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'I'm better. I think it will get better with time. I don't think it will ever go away - the fear of being scared to death.'



On her birthday Thursday, Claudene Buettner reflects on how happy she is to be safe and alive in the wake of her close call in New York City on Sept. 11. Buettner and five of her colleagues were in a national nursing accreditation meeting only one block away from the World Trade Center when two airplanes struck the buildings six months ago today.

Turning point

Life looks different for T.F. Sept. 11 survivor

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A College of Southern Idaho instructor who was about a block away from the World Trade Center on Sept. 11 returned to Manhattan just six weeks later. Claudene Buettner had to finish a business meeting cut short by hijackers who flew two Boeing 767s into the World Trade Center six months ago today, destroying its two 110-story towers. Buettner, director of CSI's health and human services pro-

grams, met up with colleagues she had last seen coated in ash from smoke and debris. Their group had been split into two trios as they fled the collapsing towers. They call themselves the six survivors. On her 54th birthday this past week, Buettner talked about how she is doing six months later and about how Sept. 11 has

changed her. "I'm better. I think it will get better with time. I don't think it will ever go away - the fear of being scared to death," she said. That she enjoyed her 54th birthday Thursday is a sign of how Sept. 11 has changed her. She said it was a good day to be alive. Turning 54, she said, was a far different experience than the doldrums she felt on birthdays past, espe-

cially her 50th. "I didn't see them as personal growth days. I just saw them as getting-older days." When she returned to New York, some of the belongings she left behind were there waiting for her. The Marriott hotel where she stayed in September was half standing. She still has the key to her room. She found the building where she and her colleagues sought refuge - at 20 Exchange St. She saw Ground Zero. It made

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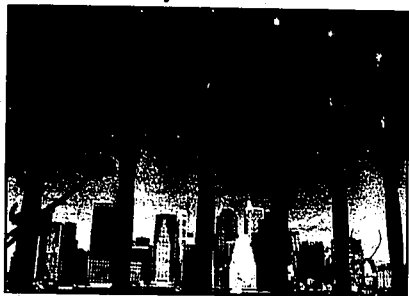
Victims face difficult day as nation remembers attacks

Today will be filled with prayer, reflection

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Joseph Maurer, whose daughter died in the Sept. 11 terror attack on the World Trade Center, said he and his family would stay away from their television set today. "They're going to keep showing the buildings collapsing and we're not really all that interested in seeing that part of it," Maurer said. Today, exactly six months since the attacks, was to be observed with prayers and reflection, the dedication of a scared memorial and a tribute of twin beams of light. At the same time, many victims' relatives say today will be filled with awful memories.

Maurer, a retired firefighter from Brooklyn, lost his daughter, Jill Campbell, in the attack, as well as a dozen firefighter friends. He said his family was considering going to ground zero for the lighting of the beams, which are meant to evoke the destroyed towers.



A silk rose is tied to the fence along the Brooklyn Heights Promenade, in memory of the Sept. 11 victims. Today marks six months since the World Trade Center, which once dominated the New York skyline, crumbled.

The city's schedule was to begin at 8:30 a.m., with police officers gathering outside precincts as the names of the 23 officers killed in the World Trade Center attack are read aloud. The day was to end after dark with the ceremonial lighting of the Tribute in Light, two towers of light aimed skyward into the night sky from a spot near ground zero. The Tribute in Light will consist of 88 high-powered beams of light. The display was created by two arts organizations and will be displayed until April 13. The estimated \$10,000 worth of electricity is being donated by Con Edison.

City officials planned to dedicate another temporary memorial, a 5,000-pound steel-and-bronze sculpture called "The Sphere," near ground zero in Battery Park. Mayor Michael Bloomberg was to introduce a moment of silence

WASHINGTON - President Bush's top foreign-affairs advisers say the United States must be prepared to use nuclear weapons to deter attacks involving weapons of mass destruction. But in an effort to ease alarm overseas, they said there were no plans to do so.

"We all want to make the World reaction - A12 use of weapons of mass destruction less likely," national security adviser Condoleezza Rice said Sunday. "The way that you do that is to send a very strong signal to anyone who might try to use weapons of mass destruction against the United States that they'd be met with a devastating response."

Secretary of State Colin Powell said the United States has never ruled out using nuclear weapons against a nuclear-armed enemy, a policy he said should deter any would-be attacker. "We think it is best for any potential adversary out there to have uncertainty in his calculus," Powell said.

Weary U.S. troops return from battle; more fighting remains

The Associated Press

BAGRAM - Afghanistan - Hundreds of weary U.S. soldiers descended from the Afghan mountains Sunday after a grueling eight-day battle against enemy holdouts. U.S. bombers pounded the caves where the remaining fighters were hiding. The Army said ground fighting was winding down but that Operation Ansoconda would continue until the last of the al-Qaida and Taliban fighters had been killed or surrendered in the Shab-Kot mountains.

About 400 U.S. troops returned to the Bagram air base north of Kabul on Sunday in wave after wave of CH-47 Chinook helicopters. It wasn't clear when the remaining 600 would be out of the fighting zone. "We're home!" the soldiers shouted, offering high-fives to elated colleagues. A few shook their heads in disbelief, grateful they had made it out alive. U.S. military officials in the United States and in Afghanistan characterized the state of fighting differently.

Maj. Bryan Hillyery, the 10th Mountain Division spokesman told reporters at Bagram that "the major fighting of the battle is over." But Gen. Tommy Franks, the commander of the war, took issue with that statement. Speaking on ABC's "This Week," Franks said that while some U.S. troops have been moved out of the battle area, others would take their places. "I don't know that I could characterize it as winding down," he said.



Small, a commander of U.S.-allied forces, says at a Sunday news conference that al-Qaida and Taliban forces in the eastern Afghanistan area were 75 percent spent.

Educators learn hard lessons

Legislators reject association's message

By Mark Warble The Associated Press

BOISE - EIA failed miserably. Plan B was simply ignored. Plan C was doomed from the start, and might have done more harm than good.

Now the Idaho Education Association, its message and methods rejected by the Legislature, is considering how to finally start channeling teacher frustration into making a difference for public schools.

"For the first time in a long time they're interested in really becoming intimately involved in the political process," said Kathy Phelan, president of the union that represents 11,600 of Idaho's 14,000 public school teachers. "Our hope and our intent is to help our members get involved personally in campaigns."

Any influence the association exerts on voters in legislative races will be more than it managed with lawmakers this winter.

The climactic exercise in futility came last Tuesday. About 5,000 teachers from throughout Idaho spent the day angrily, noisily protesting at the Capitol in hopes of derailing decisions that had already been made.

"They're too late," said House Democratic Floor Leader Wendy Jaquet of Ketchikan. "Maybe they got some bad advice."

A bill that for the first time allocates less state aid to public schools than they were promised this year was well on its way to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne by the time teachers arrived.

Republicans are quick to point out the legislation includes more

Advisers say U.S. must be ready to use nukes

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The Associated Press

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

IDAHO ALMANAC

Idaho Extremes
Yesterday:
 High 57
 Low 19
 Wind 9
 Middk Fk Lodge

Missoula 4/32

Twin Falls 60/34

Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday
Temperature
 High/Low 41/28
 Normal high/low 49/25
 High/Low last year 49/25
 Record high 75 in 1872
 Record low 11 in 1874

Precipitation
 24 hours ending 6 p.m. yest. trace
 Month to date 0.46
 Normal to date (Oct. 1) 4.20
 Water year to date (Oct. 1) 0.46
 Normal year to date (Oct. 1) 5.68

Humidity
 Yesterday at Noon 66%
 Barometric Pressure Yesterday at 6 p.m. 30.07 in.

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls
 Grass Absent
 Weeds Absent
 Low
 Trees Absent
 Mold Absent

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
▲ 48°	▼ 34°	▲ 48° ▼ 36°	▲ 44° ▼ 32°	▲ 42° ▼ 28°	▲ 42° ▼ 26°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Clouds for the most part today. There will be one or two rain showers in the valleys. Some snow in the mountains could yield a couple of inches, especially above 5,500 feet. Highs 38-50. Lows tonight 30-40.

Boise: Clouds for the most part today with a brief, passing shower. High temperature near 50. Cloudy for the rest of tonight. Low near 40. Tomorrow, cloudy to partly sunny. High 52.

Northern Nevada: A mixture of clouds and sun today. Highs 32-54. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight. Lows 20-38. Tomorrow and tomorrow night, plenty of clouds with the potential for a couple of rain and snow showers.

Northern Utah: Partly sunny today. Highs will range from near 30 to the highest mountain peaks to 54 in some valley locations. Partly cloudy tonight. Lows 10-34.

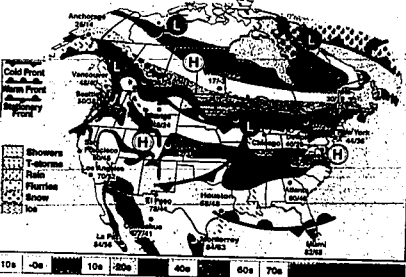
Northern Idaho: Cloudy today and tonight with occasional snow and rain showers. There could be at least an inch of snow in the mountains above 5,500 feet by early tonight. Highs today 36-46. Lows tonight 28-38.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 88° in Fort Myers, FL. Low 29° in Westby, MT.

NATIONAL WEATHER

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



CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Calgary	38	24	31	18	10
Edmonton	21	13	18	4	0
Winnipeg	34	20	27	12	6
Regina	34	18	33	4	0
Saskatoon	27	16	27	8	2
Toronto	40	30	41	23	15
Vancouver	48	40	48	38	30
Victoria	50	40	48	38	30
Winnipeg	34	20	27	12	6

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 6:57 a.m.
Sunset tonight: 8:39 p.m.
Moonrise today: 12:00 a.m.
Moonset tonight: 4:29 p.m.

Moons phases: **First** Full Last

UV INDEX TODAY

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

8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Atlanta	80	42	55	42	30
Baltimore	48	29	47	40	34
Birmingham	61	24	50	34	26
Boston	44	32	45	37	31
Chicago	43	30	48	35	28
Cleveland	42	32	42	32	24
Detroit	41	31	41	31	24
Los Angeles	70	52	72	54	42
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REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Boise	50	40	52	38	30
Butte	42	32	43	29	21
Coeur d'Alene	48	34	44	34	26
Elgin	48	32	52	28	20
Englewood	40	30	40	30	22
Hagerman	50	36	51	31	23
Idaho Falls	42	28	42	34	26
Kalispell	38	22	42	34	26
Lewiston	56	44	58	38	30
Malden	40	32	47	32	24
Mesa	38	25	49	21	13

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
McCall	34	26	38	28	20
Missoula, MT	44	32	46	34	26
Portland, OR	48	32	48	35	27
Richland, WA	54	48	52	40	32
Salmon	56	42	58	38	30
Salt Lake City, UT	38	28	48	28	20
Spokane, WA	50	38	50	40	32
Stanley	38	24	48	34	26
Sun Valley	34	24	38	28	20
Yellowstone, MT	34	22	34	19	11

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Enron, creditors negotiate new employee bonuses

Los Angeles Times

NEW YORK - As 4,500 fired Enron Corp. workers await merger severance payments, the bankrupt energy company and its creditors are negotiating a new round of "retention bonuses" for the lucky few considered indispensable to keeping Enron running.

The new bonus package was expected to be submitted for approval by Judge Arthur J. Gonzalez in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New York this week, perhaps as early as Monday, Enron spokeswoman Karen Denne said.

Few issues in the Enron scandal have raised more hackles than the \$55 million in bonuses that the company doled out to about 550 people on Nov. 30, two days before filing for the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history.

Critics have made much of the contrast between bonuses of as much as \$5 million for certain key employees and the relative pittance for the fired workers, many of whom face financial hardship.

Gonzalez last week approved an additional \$1,100 apiece for the idled workers, on top of initial severance payments of \$4,500 each.

Lawyers for the fired workers are seeking severance of as much as \$30,000 apiece. The issue has been scheduled for a hearing April 2.

Those lawyers and other legal experts also are wondering why Enron and its official creditors committee have not challenged the legitimacy of the first round of retention bonuses.

Such generous payouts, delivered on the brink of a bankruptcy filing, raise at least the suspicion of fraudulent conveyance, or the illegal transfer of assets by an insolvent company, said Elizabeth Warren, bankruptcy law professor at Harvard Business School.

"Why isn't Enron doing something to set aside those pre-bankruptcy transfers?" Warren asked. "Is it because the same management is still in charge?"

Coalition forces said they killed at least 500 fighters and that about 200 were believed left. Eight Americans and three of their Afghan allies died.

Ismael said American officers told him to wait for more bombing-to-soften-up-the-last-of-the-enemy forces. Late Sunday, the roar of U.S. jets and the distant thud of explosions could be heard from the battle area.

"They were defeated by the al-Qaida and Taliban foes," Ismael said that in the past two

days, Australian commandos and vehicles had been dropped into the battle area, presumably to search for small pockets of al-Qaida members who might try to slip away through narrow gorges.

In Tampa, Fla., Col. Rick Thomas, a spokesman at Central Command headquarters, said the troops returning to Bagram base might be moved to a different part of the battlefield. He said ground fighting had subsided as an estimated 200 remaining al-Qaida and Taliban members hunkered down in remote caves.

Educators

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money that schools will actually get this year since temporary spending cuts have been made permanent. So it's technically correct that they are continuing a record of steady increases in school funding.

Teachers are unimpressed. But strategic miscalculations any chance they had of changing the outcome.

"We were relying on our members at home and their personal relationships with legislators to make a difference," Phelan said. "Obviously, whatever we did was ineffective."

They had plenty of time. The Republican governor started declaring last fall that the 2.5-percent reduction in the schools budget he ordered to keep the budget balanced should not be restored.

And while the GOP-controlled Legislature provided less than Kemphorne requested for the new spending year, even his more generous recommendation fell below the original public schools budget for this year.

Republican Rep. Ken Roberts of Donnelly, who was on the McCall-Donnelly School Board for eight years, said the association missed the chance to play a meaningful role in the process.

"Those things were decided weeks ago, and here they come to town just as we're finishing up the budgetting process - comfortable tactics of a labor union," he said. "If you're going to be constructive about dealing with the budget situation you need to be a player at the table, sit down and make suggestions and recommendations about where they might want to cut some money."

Jaquet said it might have been a sense of disbelief that the Legislature would really do what it had never done before, even

in the equally dire 1983-1984 budget year. But Phelan said the approach was devised in response to the negative reaction legislators gave the association's efforts last year. Emails from Phelan's calls to lawmakers prompted charges of an orchestrated union campaign to benefit teachers, not students.

"We decided to try to build relationships with legislators, to get them going on in schools and how their kids were being affected," she said. "It was in these personal contacts that we were hoping to influence their decisions. As it became clear that wasn't the case, we started these more overt efforts."

That included circulating petitions calling for restoration of this year's state aid to schools. About 23,000 signatures were collected in four days and turned over to legislators. But there was no attempt to ensure the message got to individuals lawmakers, and the petitions became one of the session's best-kept secrets.

If they'd have had a stronger voice over a longer period of time I think it would have helped us showcase the issue," Jaquet said.

Instead, Democrats are left to make education a cornerstone of campaigns this fall. Support from teachers could help, but Phelan said it should not be a partisan issue. She was uncomfortable with comments at the rally by former Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus, critical of the Legislature and governor.

Some legislators considered them cheap shots. Roberts said that while the vast majority of teachers are well-intentioned and devoted to children, the more strident union members "use the children as pawns" to leverage to accomplish their agenda."

Operation

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Operation Anaconda was launched March 2 to crush al-Qaida and Taliban forces in the mountains of Pakistan province.

U.S. officials said the operation would continue until the last of the enemy troops surrendered or died.

While the mission was hailed as a success, U.S. soldiers on the front lines were disappointed with one glaring absence: Afghan troops. According to pool reports from Sahkot Valley, the original plan was for U.S. soldiers to pull

out after a couple of days and be replaced by Afghan troops led by commander Zia Lodin. According to U.S. troops, Zia's unit never showed.

"Who cares," said one soldier in the battle zone, south of the town of Gardiz. "I don't think anybody here cares any more. It's Zia's great. It's not our well."

In Gardiz, an Afghan commander, Ismael, said al-Qaida and Taliban forces in the area were "75 percent spent" and he expected a final push within the next two days.

Survivor

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point. Perhaps it was the time with family - or making it through a big holiday, Buetner said.

"All six of us agreed we looked at life a little bit differently, with more humanness, because of the fragility of our own lives."

In the weeks following the attack, people she didn't know gave her hugs. Colleagues intro-

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Victims

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at 8:46 a.m. - the time that the first of two hijacked airliners slammed into the trade center. Gov. George Pataki, former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and some of the victims' relatives were to speak before another moment of silence at 9:03 a.m., the time that the second plane hit.

"The Sphere," which stood in the fountain of the trade center plaza, was gashed and partially crushed by falling debris. It was created in 1971 by artist Fritz Koenig and originally was dedicated as a monument to world peace through world trade.

Bloomberg said the globe probably would serve as a centerpiece for a permanent memorial.

Monday, flags at Port

Authority facilities were to be flown at half staff, honoring the 84 employees lost in the Sept. 11 World Trade Center Port Authority police officers.

Holly Silver, whose husband David died in the trade center, said she would skip the ceremonies, instead spending the day with her infant and toddler, away from news.

"Look at how we have to live our lives," Silver said. "Every time you wake up and wonder if they'll find another body part that day, I don't want to be so forget, that's for sure, so if this means people will pay attention, that's fine. But as far as for me, six months is still a living hell."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Council will consider sewer project bids

TWIN FALLS - The City Council might have to call for more bids for a sewer improvement project along Washington Street South and South Park Avenue West.

The council meets tonight at 5 p.m. in the council chamber at City Hall.

Two bids were submitted for the project, according to information prepared for the council by city staff.

But even the lowest bid - about \$108,000 - exceeds the recommended budget. The city staff has recommended that the council call for more bids.

In other business, the council will consider the final plans for the Point Ranch Subdivisions No. 5 and No. 6.

Twin Falls School District will hold meeting tonight

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls School District will hold its board of directors meeting today at 7 p.m. at the administration building, 201 Main Ave. W.

Among the items to be discussed:

- The official results of Tuesday's professional-technical center bond issue election will be released.
- Bids will be awarded on janitorial supplies and consumable paper supply.
- There will be an update on legislation concerning the high school's energy consumption.
- Results from the school lunch review will be released.

Fire burns house under construction

TWIN FALLS - No one was injured Sunday in a structure fire on Meadowridge Circle in Twin Falls.

Twin Falls firefighters and Twin Falls County sheriff's deputies responded to the fire at 4:05 a.m., said Nancy Howell, spokeswoman for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

The house was under construction, Howell said.

The cause of the fire was unknown at press time Sunday.

Firefighters extinguish blaze in single apartment

JEROME - The Jerome City Fire Department responded to a single apartment fire at 209 N. Lincoln in Jerome.

Jerome firefighters arrived at the scene at 4:03 p.m. and the fire was extinguished at 5:57 p.m., said Larry Garey, an engineer-firefighter.

No one was injured in the blaze, Garey said.

The cause of the fire was unknown at press time Sunday.

Recreation District, resort will hold Soap Box Derby

HAILEY - The Blaine County Recreation District and Rotarun Ski Area are getting a jump on Akron's famed Soap Box Derby.

They're hosting the first annual Snow Box Derby at 11 a.m. Saturday at Rotarun Ski Area. The ski area is in Gray Canyon a couple of miles west of Hailey on Bullion Street.

The vehicle of choice: a cardboard cart dressed up to resemble a school bus, covered wagon, pirate ship, airplane or some other creation of the imagination that can slide and glide down the hill with a driver aboard.

There is a \$5 entry per box with scholarships available.

Partici pants must register for the event at the district at 788-2117.

The only supplies that can be used to build the box are cardboard, glue, tape and paint. There will be prizes awarded to the most creative box in each category.

Inspection will take place from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. the day of the event.

Heidi Albrecht, creativity camp director, will help youth design and build their own snow boxes during the recreation district's recess from school activity on Friday.

Compiled from staff reports

Court settles Blaine County feud

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - The poet Robert Frost's pastoral perspective of rural amity took form in his often-quoted proverb, "Good fences make good neighbors."

But how about gates?

Not with the neighboring Molyneux and Brown families off Baseline Road in Blaine County just south of Bellevue and east of

Idaho Highway 75.

For 12 years, from 1990 and until February of this year, a nondescript, makeshift wooden gate on an abandoned gravel road was the centerpiece of a legal war between two families, involving four law firms and the Blaine County attorney's office, plus the district appeals and supreme courts of Idaho - a prickly clash that ran up and down Idaho's court ladder before finally being settled last month by

the state Supreme Court.

The bloody Hatfield-McCoy raging along the West Virginia-Kentucky border of the 1860s this was not.

