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Parade marches in T.F. today

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TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls-area Irish and all those who aspire to be will celebrate the 17th annual downtown St. Patrick's Day Parade today. Anyone who wants to join the procession is welcome.

The parade begins at about 12:30 p.m. near East Five Points - the intersection of Main Avenue East, Blue Lakes Boulevard and Kimberly Road. The procession will run northwest along Main to the parking lot of Magic Valley High School, in the 500 block of Main Avenue West.

"We're expecting 30 to 50 entries, about the same as last year," organizer Stan Thomas said.

GOOD MORNING

WEATHER



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Protesters picket clinic

Valley pro-life groups rally against Planned Parenthood

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Pro-life advocates held a prayer service Saturday afternoon in front of the future home of Planned Parenthood of Idaho's clinic to protest the organization coming to Twin Falls.

About 65 people of all ages gathered for prayers and hymns at the old Social Security office

on Second Avenue North where Planned Parenthood will open its clinic.

From there, protesters carried picket signs through a snow flurry to Shoshone Street. Several stopped in front of the offices of attorneys John Hepworth and John Lezamis, who will lease the Second Avenue North building to Planned Parenthood.

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Pro-life advocates marched in downtown Twin Falls Saturday to protest the opening of a Planned Parenthood office.

GAFO battles take shape across the U.S.

The Times-News and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley isn't the only place where confined animal feeding operations are a heated issue.

A battle is taking place in many other American rural communities between farmers and their neighbors.

Barns that once dotted the landscape in North Carolina, Utah and other farm states are being replaced with metal buildings or lots that hold thousands of cattle, hogs and chickens, which produce pound upon pound of manure.

To some farmers, the confinements and feedlots symbolize progress and opportunity that helps them support their families while satisfying demand from meatpackers, grocers and consumers.

Their neighbors believe that the manure produced by factory-style farming is polluting their land, air and rivers, making them sick and turning their home into a wasteland.

Neighbors have turned to local officials, who, in turn, have sought help from state and federal officials to control the stench and waste, but results have fallen short in some communities.

And some aren't waiting for action any longer. From townships and counties in Pennsylvania to communities in Washington state, local governments are creating their own siting or environmental rules that farmers must abide to reduce pollution.

The big local issue

In Twin Falls County, there's light at the end of the tunnel as a new ordinance - dubbed the "matrix" - drafted by people on both sides of the dairy issue makes its way toward public hearings.

But it's been a long haul. Citizen committees made up of dairy operators and concerned residents have tried to work out their problems before, only to have things fall through at the 11th hour. Twin Falls County commissioners enacted five consecutive moratoriums on new and expanding CAFOs before finally drafting three new ordinances. A group of dairy operators responded to the moratoriums by filing a lawsuit against the commissioner, saying the moratoriums were illegal and hurt their businesses.

When Ken Edmunds, a local businessman, saw how the dairy issue was tearing the community apart, he decided to bring the matrix group together.

"Through their comments in the paper, and in individual discussions, I could tell they wanted to solve the problem but didn't have the vehicle to do it," Edmunds said. "I wanted to help. They were frustrated because the county had not fully represented the efforts of the people who worked on it before. This time, we decided to do it

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SEE WHY THEY RUN



House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, starts his day by meeting with House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, in his office during the final week of the 2003 legislative session Wednesday.

Lawmakers say Statehouse service still holds appeal

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - From the outside, being a legislator might look like it's about power, money and glamour.

From the inside, many lawmakers say it's really about camaraderie, grueling hours, abuse from the public and the media. And it all comes with comparatively little material compensation.

So after finding out the reality of it, why would anyone run for office, much less come back? Three Magic Valley leaders who bore much of the brunt of a couple of major storms in this year's session said they don't really think about that question. And near the end of what they describe as one of the most difficult sessions in years, they said they still enjoyed their work in the Statehouse this year.

Leading the charge
After graduating from Declo



Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, argues a bill up for vote early Wednesday afternoon. Cameron, 41, has been serving in the Senate since he was 31 years old.

High School, House Speaker
Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, had plans to become a minister, but he changed his mind after his dad took him on a 37-day trip to the poorest cities in the world.

"If I was going to be a minister, my dad wanted me to be the kind that really made a change in the world," he said. "After that trip, I saw I didn't have that kind of

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Legislators leave Capitol with uncertainty

The Associated Press

BOISE - Lawmakers headed back home this weekend from a historic 68-day election-year session more uncertain about the future than when they arrived last Jan. 7.

Their questions are as political as they are economic.

The nation's most Republican Legislature earned the wrath of term-limit advocates by making Idaho the first state in the nation to repeal statewide term limits. The GOP then attacked an eroding economy, going one better than Republican Gov. Dirk

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Afghans question battle's success

The Associated Press

GARDEZ, Afghanistan - To some veteran Afghan commanders, the recent U.S. offensive against al-Qaida fighters in eastern Afghanistan failed because most of them got away.

Moreover, they say, this month's Operation Anaconda, the biggest U.S.-led offensive of the Afghan war, should serve as a warning of what lies ahead if the United States wants to crush al-Qaida and Taliban forces still in Afghanistan.

According to the Afghans, themselves veterans of the brutal 1980s war against the Soviets, the Americans must be prepared for a protracted series of battles, in which an elusive opponent seemingly suffers a terrible pounding.

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only to disappear into the formidable terrain - perhaps to return and fight another day.

"There will only be a guerrilla war with al-Qaida," said Commander Abdulah, a leading Afghan military figure here in Paktia province. "They know how to fight from the jihad (against the Soviets) in small groups in the mountains."

The U.S. military has declared Operation Anaconda, which began winding down last week, a success. The U.S.-led coalition seized control of the Shah-e-Kot valley after nearly two weeks of punishing airstrikes and ground combat - losing eight American and three Afghan troops.

"Operation Anaconda ... is an incredible success," said Maj. Bryan Hillery, spokesman of the 10th Mountain Division. "It took only 20 terrorists to kill 3,000 of the world's citizens in the World Trade Towers. We've killed hundreds and that means we've saved hundreds of thousands of lives. This is a great success."

However, Afghan commanders here question that assessment - as well as the estimate of hundreds of al-Qaida and Taliban casualties.

"Americans don't listen to anyone," said Commander Abdul Wali Zardran. "They do what they want. Most people escaped. You can't call that a success." U.S. officers have publicly downplayed the significance of

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CANYON CLEANUP



Donk Megargle pilots his boat filled with dredged trees into the shore near the Shoshone Falls power plant on Saturday. A group of volunteers spent the day cleaning up the river bank above Pillar Falls. For the story and more photos please see page B-1.

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Groups work to return life to bombed-out battlefield

By Steven Gutkin
Associated Press Writer

SHOMALI PLAIN, Afghanistan — It was once considered the breadbasket of Afghanistan — a fertile plain covered in vineyards, orchards and serene villages.

By last October, its blooming fields had become the front line of the war between the U.S.-backed northern alliance and the Taliban. For weeks, rockets, artillery and U.S. bombs filled the air with smoke and fire.

The devastation of the area a few miles north of Kabul had begun years earlier, the Taliban had driven out most of the plain's people when they overran the area three years ago, and the land was littered with shell casings, rusting Soviet-era tanks, dead plants and deep craters formed by bombs and rockets.

Now, with the Taliban gone, the United Nations refugee agency is bringing thousands of refugees back to the plain — and people are daring to ask the question: Can Shomali bloom again?

Work is under way to clear land mines. Afghans and foreign aid workers are rebuilding irrigation channels to bring water from surrounding snow-capped mountains, and returning villagers are getting seeds and utensils to begin planting crops.

Shomali is a microcosm of Afghanistan — dry, dusty, desolate and poor, but full of hope. "This is our home, where our fathers and grandfathers lived," said 56-year-old Mohammed Sharif, standing in line for tents and blankets near the bombed out village of Zulfikar, where the U.N. refugee agency on Thursday resettled 167 Shomali families.

"We'll build houses and have gardens and plant trees — everything," he said.

Not far from Zulfikar is the town of Bagram, where I spent four weeks with the northern alliance commanders, watching U.S. bombs fall.

The U.S. Army has now commanded the Bagram air base and for the past two weeks has been using it to launch a major offensive against Taliban and al-Qaida holdouts in the mountains

of eastern Pakhtia province. Last year the base was still in the hands of the northern alliance, fighting Taliban forces sometimes just 50 yards away.

During that time, freight containers blocked passage into Taliban territory on the main road in the Shomali Plain.

Today, those containers have been pushed to the side of the road, where rocks, painted red-and-white delineate mine fields.

This was the same road on which the northern alliance rode into Kabul on Nov. 13, the day the capital fell. Along the road, people crowded around the dead bodies of Taliban soldiers. People on bicycles and donkeys cheered and waved as children shouted "Khosh Amadid!" — "Welcome!" — to the victors.

With the road open and villagers now returning, most people speak of concerns more immediate than rebuilding and planting.

"I don't know if there will be food tonight," said Anifa, a 45-year-old mother of 12 who came to Zulfikar on Thursday as part of a U.N. program to resettle 15,000 Shomali people who had been living in the squalid former Soviet Embassy compound in Kabul.

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Returning U.S. soldiers describe pursuit of enemy

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. soldiers returning from the front lines in eastern Afghanistan on Saturday described dangerous cave-by-cave searches for the few remaining al-Qaida and Taliban fighters holed up in the rugged hills of the Shah-e-Kot valley.

The most intense combat in Operation Anaconda ended more than a week ago. But about 500 Canadian and U.S. infantrymen, along with special forces and U.S.-allied Afghan fighters, have been searching the cave complexes for the past several days.

The Canadians are expected to leave the area Sunday, according to the Canadian Press news agency, which has a reporter with the Canadian unit.

Coalition soldiers shot and killed an enemy fighter who was apparently trying to bury a fallen comrade, said Staff Sgt. Del Rodriguez, 31, of the 10th Mountain Division.

"We plugged him," said Rodriguez, of Redding, Calif., of the incident on Thursday. The unit continued on through the rocks and up the hills before spotting the body of another fighter that appeared to have died earlier, he said.

"I wasn't going to take any chances so we shot him too," said Staff Sgt. Lonnie Schultz, 28, of

Denver. Rodriguez said it appeared that the first fighter had been trying to bury the other man.

Rodriguez and the others found "spider holes" in the rocks that enemy fighters could pop out of, and which led to an underground chamber. Inside the bunker were rocket propelled grenade rounds and other ammunition, as well as medical supplies, including IVs hanging from the cave ceiling.

"We didn't expect to see anything like that," said Sgt. Jonathan Wightman, 26, Phoenix,

who also took part in the assault. "It's the best damn bunker I've ever seen."

Rodriguez said that later that night, four Afghan fighters were spotted by an AC-130 Spectre in the same area, moving toward the valley floor. U.S. allied Afghan fighters tracked them to

the valley and killed them in a firefight, Rodriguez said.

Lt. Col. Pat Stogran, commander of the Canadian contingent in Afghanistan, said the area of operation was marked by "grotesquely rugged terrain" which has made it difficult to clear.

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Vice President Dick Cheney speaks with Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Abdullah as they head into the international airport at Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Saturday.



Cheney confers with Saudis on Mideast peace

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney encountered more resistance Saturday to American action against Iraq even as he conveyed growing U.S. interest in a Saudi-sponsored Middle East peace initiative.

Cheney met with Saudi leaders who have expressed sharp reservations about any U.S. plan to move militarily against Iraq. Saudi Arabia was the sixth stop on Cheney's 11-nation Middle East tour. Each of the six countries he has visited in the region so far has opposed a tougher stand on Iraq.

The Saudi rejection was expected and telegraphed well in advance. But it was significant because of the importance the United States places on the role of Saudi Arabia in the region.

It would be difficult for the United States to mount a successful military campaign against Iraq without the support — or at least acquiescence — of Saudi Arabia, many military analysts suggest.

Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah met Cheney at the airport, walking out on a long red carpet to greet him. The two stood at attention as a Saudi band played the national anthems of both countries.

Cheney then had an audience with the ailing King Fahd and the met again with Abdullah, including a dinner session.

Abdullah is the de facto leader of the country since Fahd, his half brother, had a stroke in 1995.

Abdullah's peace initiative — offering Israel full diplomatic recognition in exchange for a withdrawal of lands it seized in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war — was first gaining support in the Arab world.

Cheney's message to Abdullah was that the United States supported his efforts even though at this point the plan does not have a lot of details, U.S. officials said.

The Bush administration sees the Abdullah plan as possibly adding to the momentum to reduce violence when it is presented at an Arab League conference this month in Lebanon.

In one Arab nation after another, Cheney has found leaders primarily focused on resolving the corrosive Israeli-Palestinian crisis, no matter how much he tries to change the subject to a tougher stand on Baghdad.

Every Middle Eastern country he has visited so far has rejected proposals to confront Iraq militarily — Jordan, Egypt, Yemen, Oman, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia.

Human rights group meets for first time since Sept. 11

GENEVA (AP) — For the first time, the United States is being confined to the sidelines as a mere observer as 53 other countries — including Sudan, Cuba and Syria — take their seats in the U.N. human rights watchdog for the annual examination of human rights worldwide.

The U.N. Human Rights Commission, which opens its six-week session Monday, will hear hundreds of speeches from ministers and activists on issues ranging from executions to toxic waste. The spiraling violence in the Middle East will likely predominate, while repression in China is again expected to escape formal censure.

Advocacy groups say it's vital that the commission assert its moral clout as human rights come under extra pressure because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and their repercussions.

"Governments around the world are cynically using the banner of anti-terrorism to justify crackdowns on internal opposition, and other countries are happy to turn a blind eye to the brutality of their allies in the anti-terror cause," said Reed Brody, a director of U.S.-based Human Rights Watch.

"Human rights around the world are under siege. In response to Sept. 11, too many countries have adopted the logic of terrorists that anything goes," he said, speaking to reporters in Geneva.

World leaders plan meeting to address poverty

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — After years of squabbling and finger-pointing, leaders from both rich and poor nations have agreed to sit down Monday for a serious talk about how to end poverty.

The meeting of business and government leaders — including President Bush and Cuban President Fidel Castro — is aimed at improving the lives of more than 1 billion people living on less than \$1 a day.

The summit has been a long-time goal of poor nations, and its theme — how to prevent crippling financial crashes and manage debt in the developing world — have been pushed by anti-globalization protesters worldwide.

Still, two days before the summit officially kicks off, there were already signs of the difficulties ahead.

After both the European Union and the United States promised billions more in aid earlier this week, European anti-globalization activists participating in a side forum in Monterrey called the move "cosmetic and inadequate."

U.S. gives 20,000 books to Kabul University library

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The United States gave 20,000 books to Kabul University on Saturday, shifting a collection that had been housed in the U.S. cultural center here to the university's newly refurbished library.

The collection, which includes reference books, works of American literature and callings texts on physics, biology and English grammar, was transferred days before the new school year begins March 23.

Acting U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker said the collection should help the university as it rebuilds its foundations and faculty after two decades of war and the Taliban regime.

Crocker said the books weren't designed to displace the Afghans should educate their students.

"It's to try to help provide the tools so that the Afghans can once again think for themselves," he said.



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Kenneth Allen has his beard painted green by Kim Angeley just before a Donagel beard competition Saturday in Shamrock, Texas. Allen was the first runner-up in the competition.

U.S. helps evacuate wounded

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP) - U.S. military helicopters flew three wounded Filipino soldiers to safety after Muslim guerrillas ambushed a Philippine army patrol, officials said Saturday.

It was the first known occasion that U.S. troops involved in a counterterrorism training exercise in the southern Philippines played a role - though an indirect one - in that country's war with Abu-Suyuf guerrillas, who have been linked to the al-Qaida terrorist network.

About 660 U.S. soldiers are training Philippine troops to better fight the Muslim rebels and rescue two Americans and a

Philippine woman who have been in their hands for more than nine months.

Maj. Noel Dotoyato, a Philippine military spokesman, said Abu-Suyuf guerrillas ambushed the Philippine army patrol after midnight in a jungle off Basilan village on the small southern island of Basilan. In a 15-minute gunbattle, one soldier was killed and three were wounded.

Two U.S. Pave Hawk helicopters with night-flight capabilities flew to Basilan from their temporary base in the nearby city of Zamboanga. By the time they arrived, the fighting had stopped, and they did not come under fire,

Dotoyato said. The Pave Hawks are a version of the popular Army Black Hawk helicopter.

While waiting for the helicopters to arrive, the three soldiers were treated by U.S. Special Forces soldiers deployed with the Philippine army unit at a site about 15 miles from the fighting, Dotoyato said.

The U.S. soldiers on the ground also guided the helicopters to a safe landing zone away from possible hostile fire, Dotoyato said.

Bris. Gen. Donald Wurster, commander of U.S. troops training Filipinos, said the helicopter took the three wounded soldiers and their fallen comrade to a military hospital in Zamboanga.

Latest missile defense test succeeds

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Pentagon's latest missile defense test was successful, but many more experiments are necessary to prove that the U.S. system can shoot enemy warheads out of the sky, military officials and outside experts say.

"I think we can say ... our test program is proceeding and showing some quite impressive success," Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said Saturday. On Friday night, a prototype interceptor slammed into a dummy warhead 140 miles above the Pacific, destroying both. It was the sixth test of a ground-based missile defense prototype and the fourth successful destruction of the dummy warhead.

The military also is developing other types of anti-missile systems - a ship-based interceptor rocket successfully hit a dummy warhead in a test earlier this year. "I'll say right off the bat before some critic discovers it, this was not a 'realistic' test of exactly what intercepts would have to be," Wolfowitz said in an interview on CNN. "But it's the first time we have had anything that

looked like a decoy warhead, and it picked out the real warhead from the decoys."

