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Set clocks forward one hour this morning.

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Hansen shooting kills one

Hospital lists twin brother in serious condition

By Robert Mayer

HANSEN - An altercation at a Hansen party early Saturday morning left two Twin Falls brothers injured by gunfire, one fatally, the other seriously.

Twin Falls County Sheriff's officers were called around 1 a.m. to a residence south of

Hansen, where they found Victor Cuellar, 19, dead at the scene, a sheriff's office news release said.

His twin brother, Francisco Cuellar, was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, the release said. He was listed in serious condition Saturday evening, a hospital spokesman said.

Investigators have detained a 17-year-old boy in connection with the shooting, the release said.

The incident happened at a time when both brothers had started taking steps to straighten out their lives, an older sibling, Tomas Cuellar, told The

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Information sought

The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office is seeking information from those who attended the party at which Victor Cuellar, 19, was killed early Saturday morning. Those with information are to call Sgt. Art Repolizzo at 736-4163 or Crime Stoppers at 732-5387. Callers may be anonymous and may be eligible for a reward.

Dueling over dairies

Industry holds its own against

increasing criticism

By Julie Pence Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - There are almost two dairy cows for each person in Magic Valley.

Roughly 140,000 people live in the six counties of south-central Idaho. They exist with about 240,000 Holsteins.

Even more impressive is that more than 200,000 of those bovines are concentrated in just three of those counties: Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding. And almost half of those are squeezed into Gooding County, with Jerome and Twin Falls counties splitting the difference.

All told, the state has around 340,000 dairy cows, up from about 180,000 a decade ago.

It's difficult to imagine what 5.35 million tons of cow waste per year looks like - the amount that 240,000 cows are estimated to generate, but state Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, said last week in a televised interview that complaints about odor have grown louder each of the six years he has served in the legislature.

"Any time you concentrate that many animals in one place, you're going to have odors," said Stevenson, who has farmed all of his life.

But even though Stevenson, who is vice chairman of the House Ag Committee, has heard about the issue since he was elected, legislation aimed toward mitigating the problems was not passed until the 2001 session.

Some say that's not a result of an influential Idaho dairy lobby, which has teamed with other groups inside and outside agriculture to make sure the dairy industry continues to thrive. In spite of the voices calling for more regulation of dairies, many observers say the industry holds political clout that other interests envy.

Making their cases

"We're under siege," said activist Bill Chisholm. The unconventional, self-described hippie ran for county commissioner in Twin Falls County two years ago on the basis of holding back the expansion of "industrial" dairies. He captured 47 percent of the vote in one of the most conservative counties in arguably the most conservative state in the nation.

He recently filed to run for a state Senate seat, and he said halting the expansion of large dairies along with increasing regulation on existing ones is his main mission.

During the past legislative session, Chisholm visited the Stetshole several times to work with local legislators who were involved in dairy legislation.

Chisholm is a member and spokesman on energy issues for Idaho Rural Council, a nonprofit

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COPS IN THE MOONLIGHT



At night, Jim Baker is a sales associate at Wal-Mart in Jerome, but during the day he is a Jerome police detective. Baker says his job in law enforcement 'pays for the basics,' but he has to work a second job for extra money.

Many law enforcement officers take second jobs

By Mark Heinz Times-News writer

JEROME - It wasn't the kind of mystery Jim Baker was trained to solve.

A shopping cart full of abandoned merchandise - picked off of the proper shelves and then left somewhere else - had ended up in his section of the Jerome Wal-Mart store. It was his duty late Thursday to get the items back to where they belonged.

At his day job, Baker is expected to see to it some of the Magic Valley's most dangerous people end up where they belong.

He's a Jerome police detective - like many law enforcement officers in the Magic Valley - has decided that holding a second job is what it takes to make life comfortable. Or in some cases, to even make sure that ends meet.

"I don't expect them to ignore me," he said. "I expect them to heed the call."

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Wages on the thin blue line

Agency	Minimum	Maximum	Starting	Starting
T.F. County sheriff	\$2,181.87	\$2,383.79		
Blaine County sheriff	\$2,500	\$2,700		
Camas County sheriff	\$1,800	none		
Cassia County sheriff	\$1,938	\$1,988		
Emery County sheriff	\$2,201	\$2,450		
Gooding County sheriff	\$1,558	\$1,658		
Jerome County sheriff	\$1,601	\$2,000		
Lincoln County sheriff	\$1,608	\$1,608		
Minidoka County sheriff	\$1,400	\$1,700		
Kahua State Police	\$2,652	none		
Twin Falls police	\$2,725	\$2,725		
Belleuve police	\$2,200	\$2,600		
Buhl police	\$2,048	\$2,459		
Filer police	\$1,850	\$1,895		
Gooding police	\$1,623.45	none		
Hagerman police	\$1,600	\$1,800		
Haley police	\$2,956	\$3,206		
Hayburn police	\$1,900	\$2,100		
Jerome police	\$1,902	\$2,068		
Ketchum police	\$2,135	\$2,538		
Kimberly police	\$1,965	\$2,650		
Mountain Home police	\$2,088	\$2,394		
Rupert police	\$1,900	\$2,067		
Sun Valley police	\$2,882	\$3,320		
Wendell police	\$1,350	\$1,650		

Source: Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training Academy

"My police job pays only for the basic necessities," said Baker, who is married with two children. "It makes the house payment and the car payment."

Baker said between his two jobs, he puts in about 60 to 70 hours a week, but he still gets to

spend plenty of time with his family.

He said he has held second jobs for as long as he has been a police officer. One of the best moonlighting stints he had was working for Roy and Vern Marie Raymond - the owners of Roy Raymond Ford.

Mitsubishi in Twin Falls - until they were killed in plane crash in 1997, Baker said.

"Roy Raymond was really great to work for. He really respected me," Baker said.

Wal-Mart has also been good so far, he said.

"I can't be a policeman when I'm on their clock. I can't chase shoplifters or anything like that," he said. "But they are really good about letting me schedule around my police work, and they understand if I have to get called out on an emergency."

Baker said his wife also works full time.

"A second job enables me to provide what I want for my kids. We can go on good vacations, and we can live without using credit cards."

Filer police officer Bill Deetz

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Bush vents frustration, demands Israeli withdrawal

Los Angeles Times

CRAWFORD, Texas - President Bush, showing his exasperation as Israeli tanks continued to roll through the West Bank, demanded Saturday that Israel withdraw "without delay" from the Palestinian cities it has occupied in several days of outright war.

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President Bush, right, and British Prime Minister Tony Blair listen to a question during their joint news conference Saturday.

In fact, the fighting in the West Bank intensified Saturday as Palestinian gunmen in the west bank town of Nablus and in a

scoping West Bank refugee camp in Jenin put up the fiercest resistance yet to an offensive that Israel says it launched to halt a

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wave of suicide bombings. At least 15 Palestinians and one Israeli soldier died in the battles.

Thus, on the eve of U.S. Secretary of State Colin L. Powell's urgent peace mission to the region, the president found himself grappling with Sharon's seeming defiance, a posture that threatened to undermine what is already a profoundly difficult task for the administration.

If it continues, the fighting could jeopardize the administration's new peace initiative and put strains on the U.S.-Israeli alliance, analysts said. Yet Sharon would be damaged politically if he were seen as following U.S. orders to withdraw.

Aging population could trigger worldwide crisis

The Associated Press

MADRID, Spain - The predictions are almost cataclysmic: In 50 years, if trends continue, one of every three people will be older than 60. Those 2 billion seniors would outnumber the world's youths.

Even before that, gains in longevity could bring a worldwide economic crisis, experts warn. With the population's proportion of tax-paying workers shrinking, nations' budgets could be overwhelmed in trying to provide retirement and health benefits for the elderly.

"By the mid-2020s, virtually the entire developed world will be one big Argentina unless some serious reforms are made," said Paul Hewitt of the Center for Strategic and

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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Idaho Extremes
Yesterday:
 High 69°
 Garden Valley Low 29°
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Normal high/low
 67/32
High/low last year
 62/20
Record high/low
 117° in 1907
 17° in 1907

Precipitation
 24 hours ending 9 p.m. yesterday: 0.00"
 Month to date: 0.00"
 Normal month to date: 0.16"
 Water year to date (Oct. 1): 4.42"
 Normal year to date (Oct. 1): 6.96"

Humidity
 Yesterday at noon: 68%
 Barometric Pressure
 Yesterday at 8 p.m.: 29.81 in.

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls
 Grass: Absent Weeds: Absent
 Trees: Moderate Mold: Moderate
 Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

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

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
A shower, then some sunshine.	Patchy cloudiness.	Sunshine and a few clouds.	Mostly cloudy with some showers.	Chance for a shower.	Limited sun; a shower.
▲ 54°	▼ 36°	▲ 64° ▼ 42°	▲ 60° ▼ 40°	▲ 56° ▼ 34°	▲ 58° ▼ 36°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Clouds and some sunshine today with a stray shower developing early in the day. Variable cloudiness tonight, then sunshine and some cloudiness tomorrow.

Boise: A shower early with plenty of clouds, then some clearing in the afternoon. Patchy cloudiness tonight. Sunshine will mix with cloudiness tomorrow.

Northern Nevada: Sunshine will mix with cloudiness today providing a decent afternoon. Patchy cloudiness tonight, then sunshine will blend with some cloudiness tomorrow.

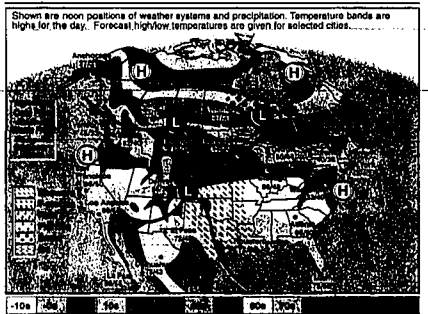
Northern Utah: Breezy today with a rain or wet snow shower along with plenty of clouds. Variable cloudiness tonight. Clouds will mix with some sunshine tomorrow.

Northern Idaho: A rain or snow shower will cover parts of the region today with a good deal of cloudiness. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight. Tomorrow will feature some sunshine.

NATIONAL EXTREMES Yesterday for the 48 contiguous states

High 89° in Death Valley, CA Low 1° in Eagle River, WI

NATIONAL WEATHER



CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Mon.	Hi Lo	Hi Lo
Calgary	33/16	42/28	33/16	42/28
Edmonton	26/21	27/20	26/21	27/20
Kelowna	57/24	49/33	57/24	49/33
Lebanon	52/33	50/30	52/33	50/30
Regina	35/16	33/20	35/16	33/20
Saskatoon	27/17	28/18	27/17	28/18
Victoria	48/33	45/33	48/33	45/33
Winnipeg	49/33	47/43	49/33	47/43

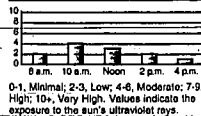
SUN AND MOON

SUNSET TODAY: 6:10 a.m.
SUNSET TONIGHT: 7:10 p.m.
MOONRISE TODAY: 4:23 a.m.
MOONSET TODAY: 2:18 p.m.

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WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Mon.	Hi Lo	Hi Lo
Acapulco	80/73	83/71	80/73	83/71
Alaska	83/50	80/45	83/50	80/45
Auckland	66/56	62/52	66/56	62/52
Bangkok	90/78	82/68	90/78	82/68
Berlin	58/48	57/43	58/48	57/43
Buenos Aires	77/66	73/64	77/66	73/64
Cairo	80/52	81/55	80/52	81/55
Hong Kong	86/73	83/69	86/73	83/69
Jerusalem	85/42	89/42	85/42	89/42
Kobe	68/59	65/51	68/59	65/51
London	58/39	56/40	58/39	56/40
Mexico City	81/46	77/47	81/46	77/47
Moscow	43/38	41/38	43/38	41/38
Paris	68/59	58/37	68/59	58/37
Rio de Janeiro	76/59	74/65	76/59	74/65
Sao Paulo	89/82	83/83	89/82	83/83
Seoul	64/37	53/32	64/37	53/32
Taipei	78/65	71/54	78/65	71/54
Tokyo	68/68	67/68	68/68	67/68
Warsaw	45/27	46/29	45/27	46/29
Zurich	55/38	55/37	55/38	55/37

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.	Hi Lo	Hi Lo
Boise	58/36	60/46	58/36	60/46
Bonanza Ferry	57/37	67/41	57/37	67/41
Burley	50/30	54/38	50/30	54/38
Cooper's Dale	50/30	54/38	50/30	54/38
Elgin	58/40	62/44	58/40	62/44
Eugen	58/40	62/44	58/40	62/44
Hagerman	57/34	67/43	57/34	67/43
Idaho Falls	54/31	60/40	54/31	60/40
Kalispell, MT	47/25	49/29	47/25	49/29
Lewiston	58/38	62/48	58/38	62/48
Malden	51/31	61/35	51/31	61/35
Malta	54/25	50/30	54/25	50/30

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Aging

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International Studies in Washington Monday, representatives from 160 countries and international organizations begin a five-day United Nations conference in Madrid to grapple with the challenges posed by the graying of humanity.