But instead of firing bullets, the warring parties in the Battle of the Grove Road Gate are estimated to have spent "thousands, perhaps tens of thousands" of dollars in the dispute, amassing a mountain of paper, according to Tim Graves, deputy Blaine County attorney.

The Idaho high court ruled over the case and unanimously affirmed a long-ago ruling by 5th District Judge Roger S. Burdick that the road on which the gate was erected was, indeed, officially abandoned because Blaine County had suspended maintenance of it.

The dispute began after the Molyneux family put up the gate blocking Grove Road leading to the Grove Ranch. The gate was built in 1990.

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DEMOLISHED



LISA M. COLLARD/The Times-News

Demolition at the site of the former Weston Plaza Hotel and Convention Center has left mounds of crushed concrete for disposal. Jim Thorpe, owner of Twin Falls Crane Service, was hired to be in charge of demolition and salvage of the historic 202-room hotel, which closed in October. The hotel was torn down to make room for new development.

Officials

struggle to get vaccines

The Times-News and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS - As national vaccine shortages linger into a second year, local health officials are struggling to ensure that those who need inoculations most are protected.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, the vaccines in short supply include chickenpox (varicella); measles, mumps and rubella (MMR); diphtheria/tetanus/acellular pertussis (DTaP, formerly DTP); and Prevnar, which protects against ailments like meningitis and ear infections.

The shortage is expected to last through the summer.

In South Central Idaho, there might not be as much vaccine stocked in the fridge, but there's still enough to go around, Lisa Klamm, immunization coordinator for South Central District Health.

"We have plenty to do business as normal but right now there's no extra vaccine," Klamm said. "We're having trouble getting some adult vaccines because they simply can't make them fast enough. Prevnar is the only vaccine where we've seen a moderate shortage. Idaho is lucky because some of the other states have been out of Prevnar for months."

The reasons for this dearth are manifold, said Curtis Allen, a CDC spokesman. Production delays and new government regulations that banned a common preservative once used in vaccines have diminished supplies, he said.

Also, some manufacturers have left the market, creating supply and demand issues. For example, only one drug company now manufactures the tetanus vaccine for the entire country.

The shortage has prompted the CDC to temporarily alter some of its recommended immunization schedules. Last week, the CDC advised a delay for chickenpox vaccine. Typically, infants are immunized at 12 months and 18 months. The CDC now recommends the vaccine at 18 months and 24 months.

Some pediatricians and health department officials have been dealing with a shortage in the tetanus/diphtheria (Td) vaccine or tetanus booster for nearly a year.

The tetanus booster is an adult version of DTaP and is given after a child completes the recommended DTaP vaccinations. Starting in early adolescence, a person should receive a tetanus booster every 10 years for life.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Average*
Upper Snake River	79%
Sallmon Falls Creek	98%
Oakley Basin	104%
Big and Little Wood	85%
Big Lost Creek	88%

*Based on 1997-98 average snowpack levels.

Source: Idaho Department of Water Resources, Boise.

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Law enforcement struggles to end abuse

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Victims don't like to make family problems public. Police hate to respond to the calls.

Prosecutors and judges say the cases are hard to prove.

Everyone involved agrees the problem of domestic violence is difficult to address.

Very few of the domestic crimes committed are ever reported. Only one out of eight domestic violence crimes is reported to the police, according to Cpl. Dan Bristol of the Heyburn Police Department.

Victims of domestic violence are caught between their desire to protect themselves and loyalty to their family.

In many cases, victims are afraid they will be more severely hurt or even killed if they make the call, said Deborah Gabardi, executive director of the Region 5 Crisis Center in Twin Falls. In addition, when victims turn in a member of their family they may lose the income that person provided.

A woman once told Gabardi, "I can't decide whether it's worse to be beaten once a week or to have no food for my children and no roof over their heads."

There are times when victims of domestic abuse beg for the abuser's release.

"We get women knocking on our door the next morning," said Minidoka County Prosecutor Rick Bollar. These victims would rather tolerate the potential for abuse rather than the certainty of economic disaster, Bollar said.

Of those crimes that are reported, few lead to arrests. Often, victims call the police



Mike Gulyas Dan Bristol

when they fear for their lives. Once the threat is diminished, victims sometimes refuse to speak to officers.

Victims may fear for their lives and mistrust law enforcement, Bristol said. In the past, police have sometimes arrested both victim and abuser, unable or unwilling to determine which injuries were made in self defense.

In other cases, police have left, giving the abuser no more than a warning. This inattention makes victims feel even more powerless, he said.

Law enforcement sensitivity to domestic violence cases has improved, but there are still officers who do the minimum - hand the victim a domestic violence pamphlet - and leave, Bristol said.

"No officer likes to take a domestic violence job," Bristol said.

In incidents of domestic violence, officers are not only caught up in a web of conflicting stories, they are also personally liable for the victim's well-being, Bristol said.

"No officer wants to go in and make calls, it's such a volatile situation," said Gabardi. In general, the officers are doing a good job, she said.

If a victim calls the police, and is willing to press charges, mem-

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bers of the judicial system still have a hard time preventing domestic violence because the cases are obscured by the conflicting motives present in any family. Sometimes the victims change their minds on the stand and become witnesses for the defense. Other times, without a strong case, attorneys are not willing to prosecute.

Each domestic violence case should be prosecuted to the fullest extent, regardless of whether the victim is a willing witness, Bristol said.

This approach is unrealistic, Bollar said. The judicial system can only accommodate so much given its limited resources.

Prosecutors should not allocate an enormous amount of time and money on cases without the evidence needed to secure a conviction, he said.

Cause and effect

Domestic violence is not only

hard to prosecute, it perpetuates itself.

"You see a lot of younger people raised in a violent environment who start to believe it's OK," said Cpl. Juan Martinez of the Rupert Police Department.

People who are raised by abusers and victims grow up to act like their parents.

"It's a family issue, it starts with grandma and grandpa and is passed to everyone down the road," Gabardi said.

Violent behavior at home can lead to violent behavior on the streets, Bristol said. He believes most crime is caused by domestic violence in that most crimes are committed by people from violent homes.

His view is not widely shared. "Drugs and alcohol are behind most crimes," said Cassia County Sheriff Jim Higen.

Minidoka County Sheriff Paul Fries concurred. Drug and alcohol abuse is the main cause of domestic abuse, he said.

There is no doubt drugs and alcohol contribute to domestic violence, said Mike Gulyas, a domestic violence expert with the San Diego Police Department. People under the influence of drugs and alcohol lose their restraint and their inhibitions, he said while in Burley teaching a class on domestic violence. But simply being uninhibited does not cause people to hurt and kill one another.

In some extreme cases, people are so spun on methamphetamine they lash out at whoever happens to be there, Bollar said.

In most cases, however, drugs and alcohol simply reveal a latent tendency to abuse, Bristol said.

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Minidoka County considers proposed zoning ordinance

By Sharl Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT - After more than 20 years, Minidoka County may have an updated county zoning ordinance by the end of the summer.

Planning and zoning boards throughout the county are looking at a proposed ordinance which would replace the current ordinance adopted in 1978, said Paul Aston, Minidoka County planning and zoning administrator.

The ordinance is outdated, Aston said,

and doesn't address many items that have changed in the county.

It doesn't mention flood plains or wetlands and the information on livestock confinement is "very inadequate," Aston said.

County officials were aware of gaps in the ordinance, Aston said. Those gaps haven't caused problems yet within the county. However, items not addressed in the ordinance either weren't enforceable or they had to be made to fit into another area of the ordinance.

The county and city planning and zon-

ing boards have been reviewing the ordinance. They will make a recommendation to the elected boards, such as the city councils or county commissioners about the ordinance, Aston said. Public hearings would be held before the ordinance takes effect.

It is the hope that each city within the county would adopt the ordinance along with the county, so the entire county would have a uniform ordinance, Aston said. If cities do not adopt the county ordinance, they create one of their own.

Reaction from the planning and zoning

boards was favorable, Aston said. Minidoka County Planning and Zoning Board Chairman Gary Hansen agreed. Generally speaking, there has been a positive feeling about the ordinance.

Boards are addressing issues with the livestock confinement section of the ordinance. The county would like to locate livestock operations away from the higher population density areas, but still appear "livestock friendly," Aston said.

The ordinance will work to ensure livestock operations are "located in the right

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CSI TODAY

Today
American Theater Arts for Youth production, "Pinocchio," school matinee, 10 a.m. and 12:15 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.
CSI Golden Eagle Boosters luncheon, noon, Taylor 277.
CSI Student Senate weekly meeting, 4 p.m., Taylor 256.
Student master's piano recital, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

Tuesday
Phi Theta Kappa weekly meeting, noon, Desert 113.
CSI Ski Club meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 107.
CSI Interclub meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 101.
Bilingual Education program meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 113.
Court Referral Services traffic court, 4:30 p.m., Shields 109.
"Half Time," CSI art faculty display, Jean B. King gallery (until March 30).
Probation and Parole Life Skills class, 6:30 p.m., Shields 102.
"The Dinosaur Chronicles," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Wednesday
Idaho Department of Agriculture pesticide applicator license exams, 9 a.m. to noon, Taylor 276.
Chemistry program for Twin Falls School District gifted and talented students, 9:15 a.m., Evergreen A09.
Wall P. Disney World college internship program (interested students and parents welcome), 3 p.m., Taylor 277.

Thursday
Shawn Davis Rodeo School, all day, Expo Center and classroom.
Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization meeting, 11 a.m., Taylor 256.
Flying Hands sign language club meeting, 1 p.m., Desert 113.
Shawn Davis Rodeo School, 6 p.m., Aspen 108.
Cal Ripken baseball draft meeting, 6 p.m., Shields 103.
"All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten," directed by Fran Tanner, 8 p.m., Fine Arts Theater 119.

Friday
Shawn Davis Rodeo School, all day, Expo Center and classroom.
Golden Eagle baseball against Salt Lake Community College, 1 p.m., Frontier Field.
Shawn Davis Rodeo School, 6 p.m., Aspen 108.
"Saving the Night/Sky Quest," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
Audubon Society Prairie Falcon chapter monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Shields 223.
Narcotic Anonymous weekly meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 112.
Sue Miller's piano students' recital, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.
"All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten," directed by Fran Tanner, 8 p.m., Fine Arts Theater 119.

Saturday
Shawn Davis Rodeo School, all day, Expo Center and classroom.
Twin Falls Mustang Club festival, all day, Fine Arts classrooms.
Boy Scout merit badge clinic, 8:45 a.m. to noon, Shields building.
Armed Services vocational aptitude testing, 9 a.m., Shields 106.
Golden Eagle baseball against Salt Lake Community College, noon, Frontier Field.
"Sky Quest/Saving the Night," 2 and 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
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Sunday
Magic Valley Bible Church, 9 a.m. to noon, Shields 117 and 118.
Area 18 Alcoholics Anonymous business meeting, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Taylor 277.
Non-denominational church services, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Evergreen A05.

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Missing woman's ex faces murder charge

CALDWELL (AP)—The ex-husband of a missing Boise woman was arrested Saturday in Canyon County and charged with first-degree murder, authorities said.
Britt L. Zulefi, 33, of Nampa was held without bail in the county jail.

His ex-wife, 37-year-old Deborah Zulefi, has not been seen since Nov. 10 when she reportedly left Boise en route to Nampa to visit relatives. Inactivity in her mail and bank accounts led authorities to suspect foul play. They said Saturday she is presumed dead.

Local police departments stepped up their search on Feb. 28 when her abandoned car was discovered in Meridian.
Sheriff George Morse said Zulefi's home was being processed as a potential crime scene. No body has been found.

SERVICES

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

Howard Victor Allen of Hagerman, Mass. of Christian burial at 11 a.m. today at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Hagerman (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

Thomas (Tom) A. Peabody of Rupert, military graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert Cemetery with local veteran organizations participating; visitation from 9:10-4:5 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., Rupert.

Maida I. Gillett DeClo, service at 11 a.m. today at the Declo Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 213 W. Main; interment will follow at the Declo Cemetery; friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the Declo (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

John S. Toupin of Jerome, service at 1 p.m. today at the First Church of God, 131 E. Ave. F, Jerome; visitation will be held one hour before the service at the church; burial will follow at the Jerome Cemetery (Farnsworth Mortuary).

Mabel 'Pat' George of Rupert, service at 2 p.m. today 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 1-1:45 p.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Alberta A. Chidester of Buhl, service at 2 p.m. today at the LDS 2nd Ward Chapel on Fair Street in Buhl; viewing will be held at 1 p.m. before the service at the church (Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl).

John J. 'Jack' Williams of Burley, graveside service at 2

p.m. today at Gem Memorial Gardens (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Stanley J. Nazian of Buhl; Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Church of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, 1720 Poplar St., Buhl; rosary at 7 p.m. today at the church.

Friends may call from 4-6 p.m. today at the church (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Justin James Bishop of Kuna, celebration of life at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Kuna LDS Church, 224 E. Avalon; viewing will be from 6-8 p.m. today at the church; graveside service at one hour before the service at the church, Graveside service at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Payson Cemetery in Payson; viewing will be from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday at Walker Mortuary.

Ruth B. Curtis of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Burley 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave.; burial will be at the Declo Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley.

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

Frederick Clyde Wood of Jerome, graveside memorial service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Jerome Cemetery with military rites (Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel, Jerome).

Albert E. Mayer of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the First Church of God, 131 E. F. St., Jerome (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

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.

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DEATH NOTICES

Maximiano 'Max' Pena Sr. RUPERT — Maximiano 'Max' Pena Sr., age 78, of Heiburn, passed away Sunday March 10, 2002 at Cassia Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Hilda McMurray Woodhouse BURLEY — Hilda Mackey, McMurray Woodhouse, a Midvale, Utah resident, formerly of Burley and Oakley, Idaho, died Friday, March 8, 2002, in Salt Lake City, Utah. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 13, 2002,

at the Burley West Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2420 Parke Avenue, with Bishop Steven C. Pearson officiating. Interment will follow at the Marion Cemetery in Oakley. Friends may call at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, on Tuesday, from 6 to 8 p.m., and at the church on Wednesday, from 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Angel Icazurigo BURLEY — Angel Icazurigo, age 73, of Burley, passed away Sunday March 10, 2002. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

OBITUARIES

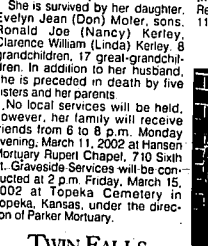
For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

BOISE




Britney Sengphet Phimmason
Britney Sengphet Phimmason, infant daughter of Phou and Chou Phimmason, passed away Saturday, March 9, 2002.
Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 12, 2002 at Cloverdale Funeral Home, 1200 N. Cloverdale Rd., Boise. Burial will follow at Cloverdale Memorial Park.
Britney was born January 17, 2002 in Boise. Although she was only with us for a brief time, we loved our precious daughter and sister and will always carry the memories of the joy and happiness she brought to our family. She had a very strong spirit and yet at the same time was very petite and beautiful. She was always loved in our hearts and will be greatly loved by all who knew her.
Britney leaves behind her parents Phou and Sheri and her big brother Austin, her grandmother, Sone Phimmason of Twin Falls, grandparents Max and Elaine Lopez of Twin Falls, many aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandfather Seng Phimmason.
Friends may call Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Cloverdale Funeral Home. The family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m.

BURLEY



Ruth B. Curtis
BURLEY — 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 Ellie Purnell Brower. She attended Heiburn school graduating from Heiburn High School in 1931. Ruth married Blaine D. Curtis on August 11, 1932, in Declo. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls 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 Ladies Auxiliaries of the Idaho Potato 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 Rulus, Oregon; two sisters, Mona (Lanard) McBride of Heiburn, and Veda (Don) Bingham of Magna, Utah; sixteen grandchildren; twenty-nine great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband on May 3, 1972; a daughter-in-law, Cora Curtis, of Heiburn; her brothers, Leondis Brower, Eldred Brower, Earl Brower, Ray Brower, and Bruce Brower; and two grandsons, Ronald A. Curtis and Kennion 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, 221 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. Additional obituary information can be found at Payne Mortuary's website located at <http://payne.plan4ever.com>.

TWIN FALLS



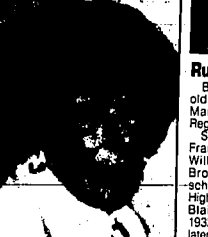
Kay Richter
Kay Richter, 83, of Twin Falls, Idaho died early Saturday morning March 9, 2002 at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls, Idaho.
Kay was born on December 22, 1918 in American Falls, Idaho to Matt and Elizabeth Zackel Kutm. Her father farmed near Falls City. As a small child she moved with her family to Jerome where she attended schools and graduated from Jerome High School in 1937.
Kay married Martin Richter in Winnemucca, Nevada on October 26, 1941 following his return from where Martin worked for Safeway Food Stores. They lived in Rupert, Caldwell and Weiser before returning to Twin Falls and later opening Mary's Market which Kay and Martin operated for 21 years.
Kay loved having her family around her, especially at Christmas, Thanksgiving and Christmas. She and Martin were members of the St. Edward's Parish. She is survived by her son Doug (Teri) Richter of Twin Falls; her daughter Diane (Sid) Fitzpatrick of Jerome; seven grandchildren, Marjie (Jeff) Lytle of Twin Falls, Douglas E. Richter of Twin Falls, Sara Webster of Twin Falls, and Kay Webster of Salt Lake City, Utah; and David, Travis, and Taylor Fitzpatrick of Jerome; one great grandson, Casey Lytle of Twin Falls; two brothers Dale Kutm of Sparks, Nev. and Bob (Leatha) Kutm of Twin Falls; three sisters Dorothy Reed of Sparks, Nev., Grace Ambrose of Jerome, and Irma (Asie) Reed of Reno, Nev.
She was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband Martin, and a brother Herman Kutm.
Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, 2002 at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call at Reynolds Funeral Chapel Tuesday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. The family suggests memorials to

RUPERT



Ruby Edna Ester Kerley
Ruby Edna Ester Kerley, age 88, of Heiburn passed away Saturday, March 9, 2002 at Minidoka Memorial Hospital Extended Care in Rupert.
She was born June 24, 1913, the daughter of Joseph B. and Martha H. Thompson at Topeka, Kansas. She was raised and educated at Topeka, Kansas and on May 27, 1935 she married Thomas Franklin Kesley at Omaha, Nebraska. Together they made their home in Topeka; Kansas until his death in 1959. Ruby moved to Heiburn, Idaho from Topeka, Kansas in August 2000, where she has resided since with her son, Blance.
Mama thanks to her very special friends; Ruth Honeycutt, Reverend Norman and Betty Dillon, special care from Respite; Lavine, Joan, and Seniors Assisted Living; Kathryn and In Home Care, Fern. She loved her dog Precious and her cat Patchies. She enjoyed her outings, driving through the countryside at Mini-Cassia area, she couldn't believe all the farm land and trees and she loved to see the livestock, especially the cows. Ruby attended the Apostolic House of Prayer in Rupert. Thanks

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Inventors advance in competition

By Shari Chaney Times-News writer

RUBERT — When her baby brother got sick, Nikki Nixon was inspired to create something to make it easier to give him medicine.

The fifth-grader at Paul Elementary School earned the best of category award in the working model category at the regional Invent Idaho competition last month in Idaho Falls. Her invention? The EZ Dose, a bottle which gives a baby medicine along with milk.

"My brother was sick," she explains simply. Nixon and nine other Mini-Cassia inventors are headed to state competition March 15 and 16 in Boise. Contestants had to place in the top three of their categories to earn a place at state, said Tammy Broadhead, event coordinator.

Other winners included: First place — Macy Broadhead and Mikayla Frost, "Birthday Bash" game

First place — Jonathan Dayley, ride-on vacuum

Second place — Daniel Dayley, wheelchair ramp

Third place — Jaymie Jensen, pet game

Third place — Rachel Wysong, weather game

Third place — Samuel Haxman and Jules Verne, tableless satellite television

Third place — Josh Draper and Chris Heinz, holiday baking chips

The regional competition includes entries from southeast Idaho, including schools near Idaho Falls, Pocatello and Blackfoot.

Nixon earned a place for her best-of-category entry, Tammy Broadhead said. Ribbons were awarded to first-, second- and third-place winners, and each student received a participation ribbon.

At the state competition, students will also receive ribbons. Best-of-category and best-of-show winners will receive plaques. The best-of-show winner also receives a \$100 savings bond and a patent search for the invention.

There aren't many competitors for elementary students, Tammy Broadhead said, and yet there are some really creative students out there.

Some of the students attending state competition have been there before. Nixon — and fellow inventors Mikayla Frost and Macy Broadhead — had projects that made it to the state level last year.

Nixon invented a glass-bottom cruise ship — and the Frost/Broadhead duo invented a game called, "Who Stole the Cookies?"

Frost and Macy Broadhead created another game this year, which they are taking to state. It's called "Birthday Bash" and the inspiration came from needing a different game to play at Frost's birthday party.