At least 19 more tests are needed before the ground-based missile defense system can be fully operational, said Lt. Col. Rick Lehner, a spokesman for the Defense Department's Missile Defense Agency. Those tests - one is planned every three months - will last until 2006 or 2007, Lehner said.

Missile defense skeptics said that's an important point.

"We have a long way to go before the final exam," said Chris Madison of the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation. "I'm concerned that people have the impression, based on these tests, that we're almost to missile defense. Until we have operational testing, we'll have no idea whether we can get there."

The Bush administration is pressing ahead with development of the anti-missile systems, saying the United States needs a defense if a rogue country like North Korea develops and fires long-range missiles at American shores.

President Bush announced last year he was pulling the United States out of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty, which bans such missile defenses. Russia and some other countries have criticized the move.

Domestic missile defense critics say the program is too costly and too easily defeated with simple countermeasures or by firing a larger number of missiles.

Designing, testing and building a system of land- and sea-based missile defenses would cost between \$23 billion and \$64 billion by 2015, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimated earlier this year.

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Prosecutors didn't demand death sentence for Texas mom Yates

HOUSTON (AP) - In a county that has had more convicted murderers executed than all but two states, prosecutors know how to go for the jugular when they want a death sentence.

Yet when it came to Andrea Yates, Harris County assistant district attorney Joe O'wmy by Tuesday afternoon appeared to pull their punches during the punishment phase of her trial. They didn't call witnesses, present evidence or demand lethal injection.

After meeting for less than 40 minutes Friday, the panel came back with a life sentence by finding Yates was not a future threat to society, the key determining factor under Texas law.

Yates, 37, had a long history of severe mental illness and suicide attempts before June 20, when she drowned her five children one by one in their bathtub.

She pleaded innocent by reason of insanity, but the jury on Tuesday took less than four hours to decide she knew right from wrong and render a guilty verdict.

While the prosecution case was relatively muted during the penalty phase, the defense presented several witnesses to testify on behalf of Yates, including husband Russell Yates and mother Julia Karin Kennedy.

"The state brings you no expert to tell you this woman is a future danger," defense attorney Wendell Odum told the panel.

"For whatever reason, you have no evidence this woman is a future danger to society."

Kansas court rules transexual marriage invalid

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - A transsexual's claim for half of her late husband's \$2.5 million estate was rejected by the state Supreme Court, which ruled a marriage between a man and a transsexual woman is not valid.

The ruling on Friday came in a case closely watched by advocates of J'Noel Gardiner, a transsexual whose right to inherit half of her late husband's estate had been challenged by his son. The court rejected Gardiner's claim and granted the entire estate to the son, Joe Gardiner.

In its ruling, the court said the state Legislature recognizes only marriages between "two parties who are of the opposite sex." J'Noel Gardiner's sex change operations took place before her 1998 marriage to Marshall Gardiner. He died a year later, and his son challenged the validity of their marriage after learning of the sex change.

Willford did display pictures of the five children while she addressed the jury, and said she thought there had been enough evidence during the trial to fulfill the conditions for death. But then she added: "That's for you to decide."

Neil McCabe, a professor at the South Texas College of Law, theorized that prosecutors initially raised the possibility of the death penalty only for jury selection purposes. In death cases, jurors

must agree to consider lethal injection, which McCabe said tends to make them law-and-order types. McCabe rejected any suggestion prosecutors were of the pro-death penalty national image of Texas and Harris County. "These are not people who would be softened by public reaction," McCabe said. "Besides, the public reaction in Harris County is pro-death penalty, and that's their constituency."

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Pumping gas gets Marines to Afghan combat zone

Los Angeles Times

ZORMAT, Afghanistan - As missions go in this war, pumping gas from a big helicopter to a smaller one isn't among the more glamorous. But this is what Marines from the 13th Expeditionary Unit are doing in the high desert, seven miles west of the front line of the war's bloodiest battle.

There is little here is little of the enemy, though the Marines aren't so sure about the ragged-looking Afghan locals with Kalashnikovs, just a few hundred shimmery yards across the sand.

"Go on out, take a knee and keep an eye out," advises Maj. Kevin Moss, the 37-year-old pilot of one of the two CH-53E Super Stallions that landed here to refuel and return two Cobra gunships to a nearby ridge for al-Qaida cavern hide-outs. "You never know who's paying them."

One slog a squad of Marines, out with the name Goat on his helmet, to dig holes in the sand. Cpl. Joseph Giannini, a 21-year-old from Bakerfield, Calif., eyes a fortification at the edge of the village that looks like a washed-out sand castle. It isn't exactly what he wants to do in this war, but it's better than scraping and painting a ship off the coast of Pakistan, as some members of his unit are doing.

"We've had a couple of little scares," Giannini said, when asked for the obligatory war story. "We landed in an LZ (landing zone) the other day, and we saw a bunch of people coming over the mountain, forming groups. We saw them from 1,000 yards away. All we saw was things shining on them. I didn't know if it was weapons or not, but I don't want to take a chance on anyone. They tell us they're friendly one day, and the next day they're shooting."

With its wheels half-buried in the sand, the Super Stallion is a fat target, a cross between a shipping container and a science-fiction locomotive. It weighs 37,500 pounds empty, but is carrying a

refueling tank with 4,000 pounds of jet fuel in addition to the 9,000 pounds of fuel in the helicopter's own tanks, according to Moss.

Bristling with rockets and cannons, the wasp-like Cobras carve showy turns overhead before landing in a sand-blasting whirl. Crew Chief Jason Palmer, 44, of Spokane, Wash., hauls a hose to the tank and fills it

'We've had a couple of little scares.'

- Cpl. Joseph Giannini

In about as much time as it takes to fuel a large SUV. It's the NASCAR pit stop of aviation. Then the Cobra sweeps off, hugging the terrain, out and up to a series of snowy ridges stamped on the horizon as if they were minted on a coin.

Moss (call sign: Alge) and his 29-year-old co-pilot, Capt. Brian Fanning (call sign: Chumpy), came in from Bagram air base, about 100 miles north, flying low enough to flutter laundry and scatter sheep. "In this flat terrain, you're not going to hear or see us until we're a mile away," Moss said. "In the worst case, a guy picks up a SAM (surface-to-air missile), but the time he's got left to react is too short."

Nothing like that happens much, though there has been some small-arms fire from villages. "We're not really allowed to do anything about that," Palmer says. "You can't go in and wax a whole city."

During a flight, though, one of the two door gunners fires off a few rounds into the sand for the benefit of a CNN film crew on board. The sound of the gun is like a chain caught in a metal pulley.

By late afternoon, the men have refueled the two Cobras more than half a dozen times each, and gone aloft to top off their own tanks from a KC-130 refueling plane.

When the mission is over, the crew and the men who set up their perimeter get back in the Super Stallions and the aircraft lift off, dipping, ducking and banking over a broken country. Nothing happened to the Marines, and that's something. When they get to Bagram air base, they'll stroll across the runway. They'll be unburned and dirty. They'll have been to the war zone.

Al-Qaida moves money again, U.S. official says

WASHINGTON (AP) - Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network has stepped up its financial activity markedly in recent weeks, suggesting some leaders are reasserting control and may be seeking to finance more attacks against American interests, a U.S. official says.

The increased flow of money corresponds with a recent increase in communications between surviving al-Qaida members, the official said, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

The communications, detected by U.S. intelligence, have occurred between small groups of al-Qaida fighters and some Taliban ties, officials said. Much of the activity is centered in northwestern Pakistan - near the Afghan border - although some money and communications are going elsewhere, one official said.

The activity suggests some known al-Qaida leaders are re-establishing control over surviving elements of the terrorist net.

Bush says U.S. kids have raised millions

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush said Saturday that American children have raised \$4.5 million to help the youth of Afghanistan in the five months since he asked each youngster to earn \$1 and send it to the White House.

"America's children have been extremely generous in helping the children of Afghanistan," Bush said in his weekly radio address. He said much of the money is used for school supplies such as pencils, notebooks, crayons and soccer balls.

When the Afghan school year begins this month, many women and girls will be setting foot in a classroom for the first time, he said.

"This will be a remarkable moment in the history of Afghanistan," Bush said. "Under the new government of a liberated Afghanistan, educating all children is a national priority. And America, along with its coalition partners, is actively helping in that effort."

work, the official said, declining to name the leaders. U.S. intelligence has detected a significant boost in money transfers within al-Qaida to people who could use it to prepare attacks on American interests, although the official offered no specifics on potential attacks.

"There's lots of signs al-Qaida is reconstituting itself," said Vince Cannistraro, a former CIA counterterrorist chief. "Internet traffic has picked up enormously. Money is moving around. There is some evidence leadership is active."

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Phony drug cases raise issues

DALLAS (AP) — The cases unfolded — and unraveled — one by one: drug bust after drug bust in which investigators later found little or no drugs in the evidence that was seized.

The FBI is examining the role of Dallas police and prosecutors in about 70 drug busts involving more than 40 defendants — dismissed in recent months after lab tests revealed fake drugs or tiny amounts of the real thing mixed with large amounts of gypsum.

Whether it's a case of corruption or a massive system failure remains to be seen. But the botched cases have spilled over into the race for district attorney and angered the newly elected mayor. Some victims have threatened civil rights lawsuits, and Hispanic advocacy groups are calling for the resignations of the district attorney, city manager and police chief.

"It's the worst law enforcement scandal I've heard of in the Northern District of Texas in the 20 years I've practiced here," said Paul Coggins, a former U.S. attorney.

The scandal began unfolding last fall, when prosecutors notified Dallas police of evidence tests showing little or no illegal drugs. But defense attorneys say they had beseeched District Attorney Bill Hill to look into the cases long before that.

Hill defends his office, saying his prosecutors were first to discover the problem and send the evidence for lab tests. He said his staff found a pattern in some of the cases in early November and within two weeks halted all prosecutions involving two police officers and their informant, even though some of those cases may



Dallas Police Chief Terrell Bolton concludes a news conference in Dallas Jan. 25.

have been valid. The Police Department placed the two narcotics detectives on administrative leave.

Police Chief Terrell Bolton has declined requests for interviews with The Associated Press. The FBI also declined to give details, citing its investigation.

Glenn White, president of the Dallas Police Association, defended his suspended colleagues. "They went out and did their job and they happened to have an informant that is unreliable," White said. "The informant realized if he delivered large amounts, he'd get more money."

Critics say police and county officials had several clues that the busts weren't legitimate. They question why Hill's office had not ordered lab tests before indicting defendants based on uncorroborated field tests by the arresting officers.

"How did these field tests, if they were actually run, mistake

gypsum for cocaine?" Coggins asked.

White said most district attorneys and federal agents in Texas require lab tests before indicting suspects in large drug busts. Field tests are notoriously unreliable; something as innocuous as aspirin can test positive as cocaine, he said.

"This is not a corruption case," White said. "It's a system failed." Dallas County's policy had been to hold off on more conclusive lab tests until trial. In some cases, defendants pleaded guilty to lesser charges and were jailed or deported. The new policy calls for lab tests before indicting suspects.

Former Dallas County prosecutor Robert Montserrat blamed lack of supervision in the Police Department and poor communication in the overworked district attorney's office. Because the growing drug caseload is spread among several prosecutors, a pattern of inconsistency is harder to spot, he said.

Conflict-of-interest issues arise with auditors

WASHINGTON (AP) — Auditors have long considered themselves public protectors, like financial cops walking a beat. Now many pitch their firms as highest and best advisers and confidants to the same corporations whose books they police.

"All the old-timers are sad to see the changes," said Curtis Verschoor, a research professor at DePaul University who became a certified public accountant in 1952. "Time to turn your CPA certificate around to face the wall."

Few outside the profession were troubled by the cozy relationship between the auditors and the audited — until giant accounting firm Arthur Andersen was brought low by Enron Corp.'s bankruptcy scandal.

Now Congress and regulators are looking for ways to ensure independent auditors really are independent.

One proposal would ban auditors from marketing consulting services to companies they audit. A second would force companies to rotate auditors every few years

so they would not grow too close. The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants opposes both, arguing that the more auditors know about a company's operations, the better their audits will be.

Andersen itself has recruited Paul Volcker, a former Federal Reserve chairman, to lead an oversight board that would make sweeping changes at the firm. In its first recommendations, Volcker's board proposed splitting Andersen into separate accounting and auditing units.

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Grazing center hopes to grow new ways of working the land

MACKAY (AP) — Renée Snyder hopes a federally funded learning site...

"My hope is that it will create a safe, objective environment where people can begin to learn together," said Snyder...

The Lost River Holistic Management Learning Site is designed to provide a place where diverse groups can explore...

Allan Savory, founder of the Allan Savory Center for Holistic Management in Albuquerque, N.M., will oversee the center...

Savory, once a rancher-hating, cattle-shooting wildlife manager and politician from Zimbabwe, Africa, believes land in

areas with low precipitation in the early summer can benefit from huge migrating herds.

In Africa, animals such as zebras, gazelles and water buffalo, packed into tight bunches to protect themselves from predators...

By the time they returned, rains would have fallen and the decomposed manure and urine would have fertilized a new growth of grass, he said.

"The power of holistic management is not just about livestock," Savory said. It's about groups of people opening their minds to new possibilities...

"It's magnetic north, and it just guides you there."

Decisions about how to reach those goals are analyzed for their ecological,

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economic, social and spiritual consequences. Each decision put into action is monitored with the assumption that it was the wrong — not the right — one.

Blackfoot rancher Charlotte Reid said applying Savory's holistic management methods to her family's ranch operation for the past decade has improved their lives and their land.

"We found that it's much easier to sit in a classroom and think about how it

would be that to get out on the ground and make it all happen," Reid said.

Managing their ranch holistically has been a balancing act that has often been more about respecting each other's opinions and positions in the traditional family hierarchy, Reid said.

A communitywide collaborative effort such as the Lost River Holistic Management Learning Site could be even more of a balancing act as Savory and Lincia Hestag, Mackay's economic development director, try to guide historically opposed groups toward a "magnetic north."

To succeed, the learning site will need to find local environmentalists, ranchers, businessmen, government officials and others willing to learn from one another and from the land.

Participants must be willing — and allowed — to make mistakes while under

the public scrutiny of groups such as the Hailley-based Western Watersheds Project, an anti-grazing group that has vowed to get cattle off the range.

Stew Churchwell, central Idaho director of Western Watersheds Project, said he wanted to be a part of the learning site.

"I know the learning site is here, and I'm not going to try to stop it," Churchwell said. "I think it's a great opportunity to prove once and for all if Allan Savory is correct. If he's correct, that's OK."

Reid said the rewards have been worth the effort. For example, the Reids first tried Savory's high-intensity, short-duration grazing strategy on an 80-acre piece of irrigated pasture slated for reseeding because of poor productivity.

By the fifth year, Reid found deeper roots and more friable soil than in samples taken from adjacent ground.

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Breakfast menu Milk served every day Choice of fruit or juice every day Monday: Cereal, toast Tuesday: Donuts Wednesday: Egg and cheese McMuffin Thursday: French toast sticks, maple syrup Friday: Hot oatmeal toast Lunch menu Salad bar and milk served every day Monday: Chicken sandwich, macaroni and cheese, apple or oranges, brownies Tuesday: Burritos, Spanish rice, vegetables, cornucopia roll Wednesday: Corn dogs, French fries, fruit Thursday: Chili Fritos, celery sticks, fruit roll-up, cinnamon roll Friday: Cheeseburgers, French fries, fruit

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu Milk and juice served every day Monday: Donuts Tuesday: Scrambled eggs Wednesday: Firmovers Thursday: Cinnamon rolls Friday: Muffins Lunch menu Monday: Nachos Tuesday: Spaghetti Wednesday: Chicken burgers Thursday: Escholdas Friday: Hoagie sandwiches

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served every day Monday: Spaghetti, peas, bread, apple sauce Tuesday: Scrambled eggs, French toast, cranberry sauce, pears, jelly Wednesday: Hamburger, corn, pineapple, piping Thursday: Turkey gravy, noodles, carrots, apricot, cookie Friday: Pizza, green beans, bread, peaches

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: Chicken nuggets Tuesday: Tacos Wednesday: Cook's choice Thursday: Deli turkey sandwich Friday: Corn dogs

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast menu Milk served every day Monday: Cereal, toast, juice, fruit Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy, fruit, juice Wednesday: Quesadilla, fruit, juice Thursday: Long Johns, cereal, fruit, juice Friday: No school Lunch menu Milk served every day Monday: Pizza, salad, fruit Tuesday: Sloppy Joes, carrots, fruit Wednesday: Hill-bow, coleslaw, fruit Thursday: Burritos, corn, fruit Friday: No school

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day Monday: Chicken nuggets, potato planks, cookie Tuesday: Italian sub sandwich, pineapple, carrot and celery sticks, ginger cookie Wednesday: Turkey and lettuce salad, fruit cocktail, rolls, jelly, mozzarella bread Thursday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green salad, garlic bread, pears Friday: No school

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served every day Monday: Tacos, salsa, corn, kolach Tuesday: Corn dogs, pasta, carrot sticks, apple half Wednesday: Nachos, bread sticks, salsa, pineapple Thursday: Roast turkey, potatoes, gravy, celery sticks, rolls, fruit, jelly Friday: Chili, crackers, pears, cinnamon rolls

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day Monday: Earlbean wrap, an arasin potato, fruit and vegetable bar Tuesday: Corn dog, pasta, fruit and vegetable bar Wednesday: Nachos, bread stick, fruit and vegetable bar Thursday: Turkey sub, potato patty, fruit and vegetable bar Friday: Chicken chrip; salsa; fruit and vegetable bar

