventh time in eight games and picked up their league-leading 44th victory.

Spurs 100, Bulls 73

CHICAGO - Tim Duncan had 22 points and 11 rebounds for his league-leading 50th double-double of the season in San Antonio's victory over Chicago.

Reserve Malik Rose scored 15 points, and David Robinson added 13 points and 11 rebounds for the Spurs, who shot 25-for-34 from the line and extended their winning streak to five games.

The Spurs had a 48-34 advantage in rebounds and limited Chicago to 40 percent shooting.

Heat 93, Grizzlies 88

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Alonzo Mourning scored eight of his 18 points in the fourth quarter and finished with six blocked shots as Miami dealt Memphis its ninth loss in 10 games.

Jim Jackson also scored 18 points for the Heat, who won for the fifth time in six games. Rod Strickland added 17 points and Eddie Jones scored 16.

Jason Williams led the Grizzlies with 19 points. Shane Battier scored all 17 of his points in the second half, and Lorenzen Wright and Pau Gasol each had 14 points.

Weir, Wetterich share lead at Honda Classic

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) - Mike Weir and Brett Wetterich were tied for the lead at 14 under when the third round of the Honda Classic was halted because of darkness.

Weir completed 10 holes on the TPC at Heron Bay, and Wetterich played 11. Twenty-five others, including Fred Couples and Phil Mickelson, were within four strokes of the lead.

Play will resume this morning, and the final round will start shortly after the third round is completed.

Heavy rain fell on the course Thursday, leaving dozens of players with more than 18 holes to play Friday and Saturday.

The weather also left the course with soft greens that yielded several low scores. Scoring was made even easier Saturday when Heron Bay's lone defender - strong, steady wind - took a day off.



Brett Wetterich tees off on the 14th hole during the third round of the Honda Classic Saturday.

Dubai Desert Classic

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates - South Africa's Ernie Els moved into position for his second straight victory, shooting a 5-under 67 for a three-stroke lead in the Dubai Desert Classic.

Els, the 1994 winner, had a 13-under 203 total on the Emirates Golf Club's Majlis Course. Last week, he held off Tiger Woods to win the PGA Tour's Genuity Championship in Miami.

Sweden's Niclas Fasth (69) was second.

Toshiba Senior Classic

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. - Hale Irwin shot a 7-under-par 64, including what he called a "miracle par" on the seventh, to take a three-stroke lead Saturday in the Toshiba Senior Classic.

Irwin, who won the ACE Group Classic last month in Florida for his record 33rd senior title, had an 11-under 131 total.

"A good start yesterday helped my momentum," Irwin said. "If we could continue playing today I feel the momentum would continue."

The three-time U.S. Open champion made eight birdies and a single bogey but credited a par-saving putt on the seventh with his good round.

"The seventh hole turned things around," said Irwin, using a new set of irons for the event. "I made a miracle-par-Me-tee shot was in the rough, my second shot was in the rough but I hit my new sand wedge within 3 feet and made the putt to save par."

Larry Nelson matched Irwin's 64 for a three-way tie for second with Gil Morgan (66) and first-round leader Allen Doyle (68).

Barkley pontificates while wearing a golf shoe

Charles Barkley might have slumped down, but don't fret. His mouth is still big enough to accommodate his foot in this case, while wearing a golf shoe.

Barkley turns up on the cover of Sports Illustrated this week in what is decidedly a non-golfing outfit. He's naked, in fact, except for a set of brown slava shackles, a pair of gaudy pajama bottoms, a logo, some headlines and this quote:

"Every black kid thinks the only way he can be successful is through athletics. That is a terrible thing."

In the article, he gives his take on a number of issues, including a black kid named Tiger Woods, who, Barkley insists, would be even more successful if those fuddy-duddy "down at the Augusta National Golf Club, weren't tricking up their course just to stop him."

"Jack Nicklaus won the Masters six damn times, and he was hitting it past everybody else, and they never made a change," Barkley said. "What they're doing to Tiger is blatant racism."

Anybody who's ever seen Barkley swing a driver knows he shouldn't be going there. First, he



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knows precious little about golf. Second, while Barkley knows plenty about racism, he's at least 20 years behind on his Augusta National history.

Now, the green jackets who ran the place back then practiced blatant racism. But the guys who run it now can't afford to. By adding 300 yards to Augusta National all they hoped to do was keep their course from falling hopelessly out of date. Woods said as much after a conversation with club chairman Hootie Johnson.

"I spoke to Hootie about the changes, and the changes are not for me," he said.

"They're for the kids that are coming up in the future. I'm not that long anymore. I kind of dink it around. There are a lot of kids out there now in college golf and high school golf that hit the ball farther than I do. They're getting

bigger and stronger, and the new technology is helping out.

"I guess they went ahead and took a step to prevent players in the future from shooting low scores."

It really is that simple.

At the peak of his powers, Woods has turned venerable courses like Pebble Beach, St. Andrews and Augusta into pitch-and-putt layouts. That's not what was keeping Hootie up nights. Like everybody else who follows golf (except Barkley, apparently), Johnson understands there is no such thing as Tiger-proofing a golf course. There isn't enough time or money in the world for that.

Instead, what worries Johnson is that some of the guys coming out of the B-flight - after copying Woods' training and nutrition regimens, adding swing gurus and sports psychologists to their speed dials, and arming themselves with the latest technology - might be able to do the same to Augusta National, too, and soon.

"Why this line of thinking baffled Barkley so is anyone's guess, but here's one of them: Once you've seen the Charles-in-chains cover photo, it's hard not to think

Golf

of the article in terms of a theme. If Barkley was trying to make a serious statement about racism, the picture barely helped his cause and the wrongheaded jibe thrown Augusta National's way certainly hurt it.

Barkley, after all, is usually worth tuning in, even if he's the same guy who swore for years he was misquoted in his autobiography - and will probably do so again when his next book, tentatively titled "I Might Be Wrong, But I Doubt It," hits the bookstores.

But he still has plenty to learn about credibility.

Barkley started this weight-loss program to get into playing shape so he could make a comeback alongside Jordan, found he couldn't push back far enough from the training table, then wound up urging Jordan to give it up.

All the workouts might have done wonders for Barkley's physique. But it's his brain that could use some exercise right about now.

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Boise State

BOISE, Idaho (AP) - Players on the women's basketball team were stunned by news that coach Trisha Stevens had resigned after six seasons at Boise State University.

Athletic officials announced Friday that men's coach Rod Jensen was fired and Stevens had resigned.

"She was confident, talking to us after our final game with Louisiana Tech, that good things were in our future, and she sounded like she really wanted to be a part of that," junior guard Abby Vaughan said.

Stevens had compiled a 77-93 record.

The team lost to No. 8 Louisiana Tech in the quarterfinals of the Western Athletic Conference tournament on Wednesday. The Broncos, playing their first season in the WAC, posted a 10-20 overall record and a 5-13 mark in conference play, good for eighth place in the 10-team WAC.

Stevens played for Stanford and served under current

Coach's resignation shocks players at BSU

University of Washington coach June Daugherty for three years before being promoted to head coach. Her base salary was \$66,387.

"She sat down and talked about the program and evaluated the season, and then she tendered her resignation and felt that it was her best interests personally and in the best interest of the program," Boise State athletics director Gene Bleymaier said.

Stevens declined comment.

Sophomore guard Camille Woodfield said some players might reconsider their plans as a result of Stevens' resignation.

"It's all kind of up in the air right now. We hope for the best. I have a feeling that people are going to look out for ourselves," she said.

Jensen was fired less than 24 hours after the Broncos finished their season with a 13-17 record.

Stevens played for Stanford and served under current

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NATION

There's a new normal; it's red, white and blue

By Beth Gillin
Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA—Imagine the reaction if, on Sept. 10, someone had predicted that Paul McCartney would write a war chant, toddlers at airports would be searched for weapons, and the cellophane stretched across the breasts of over-stuffer roasters would proclaim "United-We Stand."

As absurd as these things might have seemed six months ago, today they barely register on the cultural radar. They're among many little alterations in the fabric of the everyday that make up — to use the phrase that's become part of the lexicon since the terror attacks — the New Normal.