Judges look for originality, Tammy Broadhead said. "That's the biggest thing."

They also look for student initiative, asking if the student came up with the idea and did most of the work, as well as neatness and creativity in presentation, Tammy Broadhead said.

The judges are also interested in knowing how it will benefit or educate people. The state winner last year created a game which taught sign language.

Paul fourth-grader Brecka Fetzer summed it all up when she said, "It takes a lot of work." But she smiled and agreed she'd do it again.

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Town's economy depends on base

By Tim Woodward The Idaho Statesman

MOUNTAIN HOME — A few days after Sept. 11, a customer walked into Kelly Croghan's shop in downtown Mountain Home and offered a custom-tation of an eagle stitching Old Glory back together.

For the next four months, orders were as scarce as spare fighter jets in Mountain Home. A few blocks away, Moxie Java owner Diana Mallard came to work the Friday in September after the first deployment from Mountain Home Air Force Base and prepared for a happy hour that never came.

"Usually, all the tables are pulled together and filled with guys and their wives talking," she said. "This was the first time that no one was there."

Ron Swearingin, the city of Mountain Home's economic development director, puts an urban spin on the deployments. "We had 1,200 to 1,300 people come from the base," he said. "That's the equivalent of 15,000 people leaving Boise."

From September until squadrons returned in January, Mountain Home glimpsed what Croghan would be like without the base that is the biggest single contributor to its economy.

A third of the city's businesses are owned or operated by retired Air Force people. More than one in three business transactions has a base connection. During the deployments, sales at some businesses were off by half or more.

The ties are personal, as well. Virtually everyone in town has relatives or friends who serve or have served in the Air Force. With the troops deployed, this was the winter of Mountain Home's discontent.

"These aren't people who work out at the base and you never see," Swearingin said. "These are the people you golf and drink beer with and who have wives and kids and a terrible job to do. They're part of our community. You get real close to them, and when they leave, you feel bad. There weren't a lot of smiles around here while they were gone."

Smiles are returning with the troops. With airmen coming home, apprehensions about the war and the base's future have given way to pride. Mountain Home planes dropped more bombs than those from any place else — and cautious optimism over the coming role as a fighter base.

"I've seen at least half of the regulars in here since they got back," Mallard said over coffee at Moxie Java, where 10 of her 15 employees are from military families.

"One came in in his fatigues before he'd even been home yet. It brings tears to your eyes to know that they went halfway round the world, put their lives on the line and contributed more to the war effort than any other base."

Croghan, whose mementos include a photograph of a bomb dropped in Afghanistan with a scrawled "tattoo just for you" message from Croghan's shop to Osama bin Laden, is seeing unprecedented interest in patriotic body art.

"Business was off by three-fourths while they were gone," he said. "Now, it's starting to pick up. And I've never done so many American eagles and flags. They're nearly half of our business now. Normally, they're about 20 percent."

At Mountain Home's Best Western Foothills Inn, where half of the business is base-related, Manager Denise Barresi said, "A lot of people didn't actually put together until the war, what this base could do. There's a lot of pride in that now."

Concerns about the B-1B bombers and KC-135 tankers leaving are fading as the base prepares for its transition from a composite wing to a fighter base.

Civic leaders are guardedly optimistic that the number of personnel will remain about the same and that the base's standing may even be enhanced by Operation Enduring Freedom.

Jed Roeser, who chairs the chamber's military affairs committee, sees promise in the upcoming \$30 million reconstruction of the base's runway.

"They wouldn't be doing that if the base wasn't going to be playing a significant role," he said. "I don't have any reason to believe our base will suffer in terms of its mission."

Swearingin cites the base's expanded training range, higher number of days with good weather for flying and wide open spaces without urban encroachments as factors that will always keep the Air Force high on Mountain Home.

"There's no place better anywhere in this country," he said. "There are reasons we're one of only four bases on the short list for the F-22s. And there are a lot more fighters in the world than bombers, which solidifies our position."

"Anybody who thinks we aren't fired up about this is crazy."

Kimberly City Council, 7 p.m., community center.

Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., City Hall.

Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Wednesday

Castleford City Council, 7 p.m., J&D Printing Enterprises.

Declo City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Twin Falls Memorial Library Board, 4:30 p.m., 417 Seventh St., Rupert.

Glenns Ferry School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 820 Old U.S. Highway 30.

Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Murtaugh School Board, 7 p.m., high school library.

Paul City Council, 7:30 p.m., city office.

Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Twin Falls Public Library Board, 5 p.m., library board room.

Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Thursday

Belleuve City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Cassia County School Board, 7 p.m., central office, 237 19th St., Burley.

Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Hagerman Senior Center.

Jackpot Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Jackpot Recreation Center.

Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, noon, Price's Cafe, Burley.

Minidoka City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.

Murtaugh Highway District, 7 p.m., district office.

Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 200 W. Main.

Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 246 Third Ave. E.

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

'Beyond Ritalin' is Saturday

TWIN FALLS — A daylong seminar on attention deficit hyperactivity disorder will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Shilo Inn Suites, 1566 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Students at Schell, "Mega Answers to ADHD" provides detailed strategies for classroom, family, psychiatric, residential and counseling settings. John F. Taylor, Ph.D., will discuss academic, psychological, medical and nutritional approaches. Terri is a psychologist and author who has produced several resources in the ADHD area, including "Helping your ADD Child," "The ADHD Student at School," "Dietary and Nutritional Treatment of ADD" and the "Answers to ADD" video and audio tape series.

Though intended primarily for mental health, medical and educational professionals, the seminar is open to the public so that interested parents and grandparents can attend.

Cost is \$79. To register or for more information, call ADD Plus at 677-1233 or send e-mail to addplus@homelink.com. A detailed description of the seminar is available on the internet at www.ADD-Plus.com.

Valley in brief

Ketchum, S.V. chamber stages Big Air festival

SUN VALLEY — Has the Olympics whetted your appetite for Big Air? Keep it going with SOFEST 2002.

The Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber of Commerce is staging its 24th annual SOFEST March 24. Some of the top Big Air pros will display their aerial tricks, along with a handful of locals.

There will be a rowdy party and giveaways at the River Run Lodge afterwards. And Merl Saunders and his FunFry Friends will play the SOFEST Budweiser Concert at the nextStage Theater at 8:30 that night. There will be more giveaways from festival sponsors at the show.

Sun Valley is offering packages starting at \$259 four occupancy, that include four nights lodging, three lift tickets and local discounts. Package participants can purchase concert tickets for Merl Saunders for an additional \$15. For information, call (800) 634-3347.

— compiled from staff reports

Attempted murder suspect says he's 'not violent man'

PAVEITE (AP) — Michael John "CABYET" Braae is charged with attempted murder in Washington state and is being investigated in the deaths or disappearances of four Northwest women.

But in a jailhouse interview with the Argus Observer of Ontario, Ore., he says the authorities have the wrong guy.

"I am not a violent man," he said. "I love women. I don't break their hearts and abuse them, usually it is the other way around. People should remember that I am not now, nor have I ever been, charged with killing anyone." Asked if he had ever killed any-

one, Braae said he would rather not discuss that.

"And while he was born a cowboy, he has a horse stable near Tacoma, Wash., and likes cowboy attire, he said, "I was never, ever called Cowboy Mike. The media made that up."

He likes to talk, but clams up when asked about his past, which authorities have described as violent. On topics he likes, though, his responses are animated, punctuated with occasional obscenities and laughter.

Braae, 41, was apprehended last summer after a high-speed chase from Black Canyon Junction to Ontario, Ore. The pursuit ended at the Idaho border when Braae left his pickup and jumped into the Snake River.

"I hadn't had my summer swim yet," Braae said, "so I figured I better get it since I probably wouldn't have another chance for a long, long time."

A jury in January found Braae guilty of one count of aggravated assault on police and one count of eluding an officer. He said he plans to appeal his conviction on grounds he did not have adequate representation.

Braae has spent more than three months in solitary confinement in the Payette County Jail since his arrest. He's scheduled to be sentenced March 15.

After sentencing, he may face extradition to Washington state, where he is charged in Yakima with shooting Marchelle Morgan, 50, of Yelm.

She was seen with Braae before she was shot in the head and left for dead July 13.

Morgan survived, but suffered severe brain damage, which has required her to move into a nursing home.

Washington and California also have probation violations pending against him.

ON THE AGENDA

Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse.

Buhl City Council, 7 p.m., community center.

Camas County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.

Camas County School Board, 7 p.m., high school.

Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.

Eden City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.

Mountain Home City Council, 7 p.m., city office.

Hailey City Council, 6 p.m., Hailey Town Center.

Hansen City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall.

Hollister City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Jermore City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers.

Juneau County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.

Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall.

Lincoln County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse.

Lincoln County Regional Medical Center Board, 6 p.m., Sage Room, Education Center.

Malta City Council, 5 p.m., Raft River Electric Co-op conference room.

Mindokko County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.

Richfield City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 180 W. Lincoln.

Richfield School Board, 7:30 p.m., high school.

Shoshone School Board, 7:30 p.m., district office.

Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall.

Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Twin Falls County Parks and Watersways Advisory Board, 7:30 p.m., 450 Sixth Ave. W.

Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 201 Main Ave. W.

Valley School Board (Eden-Hazelton), 7 p.m., superintendent's office.

Wendell School Board, 7 p.m., high school library.

Blaine County School Board, 7:30 p.m., school in the district.

Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., district administration office.

Hagerman School Board, 7 p.m., elementary school.

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Kemphorne leads prayer at luncheon

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Gov. Dirk Kemphorne shared his belief in prayer with 300 people gathered for the annual Governor's Prayer Luncheon this weekend.

"It was on the word God that this nation was born," Kemphorne said Saturday.

During the gathering, Kemphorne spoke in support of a recently passed House Joint Memorial encouraging Congress to support a school prayer amendment to the Constitution that would protect voluntary school prayer.

"I do believe in prayer," Kemphorne said.

Kemphorne also praised David Barton, president of Wallbuilders, a Texas-based group that advocates religious themes in education and family. Barton spoke at the luncheon.

Kemphorne said Barton was helping to clarify the need for God in government, an idea that is not popular among all Americans.

"The man is simply spreading the truth," Kemphorne said. Opponents, who believe in a separation between church and state, call Barton a religious-right propagandist.

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Zoning

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locations," Aston said. The size and scope of agriculture ventures have changed dramatically. Aston has done a good job of studying what other counties are doing and then making it work for Minidoka County, Hansen said. Jermome and Twin Falls counties have struggled a bit with changes in agriculture.

Updating the livestock operation portion of the ordinance is one of the biggest changes, Aston said.

The county adopted an ordinance regarding livestock confinement in 1992, but did very little since then.

Another change is in who makes decisions within a city's area of impact. The county zoning ordinance deals with areas of impact, Aston said. City officials review plans for changes in their areas of impact, but county officials make the final decision based on the county ordinance.

There are three major components to planning and zoning in the county, Aston said. The biggest piece is the comprehensive plan, was redone and approved about a year ago. The

comprehensive plan is a general document that guides the laws that are created. Aston described it as, "This is the way we want our community to grow."

County officials should have been checking the comprehensive plan and the county ordinance regularly, but hadn't, Aston said.

Public comment was used from people who were willing to get involved.

"The people that were silent — I don't know what they want," Aston said. "You're never going

to write an ordinance that keeps everyone happy."

County officials plan to review both the comprehensive plan and the county ordinance annually, instead of waiting 24 years, Aston said, even if nothing new needs to be added. It will be easier to change small portions yearly than to work on revamping the entire document.

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Feud

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gate went up in 1990 to stop cars that were driving through the Molymene cattle ranch.

Then, in March 1993, the neighborhood John Brown Properties filed a lawsuit, challenging the right to erect the gate and block use of a public road.

Comically, the gate was up for only one day before being torn down by unknown people, said Halley attorney Terry Hogue, who represented the Molymene family.

affidavits presented by Brown Properties were sufficient to contradict the defendants' evidence that only gratuitous maintenance and aid to the local landowners has been provided by the county in the 1980s."

The court held that "passage of five years with no action by the county was all that was required to cause the road to cease to be a public highway."

But before the high court, Brown Properties had argued the case went from Judge Burdick's court to the state Court of Appeals — twice — then to the

Supreme Court.

The row had stretched out over so many years that Blaine County had to retain former county attorney Doug Werth to argue the case, since he was originally involved. Blaine County agreed with the Molymene family that the old gravel road was not a public thoroughfare.

"There are ways this could've been settled (sooner)," Hogue said. He said that with the ruling, Brown Properties would have to buy right-of-way from some other property owner if it wants access to its land.

Abuse

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Solutions

With all these stumbling blocks, the problem of domestic violence seems intractable, but advocates fighting violence say it is not a lost cause.

"I'm definitely pro arrest," Bristol said. Abusers are not going to get counseling on their own. The courts will force them to go to classes, he said. People in the community need to call the police when they think someone is being abused.

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When abusers are convicted the first time they are usually

sent to a counseling program. If their offense is more serious they end up in jail, Bollar said. The most effective treatment is getting the abuser into the court system and letting that person know domestic violence is illegal, Bollar said.

"People are now coming together and talking about it. By doing this they are shedding some light on the dark corners we like to keep covered up," Gulyas said.

The more domestic violence is revealed, the more likely it is to stop. Police and courts may have

a hard time with the cases, but their efforts do make a difference, Gulyas said.

If the police are not willing to do their best to stop domestic violence, the people need to respond.

"What is society going to do when officers refuse to take their jobs and still collect a paycheck?" Gulyas asked.

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HANDING OUT INVITATIONS

Blue Devils, to the **BIG DANCE**

Kansas top field of 65

Owls just happy to be involved

2002 NCAA Division I men's basketball championship

By David Teel
Knight Rider News Service

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Multiple top seeds for the ACC, California gold rush and a snub of the Zags mark the 65-team NCAA Tournament bracket revealed Sunday.

ACC Tournament champion Duke and regular-season title Maryland received No. 1 regional seeds, the Blue Devils in the South, the Terps in the East, Kansas in the Midwest and Cincinnati in the West to complete the No. 1s.

The top seeds

- South No. 1 Duke
- East No. 1 Maryland
- Midwest No. 1 Kansas
- West No. 1 Cincinnati

Oklahoma, which defeated Kansas in Sunday's Big 12 Tournament final and Maryland during the regular season, also contended for a top seed but is No. 2 in the West opposite Cincinnati.

"Cincinnati and Oklahoma were the teams we really struggled with," said committee chairman Lee Fowler, the athletic director at North Carolina State.

Deadline affected those struggles. Kansas and Oklahoma did not tip off until 3:30 p.m. Sunday, less than three hours before CBS' selection show.

But the most curious seed was Gonzaga's. The West Coast champion Zags do not hail from a power conference, but they advanced to the regional semifinals each of the past three years.

Despite that history, a 29-3 record this season and top-10 standing in the national polls, Gonzaga is the No. 6 seed in the West and faces a possible second-round game against Pac-10 Tournament champion Arizona.

When Gonzaga's seed was revealed, the crowd gathered on the Spokane, Wash., campus boomed.

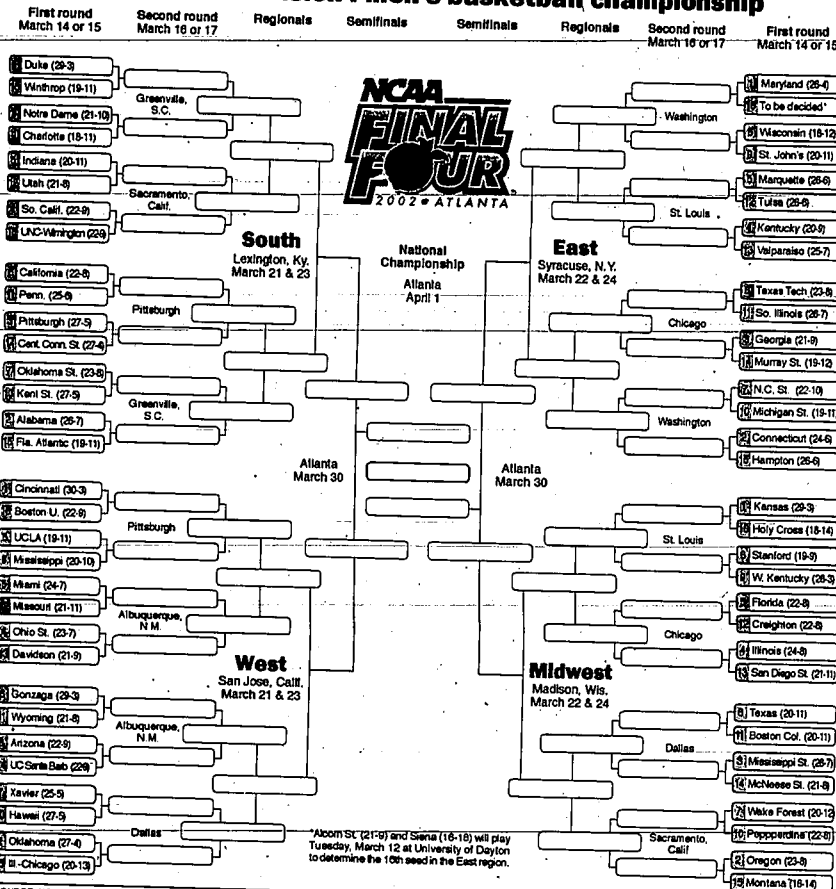
"We discussed them a lot," Fowler said of the Zags. "They're not an easy team to seed."

Fowler attributed the low seed to strength of schedule. Gonzaga, he said, won 12 games against teams ranked below 200 by the NCAA's Rating Percentage Index, a computer-generated poll of all 324 Division I teams.

Gonzaga and Pepperdine give the West Coast Conference multiple entries in the field. Ten other leagues earned more than one bid, led by the Big 12, Southeastern, Big East and Pac-10 with six each. Five Big Ten teams made the field, four from the ACC, three each from the Conference USA and the Mountain West and two each from the Missouri Valley and Western Athletic.

The field also includes seven teams from California, a record for state representation. The seven: Stanford, UCLA, Cal, Southern California, Pepperdine.

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Oklahoma takes Big 12

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - When Hollis Price struggled to score in the first two games of the Big 12 tournament, Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said he wasn't worried.

Turns out, Sampson had no reason to be. Price scored 23 points, including two clutch 3-pointers that turned back a second-half rally by No. 1 Kansas, and No. 4 Oklahoma won its second straight Big 12 tournament with a 64-55 victory Sunday.

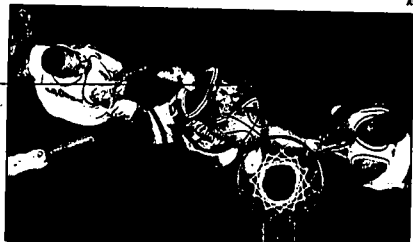
Price also led a swarming defensive effort and was named

College basketball

the tournament MVP. "I knew if something was going to happen for us, somebody was going to have to make it happen," Price said. "You can't run sets against a team like Kansas, and Kansas can't run sets against a team like us. Someone had to just step up and create."

Price averaged 10 points - almost seven below his season average - in tournament wins over Kansas State and Texas.

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Oklahoma's Aaron McGehee, center, goes up for a rebound as Drew Gooden, left, and Keith Langford of Kansas look on during the championship game of the men's Big 12 Conference Tournament Sunday. The Sooners won 64-55.

Stewart holds off Earnhardt for Atlanta win

Late pass gives driver first win on 500-mile course

The Associated Press

HAMPTON, Ga. - Tony Stewart dipped into his past Sunday, and the result was his first career 500-mile victory.

Stewart slid under Ward Burton for the lead with 24 laps to go and held off Dale Earnhardt Jr. to win the MBNA America 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway. It was Stewart's 13th career victory.

"It's a great, I think this is my first 500-mile win," Stewart said. "I wanted to get by (Burton) as fast as I could. I thought if we could get by him and get in clean air, we'd be all right."

The decisive pass came in Turn 1, when Stewart moved to the inside and slid in front of Burton. It was similar to the "slide-job" pass Stewart used throughout his sprint cars days, although most of those were on dirt.

"This was on pavement, and at 190 mph."

"I had four or five of those today," Stewart said of the technique. "You have to know where their weak spot is on the race track. The biggest thing was, even if I had to check up when I got in front of him, I just had to get in front."

One of NASCAR's most outspoken drivers, Stewart has complained all year about the aerodynamic disadvantages of his Pontiac. He didn't have any problems Sunday, leading the most laps for the second straight race to

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Tony Stewart waits in his Home Depot Pontiac before running in the MBNA America 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Ga., Sunday.

Wolverines even score

Late rally lifts UVSC over CSI

By Joe Sunnen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The weather finally gave way long enough to sneak in a doubleheader at Frontier Field, but after Sunday's performance the College of Southern Idaho baseball team probably wishes it hadn't.

The Eagles lost back-to-back Scenic West Athletic Conference games for the first time this season, falling to Utah Valley State College 4-2 in the first game and 5-4 in the nightcap.