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served every day Monday: Hamburger, French fries, diced peas, vanilla pudding cup Tuesday: Ham and cheese sandwich, seasoned corn, sliced apple slices, fruit snacks Wednesday: Chinese egg roll, fried rice, Mandarin orange jelly, bromeliad Thursday: Popcorn chicken basket, grapes, biscuit, honey Friday: Deli sandwich, mini pretzels, kiwi, trail mix

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day Monday: Turkey and noodles, green beans, fruit cocktail, granola crackers Tuesday: Soup and sandwich, chips, mixed vegetables, peas/beans Wednesday: Pizza, salad, pineapple, pudding Thursday: Chili dogs, baby carrots, appleauce

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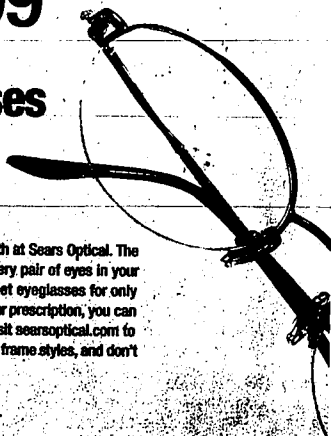
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Lunches

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Thursday: Ham and cheese sandwich, sweet rolls
Friday: Cereal, pineapple, biscuits, honey
Lunch menu
 Milk served every day
Monday: Corn dog, salad bar or grilled cheese sandwich, Campbell's chicken noodle soup, celery sticks with peanut butter, chilled peaches
Tuesday: Pepperoni Hot Pocket; soup and sandwich bar or popcorn chicken basket, pineapple dillita, biscuits, honey
Wednesday: Taco bar or pizza, seasoned corn, banana, hot pretzel
Thursday: Chicken fritters; potato bar or Chinese egg roll, sweet and sour sauce, french fries, roll fruit Jell-O, fortune cookie
Friday: French bread pizza; salad bar or deli sandwich, mini pretzels, strawberries, chocolate chip cookie

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Monday: American Irish stew, soda bread
Tuesday: Chili, fries
Wednesday: Chicken party sandwich
Thursday: Chef salad
Friday: Fish and chips

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY
 Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal, orange juice, blueberry muffin
Tuesday: Hot cereal, applesauce, toast
Wednesday: Cereal, strawberries and bananas, cinnamon toast
Thursday: Ham and cheese sandwich, Jell-O, fortune cookie
Friday: Cereal, pineapple, biscuits, honey
Lunch menu
Monday: Sloppy Joe, tater tots, chilled applesauce, cinnamon crisp cookie
Tuesday: Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, strawberries and bananas, dinner roll
Wednesday: Chinese egg roll, sweet and sour sauce, fried rice, Mandarin orange Jell-O, fortune cookie
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, barbecue sauce, seasoned potato wedges, pineapple chunks, biscuits, jelly
Friday: French bread pizza, vegetables, ranch dip, strawberries, raisin snack

VALLEY SCHOOLS
 Breakfast is served every day
Monday: Burrito, French fries, carrot sticks, hot roll, turkey, cherry cobbler
Tuesday: Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cheese sauce, hot roll, butter, pumpkin pie
Wednesday: Soft-shell taco, chips, salsa, corn, bread sticks, fruit
Thursday: Chicken, fruit
Friday: Chili, crackers, cinnamon roll, vegetable sticks, fruit

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
 Breakfast is served every day
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main-line menu varies every day.
Monday: Salad bar; deli sandwich or ham and cheese Hot Pocket, seasoned potato wedges, pineapple chunks, brownie
Tuesday: Coyote grill bar; deli sandwich or grilled chicken and bacon wrap, nacho Doritos, strawberries, bananas, pudding cup
Wednesday: Taco bar; deli sandwich or hamburger, French fries, kiwi, Rice Krispie treat
Thursday: Coyote grill bar; deli sandwich or hot Italian sub sandwich, potato chips, cool fruit Jell-O, fruit roll-up
Friday: Potato bar; deli sandwich or Little Caesar's pizza, strawberries, bread sticks, pizza sauce

BLAINE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
All elementary
 Lunch menu
 Bellevue Elementary has no self-serve bar.
Monday: Pepperoni pizza, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, salad, applesauce, fortune cookie. Self-serve bar: Potato bar, chili
Tuesday: Ham and cheese sandwich, Dinnal's yogurt, minestrone soup, peaches, Rice Krispie treat. Self-serve bar: Hot dogs
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, bottled egg and roll, country blend vegetables. Self-serve bar: Cheese nachos
Thursday: Buttermilk pancakes, string cheese, crackers, scrambled eggs, hash brown patty, orange juice. Self-serve bar: Taco salad
Friday: Hamburger, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, shoestring fries, fruit cookie

tall, waffle cookie. Self-serve bar: Spaghetti
BLISS SCHOOL
 Milk served every day
Monday: Burrito, nachos, vanilla pudding
Tuesday: Hamburger, French fries, pie
Wednesday: Chicken nugget dinner
Thursday: French dip, vegetables, french fries, cookie
Friday: Pizza, salad, pineapple

DIETRICH SCHOOLS
 Salad bar, fruit and milk served every day
Monday: Shepherd's pie
Tuesday: Sub sandwich
Wednesday: Turkey noodles
Thursday: Nachos
Friday: Cheese bake

GLENN'S FERRY
Monday: Chicken nuggets, fries, raisins, hot roll
Tuesday: Soft-shell taco, refried beans, fruit, trail mix
Wednesday: Egg salad sandwich, chicken noodle soup, crackers, fruit, chips
Thursday: Malibu chicken sandwich, macaroni salad, fruit
Friday: Fish and chips, salad, fruit

GODDING ELEMENTARY
 Choice of milk served every day
Monday: Pizza, salad bar or spicy chicken sandwich
Tuesday: Pigs in a blanket, potato bar or burrito with fries
Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese, salad bar, chicken, turkey, fortune cookie
Thursday: Breakfast for lunch, deli bar or hamburger
Friday: No school

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS
 Choice of milk offered every day
Monday: Beef taco, vegetable choice, blueberry muffin
Tuesday: Ham and cheese, oven fries, fruit, cookie
Wednesday: Turkey pot pie, biscuit, fruit, trail mix
Thursday: Pizza, vegetable choice, fruit, crisp rice bar
Friday: Chicken patty, oven fries, fruit, cookie

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND
 Milk served every day
Monday: Breakfast menu
Tuesday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, scrambled eggs, toast, jelly
Wednesday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, bananas, muffin
Thursday: Choice of juice, choice of cereal, chicken, Little Smokies, syrup
Friday: Choice of juice, fruit, cinnamon rice, waffles, link sausage, syrup
Lunch menu
 Salad bar and choice of milk served every day
Monday: Burrito, pear halves, corn, mystery pie
Tuesday: Grilled ham and cheese sandwich, tomato soup, crackers, apricots, yellow cake
Wednesday: Corn dogs, tater tots, apples, cinnamon rolls
Thursday: Beef ravioli, seasoned carrots, grapes, French bread, sherbet
Friday: Fish nuggets, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, seasoned potatoes, blueberry crisp

JEROME SCHOOLS
 Milk served every day
Monday: Turkey slice or chicken-fried steak, stuffing, gravy, California-blend vegetables, apples or Toplatil yogurt
Tuesday: Canadian bacon pizza or hot ham and cheese sandwich, salad, oranges or chilled peaches
Wednesday: Foot-long hot dogs, fries, grapes or pear halves, dirt cup and worms
Thursday: Tuna salad sandwich or grilled cheese sandwich, taco soup, vegetables, kiwi or fruit cup
Friday: Cook's choice

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS
Breakfast menu
 Milk and juice served every day
Monday: Cereal, chicken
Tuesday: Pancakes, sausage
Wednesday: Cereal, toast
Thursday: Biscuits; gravy, scrambled eggs
Friday: Cereal, pies
Lunch menu
Monday: Hoagie sandwich, tomato soup, crackers, peach crisp
Tuesday: Lasagna, garlic bread sticks, green beans, brownies, mixed fruit
Wednesday: Potato bar, bread, butter,

cake, applesauce
Thursday: Soft-shell taco, corn, cinnamon roll, peaches
Friday: French dip sandwich, potato salad, peanut butter cookie, pears

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS
 Breakfast and choice of milk served every day
Monday: Soft taco, refried beans, salsa, cinnamon applesauce
Tuesday: Egg rolls, fried rice, oriental vegetables, tropical fruit, fortune cookie
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, pineapple, tossed salad, ranch dressing, Rice Krispie treats
Thursday: Chicken wrap, cherry cobbler, carrot sticks
Friday: No school

WENDELL SCHOOLS
 Breakfast and choice of milk served daily
Monday: Chicken parties, mashed potatoes, gravy, baby carrots, wheat roll, fruit pie
Tuesday: Ground beef stroganoff, mashed potatoes, salad, wheat roll, jam, peaches

MINIDOKA COUNTY SCHOOLS
Breakfast menu
Monday: Pancakes, syrup, sausage patty, pears
Tuesday: Cereal, graham crackers, pineapple
Wednesday: Scrambled eggs, biscuit, fruit
Thursday: Cereal, muffin, trail mix
Friday: Cheese toast, peaches, trail mix
Lunch menu
 Choice of white or chocolate milk every day
Monday: Burrito, Mexican corn, pink applesauce, peanut butter bar
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets green beans, fruit mix, dinner roll
Wednesday: Student's choice
Thursday: Nachos, refried beans, peaches, cookie
Friday: Idaho popcorn trout, cheesy ranch potatoes, red Jell-O, apple wedges, dinner roll

CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Breakfast menu
Monday: Breakfast on a bun, orange
Tuesday: Toaster pastry, trail mix, pears
Wednesday: Cereal, cinnamon toast, juice
Thursday: Yogurt, cinnamon roll, pineapple
Friday: No school
Lunch menu
Monday: Crispito, vegetable sticks, trail mix, pineapple
Tuesday: Hamburger, French fries, banana
Wednesday: Taco soup, orange, cinnamon rolls
Thursday: Sloppy Joe's, broccoli, mixed fruit, brownie
Friday: No school

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH
Breakfast: Juice and fruit served every day
 Choice of salad bar with sandwich or soup or sandwich bar every day
 Chocolate milk served every day
Solid bar: Hot Pockets
Monday: Hamburger; cheeseburger or bacon cheeseburger, tater tots, peaches
Tuesday: Taco or corn dog, corn, apple
Wednesday: Fruit in a blanket or scouburger, crinkle fries, fruit cup, Salad bar
Thursday: Chicken muller burger; tater tots, wedges, orange half, Pizza bar or salad bar; Finger steak, roll
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Wednesday: Scrambled eggs, biscuit, fruit
Thursday: Cereal, muffin, trail mix
Friday: Cheese toast, peaches, trail mix
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 Choice of white or chocolate milk every day
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NATION



Sierra Club President Jennifer Ferenstein speaks on Capitol Hill Monday in Washington. Ferenstein wants to change Sierra Club by stressing what the oldest and largest volunteer-driven environmental group is for rather than what it opposes.

Sierra Club leader seeks to change image

WASHINGTON (AP) — Environmentalists howl about so many things.

Sierra Club President Jennifer Ferenstein wants to change that, stressing what the oldest and largest volunteer-driven environmental group is for rather than what it opposes.

The switch in attitude became more of a necessity than an option after the terror attacks, as President Bush's approval ratings soared and concern about his environmental record receded.

If switching to a positive voice was a good idea before the attacks, it became a brilliant idea on Sept. 11 because after that people wanted to be united, and clearly what unites people is solutions," said Carl Pope, the club's executive director.

Ferenstein, whose organization has 740,000 members, believes most Americans care about a healthy environment — and that her organization also speaks for them. Since its beginnings in 1892, the group has become hugely influential in political advocacy.

"My big goal is that we're a reliable source of information, that we're not hyperbolic and we

don't exploit situations and people's fears for our own goals," said Ferenstein, who lives in Missoula, Mont., and is the first club president from the Northern Rockies.

The Sierra Club continues to blare out "anti" messages on drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, air pollution, global warming and other issues. But there are positive messages, too — support for new automobile fuel economy requirements, campaign finance reform and restoring wild salmon to the Pacific Northwest.

Ferenstein was elected to the one-year post last year at age 36, a far cry from the white-haired image of the club's founder, John Muir, granddaddy of American conservationists.

She brings to the job a background spanning New West backpacking and Old West cattle ranching. Ferenstein grew up in Berkeley, Calif., but spent summers working on her grandparents' 6,000-acre cattle ranch in central Oregon. She backpacked 300 miles across Montana for a month in 1997 in support of federal legislation to preserve more pristine acreage in the Northern Rockies.

Company recalls animal feed

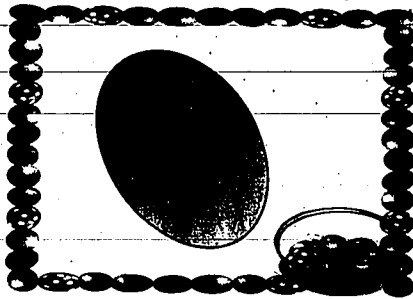
CHASKA, Minn. (AP) — A Minnesota company is recalling animal feed supplements contaminated with dioxin, a suspected carcinogen.

Meat and milk from animals that ate the supplement have already gone to market, though state health and agriculture officials say there is no public health threat.

The Quali Tech company of

Chaska, about 25 miles southwest of Minneapolis, has been shut down indefinitely while state and federal health officials investigate the source and scope of contamination.

Authorities in Ireland, where the contamination was discovered, notified the company late last month. The worldwide recall was announced Friday.



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LENDER

OPINION

U.S. must stay tough about sealing borders

On Monday night, we were reminded by those two columns of light that six months ago there were two silver towers rising above all Manhattan.

On Tuesday, we were reminded by a horrendous Immigration and Naturalization Service foul-up that America is still trying to get its immigration policy right.

Shockingly, the INS sent a Florida flight school a notice that it had just approved visa requests for two of the Sept. 11 hijackers.

Both events tell us much about how America has been transformed during these six months and how we are still struggling to find our way forward.

We've heard plenty of talk during this time about what America should do to protect itself.

There have been too many news conferences and too many public discussions of war strategy and espionage designs by this administration.

I find such stuff ludicrous, particularly the critical talk about OK'ing assassinations and disinformation—as if honor and truth and justice are supposed to be the driving forces behind our stance.

There also has been a lot of hot air about profiling Muslims and about how Americans, ever naive, have no idea how violent the nature of life is in other countries.



Since 45,000 black Americans were murdered between 1994 and 1999, there are some in this country who have an idea about living under reigns of violence—and they definitely need another war on terrorism fought for them by this government.

We hear that it's the Arabs who are targets now, and everyone else tomorrow.

Yes, vigilance to protect our liberties is forever a necessity. But all those who denounce so-called Arab profiling, or who object to a moratorium on immigration from Islamic countries hostile to this nation, need to put their faces in a bowl of cold water for a few seconds and wake up.

I would remind them that those two beams of light rising from Ground Zero represent something beyond an interesting

design. They symbolize the lives lost because fewer than 20 men were able to harness enough technology to kill thousands.

Never, ever forget that: It doesn't take many. That is the real point.

So if pressure has to be kept on innocent Arabs until those Arabs who are intent on committing mass murder are flushed out, that is the unfortunate cost they must pay to reside in this nation.

If 500,000 Muslims must be denied immigration so that 20 members of Al Qaeda are not admitted, it should be OK with everyone.

There is no place in the Constitution that provides immigration as a right.

Those who say we have become hysterical should notice

that more than 400 Muslims were recently slaughtered in western India because some of their faith had set fire to a train and burned 78 Hindus to death.

Imagine if this nation had responded to Sept. 11 with the same murderous rage—and with the same ratio of Muslim victims to our victims.

Instead of such bloodshed, we have taken measured steps toward self-protection—although as the INS blunder shows, we have much improving to do.

Above all, our nation must be protected as we argue our way into our next version of ourselves.

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Idaho supports conservation

The Nature Conservancy, the world's largest conservation organization with headquarters in Arlington, Va., began its work in Idaho 25 years ago. In that quarter century, many area residents have had a chance to become familiar with its work.

The Conservancy's Silver Creek Preserve is a popular destination for many Twin Falls anglers, and the Conservancy today has a strong presence in the Middle Snake River and the Hagerman Valley. The Thousand Springs Preserve is a scenic place for a picnic or canoeing, and many enjoy touring the farm on Ritter Island. The annual festival attracts thousands to the area to raise money for the Conservancy's presence along the Middle Snake.

Recently, the Conservancy celebrated the completion of its largest conservation campaign to date, raising more than \$21 million in cash and \$6 million in land and in-kind gifts over the past three years. This campaign is the largest conservation campaign in Idaho history.

Since the campaign started, it has made conserving key areas in the Hagerman Valley possible, including the acquisition of Box Canyon and, in the protection of the Billingsley Creek, the two latest state parks in Idaho.

What has enabled the Conservancy to be successful is its non-confrontational approach and its willingness to work with ranchers, farmers, private landowners and businesses. It is obvious that Idahoans support the Conservancy's mission, or its conservation campaign would not have been so tremendously successful. This support was reflected in the generous donations from many in Twin Falls and the surrounding communities.

Hiking in Box Canyon or fishing in Billingsley Creek, it is quite easy to enjoy the successes. And they are certainly worth celebrating. But many challenges lie ahead. Our understanding of the science of conservation grows every day, and with it the realization of the challenges of preserving our wild creatures and places.

These challenges may be daunting, but with the continued support of individuals and communities, the Conservancy can meet those challenges. We appreciate the support and look forward to many conservation successes in the future.