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In the New Normal, words that had little significance a short time ago repeat the national conversation: burka, bunker, buster, homeland, deploy, thermobaric, eavesdroppers, Cipro, sleeper agents, daisy cutter.

It is newly normal to live with persistent low-level anxiety, to ponder a life of public service and to sing along with Sir Paul: "I will fight for my right to live in freedom." The New Normal says thumbs up to body searches at basketball games, thumbs down to ironic cynicism.

"Those of us who have lived through these challenging times have been changed by them," said President Bush, who was routinely mocked as a bubblehead before Sept. 11 and now has an approval rating above 80 percent.

How have we changed? It's much too soon for sweeping historical perspective, but some things are clear.

More attention is paid to actual news. It has replaced celebrity gossip on the cable news networks, and ratings are up. A third of adults are spending more time reading newspapers, a fifth of adults more time perusing magazines, reports a McPheters & Company/Beta Research tracking study initiated after Sept. 11.

Public service is hot. Peace Corps applications are up 39 percent since the President called for volunteers in his State of the Union address. More people are seeking jobs at the FBI and the CIA.

Patriotism persists. Fewer flags flutter from car antennas, but Parents magazine offers readers "10 Ways to Teach Kids to Love America," and trick-or-treaters lend military clan to packages of Perdue chicken parts.

Mostly, what's changed is the mood.

"We have learned to live with a certain degree of impending doom," said Robert J. Thompson, director of the Center for the Study of Popular Television at Syracuse University, comparing it to the way the country felt after the Soviets got the bomb.

"People are more frightened about everyday life. They can now imagine their mortality more easily," said Todd Gitlin,

real. Pipes said, because the foe is ill defined.

"Our delicacy is more important than our security. The strategic enemy is not 'terrorists' or 'evildoers.' It's militant Islam, and we must defeat it," he said.

"Something awful is going to happen" before Americans understand we're at war, Pipes predicted. "We're going to lose a city." Six months ago the statement might have seemed delusional. Not anymore.

Bud Vogt, 56, a structural designer from Medford, N.J., agrees with Pipes that more sacrifice should be demanded of citizens.

"It feels strange. We haven't suffered enough," Vogt said. "I don't mean to disrespect all the people who died. What I mean is, we're not being asked to do things to conserve energy, or save money, or enlist."

So, instead, people of all ages are showing the flag.

University and culture at New York University of author of "Media Unlimited: How the Torrent of Images and Sounds Overwhelms Our Lives." They're trying to fasten upon what they want to take seriously, who they value, how they want to spend their time."

Pat Bates, 65, doesn't waste time worrying about possible terrorist attacks, or anything else that's out of her control. The English teacher hasn't stocked up on extra food or water — but has laid in a supply of pet chow for her beloved 10-year-old Welsh terrier, Casey, just in case.

"I can manage on most anything," Bates explained. "She can't."

Daniel Pipes, director of the Middle East Forum, a think tank headquartered in Center City, says he's more experiencing "shock and vulnerability," but their priorities are not in order. The conflict does not feel quite

are in disputes with their landlords, trying to break their leases because they no longer want to live so close to the World Trade Center site.

At least one organization estimates that 100,000 of the 370,000 Manhattan jobs were once in downtown Manhattan but have been lost entirely or moved elsewhere.

Construction work and rubble recovery at ground zero is continuing round the clock. A temporary cable is supplying electricity to homes and businesses. Taxis are running through the area again. Restaurants and stores are reopening and getting busier, especially with the steady flow of tourists arriving to pay their respects to those who died.

From Brittany Wesley, age 11, Houston. Brittany is a fifth-grader at Adam Elementary School.

Q: "I want to go to away for spring break, but I'm worried about flying. Can you tell me if airport security is equipped to prevent another attack? Is the airport really safe?"

A: A lot of people are asking that question. Surveys show that even many adults are still fear flying.

Truth is, no system is perfect. But airports and airlines have taken steps since Sept. 11 to increase security, including more thorough checks for explosives in checked baggage.

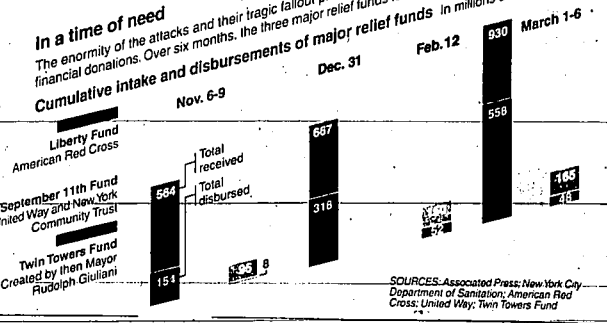
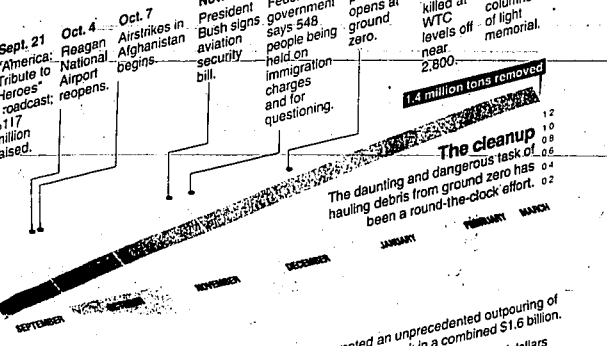
Because of a new law passed by Congress, people who screen baggage will now be employed by the federal government (rather than the airlines). And they'll be paid more — a move that officials hope will help them attract and keep luggage-screeners who will do the best job possible.

Still, if you have fears about flying, you should talk them through with your parents or an adult you trust.

From Wil Caruso, age 9, Roswell, Ga. Wil is a fourth-grader.

Time marches away from tragedy

In the weeks and months since Sept. 11, Americans have struggled to return to normal, while acclimating to a new way of life. One marked by high alerts and lingering fears, generous acts and patriotic displays. Six months later, the smoldering mountains of debris at ground zero — an estimated 1.7 million tons — are virtually gone, and the war without precedent has shifted abroad, with no end in sight.



Experts answer questions from children six months after Sept. 11

By Martha Irvine
Associated Press writer

Six months after Sept. 11, many children across the country are still dealing with the aftermath.

Experts say children's responses to trauma often come through their actions, not words. But some do talk about their concerns and ask questions.

Answers to some of those questions follow, based on the responses of such experts as Fern Reiss, author of "Terrorism and Kids: Comforting Your Child"; Gilda Carle, a therapist and author based in Yonkers, N.Y., who deals with youth issues; and Joshua Spero, a visiting assistant professor of political science at Merrimack College in North Andover, Mass., who was an adviser to former President Clinton's Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Other information comes from attacks-related news reports by The Associated Press and from figures gathered by the Alliance for Downtown New York.

From Jack Scordato, age 9, New York City. Jack is a fourth-grader who lives just blocks from the former World Trade Center site and only recently was able to return to his elementary school, P.S. 234.

Q: "How many residents near the World Trade Center are still displaced? How many residents have decided to never return?"

A: When it comes to counting displaced residents, the best answer anyone seems to have is "thousands." The Salvation Army of Greater New York, for example, has helped about 12,000 families directly affected by the attacks — including those who were displaced, or who had family members who worked at or near ground zero. Many people have returned to their homes. But hundreds — if not thousands —

Bin Laden appears to be mad at Americans about Israel because of a belief, particularly among Palestinians and other Arabs, that American favors Israel's political position over the Palestinian cause. The two sides are fighting for control of parts of their violence-torn region.

Bin Laden first mentioned the issue — and made it a cause for his Islamic extremist movement — when his group was linked to the 1998 bombings of American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania that killed 231 people.

From Elizabeth McCrory, age 8, West Branch, Iowa. Elizabeth is a third-grader at Hoover Elementary School.

Q: "Why did some people kill that reporter (Daniel Pearl of The Wall Street Journal)?"

A: That's a really difficult question to answer. The kidnappers were demanding the release of prisoners taken in Afghanistan who are now being held at a U.S. base in Cuba. That did not happen, in part because the American government did not want to negotiate with suspected terrorists.

Experts who help kids cope say they know it can be difficult to feel safe when you hear about events like these. Indeed, the reporter's death was awfully sad. But the experts remind you that Bin Laden is in the war, and most people in the war are good. Only a few people, such as the kidnappers, are really bad.