The Wolverines mashed out eight hits, including three dou-

bles in Game 1, and rallied from a 4-0 deficit to score the game-winning run in the top of the seventh inning in Game 2.

The losses drop CSI (13-6, 9-3) two games behind conference-leading Salt Lake Community College and into a tie for second place with Dixie State College and the Community College of Southern Nevada. The Wolverines (9-11, 6-6) are five games back.

"We had a lot of runners on today and we just don't score," CSI coach Jim Walker said.

"We just don't have anybody in our lineup that can score them. It's really too bad. We just need to learn to compete a little bit."

In the first game, the Wolverines outted Ryan Davis

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SPORTS

Wanderbilt earns surprise No. 1

UConn the likely favorite in NCAA women's tourney

The Associated Press

Tennessee performed over the long haul, Vanderbilt at the end. Ultimately, the Commodores won out.

Vanderbilt edged out conference rival Tennessee for a No. 1 seed in the NCAA women's basketball tournament Sunday and joined Connecticut, Duke and Oklahoma at the top of the brackets.

Top-ranked Connecticut (33-0) is the overwhelming favorite in the tournament and was the No. 1 seed in the Midwest Regional. The Huskies will begin their quest for a third national championship-at-home-against St. Francis, champion of the Northeast Conference.

Duke was the No. 1 seed in the East, Vanderbilt in the Midwest and Oklahoma in the West.

Vanderbilt was the surprise of the top four. The Commodores (27-6) finished three games behind regular-season champion Tennessee (25-4) in the Southeastern Conference standings, but split two late games and I've heard that over and over again. Vanderbilt coach Jim Foster said: "It's reinforcing something that they're saying, the reality of 'We say it, we mean it.'"

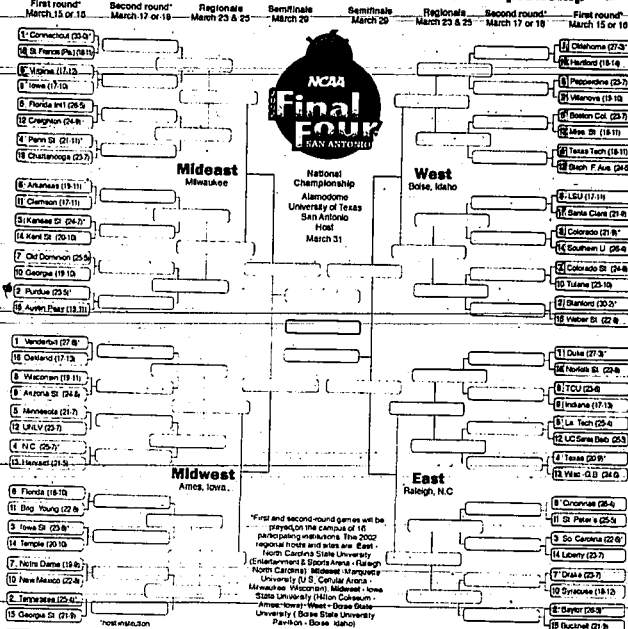
"I'm not surprised by it." Tennessee lost to LSU in the semifinals of the SEC tournament and also in a late-season loss to Texas. The Lady Vols were the No. 2 seed in the Midwest, and that puzzled coach Pat Summitt as much as not being a No. 1.

Why, she asked, would you put the two top teams from the SEC in the same regional?

"I thought we had earned (a No. 1) with the schedule we played and our RPI number one in the country and we only lost one conference game in the SEC which had eight teams tied in the tournament," Summitt said.

"So the conference tournament it appears, not only in our bracket but all brackets, really became

2002 NCAA division I women's basketball championship



SOURCE: NCAA

more of a factor than I had anticipated."

The three other No. 1 seeds all won their conference tournaments and regular-season titles.

It's only the second time in the last 15 years that Tennessee, a six-time national champion, has not been a No. 1 seed. The Lady Vols were seeded third in 1997 - and won the national championship.

"The committee came down to how teams did at the very end and we just really felt that Vanderbilt deserved that number one," said Marylyne Jeremiah, who chairs the committee.

As for putting Tennessee and Vanderbilt in the same region,

Jeremiah said it was done to remain true to the seeds. Vanderbilt ranked fourth among the No.-1 seeds, Tennessee was first among the No. 2-seeded teams.

"We would have compromised Tennessee's seed in order to move them," Jeremiah said. "If we would have moved them to another region, it theoretically would have made them play someone with a higher seed."

Connecticut was the top overall No. 1 seed, followed by Oklahoma, Duke and Vanderbilt. UConn was a No.-1 seed for the eighth time in nine years and got this one, a dominating season. The Huskies have won by an

average of 37 points and only one team, Virginia Tech, kept the margin in single digits.

Invincible? Not necessarily, Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma said.

"We played about seven or eight teams this year that I thought if we didn't play well, we had a chance to lose," Auriemma said. "If we go in thinking we're unbeatable, we're going to get beat, just like every body else who thinks like that."

Duke received a No. 1 seed for the second straight year, and Oklahoma for the first time. Vanderbilt had been a No. 1 seed twice previously, in 1993 and 1995.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

CSI Rodeo starts strong in Utah

VERNAL, Utah - The College of Southern Idaho men's rodeo team had a strong performance at the Utah State University, Uintah Basin rodeo over the weekend, finishing with 495 total points for a first-place finish.

Host Utah State was second with 335 points and Weber State was third with 255.

In the girls competition, CSI finished third with 150 points behind Ricks College (180) and Weber State (263).

CSI rodeo team had a solid performance in Goat Tying, finishing tied for third with a combined score of 15.9 seconds. Mimi Oleson finished fifth in Breakaway Roping in her first rodeo at CSI and Brandi Riddle of Buhl and Dear Price finished second and third Barrel Racing, respectively.

The rodeo teams will next compete at the CSI Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo on March 22-23.

Buser leads into Shaktoolik

SHAKTOOLIK, Alaska - Martin Buser pushed through wind gusts to 48 mph along the coast of Norton Sound on Sunday and was moving at a record pace in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

At Unalakleet, Buser was three hours ahead of the pace set by Montana musher Doug Swingley in 2000, when he finished the 110-mile race in just over nine days.

Buser, the Swiss-born musher from Big Lake, had 12 dogs in his team at Shaktoolik. Brook, who lives Healy, had nine dogs in his team.

John Baker of Kotzebue was running third. He left Unalakleet at 12:19 p.m., six hours behind the leader. Dee Dee Jonrowe of Willow was out less than an hour later, at 1:14 p.m., after resting just a little over four hours.

Baker has a dozen dogs in his team. Jonrowe has just eight left.

Kevin Brown strikes out six in first game

Kevin Brown pitched in a game for the first time this spring, striking out six in two innings as the Los Angeles Dodgers lost to the Houston Astros 5-2 on Sunday.

At Vero Beach, Fla., Brown allowed one hit - Julio Lugo's bloop single - and hit Richard Hidalgo with a pitch. It was Brown's first game since elbow surgery Sept. 27.

"I'm making steady progress," Brown said. "It's kind of hard not to be thrilled about it."

Last season, Brown went 10-4 and led the National League with a 2.53 ERA, but elbow problems limited him to 20 starts.

"I didn't see any signs of reservation or holding back," Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said.

And he allowed one hit - Jeremy Bonner's homer - as the St. Louis Cardinals beat a New York Mets split squad.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Eight birdies lifts Kuchar at Honda Classic

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) - Matt Kuchar could have done this years ago.

Kuchar, the 1997 U.S. Amateur champion who turned down millions in favor of graduating from Georgia Tech, earned his first PGA Tour victory Sunday.

In a 23-year-old Kuchar shot a 6-under 66 in the final round of the Honda Classic and beat Brad Faxon (67) and Joey Sindelar (70) by two strokes.

Kuchar finished at 19-under 269 and earned \$630,000 in his 17th event as a professional.

He had eight birdies and two bogeys in his final round. He made four consecutive birdies on the back nine to help him rally



Matt Kuchar

from a four-shot deficit to Sindelar, who made his first bogey in the tournament on the 71st hole.

Kuchar needed just 23 putts, including eight in the final eight holes, to get the victory.

Irwin wins Toshiba Seniors with record round

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. - Hale Irwin shot a final-round 65 and set a tournament record with a 54-hole score of 196 in winning the Toshiba Senior

Classic by five shots over Allen Doyle.

Irwin's 17-under total at the 6,584-yard, par-71 Newport Beach Country Club course was three strokes better than the previous record set by George Archer in 1995, the inaugural year of the tournament over the par-70 Mesa Verde CC course.

Irwin, who had rounds of 67 and 64 in the first two rounds, earned \$225,000.

Doyle, who won this tournament two years ago and finished second in 1999, birdied the final hole to complete a round of 67 for a 201 total.

He earned \$132,000. Deane Grockery (68) and Michael Zinni (67) finished in a

tie for third with scores of 202.

Dana Quigley (66) was next at 203.

Els completes comeback at Dubai Desert Classic

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates - Ernie Els shot a final-round 3 under 69 and won the Dubai Desert Classic by four shots for his second tournament title in two weeks.

Els finished at 16-under on the Emirates Golf Club course and beat Sweden's Niclas Fasth, who had a 2-under 70.

Els, who won in Dubai in 1994, won the Genuity Classic in Miami last week.

The win was the second for Els in as many weeks.

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for a pair of runs on four hits early, then tagged Rich Conway for two more in the fifth inning.

Freshman Troy Badger finished the game 2-for-4 with an RBI and Apana Nakayama, who entered the series hitting .417, drove in another.

The Eagles appeared to be on their way to at least taking the series when they scored four runs in the top of the first in Game 2, but things slowly started falling apart.

Starter Maurice Powell gave way to Brad Burrow in the fifth and the side-armed gave up three hits and a run working on one out in the sixth.

Complete game Saturday, Nakayama hit a double to tie the game in right-center field to bring in two, making the score 4-3, before Burrow could get out of the inning.

"Maurice did a good job," Walker said. "It was good to see him on the mound, but he just got tired and that's probably our fault. I thought if we could get him through the fifth we'd be all right."

Eli Sleek evened the score at 4-4 in the top of the sixth with a single to right field. Nate Burnstead replaced Burrow with two down in the sixth, and looked

effective until a pass ball scored Badger from third with two outs in the seventh for the go-ahead run.

"We just battled through these games," UVSC coach Steve Gardner said. "Any time you split on the road it's good. We knew we just had to come out and play well in the first one and then see what happened."

CSI loaded the bases in the sixth with just one out, but sophomore Christian Colonei grounded into a double play to end the inning. He finished the game 3-for-4.

"I know that our pitching isn't good enough to let runs go by," Walker said. "Anybody that thinks four runs is enough to win is nuts. I'd like to think maybe they're trying too hard, but I don't know what goes through their minds."

The Eagles host SI-CC for four game beginning Friday.

CSI Stats: Game 1: UVSC 6, CSI 4 (4-11, 4-11, 1-10, 1-10, 1-10, 1-10). Game 2: UVSC 4, CSI 4 (4-11, 4-11, 4-11, 4-11, 4-11, 4-11). Game 3: UVSC 3, CSI 4 (4-11, 4-11, 4-11, 4-11, 4-11, 4-11).

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Cal-Santa Barbara and San Diego State.

Hampton is Virginia's only representative. The Pirates, seeded 15th in East, face Big East Tournament champion Connecticut on Friday in Washington, D.C.

The bracket's final pieces didn't become clear until late Sunday afternoon, when Ohio

State defeated upstart Iowa in the Big Ten Tournament final.

With Ohio State and four other conference teams locked into the field, an Iowa victory would have given the Big Ten six representatives and knocked out an at-large team.

The lowest seeded at-large teams are Utah, Missouri and Tulsa, all No. 12s.

After last season, when only a

third of the field (22 teams) played first-round games in their time zones, the committee made a concerted effort to keep teams closer to home.

With new bracketing guidelines, 39 teams play first-round games in their time zone, according to Fowler.

Among those with convenient venues: Maryland in Washington, D.C., Pittsburgh and Penn in Pittsburgh, Southern California

and Pepperdine in Sacramento, Illinois and Southern Illinois in Chicago, Duke, Charlotte and Winthrop in Greenville, S.C.

Among the teams the committee bypassed: Butler (25-5), Memphis (22-9) and Utah State (23-7). Butler, with a Horizon League regular-season title and a non-conference victory against Indiana on its resume, is the most notable exclusion.

Oklahoma

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Despite the Big 12 title, Oklahoma did not get a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

The Sooners are the No. 2 seed in the West Regional and will play Illinois-Chicago in Dallas on Friday.

The Jayhawks, who went 16-0 in the Big 12 regular season, are seeded No. 1 in the Midwest Regional. They meet Holy Cross on Thursday in St. Louis.

Drew Gooden had 22 points and 15 rebounds but also committed six turnovers for Kansas, which had its string of 18 straight wins over conference opponents broken by the Sooners (27-4).

Atlantic Coast Conference No. 3 Duke 91, North Carolina State 61

Duke (29-3) became the first program in the 49 years of the ACC tournament to win four straight championships as MVP Carlos Boozer scored 26 points, Jason Williams added 24 and Mike Dunleavy had 18.

Boozer was 11-for-12 from the field and finished 20-of-24 in three tournament games. He was 33-for-39 in three games this season against N.C. State.

Boozer missed the first shot of the game, then made 11 straight to dominate the Wolfpack (22-10), who were led by Anthony Grundy's 13 points.

Southeastern Conference Mississippi State 61, No. 8 Alabama 58

Tournament MVP Mario Austin had 15 points and three rebounds as Mississippi State (26-7) won its second Southeastern Conference tournament title, defeating regular-season champion Alabama.

Timmy Bowers and Derrick Zimmerman hit back-to-back 3-pointers late in the game, and Michael Gholar sank two free throws with five seconds remaining.

Erwin Dudley led the Crimson Tide (26-7) with 18 points but went out with just over a minute remaining, dazed

after going down hard on a drive to the basket.

Big Ten Conference No. 21 Ohio State 81, Iowa 64

Tournament MVP Boban Savovic scored 27 points, and Brent Darby added 14 as Ohio State (23-7) captured its first Big Ten tournament title.

After winning three games in as many days - two on its final possession - and a record seven straight games in the Big Ten tournament, Iowa (19-15) was too weary to stay with the Buckeyes.

The Hawkeyes were led by Luke Recker, who finished with 21 points.

NASCAR

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and Bobby Labonte edged the late Dale Earnhardt by .01 two years ago.

Earnhardt took second from Burton with 22 laps left and immediately began closing on Stewart by using a different line. With Stewart running on the bottom of the track, Earnhardt moved up a lane and got within two car lengths.

But Stewart adjusted his line and began pulling away.

"I moved up the race track and it seemed to help my car, and I thought, I might catch him," Earnhardt said. "But he moved up to the same line the next lap. He's a smart race car driver."

Rockie Jimmie Johnson continued his surprising start, finishing third. Matt Kenseth, forced to start at the rear of the field because he changed engines after qualifying, placed fourth. Ricky Craven was fifth.

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SPORTS

Kings trump Milwaukee, 98-73 Sabres spoil Hasek's return

MILWAUKEE (AP) - Peja Stojakovic scored 21 points and Chris Webber had 20 points and 15 rebounds, leading the Sacramento Kings to a 98-73 rout of the Milwaukee Bucks on Sunday.

Rockets 95, Jazz 92 HOUSTON - Steve Francis hit a 3-pointer with one-tenth of a second left and finished with 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Lakers 117, Knicks 103 LOS ANGELES - Shaquille O'Neal scored 40 points on 15-of-21 shooting and had 13 rebounds, Kobe Bryant added 18 points and Dequan George tied a career-high with 17, including a pair of 3-pointers as the Lakers took charge with a 14-4 burst late in the third quarter.

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) - Dominik Hasek's homecoming proved short and miserable as he was pulled 40 minutes into a 5-1 loss to the Buffalo Sabres on Sunday.

NHL the third period as Washington beat Edmonton.

Gaborik leads the way with 25 goals and has scored seven goals in four games for the streaking Wild, who are on their first winning streak since 1997, when they also won three in a row.

Clippers 95, Cavaliers 79 CLEVELAND - Elton Brand had 17 points and 14 rebounds as the Clippers surpassed last season's win total. Eric Piatkowski scored 17 points for the steadily improving Clippers.

Celtics 98, Wizards 91 BOSTON - Antoine Walker scored 21 points and Paul Pierce added 18 as Celtics won their fourth straight.

Hornets 88, Suns 82 PHOENIX - Reserve Jamal Magloire and Jamal Mashburn keyed a decisive 20-3 second-period Charlotte run. Charlotte built a 22-point lead in the third period, then survived a furious Phoenix rally, ending a three-game losing streak.

Islanders 6, Thrashers 1 UNIONDALE, N.Y. - Roman Hamrik and Michael Pezza each scored two goals, leading the New York Islanders to a victory over Atlanta that snapped a three-game losing streak.

Lightning 5, Predators 1 TAMPA, Fla. - Brad Richards, Sheldon Keefe and Dan Boyle had a goal and two assists each as Tampa Bay beat Nashville.

Devils 3, Stars 0 DALLAS - Martin Brodeur stopped 22 shots for his 54th career shutout as New Jersey ended a three-game losing streak with a victory over Dallas.

Magic 92, Raptors 79 ORLANDO, Fla. - Tracy McGrady had 22 points, and Orlando held Toronto to 14 fourth-quarter points, sending the Raptors to their 14th loss in 15 games.

Pacers 89, Pistons 84 AUBURN HILLS, Mich. - Jermaine O'Neal had 23 points and 14 rebounds to lead the Pacers. Ron Artest scored 16 points and Jamal Tinsley added 15 for the Pacers.

Washington Capitals 4, Oilers 2 WASHINGTON - Peter Bondra had his first three-goal game of the season, and Dmitri Khristich scored the game-winner 4:16 into

the third period as Washington beat Edmonton.

Wild 5, Blue Jackets 0 ST. PAUL, Minn. - Marian Gaborik scored three goals to lead Minnesota to its third straight victory with a win over Columbus.

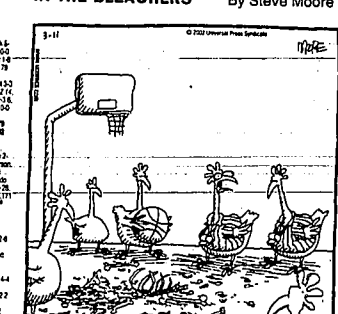
Maple Leafs 3, Flyers 1 PHILADELPHIA - Darcy Tucker scored two goals and Corey Schwab had to make only 16 saves as Toronto defeated Philadelphia.

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball Standings Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct., GB, and Home/Away records.

NBA Scores Table listing games between various teams with final scores and key player statistics.

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



"OK, beyond the obvious fact that it's a fragrant rat, you've got to admit it's a little unnerving."

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OTHER VIEWS

Taxpayers aren't turning their pockets inside out

Lewiston Morning Tribune

To hear Idaho legislators tell it, you would think taxpayers had been tapped out this year, instead of getting a tax cut. At least, that's the latest rationale for the state's weak support of public schools.

"None of us like this, but somebody has to be here for the taxpayer. He's turned his pockets inside out," Appropriations Chairman Maxine Bell of Jerome told House members Friday as they approved a public school appropriation of \$852.2 million. (Last year's appropriation was \$868.5 million.)

Which taxpayer is Bell talking about? It's surely not the one whose income tax rate fell this year under the \$100 million in permanent tax cuts Bell and her colleagues approved last year. Taxes in the category within which most income earners fall dropped from 8.2 percent to 7.8 percent.

Nor is it the corporate taxpayer, which is also benefiting from a corresponding income tax break. Nor is it the farmer, whose equipment was exempted from the personal prop-

erty tax this year. Nor is it the miner, whose license tax was cut in half this year. Nor is it the employer of new workers, who gets a new tax credit for each of those workers.

These taxpayers, and others, are hardly turning their pockets inside out this year. If they were, they would have to find someplace else to stuff their new money.

If you seek those who are turning their pockets inside out, however, you needn't look far. There are the college and university students who will be paying much higher tuition, about 12 percent higher, thanks to legislative cuts in the higher education budget. Then there are the working poor, whose children will go without state-subsidized medical and dental care because legislators have limited those programs. And don't forget the true victims of recession, the unemployed who need a leg up, not a tax cut.

Compared to all these, the Idaho taxpayer is fortunate indeed. The only people luckier are those legislators who will get away with the myths Bell and others peddle, because they will be re-elected to office without any ballot opposition.

This editorial, reprinted from The Lewiston Morning Tribune, says legislators' claims that taxpayers need a break are a myth considering the tax breaks passed in the past few years.



Can U.S. rely on Iraqi uprising?

TRUDY RUBIN

It feels strange to be sitting across from an Iraqi general in the bar of a Virginia hotel, eating pistachio nuts and listening to him talk about how Saddam Hussein could be ousted.