The United Nations says older populations will significantly change patterns of "savings, investment and consumption, labor markets, pensions, taxation... health care, family composition and living arrangements, housing and migration."

In the developing world, the pace of aging is faster than in developed countries, giving the poorest societies less time to cope. The ramifications could be serious as the elderly become an additional burden to the traditional scourges of poverty and disease.

Delegates at the Second World Assembly on Aging - the first was 20 years ago in Vienna, Austria - will try to agree on an action plan for addressing a host of aging-related issues: retire-

The world's aging population

Facts and figures on the world's aging population from the U.N. Population Division:

- World population in 2000 was 6 billion. It is projected to grow to 10 billion by 2050.
- There are 600 million people over 60; a number projected to triple over the next half-century to 2 billion.
- By 2050, the number of people over 60 will exceed the number of children under 14 for the first time in history.
- The population of people over 60 is growing by 2 percent each year, considerably faster than the general population.
- In developed countries, almost one-fifth of the population was 60 or older in 2000; by 2050, this proportion is expected to reach one-third.

ment age flexibility; living with dependency; elderly benefits;

technology and the aging process, death matters such as eutanassia.

The meeting's chairman, Spanish Labor and Social Affairs Minister Juan Carlos Aparicio, said Wednesday that "60 to 70 percent" of the plan had already been agreed on in preparatory negotiations.

Nevertheless, hundreds of non-governmental organizations - from the American Association of Retired Persons to the Red Cross of Mongolia - are holding their own meetings over the weekend to push for firm commitments.

"We want to ensure there will be clear and comprehensive solutions, not just a magnificent closing ceremony and pledges that two or three years later everybody has forgotten," said Hector Maravall of the Spanish trade union CCOO.

One of the key issues is aging in developing countries. Now that family planning programs have lowered birth rates, populations are getting older faster than societies can cope, the United Nations says.

LDS leader says Olympics were success for religion

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Mormon President Gordon B. Hinckley told the faithful on Saturday that the Salt Lake City Olympics proved to be "wonderful" for the church.

Utah's dominant religion kept a low profile during the February Games, opting not to proselytize to 120,000 Olympic visitors.

But Hinckley said the games were "a great success for Mormons, a spellbinding negative images of the religion."

"Well, it all worked out. The visitors came by the hundreds and thousands. Some came with suspicion and hesitancy, old false

images persisting in their minds. They came feeling they might get trapped in some unwanted situation by religious zealots. But they found something they never expected," Hinckley said at the faith's 172nd semiannual General Conference Tuesday.

With few exceptions, he said, the media reported positive stories about the religion and visitors toured Temple Square and enjoyed the hospitality of Utah's residents.

Hinckley, 91, is considered a living prophet by the 11 million members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Another church leader spoke against child abuse at a time when many U.S. priests in the Roman Catholic Church face allegations of molesting children.

"There is nothing in what we believe or teach that gives license to parents or anyone to neglect or abuse or molest our own or anyone else's children," said Elder Boyd K. Packer, president of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, spoke vehemently against child abuse.

Adults have a duty to protect children, he said.

"To betray them is utterly unthinkable."

Shooting

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Times-News Saturday afternoon. The twins had moved to Twin Falls two years ago from Pasco, Wash., where they had been caught up with gang activity, Tomas Cuellar said.

Since moving to the Magic Valley, they had occasionally worked odd jobs, Tomas Cuellar said.

Victor and Francisco Cuellar

had six other siblings, all of whom were raised by their eldest brother, Tomas Cuellar said. Their mother had died in 1994 in a Hansen drinking-drug accident in which the Cuellars' step-father was at the wheel and was later convicted of vehicular manslaughter.

"They were brought up with no mother and no father," Tomas Cuellar said. "They were

just lost in the system."

But after years of running afoul of the law, the twins were trying to clean up their lives, Tomas Cuellar said. They had just entered a skills-training program.

"They were just at the wrong place at the wrong time," Tomas Cuellar said.

The party was attended by both juveniles and adults, the news release said.

Jobs

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she said his wife stays at home with their child, and his police salary allows for a decent lifestyle. But he decided to take on a second job - helping provide security at Twin Falls car lots - to build a safety net.

"I can get by. But if anything extra comes up - a medical bill - I would get very strapped. I just wanted to be comfortable."

Deets said his boss at his night security job is a Gooding police officer, and most of the staff there is made up of Magic Valley law officers.

ethics. That means off-duty officers can't work at jobs that might involve serving legal papers or doing investigations, Tousey said. And other jobs, such as bar tending, are off-limits for ethical reasons.

"Since I've worked for the county, I've held at least four different part-time jobs," said one of Tousey's senior deputies, court security officer Doug Courtney. "I'm a superior bar tender, but that's one I can't do while I work here."

Benefits? Sugden said he has stopped moonlighting and enrolled in a full-time online business course - and plans to leave criminal justice on the insurance program. It would have cost me a couple of hundred dollars out of every paycheck," Sugden's partner, Steve Conger, dug into his jacket pocket for his paycheck stub. Conger then checked what it costs to keep his wife and child covered through the county's insurance plan.

"It was \$387.53 for one month," he said.

"Some of these guys are going to see \$350 to \$500 pulled off the top of their checks for benefits," Tousey said.

"Police work does have good benefits and an excellent retirement plan," Reiser said. "But you really pay for it."

Sugden said he has stayed loyal to the county and enjoys police work, but he can also feel his future creeping up on him. "I just can't keep starting over and over and over," he said. "I'm 34 years old. I don't want to have to start at the bottom rung and try to build a retirement plan every time I move to a new department. I just want to get with one company and stick with it until I can retire."

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Resistance slows Israeli offensive

NABLUS, West Bank (AP) — Israeli attack helicopters and troops traded round-the-clock fire with Palestinian gunmen for a third straight day Saturday in Nablus and Jenin. But the soldiers were again unable to take full control of the two cities as they faced the toughest resistance yet in their West Bank offensive.

With the gunmen firing from apartments and homes in narrow streets and alleyways, the Israeli troops have taken only parts of the two cities and have not entered the nearby refugee camps, which are strongholds for the militants. One Palestinian fighter said bombs and weapons were being passed out to residents to defend the camps.

President Bush is dispatching Secretary of State Colin Powell to the region this coming week, but the mission is already facing one potential problem: The Palestinians said Saturday they won't talk to Powell unless he meets with Arafat.

Meanwhile, Israeli troops and Palestinian security forces had a brief but intense exchange of fire Saturday night at the besieged compound of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Nabil A. Burdneh, an Arafat spokesman in the compound, said Israeli troops made moves to enter Arafat's office, prompting the Palestinian guards in an adjacent building to open fire. The Israelis shot back at the security guards, wounding four, one of them seriously, he said. No one in Arafat's office was hurt, he added. The Israeli army said it came under fire from the building next to Arafat's office and returned fire, but was not aware of any injuries. Israel has barred journalists from areas where its military is operating in the West Bank, and the accounts could not be independently verified.

Overall, 15 Palestinians and one Israeli soldier were killed Saturday, with most of the deaths in Nablus and Jenin, which are 15 miles apart in the northern part of the West Bank.

The fighting in those two cities was in sharp contrast to that in other parts of the West Bank since Israel launched its invasion on March 29, after a series of suicide bombing attacks that killed scores of Israelis. In most areas, Israeli tanks and armored personnel carriers faced very limited resistance and quickly took charge of the streets, with Palestinian residents remaining inside and under curfew. Still, the nine-day-old incursion has left at least 74 Palestinians and 10 Israeli soldiers dead.

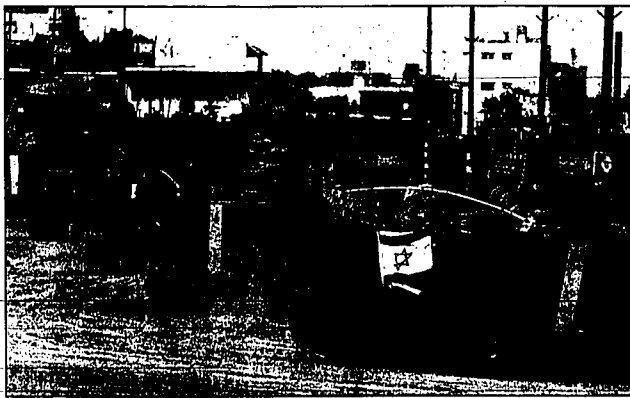
In Jenin, Israeli troops on the edge of the city's refugee camp have been battling gunmen round the clock. The Israeli forces have entered some city neighborhoods, but are facing resistance in the eastern part of the city, residents said.

Jamal Abu al-Hajja, a leader of the militant Hamas movement in Jenin, said militant factions had banded and were distributing weapons — in lading explosive belts like those used by suicide bombers — to residents of the nearby refugee camp. "All the factions have distributed explosive belts and hand grenades to the people of the camp to defend themselves," he said by telephone.

A Palestinian woman in Jenin camp, Iham Dzuski, blew herself up early Saturday when soldiers approached the door to her home, according to al-Hajja, who said the bombing caused casualties among the soldiers.

The Israeli military reported a somewhat similar event, saying troops fired on a Palestinian wearing explosives. The gunfire caused a blast that killed the attacker, whom they identified as a man. No soldiers were hurt, the army said.

In Nablus, the Israeli forces have been sending in helicopters that fire machine guns or rockets in an attempt to dislodge the gunmen. The Israelis have taken over many parts of Nablus, but have only edged into Nablus' Old City, where they have encountered heavy shooting.



Israeli armored personnel carriers and tanks enter the outskirts of the West Bank town of Nablus Saturday. Israeli troops battled Palestinian gunmen in Nablus Saturday.

Red Cross: Israel blocks humanitarian operations

GENEVA (AP) — The International Red Cross said Saturday that it had reduced its humanitarian operations in the West Bank to a "strict minimum" because of actions by Israeli forces, which it said have shot toward ambulances and threatened workers.

The International Committee of the Red Cross was able to move some sick and wounded patients with ambulances from besieged Palestinian towns, but it took hours to receive Israeli permission and soldiers stopped the vehicles frequently, a spokeswoman said.

The Israeli military denied it is threatening or delaying ambulances.

The only reason for holding up an ambulance is because there is dangerous gunfire in the area, an Israeli military spokesman said on condition of anonymity.

The ICRC said actions by Israeli soldiers were "totally unacceptable, for it jeopardizes

not only the lifesaving work of emergency medical services but also the group's other humanitarian activities."

"Over the past two days, ICRC staff in Bethlehem have been threatened at gunpoint, warning shots have been fired at ICRC vehicles in Nablus and Ramallah, two ICRC vehicles have been damaged by Israeli tanks in Tulkarim and the ICRC premises in Tulkarim have been broken into," it said in a statement from Tel Aviv.

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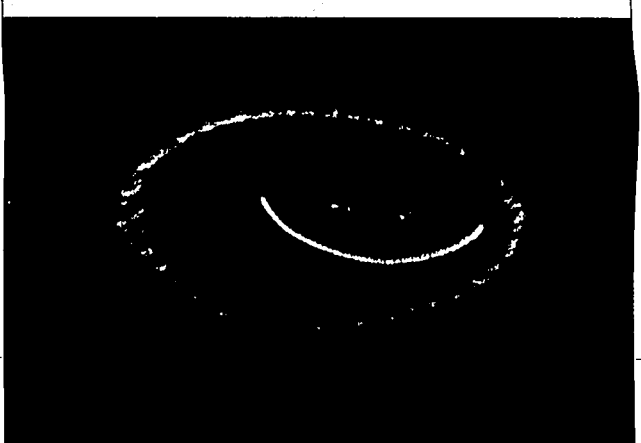
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U.S. troops find al-Qaida documents in caves

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. troops hauled bags of documents from abandoned al-Qaida and Taliban caves in Bagram air base Saturday after days of searching through mountains, turning up secret jail cells and dossiers with photographs and fingerprint samples.

Some 500 U.S. troops spent the past five days going in and out through the caves in the Zhawar Mountains of Pakhtia province near the Pakistani border, then blowing up the caverns after tipping them down in a mission dubbed Operation Mountain Lion.

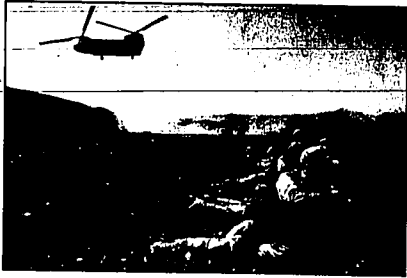
"The locals were saying these were the caves where Osama bin Laden was" sometime in the past, said Capt. Lou Bauer, 29, of Windsor, N.Y., who was among a group of soldiers who returned to Bagram air base Saturday in Chinook helicopters. "We were destroying munitions and felt like we were doing something important."