Protesters hold signs denouncing the detention of immigrants during a rally outside the Passaic County Jail in Paterson, N.Y., Jan. 21. They marched in support of Middle Eastern men who have been held in jail cells across the United States since last fall, caught up in a wave of mass detentions that has left hundreds still behind bars.

because we're finding individuals as a result of our investigation who have violated immigration law, one doesn't take away from the other," she said.

Carroll could not offer an estimation of how many of those arrested after Sept. 11 were charged with crimes other than immigration violations.

Musa's only transgression was staying in the U.S. beyond the 90 days permitted under a waiver program that admits people from certain countries without requiring a visa.

"He can't understand, and we can't either, why he's been in jail for five months," said Musa's brother-in-law, Samer Mahmoud of Yonkers, N.Y. "He said he's afraid he's going to spend the rest of his life there."

Musa was cleared by the FBI in November, but remains in jail on immigration charges. In mid-February, his lawyer sued the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service to get him deported. Regis Fernandez said he was told Musa would be put on a plane as soon as travel arrangements could be made and his belongings retrieved, but that hasn't happened yet.

He also speaks for Russ Bergeron, who has disputed claims by detainees' advocates that the wave of arrests bogged down the system. He noted that the 326 Sept. 11 detainees still in custody in late February represented only a fraction of the nation's total immigration detainee population of over 20,000.

Bergeron also said immigration lawyers are often incorrect in saying "their clients" have been cleared by the FBI.

"They may have dealt with a local field agent who said he wasn't interested anymore in their client, but the information gathered by the field office has to be vetted against all the information that has been gathered nationwide," Bergeron said.

"The agent might not know that this guy's name turned up in a newspaper article about an Afghan. Until we're notified in Afghanistan — in Washington — that

Hundreds of Sept. 11 detainees remain in New Jersey jails

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Khalid Musa was like a lot of other Middle Eastern men who came to the United States last summer: young, eager to see relatives, and hoping to make a few dollars while they were here.

And he is like a lot of other Middle Eastern men who have been sitting in jail cells in the United States since last fall. They have been caught up in a wave of mass detentions, leaving hundreds still behind bars on immigration charges, with little or no evidence linking them to a serious crime, let alone the Sept. 11 attacks.

The 23-year-old Saudi native, who has Australian citizenship but lives in Jordan, was arrested Oct. 4 as the government's roundup of recent immigrants was kicking into high gear.

At its peak it took in more than 1,100 foreigners, mostly of Arab or South Asian descent.

Hundreds have since been released or deported, but the Justice Department says about 326 remain in custody, most of them in New Jersey jails.

Special Agent Sandra Carroll, a spokeswoman from the Newark FBI office, defended the post-Sept. 11 dragnet, noting the agency received thousands of tips and leads from the public, many of which resulted in arrests.

"We're doing our job, investigating Sept. 11 and anthrax, and



person has been investigated as thoroughly as humanly possible, we're not going to start the process of deporting them."

The detainee population hit its height in late November, just as the Muslim holy month of Ramadan began. Detainees complained they were not allowed to pray properly, and were not given halal food prepared according to Muslim law.

Some New Jersey detainees staged a hunger strike during Ramadan to protest their continued detention. Since then, immigration officials granted them more space for communal prayer meetings and gave them halal food on religious holidays.

The government has taken advantage of the secrecy and indefinite suspensions permitted under the much looser immigration law, instead of the more rigorous provisions of criminal law. It often refuses to release their names, countries of origin, what they were charged with, or at times even how many were being held.

While the detentions may be legal, rights groups say they're far from just.

The government "rounded up a thousand people and hardly found anything," said New Jersey immigration attorney Sohail Mohamed. "It shows how desperate they are to show that they're doing something."

BizFact

Drive or fly?

Continental Business Travel Costs for Selected U.S. Cities	Driving	Flying
Boston to Philadelphia	\$220	\$300
Chicago to St. Louis	\$210	\$280
Los Angeles to San Francisco	\$480	\$480



**BRIEFLY
IN MONEY**

**J.C. Penney signs on
to sponsor Oscars**

PLANO, Texas — J.C. Penney Co. is the exclusive retail sponsor of this month's Academy Awards television broadcast and will use the popular program to launch the celebration of its 100th anniversary, which is in April.

Penney — which has stores in Twin Falls and Burley — said it bought blocks of six 30-second spots during the March 24 broadcast and plans "a non-traditional format length" for its commercials.

The tag line is still "It's all inside," but the spots deal with "the legacy of core and shared values that we hold with the American public, who have shopped with us through the generations," said Patrick Conboy, Penney's vice president and director of strategic marketing.

The new commercials add "timeless values" as a sub-theme surrounding the 100th anniversary.

Penney was founded in 1902 when James Cash Penney opened his first retail store, called the Golden Rule Store, in the mining town of Kemmerer, Wyo. In 1913, the chain incorporated as J.C. Penney Co. Inc.

"It's an endearing look at how we've touched people's lives through the years. It looks through the eyes of a shopper who would be a core consumer for J.C. Penney through the years," Conboy said.

The commercials feature some nostalgic music including selections from the Jackson 5's 1970s hits.

Penney wouldn't disclose how much it is spending on the campaign development or Oscar broadcast time.

**Land O'Lakes launches
\$30 million ad campaign**

SAINT PAUL, Minn. — Land O'Lakes — which has operations in Gooding and Twin Falls — began a \$30 million advertising and promotion program Friday to support its dairy foods products, the largest consumer campaign in history for the food and agriculture cooperative.

Included will be new packaging to make the Land O'Lakes brand consistent on various products, said company spokesman Steve Komula.

But the image of the Indian maiden, who has helped make Land O'Lakes butter the nation's leading brand, won't be changed, he said.

About half of the budget will involve advertising on television and in women's, healthy living and lifestyle magazines. The remaining campaign budget will be used for product promotions, Web programs and public relations, the co-op said.

Land O'Lakes butter will get \$10 million of the advertising campaign. Its Fresh Buttery Taste spread will receive \$2.5 million. Land O'Lakes Gourmet Fat-Free Half & Half is getting \$2 million of the campaign.

The co-op had 2001 sales of \$6 billion. It has equity holdings in joint venture businesses that produce more than \$2 billion in additional revenue.

**Magic Valley Builders
sponsor seminar**

TWIN FALLS — An educational seminar sponsored by the Magic Valley Builders Association will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at Cooper Norman, 155 Second Ave. N.

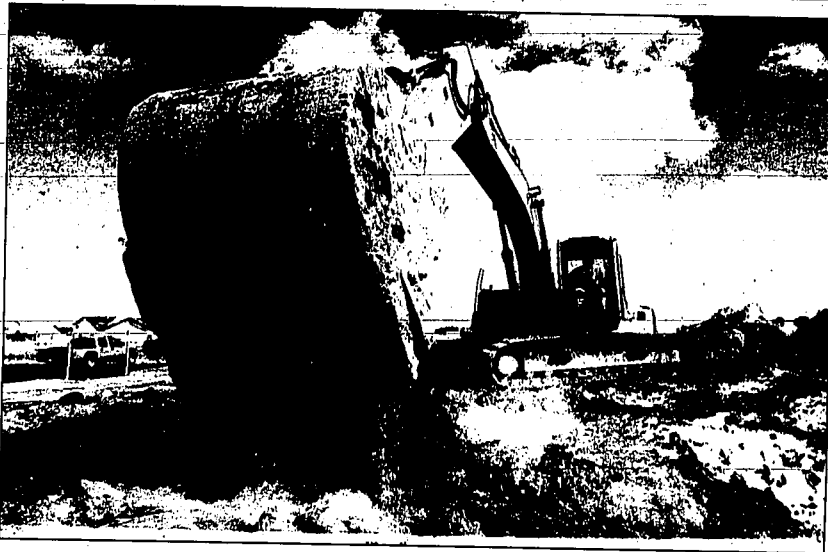
Tim Stover, an attorney with the Robertson, Hepworth, Slette, Worst & Stover law firm, will discuss legal issues regarding proposed lien law, contracts and other topics of interest.

The public is invited and admission is free. Seating is limited; call 736-8991 to reserve space.