"Compared with Afghanistan, it would be much easier," says Gen. Najib al-Salhi, a commander of the (desert) terrain and because Iraq is ripe." Salhi, who fled Iraq in 1995, is founder of the Movement of Free Officers, which maintains secret contacts with dissident officers inside Iraq. He thinks it's time for the United States to help Iraqis dump the Butcher of Baghdad.

"Even the armed forces close to Saddam Hussein are ready for something," he insists. "They are waiting for the last chapter. They will move when they see something very solid." He means clear signs that the United States is ready to help rebellious Iraqi military units roll back Saddam. Is Salhi on target? Are substantial parts of the Iraqi military ready to rebel? Could they become the equivalent of the Afghan Northern Alliance whom our bombers helped to liberate Kabul?

This is the key question as the Bush administration debates how to bring about "regime change" in Baghdad. The only visible armed opposition to Saddam is the Kurds of Northern Iraq, a region protected by a U.S.-imposed "no fly zone." Kurdish leaders are divided about taking on Saddam's army at our urging; they've acted before and been betrayed by the U.S.

So U.S. officials are also looking to Iraqi officers-in-exile who claim they still have military contacts back home. Salhi is one

of a handful of former Iraqi generals who have met with U.S. officials. The subject of Iraqi military defectors is so hot that there is talk in Washington about organizing competing conferences of Iraqi officers: one sponsored by the Iraqi National Congress, an opposition group favored by civilian officials at the Pentagon; and a second, sponsored by the State Department, that would include both military and political opposition figures.

Salhi interested me because he commanded a mechanized brigade that faced out the INC's rebel offensive in northern Iraq. He says his soldiers were ready to defect to the INC. They never got the chance, because the offensive collapsed when the Clinton administration failed to support it. In 1996, Saddam's forces wiped out the INC's operation in northern Iraq as the Clinton administration once again stood by.

Had the 1995 uprising continued and been coordinated with a southern uprising, Saddam's military would have collapsed, Salhi argues. He says, "I have seen people inside the army who are more in opposition than people outside Iraq." After watching the INC failure, Salhi decided to defect. What would instigate another army uprising now?

"If the United States is really serious and credible, Saddam will find few to stand by him," even less military units, Salhi claims. But if U.S. officials support resumption of United Nations inspections

to ferret out Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, Salhi will conclude that the Bush administration is "not serious." Saddam, as Iraqis know, will trick the inspectors and use their presence to forestall U.S. military action.

What, according to Salhi, would signal serious U.S. intent?

• Support "all opposition groups that say they will work against Saddam, even Shiites based in Iraq." "Wherever the process starts, it should be supported."

• Attack the symbols of Saddam's despotism, "so the people know that the attack is focused on the regime." Bomb his palaces, and the huge, grotesque statues he has had built around Baghdad.

• Base a significant number of troops in Kuwait or Turkey "to show the United States will come in case something goes wrong. The psychology should be like in 1991." Salhi doesn't think the United States would actually have to use more than bombers and special forces.

• Prepare the political strategy now, in tandem with military plans, for what kind of civilian regime will govern Iraq after Saddam is gone. "There will be chaos," says Salhi, "if Saddam is succeeded by an unpopular military government."

It all makes sense. But Salhi's case depends on the big unknown: Will Iraqi military units really rise if the administration follows his formula? The general says "Yes," but there is no way to be sure.

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LETTERS

Planned Parenthood misleads us

Once again, Planned Parenthood unabashedly claims it is "pro-life, pro-child and pro-family" (statement by Rebecca Poedy of Planned Parenthood of Idaho). However, the inner meaning of Planned Parenthood's mission and policy statements indicate they are not remotely interested in the welfare of women, children, and families.

Despite possessing enthusiastic support of influential organizations and extensive connections inside the government, the public knows nothing about Planned Parenthood. This silence has a reason. Founded in the early 1900s by the racial eugenicist Margaret Sanger, Planned Parenthood (formerly the Birth-Control Federation of America) demonstrated public harshness through the cruel ideology of its founder. In her book, "The Fivof of Civilization," Sanger blasts as "invidiously injurious" programs providing "medical and nursing facilities to slum mothers." According to her, such programs "facilitate the function of maternity" when "the absolute necessity is to discourage it." Sanger earnestly conspired to convey the impression that birth-control clinics were for the poor rather than directed at them.

To remedy its concern over political impact of high minority births, Planned Parenthood targeted inner cities with birth-control clinics, going so far as to commend the Nazi birth-control program, noting "the need for quality as well as quantity" (The Birth Control Review). As society began to grasp the horrific reality of Planned Parenthood's philosophies and intentions, Planned Parenthood sought a new image and language to replace the tainted one. Old arguments based on heredity and racial stock disappeared, tarnished by their association with Nazism. New rhetoric focused on the environment, and birth-control clinics became family planning centers. Planned Parenthood also realized government funding and influential contacts inside medical, political and social welfare systems were needed to ensure its programs on the scale desired.

All these changes served as a means to disillusion society so as to advance the eugenics philosophies and racial senti-

ments expressed by Sanger. Today, the dowpity of its agenda is rampant everywhere. Now, as Planned Parenthood announces plans to open a clinic in Twin Falls, it is disgusting how many fall prey to the misleading language and intentions of this multimillion-dollar federation. As members of this community, it is our duty as parents, educators, students and clergy to stand up and defend ourselves and our children from this dark organization that poisons death and destruction.

Laura Mulberry
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(Editor's note: Laura Mulberry is the director of Rock for Life/Magic Valley, the local chapter of Rock for Life. Rock for Life is the youth division of the American Life League, the largest nonprofit, pro-life organization in the United States.)

Wolves are inherently savage

Wolves will be wolves. Supporters of reintroduction of the wolves and the wolf glorifiers with wolf pictures on T-shirts or hanging on their walls may be unaware of the animals' inherent savagery. The wolves' instinctive killing is neither quick nor clean. They can inflict a terrible death as in the following true account:

"Two wolves held the doe by the nose, held her head down in the ice, and the other wolves took turns tearing at her rear end, pulling and jerking and tearing until they were inside of her, pulling out parts of her and all this time she was still on her feet, still alive." (Woodson, by Gary Paulson)

When you bring the wolf back, you are also reintroducing these horrible killing acts.

Tim Eilers
Paul

Teens should watch for cars

Thank you to Mr. Nutting for putting into words the thoughts of many. The biggest pedestrian-automobile problem is in front of the high school - not at any elementary school.

The kids need to watch both ways and watch for cars like all kids learn at age 61
Patty Morrow
Twin Falls

Congress needs to fix Medicare system

JAMES L. MARTIN

As President Bush noted in his State of the Union address, the economic stimulus plan is not the only unfinished business facing Washington. Congress also needs to find a way to provide Medicare recipients with prescription drug coverage.

But the president was right to insist that Congress not tackle the problem in isolation, but as part of a broader effort to strengthen Medicare. We need to give seniors a sound and modern Medicare system that includes coverage for prescription drugs," he said.

Prescription drug coverage is a must because prescription drugs are an integral part of modern medicine. Most seniors, to borrow from an old television commercial, can't leave home without them. Drugs to combat high blood pressure, chronic pain and an endless list of other conditions. But medicines can be expensive. A friend of mine was standing in line the other day at a pharmacy. Ahead of him was a young man who was picking up prescriptions for his children. The tag came to \$70. While this was probably an unusual expense for the young father, many seniors take prescription drugs as a matter of routine, day in and day out. If Medicare is to truly insure them, they can have out-of-pocket drug costs of hundreds of dollars per month.

Clearly, something needs to be done. One pharmaceutical giant, the Pfizer corporation, recently stepped up to the

plate with a partial but impressive solution - announcing that it would provide low-income seniors and disabled individuals with a one-month supply of any Pfizer drug for \$15. The Pfizer "Share Card" plan will be available for individuals with 1-800-717-6005) to any Medicare beneficiary without prescription drug coverage who has a pre-tax income of \$18,000 a year or less and to couples with a combined income of \$24,000 a year or less.

Some 7 million Medicare beneficiaries will be eligible for the assistance, which will cover such commonly prescribed drugs as Aricept, Glucotrol, and Lipitor. Seniors will be able to use their Share Cards at hundreds of pharmacies across the country, including CVS and Wal-Mart. As generous as this is, it is still only a partial, stop-gap solution. According to the General Accounting Office, the federal government auditing agency, Medicare recipients, on average, spend \$69.54 per drug per month. And most, but not all, are taking multiple medications.

President Bush didn't use time in his State of the Union address to explain why prescription drug coverage wasn't included in Medicare from the beginning. The simple answer is this: Few people realized at the time that America's pharmaceutical companies would make the kind of dramatic advances they've made. Few people

realized that this new cornucopia of miracle medicines would change the practice of medicine as it has. And few people realized how costly it would be to develop these medicines.

But the president was right: As important as prescription drug coverage is to senior citizens, it is not Medicare's only problem. It is just one of many.

For simply Medicare and its paperwork is a nightmare for doctors and hospitals, as well as seniors. All of the horror stories you have heard about HMOs are even more pronounced in the Medicare program: rules and regulations telling doctors what treatments are considered acceptable, rules and regulations limiting the frequency of doctor visits, limits on the amount Medicare will pay for certain services, paperwork coming out of the kazoo.

You'd think some doctors would just wash their hands of the whole mess and stop seeing Medicare patients. And that's exactly what's happened. What senior citizens need is what everyone else in America needs: the right and ability to choose both their physicians and their medical insurance plans.

Yes, we need prescription drug coverage. But it won't fix Medicare. Fixing the larger problem will take courage and wisdom, virtues that are in short supply when seniors issues are concerned.

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Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley

Politicians drift away from people

KATHLEEN PARKER

War — or is it the politics of war? — has confirmed the vast disconnect between Washington and The People out yonder.

Americans by a startling majority — 81 percent according to the most recent CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll — support President Bush's war on terrorism and, implicitly, his commitment to indefinitely pursue terrorists and the countries that support/tolerate them. Also implicit in this record-setting, sustained approval rating is Americans' support for whatever steps the commander in chief deems necessary to ensure national security, even occasionally protecting a military man of action.

Yet in Washington, with all the outraged talk of a "shadow" government, which turns out not to have been such a mystery after all and charges of "false cloak(s) of patriotism," and increasing insinuations that we're war-mongering rather than self-defending, you'd think that we, like Solzhenitsyn, were trapped in the Gulag with only one roll of toilet paper left and 20 chapters to go. Disconnect.

Without precedence, one can reasonably predict that our next national election season will be even more crystallizing. Americans are natural scorekeepers — blame Little League — and they're out of patience with those who play politics when lives are at stake. "American love it or leave it" — a slogan that 30 years ago would have sent baby boomers lurching for Dramamine or the Canadian border — has become a mandate of the highest moral order.

Thus, recent skirmishes in the nation's capital — sophisticated word games that have raised "spin" to a new level — give Americans yet a new reason to reach for the anti-nausea tonic. As politicians debate whether Congress and the president are co-equals in government and compete for "most patriotic" in the superlative sweepstakes, we are reminded once again that politics knows no shame.

The spin game began in earnest when Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle complained that Bush wasn't sharing enough explicit war information with Congress and questioned the war's direction. Democrat spin: Good. Undermine president's authority and ethics without seeming unpatriotic, lay groundwork for next election season. Republican spin: Bad. Democrats are behaving unpatriotically.

Let's call that Act I. Subliminally, Americans are provided the message that while

everyone supports the troops (but not necessarily the president), Democrats are the open-door sunshine guys with more Purple Hearts per capita and Republicans are obfuscators, untrustworthy National Guard elitists operating a shadow government.

Act II, Enter Stage Right: Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott and House Republican Whip Tom DeLay of Texas jump on Daschle for his comments, which they characterize as divisive and unpatriotic.

Enter Stage Left: Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., decorated Vietnam vet, defers Congress' right to question war policy and accuses DeLay and Lott of "shielding" policies from scrutiny behind a false cloak of patriotism.

Kerry, by the way, did not directly criticize Bush's war policies, as I wrote in an earlier column. Rather he took the high road. Involving lessons he learned in Vietnam "fighting in a war they (Lott and DeLay) did not have to endure," he admonished Lott and DeLay for "missing the real value of what our troops defend."

It's hard to argue with Kerry's artful — and perhaps presidential? — defense of what makes democracy tick.

But one could argue that defending Daschle against critics — who, incidentally, hide behind false cloaks of patriotism and who defend a shadowy (ahem, non-combat) president — is just a more discreet way of endorsing criticism of Bush's policies. Give that speechwriter a raise.

Act III: Americans struggling to get back to normal are busy but not dumb. They understand that full disclosure of war operations to Congress is tantamount to sending a press release to CNN.

They understand that Congress has a right and a duty to ask questions, but that war imposes different rules of dialogue and debate.

Sometimes that means certain questions might be better posed in private rather than splashed across the international news wires. Presumably, the Senate majority leader can get an appointment with the president. Politicians can tell Americans that a duck is really a rooster, but at least 81 percent of Americans hear the quacking loud and clear.

Kathleen Parker, an Orlando Sentinel columnist, welcomes comments via email at kparker@kpark.com, although she cannot respond to all mail individually.



Bush caters to states he needs in '04

If you need a favor from this administration, you'd better be from a big state that figures importantly in the president's calculus for re-election.



DAVID S. BRODER

That, at least, is the lesson that many politicians and political observers are taking from a pair of controversial decisions President Bush has announced in the past few weeks.

When it came to approving a nuclear waste dump for the nation at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, Bush was willing to forget the promises he and Vice President Cheney had made in the last campaign. Nevadans thought they had a commitment that the Republicans would not ranch the radioactive junk to the ranch country outside Las Vegas unless all the scientific and safety issues had been resolved. But late last month, Bush signed off on an Energy Department recommendation that Yucca Mountain be the repository.

Nevada had four electoral votes in 2000, and went very narrowly to Bush — in part because of the now-forgotten promise. Politicians in both parties say that if the decision sticks, he will have a harder time in 2004. But even with its rapid population growth, Nevada will have only five electoral votes next time around.

Big states do better. The question confronting the White House last week was whether to slap a tariff on imported steel, and Bush managed to rise above principle to please industry and workers in two much more important states, Ohio and Pennsylvania. His deviation from his avowed free-trade beliefs was described in a Wall Street Journal news story — not an editorial — as "the most dramatically protectionist step of

any president in decades." Bill Clinton, supposedly a more calculating politician, had twice refused union pressure to grant the same kind of tariff relief. Bush's decision was greeted with cheers in West Virginia, a normally Democratic state with five electoral votes that he carried last time. But it was not West Virginia's Democratic governor or its two Democratic senators who swayed the president. The real lobbying heat came from Ohio and Pennsylvania, both with Republican governors and solidly Republican Senate delegations.

Last time, Bush carried Ohio with its 21 electoral votes but lost Pennsylvania and its 23. In a close presidential race, a candidate who carries both is almost assured of victory; lose both, and you are likely to be toast.

So when the economic side of the White House argued that tariffs on imported steel as high as 30 percent would invite almost certain retaliation from European and Asian governments and impede the broader international barrier-lowering initiative which Bush has espoused, their views were trumped by political advisers

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who count electoral votes. Predictably, our major trading partners are up in arms about the decision. The March 7 Financial Times headline read: "World united to condemn U.S. decision to impose 30 percent tariffs." Even the ever-lovely British prime minister, Tony Blair, called his Washington buddy's action "unacceptable, unjustified and wrong."

There were political costs at home, too. Auto and appliance manufacturers who will have to pay more for the steel they use as a result of the Bush decision are important in states such as Illinois and Michigan. Iowa's Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley worried

that farm exports vital to his state might be the targets of retaliatory action. But Illinois and Michigan and Iowa have been in the Democratic presidential column three elections in a row, their leverage at the White House is less.

There was another option that the White House rejected. One reason the old U.S. steel mills are struggling against their foreign competitors is that many such companies are burdened with pension and health care costs of retirees who worked for them when employment in the industry was much higher than it is today.

The companies would have liked help from Uncle Sam in meeting those "legacy" costs, but with the federal budget again in deficit, Washington cannot afford any such obligations. So tariff relief was the consolation prize.

The nicest touch in the Bush policy is its timing. Tariffs on most steel imports will begin at 30 percent, then decline to 24 percent and 18 percent in the second and third years. They phase out entirely three years from now.

Let's see. Three years from now will be 2005, the year after the next election. If Bush wins, no one should be surprised if the steel industry finds itself jilted by the White House at that point. Just ask Nevada.

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-LETTERS-

Vote politicians out of office

Now that our representatives have stopped representing and started lecturing, what are we to do?

There is a big difference between voting for someone who is smart and voting for someone that thinks you are stupid. Primaries, anyone? DAN HENRIE Burley

Dan Massie, we'll miss you

I am writing to express my feelings on the loss of a great man and friend.

I have known Dan Massie for about 10 years and have been real close to him and his family. I want to say to his son and all of his friends and family how deeply sorry I am. He will be missed tremendously by all. Dan taught me the business we are in and helped me get where I am today. After moving away three years ago, I feel horrible that I only got to see Dan one to two times a year. I now wish I would have kept in better touch with him.

It is sad that he had to leave us so early, but I know he is in a better place. God bless. BILL LIVELY Newberg, Ore.

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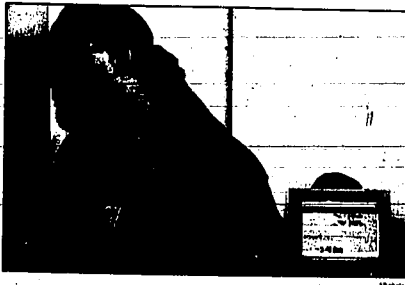
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John Cartier stands next to a computer in New York last month which displays a web page about his brother, James Cartier, who was killed in the Sept. 11 World Trade Center attacks. Cartier is a member of the group, Give Your Voice, for families of non-uniformed victims, which works on issues such as recovery of remains and gaining access to ground zero.

Sept. 11 families turn to advocacy

NEW YORK (AP) — Kristen Breitwieser didn't even know her congressman's name before Sept. 11. Now she knows her way around Capitol Hill. Breitwieser, whose husband, Ronald, was killed in the World Trade Center attack, is among a few victims' relatives who have poured their passion and grief into advocacy. She has become an expert in the federal victims compensation fund, lobbying on behalf of families. Others have pushed for accountability from charities, the dignified handling of human remains, and improvements in building safety codes. They have succeeded on many fronts — persuading charities to speed payments, the city to give families a bigger voice in cleanup and development of the trade center site, and the federal government to offer greater compensation. But they have also been criticized by some as overzealous and even greedy. Tragedy has often led ordinary people to extraordinary action. After his son Adam was kidnapped and killed in 1981, John Walsh became an advocate for missing children. In New York, Carolyn McCarthy was elected to Congress on a platform that included stricter gun-control laws after her husband was killed and her son wounded by a gunman on a Long Island commuter train in 1992. For the Cartier family, the tragedy was losing James, 26, an electrician who was working at the trade center. The six remaining siblings joined with other families to form Give Your Voice, which works on issues such as recovery of remains and gaining access for families to ground zero. Farrell Cartier, an older sister, left her job as a college administrator to serve as chairwoman.

Michael Cartier, who has a full-time job, a wife and new baby, devotes nights to updating the group's Web site.

John Cartier, an electrician, spends hours at ground zero and at the landfill where trade center debris is taken, and monitors the recovery of human remains.

Give Your Voice "has become a true blessing because we have a means to channel our grief and use our pain in a way that will bring honor to James and every one else who died," said another sister, Marie Granieri.

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—Carrie Lemack, a leader of Families of September 11

White House. "I spend 16 hours a day on this," Regenhart said. "I talk to anyone I can speak to, I write letters, I do interviews, I attend meetings."

But some of the families' efforts, particularly in lobbying for federal compensation, have been criticized. This week, editorial cartoonist Ted Rall satirized some widows as money-grubbing and shallow.

Carrie Lemack, a leader of Families of September 11th whose mother died in the trade center attack, said she was surprised at the number of "hateful, hurtful e-mails" suggesting families were profiting from their loss.

"People who say they don't want taxpayer dollars going to the fund don't seem to have a problem that taxpayer dollars have gone to bail out the airline industry, or to Afghanistan or to pay for the kind treatment of terrorists in Guantanamo Bay," she said.

Sharon says he may negotiate truce

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Sunday he is prepared to end Yasser Arafat's confinement in the West Bank and negotiate with the Palestinians on a truce — but with violence at its worst levels in 17 months of fighting, he stressed he will not call off the army offensive against militants. Sharon said Palestinian security forces had arrested the fifth and final suspect in the October slaying of Israeli Cabinet minister Rehavam Zeevi, fulfilling the condition for lifting a blockade that has kept Arafat under virtual house arrest in his compound in Ramallah in the West Bank since December.

"People have been arrested. I demanded their arrest and their imprisonment," Sharon told a group of disabled war veterans. "I have said that after they are arrested we shall let him out of there." He did not say when the Palestinian leader would be allowed to move about freely.