U.S. and other allied special forces units have been in the Pakhtia province area occasionally in recent months, identifying cave hide-outs and looking for intelligence to use in the hunt for al-Qaida and Taliban forces.

Intelligence gathered there and during Operation Andromeda, a large assault last month on al-Qaida caves nearby led planners to decide to send a larger force for a thorough search.

A battalion of 500 searching is different from a few people, so we thought from the intelligence and evidence we saw it was worthwhile for us to go back again," Maj. Bryan Hillery, a U.S. military spokesman at Bagram, said.

The mission took troops through a dry, narrow valley —



Soldiers from Alpha 101st airborne Division, having just arrived Tuesday in the departing Chinook helicopter, take part in operation 'Mountain Lion' in the Zhawar Kill mountain complex, Pakhtia province, eastern Afghanistan.

resembling a creek bed between two mountains. The caves, some well-hidden and others with entries like small Roman arches, opened onto the valley. The narrow pass is a road for some locals, and soldiers described seeing sporadic traffic of people, camels, sheep and one truck.

Troops searched and destroyed some 15 caves. Built into mountainsides, the caverns were interconnected. Bauer drew a map that went on for three pages, showing how one cave went some 1,000 feet deep.

Army engineers used C-4 explosives to collapse the caves, some of which were fortified with brick walls, steel beams and reinforced ceilings — after other methods failed, Bauer said.

The searches netted five trash bags full of documents, including folders that looked like dossiers, with photos and fingerprint sam-

ples attached. Soldiers also found medical supplies, including syringes and antibiotics; rocket-propelled grenades; and, deep inside one cave, three cells with bars. It was not immediately clear what the cells were used for.

"They also found a May 17, 2001, edition of USA Today. Hillery would not comment on what the documents said or the value of the other information found, but said, "Everything that we find is significant."

The Americans encountered no hostility — neither from locals whose villages they trooped through nor from enemy forces. Anti-Taliban forces operated checkpoints on many hilltops, soldiers said.

An Associated Press photographer heard an Afghan soldier tell an American officer that some 800 al-Qaida and Taliban fighters had regrouped a few miles away,

just over the border in Pakistan. The soldier, translating for his commander, complained that "the Pakistanis aren't doing anything about it."

"The Pakistani government insists it is patrolling the border vigilantly."

In other developments Saturday, Afghan Foreign Minister Abdullah said alleged subversives arrested last week during roundups in the capital, Kabul, were hoping to destabilize the country but not take over the government, as one Afghan official reported. He would not discuss the government's evidence against the estimated 160 people in custody but said their intent to carry out sabotage and terrorism was "undeniable."

The human rights group Amnesty International suggested that "internal political opposition" may have motivated the arrests, but Abdullah denied that.

Afghan Wireless Communications Co., a joint venture between the interim government and U.S.-based Telephone Systems International, Inc., announced the launch of Afghanistan's first wireless phone network. The network is operating in Kabul and should be available in the country's five main cities within three months, the company said.

Flooding from heavy rains a week ago has killed 13 people and left 11 others missing in the northern Afghan village of Deh Manin, in Faryab province, said Manoel de Almeida e Silva, the U.N. spokesman in Kabul. He said the flooding destroyed some crops and presumably killed 700 cattle, but damaged buildings only slightly.

Congress deals with contingencies for their own demise

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Members of Congress rarely speak with issues of life and death, especially their own. But the threat of terrorism is forcing them to look for ways to ensure the continuity of government if they are wiped out.

In an age of "suicide" nuclear devices, the "doomsday scenario" poses horrific questions: How would America's government function if Congress were destroyed? What would happen if many lawmakers were incapacitated, perhaps by a bioterrorist attack?

"This is an issue no one likes to deal with," said former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., who joined ex-Speaker Tom Foley, D-Wash., in urging Congress to do just that. "There's a growing realization that we have to have some system in case of a true catastrophe."

Before last year, such a calamity might have seemed like an absurd Tom Clancy plot. Then came the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington and the anthrax-laden mail that shut down Capitol Hill buildings for weeks.

Congressional leaders initially ignored questions of how to revive the legislature after a disastrous attack, citing more pressing issues. But that changed when the news leaked that the Bush administration is maintaining a "shadow government."

rotating scores of officials to receive sites outside the city, because of the threat of nuclear terrorism.

"Congress was shaken by that," because it was clear there was genuine concern that a "suicide nuke" could wipe out much of official Washington," said Norman Ornstein, an expert on Congress at the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative policy research center. He helped organize a group of scholars to advise on the issue.

By Friday, a majority of the House of Representatives — 218 members — had signed a letter to Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., urging them to appoint a panel of members to examine the issue and make recommendations in three months.

"Few things that come before us will have been more important," the letter says.

The threat of incapacitation lies mainly in the House. Governors could reconstruct the Senate quickly by making appointments to fill vacancies, as they do now. But the Constitution requires direct election to the "people's House," as its members like to call it. It takes 117 days to

fill a vacancy on average, a recent study found. In a crisis, even an accelerated election process could take weeks, at a time when the nation might need emergency laws and expenditures.

House members suggest a number of possible solutions:

- Rep. Brian Baird, D-Wash., offers a constitutional amendment that would allow governors to appoint interim House members until special elections are held if 25 percent of the House were killed or incapacitated.
- Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., has introduced a similar amendment, setting the threshold at 50 percent.

During the Cold War, the Senate passed an amendment the three times giving governors the power to make temporary appointments to the House, but the House never passed it.

"Congress was like the person who puts off making a will, but we can't avoid this issue any

longer," said Baird, a psychologist. "Not to deal with it would be the height of irresponsibility."

Republican Gingrich and Democrat Foley, antagonists while in Congress, said a constitutional amendment might be necessary, but that enacting one was a time-consuming process. One quick fix they favor is changing House rules to allow each member to designate an "interim successor" who could serve until a special election.

"It's a jury-rigged solution until something long-term can be worked out," Gingrich said. He said House members "embody the latest expression of the voter's will" in each district and would be better suited than the governor, who's often from a different party, to appoint a temporary successor.

"The fact that Tom Foley and I are working on this says to the country that this transcends politics," Gingrich said.

Possible solutions provoke plenty of disagreement. Foley and Gingrich said their plan would pass constitutional muster because the House could make its own rules for membership. Others doubt that.

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Dairies

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organization that actively campaigns against "factory farms," said executive director Stacy Butler. The group does not make political donations, nor does it endorse political candidates. It has about 600 members, half of whom are from Magic Valley, Butler said.

Meanwhile, the mantra of the state's three paid dairy lobbyists — whose job it is to convince legislators to tread lightly on dairymen — is "We're the most highly regulated dairy state in the nation."

That's not easy to verify, but one of those lobbyists, Brent Olmstead of Milk Producers of Idaho, said he knows that to be true from his conversations with industry members from other states.

Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, who pushed through the latest dairy legislation, said he's not sure he believes the statement.

"But even if it's true, it won't be for long," Jones said. He alluded to numerous articles he has read about rural populations, clashing with mammoth livestock operations across the nation and in other countries.

Olmstead's group — which is composed of 64 of the largest dairies in Idaho, or those with more than 1,000 cows — does not give political donations, though he said it will in the future through a political action group formed in January. The group has a second lobbyist — Ken McClure, a Boise attorney who is the son of former U.S. Sen. James McClure.

Another lobbyist, Lewis Eilers of the Idaho Dairymen's Association, said his group does not give political contributions, either.

"The reason we don't is that it's not a voluntary organization," Eilers said. Every dairymen in the state contributes to the organization through taxing production.

Ag base still holds sway

Nevertheless, Jones, who heads the House Ag Committee, said the power of the dairy lobby is considerable. But if the industry doesn't get people elected through donations, how does it wield power?

"It's in conjunction with some of the other ag organization — like the Farm Bureau, the cattlemen, the Food Producers (of Idaho) — because they use their influence to help those organizations, and they all have their lobbyists as

well," Jones said.

No question about it, Idaho is still an agricultural state. Of its \$33 billion economy, about one-fifth of that comes from agriculture. Of that \$7 billion, \$1 billion was from dairy legislation in 2001.

"A billion dollars can buy a lot of friends," said Rich Carlson, another Idaho Rural Council member.

Olmstead said about 35 percent of his membership comes from business people, such as car dealers, who have prospered from the dairies.

Jones walks a fine line in trying to keep the Magic Valley economy prosperous with the help of dairies while living next to some large dairies near Filer that have notorious odor problems. Rural council members say Jones is not particularly influenced by the strong ag lobby because he lives in Magic Valley and makes his living in ag.

"He knows what's going on," Carlson said.

It would stand to reason, then, that legislators — one-third of whom come from agriculture — would not be terribly influenced one way or the other by lobbyists. But rural council members assert that unless those legislators with farm backgrounds come from areas where dairy cows are not concentrated, they still tend to believe what ag lobbyists tell them. Considering that the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation has 50,000 members, that's probably understandable.

Olmstead agrees that the ag lobbyists who go after legislators during the session are successful.

"The Idaho Legislature is pretty ag friendly," he said. "We're proud of our ag heritage."

During the 2002 session, farmers and ranchers made it known often their inclination is to resist increasing regulations, because they live in a "right-to-farm" state. The purpose of right-to-farm legislation some 10 years ago was to grant nuisance waivers to agricultural operations.

Traditional versus industrial

Rural council members say right-to-farm is one thing, but they differentiate between indus-

trial and traditional operations. That philosophy has not been embraced in Idaho's government, however, Chisholm said. The dairy lobby has succeeded in keeping a differentiation between the two out of legislation.

It's not a notion that gains any official recognition.

Even Pat Takasugi, executive director of the Idaho Department of Agriculture, has spoken numerous times about how operations will have to get bigger to succeed in a world economy.

Takasugi comes straight from one of the lobbying organizations that Jones mentioned. He's a former vice president of the Farm Bureau. But he is also qualified for the job because he has farmed and belonged to the Idaho Farm Bureau.

Chisholm referred to the coziness he sees between the ag Department and lobbyists as the "good old boy" Department. Jones countered, saying it is only natural that the lobbyists would establish a working relationship with the department.

"I could be accused of the same thing. I often drop into the Ag Department to pick up some things and talk with people. Hopefully, the Rural Council people will become comfortable with dropping by the Ag Department to discuss things," he said.

By becoming more organized, the Rural Council has gained more power in campaigning for laws to rein in what it refers to as industrial dairies. The group did it with a grassroots effort that included sending out e-mail and phoning members when it was time to hit the road to Boise, Butler said.

Dairy odor hearings this past session were painfully long, sometimes going for five or six hours.

"Our voice is getting stronger," Butler said. "I think the lobbyists are pretty well neutralized by our efforts, and it comes from the fact that we are farmers and ranchers and concerned urban citizens."

She said the council got three of the four things it wanted from this year's odor legislation: A definition that could be used to measure offensive ag odors, inspec-

tions of new facility designs by engineers, and including the fields that are spread with waste in the odor laws were the points the council wanted most to be in the law.

A penalty matrix was what it used for negotiating capital, she said.

"We didn't really care that much about losing it," she said. "We're not so much interested in fining as we are in taking care of problems."

It was the sheer doggedness of the group, however, that finally pushed the legislation through. Members said they tried last summer in a rule-making phase taken after 2001 legislation to get those points included.

"But it became obvious how effective the lobbyists were when we sat down to make the rules," she said. "The lobbyists and the Ag Department had already met. It was already prearranged what they were going to do."

Jones said he didn't attend all of the meetings, so he could not verify Butler's comments. But again, he noted that lobbyists probably had discussed the legislation ahead of time simply because they live and work in Boise, and their jobs include working with the Ag Department.

As a result, she said, Jones had to sit down and craft the new legislation that was passed during the 2002 session.

Jones, on the other hand, said he had made it known all along that the first-time-ever odor legislation passed in 2001 would be less than perfect.

"As we went through the rule-making, I could see that there would have to be some tweaking and adjusting," he said, explaining that the point of the 2002 legislation was to fix some of those things.

Jones predicted that has the Rural Council continues working on the issue, they will come to accept how legislation is crafted and passed into law.

One Rural Council member said the same.

"There are a heck of a lot of people who are getting an intense civics lesson during this process," Chisholm said.

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Boy says he got sick after airport guard made him drink creek water

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — A 14-year-old boy believes he got sick because airport security personnel made him take a drink from a bottle of untreated stream water he wanted to carry on an airplane so he could take it to school.

Elliot Gosko told the Aspen Daily News that he suspects he was infected by Giardia, a microorganism sometimes found in untreated water, but that tests aren't complete.

He said he became nauseous and missed two days of school last week after returning home to West Chester, Pa., from a visit to Aspen.

Security measures added since Sept. 11 require that passengers drink from liquids they are taking on an aircraft to prove the liquids are not dangerous, said Mike Fergus, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration.