The next seminar is scheduled for April 10, with Larren Novak of Novak & Novak Home Builders Inc. talking about dangerous clients.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

CONSTRUCTION STATS SHINE



Gary Miller, of Miller Concrete and Excavation, uses a backhoe to fill dirt in behind a foundation on the new Idaho Collection Bureau building at 1106 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls.

Church rebuilds after fire; collection offices move

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — News from a church, retailers and a collection company topped the city's commercial construction news.

Construction started in mid-February on a replacement for the facilities that burned, she said. The 15,000-square-foot addition will be attached to the church and include a day-care facility, Sunday school rooms, meeting rooms (including a youth room and a fireside room where a pastor can counsel people in bereavement, or a bride can prepare) and a parish hall suitable for wedding receptions, anniversary parties and the like.

"We're hoping to have it done by the first part of September," Gibson said.

The building project will increase the day care's capacity,

and other rooms will be bigger than those destroyed in the fire.

Insurance proceeds and church members' pledges will pay the \$800,000 construction cost, she said.

"It's a pretty big project for the church," she said.

were retailers.

So the business is building a new office at 1106 Eastland Drive N., on land it purchased, and hopes to move there by early July.

"We did this to meet our own schedule and not be pushed into something," Hughes said. The business won't have to worry about hurrying to vacate the Blue Lakes property.

Collecting on accounts

Access is a headache for Idaho Collection Bureau, and the office doesn't need to stay on Twin Falls' major north-south thoroughfare.

"We don't need Blue Lakes exposure," said Patrick Hughes, general manager.

"It gives us a little bit more flexibility," he said.

And the new Eastland structure will give Idaho Collection Bureau a little more space than it has now.

Besides, Idaho Collection Bureau has had a couple of offers for its Blue Lakes Boulevard North lot, which it owns, he said. Hughes declined to name the would-be buyers but said some

"We'll be adding new jobs. In fact, we're in the process now of adding a new collector," Hughes said. More new jobs might follow.

Idaho Collection Bureau helps business clients locate their Please see ACTIVITY, Page D4

After slow start, Twin Falls sees a solid rebound

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Perhaps its teammate's performance was inspiring.

Commercial construction started the year slowly, while home-building activity raced. But in February the commercial sector sprinted far beyond year-ago levels, even outshining its residential counterpart's year-over-year improvement.

Their combined score? Overall, Twin Falls' construction starts in February posted a 51.3 percent leap in values. The city last month issued building permits for projects totaling an estimated \$3.93 million — that's \$1.33 million more than in February 2001 — for combined construction types.

By comparison, Twin Falls' construction values a year ago climbed a respectable 16.2 percent from the February 2000 total.

This February's more impressive growth brought year-to-date 2002's tally to \$7.74 million for combined types, compared with \$4.13 million for the first two months of 2001. That's a \$3.61 million advance in construction values so far this year, or 87.4 percent.

Those data speak to Greg Rogers.

What do they say? People apparently are moving into the area and contributing to healthy housing starts, said Rogers, the Idaho Department of Please see CONSTRUCTION, Page D4

Recent numbers

Here's how Twin Falls' total construction values in the past six months stacked up against the same months a year earlier.

• Feb. '02	▲ 51 percent
• Jan. '02	▲ 146 percent
• Dec. '01	▼ 36 percent
• Nov. '01	▲ 88 percent
• Oct. '01	▲ 95 percent
• Sept. '01	▲ 37 percent

Rebuilding rooms

A December 2000 fire destroyed the day care and Sunday school rooms at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School.

The day care, at 2055 Filer Ave. E., operates for now in rental

Boomers deal with burnout

**Many workers seek
entirely new careers**

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Deep into the rat race but far from the finish line of retirement, many baby boomers are at risk of hitting the career wall.

Instead of toughing it out, some have joined different races — changing their goals and their jobs. Survivors of burnout, their experiences might inspire fellow boomers who fantasize about walking away from high-powered jobs to find greater fulfillment elsewhere.

Among the more unorthodox success stories, Jamie Sims went from urban mortgage broker to crawfish farmer in rural Arkansas. And Dr. John Mullen, veteran Dallas neurosurgeon, became a sheriff's deputy and emergency room physician.

While such unlikely leaps might not be for everyone, the 54-year-old Mullen sees career adjustments as likelier in the wake of the stock market's swoon and the terrorist attacks.

"I think people have come to the realization that money is not the end-all," said Mullen, who, like Sims, made his career switch back in the '90s. "Especially since Sept. 11, there's a new realization out there. I just hope that attitude persists."

Sims, 41, burned out early. After majoring in business at Louisiana State University and becoming a mortgage broker in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., she felt trapped by the time she hit her



Jamie Sims, 41, of Harrisburg, Ark., holds one of the crawfish she raises at P&J Fish Co., Tuesday. Sims left her job as a Florida mortgage broker for better hours and less stress.

early 30s, weighed down by fatigue, frustration, stress, even road rage.

"I worked day and night. I was on call 24 hours a day. There was never vacation time because if I took off, someone else would try to take my area," she said. "I didn't like it any more."

So she ditched her job and her husband and moved back to Harrisburg, Ark., where her parents brought back from trips to Louisiana. Soon she owned and ran P&J Fish Co. with her mother, Pat, a former real estate Please see BURNOUT, Page D4

Boise startup eyes smartphone market

The Associated Press

BOISE — A small start-up Boise firm has recreated itself as a cellular phone software company and has hopes of being one of the world's dominant drivers for the emerging smartphone technology.

RidgeRun, launched by two former Hewlett-Packard engineers in 2000, recently introduced its new software technology — called Escali — that will allow consumers to use their cell phones for much more than making phone calls.

Company executives say the future of cell phone technology is in creating a product that will let consumers download music, browse the Internet, or even take digital pictures and e-mail them to a friend.

The strategy change was made for two major reasons: RidgeRun executives saw more potential in the smartphone market, and its biggest backer and partner — Texas Instruments — has a huge share in that market.

"We view smartphones as the PCs of the future," RidgeRun CEO Rudy Prince said. "It will be the connected device people will always carry with them. The market for this is enormous."

Encouraged by a fresh round of venture funding from Texas Instruments, the Boise firm introduced its new Escali product at a world trade show in France last month.

RidgeRun was launched in 2000 with \$5 million in funding Please see PHONE, Page D4

if we're driving one of the major new platforms, that's an enormous opportunity for us."

Escali is actually what is called a software platform, an entire package that includes the operating system, software and applications needed for developers to tailor their own smartphones.

RidgeRun won't make the phones, instead developing the software that will run the next generation of cellular phones. That technology is a natural extension of the company's previous life as a developer of digital processors, said Gary Oliverio, vice president of marketing for the Escali product.

"The biggest consumer of DSP (digital signal processor) chips is cell phones," Oliverio said. "There's a lot of technology needed to make these new cell phones go. We're providing all the plumbing inside so the phone can be treated more like a computer than a walkie-talkie."

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Sept. 11 didn't hurt cheese industry much

TWIN FALLS - Six months ago when the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks demolished New York's World Trade Center and damaged the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., food processors feared the effect on an occurrence would have an already weak economy.

For cheese processors, the anxiety seemed to materialize as cheese markets dropped two weeks later. Looking back, however, processors and dairy economists say the economic fault lines that were in place before the attack had a bigger bearing on cheese markets, and the after-shock was not as dramatic as first anticipated.

"We certainly saw some impact on the demand side," said Jeff Williams, executive vice president for cheese processor Glanbia Foods. "But we didn't see a huge impact, more of a shift to natural cheese than cheese for processing."

Changes in cheese trends were already in motion, he explained. "Sept. 11 just exacerbated this a little more."

The events of Sept. 11 did, however, cause an immediate drop in the "white tablecloth" markets, where butter and cream are in high demand in the better restaurants, he said. People were more inclined to stay closer to home and either prepared more meals there or picked up fast food and steered clear of finer dining.

Dairy farmers seek ruling on suit against Kraft Foods

MILWAUKEE - A class-action lawsuit claiming that prices paid to dairy farmers for their milk were manipulated by Kraft Foods Inc. deserves a full hearing in court, an attorney for the farmers told the state Supreme Court on Tuesday.