JIM DEKLEINHANS
Hagerman
(Editor's note: Jim Dekleinhans serves on the board of trustees for The Nature Conservancy of Idaho.)

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DUI court offers treatment in exchange for reduced sentence

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - When the officer arrived at the scene, Clint Williams told him he needed help. Williams, then 20, was traveling 60 mph down Fourth Street. The car he was driving struck two parked cars and a curb.

When his blood-alcohol level registered more than double the legal limit of .08, Williams knew he had a problem. "I hit my bottom," said Williams, now 21. "This wreck, if there weren't air bags

in the car, I might be dead."

Williams is one of the first three graduates of Kootenai County's DUI court, which encourages second-time offenders and those with excessive blood-alcohol levels to get treatment in exchange for a reduced charge.

Participants must go through the 12-month program, which requires meeting with judges, probation officers and court officials monthly.

Serious mess-ups - like getting another

DUI charge or major probation violations - mean automatic failure. So far, five have failed the year-old program.

Currently, it's so popular that court officials have had to cap participation at 36. They hope to eventually open it to as many as 75 participants in the future.

Kootenai County's DUI court is a pilot program that will be used as a model for other counties, Prosecutor Bill Douglas said.

"We're doing a good job at enforce-

ment and prosecution, but I also think we need to look at education and rehabilitation, which is the purpose of both drug court and DUI court," Douglas said.

He said he hopes to ask the Legislature next session for continued funding of the diversion programs by taking a few cents out of every criminal fine to help pay for both programs.

"The defendants themselves would be paying their own way," Douglas said.

Williams has been sober for a year and

now holds a steady job at Appleway Car Wash and Quick Lube.

He lives with and cares for his father, who has health problems.

"He was definitely in his own little world," Par Williams recalled of his son drinking and partying. "He realized the helping hand he needs is at the end of his own arm."

Williams' case struck DUI court coordinator John DiMatteo as a perfect fit for the program.

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"We're a proactive group," explains Lewis Eilers, executive director for the Idaho Dairy Producers' Association. "We know how important it is to keep Idaho waters clean. The Idaho dairy producers knew that staying in compliance with the Clean Water Act was one way we could do our part so we went to work on a program that would do just that."

What dairymen around the state initiated was a program that would not only bring all Idaho dairies into compliance with the state and federal regulations but ensured that the dairy industry stayed ahead of the environmental curve.

The first step was to put the inspection and enforcement authority into the hands of the Idaho Department of Agriculture. This was the department that was already on site at each and every one of Idaho dairy's at least twice a year," Eilers says. "It just made sense to broaden their authority to include the environmental inspections. They're already on site and know the dynamics of the dairies." Once the inspection

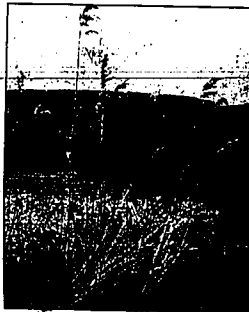
authority was transferred to the Idaho Department of Agriculture, the dairy industry worked to secure equip money to help dairy producers bring their facility into compliance.

"Whatever it took, whatever was needed, the dairy industry stepped up to the plate to ensure that each and every one of Idaho's dairy producers remained in compliance with the Clean Water Act," Eilers adds.

Using the Clean Water Act as a springboard, dairy industry leaders drafted the Idaho Dairy Pollution Prevention Initiative, which outlines the industry's standards and regulations for keeping Idaho's waters free of nutrients. To ensure strict compliance, many of Idaho's measures go well beyond the scope of the Clean Water Act. For example, Idaho's Initiative reclassified all dairies as confined feeding animal operations. Now, as CAFOs, dairies no matter their size have to comply with Idaho's Initiative and the Clean Water Act.

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Another example is the measure prohibiting discharging dairy waste not just into any waterway but anywhere off of the dairy's property. The hard work paid off. Since 1997, Idaho dairies have had a compliance rate of 99 percent annually. The ongoing commitment to the Idaho Dairy Pollution revention



Initiative has earned Idaho's dairy industry nominations for several national environmental awards including Al Gore's Hammer Award and Innovations in Government Award.

The success of the Idaho Dairy Pollution Prevention Initiative is finding recognition around the country as other states are using Idaho as a model for their own anti-pollution programs. But what really makes Idaho's water pollution prevention programs successful are the dairy operators themselves.

"Idaho dairy producers are people who are concerned about health and welfare of the environment," Eilers says. "They want to be part of the solution, that's why they've always taken the first steps and have been so proactive over the years. This program works because the Idaho dairy producers want it to work and they've committed themselves to making sure it does."

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It's been a week to sink your teeth into

"I've never met a tooth I couldn't wrestle to the ground."
— Frank Norris, "McTeague"

I had what you might call a dental adventure last week. A procedure that I had done earlier in the week was not entirely successful, so I went back for another procedure. But that's not the bad part: A modern dentist's office is like an air-conditioned spa with Surround Sound jazz and enough nitrous oxide to make Arnold Schwarzenegger giggle like a schoolgirl. The trouble arises when you betake your broken mouth and go home.

For no two toothaches are quite alike, I've discovered in the wee small hours of the morning.

The toothache you get from a dentist leaning on your jaw for an hour and a quarter is like trying to rap next door to a jackhammer.

The dry-socket toothache — the type you acquire from a tooth extraction gone bad — is a tap-dance on your brain all night like a malevolent Gene Kelly.

But worst of all is the damaged-root toothache — the kind you get from a root canal. This time, it's personal.

Between 7 o'clock Tuesday morning and 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, I slept for a total of three hours. The rest of the time was spent listening to my molar snarl, Jimmy Cagney-like. "You dirty rat! You killed my brother!"

The world of pharmacopeia isn't, I'm sorry to say, much help. When your dentist tells you that a few ibuprofen should deal with your pain, he's speaking like a guy who has never himself had a root canal. (Dentists, you may have noticed, largely themselves seem to eschew grotesque dental procedures.)

Your next recourse is likely to be codeine, mixed with other analgesics in prescription-drug form. I'm sure it works just dandy for lots of folks, but it makes me throw up my socks.

Darvocet, another narcotic prescription drug, is supposed to be the first recourse for the weak of stomach. It wasn't, at least in my case.

Vic, a new-generation painkiller with many uses, is advertised as the Rx — quoting the manufacturer now — "for adults with acute pain." That definition of acute pain evidently does not include having your molars ripped up by the roots.

So that leaves Percocet, the Rambo of prescription painkillers. It will make you forget altogether that you're hurting, but you'll always remember the hours you spent hugging the commode.

Vomiting while you have exposed nerves in your mouth is an experience best avoided. For one thing, it makes the damaged teeth and gums that were already mad at you even madder, and that's just not something you need at 25-or-6 to 4.

It left me, literally, speechless. I got up Friday morning and couldn't talk because of the effects of the stomach acid that had been rising through my throat the night before. "Laryngitis?" folks would ask. "No," I'd croak. "Analgesia."

So Friday night I went home looking like a screen test for a "Chip and Dale" cartoon, left jaw swollen grotesquely. The experience, I tell you, has put me off kipples forever.

I did, however, get to sample many varieties of Jell-O — Idahoans are incredibly generous when it comes to succoring the dentally infirm with the dessert. Being an Idaho native, I naturally assumed that my bias toward lime Jell-O would follow to the grave.

Instead, I've discovered that I've grown very fond of mango-flavored gelatin. But not, thank you, with the traditional fruit cocktail and pineapple chunks.

Way too many bad memories.

Times-News features editor Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223. If you hear low moaning, hang up: It means he's just been to the dentist.



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Totally trashed



Above, Denise Beads, 33, throws a bowling ball down the slope beneath the cliff. Everything from street signs to complete automobiles littered the slope before the volunteers cleaned it up. Right, Keilal Gallup, 14, right, and Jennifer Walte, 15, exchange a high five after tossing a particularly heavy piece of debris down the slope.

Volunteers clean up T.F. canyon

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Admire the view of the Snake River Canyon but don't be surprised if mangled cars, old appliances and twisted shopping carts come into focus.

The pride and beauty of Twin Falls for decades has doubled as an unauthorized trash repository and a get-your-kicks drop site for vandals.

About 40 volunteers led by Jerome doctor Jim Irwin hauled garbage out of the canyon Saturday. Once a many tires recovered from the cliff sides.

A dozen cars that once were pushed over the canyon wall remain. Two years ago cleanup crews attempted to cut the car bodies with a torch. With difficulty, they succeeded in removing an old Cadillac. Irwin said he is looking for a more viable option to get the cars out and the funding to make it happen.

Among the volunteers that Please see CANYON, Page B7

said Fred Partridge of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. "It's amazing. I don't know how many loads we've taken out of this stretch. It's starting to look like a natural hillside."

That's opposed to a canyon wall littered with trashed cars and refrigerators.

"I'll bet we've hauled at least five-and-a-half semi-truck loads out of here," Irwin said. One year volunteers filled a 12-yard truck bed with trashed washing machines. Irwin estimated that about 100 tires would be hauled out Saturday.



Roy Bryant, center, helps untangle one of the cars from the cliff sides.



Spend your spring break close to home



San Valley offers lodging and old-package specials during late March.

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Spring break arrives nearly everywhere in south-central Idaho at the same time this year, and families who don't have the time or money to spend the last week in March in someplace Disney have a multitude of short-term alternatives.

Here are some ideas for spending spring break closer to home (mileage is one-way, from Twin Falls).

- Boise (130 miles) — This is slack season for Idaho's capital city, with the Legislature adjourned and the convention season passed, so it's easier — and cheaper — to find a hotel room.
- Spring-break week attractions include: the U.S. Bank Boise Flower & Garden Show, Thursday through March 24 at Boise Center on the Grove; the National Arenacross Motorcycle Series, Friday through March 24 at the Idaho Center in Nampa; Boise's Best Antique Show, Friday through March 24 at the Western Idaho Fairgrounds in Garden City; the Spring Warm-up & Swap Meet, March 30 at

Firebird Raceway in Meridian; the Ultimate Wedding Show at the Western Idaho Fairgrounds on March 30 and on Easter Sunday, and, if you're a basketball fan, the Sweet 16 and Elite Eight rounds of the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament in the Boise State University Pavilion Friday through March 25.

For information, call the Boise Convention and Visitor's Bureau at (800) 635-5240.

• Box Canyon State Park (20 miles) — Hiking in this 350-acre canyonlands — Idaho's newest park — is open all year, according to the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. Box Canyon is the site of the 11th-largest spring in North America, pouring 180,000 gallons of water a minute into the Snake River. Take Exit 155 from Interstate 84, drive 3.2 miles west on the Hagerman Highway to 1500 East Road, then left 1/2 mile to the parking lot on the right side of the road. The state parks department limits access to some areas of the canyon; for information about the park, call 837-4305. Please see BREAK, Page B7

Vandals damage hatchery

The Times-News

GOODING — Police have no leads in a state fish hatchery break-in Friday night that caused several thousand dollars worth of damage.

"We just don't understand it," Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough said Saturday. Somebody broke through a window at the Hagerman Fish Culture Experiment Station operated by University of Idaho, got into tanks where the hatchlings are and netted out the hatchlings, killing them, Gough said.

Somebody also attempted to break some pipes outside in order to dump fish into the river, Gough said. The vandals caused about \$15,000 in damage, Gough said. This isn't the first vandalism at the hatchery, he said.

Fund raising for T.F. fireworks display booms

By Mark Holm
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The more money that goes in, the more colors and sound there will be once darkness falls on the Fourth of July. An effort to raise money to pay for a fireworks display in

Twin Falls is going better than expected, said one of the fund's boosters, attorney Lynn Dunlap. "Initially, we were aiming for the goal of matching the original display cost estimate of \$17,000. But I think we will exceed that goal. And for the year of the city's centennial celebration, we will most definitely exceed that.

We hope to make this a yearly fundraising event. The idea now is to raise as much money as possible, and then match the display to the fund. "We'll spend it all on the display. We're going to try to have a cutoff date for donations in May, because we've got to have time

to order the stuff and find personnel to set it off." The fireworks display, which is launched from the College of Southern Idaho campus, was for years sponsored by Universal Frozen Foods. When that company dropped the sponsorship, a group of local business owners

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Legislature refuses to rush bill to extend resort land lease

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Legislators left town without endorsing a long-term lease for a four-season resort on Lake Cascade.

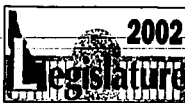
It forces developers to hold off on securing financing for their project until next winter — assuming the state lets the project go forward.

In the meantime, WestRock managing director Jean-Pierre Boespflug said the investors will foot the bill for any construction that might be done this summer.

WestRock principals and state Land Department staff members approached lawmakers last week with a bill that would give legislative approval to a 49-year lease for land WestRock wants to use for a ski hill.

WestRock would gain an exception to the state's prohibition on leases longer than 10 years, letting it secure financing for its \$1.2 billion plan.

But Senate leaders who adjourned Friday balked at



allowing the bill to be hustled through at the last minute.

"Had they brought it in December or January it would have gotten a hearing. How that hearing would have come out, I don't know," said Senate Majority Leader Jim Risch, R-Boise.

Bills with the support of leadership in both houses can easily be shepherded through the legislative process in just a few hours.

Risch said he wants the bill to have a full public hearing process with the legislators, despite its apparent support among House leadership, including House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, and the

extensive deliberations on the issue by the Idaho Land Board.

"Legislative approval of the lease extension is not legally required, said Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's office. The Land Board has the statutory responsibility for deciding these matters. But lawmakers have traditionally been given an informal veto over such lease extensions.

With leadership's rejection of the measure, Boespflug said he will bring a new bill before lawmakers next January.

WestRock developers envision a resort community reviving around an extensive ski hill and golf course.

Critics say the resort could end up being a financial and ecological albatross perched on environmentally-fragile Lake Cascade. Yet the resort's promise of jobs in unemployment-wracked Valley County and more money for the Idaho school endowment fund is tempting to the Land Board.

Convicted killer and rapist awaits sentence after hearing

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Convicted killer Darrell Payne will find out in about two months whether he will be executed or spend the rest of his life in prison.

After four days of testimony from grief-stricken family of the slain Samantha Maher and clinical assessments of Payne's mental state, the decision rests with 4th District Judge Thomas Neville.

Lawyers for both sides will submit written sentence recommendations and will be able to make one last oral argument April 26. Neville is expected to hand down a sentence about a week after

that hearing.

The prosecution has characterized Payne as a man who made conscious choices to progress from window peeper to rapist to murderer. The defense contended Payne suffered from major depression, obsessive/compulsive disorder and childhood trauma.

The sentencing hearing concluded Friday with testimony from Payne's wife and former co-workers, who said they were shocked that he was involved in sexually deviant behavior that led him to rape and kill the 22-year-old Maher in July, 2000.

Attorneys ask for dismissal of case against former bank exec

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Attorneys for Dale Moroni Gibbons filed a motion asking that the case against a former Zions Bancorp executive be thrown out.

Gibbons was charged with methamphetamine possession, child endangerment and dealing in material harmful to a minor.

In a 39-page motion filed in 3rd District Court Friday, Gibbons' attorneys claimed a sheriff's deputy falsified police records and perjured himself. They asked that the Salt Lake District Attorney's Office be disqualified

due to misconduct if the case is not dismissed.

Charges against Gibbons stem from a 911 call he made last summer that brought paramedics to his house where his 19-year-old girlfriend was found overdosed on drugs. Also discovered in the home was Gibbons' 15-year-old daughter who had significant amounts of alcohol in her blood along with an "unknown substance," court documents say.

The motion was filed two minutes before court closed Friday afternoon by Darwin Overson, Gibbons' Utah attorney.

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Army destroys stockpile of nerve agent

TOOELE, Utah (AP) - The largest stockpile of Sarin nerve gas in the United States has been destroyed at a U.S. Army facility near Tooele, officials said.

The last Sarin, or GB, nerve agent was destroyed at 4:05 p.m. Friday when the last bulk container left a furnace at the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, according to officials of the Desert Chemical Depot, where the gas has been stored.

"As of today we have destroyed over 75 percent of the nation's chemical stockpile of GB weapons," said Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of the Biological Chemical Command. "This signifies a remarkable beginning to an end of the U.S. chemical stockpile."

The Army has been destroying the nation's aging supplies of chemical weapons at the Tooele facility and at other sites around the nation where it is stored.

A treaty certificate about the completion won't be issued until decontamination of the facility is finished.

The destruction of more than 12 million pounds of Sarin gas began at Tooele on Aug. 22, 1996. The stockpile included more than 900,000 individual munitions. This was the Army's single-largest stockpile of GB agent, twice the amount stored at eight other U.S. sites.

At the Desert Chemical Depot, 44 percent of the stockpile of chemical weapons has been disposed of, officials said. The Sarin gas was destroyed first at the Tooele facility because it posed the greatest threat to the community.

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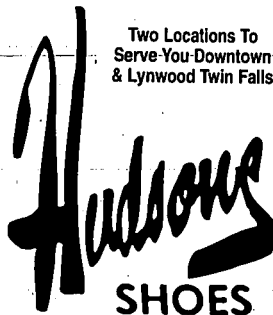


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Counties might join suit against redistricting

IDAHO FALLS - Fremont and Teton Counties plan to follow the lead of Bonneville county when it files its lawsuit against the new legislative map agreed upon by the Idaho Commission on Redistricting.

In the most recent plan, Teton was placed in a district that includes 6,886 rural Bonneville County residents, plus Franklin, Bear Lake and Caribou counties.

"We could end up being 300 miles from our representatives," said Teton County Commissioner Chairman Mark Turpe.