Sharon spoke hours after Israeli helicopters pounded Arafat's Gaza Strip office to rubble, retaliation for a Palestinian suicide attack that killed 11 others near Sharon's Jerusalem residence. The Palestinian office in Gaza City had been evacuated before the helicopter attack, and no one was hurt.

"We are in a war," Sharon told his Cabinet at its weekly meeting



Palestinians look through a damaged window of a Palestinian intelligence office hit by Israeli helicopter missiles as flak jackets are seen, upper right, inside the damaged office at the West Bank town of Ramallah on Sunday. The office was evacuated and no one was injured.

Sunday, before he said he was ready to lift the travel ban on Arafat. "All of us must stay united and make every effort to stand up to this wave of terror."

Late Sunday, a Palestinian opened fire at a Jewish celebration in the coastal city of Ashdod, seriously wounding a 16-year-old boy, police said. They said a suspect from the West Bank was captured. In scattered clashes in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, three Palestinians and one Israeli were killed.

Sharon's concession on Arafat

came ahead of renewed U.S. diplomatic efforts: The United States is pressing for a cease-fire, and U.S. Mideast envoy Anthony Zinni is to visit the region this week for his third attempt in recent months to work out a truce.

"He's going to stay in the region and fight his way through this," Secretary of State Colin Powell said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation." "We're not going to allow acts of violence to stop Gen. Zinni from doing his work."

Administration condemns Mideast violence

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is strongly condemning the latest violence in the Middle East, saying Sunday that attacks like the Islamic militant's suicide bombing that killed 11 people in a crowded Jerusalem cafe "cannot be tolerated by civilized people."

Officials said they hope U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni, expected to arrive in the region later this week, can help bring peace despite the failure of two previous truce missions.

"He's going to stay in the region and fight his way through this," Secretary of State Colin Powell said. "We're not going to allow acts of violence to stop Gen. Zinni from doing his work."

Zinni's quest is to sell Israel and the Palestinians on truce terms devised nine months ago by CIA Director George Tenet and on peacemaking recommendations developed nearly a year ago by an international commission headed by former Senate Majority Leader George

Mitchell, a Maine Democrat. "We have a vision, we have a plan to solve this crisis, but it begins with ending the violence," Powell said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Vice President Dick Cheney, meanwhile, was heading Sunday to the Middle East for a visit to nine Arab nations — Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen — as well as Israel, Britain and Turkey.

Governments react cautiously to contingency plan

MOSCOW (AP) — Foreign governments reacted cautiously to news that the Pentagon has studied options for nuclear strikes on countries that threaten the United States with weapons of mass destruction. Some outside of government called it a worrisome development.

The Pentagon has informed Congress it has outlined for President Bush the possible use of nuclear weapons against hostile countries such as Iraq or North Korea that are developing weapons of mass destruction. The Los Angeles Times reported the targets could also include China, Russia, Iran, Libya and Syria.

Official government reaction

from both U.S. allies and rivals was reserved on Sunday. Libya's African affairs minister, Ali Abd al-Salam al-Furfi, told reporters in Cairo he found the report hard to believe.

"I don't think this is true," he said. "I don't think America is going to destroy the world."

Both the British Foreign Office and the Italian defense minister dismissed the plans as routine military planning. A NATO spokesman said it was too early to comment.

"Military forces from time to time evaluate their long-term programs even when it is hypothetical," Italian Defense Minister Antonio Martino was quoted as saying by the ANSA

news agency. Outside governments, many perceived the U.S. plans as a threat.

"The order indicates that the U.S. administration is going to wreak havoc on the whole world in order to establish its hegemony and domination," said the conservative Tehran Times newspaper, which is close to Iran's hard-liners.

"America thinks that if a military threat looms large over the head of these seven countries, they will give up their logical demands," former Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani was quoted as saying by the official Islamic Republic News Agency.

The Russian government was silent Sunday on the U.S. report to Congress, but some commentators there called it an unwelcome threat.

The United States "has always seen the U.S.S.R. as a post-Soviet Russia as a geopolitical rival," Col. Gen. Leonid Ivashov, the former head of the Defense Ministry's department for international cooperation, was quoted as saying by the Interfax news agency.

"It's about time Russian politicians realized this and stopped having illusions that Washington wishes Moscow well and prosperity," said Ivashov, an outspoken hawk who was dismissed last year.

Activists, police clash in India

CALCUTTA, India (AP) — Hindu activists on Sunday fought police trying to enforce a ban on large gatherings imposed after India's worst religious violence in a decade. One activist was killed and 32 people, mostly police, were injured.

Police and paramilitary forces were attacked when they tried to break up the crowd at a train station in Paldi, 12 miles south of Calcutta. Police responded by beating the group back with wooden sticks, lobbing tear gas and finally opening fire, said local government administrator Alapan Bandopadhyay.

Dozens of Hindu hard-liners were defying a ban on congregations of more than four people. The ban was imposed after more than 700 people were killed in

Hindu-Muslim clashes earlier this month.

A member of the fundamentalist World Hindu Council, which organized the ceremony, was killed in the shooting, and 32 people including 25 police officers were injured.

Most of the injured activists had bullet wounds in their legs, while policemen were injured by rocks and other objects hurled by the mob, Bandopadhyay said.

Members of the Hindu group were preparing to hold a religious ceremony to show support for a disputed plan to build a temple on the site of a razed 16th-century mosque in western India. The mosque was destroyed by Hindu fundamentalists in 1992.

Docs press for money in march

PARIS (AP) — Thousands of doctors and health professionals gathered for a protest march Sunday to press for higher pay and other demands, the latest in a series of protests that began four months ago.

General practitioners and specialists joined by nurses, ambulance drivers and pharmacists were expected to take part in the march from a Left-Bank square to the Place de la Bastille.

"This is a new step in the face of a government that persists in remaining deaf to our demands," said Michel Chassagny, president of the main doctors union, known as the UNOF.

Since January, doctors have held two strikes with one, on Jan. 23, shutting up to 80 percent of the general practitioners' offices around France.

Practitioners are demanding an increase in the base fee they can charge, from \$155 to \$177 per visit, which is the amount covered by state health insurance.

Under the slogan "Health for all, health is all," the doctors have attracted other health professionals to the latest protest. If the march is successful, the demands could prove worrisome for Prime Minister Lionel Jospin, the Socialist candidate in presidential elections that began April 21, with a final round May 5.

U.S. Postal Service will unveil World Trade Center stamp

New York Daily News.

The U.S. Postal Service will unveil a special World Trade Center memorial stamp today at a White House ceremony marking six months since the terrorist attacks on America.

The White House ceremony is part of a worldwide day of remembrance that will start at 8:30 a.m. at Ground Zero in lower Manhattan.

Gov. George Pataki, Mayor Mike Bloomberg, families and others will observe a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m., the time the first plane struck the World Trade Center.

The design of the commemorative stamp is being kept secret

until today's White House ceremony.

The special stamp will be worth 34 cents in postage but will cost 45 cents. The extra 11 cents will go to a fund set up by the Federal Emergency Management Administration to aid families of perished World Trade Center rescue workers.

Rep. Gary Ackerman, D-Queens, with Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., first pushed the idea of the stamp in September.

This will be only the second time the Postal Service has authorized a stamp that cost more than face value. In 1998, it introduced a 40-cent breast cancer stamp that has raised more than \$15 million for breast cancer research.

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The surgeon general has released yet another report warning Americans that we're fat. That's what your modern surgeon general does: Issue warnings. He sees danger lurking everywhere. Years ago, the surgeon general was more laid-back; his staff often found him passed out under his desk at 2:30 in the afternoon, reeking of cigars and bourbon. He would go for years at a stretch without issuing a warning. Back then Americans felt free to smoke, eat fatty foods, drink liquor and drive cars without seat belts, often all at the same time. Granted, most of them died by age 32. But they were carefree.

Today, of course, we have vigilant health authorities notifying us hourly that pretty much everything we do is fatal. And so we have the surgeon general coming out with yet another official report - entitled "Americans: What a Bunch of Whales" - which contains these shocking statistics:

- 61 percent of all adult Americans are overweight.
- One of these Americans always sits next to me on the airplane.
- This person uses 140 percent of the armrest.
- Americans don't really understand percentages, either.

What is causing these problems? For one thing, the surgeon general notes, many schools no longer require students to take physical education. This is a crime. When I was a student, P.E. class was mandatory with each class lasting 45 minutes, broken down as follows:

- Changing into gym uniforms: 14 minutes.
- Roll call, which always indicated perfect attendance because some body shouted "Here!" in response to every name called, despite the fact that roughly 30 percent of the class was actually out behind the gym smoking cigarettes: 12 minutes.
- "Jumping jacks" 2 minutes.
- Taking showers, snapping each other with towels, changing back to civilian clothes, causing some psychic damage to some unfortunate student by shoving him out into the hallway stark naked except for an athletic supporter on his head: 15 minutes.

Yes, it was a demanding physical regimen, and we followed it. Little wonder that we brought the Soviet Union to its knees. So I totally agree with the surgeon general about bringing back mandatory P.E. And not just for students. Cabinet members should also be included.

Where I do not agree with the surgeon general is his dietary recommendations. He's saying that Americans do not follow the Department of Agriculture's Food Guide Pyramid, which tells you in detail how many cups of whole grains, raw leafy greens, yogurt, etc. you're supposed to consume per day based on your age, weight, number of teeth, etc.

Let me respond, on behalf of all Americans, by suggesting, in the politest way possible, that the surgeon general should go sit on the Food Guide Pyramid.

I have a better idea: We should sue farmers. Any farmer who (a) receives taxpayer money, and (b) is worth more than \$1 million, should be required to spend 10 hours per week actively preventing taxpayers from eating so much. Picture the scene: You grab a package of Hostess brand Ding Dongs. You're heading for the checkout counter, and ... bam, you're grabbed from behind by Ted Turner! So you turn around and whomp him on the head with a 16-ounce jar of Kraft brand jalapeno-flavored Cheez Whiz. As he goes down like a sack of whole grain, you grab a bottle of Yoo-hoo brand Yoo-hoo, pay the cashier, and lumber out of the store.

That's how I'd handle this national weight problem. I have plenty of other ideas for improving our health, so if the surgeon general is reading this, please feel free to get in touch. You can reach me under my desk.

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DIY as a desert



Angela Ahrens battles dry desert skin with a mint facial mask.

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Dematologist: Vaseline helps winter skin

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Two words for your parchiment-dry winter skin: Petroleum jelly.

Yup, Vaseline. "That's about the best thing you can use to moisturize your skin this time of year," said Dr. Chris Scholes, a Twin Falls dermatologist. "A lot of people are a little reluctant to use it, but if you use it properly, it's not so bad."

Vaseline may be the cheapest and lowest-tech solution, but Americans spend billions of dollars annually on everything from mud packs to humidifiers trying to cope with the uncomfortable fact that the average frost-belt home this time of year is drier than Timbuktu (see the related story on this page).

Forced air, and especially gas heat, dries out the inside of a home like nothing else can," Scholes said. "One of the first things it does is dry out its your skin, and that's why so many people are uncomfortable this time of year."

Very uncomfortable, and it's gotten worse. "The typical newer home is shut up pretty tight in the winter," Scholes said. "The only air that circulates is dry air

from the heating system; there's sure not much coming in from the outside."

Besides making your skin itch and chafe, dry air can aggravate respiratory problems such as asthma, bronchitis, sinusitis and nosebleeds. And it can flatter out the inside of your nose feel colder.

"I was in New Orleans recently," Scholes said. "The temperature wasn't that warm, but it felt more comfortable than it does here. And it occurred to me that it was more comfortable because of the humidity."

Humidity - the amount of water vapor suspended in the air - does nothing to affect the actual temperature, but it has a powerful effect on how you brain perceives how warm or cold it is. That's why a 90-degree day in Memphis is so much more oppressive than a 90-degree day in Twin Falls.

The amount of water that a given amount of air can hold depends on the temperature of the air as well as whether the air is in contact with ice or water. The air in a moderate-sized house - 1,325 square feet, with 8-foot ceilings - would hold almost a gallon and a half of water at 68 degrees.

But at 32 degrees, the same amount of air could hold only about a quart and a

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Humidity and your skin

5 ways to protect your skin

- Use a humidifier to increase the amount of water in the air in your home or workplace.
- Limit your showers to no more than 15 minutes, and use lukewarm water.
- Apply a moisturizer to your skin while it's still wet after you've showered or washed your hands.
- Seek out moisturizing products that contain alpha or poly hydroxy acids, and humectants such as vitamin B-5.
- Drink lots of water, and eat plenty of oily fish such as tuna and salmon.

— Source: Kansas City Star

- Outdoor relative humidity - 81 percent
- Indoor temperature - 70 degrees
- Indoor relative humidity - 21 percent

Barnako, Mali
• Outdoor temperature - 102 degrees
• Relative humidity - 23 percent

Niamey, Niger
• Outdoor temperature - 100 degrees
• Relative humidity - 30 percent

Kano, Nigeria
• Outdoor temperature - 98 degrees
• Relative humidity - 40 percent

Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
• Outdoor temperature - 97 degrees
• Relative humidity - 21 percent

N'Djamena, Chad
• Outdoor temperature - 105 degrees
• Relative humidity - 22 percent

— Sources: National Weather Service, NOAA, USA Today

Indoor Idaho vs. the Sahara

Relative humidity measurement inside a Twin Falls home at noon MST Friday, compared with humidity measurements for noon local time Friday for selected cities in the Sahel, which is the southwestern quarter of the Sahara Desert:

- Twin Falls
- Outdoor temperature - 26 degrees

Study: Drugs might not worsen tics

Combination drugs may treat attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder without worsening tics, a new study has shown. A report in the Feb. 26 issue of *Neurology* examined the impact of using Ritalin in Catapres, a drug that treats some ADHD symptoms. The researchers assembled a group of 136 children aged 7 to 14 who had been diagnosed with ADHD and tics. The children were randomly assigned to four groups, which received Ritalin, clonidine, both drugs or a placebo over a period of 12 to 16 weeks. The children's teachers and parents, who were unaware of the drug assignments, observed more of a decrease in tic severity in those taking the drugs than in those taking the placebo. Children taking the combination of drugs improved the most, followed by those taking just clonidine and those taking Ritalin. The children who received both drugs had the best improvement in ADHD symptoms, such as restlessness, impulsiveness and lack of attentiveness.

Alcohol and cholesterol

Moderate drinking may reduce risk of heart disease among older women, according to a study published in the March issue of the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*. It examined the effects of alcohol on cholesterol after menopause. The researchers, randomly sampled 51 postmenopausal women a typical American diet plus zero, one or two alcoholic drinks daily

Health notes

over three eight-week periods. On average, one drink a day was sufficient to lower the "bad" low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol from a borderline high level of 133 milligrams per deciliter to a desirable level of 129 milligrams, adding a second daily drink made no additional change in the LDL level. Two drinks raised the levels of "good" high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol significantly, from 54 milligrams to 57 on average. One drink produced only a minimal improvement. The researchers estimated that the changes associated with consuming two drinks would result in a 10 to 13 percent reduction in the risk of heart disease.

HRT and sores

Hormone replacement therapy may reduce the risk of leg ulcers and pressure sores in women over 65, according to a report in the Feb. 23 issue of *The Lancet*. Past studies have shown that estrogen therapy may promote the healing of wounds, but the new one compared incidences of leg ulcers and pressure sores in 44,135 women over 65. Among the 4,944 who were taking a form of HRT drugs, 108 developed leg ulcers and 49 developed pressure sores, an incidence rate 30 to 40 percent lower than that of the women who did not use HRT.

— compiled from wire service reports

Linings serve important function

In our efforts to make sewing quicker and easier, we often eliminate linings from our garments.

It's true that many things are fine without lining, but others, especially jackets and coats, benefit from it in several ways. In addition to adding quality to the garment, a lining can prolong its life. It protects the fashion fabric from abrasion or excessive rubbing when worn.

By covering the inner construction, linings eliminate the need for finishing all seams.

Linings prevent stretching and help maintain the shape of the garment.

Linings reduce wrinkling.

A lined garment hangs on the figure better and simply feels good because it provides a smooth layer next to the skin.

A lining should be lighter in weight and softer than the outer fabric. Test samples together in your hand. If the lining seems to change the character of your fashion fabric, it's not compatible.

The two should also have the same washing and dry cleaning requirements, and hopefully the same durability.

Just because a lining is functional doesn't mean it has to be boring. Coat, jacket and vest linings will be visible, and you can be as creative as you wish with contrasting colors, jacquard weaves and prints.

Fabric stores offer a variety of linings.



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Their weights range from light China silk, to heavy flannel-backed satin for winter coats. The fiber content might be rayon, polyester, acetate, silk or cotton. Most are slippery, to glide over the body. Cotton isn't slippery, but it breathes in hot weather and works well under cotton jackets and summer dresses.

Even if your pattern doesn't include pieces for making a lining, you can add one by modifying the garment pieces. Any good sewing book will guide you. In tailored clothing, the lining connects to the facings and hems. Non-tailored garments, such as dresses, skirts and pants, are usually lined to the edge.

Cut lining on the same grain as the fashion fabric, and when stitching the two together, position the more stable fabric on top.

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HEALTH & FASHION

Study links early colds, immunity

Day care sniffles might pay off later

The Record (Bergen County, N.J.)

Jody Priolo and her husband put their son in day care at 5 months old so she could go back to work.

Three days later, Justin got a cold. He's been sick now for a month. "It's just a head cold and what we call the 'day-care cough,'" Priolo said. Nothing serious enough to warrant a doctor's visit, she said.

Priolo and her husband are optimistic the colds Justin is catching now will pay off later. "We are hoping it will build his immunities," she said.

It should, according to a study published earlier this year in Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine, a journal of the American Medical Association.

The study confirmed what many working parents fear: Infants and toddlers in day-care centers are far more likely to suffer frequent colds than their stay-at-home peers. But the research also offers these parents some comfort and gives scientific validity to conventional wisdom: Children who attend large day-care centers far fewer colds in elementary school than classmates who had been cared for at home.

Researchers at the University of Arizona College of Medicine hope their study, which followed about 1,000 children from birth through 13 years old, will help parents to stop blaming themselves when their children fall ill in day care.

"There's a lot of guilt and angst that occurs when your children are sick in day care," said the lead author, Dr. Thomas M. Ball. "Especially with an illness for which there's no treatment, parents look to see if there's anything positive to be gained."

"There is a long-term benefit to this," he said. "It will be seen during elementary school when their child has less illness and misses less school."



When kids catch cold at day care, they tend to build immunity toward getting sick again.

Though doctors have speculated that children in day care build immunities early, previous research reached mixed conclusions. This study notes that earlier research failed to follow children beyond the preschool years, and so missed any benefits that youngsters in day care showed later.

The recent article grew out of the Tucson Children's Respiratory Study, which is tracking respiratory ailments among more than 1,200 people born in the early 1980s. For this particular study, researchers focused on nearly 1,000 children.

It found that youngsters in large day-care centers — those with more than five unrelated children — were 1.9 times more likely to suffer frequent colds at ages 2 and 3.

From age 6 to 11, the trend reversed and the stay-at-home

children who were now attending school were the ones getting sick. Those children who had been in day care prior to age 3 were a third less likely to have frequent colds.

By age 13, the differences between the two groups had disappeared.

Children in smaller day-care settings, with five or fewer unrelated children, got more of the pain than those who stayed home, but none of the gain of those in large centers. Toddlers in small day-care centers were somewhat more likely to suffer frequent colds than their stay-at-home peers. But, in elementary school, they were still getting sick just as often as those who had been cared for at home.

"What we're really talking about is how many kids you're exposed to," Ball said.

The protection against colds that children gain by attending

large day-care centers doesn't carry over to all other illnesses. Ear infections, which can develop from colds, are much more common in young children than older ones. So youngsters who get frequent ear infections are unlikely to see a payoff from greater immunity later when this illness is uncommon anyway.

Similarly, the trends shown in the study won't hold true for every child. Some who get colds frequently in day care will still suffer in elementary school. Others will rarely get sick no matter what kind of setting they are in.

"There are kids out there who are like Velcro and catch everything, and kids who are like Teflon," Ball said. But even the children in large day-care centers who seem never to fall ill are exposed to the germs and building up resistance, he said.

Retanoids, vitamin C do usually mix

DEAR PAULA: I read in a fashion magazine recently that Vitamin C products and retinoids are not pH compatible and therefore are less effective when used together. It also stated that antioxidants should be applied after washing and before moisturizing. Adding to the confusion, it also explained that acidic products and antioxidants should be used at different times of the day. Is there any truth to this?

KAREN, NEW YORK CITY

DEAR KAREN: Let's start with retinoids. "Retinoid" is the technical name for all forms of vitamin A. Not all forms of vitamin A are acidic. For example, in cosmetics retinoid (the entire vitamin A molecule) and retinyl palmitate (an ester of vitamin A) are not acidic, so pH compatibility is not an issue.