The antitrust lawsuit, which was filed in 1997 by a group of Wisconsin dairy farmers, was dismissed in 1999 before the case could be tried before a jury. A judge ruled that a long-standing federal rule bars such cases.

That decision to dismiss the case, which was upheld by the state Court of Appeals last year, was incorrect, attorney Thomas Dubbs told the Supreme Court.

The case seeks to give dairy farmers "their day in court," Dubbs said.

Jon Davis, general manager of Jerome Cheese in Jerome - a subsidiary of Danisco Foods, Kraft's largest U.S. supplier of American-style cheese - said that some of the cheese in question was probably from the family-owned company. He said the lawsuit, based on a study on cheese pricing on the new direct National Cheese Exchange by the University of Wisconsin, is "unrealistic."

"Kraft didn't manipulate the market," he said. "They sold when they had too much (cheese) and bought when they had too little. If there was a case, our business was very negatively affected and would still be negatively affected."

As for the study, he said, "You can do studies to get the answer you want. But then there was a study by the University of Maryland that said the exact opposite."

Idaho growers demand that free trade be fair trade

BLACKFOOT - Idaho potato growers are demanding that free trade be fair trade.

Nine members of PGI returned from Washington late last week after meeting with Idaho's congressional representatives, Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman, Environmental Protection Agency officials, and others, said Keith Frank of PGI.

"Representatives from Potato Growers of Idaho led other industry figures as they stormed Washington, D.C., to make priorities and concerns of the most important agricultural sector known to lawmakers and top agency officials in the nation's capital," Frank said.

Trade negotiation was one of the hot topics the group discussed, speaking with U.S. Trade Representative Alan Johnson, about three key issues, Esplin said. The three issues are market access, domestic subsidies and export subsidies.



Jury finds firm guilty of trademark infringement

BOISE - A federal court jury found M&M Produce Farms and Sales, M&M Packaging, Inc., and Mark and Matt Rogowski, the owners of these companies, guilty of trademark infringement, according to a press release from the Idaho Potato Commission.

In February the court handed down a verdict that found M&M had infringed upon the certification marks/trademarks of the Idaho Potato Commission in the amount of sales of just under \$5 million.

The jury also found that M&M had used the marks illegally - without the permission of IPC. The jury awarded judgment in favor of the IPC in the amount of \$41,962.00.

Pinto prices jump for some Gem State growers

TWIN FALLS - Bean prices remain higher than usual this year with pinto beans seeing the highest increase in dealer selling prices. Dealers are reporting prices of \$35 to \$37 per hundred weight.

This week, the United States Department of Agriculture reported through its Bean Market News that pinto growers in Idaho received as much as \$2 more per cwt. than last week. This brings the Gem State's grower prices to \$28-30 that week, topped only by the \$31-32 that North Dakota and Minnesota growers are receiving, and the \$29-32.50 reported in Western Colorado.

According to Vicky Ruffing, marketing manager for Rangen, Inc. of Bull, Magic Valley growers are experiencing the higher end of prices for pintos and for beans on the whole this year. It is unusual for prices to rise as much as \$2 in March, but due to last year's shortages, demand is high this winter.

YOUR BUSINESS

Snake River Elks club hosts MVBA night

JEROME - The Magic Valley Builders Association Associates Night will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. March 19 at the Snake River Elks Club, 412 E. 200 S. (seven miles north of the Ferris Bridge).

Associate members and other interested people are invited to come find out about the MVBA. Participants will be able to visit with members of the building industry, see their displays and learn about networking possibilities.

Members who know of general contractors they want to invite to the event should write down the company name, contact name and address and give it to the MVBA office to have an invitation sent to them, the association said.

Exhibiting is free. Associates are welcome to set up exhibits; those who want to be in the trade fair should provide this information to the MVBA office as soon as possible. How much space is needed and should it be wall space, floor space or a table; does it need electricity; and are there any other specific needs?

Items cannot be hung on the wall this year. Setup starts at 3 p.m.

Each exhibitor will be asked to bring a prize to be given away. A roaming microphone will be used to announce winners at exhibitors' booths.

Admission to the event is free. For more information or to request space, call the MVBA at 736-8991, send a fax to 734-8483 or send e-mail to mvba@magi-clink.com.

Idaho Business Week kicks off at Boise State

BOISE - Idaho Business Week, celebrating its 25th year as a youth program, will be held July 14-19 at Boise State University and July 28 through Aug. 2 at the University of Idaho.

Participants will be involved in a one-week, intensive, performance-based business program in a university setting. The event provides an environment to exercise and develop business, teamwork and general life skills in a learning experience, organizers said.

Business in brief

A \$75 registration fee is due at the time of acceptance. All Idaho high school sophomores, juniors and seniors are eligible to apply for scholarships. Program graduates are eligible to earn two college credits.

Perry Seigel, chief executive officer of Podach Corp., has been named Idaho Business Week's 2002 Scholarship chairman. He is acquiring scholarship money from Idaho businesses, civic groups, associations and individuals to support the attendance of up to 500 Idaho high school students at this summer's program.

For an application or more information, contact Renee Holtschhead at the Idaho Business Week office at 345-2166 or by e-mail to ibw@iac.org or by online at www.iac.org/bweek. Application deadline is April 30.

Idaho Business Week is sponsored by the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry.

Magic Valley Medical Assistants meet Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Medical Assistants will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity Ear, Nose & Throat, 1330 Filver Ave. E.

Registered nurse Dee Dee Doherty will talk about projecting a positive attitude with professionalism.

For more information, call Sue Eckert at 733-6022 or Shanda Hughes at 734-4555.

M-C chamber needs volunteers for summer

HEYBURN - The 2002 visitor season is fast approaching, and the Mini-Casino Chamber of Commerce is recruiting volunteers to work four hours on Saturdays or Sundays from May 31 through Sept. 1.

Visitor center volunteers are the first contact many visitors make when they stop in a community, the chamber said. If you want a rewarding opportunity to meet people, this is the summer volunteer job for you, the chamber said. Volunteers will direct

guests to tourist attractions in Mini-Casita.

For more information or to sign up, call the chamber at 679-4793.

T.F. hosts Idaho Society of Medical Assistants

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Society of Medical Assistants Convention will be held April 12-13 at WestCoast Twin Falls Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Registration begins at 6 p.m. April 12, general surgeon Dr. Tak-Ming Ko will speak at 7 p.m., and participants will meet with a national representative at 8 p.m.

On April 13, a continental breakfast and registration start at 6 a.m. Pharmacist Kent Alexander and pharmacy educator Mary Hoffman will speak on "Drug Compounding" at 8 a.m. A speaker to be announced is scheduled for 9:15 a.m., and the House of Delegates is set for 10:30 a.m. to noon. Lunch and the installation of officers will be from noon to 1:30 p.m. Sigrid Venendaal, family counselor, will speak on "The Healthy Link" at 2 p.m.; Lydia Gilman, breast care coordinator at Magic

Valley Regional Medical Center, will speak at 3:15 p.m. on "A Woman's Breast"; and Ron Welker, MVRMC's coordinator for The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, will discuss "HIPAA Regulations in the Medical Office" at 4:30 p.m.

Six continuing education units are available if both April 12 and 13 sessions are attended. A \$5 fee is required for each CEU for nonmembers to have the CEU registered with the American Association of Medical Assistants.

Cost is \$65 for members, \$70 for nonmembers and \$35 for students. Registration deadline is April 1. Make checks payable to the Idaho Society of Medical Assistants and send registration to Family Physical Therapy, Attention: Ann Reeves or Leann Amend, 834 Falls Ave., Suite 1250, Twin Falls, ID 83401. For more information, call 733-3900 or fax 733-3908.

Registration is nonrefundable. Participants must bring their AAMA cards showing their dues are current to be eligible to vote in the House of Delegates.

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MONEY

Few employers tap into pool of older workers

By T. Shawn Taylor
Chicago Tribune

In the next 25 years, the American economy will be dealt a blow so devastating it could slash productivity and put a stop to growth. It's not an attack from outside, but the aging of our own work force.

Few employers have given any thought to how they are going to deal with the crisis, labor economists say. In fact, indications are that employers will try to retain older workers only as a last resort. "There is no evidence that employers are that interested in keeping their older workers," said Clare Husbek, senior legislative representative for AARP. "They praise older workers to the skies, and then they don't hire them and they don't go out of their way to keep them."