Fremont will be disputing the split of its county. Roughly 800 residents of the Island Park area were placed in a district that includes Lemmon, Butte, Custer, Jefferson and Clark counties.

The bulk of Fremont County was placed in a district with Madison County.

Fish, Game commission raises steelhead limits

LEWISTON - The Idaho Fish and Game Commission has increased the daily, possession and seasonal bag limits on hatchery steelhead in the Salmon River basin.

Anglers on the Salmon and Little Salmon rivers can now catch and keep five hatchery steelhead per day, have 15 in their possession and keep up to 60 fish by season's end.

The commission took the action on Friday. The increased bag limits do not apply to the Clearwater River, where anglers can keep three steelhead per day, have nine in possession and bag a total of 40 this spring.

Wild steelhead are protected by the Endangered Species Act and can not be kept by anglers.

Utah will renovate its Capitol building

SALT LAKE CITY - The Capitol building is about to undergo an expensive renovation that will last years and refurbish the state's most prominent government building.

When the dust settles in 2008, the 88-year-old restored Capitol will sit atop earthquake-resistant base isolators, with new mechanical and electrical systems.

The renovations will cost about \$200 million. Additionally, two four-story buildings will be erected just to the north of the Capitol, forming an outdoor plaza with a fountain, with the state Office Building as the fourth side.

"While the rotunda and so forth is beautiful, and I think among the most spectacular in the country, the basic services of the building, the air conditioning, the heating, the lighting and so forth are just antiquated, old and in very serious need of repair," Gov. Mike Leavitt said.

College president eliminates sports, academic programs

COEUR D'ALENE - On Friday morning, Renee Kimloch was still on her way to becoming a physical therapy assistant through North Idaho College.

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The 50-year-old, who supports two teenage daughters, had changed careers and taken out student loans. Then, the phone rang. It was her instructor, Randy Edwards.

"As of 2:30 this afternoon," he said, "your program is no longer in existence."

Faced with a \$1.2 million funding shortfall, college President Michael Burke announced Friday his intention to eliminate five athletic programs and the welding and physical therapist assistant programs. The law enforcement program will be halted.

Burke's recommendation will go before the board of trustees at its March 27 meeting. "These are very difficult decisions when you are dealing with people's livelihoods," Burke said. "It's a no-win situation."

Three men face charges in securities fraud case

SALT LAKE CITY - Three Utah residents have been charged with securities fraud for operating a company that supposedly owned the rare metal iridium, the Utah Attorney General's office said.

The men were running United Precious Metals, which solicited at least seven investors who lost money buying interests in iridium.

Manly E. (Ted) Logan and Clark Jolley of Sandy and Phillip Wagers of Salt Lake City each face a count of second-degree securities fraud; four counts of third-degree sales, one count of third-degree fraud by an unlicensed broker-dealer or agent and third-degree sale of an unregistered security. They were charged in 3rd District Court.

The attorney general's office is looking for other investors who may have lost money.

Man injured in explosion shoots self, two others

ROSWELL, N.M. - A man injured in a house explosion opened fire on his rescuers, killing two people and injuring two others, before committing suicide Saturday.

The shooter, whose identity was not released, had been burned in the house fire and had sought help from his neighbor Randy Houghton, Roswell Police public information officer Robert Giles said.

Houghton and emergency worker Steve Lovato were helping the man when he started shooting, killing both of them before turning the gun on himself, Giles said.

Roswell Fire Chief Louis Jones and a 4-year-old were injured and were listed in critical condition. Investigators had not determined the cause of the explosion or the motive for the shootings.

Geneva Steel has six weeks to find buyer or financing

SALT LAKE CITY - Geneva Steel has six weeks to find a buyer, arrange financing to resume production or shut down for good.

The steel maker, which has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, faces a deadline imposed by its banker.

"These jobs cannot be replaced," said Dennis Kujala, president of United Steelworkers Local 2701 in Orem. "With a drop-dead date of May 1, the company is either going to be successful or everything hits the wall."

Faced with a surge of low-cost imports and a domestic steel market battered by the nation's economic downturn, Geneva Steel filed for its second Chapter-11 reorganization in three years on Jan. 25.

-compiled from wire reports

Lobbyist says SAFE won't negotiate in grass burning

BOISE (AP) - A lobbyist rejects charges that Sandpoint-based Safe Air For Everyone will not negotiate a solution to northern Idaho's grass seed field-burning issue, but is pushing for a lawsuit.

Roy Eiguren, representing SAFE, said the group is willing to talk, but that any deal lacking a termination date on the burning which chokes the skies each fall is unacceptable.

"Nothing's changed. The one element that's nonnegotiable is there has to be a ban on burning at some specified date yet to be negotiated."

Skip Smyser, a lobbyist for the North Idaho Farmer's Association, charged SAFE backed out on its commitment to reach a compromise with Panhandle legislators.

SAFE cites serious health hazards from particulates in the

heavy plumes of Kentucky bluegrass smoke. Farmers say the stubble must be burned to shock the grass into producing more seed.

Smyser said SAFE on Jan. 31 submitted a resolution proposal to the growers that included a phaseout of all grass field burning in Idaho's five northernmost counties by July 1, 2004.

He said the farmer association informed SAFE that nothing on the face of their proposal was objectionable and they should go forward with writing the legislation.

But that is where progress on the issue ended, Smyser said.

"I have asked them repeatedly the status of their proposals. And I have been put off just as often."

He claims SAFE avoided legislative solutions so that it can sue the farmers.


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SPORTS



Tiger Woods coaxes his birdie putt on the 18th green during the third round of the Bay Hill Invitational in Orlando, Fla., Saturday. Woods parred the hole and finished in the lead with a 10-under 206 after three rounds.

Woods keeps lead after rocky round

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Tiger Woods was everywhere he didn't want to be Saturday in the Bay Hill Invitational, making four bogeys in a round of 74 that brought just about everybody into contention.

On a hot afternoon that felt like summer, Woods squandered his four-stroke advantage by the time he made the turn, then hung on down the stretch for a one-stroke lead over Len Mattiace.

Woods, trying to win for the third straight time at Bay Hill, was at 10-under 206. It was the third straight year he has led going into the final round, and his PGA Tour record with at least a share of the 54-hole lead is 12.

The challenge could come from anyone — 14 players were within

three shots of the lead, while 20 players were within five strokes.

It starts with Mattiace, the only player without a bogey on a rock-hard, cotton-mouth-day-at-Bay-Hill. He holed a 40-foot putt for par on No. 17 and finished with a 68.

Scott McCarron, who started the day four back, caught Woods at the turn and stayed with him until he bogeyed two of the last three holes. He had a 72 and was at 208, along with Pat Perez (69), John Huston (70) and two Campbells — Michael and Chad, who shot 68s.

Sorenstam zeroes in on third win at Ping Banner health

PHOENIX (AP) — Annika Sorenstam soared in on her third win in as many tournaments,

shooting a 4-under 68 to take a four-stroke lead into the final round of the Ping Banner Health.

Sorenstam has led or shared the lead in Phoenix six consecutive rounds, starting with the second round last year in which she shot the first 59 in women's tournament history.

She didn't get sole possession of the lead this year until her masterful play on a third blustery day pushed her 54-hole total to 11-under 205. She was 23 under at the same point in 2001.

In 34 previous tournaments in which she held the third-round lead, the Swedish star has gone on to win 20 and finished no lower than third in nine others.

Cristie Kerr (70) and Australia's Rachel Teske (71) were tied for second at 210. Kerr had two eagles in the round.

Winston Cup looks odd at start of season

DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) — NASCAR has an odd look.

Tony Stewart is in the chase for the Winston Cup championship after four races while Jeff Gordon is way behind.

Stewart, a traditionally slow starter, enters today's Carolina Dodge Dealers 400 at Darlington Raceway in fifth place in the standings. Gordon, usually quick out of the gate, is 11th.

"I don't have an explanation for any of it," said Gordon, who won his fourth series title last year.

"We've had a rough start and Tony, someone who usually doesn't come on until later in the season, is right there. But we're not going to panic. ... I've seen guys have much rougher starts than we have and come back."

Gordon denied that personal problems have affected his racing. His wife, Brooke, filed for divorce after seven years of marriage, The Palm Beach (Fla.) Post reported Saturday.

"Anything we've experienced this year has been from either not working hard enough or poor qualifying," Gordon said. "My focus has 100 percent been on racing."

But if Gordon doesn't get with it, and quickly, he might not have a chance.

Sure, it's still early. But Stewart and his Joe Gibbs Racing team are the hottest thing on the track right now and could make it hard for Gordon to catch him.

He closed last season on a roll, finishing a career-best second — to Gordon — in the standings.

Stewart was dominant in Daytona and considered the favorite to beat in the season-opening 500. But he blew a motor after just two laps and left the race

NASCAR

43rd in the points standings.

He's bounced back in dramatic fashion. He was fourth in Rockingham, dominated the race in Las Vegas before traffic slowed him to a fifth-place finish, then won last week in Atlanta.

The Atlanta victory came in the fourth race of the season. It marked the earliest part of the year Stewart has notched a victory and has him at his highest spot in the standings at this point. He enters Sunday trailing leader Sterling Marlin by just 101 points.

"We've been in the top five for the past three weeks, so that right there makes me extremely excited about the possibility of what might lay ahead of us," Stewart said. "We've just got to keep our nose to the ground and keep pushing. If we can be consistent, we're going to keep knocking those points down. Hopefully, we'll get there before the end of the year."

Gordon, conversely, has a season-best finish of seventh three weeks ago in Rockingham and followed it with a 17th and a 16th.

He's particularly struggled in qualifying, but bounced back this week to earn the second starting spot for Sunday's race.

One thought is that his poor qualifying efforts have led to his lack of competitiveness on the track.

"Because I've qualified up front as many times as I have, I'm maybe not as good at getting from the middle or the back of the pack to the front like some other guys are," he said. "Hopefully, we can capitalize on it this week end."

Stewart started a season-worst 36th Sunday at a track where he's never led a lap.

"He'll need to get to the front of the pack and stay there if he wants to further distance himself from Gordon. Gordon is 28 points — but six spots — behind him in the standings."

"It's just a tough place to get around well, and there's a group of guys that get around there well every time we go there," Stewart said.

"It's like we're right on the verge of being one of those guys. We just need to find a little something that can help us get into that elite group."

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League suspends foul after spring brawl

NEW YORK — San Diego pitcher Bobby Jones, Anaheim infielder Scott Spiezio and Padres outfielder Ryan Klesko were penalized the most in Bob Watson's first decisions as baseball's disciplinary.

The Angels' Aaron Sele, who hit Klesko with a pitch that triggered the first of two fights during a spring training game March 9, was fined but not suspended.

Jones received a seven-game penalty, Spiezio six and Klesko five.

Angels third baseman Troy Claus was suspended for two games.

All penalties, which angered San Diego more than Anaheim, are to be served during the regular season.

Otterbein wins DIII hoops title 102-83

SALEM, Va. — Kevin Shay scored 13 of his 29 points during a game-turning 34-9 second-half run, and Otterbein beat Elizabethtown 102-83 Saturday to win its first NCAA Division III national championship.

The Cardinals (30-3) trailed 65-54 when they started the run and never slowed down.

Viewed by many as a one-man team, Otterbein proved otherwise as star Jeff Gibbs played mostly a supporting role during the surge despite a Final Four record 25 rebounds and 25 points overall.

Besides Shay, who hit three of his four second-half 3-pointers in the burst, freshman point guard Tony Borghese hit two 3-pointers and had 11 points in the run, and Mo Ross hit his fourth 3-pointer of the game.

Elizabethtown (29-3), which at one point seemed destined to run away with its first championship, instead was run over by the Cardinals.

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Mideast leaders plan to declare cease-fire

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon will meet Palestinian leaders Sunday with the intention of declaring a cease-fire in the Mideast conflict, his office said.

The surprise announcement came after U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni held a second round of separate meetings with Sharon and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat earlier Saturday.

"Tomorrow a three-way meeting will be coordinated, involving the senior echelon of both sides, headed by the prime minister, for the purpose of bringing about a declaration of a cease-fire," Sharon's office said in a statement.

The two sides also intend to begin implementing a truce plan worked out last year by CIA Director George Tenet, the statement added.

There was no immediate comment from the Palestinian side, though Arafat convened a late-night meeting of his top aides in his West Bank headquarters of Ramallah, Palestinian sources said. Senior Palestinian leaders - but not Arafat - were expected at the meeting Sunday, an Israeli Foreign Ministry official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. Israel has given the Palestinians assurances that it is prepared to meet one of their key demands and withdraw its army from two Palestinian areas, Bethlehem and the adjacent village of Beit Jalla, the official said.

While a cease-fire is expected to be declared at Sunday's meeting, it is envisioned as the first in a series of talks, the official added.

Repeated efforts to arrange a cease-fire have failed in the nearly 18 months of Mideast fighting, and this month has seen the worst violence to date.

Zinni was soundly upbeat since his arrival Thursday, and Israel has pulled its army out of three Palestinian towns, improving the atmosphere a bit.

Zinni met Arafat at his West Bank headquarters in the town of Ramallah, and then held five hours of talks with the Palestinian leader's top aides. Zinni then met Sharon in the evening at his desert ranch in southern Israel.

"I believe the coming 24 hours will be a real test for the seriousness of the Israeli government and the ability of the U.S. administration," Nabil Abu Rimeh, a spokesman for Arafat, said before the Israelis announced the cease-fire plan.

Saturday was mostly quiet, though Israeli soldiers shot and killed a Palestinian taxi driver traveling through the West Bank city of Hebron in an area under curfew, Palestinian officials and witnesses said. The army said it was unaware of the incident.

Some 4,000 Palestinians, many waving the flags of various Palestinian militant groups, turned out for the joint funeral of the driver and another Palestinian killed in Hebron a day earlier. "No cease-fire," chanted the crowd, urging militants to carry out more attacks.

In Nablus, also in the West Bank, Palestinian militiamen executed two Palestinians convicted of collaborating with Israel. The two men had already been sentenced to death in a Palestinian security court, but escaped from prison a week ago after Israeli shelling. It was the third instance this week in which Palestinian militiamen killed alleged or convicted collaborators.

Zinni has arrived during the bloodiest stretch of fighting since the violence erupted in September 2000.

In March alone, 192 people have been killed on the

Palestinian side and 62 people on the Israeli side. March also saw the largest Israeli military operation since the 1982 invasion of Lebanon, with Israel deploying 20,000 troops in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in response to a string of Palestinian bombings and shootings.

The Palestinian side said U.S. pressure on Israel to withdraw from Palestinian-controlled areas gave Zinni's mission a greater chance of success. Israel pulled out of Ramallah and two other Palestinian towns in the West Bank on Friday.

Israeli officials say they have no intention of keeping the military in Palestinian areas indefinitely, but cannot withdraw from the other two towns now because the Palestinian Authority is not doing enough to prevent militants from attacking Israel.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Palestinian militants attempted to carry out seven suicide attacks Thursday, but all were thwarted by Israel's security forces. He did not give additional details.

Peres also said Israeli had scaled back its military actions for now. "We have taken some unilateral steps to reduce the flames."

The Israeli incursions into Palestinian towns and cities over the past two weeks have drawn widespread international criticism.



Ariel Sharon



Yasser Arafat



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Gunmen kill Guatemalan opposition official

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) - One of the leaders of a small opposition party was gunned down in front of the party's downtown Guatemala City headquarters on Saturday, authorities said.

Jorge Rosal Zea, director of the Patriot Party's operations in the southern Guatemalan province of Suchitepequez, was shot several times by a group of men who were apparently waiting for him in a parked car, said Patriot Party president Otto Perez Molina.

The shooting came just three days after Rosal Zea was the featured speaker at a demonstration in which 3,000 protesters called for the resignation of President Alfonso Portillo and Vice President Juan Francisco Reyes.

Portillo, his personal secretary and Reyes have recently been accused by opponents of opening secret bank accounts in Panama to embezzle millions of dollars in public funds. They deny the allegations.

"We see this as another act of intimidation against the party and what we stand for," said Perez Molina, a former general who overcame a spotty human rights record to emerge as a lead negotiator in peace talks that ended Guatemala's bloody 1960-1996 civil war.

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Indian police patrol after rioting

AHMADABAD, India (AP) — Police banned large gatherings and patrolled streets in parts of a western Indian state Saturday, after religious rioting linked to a Hindu ceremony in another part of the country killed at least three people.

In other unrest connected to the controversial ceremony, Hindu nationalists wielding sticks and tridents stormed the state legislature-building in an eastern state Saturday, scuffling with guards and trading offices. Police arrested nearly 100 activists.

Still, the violence was on a far smaller scale than officials had feared. Authorities had worried riots could erupt across the country over the long-planned ceremony by Hindu nationalists in the northern town of Ayodhya.

The activists want to begin construction of a temple to the god Rama on the ruins of a 16th-century mosque torn down by

Hindus in 1992. Muslims strongly oppose the project.

A last-minute compromise defused tensions Friday over the ceremony, in which the nationalists had hoped to dedicate the first two pillars for the temple near the ruins. They agreed instead to hand the pillars over to the government for safekeeping, and their parade of hundreds of praying, chanting Hindus stayed at least 1.5 miles from the closed-off ruins Friday.

The Hindu-Muslim dispute over Ayodhya was behind violence that exploded last month in western Gujarat state, killing 700 people.

Violence continued there Friday, when Hindus gathered for prayers in conjunction with the Ayodhya ceremony, then rioted in several towns. Hindus burned down a mosque and destroyed two Muslim tombs in the town of Baroda.

Two people were fatally shot

by police, another was stabbed to death, and 26 people were injured in fighting in Baroda and Ahmadabad, the state's commercial center police said.