However, Paul Turk,

spokesman for the federal Transportation Security Administration, said airport security screeners can simply inquire about the contents of drink containers. He said there is no requirement that travelers drink from unsealed containers as proof of safety.

Fergus said Elliot never told security personnel at Aspen's Sardy Field what was in his bottle.

"If we had been told it was creek water there is no way we would have asked him to take a swig of it, unless we had reason to believe it was something else," Fergus said.

Elliot's father, George Gosko Jr., said he thinks the security agents went too far, but Fergus said they were just doing their jobs.

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U.S., allies beef up firepower in Afghanistan

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The United States and its allies are beefing up their firepower in Afghanistan with fresh troops and heavily armored attack jets in anticipation of an al-Qaida and Taliban guerrilla offensive that is expected this spring.

The moves suggest that the coalition forces are preparing for a new phase of the war, in which enemy fighters are likely to stage hit-and-run attacks designed to exploit Western technological advantages and exploit weaknesses in U.S. and allied intelligence-gathering.

The new strategy is based on lessons learned in the last major ground offensive, Operation Anaconda, the mountain battle last month in which eight Americans and three Afghans were killed.

A force of 1,700 British Royal Marine commandos was scheduled to arrive in Afghanistan this week's end, joining 13,000 American and allied troops who were already there.

A small squadron of A-10 "Warthog" jets, renowned for their ability to deliver a devastating amount of fire on ground targets as well as to sustain heavy damage themselves, have been stationed at Bagram Air Base, north of Kabul, for the first time in the 6-month-old war.

The introduction of the 1,700 British ground forces and the A-10 aircraft, I think, is an indication that this is going to be a less technology-intensive, more manpower-intensive part of the conflict, said Andrew Kreplovich, executive director of the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, a Washington research center.

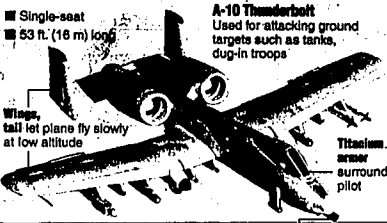
In Operation Anaconda, inadequate intelligence failed to identify the strength and disposition of enemy forces, high altitude taxed the ability of U.S. troops to fight effectively and attack helicopters proved vulnerable to ground fire from well-entrenched enemy fighters.

The United States now probably will err on the side of bringing in too much as opposed to too little when it comes to ground forces and air cover," Kreplovich said.

The A-10s, armed with 30 mm Gatling guns, plus Maverick and Sidewinder missiles, are a key

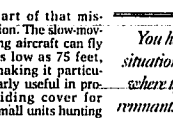
Attack planes at Afghan base

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A-10s at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan
U.S. bases in Afghanistan

part of that mission. The slow-moving aircraft can fly as low as 75 feet, making it particularly useful in providing cover for small units hunting for enemy fighters.

Titanium encases the cockpit and parts of the flight-control system, making it difficult to damage. Senior defense officials said the next operation also would include better surveillance of helicopter landing zones and preparatory artillery barrages to clear the area for troops. Partly as a result of the inadequate intelligence, none of the landing zones in Anaconda was cleared sufficiently by airstrikes or artillery barrages before U.S. troops arrived.

"When you're uncertain of the intelligence, which you usually are, the safe thing to do is blast the hell out of an LZ before you send a big helicopter into it," said a senior Pentagon official who

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— Charles Heyman, author and retired British major

Anaconda took place. In a Pentagon briefing last week, Air Force Brig. Gen. John W. Rosa Jr., the Pentagon's deputy director for operations, said enemy forces might bring in more freely as snow melts in the high mountain passes of eastern Afghanistan. U.S. and allied soldiers searching for the fugitive fighters have

found and destroyed several large caches of weapons and ammunition, according to defense officials.

On Thursday, Rosa described the current operations as reconnaissance and intelligence-gathering missions carried out by small units of special operations and conventional troops.

"We are pacing when we attack and how we attack on our terms," he said. "And obviously, all those signs have not come together yet. They're still in the gathering mode before another operation takes place."

On Friday, Army Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of the war in Afghanistan, suggested that future allied operations in the region could consist of quick raids on large-scale attacks, depending on how intelligence develops on the movements and locations of enemy troops.

"When we seize upon an area where we identify enemy forces, then we will go in there and we'll clear it in a fashion that might look a lot like Anaconda, might be considerably smaller, could be larger," Franks said. "We just don't know."

Coalition troops have found pamphlets in eastern Afghanistan offering rewards for the death or capture of American and allied troops. Franks said the leaflets illustrate that "Afghanistan remains a very, very dangerous place" for allied forces.

One expert suggested that the British commandos, who specialize in cold-weather and high-altitude fighting, most likely would be used to help stop enemy fighters from infiltrating through the mountains along the border with Pakistan. The approach is more aggressive than waiting for large numbers of fighters to mass in a single place, as happened in Operation Anaconda.

"You can't just fight a ground war by reacting," said retired British Maj. Charles Heyman, editor of Jane's World Armies, an authoritative reference book. "What you have to do is get out and patrol."

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Doctors: Bin Laden lieutenant remained defiant after capture

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Despite three gunshot wounds, a top Osama bin Laden lieutenant remained captured, defiant when he was taken into U.S. custody last week, medical staff who treated him said Saturday.

Abu Zubaydah, possibly the third-ranking figure in bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network, was shot in the stomach and leg during a joint U.S.-Pakistani raid March 28 on a hide-out in the southern city of Faisalabad, doctors said by telephone on condition of anonymity.

Rushed to the city's state-run Allied Hospital for treatment, Abu Zubaydah remained "composed and confident," according to one of the doctors who treated him. His main concern was who took care of him, staff said.

"He said: 'I should not be touched by Americans,'" a nurse said. More than 100 people have been rounded up in raids the past week in Pakistan, some of which FBI and CIA agents joined. The raids represent a major setback to efforts by al-Qaida to reorganize following the defeat of their protectors, the conservative Islamic Taliban militia, in a U.S.-led war in Afghanistan last year.

Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of al-Qaida and Taliban members are believed to have fled Afghanistan and sought refuge in neighboring Pakistan with the help of Pakistani extremist groups.

Abu Zubaydah is the highest ranking al-Qaida figure in U.S. custody. With bin Laden and his deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri, in hiding, the 31-year-old Saudi-born Palestinian had taken over effective control of the organization, Afghan sources have told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has confirmed Abu Zubaydah's capture but has declined to say where he is being held.

When Abu Zubaydah arrived at Allied Hospital, he was bleeding heavily from his wounds, staff said. "We were just asked to do our best to save his life," a doctor said. When Abu Zubaydah left two days later, he was out of danger, he said.

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Mideast crisis leaves U.S. too busy to deal with Saddam Hussein, experts say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Forcing out Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has become a tricky proposition for the United States because of the war on the West Bank.

Just weeks ago, the Bush administration was talking as though Saddam was a new target in the war on terrorism, and military action was an imminent possibility.

But the violence between Israelis and Palestinians has thrown the region into turmoil and further polarized the Arabs, which makes an American military move against Iraq politically unwise, many analysts say.

"The world would be better off without him," Bush said Saturday during a news conference with British Prime Minister Tony Blair. Bush said he told Blair, who was spending the weekend at Bush's Texas ranch, that the policy of my government is the removal of Saddam, and that all options are on the table.

Blair said they have not settled on a way to deal with Saddam.

"How we now proceed in this situation, how we make sure that this threat that is posed by weapons of mass destruction is dealt with, that is a matter that is open," the prime minister said.

To retired Rear Adm. Eugene Carroll, an independent analyst in Washington, "It is absolutely not viable in the near future" for America to launch an attack on Iraq. "The small region simply

cannot contain two conflicts at the same time."

Even if the warfare between Israel and the Palestinians is contained, Carroll said, "keeping the peace will remain a top priority. An attack against Iraq could throw another match on the kindling."

Some administration officials, including Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, have made clear in recent days they still view Iraq as a priority threat.

Rumsfeld has criticized the Iraqi president for his link to the Palestinians' campaign of suicide bombing attacks that have killed dozens of Israelis. Saddam's government has said he pays each dead bomber's family \$25,000.

The Bush administration accuses Iraq of developing weapons of mass destruction and sponsoring terror. Bush repeatedly has demanded that Iraq readmit U.N. weapons inspectors unable to work there for almost 3.5 years.

Officials say the administration is weighing options ranging from diplomatic pressure to possible eventual military strikes.

Now, however, any move against Iraq undoubtedly would be complicated on many levels.

Vice President Dick Cheney's recent trip to the Middle East confirmed that political support among Arab nations for military action is scarce. At their recent summit, Arab countries issued a statement saying that any attack on Iraq would be considered a

threat to the security of every Arab country.

"The Arab nations simply are not going to tolerate our support of Israel and a decision to attack another Muslim nation," said Joe Stork, an adviser for Washington-based think tank Foreign Policy in Focus. "Even if the leaders agreed with the United States that Saddam is bad for Iraq, their people wouldn't support it."

The problem is not just one of offending regional allies; the lack of support could hinder the United States' tactical position.

Saudi Arabia has made clear that U.S. troops could not operate from Saudi soil in any move on Iraq, although many U.S. officials contend the Saudis might cooperate behind the scenes.

Kuwait and Turkey might still allow U.S. forces and airplanes to operate from their territory by providing the space and bases necessary for air or ground assault.

Still, some military experts suggest any attack without Saudi Arabia would be more dangerous.

"It is definitely more risky in terms of human lives," said Christopher Helleman, a senior analyst at the Center for Defense Information. "If we have to kick the door down by using a smaller border, we're going to lose more people. And creating a major base in another country is going to make it several times more expensive."

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WORLD

Scientists say asteroid will arrive in 878 years

The Washington Post

The bad news is that there's an asteroid seven-tenths of a mile wide that could be headed for an apocalyptic collision with Earth. The good news is that it won't arrive for 878 years, and it ought to be pretty easy for our descendants to move it out of the way.

"The orbits will meet up," said senior engineer Jon Giorgini, of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, in Pasadena, Calif. "The question is, will the Earth and the asteroid be there at the same time?"

Perhaps. Reporting in the journal Science this week, Giorgini and a team of colleagues said that asteroid 1950 DA, a gigantic, near-spherical boulder hurtling through space on an elliptical orbit around the sun, had a one-in-300 chance of smacking into the Earth on March 16, 2880. One-in-300 is as close as the odds have ever been for an asteroid collision.

A kilometer (six-tenths of a mile) is where you start thinking about global catastrophe, University of Arizona planetary scientist Joseph Spitale said. Something smaller can wipe out a metropolitan area or devastate a coastline with tidal waves. Something bigger throws up a huge cloud of dust that can dim the sun for years, causing a massive die-off of species.

But Spitale, also writing in Science, suggested that asteroids like 1950 DA could be thrown off-line relatively easily by manipulating their ability to absorb sunlight and translate it into thermal energy.

Once absorbed, solar energy then radiates from the asteroid's surface like a tiny thruster engine, meaningless in the short-term when compared to the gravitational forces that give orbits most of their size and shape, but potentially decisive in moving a small celestial body a few degrees off-course over a period of centuries.

"You just want to change something about the surface" of the asteroid to alter the way it processes sunlight, Spitale said. And it doesn't take nuclear warheads, as were used in the 1998 movies "Armageddon" and "Deep Impact."

"The trick is a lot of ways," Spitale said, like roughing up the asteroid surface with conventional explosives, or covering it with dirt.

Giorgini suggested coating it with charcoal or chalk, or "shrink-wrapping" a large piece of it with Mylar.

"You could attach a rocket engine to it, like an outboard," added Clark Chapman, a senior space scientist at the Boulder, Colo., office of the Southwest Research Institute. "When you have a lead time of centuries, almost anything will do."

There is, however, "the problem that you can make it worse," said Brian Marsden, director of the International Astronomical Union's Minor Planets Center. Altering the asteroid's orbit indiscriminately to avoid a 2880 catastrophe could set up an earlier or later collision.

Giorgini is looking for more data, and fortunately there's plenty of time to get it. He and

his colleagues have already gathered enough information about 1950 DA to create what Chapman called "the most definitive study of an asteroid orbit that's ever been done."

This is fortunate, for premature warnings based on sketchy information about "Earth-crossing" asteroids and comets have a remarkable ability to alarm the public.

In 1998, Marsden predicted that asteroid 1997 XF11 was "virtually certain" to pass within 250,000 miles of Earth in 2028 and had a slight chance of hitting the planet.

He based his warning on three months of observation, but after further research, it soon became apparent that the asteroid had "zero chance" of collision. By that time, however, the first prediction had created an enormous explosion of publicity.

"If you say something, you're accused of crying wolf," said Marsden with a wry chuckle. "If we don't say anything, we get accused of cover-ups. You can't win in this business."

In fact, astronomers say there are between 1,000 and 1,200 objects six-tenths of a mile in diameter or larger whose orbits intersect that of Earth, of which about half have been detected. Among those identified, only 1950 DA is a potential threat.