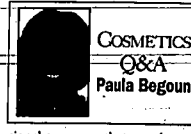
On the other hand, prescription-only retinoids such as tretinoin (found in Renova and Retin-A), tazarotene in Tazorac, or adapalene found in Differin, are stable at a lower pH of around 3. This pH 3 stability is also true for alpha hydroxy acids and salicylic acid, though the pH range of AHAs and BHA has a tiny bit more leeway.

When Retin-A was first acknowledged as a wrinkle-fighter, it was thought that it was important to maintain its pH environment on the skin.

It soon became clear that the pH was only an issue if an extremely alkaline product was used before or after applying Retin-A. For example, washing with soap, which typically has a pH of over 8, or using an alkaline skin-care product could potentially negate Retin-A's effectiveness, or AHAs and salicylic acid, however, are not negatively affected by the pH of skin (pH 5.5) or water (pH of 7).

So the issue is only significant if you are a soap user or use alkaline products and that it is rare indeed, as most skin-care products nowadays are formulated with a pH of 5 to 7.

Actually, the only potential problem could be from the occa-



sional sunscreen that may have a pH of 8.

If antioxidants are pH sensitive, this is the first I've heard of it, and I couldn't find any research to support this notion. It seems especially doubtful given that many antioxidants, such as ascorbic acid (a form of vitamin C) and several plant extracts including grape seed and blueberry do well at low pH levels.

Really, the major concern about antioxidants is that many tend to be extremely unstable in the presence of air and sunlight. This is one of the reasons it is questionable whether moisturizers made with more unstable forms of antioxidants can remain stable and active once the product is opened (unless it is packaged in an air-tight, opaque container).

Another fallacy the article you found seems to be promoting is the idea that antioxidant ingredients have to be in a product separate from your other makeup, something the cosmetics industry would love consumers to believe. It's a concept that would encourage increased sales, but nothing could be further from the truth.

Moisturizers, toners, skin lighteners and exfoliants — if they are well formulated — can and should contain potent and relatively stable antioxidants. It doesn't require a separate specialty product or a specially timed application to get the benefits of antioxidants.

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Medical center offers childbirth class

Cesarean childbirth class will be offered from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

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

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

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

The sessions are for parents of children from infancy through toddler years.

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

CPR class
Infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Sage Room of the Education Center at MVRMC in Twin Falls.

Topics will include child safety, choking and prevention of injury. New parents, grandparents and children are encouraged to attend.

Dry
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half of water. As temperatures drop, the amount of water decreases — one and a quarter cups at zero, less than half a cup at 20 below, and only a couple of tablespoons full at 40 below.

So if the temperature inside a house is 68 degrees, then cold air pouring into the house will contain far less water. And when it's heated, it will contain about one-half of 1 percent of the water vapor that's in the air already inside your house.

No wonder your skin feels dry. "Dry" is a fact of life: you live in a cold climate and you have forced-air heat," Scholes said. "You have to learn to deal with it."

While Scholes is a proponent of humidifiers, he provided these tips: "If you've cleaned often enough to limit bacteria — he thinks simple ameliorative measures are at

To do for you

Preregistration is not required. For more information, call 737-2900.

Childbirth class

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Thursday through April 11, in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

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

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

About Alzheimer's

Holley Homes will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Philo House, 525 16th Ave. E., Jerome.

For more information, call Crisp Crist at 324-8524.

Support group meets

Blaine County Senior Center will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting at 2 p.m.

Thursday at the senior center, 721 Third Ave. S., Halley. For more information, call Brenda Shoppee at 788-3468.

Alzheimer's help

Ashley Manor Care Center in Burley will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at the White Pine Intermediate School, 1900 Hilland Ave., Burley. For more information, call Billi Rose at 677-5451.

Learn CPR

CPR class will be offered from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday in the doctors' meeting room at MVRMC in Twin Falls.

The class will include emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking for adults and infants. The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice.

Cost is \$25. Preregistration is required, call 737-2007.

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

Magazine tests exercise machines

The Orange County Register

If you're thinking about buying a home cardio exercise machine, read our latest issue of Consumer Reports.

It features a report on two types of home exercise machines: treadmills and elliptical machines. Treadmills are the most popular home cardio machines.

But elliptical machines are gaining a following on the home front since consumer versions became available several years ago. These are machines that have big foot pedals that you push on to simulate a forward motion. They're like a cross between a step machine and a cross-country ski machine.

Treadmills are versatile because they can be used by both walkers and runners. But using elliptical trainers is less jarring to the body and causes less impact on joints when compared with running on a treadmill.

The magazine's tests confirmed what at least one study has shown: that the machines are comparable in calories burned as long as your perceived effort is equal for both machines.

Caveat buyer

If you're interested in buying a treadmill or an elliptical trainer, consider the following:

- Try it extensively at a store before you buy.
- Check on the duration of the warranty.
- Find out how much assembly is required, and if you are unable to do it, how much it will cost to have someone do it for you.

Source: Orange County Register

The tests found that although treadmills have been around for more than a decade and cost more than \$1,000, they're not glitch-free.

Tests discovered quality-control problems such as two left handrails, a defective incline adjustment, absence of an instruction manual, a bent bolt and misaligned screw holes. Calls sent to the manufacturers or retailers solved most of the problems.

The LifeFitness T3 (\$2,200) was the best choice overall because it was easy to use, had a powerful motor and was well-

built. Its one drawback: no side rail.

The Reebok ACDM also was a good choice because it had many features found in higher-end machines, had a top speed of 12 mph and a 5-foot-long belt for runners. Drawbacks: confusing console layout, deck is hard to fold, deck latch is not automatic.

The tests found that the home versions of elliptical machines still lag behind health club versions. The models tested had movable arms that add intensity to the workout.

The Reebok Elliptical Crosstrainer 6808 (\$500) was the best of four tested. Drawbacks: Tendency to sway and creak during use, and vigorous movement of the machine's arms sometime made it jam momentarily. It had a fixed incline and didn't have a heart rate monitor, unlike other models.

Consumer Reports found that home elliptical machines have shoddy quality control: loud clunking noises as the pedals went around, loud squeaks, parts that broke.

It's time to ditch stress-triggered eating

The Baltimore Sun

In September you realized life is not short on fat chocolate doughnuts. Or maybe you just spent too much time in front of the TV, stressed out, watching the war on terrorism on CNN and eating potato chips.

If you weren't alone. A survey by the diet program Nutricise found that 80 percent of its 3,500 clients increased their eating of high-calorie, high-fat foods by 30 percent the week after the terrorist attacks.

Then came the holidays. "I did a lot of parting this year," says Carotta Chappelle, who lives in east Baltimore. "The holidays were filled with family and friends. There was too much wine, too many cookies and too many office parties."

Like others who gained a pound or two last year — or maybe a little more — Chappelle is determined to get back in shape now that the new year has started.

"I'm just trying to watch what I eat now," she says. "And I've made a conscious decision to call Weight Watchers."

are no magic bullets or easy answers to losing weight. On the other hand, the solution is simple: Eat fewer calories and burn up more of them through physical exercise and you'll lose weight. The exercise doesn't have to be strenuous or time-consuming. You could take the stairs instead of an elevator, or go for a walk instead of watching TV.

As for eating fewer calories, that's particularly hard when it's dark and cold, and our bodies feel the biological need for an extra layer of fat to keep warm. We crave hearty meals with plenty of animal protein and fat.

The trick is to eat foods that make you feel full, says Barbara Rolls, a professor of nutrition at Penn State University and author of "The Volumetrics Weight-Control Plan" (HarperCollins, 2000). She's sympathetic with people who went off their diets in reaction to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, but says, "People at this point need to get over the 'I don't care.'"

"We can still eat comfort foods and lose weight," she adds. "Soup, traditional stews and chilis can be modified. The point

is not to feel hungry and deprived."

Using more vegetables in stews and other high-calorie dishes, for instance, is an easy improvement. "You can reduce the calories by a third by using more vegetables, and most people won't notice," Rolls says.

She emphasizes the importance of adding volume to meals because surveys have shown that most people, day in and day out, are happy if they eat about the same weight of food. The volume can vary. Add volume and reduce calories by using fiber-rich foods and ones that contain more water — mainly, fruits and vegetables.

New studies have also shown that foods with higher water content and relatively few calories, such as broth-based soups, actually trigger satiety mechanisms, which help you feel full. But sugary drinks don't. They satisfy thirst, which is a different mechanism from satiety, says Rolls. In other words, drink a soda and you'll get the calories without feeling less hungry. The same goes for alcoholic drinks. Vegetable juices and milk-based drinks do satisfy hunger.

How cold it feels

Apparent temperature — how cold it feels — for selected combinations of room temperatures and relative humidity (room temperature is the column on the left):

Relative humidity	0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
74	66	69	72	74	76	78
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64	58	60	61	63	64	66
62	56	58	59	61	62	63
62	55	56	58	59	60	61

Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Environmental Data and Information Service and National Climatic Center

least as effective. Don't use any more bath soap than necessary during the winter months, he advises — only on skin folds such as under the arms, under the breasts and in the groin. Use moisturizing lotion, but use it sparingly.

And remember that spring — and more humid outdoor air — are coming on fast. Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223, or write to him at crump@magical-eyes.com

Breathing correctly can lower stress

Knight Ridder News Service

Inhale. Exhale. Was that so hard? You needn't be a Mensa member to breathe successfully, even dachshunds do it. Yet books, classes, Web sites and gurus are eager to teach you to breathe, many promising fabulous benefits if only you learn to do it right.

Some of these experts imply they can transform you from a sickly, screwed-up sniveler to a transcendently serene master of your universe.

It's helpful to separate the therapeutic benefits from the esoteric hot air.

"The core idea is that when you slow your breathing, you begin the process that initiates the relaxation response," said JoAnne Herman, a professor in the University of South Carolina's College of Nursing.

Maybe "relaxation" doesn't sound as therapeutic as, say, a blood transfusion. But stress and anxiety can drain your health, Herman said.

"About 80 percent of diseases have a stress component, some more than others," she said.

Breathing methods can remedy ailments ranging from panic attacks and asthma to hypertension and angina. Herman teaches breathing techniques for stress management to cardiac rehabilitation patients at Palmetto Richland Memorial Hospital-mostly men.

"What I see in these men is that they sort of take on a much calmer ambience to their personalities," she said.

So even if you tried Lamaze breathing during childbirth and found it only slightly more distracting than a Three Stooges episode, it might be worth taking another look at what breathing right can do for you.

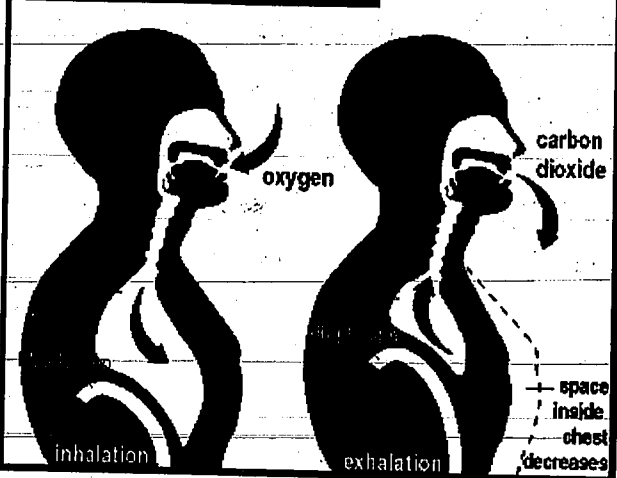
Registered nurse Suzanne Smith is an outpatient therapist at the Behavioral Health Center of the Medical University of South Carolina, working with people who are anxious and depressed or in chronic pain.

They all get breathing lessons. She uses one of those models of a man with his organs exposed, and explains what happens when he has a sudden, stressful experience, such as seeing a poisonous snake.

It's the "fight or flight" response. A kind of internal alarm goes off, she explained.

The man's stomach slows. His blood vessels constrict; blood

The Mechanics of Breathing



Breathing lessons

- Lie on the floor with one hand on your stomach and the other on your chest. Relax.
- Breathe evenly so you can feel your stomach rising and falling; the hand on your chest should barely move.
- Once you get the hang of it, you can breathe this way in other positions, such as sitting in a comfortable chair with your feet up.
- Set aside 15 to 30 minutes a day to concentrate on breathing. You can relax music in the background but nothing else, not even a boring TV show or elevator music.
- To help concentrate, you might try

- counting your breaths; concentrate on exhaling twice as long as inhaling. Or you can try focusing on a brief prayer, a word or an object.
- If your "things to do" list keeps racing through your head, try keeping paper and pen nearby. Jot down a distracting thought and then clear it from your mind so you can turn your attention inward.
- It might take a couple of months to feel benefits, the experts said. But most people will find that in a week, they're less tense and less angry. Schell said.
- Source: The State of Columbia, S.C.

Graphic courtesy of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration

strokes; naturally, the person in front of you has 17 items although the sign clearly says "10 OR LESS."

"When the alarm reaction is going off chronically, there are health consequences," Smith said. Chronically constricted blood vessels can lead to high blood pressure or heart disease.

Reactions in your stomach can develop into irritable bowel syndrome. Your immune cell production reverses, making you more susceptible to diseases and allergies.

And through it all, you probably aren't breathing right. Quicker, shallow breathing is a typical response to stress. Think of a dog panting when he's agitated.

"What you're doing is keeping your body in a state of excitation," Herman said, calling it the stress response. "Take a deep breath," someone might urge during a particularly stressful time. But if you take deep breaths with the upper part of your chest, that won't help."

Doc: Preventing heart disease is up to you

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO—The numbers don't lie: About 62 million Americans have cardiovascular disease. Nearly a million die from heart troubles each year, including 250,000 who don't make it alive to the hospital after cardiac arrest. Bypass surgeries and angioplasty procedures are up some 300 percent in the last 10 years.

But these numbers don't seem to carry much influence with people, even when the push is on in February, American Heart Month. Changing health habits to protect against heart disease is a tough sell for doctors and public health officials alike.

It's even harder to persuade individuals who have survived a first heart attack or bypass surgery. Thirty percent to 40 percent have recurrences. Getting through to people with known risk factors but no actual symptoms is a daunting task.

"Most people think prevention is boring," said Dr. Dean Ornish, the physician and author who has published many head-turning, peer-reviewed journal studies about reversing heart disease without drugs. "I say refrain it for people. It's not about living longer but living better."

Ornish said the interventions of nutrition, physical activity, relaxation exercises and social support used at his Preventive Medicine Research Center in Sausalito, Calif., all contribute to a healthier heart-and mind-set.

"The brain gets more blood," he said. "We think more clearly."

Although not everyone accepts Ornish's premise that an extremely low-fat vegetarian diet is an integral choice for reversing or preventing heart disease, other experts agree on the need to find innovative ways to communicate the heart-disease prevention message.

"We don't just tell people they need to be more physically active," said Nicole DeVander, a cardiac-rehabilitation nurse and exercise physiologist at Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago. "We teach them the heart is a muscle and explain the theory of how all of their muscles will respond to exercise."

"We educate them about what's called the 'perceived rate of exertion.' They learn how to become aware of their body's capability, that breathing hard is a normal part of exercise and doesn't necessarily mean you

Cholesterol made (relatively) easy

Admitt it: You are utterly befuddled by the government's latest guidelines on cholesterol management. You are so overwhelmed by the prospect of having to perform the calculations that you are tempted to retreat behind the comforting, gelatinous walls of your own ignorance.

So are we. Happily, Consumer Reports, the Independent Center for Health and Services, has posted on its Web site a handy interactive tool that spares you from having to do the math. The calculator presents a small window asking for seven pieces of information: gender, age, smoking status, total and HDL cholesterol numbers, systolic blood pressure and whether your blood pressure is being treated.

The site filters your data through the federal standards and gives you a raw score and a percentage estimate of your likelihood of having a cardiac event in the next 10 years. Click again and the site takes you to an area that helps you match your scores with a treatment plan. Oh, sure, there are plenty of footnotes and caveats and never-minds. But it's a useful simplification of an important calculation. It certainly beats ignoring the whole mess.

To find the tool, go to www.consumerreports.org, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "Check Your Cholesterol Risk." When you arrive at Step 1, scroll down a bit until you find a line that says, "For an interactive version of the test, click here." If you don't opt for the interactive version, you can easily use the site's charts to tally your own score.

Source — The Washington Post

have shortness of breath."

The good news in all of this heart-to-heart talk is that small changes in lifestyle can produce significant results. The not-so-good news is that more of us may be vulnerable. Researchers are establishing risk factors beyond the usual lineup of high cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes, smoking, obesity and family history.

There now is considerable evidence that psychosocial factors, including stress, depression, social isolation and hostile personality traits, can become tangible risk factors depending on how an individual handles it.

Association releases guidelines to get kids moving

Knight Ridder News Service

Growing up, Diane Hayden of Minnetonka, Minn., played volleyball. Years later, when she was starting a family, she began brainstorming ways that her child could be active, too. Hayden scoured local resources and eventually had a good one on her wish. At 6 months old, daughter Alexis attended her first baby fitness classes. Now 2 years old, Alexis delights in jumping into an enormous pit of big plastic balls.

"I just knew it was important," says Hayden, who quit her marketing job to be a stay-at-home mom.

Hayden's efforts should please the forces behind the first physical activity guidelines for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. The new report urges parents, pediatricians and caregivers to promote physical activity

early and consistently.

"We should always be thinking of physical activity for our kids," says James Pivarnik, an exercise physiologist at Michigan State University and co-author of the report. "It's never too soon to start thinking about it."

The National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE) released the guidelines in hopes of steering kids away from a sedentary lifestyle, which can spell serious health problems later in life. During the past 20 years in the United States, obesity has tripled among teens and doubled among youngsters, according to Nazim Mirza, a pediatrician at Children's National Medical Center, Washington, D.C. Overweight kids are likelier to have high blood pressure than their average-weight peers.

"It's getting to be a crisis in our society," says Donald Glover, a

past president of the Minnesota Association of Health and Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

The NASPE recommendations are common-sense suggestions, not structured rules, Pivarnik says. Sometimes, kids' natural tendency to be active gets checked too much in favor of safety or convenience. They're not saying dump the car seat, but confining the small fry to playpens, baby seats and strollers for long periods of time may lead developing skills like rolling over, crawling and walking.

"We use the word 'play' a lot," Pivarnik says. "All we're trying to do is show that it doesn't happen as naturally as people would think. There are ways to combine safety and activity."

They include:

- Babies should interact with their parents or caregivers in ways

that allow them to explore their environment.

- Babies should be placed in "safe settings" that encourage physical activity and do not restrict movement for long periods of time.

- Toddlers should have at least 30 minutes of structured physical activity a day.
- Preschoolers should have at least 60 minutes of structured physical activity a day.

- Toddlers and preschoolers should have at least an hour — and up to several hours — of unstructured physical activity daily.

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Caution: Many people hold stocks and bonds in a brokerage account under a joint tenancy arrangement with a spouse or child. Many times, little thought has been given to whether this asset titling coordinates with their will or trust.

Recommendation: Review all beneficiary clauses periodically. Also, check to see how title is held in real estate, brokerage accounts, insurance policies, annuities, and bank accounts.

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HEALTH & FASHION

LASIK: Not always picture-perfect

Some patients experience complications

The Orange County Register

They are the less common results of LASIK that we don't hear or read enough about. Halos that surround lights. Objects that appear in duplicate or triplicate. Eyeballs that feel drier than Death Valley in the middle of summer.

The American Academy of Ophthalmology estimates that more than 1 million people will undergo the vision-correcting procedure this year. Most will have successful surgery and be able to enjoy seeing at a distance without contact lenses or glasses. But what if some doctors don't say enough about it how other patients will have complications and side effects — some minor, others serious and life-changing.

Studies show that the complication rate is about 5 percent, though some industry estimates are higher. The complications can range from tolerable halos or blurry images that disappear over time to dry eyes that need protective glasses, or multiple hazy images that defy focusing.

All surgeries have complications. It's not clear whether the number of complications is rising at normal levels and in proportion to the number of LASIK procedures performed, said Dr. Robert Maloney, an AAO spokesman.

But there are signs that complications are far from rare. Two years after she had the surgery, Leslie Woodlock missed her vision this way: It's like looking through shattered windows. She sees halos. Shards of light. Triple images.

She said she can no longer play tennis. Watch TV. Work on intricate needlepoint.

Like many, Woodlock, 41, of Huntington Beach, Calif., wanted the convenience of not needing contact lenses or eyeglasses to see clearly. She decided she would give herself the gift of LASIK for her 40th birthday.

When Woodlock's doctor, Dr. Charles Manger III, removed the eye shields the day after her surgery, her vision was distorted and blurry. "It looked like I was looking through glasses smeared with Vaseline," she said.

She probably wasn't an ideal candidate, said Dr. Gregg Feinerman, a Newport Beach refractive surgeon to whom Woodlock turned several months later.