On Saturday, authorities banned public gatherings of more than four people in many parts of Baroda and three other towns.

"We are keeping a close watch on Gujarat," Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee told the Indian Parliament in the capital, New Delhi.

On Saturday, Hindus from a rally of nearly 500 temple supporters stormed the state legislature building in Bhubaneswar, capital of eastern Orissa state, and ransacked several offices, including chambers of some ministers.

At least two assembly guards were injured in the scuffle with activists carrying wooden sticks and tridents, a traditional Hindu symbol. Police arrested nearly 100 people.



Rapid Action Force soldiers patrol in the riot-hit area of Dudheshwar in Ahmadabad, India, Saturday. A curfew was imposed in the walled city of Ahmadabad following violence in which one person was killed and 18 others were injured.

Opposition reports violence after election

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — Opposition leaders and white farmers accused ruling party militia Saturday of stepping up violence aimed at activists who campaigned against President Robert Mugabe in last weekend's disputed presidential election.

A farm worker died Friday after being attacked in an area where white farmers said they were harassed and ordered off their land because they helped people who were campaigning for Mugabe's challenger, Morgan Tsvangirai.

Separately, five houses have been looted and damaged in Zombe, a village 140 miles southwest of Harare, the capital, in the past two days, said Learnmore Jongwe, an opposition lawmaker and spokesman who comes from the area.

"There is retribution through assaults and threats," Jongwe said. The accounts of ruling party violence came as European

Union leaders condemned the election — which the government said Mugabe won with 56 percent of the vote — and threatened to tighten EU sanctions.

"It was agreed these elections in Zimbabwe cannot be considered free and fair," British Prime Minister Tony Blair said Saturday at an EU summit in Barcelona, Spain.

A host of Western countries have condemned the March 9-11 election as violent, chaotic and blatantly tilted in favor of the authoritarian Mugabe, 78, who has ruled for 22 years and is to be inaugurated to a new six-year term Sunday.

Tsvangirai has rejected the official results as fraudulent, and the opposition has said its 57 lawmakers will boycott the inauguration ceremony.

Several observer groups said the election was marred by vote-rigging and intimidation by the ruling party.

Investigators identify most of sailors who died on Kursk

MOSCOW — Investigators and grieving relatives have identified the remains of all but four of the 118 sailors who died when the Russian nuclear submarine Kursk sank to the Barents Sea floor after a devastating explosion, officials said Saturday.

The remains of the submarine's commander, "Capt." Gennady Lyachin, were identified Friday, the last to be matched with the names of victims, officials in the Military Prosecutor General's office told Russian news agencies. Four bodies have not been retrieved.

The Kursk sank on August 12, 2000, after a series of blasts riddled through its bow during naval exercises. All 118 men on board were killed.

Twelve bodies were taken out of the Kursk during an underwater operation in 2000, and the rest of the remains have been retrieved since the submarine was raised and brought to drydock last year.

Rebels capture strategic town in eastern Congo

KIGALI, Rwanda — Congolese rebels captured a strategic eastern lakeside port Saturday from government forces and their allies after a night of fierce fighting, the rebel commander said.

The government confirmed that its troops withdrew from Moliro near the southern end of Lake Tanganyika and accused neighboring Rwanda of using its own troops to seize the town.

Rwanda denied its troops were involved. But the offensive against the port prompted the government this week to walk out of talks on the future of Congo, where a U.N.-mediated cease-fire has largely held, except in the east.

Sylvain Mbuki, head of the Rwandan-backed forces of the rebel "Congolese Rally for Democracy (RCD)," said his troops alone captured the town near the Zambian border.

Fire ravages Paris train station; arson suspected

PARIS — A fire broke out at a main railroad station in Paris early Saturday, temporarily throwing train service into disarray and injuring five people. France's national railway said arson was suspected.

Some 150 firefighters and dozens of fire trucks were mobilized to put out the blaze, which

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broke out shortly after midnight at the Saint-Lazare station in central Paris, officials said. It took about four hours to extinguish the fire.

Officials with the SNCF railway said the evidence pointed to an arson attack.

"There are facts that are still troubling: two fires erupted at the same place, and a door was broken in," SNCF President Louis Gallois said on France-2 television. "These are clues that are sufficiently strong to lead us to file suit for arson."

China protests growing ties between U.S. and Taiwan

BEIJING — China expressed "strong indignation and resolute opposition" to growing U.S.-Taiwan military contacts, summoning the American ambassador Saturday to demand Washington reverse course on ties with the island.

Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing told U.S. Ambassador Clark T. Randt it is "crucial to observe the attitude of the U.S. side," China Central Television reported in its main evening news broadcast.

"We hope the United States makes a clear and decisive decision," it quoted Li as saying.

The statement was the latest in a series of protests underscoring the Chinese government's deep unease over what it perceives as strengthened U.S. support for Taiwan, a self-governing island Beijing claims as an indivisible part of Chinese territory.

Philippines allows asylum seekers to stay three days

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippine government will allow a group of North Korean asylum seekers to stay for three days before they leave for South Korea, a senior official said Saturday.

The North Koreans arrived late Friday from China, which sent them here after they sought refuge Thursday in the Spanish embassy in Beijing.

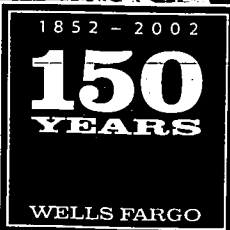
National Security Adviser Rollo Golez said the government accepted a South Korean request to let the asylum seekers stay in Manila until Monday, but declined to say when they would leave.

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Older, reliable companies attract investors' money

NEW YORK (AP) — Compared with high-tech, there's nothing glamorous about aluminum, chemical products and basic manufacturing. But investors don't care because they see there's money to be made in reliable Old Economy sectors.

"When the economy gets better, you buy the things you need, not the things you want," said Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co. "That's what's going on right now."

Indeed, investors' recent strategy has been to buy stalwart blue chip companies, including DuPont and Caterpillar, that are showing the first signs of earnings improvement.

While tech trading might be more exciting, it's also riskier, and so investors are more or less putting the sector on hold until its recovery is more certain.

With Wall Street's latest allies focused on blue chips, the Dow Jones industrial average has risen 7.1 percent during the past month, and on Tuesday achieved its highest closing level of the year, 10,607.23. The technology-dominated Nasdaq composite index, meanwhile, is up about 3.5 percent compared with its standing of four weeks ago.

However, not all 30 Dow stocks are participating evenly in the advance. The greatest strength has come in basic material stocks and manufacturing companies including International Paper and DuPont. The two Dow industrials are trading near their 52-week high prices.

And, now investors are boosting manufacturers such as Caterpillar and consumer cyclical companies including General Motors. Caterpillar closed Friday up \$1.13 at \$59.79, near its March 8 52-week high of \$59.94. GM also is approaching its year-ago high.

When the economy first starts to improve, "You think of playing basic materials, diversified manufacturers, and eventually retailers," said John C. Forelli, portfolio manager for Independence Investment LLC in Boston.

Economic data also points to a recovery taking place in blue chip sectors.

On Friday, the Federal Reserve reported the strongest industrial production numbers since June 2000 as output at the nation's factories, mines and utilities rose 0.4 percent in February.

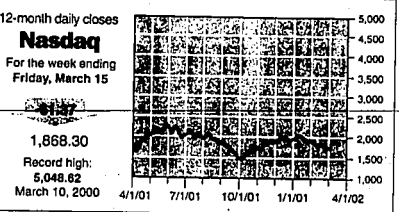
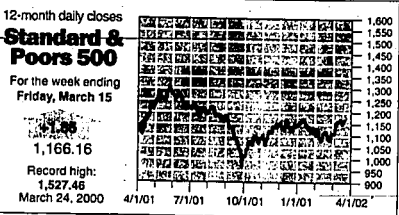
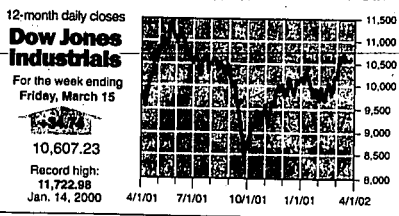
The bigger-than-expected increase is the strongest evidence yet that manufacturing is improving.

Analysts say the last sectors to rally on Wall Street will be technology and telecommunications, where companies are still issuing revenue and profit warnings.

Tech and telecom depend more on other companies' capital spending, which continues to lag, rather than consumer spending, which remains relatively strong. In other words, companies such as software maker Oracle and cellphone maker Nokia must wait for other businesses to start growing and spending money again before they increase their profits.

But capital spending isn't expected to pick up until the second half of the year.

"Companies are not going to increase their capital expenditures until they increase their profits," Forelli said. "And, companies are not going to increase their profits year over year until later this year."



Oracle said Thursday it doesn't anticipate spending to increase in the next two quarters. And Tuesday, Nokia and Lucent Technologies issued sales warnings.

"These companies' weak outlooks are reflected in their stock prices, which are well below their 52-week highs. Oracle, for example, is nearly 40 percent below its high of \$20.84.

In the near term, investors will be keeping a close eye on first-quarter earnings reports, which companies begin releasing in April. The results aren't expected to be robust, but should show some improvement, analysts said.

"It should be significantly less negative than the fourth quarter," said Ronald J. Hill, investment strategist at Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. "That would be key to saying we are on a trajectory to having some year-over-year growth in the second quarter, and that would bring investors in."

For the week, the Dow rose 34.74, or 0.3 percent, to 10,607.23, after gaining 90.09 Friday. The Dow has advanced for five straight weeks.

But the Nasdaq had a weekly loss of 61.37, or 3.2 percent, despite advancing 14.16 Friday. The Nasdaq closed Friday at 1,868.30.

For the week, the Standard & Poor's 500 index eked out a gain of 1.85, or 0.2 percent, after rising 13.12 Friday to 1,166.16.

The Russell 2000 index, the barometer of smaller company stocks, finished the week off 0.73, or 0.2 percent. On Friday, the Russell rose 1.36 to 499.12.

Consumers may be changing habits

NEW YORK (AP) — A lot has happened in the past year to shake consumer confidence: The economy fell into recession, albeit a mild one, for the first time in a decade, and a lot of people lost their jobs. Terrorists obliterated the World Trade Center in New York. Enron collapsed, taking with it millions of dollars in employees' retirement savings and shareholders' investments.

Taken together, those events go a long way toward explaining why several recent surveys found Americans very jittery.

A poll by the Consumer Federation of America, for example, found consumers more interested in saving and debt repayment and less interested in spending.

The trend was especially strong among those in the 25-34 age group, said the federation's executive director, Stephen Brobeck.

"All they knew was rising affluence," he said. "Then came the dot-com bust, then Sept. 11. It was sobering."

Meanwhile, a survey by Charles Schwab & Co. found that a third of investors were less confident than a year ago about choosing investments they thought would perform well over time.

"In an up market, every one of us thought of ourselves as broker of the year," said Carrie Schwab Pomerantz, founder of Schwab's "Women Investing Now" program. "Now we're seeing more clients asking for help."

It remains unclear, however, whether real changes are occur-

ring in consumer behavior that could affect the U.S. economy and how lasting they might be.

"What consumers say they are planning to do and what they actually do are quite different things," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist for Wells Fargo & Co. "I might add that it's the same for businesses. They say, 'I won't spend money on capital goods.' Next thing you know, they do."

For the moment, consumers are still spending because "they're feeling better about job prospects as the economy improves and concerns about terrorism diminish," Sohn said.

Still, they're not beating a path to the nation's stores. Retail sales rose a feeble 0.3 percent last month, although that did include stronger-than-expected purchases

of "big ticket" items like cars, furniture and appliances.

Sohn expects consumer spending to grow 2.5 percent in 2002, after inflation, this year compared with a recovery-rate post-World War II average of 5 percent.

Because consumer spending makes up two-thirds of the U.S. economy, weakness there translates to a slower recovery.

"It will keep the ship afloat, but hold down economic growth," Sohn said.

The Consumer Federation's Brobeck would like to see some shift from spending to saving, given the nation's depressed savings rate of just 1.6 percent of after-tax income. He noted that while credit card debt was still growing, it was at a much slower pace than in previous years.

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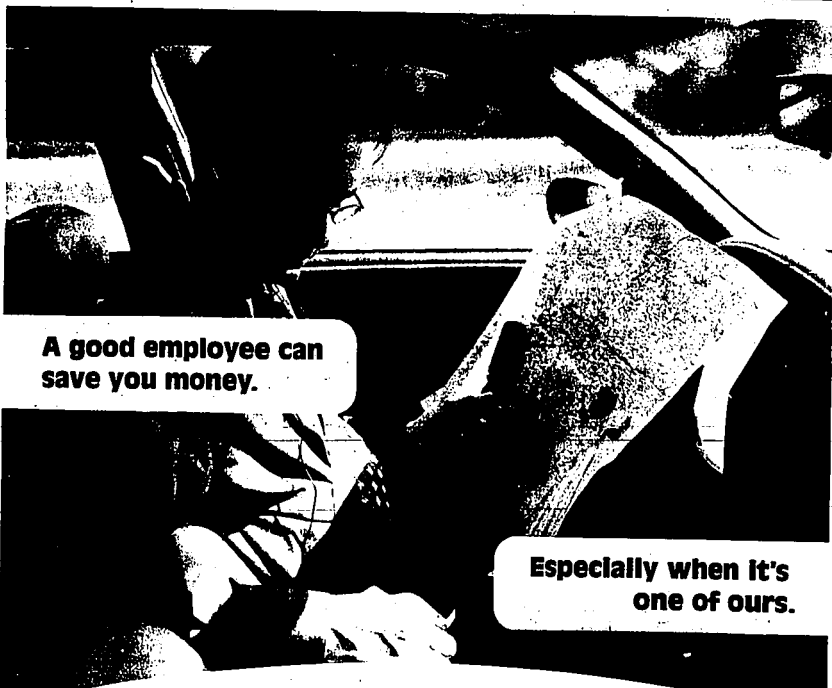
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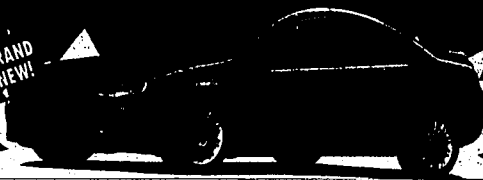
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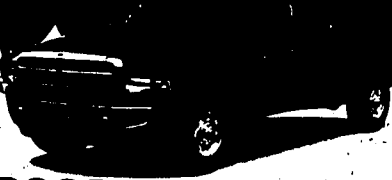
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What if everybody read the same book?

My friend Betty and I were talking about how people don't read enough any more. Betty was especially concerned about her daughter, Kim.

"Kim learned to read when she was 3," said Betty, with a sigh, "but I can't remember her reading anything except the TV Guide since then."

The Magic Valley Reads committee is planning to turn around lukewarm readers like Kim, one page at a time.

In January, the Twin Falls Public Library invited people from schools, the college, businesses and area groups to form a steering committee to hook into the Everybody Reads concept that's gaining literary steam in cities across the country. The idea is to select a book and encourage everyone in the community to read it. A similar project in Boise was called "What If Everybody Read the Same Book?"

The thesis is intriguing. I can't remember the last time everyone in my immediate family read the same book. We don't even approach life the same way.

A case in point: Once on the highway, our van broke down and the four of us spent three hours in 90-degree sun waiting for a tow...

Are all four of us ever going to read the same book? It's possible.

The Magic Valley Reads committee has selected a book that bridges common human boundaries. If I told you its title now, I would have to confiscate your library card because it's top secret until the committee is ready to make the big announcement - next Sunday - right here.

After that, promotional supports for the book will be popping up faster than you can turn its pages.

Stuffed with discussion groups and workshops and speakers and films and bookmarks and lapel buttons and music and food.

The plan is to have multiple copies of the book available at area bookstores, am at the library. The committee hopes to facilitate discussion both inside families and on the street, at coffee shops, clubs, retirement centers, even churches.

The focus is to create dialogue, maybe even among people who seldom find excitement in communication.

When the title is released, the committee will also release a reading list of other titles that were considered, along with discussion questions for the selected book.

Not soon enough? OK. Here's a hint: According to editorial reviews of the book, it's a narrative that movingly distills the lifetime of its main character - and it's a "slab of rich Americana" and a "beautiful piece of writing, worthy of a place among the best pieces of prose written by American writers of this century." Plus, its author has received a bookshelf full of BIG awards.

'I knew my husband and I could survive. We just didn't sit down for years.'

Multiplicity

How parents of twins, triplets learn to love the job

The Seattle Times

SEATTLE - Marcel Breazler Fruit was five months pregnant and having a routine ultrasound when the technician turned and asked if she knew she was having twins.

"I went white," said Fruit. "I would have passed out if I hadn't been lying down."

When the technician said she was checking for a third fetus, Fruit recalls, "I just closed my eyes and prayed to God."

Though Fruit had just two, she and her husband - like most parents of multiples - were in for a life change as they moved from their one bedroom apartment and Fruit quit her job to care for their boys, now 4.

Whether anticipated or a surprise, news of multiple babies is becoming increasingly common. Nationwide, the twin birthrate has jumped 53 percent since 1980, with an astonishing 423 percent spike in triplets and higher-order multiples, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. The most current figures available are from 1999.

Moms of twins and triplets say their multiples introduced them to the world of mandatory minivans, double strollers and constant comments from strangers.

They watch their twins - "best friends and worst enemies," according to one mom - as they crawl in bed together to feed each other and brush each other's teeth. Still, most moms said they were surprised that each child's personality is so different.

From pregnancy on, multiples bring a unique set of challenges and rewards. Several Seattle area hospitals offer prenatal preparation classes geared to expectant parents of multiples and the Greater Seattle area is host to a half-dozen twin-parent support groups.