Astronomers first sighted 1950 DA in February, 1950, but it was lost to observers until New Year's Eve, 2000, when it was re-identified, Giorgini said scien-

tists were able to observe it for four days with radar and with optical telescopes until August, 2001.

What they found was a rounded body with some craters, "but no large dents," traveling on a 2.2 yearlong elliptical solar orbit, Giorgini said. The asteroid comes to within 77 million miles of the sun — inside Earth's orbit — and reaches its farthest point 238 million miles away in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.

In mapping the orbit, the Giorgini team compared data over a 50-year span, a tremen-

dous help in improving accuracy. In addition, the team could examine the range of effects of many secondary forces on the orbital shape.

But an assessment of the thermal energy thrusters, known as the Yarkovsky Effect, for the Russian engineer who discovered it a century ago, was difficult. The asteroid rotated once every 2.1 hours, but the Giorgini team did not know where the poles were, crucial in assessing the direction of the thruster push.

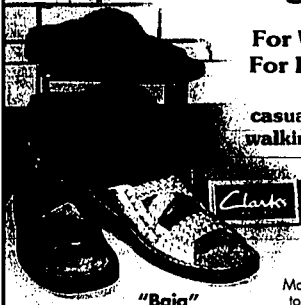
"We've got two possibilities," Giorgini said. "In one position the probability of collision is nearly 0.33 percent. In the other position it is zero." But either way, he added, "there's nothing to worry about ... in a few hundred years there will be ways of dealing with this we can't even imagine."

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Seven in 10 U.S. adults don't exercise regularly, study says

ATLANTA (AP) — Americans refuse to get off the couch. A new government report says seven in 10 adults don't regularly exercise and nearly four in 10 aren't physically active at all.

And despite repeated warnings about the link between a sedentary lifestyle and heart disease and diabetes, the figures haven't budged from 1997 to 2001.

The National Center for Health Statistics released the report Sunday to mark World Health Day as officials prodded Americans to do something —

anything — to become more active.

"Good health is literally a walk away," said Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson, who planned a 10-mile run to mark the day. "You don't have to work up a big sweat at the gym or become a long-distance runner."

The report found only three in 10 adults were regularly physically active — defined as a half-hour of light to moderate exercise five times a week, or 20 minutes of vigorous exercise three times a week.

The study showed 38 percent reported no such physical activity at all.

The study was based on household interviews with 68,000 American adults in 1997 and 1998, the latest year for which complete data are available. Preliminary data for 2001 show virtually no change, the NCHS said.

The findings are particularly bleak in light of an alarming rise in diabetes, especially among Americans in their 30s. The blood-sugar disease is closely tied to obesity.

About 300,000 people a year in the United States die from diseases related to inactivity. In addition to diabetes, lack of exercise can increase the risk of heart disease and stroke.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a new booklet for local leaders, exhorting them to motivate communities-to-become-more-active.

"People can take the stairs instead of the elevator, or even park the car farther away at the grocery store," said Dr. David Fleming, the CDC's acting director.

The new report also provides a glimpse into some of the factors that may influence how active a person is, and shows demographic groups that need improvement.

For example, adults who make four times the poverty level are twice as likely to exercise than poor adults. The poverty level for single adults is just under \$9,000.

Adults with better educations also tend to exercise more.

Married people, both men and women, were more likely than

singles to be active. Single adults are more likely to prefer body-strengthening activities, like lifting weights or callisthenics.

About two-thirds of whites exercise at least some of the time, compared with only half of black and Hispanic adults, the report found.

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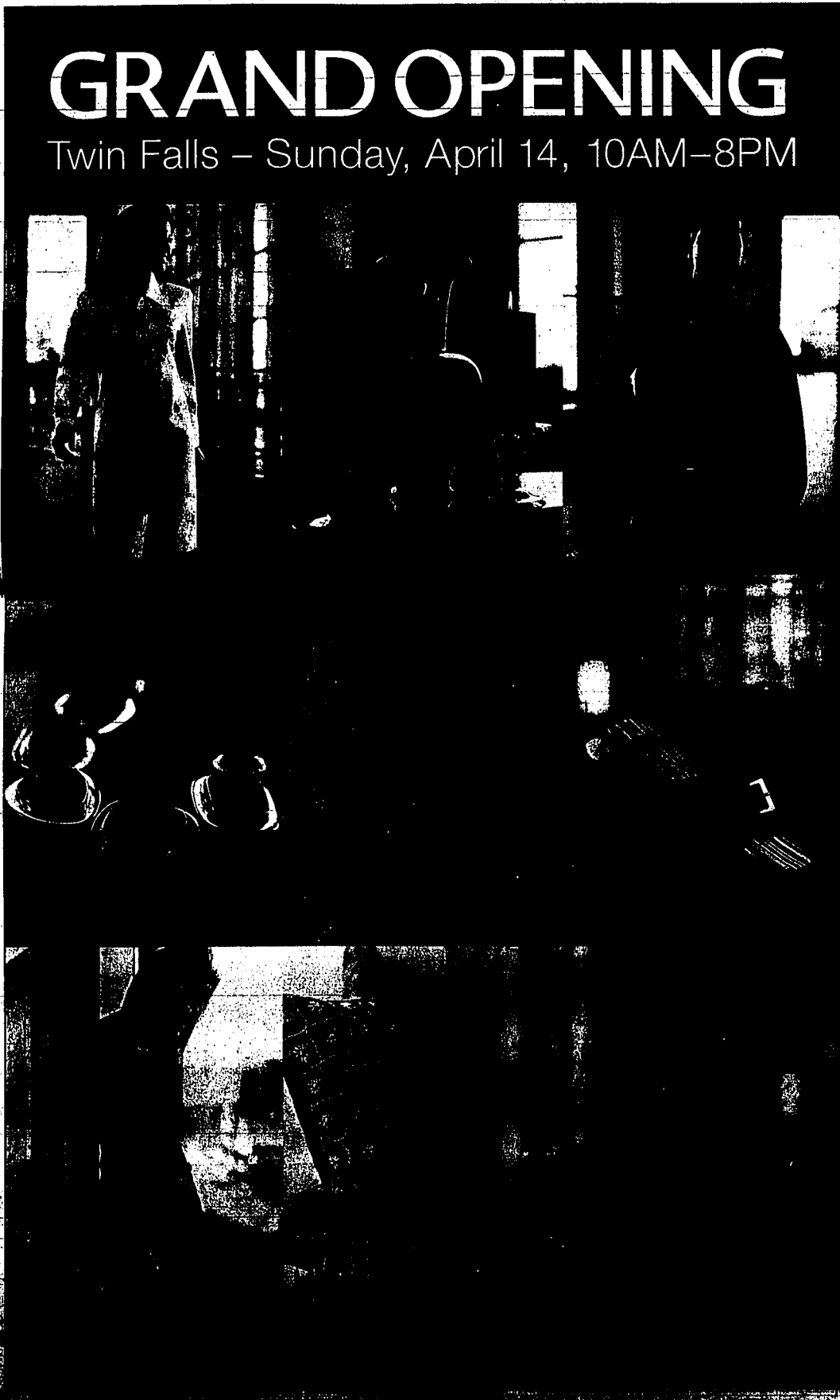
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Hotline hits hot water over accusations of 'sleazy behavior'

The Associated Press

Shlomit Galperin remembers the caller whose boyfriend told her that her cat had been run over by a truck. Tell me, the caller asked: Did my boyfriend lie? Did he kill the cat? Galperin closed her eyes. "Yes!" she said. "I knew it!" said the caller. Galperin knew no such thing. A cleaning lady who wanted to make some money, she had answered an ad and found herself answering phone calls to a psychic hotline on behalf of Miss Cleo, the exuberant soubtriser with the Jamaican accent whose television appearances, mostly in late-night commercials, have made her an extraneous sensation.

Galperin quit last May, before lawsuits – filed first by the attorney general of Missouri and eventually by eight other states and the Federal Trade Commission – took a heavy toll on the company's reputation and profits. They charged the company, Miss Cleo Services of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., with all sorts of sins, including lying about Miss Cleo's qualifications as a seer.

But it would be a mistake to focus too much on Miss Cleo. The story here is a business in which just about everybody has been accused of sleazy behavior – Access, its contractors, even the people who call for readings. And don't forget the psychics.

"I'm not too proud of what I did," says Galperin, of St. Petersburg, Fla. Her most important job, she says, was not to divine the future – it was to keep callers on the line, keeping the meter running at \$4.99 a minute. She was required to maintain a 15-minute average per call (later increased to 20 minutes); when her average declined, so did the number of calls that were sent her way.

Prosecutors have not spent much time worrying about whether psychics are legit. "That for us is a very difficult thing from a legal standpoint," says Bob Buchner, an assistant attorney general in Florida.

Instead, they are focusing on other issues. Does Access violate "do not call" laws to drum up business? No, says Access lawyer Sean Moynihan.

But Access does call a lot, with recorded messages that promise "amazing" free readings; it also showers customers with e-mail in which Miss Cleo says she has checked the cards and has urgent news for them – call right away!

Is Miss Cleo a Jamaican shaman, as Access claims? "They haven't even attempted to substantiate that," says Buchner. His office produced a birth certificate for a Youree Dell Harris, born at Los Angeles County Hospital. Her parents were from Texas and California.

Miss Cleo could not be reached for comment. Her lawyer, William Cone, did not return a reporter's calls.

Peter Stolz, Access' president, has told The Los Angeles Times that the company is phasing out Miss Cleo as its spokeswoman. Do the psychics resort to chi-



Miss Cleo Her company faces lawsuits

canery to run up callers' phone bills? According to Buchner, Access executives will "close their eyes to what their so-called psychics have to do to keep these people on the line."

Moynihan denies it. He has issued edicts prohibiting psychics from putting callers on hold, or from reading scripts intended to prolong the calls. The company occasionally monitors readings, and psychics who break the rules are fired.

Still, there are complaints. When Sandra Dominick, a 36-year-old art teacher in Jamestown, N.Y., saw Miss Cleo's commercials, she thought, "It's free. What the hey?" She gave the 800 number a call.

Normally, the operator explains what is about to happen, and gives you a 900 number. Dial that number, and a recorded preamble explains some more. And then the live psychic comes on the line; after a few minutes, there is a beep, and the meter starts running.

Neither the operator nor the psychic is employed by Access directly. The operator works for West TeleServices, of Omaha, Neb. And the psychic works for an independent contractor, known as a "bookstore," that manages a stable of seers.

Dominick says she was asked to remain on hold; she assumed she would not be charged. She was cut off after an hour, called again and talked to another psychic.

In December, she got the bill: \$489, for 98 minutes.

The Access lawyer, Moynihan, says Dominick apparently didn't listen to the taped preamble that advised her to press star-911 if she was put on hold – the call would be disconnected, and the psychic reported to management.

The use of scripts is also a fireable offense. But "sample readings" abound on the Internet, along with hints that would pro-

long calls. All of this is beside the point, says Moynihan. "The ultimate arbiter here is the caller, right?" he asks. If they're dissatisfied, they can hang up.

The caller has the upper hand in another way, too. When Dominick got the bill for her brush with the psychic world, she complained to AT&T, which had carried the call and processed the bill. AT&T said it would remove the charge.

AT&T does this a lot, which is one of the reasons why AT&T is getting out of the business of billing for 900 numbers. The telephone company – and Access – have lost millions of dollars as a result of these "chargebacks," often prompted when callers flout what they called.

"I can't tell you how often people call up and say, 'Nobody from my house made this call,'" says Moynihan.

AT&T might cancel the

charges, but Access does not. Until recently, the company threatened to take debtors to court, though it never did.

Access' problem is that AT&T only gives it the telephone numbers of callers; Access must go through directories and match the numbers with names. Sometimes, there are mistakes. "This is a multimillion-dollar business," says Buchner. "It could be thousands of (errors). It could be hundreds of thousands, even."

Larry Reeves of Mallory, W.Va., said he hangs up when Access calls to demand payment of a \$154.69 bill charged to his 50-year-old brother, Jack. Jack lives next door; he's mentally retarded and, his brother says, so religious that "he would think he was going to hell" for calling a psychic.

"If they're psychic," Reeves says, "they should have known we weren't going to pay this."

Firefighters face wind, lightning in New Mexico

RESERVE, N.M. (AP) – Hundreds of firefighters worked on Saturday keep a 37,000-acre wildfire from spreading, despite gusty wind and lightning that were accompanied by only a little rain.

The fire in the Gila National Forest was about 40 percent contained, unchanged from Friday.

Crews worked to clear brush and create a fire break around about 20 summer cabins in the

Elk Springs subdivision, fire information officer Dave Wells said.

The subdivision was about 3 to 4 miles northwest of the fire in southwestern New Mexico and no homes were in immediate danger, he said.