Age discrimination and stereotypes about older workers — they can't learn, they are too expensive to train, they resist change, they are less productive than younger workers — remain significant barriers in the workplace. After being on the decline between 1992 and 1999, age discrimination claims filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission went up slightly to 16,008 in 2000 from 14,141 in 1999. The figures for 2001 are not yet available.

In addition, the recession has resulted in the loss of millions of jobs and could have a lasting impact on the number of people who remain in the labor force. Older workers are less likely to lose their jobs, but once displaced, they are less likely than younger workers to be re-employed, according to a report examining workplace demographic trends released by the U.S. General Accounting Office in November. The report expected labor shortages should be good news for older workers. Healthier than ever, better educated and unwilling (or financially unable) to retire, older workers shouldn't be seen as anything less than an asset, experts say.

The first baby boomers turned 55 last year. By 2015, workers 55 and older will comprise nearly 20 percent of the work force, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The workers who will follow the boomers are a much smaller group. Total labor force growth is expected to slow from an annual rate of 1.1 percent between 1990 and 2000 to 0.7 percent a year through 2025, the BLS projects.

"When employers need workers, they will find that pool is older," said Sara Rix, senior policy advisor for AARP.

The GAO report states there were 18.4 million workers over age 55 in the labor force in 2000 out of a total of 140.8 million. That number is projected to grow to 31.9 million by 2015.

In the future, employers will not only have to rely more on older workers, they also will have to rethink ideas about traditional work arrangements in order to retain them, say experts.

"We're expecting to see more flexibility where you can work part time or work seasonally," said Kay Bunch, who teaches employment law and human resources management at J. Mack Robinson College of Business at Georgia State University. "Long term, it will be a serious problem if workers don't decide to stay in

By the Numbers

By 2015, the number of workers 55 and older will increase by 1.3 times longer than for workers 40 to 54.

The labor force participation rates of older female workers increased from 42 percent in the mid-1990s to 62 percent in 2000. It is expected to increase to 61 percent by 2015.

Between 2000 and 2008, the percentage of executives and managers over age 55 is expected to grow from 15 percent to 23 percent.

Source: U.S. General Accounting Office

workers age, they look for different types of work arrangements, such as part-time and part-year work and job sharing. They also move toward white-collar jobs.

George Neal, a consultant in the staffing services division for Blackwell Consulting Services, an information-technology consulting firm, said he doesn't want to retire for some years. Working full time isn't in his plans, either.

"I would like to work full time for probably another four or five years, and then perhaps do something part time," said Neal, 53. "I really don't look to ever permanently retire."

That might not be a problem for Neal at Blackwell. The company is willing to work with employees to set up alternate schedules, said Martin Blackwell, vice president of the firm.

Blackwell said the company does not target older workers for employment. Instead, he looks for

people with a lot of experience with facilitation of ideas and change management.

"That tends to be people who are older," Blackwell said. A survey of medium- to large-size companies found that the main reason employers do not implement flexible employment programs is "that they simply had not considered it." "I believe a lot of employers are doing this on an ad hoc basis, but as far as imple-

menting (formal) programs, I think this is still something yet to be borne by employers," Husbek said.

Public employers appear to be doing the most to encourage retention of older workers, the GAO said. For instance, public school systems in Arkansas, Louisiana, Ohio and California are extending work beyond retirement eligibility to deal with the severe teacher shortage.

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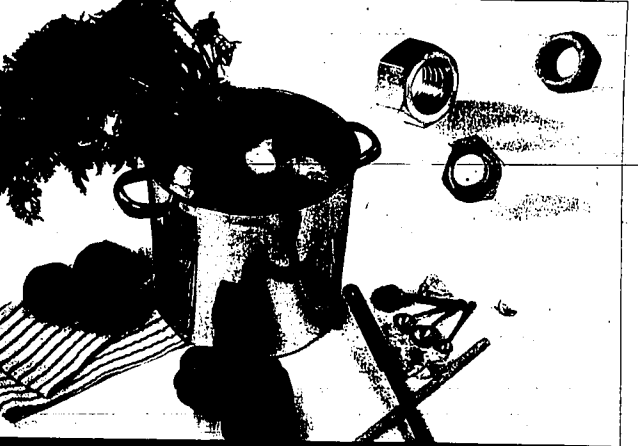
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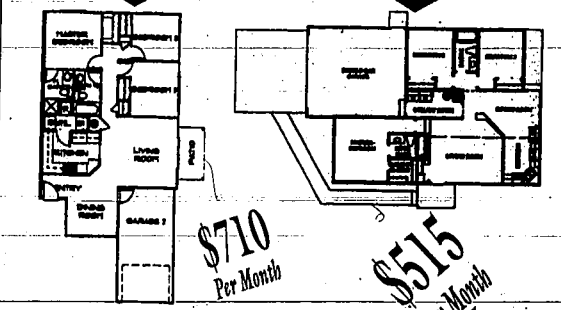
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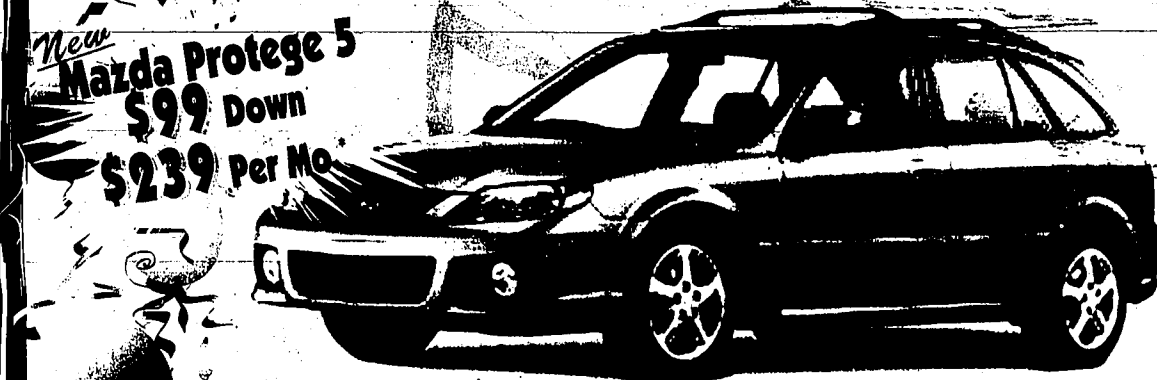
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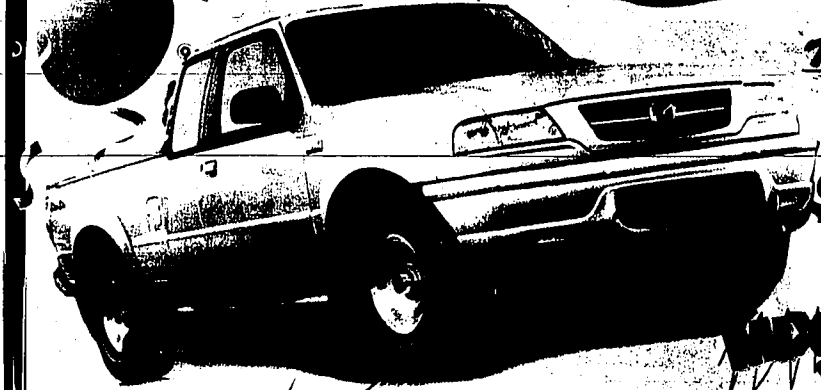


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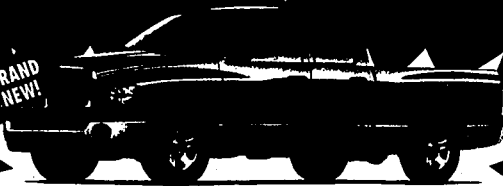
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You never know when you might need it

A few years ago, my son came home from school with a Ziplock bag filled with something soggy-looking, wrapped up in a newspaper. I remained calm. "Leftover lunch?" I inquired. "Gym clothes?"

"It's a tie-dyed shirt," he said. "The instructions are inside, and we have to finish it by Thursday."

I took a deep breath. "No problem. You're looking at one of the original members of the tie-dyed generation."