"Her corneas were too thin, her pupils were borderline (too big) and she had the equivalent of a



Photo courtesy of Dr. Lesha Woodlock

About a million people will undergo LASIK this year, but at least one in 20 of them will experience complications.

Coke-bottle lens prescription," Feinerman said.

Feinerman has performed five procedures in Woodlock's left eye since July 2001, in an attempt to repair the complications. His goal is to restore Woodlock's vision to its pre-surgery state. If successful with the left eye, he will work on her right eye.

Manger disputed Woodlock's and Feinerman's comments. "She is exaggerating her (vision) problems," Manger said.

He said that after examining Woodlock's eyes before and during surgery, he found that her corneas, pupils and level of nearsightedness made her a suitable candidate.

An extensive review of studies on the procedures performed since 1997 showed that serious adverse complications leading to significant permanent loss of vision are rare. However, side effects such as dry eyes, nighttime starbursts and reduced contrast occur frequently. The review recently was published in the journal *Ophthalmology*.

Researchers concluded that LASIK is effective and can provide good to excellent vision for those with low to moderate myopia. The results are mixed for people with moderate to high myopia and mild to moderate astigmatism.

About a third of complications result from surgeon errors, Maloney said. Another third is from technique or equipment problems. The final third comes from unexplainable reasons.

Some complications resolve themselves without additional treatment in weeks or months, Chao said.

Others can be repaired with medications such as antibiotics for infections or lubricating eye drops. Additional surgery may be an option for those with some complications related to the corneal flap — the surface of the cornea that is cut and "opened" like a door. When the cornea is severely damaged, the patient may need a corneal transplant. Some complications cannot be fixed because the damage is too extensive, the technology or procedures are not yet available or doctors may not have enough experience in performing the repairs.

An individual's complication is unique, Maloney said, and it is up to the doctor to "determine whether to address a complication immediately or later."

Fixing complications can cost the patient several thousand to tens of thousands of dollars. Refractive surgeons are optimistic that the latest refinements in LASIK equipment and technology as well as emerging information from studies on complications can help reduce the incidence of problems. In the meantime, consumers must do diligent homework before trusting their eyesight to a surgeon.

The first step is to stop believing the hype that the path to better vision is as simple as walking into a clinic, having the surgery done and the next day, throwing

Discouraging words

A growing number of plaintiffs have filed suits claiming some doctors are performing LASIK without proper screening, according to *Lawyers Weekly USA*, a newspaper for law firms. "We're too early in the litigation curve to accurately assess the total number of lawsuits out there," said editor Paul Marlinek. Some suits have resulted in damage awards of millions of dollars.

Web sites such as www.surgicaleyes.com are filled with first-person stories of LASIK gone awry. Support groups are cropping up to help people cope with the loss of vision and dramatic changes in their lives.

Some refractive specialists are finding that more people are coming to them to repair complications resulting from other doctors' work. Two years ago, two in 10 patients were those referred because of complications, said Dr. Lawrence Chao, an assistant clinical professor of ophthalmology at the University of California, Irvine. That number has doubled, he said. The number of new patients who come to Maloney to fix complications has risen such that he devotes half a day per week to LASIK repairs.

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away your eyeglasses, Chao said. "The level of expectation has never been higher for the LASIK-corrected vision, but the level of expectation for quality of care has never been lower," Chao said. "This is not drive-through surgery."

LASIK should be taken as seriously as brain or heart surgery. Refractive surgeons suggested the following:

• Keep your expectations realistic. The procedure may improve your vision, but not render it perfect.

• Don't rely strictly on friends' recommendations. Take time to find out as much as possible about the clinic, your doctor and his or her education, training and experience, and malpractice lawsuits. Ask the doctor for details. An extensive pre-operative exam is valuable. Get a second and third opinion, as you would with other types of surgery.

• Avoid high-volume LASIK "factories" where quality of care may not be high.

• Avoid centers in which your pre-operative discussions are conducted with sales people instead of surgeons. You would not talk to a salesperson to find out if you're a candidate for bypass surgery, so why do that for eye surgery?

• And if the first time you're going to see your doctor is the day you have your surgery," Maloney said, "get up and run."

'Natural athletes' eat more organic foods

Chicago Tribune

Every generation has its share of natural athletes. Jesse Owens, Joe DiMaggio, Gale Sayers, Martina Navratilova, Michael Jordan, Tiger Woods. But these days the opportunity is available for anyone to become a natural athlete at sports. You can eat much more naturally with the boom in organic and whole foods.

"A lot of my clients are asking about eating more natural foods, especially professional athletes," says sports nutritionist Ryan, a Personal Nutrition Designs consulting practice in Evanston, Ill., and advises many Olympians.

"Elite athletes are very aware of their bodies' best care possible. They see eating a more natural diet as a big part of that," Ryan said.

Ryan said some clients report organic fruits and vegetables taste better but allowed that such feedback is subjective. She said many individuals choose organic foods because "they want foods with the highest quality."

Most of all, Ryan said the trend toward natural eating is positive because more active people are trying whole, unrefined grains such as brown rice, millet, quinoa and kamut. "These grains are excellent sources of complex carbohydrates, vitamins, minerals and fiber," she said. "It's much better for you than processed grains (such as white rice or white-flour pasta)."

Look no further than your morning coffee line, she said.

The grains available in most coffee shops are bagels, muffins and breads which have virtually no fiber and come in huge portions," said Ryan, who is author of the recently published book "Complete Guide to Sports Nutrition" (Velo Press, \$16.95), which offers simple meal plans including whole-grain dishes. "These grain sources really don't have much value, except as calories for energy. Your better choice would be stopping at a health food store or natural grocery to buy some whole-grain cereal."

Ryan said there is a practical side to whole grains for active people. "Whole grains keep you full longer. You have more fuel."

The only downside is whole grains typically require longer cooking times, sometimes hours compared with minutes. Ryan suggested the strategy of cooking ahead and storing portions for quick reheating when your schedule is tight. Another tip is using an automatic rice cooker with a variety of grains.

A March 2001 Roper Starch Worldwide study showed 63 percent of Americans buy organic foods and beverages at least some of the time. What's more, 40 percent of respondents said they expect organic foods to be a bigger part of their diets within a year.

A telling point is 8 of 10 U.S. athletes who eat without the use of added hormones, synthetic pesticides or synthetic fertilizers. It is not a big leap for active people to realize the lack of such additives is thought to improve energy levels and workout stamina. "What we eat has major effects how we feel today but also how we will feel 10 to 20 years from now," said Dr. Elson M. Haas, director of the Preventive Medical Center of Marin in San Rafael, Calif., and author of "The Striving Healthy Shopper's Guide" (Calestria Arts, \$12.95). "We may be eating poorly, but we don't connect it to how we feel. If we are not tuned in to our energy level, we won't notice much difference from hour to hour or day to day."

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Demand for human growth hormone increases

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Julie Castillo is used to not fitting in. Right now the diminutive 5-foot-10-year-old is slumped nervously in a chair at the Marriott O'Hare, squeezed between her parents, the only kid in a conference room full of adults. But she wanted to be here, to hear the talk about children with growth problems.

The group is arranged in a circle, and one by one they tell about their experiences with human growth hormone. One woman pauses to wipe away her tears before discussing the anxieties her 7-year-old son developed after starting a regime of daily growth hormone injections. "He never was afraid before. Now he's, dogs he's terrified of so many things. I wonder, am I doing the right thing?"

Another mother jumps in with a similar story. Her son, who also gets daily growth hormone shots, has developed inexplicable fears — of the bathtubs at school, especially the sound of the toilet flushing, she says. It is related to his anxiety over the injections, she wonders?

Shelly and Mike have good news: Their 13-year-old daughter has grown four inches in a year since starting growth hormone therapy. Margi's toddler has been

on the drugs for only six months, but already she is getting too big for her clothes. Ed has seen a dream come true. His son, so short as a youngster that he started on drugs when he was only 3, is 16 years old and "my size now," he says with a note of pride.

Then it's Marie Castillo's turn. "My daughter has been on growth hormone since she was 2 years old," she says, glancing at Julie, who is sitting next to her and looking self-conscious. "She's 19 now, and she's been off the drugs for a while, but she's had some problems" come up "that can't be explained." We're wondering what she should do.

Isn't a question that anyone finds easy to answer at the annual meeting of the Magic Foundation, an Oak Park, Ill.-based organization for people with growth disorders.

Only children with extreme deficiencies — those who were very small for their ages and making little to none of the hormone on their own — qualified for its use.

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IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME PART I

WHAT IS IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME?

Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) is a common disorder of the intestines that leads to cramping pain, gas/bloating, and changes in bowel habits. Some people with IBS have constipation while others have diarrhea, and some people experience both. Doctors call it a functional disorder because there is no sign of disease when the colon is examined. IBS causes a great deal of discomfort and distress, but it does not cause permanent harm to the intestines and does not lead to intestinal bleeding of the bowel or to a serious disease such as cancer.

WHAT CAUSES IBS?

The cause of IBS is unknown, and as of yet there is no cure. However, most people with IBS are able to control their symptoms through diet, stress management, and sometimes with medication prescribed by their physician.

Intestinal motility (contraction of the colon muscle) and movement of its contents is controlled by nerves and hormones and by electrical activity in the colon muscle. The electrical activity serves as a "pacemaker" which controls the contractions of the colon (peristalsis). These contractions of the colon peristalsis move the contents slowly back and forth, moving the contents toward rectum eventually resulting in a bowel movement.

Researchers have found that the colon muscle of a person with IBS is more sensitive and reacts strongly to mild stimuli, resulting in spasms of the colon causing symptoms of bloating, cramping, diarrhea and/or constipation.

Next week, a discussion of the effects of diet and stress on irritable bowel syndrome.

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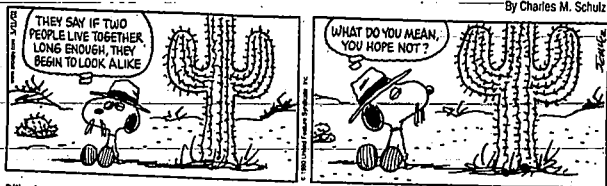
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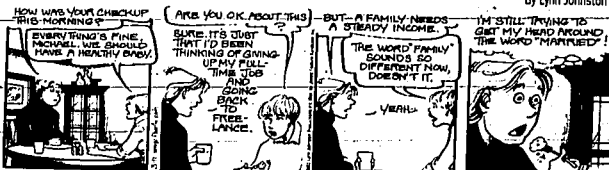
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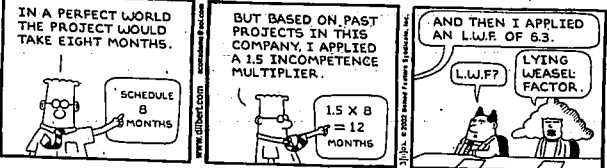
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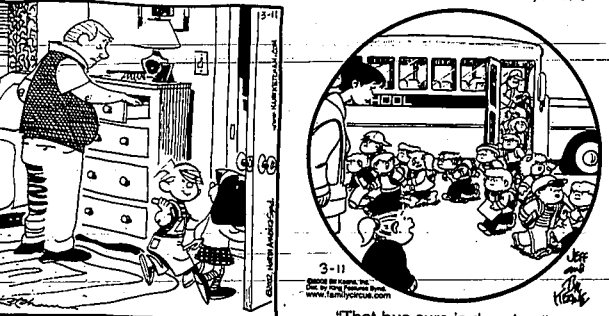


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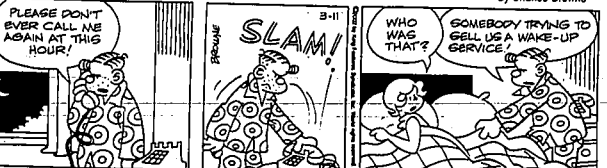
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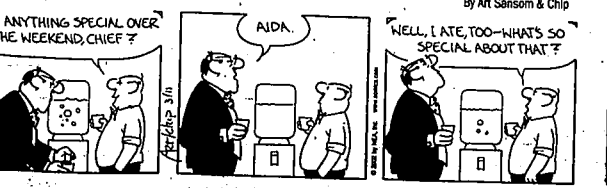
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- 52 Intense anger
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- 61 Where hikers take breathers
- 62 Invited
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- 64 Sixteenth century
- 65 View twice
- 66 Knife blade
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- 39 Weep
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- 42 Like a secure professor
- 45 Amble
- 46 Bunker or Russian
- 47 Episcopal cleric
- 48 Deleto
- 49 Kisses' and cuddles
- 51 Poker action
- 52 Helper
- 54 Cloned a tune
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- 57 Arizona city
- 59 Driving gadget
- 61 Paulo, Brazil

Saturday's Puzzle solved

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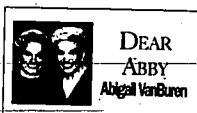
Wife's mom abets husband's scheme

DEAR ABBY: My husband of eight years went to work a couple of weeks ago and never came home. He put a card under a friend's door saying he wasn't coming back.

When I sorted through the belongings he had left behind, I found a "good luck" card from my mother to him and more than \$1,000 worth of money order receipts. We had planned to move to Reno in April when we had enough money saved.

However, according to some of the letters I found, my husband never intended to take me with him to Reno - and my mother knew it.

I am extremely hurt and feel betrayed by this turn of events. Abby, should I confront my mother about this?



DEAR ABBY: I am a 20-something single woman whose best friend happens to be male. I'll call him David. David just became engaged and wants me to be part of the wedding party, so he asked his fiancée, "Tiffany," to include me as one of her bridesmaids. Tiffany has a close male friend whom she wants to be one of David's groomsmen.

I would prefer to stand next to David to show my support for his marriage. Perhaps Tiffany's male

friend and I should switch places and stand beside our respective friends. If we do this, would I wear a dress like the bridesmaids, or would I wear a tuxedo like the groomsmen?

Please check with your wedding experts and clue me in, Abby.

-THE GROOM'S BEST BUD

IN SAN ANTONIO

DEAR BEST BUD: Although a woman can serve as "best man," it's important to remember that David did not ask you to be his best man or a groomsman. He and his fiancée asked you to be a bridesmaid.

You would be wise to defer to the wishes of the bride and groom regarding your attire and where you will stand during the ceremony.

good student.

My dilemma is whether or not I should pay her to do chores even if she doesn't do a good job. She has never been motivated by money, but asks for things all the time.

I've told her that if she would do a better job with her chores, I'd reward her with spending money. She's such a good kid, I feel as though she deserves to be rewarded, but I also want her to learn that she must do a good job if she wants to be paid. That's the way it will be when she's out in the world, so I'd like her to learn that lesson now. Any pointers would be appreciated, Abby.

-KIM FROM THE WINDY CITY

DEAR KIM: Stick to your guns. Children should learn the value of completing tasks properly. The old saying, "A job worth doing is worth doing well," holds true. It's a lesson that will benefit her for the rest of her life.

-BETRAYED

IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR BETRAYED: Your feelings are valid - you were betrayed by the two people you trusted the most. By all means

confront your mother. You deserve some answers. Sadly, you married a cowardly scoundrel, and your mother appears to have aided and abetted him.

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The female always rules in deer country

Among wild birds and mammals, which are smarter - the groups or the loners? Consider this: The least intelligent birds fly in flocks; the most intelligent, the hunters and skilled nest builders, are solitary. The least intelligent mammals, the cud-chewers, remain in herds. The most intelligent, carnivorous tigers and foxes, live alone.

What era followed the "Iron Age?" Some say "Drip Dry."

But your family geographer said worry can't name the country with the highest capital city in Europe. Odds are you'll hear "Switzerland" with its capital of Bern in mind. If so, you win. Spain's Madrid at an altitude of 2,150 feet merits that "highest" distinction. Spain is right up



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there. Average altitude of the whole country is more than 2,000 feet.

Antarctic flies can't fly.

Q. Did the Spaniards ever find their lost city of gold?

A. No, but they certainly tried - 17 places in Mexico and the United States are called "El Dorado."

Among deer, she, not he, is boss, always. Deer are like ele-

phants that way.

Q. What were the dying words of the great American dramatist Eugene O'Neill?

A. "Born in a hotel room - and damn it - died in a hotel room."

Only bridge in the world built exclusively for sheep is over the Salt River northeast of Mesa, Ariz. It's one sheep wide.

Q. How come Maine is called "down east"?

A. Oldtime sailors riding a wind from astern said they were on a down hill run. Such was the northeasterly wind that pushed homebound ships from Boston to Maine.

Q. Does a frog open its mouth to croak?

A. No, it only opens its mouth to scream - if caught by a snake

or some such.

The "Weiner" in "Weiner Schmitzel" alludes to Vienna, but in fact, that tasty breaded veal cutlet originated in Italy's Milan.

Who you and I may refer to as the "paddy wagon" is known in France as the "salad basket."

"Have a nice day." That small courtesy so common hereabouts is utterly strange in England. Say it there, and people will look at you curiously, wondering what you mean by it.

Q. Didn't peanuts come from Africa?

A. By way of. Spanish explorers found peanuts in Peru and took them back to Spain. There they were traded across the Mediterranean to Africa. And the Africans brought them to North America.

Libra: Define terms, avoid self-deception

IF MARCH 11TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY - you are intuitive, have been involved in name changing on more than one occasion. You are attracted to the occult, astrology, tarot. You love a mystery and "mysterious" persons. Cancer, Capricorn and Aquarius persons play important roles in your life, could have these letters in names: B, K, T. Travel and flirtation highlighted during May. August most memorable!

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the ship; you are steadily gaining allies. Domestic harmony will be restored tonight. Libra figures prominently.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Nothing gets in your way today! You exude personality and sex appeal. Circumstances are taking dramatic turn in your favor. Leo will figure prominently.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Check Virgo message for additional information. Define terms, avoid self-deception. Romantic relationship could get too hot not to cool down. Follow intuition!

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Promotion due; this will be confirmed tonight. Emphasis on cooperative efforts, partnership and marriage. You discover "just right" living quarters. Capricorn involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Assess value of home, property. Refuse to give up something of value for nothing. Relationship intensifies; marital status featured. Cancer native is involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Favorable lunar aspect coincides with philosophical concepts. Your words will be published and quoted. Sagittarius plays integral role. Lucky number is 3.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Let go of "losing proposition." Short trip necessary if mission is to be completed. Relative is sincere but could be "sincerely misinformed." Aries featured.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Ask questions in connection with "where the money came from." Build on solid base, remove fire hazards. Taurus, Scorpio persons will play sensational roles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't permit preconceived notions to deter progress. Emphasize originality, courage of convictions. Romantic involvement lends spice, but know when to say "Enough!"

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Hold your fire! Be positive concerning rights, permissions. Don't tell all at once; hold your fire for final salvo. Do research, have facts and figures "at the ready."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Lunar cycle high; stress independence, original thinking. Personality and sex appeal "over-whelms." Home and marriage dominate; security guaranteed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Secret meeting will ultimately prove beneficial. Don't give up

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Backstage maneuver comes to light. You benefit as result. Popularity increases; emphasize intellectual curiosity. You will be tested, challenged on fashion trends.

'The Time Machine' tops weekend box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) - It was back to the future at the box office this weekend as a new adaptation of the science fiction classic "The Time Machine" opened in first place, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The movie, based on the 1895 book by science fiction master H.G. Wells and directed by Well's great-grandson Simon Wells, took in an estimated \$22.5 million from Friday through Sunday.

"This is a very strong opening since only a handful of movies

released in the first half of March ever open to more than \$20 million," said Jim Tharp, head of distribution for DreamWorks, which released the film. "With sci-fi fans and young males being the predominate audience ... that core audience seemed to really enjoy the movie."

In second place was "We Were Soldiers," in its second weekend, and opening in third was "All About the Benjamins," an action comedy starring Ice Cube.

Museum honors Bob Hope

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) - Bob Hope has made military men and women laugh for more than 50 years.

Now the U.S. Air Force Museum is celebrating the 98-year-old comedian and five decades of his jokes, cracks and quips with his own exhibit.

More than 2,000 people gathered Saturday to honor Hope and

dedicate the exhibit: "Bob Hope: 50 Years of Hope."

Hope did not attend the tribute, which featured comedian Phyllis Diller and the U.S. Air Force Band of Flight, though members of his family did.

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DATE OF MEETING: March 14-15, 2002, beginning at 10 am MST. The Commission may hold a work session beginning at 1:00 pm on March 13. A public meeting is scheduled March 13, 2002, beginning at 7:00 pm MST.	106 Special Notices	400 EDUCATION	522 Manufactured Homes	703 Custom Farm Services	815 Lawn & Garden	909 Sporting & Hunting Equipment
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PERSONS ATTENDING: Commissioners, Director, Staff	111 Entertainment Service	402 Music Lessons	524 Manufactured Homes	706 Farm Seed & Fertilizer	817 Miscellaneous For Sale	911 Utility Trailers
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