Thunderstorms moved into the area Saturday and wind was expected to gust to 35 mph on the ridge tops, Wells said. "The winds will still be a chal-

lenge for the firefighters," he added.

Forest officials were not predicting when the fire might be contained, Wells said.

The fire was burning in meadows, grass and brush among ponderosa pines at an elevation of about 7,000 feet.

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Woman accuses L.A. cardinal of molesting

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — An extraordinary public statement, the head of the nation's largest Roman Catholic archdiocese said he has been accused of sexually molesting a high school student 32 years ago. But contacted Saturday, the woman who made the allegation offered no details of what she claims Cardinal Roger Mahony actually did.



Cardinal Roger Mahony Denies allegations of improper conduct

Mahony himself revealed the molestation claim — and strongly denied it — in a three-page statement on Friday night. He issued the statement after a Los Angeles radio station revealed a group of leaked church e-mails about abuse cases that refer briefly to the woman's claim.

Mahony's statement gave no specifics about what sort of abuse the woman, Flori Mae Hickman, said had occurred. And hours later, in an interview with The Associated Press at her Fresno apartment, Hickman said she couldn't recall much of what she said has happened that day in 1970.

Hickman, now 51, said she was knocked unconscious while fighting with other students at San Joaquin Memorial Catholic High School in Fresno. She said she woke up, found the "bottom" part of her clothing missing and saw Mahony, then a Monsignor in Fresno, standing over her.

"When I came to, Monsignor Mahony was there, and part of my clothing was removed. I can't remember exactly what happened," she said. "He was the one that was over me when I opened my eyes. I can remember what happened after that."

She said she is a disabled former fast-food worker who is taking antidepressants. She also said a psychiatrist told her she was a paranoid schizophrenic.

She said she could describe the incident in more detail, but she insisted: "I'm not making this

up. I know this is a serious allegation. This has been eating at me. I did call police when I was out of high school. They didn't believe me."

When asked by AP Network News for clarification whether she was truly sexually molested, she answered: "Yes. I'm going to stick with it and I'm not backing down."

She also described a second incident in which she said "she was kicked" in the back of my head and then saw Cardinal Mahony.

The AP does not identify alleged victims in sexual assault cases unless they agree to allow their names to be used. Hickman at first asked that her name not be used, but later changed her mind. Her name was included in Mahony's statement.

"My life has been hard because of the incidents," Hickman said. "I live by myself; I have no one to talk to."

She said she had kept silent out of fear, but decided to speak up after seeing news and more Catholics allege that they had been abused by priests.

Media campaign aims to deter school violence

ORLANDO, Fla. — When Sickles High School in Tampa received a series of bomb threats following the Sept. 11 attacks, teachers and administrators were at a loss about what to do.

But the students had an idea. They held a rally and made promises to turn in anyone who called in another bomb threat — and the threats stopped cold.

Now a new national media campaign is being started to encourage more students to speak out against violence at schools.

"Silence Hurts," a campaign that began in Florida, is being launched nationally next week at the International Youth Leaders, Crime Prevention Conference in Orlando.

"A teenage-age is more powerful than an adult when talking to other students about violence," said David Voss, campaign manager for "Silence Hurts."

Officials doubt chemist has ties to terrorism

SANTA ANA, Calif. — A chemist arrested after radioactive materials were found in his home is not suspected of any terrorist activities, officials said.

Riad Mohamed Ahmed, 62, was just a sloppy commercial chemist with a record of run-ins with regulators dating to the 1980s, officials said Friday.

Ahmed, who pleaded no contest last year to illegal possession of radioactive material that resulted in a lab explosion, was arrested Thursday for allegedly possessing such material again. He was released Friday on \$50,000 bail.

"I have great concerns because Dr. Ahmed has repeatedly demonstrated a matter of utter disregard for the health and safety of the public and his employ-

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ees, and for the appropriate handling of radioactive material," said Orange County Deputy District Attorney Nick Thompson.

Century-old consulting firm gets sold during auction

WORCESTER, Mass. — Employee-owned Arthur D. Little Inc., a 116-year-old consulting firm with operations around the world, has been auctioned off in pieces for \$96 million.

The auction Friday in U.S. Bankruptcy Court will repay the company's largest creditor, Cerberus Capital Management LP, which is owed \$63 million, if the winning bids by five companies are approved by Judge Henry J. Boroff.

"The results we get here so far are nothing short of a miracle," said ADL attorney Daniel M. Glosband. "We got almost \$97 million for this company when everybody who got involved in this thought it would fall apart, and we wouldn't get enough to even pay off the secured creditors."

The auction leaves little for hundreds of unsecured creditors, whose claims may total \$67 million, according to a lawyer for the creditors.

Coach convicted of assault apparently takes poison

CONCORD, N.H. — A high school basketball coach who was convicted of sexually assaulting a boy at an athletic camp apparently ingested cyanide in court moments after hearing the verdict.

Lowell Hall, 34, of Quincy, Mass., lay foaming at the mouth and writhing on the courtroom floor Thursday before he lapsed

into unconsciousness.

Hall, a special education teacher, was taken from Merrimack County Superior Court to a hospital and later airlifted to another facility in Massachusetts.

His lawyer, Mark Sisti, did not immediately return phone calls Saturday. Sisti told the Concord Monitor on Friday that he believed his client was recovering.

The jury convicted Hall of two sexual assault charges and one count of simple assault stemming from his coaching job at the Satch Sanders Basketball School in Henniker, N.H.

Two men face charges in stabbing death of woman

CASEVILLE, Ill. — Two men were charged Saturday with first-degree murder in the stabbing death of a 97-year-old woman.

Frances Clark was found dead of multiple stab wounds in her home Thursday by her son, Tom Clark, who had planned to take her shopping.

Her neighbor Lee Price, 44, and Richard Oliver, 33, were charged with first-degree murder.

"She thanked the Lord for letting her live so long so she could meet so many people and the last person she met butchered her," Tom Clark said.

Price was new to the neighborhood and Clark did not know whether his mother had previous contact with him.

Neither man had retained an attorney and it was unclear Saturday if they would apply for a public defender.

Investigators have yet to determine a motive. Caseyville Police Chief Ron Tamburello said robbery was a possibility and that Clark's purse still contained \$241 from a Social Security check she had just cashed.

Five-year-old boy becomes third victim of house fire

PHILADELPHIA — A 5-year-old boy on Saturday became the third member of his family to die of injuries suffered in an arson fire in their home.

Moses Serrano died shortly before 6 a.m., said Andy Smith, a spokesman for Temple University Children's Hospital.

His mother, Tracey Williams, 25, was dead at the scene of the March 30 fire and her 7-year-old daughter, Jessica Espinosa, died the next day.

A third child, William Serrano, 3, remained in critical condition at the hospital, Smith said.

Police said Arnold Blackwell, 19, of Philadelphia, admitted setting the fire in the city's Fishtown section. Blackwell had been staying in a basement apartment with his girlfriend. They escaped unharmed.

Blackwell was being held on murder, arson and related charges and police expected to file an additional murder charge, homicide Lt. Phillip Riehl said Saturday.

Pipeline rupture spills oil into Louisiana coastal area

LAFFITE, La. — A pipeline rupture Saturday caused about 90,000 gallons of oil to spill into a coastal area known as Little Lake, Coast Guard officials said.

Owner BP Amoco shut down the pipeline as soon as it became aware of the spill. The company then notified Garner Environmental, which dispatched five boats to begin containment and cleanup.

The area is rich in marine and coastal wildlife.

Calls to BP Amoco at its Texas City, Tex., headquarters were not immediately returned Saturday.

— compiled from wire reports

D.A. calls for grand jury to investigate allegations

NEW YORK (AP) — District attorneys say would be a first in the nation, a district attorney is seeking to convene a special grand jury to investigate child-sex allegations against priests, according to a published report.

Newday reported Friday that Thomas Spota, district attorney for Long Island's Suffolk County, had filed a request to empanel a grand jury to hear evidence related to the growing sex abuse scandal.

"It's a crack in the armor," said Jeffrey Anderson, a Minneapolis lawyer who has represented victims of abuse cases involving Roman Catholic priests for 20 years. "The fact is that we as a culture have pretty much trusted the Catholic church to do the right thing."

It would be the first time in the United States that a special grand jury was convened solely to conduct a broad-ranging investigation of sexual abuse allegations against priests, several lawyers said.

Special grand juries are sometimes convened when prosecu-

tors suspect a "great mass of work" or want to focus on a single issue. Under New York state law, grand juries can subpoena evidence and witnesses and issue indictments.

Since January, dozens of Catholic priests out of more than 47,000 nationwide have been suspended or forced to resign on suspicion of child molestation, in a scandal that began in Boston.

The Archdioceses of New York and Boston, as well as dioceses in Cincinnati, New Hampshire and Maine, have agreed to turn over to prosecutors information on priests accused of molesting children.

Bob Clifford, a spokesman for Spota, would not comment on the request to empanel a grand jury.

David Bookstaver, a spokesman for the state Office of Court Administration, said such a request from Spota had yet to reach the offices of two judges whose approval would be necessary.

But he said there was no reason to believe it would not be approved.

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FBI figures spy revealed more than 50 names

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A preliminary damage assessment by the FBI of the impact of convicted spy Robert Hanssen's treachery determined that the identities of more than 50 people or groups providing confidential intelligence information to the bureau or being recruited to do so were disclosed to the Russians.

Although it has been reported that Hanssen's disclosures played a part in the execution or jailing of at least three Russians who had spied for the United States, this is the first indication that his activities put in jeopardy a far larger number of other people working clandestinely for the bureau, according to the report of a special commission headed by former FBI and CIA director William Webster that was released Thursday.

The FBI has had to take dozens of its informants out of operation — a number of technical programs and projects," according to the report. The Russian intelligence units in the Washington field office were "apparently hit," the report said, and the New York field office had two sources "put in jeopardy."

Even today, according to the

Webster report, some FBI sources "apparently fear that information Hanssen passed will lead to their discovery and their handlers can do little to assuage these fears."

A senior FBI official said Friday that disclosure to the Russians of the identity of certain people providing "secret information to the bureau" could be a threat to their lives. "But some of the informants may have been American or foreign nationals who would not be in danger because they were in positions in banks or private companies. Their access through their work would have enabled them to provide confidential information on Russian targets."

The Webster commission used Hanssen's damaging disclosures to sharply criticize the FBI's sloppy security practices, starting with weaknesses in its automated case support system (ACS), which was supposed to "store the Bureau's institutional knowledge."

"Most, if not all members of

the Bureau community have access to ACS," the report found. Though the system could be used in a way that would restrict access to highly sensitive files, such as those on informants, the commission found that the system that went into effect in 1995 was so difficult to operate that many of the files that should have been made unreachable were not. As a result, it found, Hanssen was able to access "500 case files that had not been appropriately restricted."

The weakness in the ACS system was known in some bureau field offices but not accepted at FBI headquarters, according to the report. For example, the commission found it was "common knowledge" that agents in the New York field office refused to put intelligence information in ACS as required by bureau regulation because "they developed significant concerns about security." That came because an intern from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was able to break into restricted files in one afternoon of testing the pilot system.

Another major weakness in protecting the identities of informants was that they were given only a "secret" classification, and

thus their files could be kept on desks during working hours at headquarters and field offices because those spaces were considered secured areas.

"The FBI's failure to give human intelligence more protection than it does is somewhat at odds with its traditional desire to protect human sources," the commission noted.

When CIA spy Aldrich Ames was uncovered in 1994, it was learned that he had disclosed the names of agency and FBI-recruited Soviet and Warsaw Pact agents and that about 10 were executed. At that time members of Congress were surprised to learn that the agency classification for the identities was only secret, as opposed to the more restrictive top-secret.

One of the Webster panel's recommendations was that "the bureau should carefully consider adopting the ... system of compartmenting human source information developed by the CIA." The irony is that an FBI counterintelligence expert was sent to the CIA to upgrade its internal security operations after the Ames case, while today a CIA counterintelligence officer has been dispatched to the FBI to do the same thing there.

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1883 U.S. railroads set up national time zones; Detroit defied system until 1905, kept 'sun time'

1918 U.S. government orders time shift to conserve fuel for World War I effort; later repealed

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U.S. daylight-saving time begins 2 a.m. on first Sunday of April

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Survey finds increase in hacking, but less reporting

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most large corporations and government agencies have been attacked a number of times, but they frequently do not inform authorities of the breaches, an FBI survey finds.

The survey released Sunday found about 90 percent of respondents detected computer security breaches in the past year but only 34 percent reported those attacks to authorities.

Many respondents cited the fear of bad publicity about computer security.

"There is much more illegal and unauthorized activity going on in cyberspace than corporations admit to their clients, stockholders and business partners or report to law enforcement," said Patricia Rapalus, director of the Computer Security Institute, which conducted the survey with the FBI's San Francisco computer crime squad.

The seventh annual survey polled 502 American corporations, government agencies, financial and medical institutions and universities. The names of the organizations polled were not released.