I didn't tell him that I always hated tie-dyed shirts, or that I had never been able to complete a craft project successfully in my "fortysomething" years on earth.

So I felt a bit left out when I read the press release from the Hobby Industry Association, reporting that the craft and hobby industry in the United States grew to \$25.7 billion in 2001, an 11 percent increase over the year 2000 — and that residents of 58 percent of U.S. households now participate in crafts and hobbies.

The five most popular crafts, in order, are cross-stitch, home decor painting, scrapbooking/memory crafts, floral arranging and crocheting.

I'm not an expert at any of those, but there have been years when I've been the queen of school projects. I've made ornaments from recycled Play-doh, collected bugs for science notebooks, and built medieval castles out of flour and salt. Once, I even managed to prepare school treats from three different countries for Geography Day — chocolate chip cookie Italian pizza, chocolate brownie French pastry and chocolate chip fortune cookies. How's that for creativity?

I have friends who are more creative. Many of them can take old toothpaste tubes and a little glitter and create something Martha Stewart would adore. Whenever I try to join in the fun, I end up with something that looks like old toothpaste tubes and a little glitter.

I'll never forget my daughter's first-year-in-ballet. One of the backstage mothers charged the rest of us \$56 each and then presented us with some sequins and not told us we were going to make recital costumes. "But I thought I ordered a costume," I mumbled. "You did," was the reply. "This is it."

The woman then proceeded to organize us into sewing classes — which she would teach — and told us we had to provide the refreshments. After that, most of what I remember is a blur, though I do recall a bunch of children engulfed in makeshift tutus singing "It's a Wonderful Life" on stage with their thumbs in their mouths.

A short time later, I decided that my hobby should be collecting things. I was inspired by my craft-challenged nature, but I was also inspired by my husband, and my dad. My husband never throws anything away and is, therefore, a collector by default. His workshop is a virtual museum of nondescript junk that "might come in handy someday."

My father was like that, too. Whenever a TV or tape recorder would breathe its last, Dad would finally agree to let Mom buy a new one. But he would also keep the old one, "just in case I ever have time to work on it." Thus, our basement was always filled with TV sets and tape recorders, possibly making it the first media room in America. Except nothing ever worked.

Collectors run in my family. As for that tie-dyed shirt, we followed the instructions carefully and fashioned something that vaguely resembled a costume for the Village People of the New York City. I could almost feel myself transported back to the '60s. For a while, I was even inspired to think about going somewhere to "find myself." But I didn't. Knowing my luck, if I went there looking for me, I wouldn't be there anymore.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

A mother's story

Former reporter writes of a Daisy in a cold climate

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As a reporter and editor for more than three decades with The Times-News, Lorayne Orton Smith learned the power of a good story.

And the patience that it sometimes takes to tell one.

"I wrote the first two chapters of the book shortly after I came to work at The Times-News in 1945," Smith said. "I had a career, raised a family and got around to finishing it in 1995, after I retired. The book just stuck with me. I guess it was a story I needed to tell."

The story is "Daisies Don't Tell," a novel about a small-town Midwestern mother partly based on Smith's own mother, who had left an educated, big-city upbringing for a hard life in rural Minnesota during the Great Depression. And like Daisy Coolidge, the central character of the book, Smith's mother did it for love.

The fictional Daisy is a well-liked school-teacher who enjoys the independence and intellectual stimulation of her job in Minneapolis-St. Paul. But when her sister becomes one of the victims of the great influenza epidemic of 1919, Daisy leaves her career to move to a dairy farm to care for her sister's five children and grief-stricken husband. Daisy becomes a mother to her sister's children and marries her brother-in-law, whom she had secretly loved for years, and wages a struggle to keep farm and family together during the Depression and World War II.

"I admired my mother," said Smith, who grew up in St. Cloud, Minn. "She was the opposite personality of my father, who was very gregarious, but she was strong, loving person and she worked hard for her family."

Smith's mother's struggle with survival in hard times was complicated by religious differences with local residents and by clinical depression, poorly understood in rural Minnesota in the 1930s.

"She moved out of a familiar environment into a place that was foreign to her among people she didn't have anything in common with," Smith said. "She was an educated woman surrounded by uneducated farmers, and it was hard for her."

Smith, who grew up during the Depression and went to high school during World War II, came to understand the crushing pressure of social isolation experienced by her mother, who believed that education could give her children a better life.

Daisy's enduring dream is to return to the Twin Cities, which Smith's mother did before her death at age 67.

By then, Smith had moved halfway across a continent to build a new life.

She went to work at The Times-News for \$22 a week and eventually married her Twin Falls letter-carrier, Vernon. Lorayne left the newspaper business for 11 years to raise four children — Herb, now 54; Bruce,

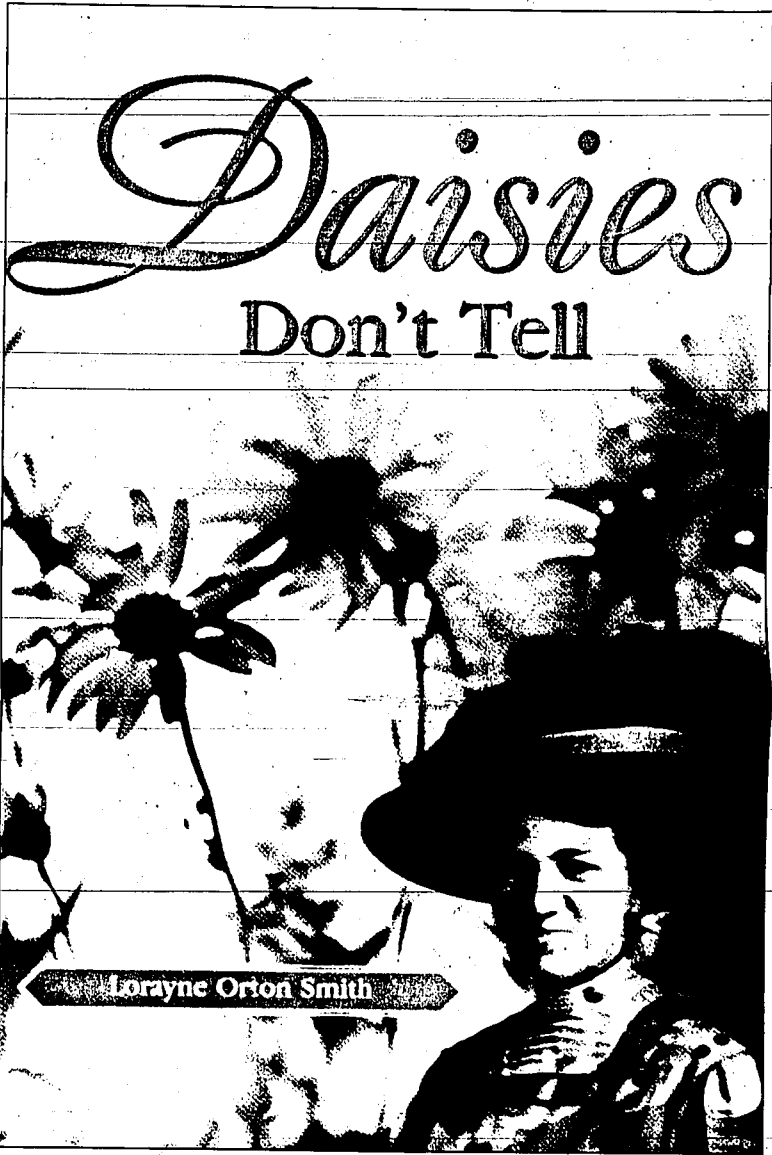
go at their own pace. If the other person is e-mailing once a week, it's not time to pick up the pace to instant messages all day long.

6. Don't give out personal information such as your home phone, your place of employment or even your last name. You want to be able to remain anonymous and opt out if you become uncomfortable with a cyber-suitor.

7. Reject the rejection blues. Hey, it will happen, but there are millions of other users out there. (But if there's a pattern, you might want to edit your profile — it may not be sending out the right message).

8. Not interested in joining a matchmaking service? Rather than visit omnibus chat rooms, consider looking for smaller groups. Your college and high school alumni associations are often a good starting point.

—Source: Baltimore Sun



Book jacket courtesy of Rutledge Books Inc.