Mothers carrying two or more babies face a higher risk of complications before and after labor; infants are more likely to be born premature or be considerably smaller than a single baby.

Triplets, for example, average just 3 pounds, 12 ounces, with 80 percent of deliveries at least a month early, according to the book "When You're Expecting Twins, Triplets or Quads."

The logistics of feeding and caring for multiples also challenge new parents. "Unless you have them, you don't understand," said Vonahine Crowe, who joined the Eastside Mothers of Multiples club because of her twin girls, 5.

The club, dubbed EMOMs, matches experienced mothers with "little sisters," brings meals to new moms and organizes play groups and social activities such as an Easter-egg hunt and picnics.

The club started as Eastside Double Delights with 23 members in 1969 and later changed its name to reflect the growing number of triplet members. It averages about 350 mothers (20 now with triplets, two with quadruplets) who can offer advice on everything from nursing to postpartum depression to



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dealing with identical twins. The rise in multiple births is credited to fertility treatments and the increasing age of mothers (women age 35 to 40 are three times more likely than younger women to have fraternal twins even without fertility therapies). A recent study estimated that a fifth of triplet births in 1997 were spontaneously conceived, with the rest linked to reproductive techniques and medicines.

The rate of triplet and higher multiple births dropped slightly from 1989 to '99, a trend expected to continue as physicians refine fertility treatments and follow new recommendations to prevent multiple births. Experienced moms of multiples say the first year is the most challenging, and Cindy Muszynski is still living it. It was two months before she gathered the courage to take her twin girls, now 8 months, out in the car by herself. Even then, she made a checklist of everything she needed.

"When I finally got one to sleep, the other will cry out and wake the first one up," she says. "When one starts to fuss, then the other will, too." To feed them, she sits between their seats and alternates spoonfuls.

She sets a goal of trying to get one thing done a day, like putting in a load of laundry or emptying the dishwasher. "As soon as they nap, I get in the shower, eat

breakfast," she said. "I can't do anything while they're awake." One recent morning, Mary Kunzweiler got shoes on her 2-year-old son Trevor, then while she was tying his twin, Davis', shoes, Trevor ran to the family room, took his shoes off and didn't want to leave.

"Just going to the store to buy a new box of crayons takes half an hour of prep time," said Kunzweiler.

She faced a Sophie's Choice moment at the park when one boy started running one way and the other in the opposite direction. "I had to ask myself which one to chase after," Kunzweiler said. She decided on Trevor: "Davis would come back but Trevor wouldn't."

One morning Kunzweiler came in to find the boys, who call each other "Dodo" and "Deedee," spooning together asleep in one crib. "It was really sweet," she said. "It was one of the few times they weren't beating the tar out of each other."

As children get older, the parenting issues become more about identity. Do they stay in the same class? Share a bedroom? Have a split birthday party?

Crowe's twin girls, for example, will read cards if they come addressed to both together, she said.

"From a very young age, they've wanted people to know they're not a package

Many resources for parents of multiples

- Books**
- "When You're Expecting Twins, Triplets or Quads: A Complete Resource," by Barbara Luke and Tamara Eberlein (HarperPerennial, \$12.95).
 - "Twins! Expert Advice on Pregnancy, Birth, and the First Year of Life With Twins," by Connie L. Agnew, M.D., and Alan H. Klein, M.D. (HarperCollins, \$18).
 - "The Art of Parenting Twins: The Unique Joys and Challenges of Raising Twins and Other Multiples," by Patricia Maxwell, Maimon and Janet Poland (Ballantine Book, \$24).
 - "Everything You Need to Know to Have a Healthy Twin Pregnancy," by Gila Letter, M.D., with Rachel Kranz (Dell Publishing, \$15.95).
 - "Raising Twins From Birth through Adolescence," by Eileen M. Pearson and Jill Ganon (HarperResource, \$10).
 - "Multiple Pregnancy Sourcebook: Pregnancy and the First Year with Twins, Triplets, and More," by Nancy A. Bowers (McGraw Hill, \$17.95).
 - "Double Duty: The Parents' Guide to Raising Twins, from Pregnancy Through the School Years," by Christina Bagivi Tingiof (McGraw Hill, \$14.95).
- Web sites**
- National Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs, <http://www.nomotc.org/>
 - The Triplet Connection, <http://www.tripletconnection.org/>
 - About.com's Parenting of Multiples, <http://www.multiples.about.com/>
 - Twins Magazine, <http://www.twins-magazine.com/>
- Source: The Seattle Times.

deal," she said. Sherri Newman's identical twins, Shira and Becca, 4, are in different preschool classes but must wear shoelaces with colored beads at the end so teachers know who is who on the playground. Parents of identical newborns sometimes paint one baby's toenail so they can quickly tell them apart.

The girls tire of grown-ups cooing over them and asking silly questions like whether they were born the same day.

Most mothers of twins say they can't imagine having three. Lynn Hobbs splits her life in two: before triplets and after triplets.

When her three, now 7, were little, she'd load two in the stroller and carry one in a backpack with her older daughter, then 4, following. The triplets, one of three - yes, three - sets in second grade at their elementary school, are in the same class.

That allows Hobbs to volunteer in their classroom, go on field trips and follow their homework schedule.

She juggles three soccer teams, with practices four nights a week and five hours devoted to games on Saturdays.

After talking to another mom of triplets while pregnant, Hobbs was reassured she could handle three without a nanny.

"I knew my husband and I could survive," she said. "We just didn't sit down for years."



LIFE AND TIMES Denise Turner

Denise Turner is a member of the Magic Valley Reads committee. Individuals or groups who want to get involved may call Susan Ash at the Twin Falls Public Library, 733-2964, Ext. 118.

Kids and backpacks:

What the doc ordered

Etc...

1. Lighten the load. Clean out binders and take home only the books that you need that night.
 2. Wide straps are better. Get a backpack with wide straps. They distribute the weight over your shoulders more evenly. And be sure to wear both straps rather than slinging the pack over one shoulder. A belt will help transfer weight from the shoulders to the hips.
 3. Pack smart. The heaviest items should be packed closest to the back.
 4. Bend both knees. When you pick up the pack, don't just bend over at the waist.
- Source: Knight Ridder News Service

Students can sign up for 'science trek'

- Upcoming**
- TWIN FALLS** - Students in grades three to five can sign up on a first-come, first-served basis for the annual Science Trek April 19-20 at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho. Science Trek will offer 144 students an evening of hands-on science demonstrations and programs followed by a fully-supervised sleep over. Registrations must be filled out and paid for in advance. No registrations will be taken at the door the night of the event.
- Check-in will be at 6:30 p.m. April 19. Students will take part in projects of their choice,
- To do for families**
- including archaeology, chemistry, biology, surgery, dentistry, veterinary medicine, reptile study, entomology, photography and more. CSI scientists and instructors will host each workshop.
 - The evening also will include viewing through telescopes, planetarium show, flashlight tour of the museum and snacks. Each participant receives a T-shirt.
 - The event ends after breakfast the next morning. Sponsors include the Herrett Center, Idaho Public Television
- and the Idaho Museum of Natural History.
- The cost is \$37. Applications may be picked up at the Herrett Center, which is located on the north side of the CSI campus. The registration deadline is April 5.
- For information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2664 or e-mail at dthornborrow@csi.edu.
- Every Sunday, To Do for Families lists family oriented events in south-central Idaho. To get an item listed, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon on Wednesdays.

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Librarian: Don't leave kids at library

Children have right to hear 'no'

DEAR ABBY: I am a librarian in a medium-sized public library, and I'm losing my patience about one particular issue.

Parents who wouldn't dream of dropping off their 5- and 7-year-olds at the mall or grocery store bring their youngsters to the library and let them roam freely throughout the building with no supervision, or drop them off to fend for themselves while Mom and Dad go shopping or run errands.

To those negligent parents, I want to yell: The public library is not a "safe place" to leave your child unattended! Libraries are public buildings; anyone off the street can enter. I know of at least one convicted child molester who is a regular user of this branch, and there are probably more that we don't know about.

Public libraries are a popular choice for child molesters and "peepers" to frequent and search for victims. Parents, please do not leave your little ones alone at the library. We librarians have jobs to do, and although we care



DEAR ABBY
ANNE VERBORN

deeply about the safety of your children, we are not baby sitters. Thank you for helping me get the message out, Abby.

- CONCERNED LIBRARIAN, ANYTOWN, U.S.A.

DEAR LIBRARIAN: You're welcome. It's hard to imagine a parent who is so irresponsible as to take a small child to a public place and leave him or her unsupervised. That said, if I were the concerned librarian, I would contact the local police and notify them that a child has been abandoned on the premises.

DEAR ABBY: We are Mothers of the Military. Our sons and daughters in the Army, Marines, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, Reserves and National

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Guard going into Afghanistan to fight for freedom. They are fighter pilots who drop bombs on the Taliban and protect the skies here at home. Navy cooks on the ships, infantry here and abroad, and the Coast Guard protecting our shores. They have many jobs, from private or seaman to general admiral. All branches and all ranks are equally important; they are our sons and daughters.

During this time of uncertainty, we support each other in person and on the Internet. We laugh and cry together and know that there is always someone who shares our fears and joys. If you have never sent a child to war, it is hard to imagine either the cold terror that you feel or the joy at

seeing them come home.

Our slogan is, "As one we are weak, together we are strong." We help anyone who has family in the military-by networking them with others in their areas or finding someone for them to write to. There is almost always someone online on the Internet site, and we have chat rooms nightly. We would like to invite any who wish to join us - and that includes fathers, siblings, grandparents, anyone!

Thank you, Abby, for sharing our cause with others.

- ETTA LOVE, MOTHERS OF THE MILITARY

DEAR ETTA AND OTHER MOTHERS OF THE MILITARY: I wish you success in your support effort. Although I have never sent a child off to war, I empathize with the stress all family members feel when they send someone they love into danger - regardless of how noble the cause.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and her daughter, Jeanne.

In February 1993, President Clinton signed an international treaty known as the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. It extended to children a host of privileges, including freedom of association, freedom of access to information (of all sorts, without restriction), and in essence, freedom from punishment.

Needless to say, the document sent me into an apoplexy. Thankfully, it was immediately assigned to legislative limbo by Sen. Jesse Helms. Nevertheless, needing desperately to funnel my ire into something creative, I sat down and wrote a counter-document titled "Rosemond's Bill of Rights for Children."

I subsequently published it on my Web site and in my quarterly magazine, "Traditional Parent," in this column. So, in memory of the most American children are clearly being denied the benefits set forth in that historic document, numerous folks have requested that I reprint the "Bill of Rights" in this column. So, in memory of the civilized behavior, and with the hope it can be salvaged from the slag-heap of "self-esteem," here are a child's real and only rights, according to yours truly:

Article One: Because it is the most character-building word in the English language, children have the right to hear their parents say "No" at least three times a day, every day.

Article Two: Children have the right to find out early in their lives that their parents don't exist to make them happy, but to offer them the opportunity to learn the skills they - the children - need to make themselves happy.

Article Three: Children have a right to scream all they want over the decisions their parents make, albeit their parents have the right to confine said screaming to certain isolated areas of their homes.

Article Four: Children have the right to find out early that their parents care deeply for them but don't give a hoot what their children think about them at any given moment in time.

Article Five: Because it is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, children have



PARENTING
John Rosemond

the right to hear their parents say "Because I said so" on a regular and frequent basis.

Article Six: Because it is the most character-building activity a child can engage in within the four walls of his/her home, children have the right to share significantly in household chores.

Article Seven: Every child has the right to discover early in life that he/she isn't the center of the universe, that he/she isn't the Second Coming, and that he/she isn't even - in the overall scheme of things - very important at all so to prevent him/her from becoming an insufferable brat.

Article Eight: Children have the right to learn to be grateful for what they receive; therefore, they have the right to receive all that they truly need and very little that they simply want.

Article Nine: Children have the right to learn early in their lives that obedience to legitimate authority is not optional, that there are consequences for disobedience, and that said consequences are memorable and therefore persuasive.

Article Ten: Every child has the right to parents who love him/her enough to make sure he/she enjoys all of the above rights.

Postscript: I have suggested to the Office of Homeland Security that children whose parents deny them one or more of the above rights can be classified as "explosive devices" and should not be allowed in public buildings. Brat screeners ("Sorry, ma'am, but we're going to have to confiscate that child.") What a concept!

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Group helps seriously ill people keep pets

When we're fighting the flu, resting up from a bad injury, or simply having a bad day, having a loving pet at our side can lift us from what's getting us down and fill us with love. In return, we're happy to house and feed our pets and keep them healthy and happy.

Now imagine that your illness has become so debilitating that you can no longer work and can barely afford life's necessities. And imagine that because the bank account is dwindling, or because your living situation may have to change, you might have to give up your faithful animal companion.

This kind of sad situation is one that San Francisco's Pets Are Wonderful Support, or PAWS, has worked hard to prevent for the past 15 years. The volunteer organization was formed to help low-income people with AIDS and with HIV-related illnesses keep their pets - knowing that the love and companionship of an animal can go a long way towards fighting loneliness and bearing with physical pain.



THE BOND
Marty Becker

PAWS helps maintain the bond between people and their pets by providing donations of food, supplies and vet care to its clients.

PAWS volunteers do everything from walking dogs of owners who aren't physically able to do so, to cleaning cats' litter boxes. Volunteers also act as foster parents to pets, taking them in to their own homes when their owners are in the hospital.

The stories of PAWS clients prove how valuable the human-animal bond is to San Francisco's battling AIDS. In the early '90s, Pali Boucher was homeless and dealing with drug and alcohol addiction when she adopted a local animal shelter. Anxious about the life she was forcing Leadley to lead, she got herself

into a rehab program.

After Boucher was diagnosed with HIV in 1993, she contacted PAWS about getting help to feed and care for her dog. PAWS provided the food and supplies Leadley needed, so that he could provide Boucher with companionship and support she needed. When Leadley developed cancer a couple of years ago, PAWS volunteers threw parties to raise money for the expensive treatments, helping Boucher's dog extend his life.

Leadley died this past November at the age of 12. Boucher's new partner is a mutt named Muddy Waters, who accompanies her on her rounds searching for homeless dogs and placing them in good homes.

Richard Goldman found his cat Josh in 1983 - actually, Josh found him, and jumped right into Goldman's car while in Golden Gate Park. In 1990, Goldman became ill with AIDS-related cancer and underwent painful and debilitating surgery, radiation and chemotherapy. Josh the cat was Goldman's primary companion

and one of his main sources of emotional support during his slow recovery.

PAWS volunteer Mary Beth Charlard began visiting Richard seven years ago in order to drop off food, groom Josh, and change his cat litter. Even though she has since moved out of San Francisco, Charlard continues to visit Goldman every week.

After 25 years of keeping pets and people together, PAWS is branching out. It's now serving low-income people with any debilitating illness that affects their ability to care for their pets. PAWS also provides help to people who want to establish similar organizations in their own hometowns. For more information about PAWS visit <http://www.pawsf.org/>

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Explore the benefits of wondering

Venus emerges from evening twilight

Have you ever wondered how the universe developed? Have you ever wondered why you exist? Have you ever wondered what the purpose of life is? Have you ever wondered where you will be 10 years from today? Have you ever wondered when you will spend your last day in your current job or home?

That's a lot of wondering if you've ever wondered, isn't it? Wondering or wondering is an important exercise for planning and serious decision making. Computer spreadsheets became popular because of their ability to analyze quickly multiple "what if" situations, allowing the person using the program to do in minutes what used to take hours or days, or was impractical before computers were available.

Considering options and impacts broadens the information base when problem solving. The more factors we know that can affect our results or efforts lowers the uncertainty or ambiguity of the situation. Our confidence in our plans increases in proportion to our confidence in the quality and breadth of information we had available to make those plans.

Nothing can ensure success. Sometimes, unforeseen or uncontrollable events thwart "the best laid plans." Any plan we make should have a "plan B" alternative in case our original plan becomes unworkable, or if the unforeseen becomes apparent, and we need to adjust our approach.

For major projects, it is also a good idea to have a worst-case scenario plan. What actions would you take if everything went wrong, or if nothing happened as it should, or disaster struck? Once you develop a realistic assessment, put this worst case plan away. Only bring it out if its use becomes necessary. With planning, you want to stay



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positive and forward looking. You want to be realistic and prepared.

Back to wondering. I differentiate between thinking about something, and wondering about it. When wondering, we have no preconceptions or opinions about how, why, when, where, or what should be or should happen. Allow your mind to follow any path or thought process. Allow the absurd to mingle with the mundane. Allow childish thoughts about adult concepts. When you get an idea, look at it from many angles and perspectives. Wonder what would happen if it was bigger or smaller, shorter or taller? Allow yourself to play with an idea. Make it ridiculous. Make it funny. Make it serious.

Wonder in quiet. Wonder alone or with involved others. Wonder regularly. Write your wonderings in a wonderings notebook. After you finish a wondering session, then the thinking begins. You will wonder and imagine with the right side of your brain predominantly. You will analyze by thinking with your left brain primarily. Thinking takes wondering and makes it available for practical use. Read your wonderings. Make notes, when warranted. Add to your wonderings any ideas or thoughts from your previous experiences. Ask, "How can we use this? How and where will it fit in?" Then, fit your wonderings, into your goals and plans.

Use wondering at the beginning of projects to widen your idea and options list. Use won-

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dering when stuck and apparently out of options. Use wondering to add flair and creativity to your projects and presentations. Use wondering as an added tool to help you make plans or solve problems. And the next time you want to start a lively or interesting conversation, ask the person: "Have you ever wondered?"