Overall, there were more computer crimes than in last year's survey. But fewer victims report-

ed crimes to police than in 2001, reversing a trend from earlier surveys.

A former Justice Department computer crimes prosecutor said there is frequently little incentive for a company to report computer attacks or crimes.

"It tends not to help their bottom line, but hurt their bottom line," Mark Rasch said. "What a company wants to do is solve the problem and move on."

When those companies are financial institutions or other parts of the nation's critical technology infrastructure, however, more than the company's bottom line is at stake.

The government is using partnership groups — such as the FBI's InfraGard chapters in each field office — to persuade companies to report the attacks directly to FBI agents without public disclosure.

"They need to use a mechanism to report these incidents and vulnerabilities broadly so they can be fixed, but won't be attributable back to them," Rasch said.

The survey respondents said they lost at least \$455 million as a result of computer crime, compared with \$377 million the previous year. In both surveys, only

about half chose to quantify their losses.

The most serious monetary losses came from the theft of money or proprietary information, such as blueprints for computer programs, and fraud, such as failure to deliver services or equipment that have

been paid for.

Despite concerns that foreign governments would begin using computer attacks as a method of terrorism or war, most attacks on American companies still come from individual hackers and disgruntled employees, the report said.

Daylight-saving time returns

WASHINGTON (AP) — Daylight-saving time returns for most of America early Sunday.

That means most of the country skipped an hour as their clocks moved forward. Officially the change occurred at 2 a.m., local time.

Standard time returns Oct. 27.

The change is a good time to replace batteries in smoke alarms, safety advocates urge.

Some parts of the country do not observe daylight-saving time: Arizona, Hawaii, the part of Indiana located in the Eastern time zone, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and American Samoa.



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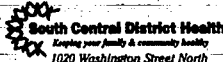
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Israel's conquest spurs bitter memories

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — All across the West Bank, scenes played out in this past week are like snapshots from other conflicts, older days: lines of Israeli battle tanks silhouetted against stony hills, Palestinian gunmen taking aim from windows and rooftops, the high keening walls of the newly bereaved.

Israel's conquest of all but two of the West Bank's principal cities and towns in an offensive that began before dawn on March 29 is reminiscent of its lightning capture of this territory from Jordan during the Six-Day War of 1967, when it also seized the Golan Heights from Syria and the Sinai Peninsula and Gaza Strip from Egypt.

That full-on occupation lasted nearly 30 years, until Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority gained control of the West Bank's major towns in the mid-1990s. This time, Israel — under strong international pressure — suggests that its military takeover of almost all those same towns will last only a matter of weeks.

But Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's government insists it will press ahead with its hunt for illicit weapons and for Palestinian militants who exacted an unprecedented toll of Israeli civilian lives — more than 60 in the month of March alone — in a wave of horrific suicide attacks.

In the narrow streets and winding alleyways of half a dozen West Bank towns and their adjoining refugee camps, recent days have seen urban warfare of a scale, duration and intensity — and a terrifying close-quarters intimacy — not seen since the previous Palestinian uprising against Israel, lasting from late 1987 to 1993.

The power of Israeli battlefield weaponry being brought to bear in crowded Palestinian popula-



Israeli troops enter Gaza City in the Gaza Strip in this June 7, 1987 file photo. All across the West Bank, scenes played out in this past week are like snapshots from other conflicts, older days.

tion centers — tanks, antiaircraft guns, assault helicopters — is far greater than that unleashed in the first intifadah, and so is the resistance from Palestinian gunmen. The casualty rates reflect that; at least 73 Palestinians and 10 Israeli soldiers have died in the nine-day offensive.

Palestinian towns seized by Israeli troops are locked down tight, with military curfews that are occasionally lifted for a few hours at a time. Even without orders to stay home, the crack of gunfire and the concussive roar of tank shells is enough to keep

most people behind locked gates and tightly closed shutters.

"We are not used to this kind of war here — we are in fear every minute," said Abed al-Rauf Okab, a 59-year-old Palestinian who lives near Arafat's besieged compound in Ramallah. His family is sleeping on mattresses in their living room.

Okab, who has four adult children living in Chicago, is old enough to remember the Israeli seizure of the West Bank in 1967, which he said was far less violent. "It was nothing compared to today," he said. Then, he

recalled, Israeli soldiers shouted "Shalom" at Palestinian civilians from atop their tanks.

Military curfews and restrictions on civilians' movement are not uncommon in one part of the West Bank or another, particularly towns like Hebron, where Jewish settlers live in enclaves surrounded by Palestinians. But not for many years have so many Palestinian civilians scattered over such a wide area experienced such a thorough and simultaneous disruption of their daily lives.

Since this incursion began,

Israeli planes, artillery attack areas in Lebanon

TYRE, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli forces struck targets in southern Lebanon with artillery and airstrikes on Saturday after an Israeli post in the Golan Heights was shelled, security officials said.

Al-Manar Television, run by the Lebanese Hezbollah guerrilla group, said rockets were fired on an Israeli post near the village of Ghajar in the Golan. It was not clear if Hezbollah was behind the attack but the group is known to be active in the area.

Later, Lebanese security officials said Israeli warplanes launched two air raids on the hills of Kfar Chouba, near the disputed Chebaa Farms area. The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Israeli army was firing artillery shells at areas close to Ghajar and Kfar Chouba.

Hezbollah guerrillas then attacked Israeli positions in Chebaa Farms following the Israeli military reprisals, Al-Manar reported.

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quiet village of Beit Lhi, some two miles north of the Israeli border. The troops gave the Katyushas to Lebanese authorities.

The Lebanese government opposes any attacks across its southern border except for the area of Chebaa Farms, which Lebanon claims as its territory.

This week Lebanese authorities arrested nine Palestinian militants in possession of a rocket and rocket detonators in what appeared to be an attempt to stage off cross-border attacks that could provoke Israeli retaliation. Lebanese Defense Minister Khalil Hrawi said Friday that the government's stance is "to prevent the launching of military acts across the blue (border) line that was recognized by Lebanon but to preserve the right of resistance against the enemy's army to liberate occupied land."

Lebanon and Syria say Chebaa Farms is Lebanese land while the United Nations says it belongs to Israeli-occupied Syria. The area was seized by Israel during the 1967 Mideast War.

Earlier this week suspected Palestinian guerrillas fired a Katyusha rocket into northern Israel from Lebanon and gunmen opened fire on Israeli troops across the border.

Since Israel withdrew from south Lebanon in May 2000, attacks by Palestinian militants on the border have been rare. But tension has risen in south Lebanon, which is host to thousands of Palestinian refugees, since Israel began its offensive into the West Bank on March 29.

Thousands march in Paris, Rome

PARIS (AP) — Tens of thousands of activists marched through Paris and Rome on Saturday in protests demanding Israel stop its offensive in the West Bank and expressing solidarity with the Palestinians.

More than 20,000 people marched in the French capital to the Place de la Bastille, where hundreds of police stood by. Some protesters carried shredded American flags and shouted slogans against Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

"Sharon Assassin" and "Arabs, Jews together against Sharon," they chanted in the protest, organized by dozens of pro-Palestinian, anti-racist and Communist groups. Supporters of Israel were to march in Paris and other cities on Sunday, with a dual goal of backing Israel and denouncing a series of anti-Semitic attacks in France in recent weeks.

International pressure has been growing on Israel to end its operation in the West Bank, launched on March 29 after a series of suicide attacks. Israel troops have swept into six Palestinian towns, battling gunmen and arresting hundreds, as well as confining Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to his offices.

EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana said in a statement Saturday that he was concerned about the "humanitarian situation throughout the Palestinian territories."

In Rome, about 20,000 protesters marched through downtown ending up at a rally in Piazza del Popolo, where the crowd swelled to about 50,000 people.

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Cuban official decries U.S. radio distribution

HAVANA (AP) — Warning "our patience has limits," Cuba's foreign minister lashed out at the United States Saturday over allegations that U.S. officials are distributing radios so Cubans can listen to pro-American broadcasts.

"Speaking before tens of thousands of people at a weekly government rally, Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque also accused the United States of conducting "electronic espionage" at its office in Havana.

Washington has not responded publicly to the allegations.

Cuba complained to the United States earlier this week about alleged distribution of more than 500 shortwave radios tuned to

the U.S. government's Radio Marti station, which is run by Cuban exiles opposed to Fidel Castro's government.

On a Thursday night television show, the Cuban government said the Americans gave the radios to "small, discredited groups that they direct," an apparent reference to dissident organizations here.

During Saturday's speech, which was carried live on state television and radio, Perez Roque also accused the Americans of monitoring Cuban communications. "You cannot tell your girlfriend a secret that they won't find out," he said.

Castro, who stood in the front row of the crowd, did not address

the gathering.

Perez Roque said that actions by American officials in Cuba violate diplomatic norms as well as the spirit of the agreement that established the U.S. Interests Section here in 1977 under then-President Jimmy Carter.

"Our patience has limits," Perez Roque said. "We are warning the American diplomats ... that they not believe that we don't know" of their activities.

The U.S. mission performs consular services and otherwise represents American interests in Cuba without full diplomatic relations, which were severed at the height of the Cold War in the early 1960s.

Pakistani leader's bid to rule draws opposition

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — A plan by Pakistan's military ruler to use a referendum to stay in power drew fire Saturday from opponents at home and international partners abroad. A U.S. official suggested Pakistani courts should decide if the referendum is constitutional.

Gen. Pervez Musharraf, a key U.S. ally in anti-terrorism efforts, announced the vote Friday and was due to launch his referendum campaign — effectively his election bid — on Tuesday in Lahore. Musharraf seized power in October 1999.

The referendum would sidestep the constitution, which stipulates that the president must be elected by both houses of parliament.

Leaders of the 15-party Alliance for Restoration of Democracy in Pakistan said they would meet Sunday in Islamabad to discuss ways to challenge the referendum.

"We are thankful to the army dictator that he has united the entire nation against him," Alliance chairman Nawabzada Nasrullah Khan told reporters.

In London, the 54-nation Commonwealth of Britain and its former colonies warned that the referendum plan falls short of promises made by Musharraf to return the country to democracy. The group suspended Pakistan after the 1999 coup.

"The Commonwealth has been closely monitoring progress in

Pakistan on the restoration of democracy in accordance with the roadmap announced by Gen. Musharraf last year," Commonwealth Secretary-General Don McKinnon said.


"The roadmap did not include provision for such a referendum."

In Washington, a State Department spokesman referred to the need to follow constitutional procedures but stopped short of criticizing Musharraf. The spokesman, Philip Reeker, said U.S. officials "think it is important that Pakistan follows constitutional procedures as it pursues this process, with legality of any particular action, such as a referendum, to be decided by the courts, if that is required."

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EDITORIAL

Tell PUC you want a lower power bill

If you've been waiting all winter to tell the Idaho Public Utilities Commission how you feel about your power bill, your chance has arrived. The PUC has officially opened its public comment period. That means the commissioners want to hear from you about the big questions facing electric ratepayers this year.

Three main issues will be discussed at this week's hearing: How should Idaho Power pay for the power costs incurred during the past year?

Should the PUC continue its three-tiered rates, which reward power users for using less? Should it modify the plan?

Should the commission maintain conservation programs that Idaho Power established last year?

Each year the PUC considers the power company's annual power cost adjustment, or PCA. This adjustment is a request for a rate increase or decrease, depending on how much Idaho Power had to pay for the previous year's supply.

Every power customer should want to pay for expensive costs of the energy crisis. Low water levels and high wholesale power prices forced Idaho Power to spend more for electricity in 2001. Now Idaho Power needs to recover another \$172 million of expenses incurred last year.

How will Idaho Power recover that money? The PUC says there are a number of options. One idea is the company's proposal to sell \$172 million in bonds. Customers would pay the actual costs with interest over a three-year period - instead of paying the whole \$172 million in a single year.

With cost spread over three years, residential ratepayers would see about an 8 percent rate reduction in the next year. Irrigators and businesses would see more.

There is a risk that another energy crisis could come in that period. But the PUC expects the bond charge would stay about the same over the three years - though the com-

pany can come to the PUC each year to see if the bond charge needs to be increased or decreased. Another idea is to issue bonds for a smaller amount, or for a shorter period of time. This would keep the rates the same and get the expenses paid off more quickly. Ratepayers would probably see rates drop significantly in 2003, according to the PUC. A number of options can fall under this alternative, the PUC says.

The other alternative is to pay for the incurred expense all at once, which would mean a rate increase of about 10 percent. Neither the PUC nor Idaho Power is leaning in that direction.

The past year has been tough on seniors and lower-income Idahoans who had to endure the higher rates. If there is a reasonable way to reduce those rates immediately, we encourage

the PUC to pursue that alternative. The proposal made by Idaho Power appears to be the best option.

Another way to bring relief to consumers is for the PUC to do away with, or modify, its three-tiered rate structure. The program has three levels of rates, depending on how many kilowatt-hours are used. But for owners of all-electric homes, that inevitably means buying power at the highest rate.