Retired reporter and editor Lorayne Orton Smith's novel of a small-town Midwestern mother was published by Rutledge Books last month.

52, Cecil, 47, and Bryan, 44 — then returned to the T-N, where she worked for another 31 years.

Lorayne Smith was named Idaho Mother of the Year for 1993. She is active in Habitat for Humanity, the League of Women Voters and American Mothers, Inc., and she plays viola in the local symphony.

After self-publishing a volume of her favorite articles, "Zest for Living," a decade ago, Lorayne's search for a publisher for "Daisies" didn't end until a year and a half ago when Rutledge, a Connecticut-based specialty publishing company, bought the manuscript.

"It's exciting that it finally happened, but I don't think there's another book in me," said Lorayne, who politely declined to give her age. "I've told the story that I set out to tell."

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Find spouse online with these tips

Interested in finding a future spouse online, but not certain how to go about it? Regina Lewis, an adviser to America Online, offers these recommendations:

1. Include a photo. The people who post photos tend to be more effective.

2. You don't have to be a beauty queen — it just "seems more real."

3. Pay it straight. If you're not candid, it won't eventually catch up with you.

4. If you want to take the relationship offline, make it a group outing in a public place and tell others where you're going and who you're meeting. "You want to take this in stride, play it cool and play it safe," Lewis says.

5. Don't be too aggressive. People like to

Etc...

Cowboy poet will narrate show

Tuesday, Friday and Saturday

TWIN FALLS — The Faulkner Planetarium on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho will present Baxter Black narrating "The Cowboy Astronomer" at 4 p.m. Saturday. Other current shows are "Pink Floyd: the Wall" at 8 p.m. Saturday; "Larry Cat in Space," Saturdays at 2 p.m.; "The Dinosaur Chronicles," Friday at 7 p.m., and "WSKY: Radio Station to the Stars," Saturday at 7 p.m. and Tuesday at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families. Children under 4 are not admitted.

Upcoming

If your group is planning an Easter egg hunt, put The Times-News at the top of your call-first list. On March 29, T-N

To do for families

will publish a roundup of Easter egg hunts sponsored by south-central Idaho churches, businesses and organizations. Deadline to submit information about your Easter egg hunt is March 27. Send the time, date and details to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Or you can e-mail us at crump@magicalvalley.com or fax us at (208) 734-5538. Please include a contact name and telephone number.

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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Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors...

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl.
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday...

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors...

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main N., Kimberly
Monday: Hot turkey sandwich, potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, bread, butter, fruit...

Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.

308 Senior Ave.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. Monday: Lemon pepper cod, scalped potatoes...

Monday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Health and nutrition presentation at 11:30 a.m.
Pinocle at 12:30 p.m.

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3. Monday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread...

Richfield Senior Center

Monday: Fried chicken, California blend vegetables, cole slaw, mashed potatoes...

Shoshone Senior Center

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Tuesday: Lasagna, corn, green salad, garlic sticks, cookies, fruit cocktail...

Silver and Gold Senior Citizens

203 Wilson, Eden
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Wednesdays and Fridays.
Suggested donation for seniors is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2...

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721 Third Ave. S., Hailey
Meals are served at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Milk, juice, coffee and tea are served with all meals...

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702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals...

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland, Burley
All dinners are served at noon. Monday: Pigs in a blanket, beans and corn, applesauce...

Bridal Registry

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Illegal immigrants aren't eligible for benefits

Q. Are immigrants who work and pay Social Security taxes but are unlawfully in the United States eligible for any type of Social Security benefit?

A. No. Assuming that you meet all of the other requirements for entitlement, you must provide proof of either U.S. citizenship or lawful presence in the United States to receive monthly Social Security benefits...

Social Security Q&A

not need to provide such evidence if you are only filing for the one-time Lump Sum Death Payment regardless of when you file.

Q. How do I correct an error in my record of earnings?

A. You should call us at 1-800-772-1213. If available, have your W-2 or tax return handy.

your employer's business name and address. It is important for us to correct any errors with your earnings as soon as possible.

This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For just answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE SANDLIANS

BURLEY - Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Sandlian of Burley will be honored at an open-house March 17 for their 50th wedding anniversary.



THE BEEMS

JEROME - Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Beem of Hunt will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary.

THE SANDLIANS

They have lived in Burley for most of their lives, except for two years in the service when they were stationed in California and Washington.

June and Dewayne Sandlian but would like photos or written memories or stories to add to a scrapbook.

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FAMILY LIFE

Aries: Some of your fondest hopes, wishes will materialize

IF MARCH 10TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are an original thinker; are romantic and are passionate when in love. You hurt yourself when attempting heavy lifting. Leo, Aquarius persons play major roles in your life, could have these letters in names: A, S, J. During this cycle, emphasis will be on marriage, directing your own destiny in business. September will be your most romantic, profitable month of the year.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Loss will be recovered; you gain admirers because of the way you handled adversity. You will win friends, and some of your fondest hopes, wishes will materialize.

HOROSCOPE
Sydney Omarr

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Take initiative in making fresh start in different direction. You could start a business of your own. Spiritual values surface. Leo plays dramatic role.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Focus on where you live, partnership and marriage. Attention centers around "direction of your life." Capricorn, Cancer natives will figure prominently.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Highlight

diversity. Accept accolades graciously without being obsequious. Don't be afraid to ask questions. Be aware of current fashion trends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Play waiting game—Rewrite and rebuild; what had been rejected could now be accepted. Taurus, Scorpio and another Leo play dynamic roles. Your lucky number will be 4.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Keep resolutions concerning health. Read and write, communicate ideas. Flirtation is more serious than expected. Focus on marital status. Pisces plays prominent role.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You exude aura of sex appeal. Follow through on "creative urge." Careful, don't give up something of value for temporary thrill. Taurus, Scorpio figure in scenario.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): All is not what it appears to be on surface. Take special care in real estate deal. Someone is not telling entire truth—Know it, respond accordingly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Get priorities in order, organize forces. Accent power play—you are in driver's seat. Capricorn, Cancer natives will play "puzzling" roles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Look

beyond the immediate. Long-distance call verifies views. This could be your day of "vindication." Aries, Libra individuals play influential roles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Events transpire to bring you closer to goal. Lead the way; don't wait for others. Impart style, wear brighter colors and make personal appearances. Leo is represented.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Maintain aura of mystery, intrigue. Don't fear the unknown. Provide enlightenment in order to defeat suspicion, superstition. Cancer native proves to be invaluable aid.

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The warning signs of poor nutritional health are often overlooked. Use this checklist to find out if you or someone you know is at nutritional risk. Read the statements below. Make note of the points for each "YES" answer you give. Then add up the points and total your nutritional score.

I have an illness or condition that made me change the kind and/or amount of food I eat.	2 points
I eat fewer than two meals per day.	3 points
I eat few fruits, vegetables, or milk products.	2 points
I have three or more drinks of beer, liquor or wine almost every day.	2 points
I have tooth or mouth problems that make it hard for me to eat.	2 points
I don't always have enough money to buy the food I need.	4 points
I eat alone most of the time.	1 point
I take three or more different prescribed or over-the-counter drugs a day.	1 point
Without wanting to, I have lost or gained 10 pounds in the last six months.	2 points
I am not always physically able to shop, cook and/or feed myself.	2 points

Total Your Nutritional Score

0-1 points - Good! Recheck your score in six months.

3-5 points - Begin improving! You are at moderate nutritional risk. See what can be done to improve your eating habits and lifestyle. Your office on aging, senior nutrition program, senior citizens center of health department can help. Recheck in three months.

6 or more - Warning! You are at high nutritional risk. Talk with your doctor, dietician or other qualified health or social service professional about any problems you may have. Ask for help in improving your nutritional health.

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HEALTHY CHEF

Chicken Nuggets

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 breasts or 1 full chicken
- Crumb mixture:
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup cracker crumbs
- 3 T Parmesan cheese
- 1 T Basil leaves
- 1/4 tsp Thyme-leaves
- 1 tsp Paprika
- 1/4 - 1/2 cup melted butter

Cut nuggets into pieces 1 x 1 1/2 inches. Dip into melted butter and coat with crumb mixture. Bake at 400 degrees for 16 minutes. (For large pieces, bake for 45 minutes)

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