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Recently I saw a sure sign that I'm going to get phone calls. It happens whenever Venus returns to the evening sky. Because it's so bright, it looks like a star, although hovering the glow of evening twilight. And so people call, more than a few of whom express palpable relief when I assure them they're not seeing an alien spacecraft.

Other folks have had a mistaken idea that planets appear in the same place in the sky at the same time of year, like the stars. Each planet moves at its own orbital pace, so they are never in exactly the same spot year to year. So how much time elapses between successive evening appearances of Venus?

Venus' sidereal period - the time it takes to complete a full orbit around the sun - is about 225 days. But what we want to know on earth is its synodic period, the time it takes to return to the same position with respect to the earth. Think of Venus and the earth as the hands of a clock whose center is the sun. Venus, the "minute" hand, goes around faster than earth, the hour hand.



SKYWATCH
Chris Anderson

(In this analogy, however, the minute hand is shorter than the hour hand, since Venus' orbit is smaller.) Thus, Venus must complete more than a full orbit to pass earth twice in succession, because earth will have moved by the time Venus returns to where they last met. Venus laps the earth every 584 days; Venus last rose out of evening twilight in August 2000, 19 months ago.

The fact that Venus' successive evening reappearances occur in different seasons means that its nighttime observability varies considerably. Unfortunately, this time around, Venus' apparition - its period of visibility - is going to be an unusually poor one. From now until October, when it slips back into the sun's glare, it will never get very far above the horizon after dark. But take a look anyway; it's a brilliant celestial gem.

Sky calendar (through Saturday)

- Planets:
One hour before sunrise:
No planets visible
One hour after sunset:
Venus; V, extremely low
Mars; WSW, low
Saturn; WSW, high
Jupiter; SSW, very high
Comet Ikeya-Zhang; WNW, low
- Moon:
First quarter, Thursday, 7:28 p.m.
Close to Mars tonight. Close to Saturn Tuesday night. Close to Jupiter Thursday night.

Next week: Jupiter and Saturn appear one another until 2019.

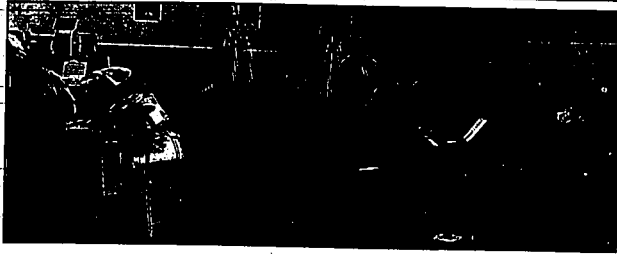
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Educators rehearse a jazz ensemble for the second annual 'Educators In Variety' show presented by employees of the Cassia School District at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Educators show talents at event

BURLEY - The second annual "Educators in Variety" show presented by employees of the Cassia School District will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Jan Manning, secretary at Mountain View Elementary School, and Colleen Wood, math teacher at Burley Junior High, are organizers.

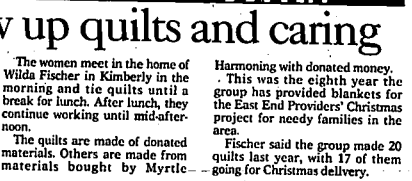
The following Idaho Top Scholars will be honored at ceremonies at 7 p.m. Monday at Twin Falls High School; Tuesday at Jerome High School; Wednesday at Burley High School; Thursday at Wood River High School.

"We hope the students will want to come see their teachers or other school staff perform, and bring their parents with them. We think the students will enjoy seeing their teachers and administrators in a different arena," Manning said.

Individual performers include Superintendent Mike Chesley; Skip Leone, science teacher at Burley Junior High School; Don Pringle, science teacher at Burley High School; Kevin Bushman, principal of Declo Elementary; Steve Sarake, physical education teacher at Dworshak and Mountain View Elementary Schools; Joyce Merrill,

librarian at Dworshak Elementary; and Marlene Edwards, English teacher at Burley High School.

Members of a Nazarene church group give a final inspection to the 17 quilts delivered to the East End Providers for Christmas boxes for area families this year.



HANSEN - A group of Nazarene church women have been meeting once a month for eight months out of the year for the past eight years to make quilts, most of which end up warming needy families.

The quilts are made of donated materials. Others are made from materials bought by Myrtle

Harmoning with donated money. This was the eighth year the group has provided blankets for the East End Providers' Christmas project for needy families in the area.

TF society offers free oral history workshop

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls County Historical Society, in conjunction with the Idaho Oral History Center, a division of the Idaho State Historical Society, will offer a free oral history workshop from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Public Library, 424 Second St. E., in the conference room in the basement.

an, will conduct the event. He has talked to more than 100 current and former Idaho residents regarding a variety of Idaho history topics, including aspects of the political, environmental and cultural history.

Copies of "A Field Notebook for Oral History" will be for sale. The book is a center publication that describes the practice of oral history from initial idea to finished sales tax.

The Times-News prepares for grad publication

Art Guild takes applications for Art in the Park

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UI, US Bank recognize 'Top Scholars'

TWIN FALLS - The University of Idaho Alumni Association and US Bank will honor the top 10 percent of Idaho high school juniors.

Krumm, William Leonard, Amber Lopez, Amber Lovell, Katie Luke, Nyle Matsuoka, Leah Meeks, Angela Miller, Pamela Mills, Christopher Nilsson, Emily Oden, Nathaniel Poppo, Vincent Prater, Cassandra Schiffer, Savannah Seaman, Jacob Smith, Ethan Stone, Catherine Thompson, Hayley Tolman, Stephen Turner, Cathryn Walker, Brett Welch and Corey White

honored in Burley: Joshua Alvey, Callie Beck, Scott Bowen, Tisha Clark, Kolby Fernau, Frank Frelter, Colette Gibby, Alison Gilley, Katie Hanks, Juan Hernandez, Bradford Hill, Erica Hill, Jennifer Holloway, Abby McMillan, Andrew McMurray, Meghan Mitton, Rachel Myers, Cole Nelson, Deldra Parrish, Erika Phillips, Amanda Poole, Jentry Shockey, Jerica Shockey and Corey Westfall

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Hagerman HS announces honor students

HAGERMAN - Hagerman High School announced the honor roll for the first semester of the 2001-2002 school year.

Thomas; ninth-grade, Sarah Butler, Laura Heinemann, Sara Jackson, Tim Jay, Shannell Knight, Jesse Leija, Kimberly Luttmer, Megan Mavecamp, Cyrus Mills, Paulina Moczumski, T.J. Patterson, Charly Pearson, Sara Ravenscroft and Kyle Vader; eighth-grade, Lynlea Jayo, Ryan Jester, Melinda Kiger, Sarah Krause, Melissa Leija, Lacey Lemmon, McKenzie Mangum, Melissa McFadden, Cory Potter, Kris Ravenscroft, Chad Silver and Shelli Smith and seventh-grade, Jason Brown, Danielle Dean, Rick Emerson, Travis Fries, Natalie Hansen, Sarah Heinemann, Cali Henson, Mark Leija, Thomas Faith Jay, Mark Leija, Thomas Leija, Michael-Mueller, Tony Novak, Nicole Standal and Tara Wiedenman.

Students listed on the honor roll (3.49-3.0 grade point average) were: 12th-grade, Cynthia Gill, Bryan Kiger, Leila Lemi, Jessica Mavecamp, Cyrus Mills, Paulina Moczumski, T.J. Patterson, Charly Pearson, Sara Ravenscroft and Kyle Vader; eighth-grade, Lynlea Jayo, Ryan Jester, Melinda Kiger, Sarah Krause, Melissa Leija, Lacey Lemmon, McKenzie Mangum, Melissa McFadden, Cory Potter, Kris Ravenscroft, Chad Silver and Shelli Smith and seventh-grade, Jason Brown, Danielle Dean, Rick Emerson, Travis Fries, Natalie Hansen, Sarah Heinemann, Cali Henson, Mark Leija, Thomas Faith Jay, Mark Leija, Thomas Leija, Michael-Mueller, Tony Novak, Nicole Standal and Tara Wiedenman.

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PTSO seeks donations for grad party in Twin Falls

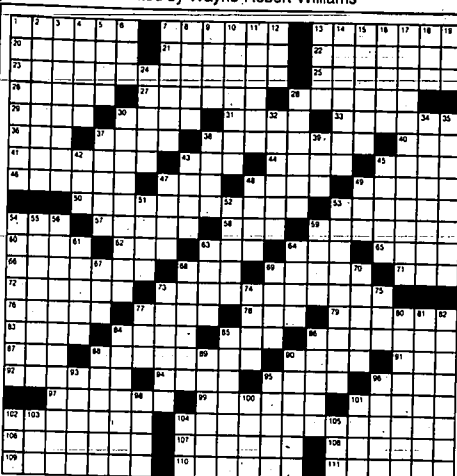
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 - 30 Dessert pastries
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 - 32 Ornamental tree with pods
 - 36 Resident's suffix
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 - 41 Michael of The Monkees
 - 43 Haughtily aloof
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 - 99 M. de Balzac
 - 101 Leslie of "Gp"
 - 102 Troops on horseback
 - 104 MUSKY
 - 106 Bridal wreath and meadowweet
 - 107 South Carolina river
 - 108 Wise counselor
 - 109 Sawhorse

THE Sunday Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams



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Aries: Go easy on 'adult beverages'

IF MARCH 17TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you are familiar with pressure of romantic relationships. You give a lot, often more than you receive. Handling responsibility is almost second nature. Capricorn, Cancer persons play important roles in your life; could have these letters in names: H, Q, Z. Before March is finished, you will begin or end a relationship. During April, you experience a "different" kind of romantic feeling.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You will have fun on this Saint Patrick's Day if you go easy on "adult beverages." You will hear the "tall stories." Be discriminating. Pisces plays key role.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Within 24 hours some of your fondest hopes, wishes could come true. You learn meaning of "added responsibility" tonight. Capricorn, Cancer natives are in scenario.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Relationship that appears to be "broken" will be mended within six days. Aries, Libra persons figure prominently. Beach beyond the immediate. Promote talent, product.

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CANCER (June 21-July 21): Let-go of preconceived notions. Original thinking. A "difficult" kind of love will be featured. Leo, Aquarius play significant roles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Focus on proposals that include partnership, marriage, important offer received; get promises in writing. Capricorn, Cancer natives dominate, these letters in names: B, K, T.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Long-distance communication relates to possible journey to another land. Popularity increases; you could be part of social whirl. Be up to date on fashion news. You'll be interviewed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be scrupulous in checking details, including measurements. Partnership proposal requires additional review. You need more information. Taurus, Scorpio figure prominently.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You exude aura of sensuality, sex appeal. Protect self in emotional clinics. Read, write, teach and learn. Gemini, Virgo and Sagittarius persons play exciting roles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Remain-on-familiar-ground. Domestic adjustment will heal "financial wound." Music involved; find your own rhythm. Libra will play unorthodox role.

Number 6 lucky!
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Detriments to sale or purchase of property will be removed. Define terms, avoid self-deception. Pisces, Virgo natives play sensational roles. Streamline current methods.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Relative confides financial problem. Be helpful, but know when to say, "Enough!" You will be responsible for emotional welfare of one close to you. You'll be up to it!

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): What seemed long ago and far away will be at your doorstep. Love relationship "smolders." Major project will be completed tonight. Aries plays key role.

WEDDING

BECK-MAXFIELD

TWIN FALLS - Danielle Kathryn Beck and Neal Marshall Maxfield were married Dec. 27, 2001, at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls.

The bride is the daughter of Jerry and Barbara Beck of Twins Falls. Parents of the bridegroom are Ward and Judy Maxfield of Paul. Deacon John Hurley officiated the ceremony.

Bridesmaids included Nicole Beck and Kristin Beck, sisters of the bride. Best man was Ted Bradshaw, friend of the groom.

Alexis Beck, niece of the bride, and Anna Goodwyn, niece of the groom, were the flower girls. Judy Thietzen was the pianist. Vocalists included Lynda Johnson, cousin of the bride, and



Danielle and Neal Maxfield

Lynn Maxfield, brother of the groom. Readers included Troy Maxfield and Layne Maxfield, brothers of the groom; Betty Giffin, aunt of the bride; and Sandy Hamilton, godmother of the bride.

Special guests included Jean Leydet and Betty Beck, grandmothers of the bride; Cleora and

Noel Bills, grandparents of the groom; and Helen Moore, grandmother of the groom.

A reception was held following the ceremony at Blue Lakes Country Club.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Twin Falls High School. She has completed her associate degree in nursing from the College of Southern Idaho and is working part-time at Mercy Medical Center in Nampa. She will be completing a baccalaureate degree from Albion State College in June.

The bridegroom is a 1994 graduate of Minico High School. He has completed his associate degree in nursing from CSI and is working at Saint Alphonsus and Regional Medical Center in Boise. He will be completing a baccalaureate degree from Idaho State University in May. The couple resides in Nampa.



The following businesses can help make your wedding a memorable occasion.

ACCESSORIES/RENTALS	LODGING/TRAVEL
All About Brides (personally) inside Candlestick Park 730 2nd Ave. N. Twin Falls 734-3444	4 Ways Travel 160 2nd Street W. Twin Falls 734-7805 Epic Travel 1819 S. Lincoln Jerome 324-2304
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Tuxedos Now & Gowns Forever Magic Valley Mall Twin Falls 734-4055	JEWELRY
	Boyer's Jewelry 1838 Adolph Ave. E. Twin Falls 733-4522 Walmart (Wedding Rings) 415 River View Dr. Burley 677-1100
	WEDDING & BRIDESMAID DRESSES/SHOES/VEILS
	Wedding & Rental Shop 1105 S. Main Twin Falls 733-8838
	LIQUOR/GEN./LIVERY CARS
	Magnum Liquor Valley 630 Pipeline Road Twin Falls 733-4003 Gowen Transportation Magic Valley Mall Twin Falls 734-4055
	WEDDING FACILITIES
	St. Mary's Manor 1105 S. Main Twin Falls 733-5219

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ENGAGEMENTS

LANG-LEY-PYNE

PAUL - Lena V. Lang-Ley, of Paul and formerly of Burley, and Michael M. Pyne, of Paul and formerly of Hailey, announce their engagement.

Lang-Ley is the daughter of Beverly and Bud Skeen of Heyburn and B.A. Lang-Ley of Boise.

Pyne is the son of Maurice and Merla Pyne of Hailey. The wedding is planned for 4 p.m.-June 8-in the gazebo at the Rupert Square. A reception to honor the couple will be held at 6 p.m. June 8 at the Rupert Elks Lodge.

The couple will reside in Paul.



Michael Pyne and Lena Lang-Ley

PENDELTON-ROSS

TWIN FALLS - Harvey and Carol Pendleton of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Cherl Anna Pendleton, to Robert Brett Ross, son of David and Audrey Ross of Buhl.

Pendleton is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Target in Twin Falls.

Ross is a graduate of Buhl High School. He attended Lassen Community College for one year, served a mission in Santiago, Chile, and then attended Treasure Valley College for one year. He is employed at Standard Plumbing in Twin Falls.



Robert Ross and Cherl Pendleton

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Logan LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 6-9 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls LDS Church on Caswell Avenue West.

COX-MAY

TWIN FALLS - Donna and John Cox of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Ann Cox, to Conrad-Buck-May-son-of-Debi and Dave May of Paul.

Cox is a 1995 graduate of Twin Falls High School and a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Step Ahead Learning Center.

May is a 1997 graduate of Minico High School. He completed a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Rapid City, S.D. He is employed by May's Ag Spray and is attending CSI.

The wedding is planned for April 4 in the Logan LDS Temple



Conrad May and Stephanie Cox

A reception to honor the couple will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. April 5 at the LDS Church on Elizabeth Boulevard in Twin Falls.

KOCH-DICKINSON



Amy Koch and Jon Dickinson

GOODING - Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Koch of Gooding announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Cherise Koch, to Jon Dickinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dickinson of Jerome.

Koch is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed with Weight Watchers in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dickinson is also a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. He is employed with Saunders Brothers Construction in Murray, Utah.

The wedding is planned for June at the First Christian Church in Gooding.

Bridal Registry
Erian Schow & Erik Neilson
April 20th

Recollections
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678-2522

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FAMILY LIFE

Evaluate parent's care needs before admission

Q. My parents (83 and 81) own a modest home, have \$60,000 in CDs, and live in a small, rural town...



NEXT STEPS Jan Collins and Jan Warner

A. Unfortunately, there is no law against receiving bad advice when you rely on the wrong people...

medical requirements. These medical or psychobehavioral and functional requirements are determined through a rather complex screening process...

But your potential problems go even further. Your parents' need not spend all of their \$60,000 to find out if your father will qualify for Medicaid...

meet the medical level of care requirements, your folks will know early enough to have been able to make other plans before all their money is spent...

mentations can be made about the most appropriate, least restrictive environment where care can be provided to meet the individual's assessed needs.

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SENIOR CALENDAR

Calendar entries for Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center, Filer Senior Haven, Ageless Senior Citizens Inc., West End Senior Citizens Inc., Jerome Senior Center, and Blaine County Senior Center.

Calendar entries for Wednesday Aerobics, Richfield Senior Center, Shoshone Senior Center, Mindoka County Senior Citizens Center, Silver and Gold Senior Citizens, and Hageman Valley Senior/Community Center.

Use form as proof of Social Security

Q. My landlord needs proof of what I receive from Social Security. What can I use as proof? A. Every year we will send you a Form SSA-1099 showing the amount of benefits you received in the past year...

Assisted living centers struggle with staffing

In the 1990s, assisted living centers emerged as a promising alternative for seniors who needed help in their daily lives. Now, many facilities are struggling themselves.

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