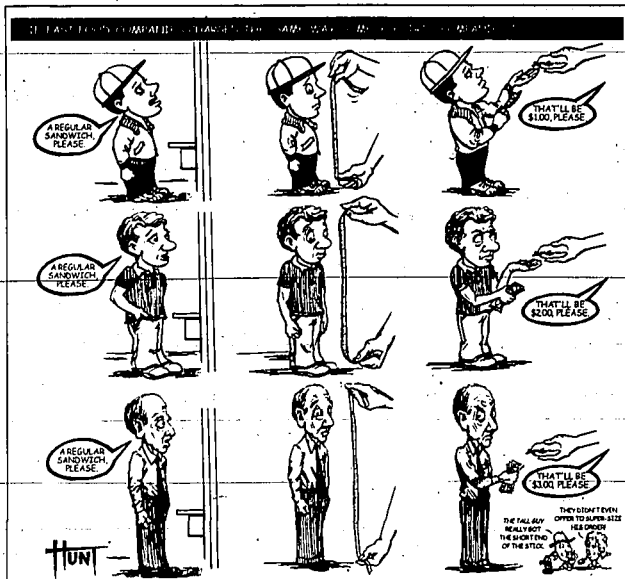
Low-income Idahoans, living in older homes with electric heat and skimpy insulation, can't afford to install gas furnaces or reinsulate their walls and attics. The rate structure penalizes these innocent people for using something they can't do without.

Now is the time for power customers to speak up rather than sit silently - especially in regard to the three-tiered rate structure. People in some parts of Idaho think the tiered rate structure should stay in place. But here in the Magic Valley, where a large number of homes are all-electric, the structure has been painful.

Nothing will be done about it if we the people are silent. This is the time to speak or write your piece.

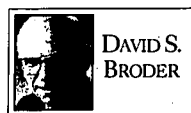
What do you think?

Public comments will be heard by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission April 10 at the West Coast Twin Falls Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. with a question and answer period, followed at 7 p.m. by the public hearing. Written comments can be mailed to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, 83720-0074, or faxed to 208-334-3762. Comments also can be sent by e-mail. Find online comment forms at www.puc.state.id.us and click on "comments and questions." The comment deadline is April 26.



Dems vanish from debate

Some time after Congress comes back to work this week, the Democrats will have a chance to address the questions of taxes, spending and fiscal policy. The budget resolution reported out of committee - by a party-line vote will probably not come to the Senate floor until the energy bill is finished. But when it does, the Democrats can have their say.



DAVID S. BRODER

If, that is, they have anything to offer. When the House was debating its budget resolution a few weeks ago, the Democrats proposed no alternative of their own. The ranking Democrat on the House Budget Committee, Rep. John Spratt of South Carolina, confessed that he had found that "we would have to use the gimmicks and all devices the other (Republican) side used," if the goal was to make the numbers politically palatable. Rather than fake it, the House Democrats parted.

As long as they are silent, the Democrats cannot be part of serious political conversation. They have been muzzled because they are caught in a three-way bind. They don't want to challenge President Bush on military spending or homeland security, knowing he has broad public support for the war on terrorism. Most of them don't want to revisit the 10-year, across-the-board tax cut passed last year, in part because Bush has said he would veto any roll-back and in part because they fear being labeled tax-cutters. And with the budget veering into deficit, they feel constrained about urging additional spending, even for their traditional favorite domestic programs.

The result is that the public won't see the Democrats trying to poll after poll, as being incoherent on economic policy. Their vagueness is leaving this vital policy field to Bush and the Republicans. Chances are, the Senate debate will not change that.

Gene Sperling, the head of the Clinton White House National Economic Council, writes that "the high costs of President Bush's (2001) decision to put an expansive tax cut first and savings for debt reduction and Social Security last become more evident with every passing day." Those consequences, Sperling and other authors say, include a likely decade of deficits, higher long-term interest rates, less investment and slower growth.

By contrast, California Rep. Bill Thomas, chairman of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee, says in a memo sent last week to his Republican colleagues that the GOP tax bill "will create a second round of tax cuts in 2001 and faster growth in the years to come."

Those views cannot be reconciled and - for the sake of the country's economic understanding - should not be blurred, either by the silence House Democrats chose or the luke-

If the Democrats want to reclaim their voice on the economy, they could do worse than to spend a couple of hours reading the just-published issue of Blueprint, the magazine of the Democratic Leadership Council and its Progressive Policy Institute.

warm endorsement of Bush's economics implied by Conrad's budget resolution. In 1993, every single congressional Republican voted against Clinton's first budget, arguing that the increase in top-bracket tax rates it included would throw the country into a recession. They were wrong; the economy boomed. But at least they voted the courage of their convictions.

Last year, most Democrats opposed the Bush tax cut, and even more of them now believe that the remaining promised breaks - almost all far upper-income people - should be frozen. Sen. Ted Kennedy months ago proposed doing just that, to help finance the military and security buildup and to pay for such things as a Medicare prescription drug benefit. Sperling, as befits a New Democrat, makes a more modest proposal: Freeze the top two rates, affecting only families with incomes over \$190,000, and reduce the estate tax rather than abolish it.

Why are stronger Democrats afraid to go even that far? What's the use of a party that won't give voters a real alternative on something as basic as the budget?

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

U.S. must bomb or be bombed

A good friend of mine, the senior correspondent for a major Arab newspaper, told me a joke: "I have great news for you," said the psychologist to his patient. "You are not suffering from an inferiority complex. You are inferior."

We were musing about the military situation in the Middle East. "Can you imagine," my friend said, "a million strong who couldn't militarily beat a group less than 4 percent of its size? All of this repeating itself again and again for 54 years?"

The Arab nations' military inferiority to Israel is entrenched in the Arab psyche. It was underscored in the June 1982 air battle between Syria and Israel; 94 Syrian fighter jets were shot down; the only Israeli pilot lost was downed to ground the potential nuclear capacity is similar to training a camel to fly.

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I've been four times in your beautiful city, visiting my friends Martha and David Mead and Margy and Roy Slotten. I've lived great moments walking up and down the Snake River Canyon, driving through the beautiful countryside around the city, and travelling to the Sawtooth National Recreation Area where Martha and David have a log cabin. On that way, we always stop at Sun Valley, Keetchum and other nice places for a cup of coffee.

Now I'm reading your Web page, as usual, to know what's going on in Twin Falls. Next time I visit my friends, I'd like to meet you at the newspaper. I send you my love regards.

DAVID CALA
Aldo Bonaventura, Argentina

Wolves, grizzlies threaten livestock, our way of life

On the subject of wolves and grizzly bears, we didn't want them around a hundred years ago because they threatened our lives, our livestock, useful wildlife and way of life. So why don't you treacherous and pink-hatted find something useful to promote like a bike path over Galena Summit so bikers don't become an endangered species.

Planned Parenthood sure gets a vocal response in our area, pro or con. Hey, use that same outreach on better pay, better education and better white lines on our roads, especially that mess on Washington Street.

Please, why are we so worried about protecting "borders in the Middle East" when we can't keep our own from being overrun daily?
BILL BROWN
Twin Falls

Idaho Power should give money back to customers

I would like to address this letter to Idaho Power. I have heard from a reliable source that the employees of Idaho Power received very large Christmas bonuses last year. A woman who just answers tele-phones for this large company makes an annual salary of \$25,000, but last year received a Christmas bonus of \$30,000, so her annual salary went up to \$55,000 with that large bonus! She made more money in her "bonus" than she did in the whole year! And the bonuses went through the company - some getting \$80,000 and more. I wonder how much the chief executive officer, president and vice president of the company received in bonuses?

How can they justify raising and gouging us for rate increases and yet show a huge profit only to waste it off in bonuses so that they

don't have to show profit at the end of the year?

I am extremely upset that Idaho Power is charging so much for our power. We live very close to dams and yet we get charged extremely high prices. Where is the end to this bitter and greedy company's campaign on tripping us off?

Why are we giving California power and making the poor people of Idaho pay for California's power? If California doesn't pay its bills, then stop it off! You don't hesitate a second to shut off our power if we are even two days late on a payment! Why should anyone else have special treatment? Your name is "Idaho" Power! Give Idaho the power and bring down our costs so that Idaho can survive and profit as a state, not like it is now where the people suffer and the big companies thrive off the little people.

You cannot keep raising our prices and expect us to pay for

next year's bonuses! Which no doubt would be doubled since we are paying double for our electricity? You have enough money to survive. Stop stuffing your pockets to get ahead in this world and help us!

You should be proud of Idaho and help Idaho's economy thrive instead of decline like we are right now. We, the people in Idaho, are paying most of our income to Idaho Power and are not able to feed and clothe our children. We need to stop this unnecessary gouging so that we don't have more starving and homeless people.

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President Bush reaches for the wrong Mideast solution

It is possible to state a truth—even several truths, as President Bush did in the White House Rose Garden on Thursday—and still reach wrong conclusions, as he also did.

The president's speech was as good a statement on the Middle East as we've heard from any president in a long time. "No nation can negotiate with terrorists, for there is no way to make peace with those whose only goal is death," he said.

Yet, the president is sending Secretary of State Colin Powell to negotiate with Yasser Arafat, who fits the category described by the president about as well as anyone on the planet.

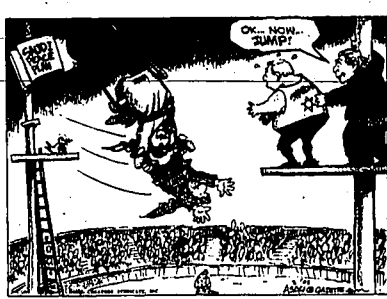
"Everyone must choose," said Bush. "You're either with the civilized world or you're with the terrorists." Wasn't that choice made some time ago by the P.L.O. as it demonstrated its preference for terrorism over diplomacy? What are the consequences for making the wrong choices? The president didn't say. Arafat always follows his signed promises with more trep because it works for him. He pays no price. He bears no bur-



den. He kills and Powell comes to call.

The president said, "the situation in which (Arafat) finds himself today is largely his own making." That's correct. But then Bush says, "Israel must understand that its response to these recent attacks is only a temporary measure." Why shouldn't Israel's response cease when the terrorism has ceased? Is the American war on terrorism temporary? Not according to Bush, who has repeatedly said it will be a long war and may never end. Why the double standard?

"Blowing yourself up does not help the Palestinian cause," he said. It does if that cause is to eliminate your enemy, which is what Palestinians say is their goal. It is also the stated cause of many Arab governments and their state-controlled media.



The president called on "the Palestinian Authority and all governments in the region to do everything in their power to stop terrorist activities, to disrupt terrorist financing, and to stop inciting violence by glorifying terror in state-owned media or telling suicide bombers they are martyrs." And if they won't, what then? He didn't say. Why should

Israel's enemies tremble about words if there are to be no consequences? The president called on "all who care about the Palestinian people" to condemn and act against groups which oppose the "peace process and seek the destruction of Israel." They haven't yet and are unlikely to do so in the future. What if they

don't? What will the United States do and what will it allow Israel to do? Bush didn't say.

The president praised Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia for his disingenuous "peace plan" that's nothing more than a re-hash of previous proposals to require Israel to pull back to indefensible 1967 borders and allow a "right of return" for millions of "Palestinians," who will finish Arafat's work. Bush called on other Arab states to "rise to this occasion and accept Israel as a nation and as a neighbor." And what if they don't? He didn't say.

"Israel should also show...a respect for and concern about the dignity of the Palestinian people," said the president. "...It is crucial to distinguish between the terrorists and ordinary Palestinians seeking to provide for their own families." The Israeli government, Bush said, "should be compassionate at checkpoints and border crossings, sparing innocent Palestinians daily humiliation." How is one to tell the difference between a homicide bomber and an "innocent Palestinian"? He didn't say. The Israeli military

could use some guidance.

The president wants Israel "to halt incursions into Palestinian-controlled areas." Been there, done that. The terrorists come back to kill another day. He also wants "responsible Palestinian leaders and Israel's Arab neighbors" to step forward and "show the world that they are truly on the side of peace." They can't. Responsible leaders are either dead, or will be, if they try any such thing.

Bush mentioned Germany and Japan, once enemies but now "trusted friends" of the United States. What he didn't mention was that neither country became a friend until the U.S. military defeated their war-making regimes.

In war, you don't negotiate first with your enemy; you defeat him. Whatever Colin Powell accomplishes won't be peace. Yasser Arafat will settle for nothing less than total victory. We used to fight our wars like that. Israel should not be forced to settle for less.

Cal Thomas is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

Our kids are in no shape to ship out

While the Sept. 11 attack on the United States has elicited an outpouring of patriotic sentiment, the flotsam and jetsam of cultural degradation also remain apparent.

Many young people have volunteered for military service; in fact, the number is at record levels since the volunteer service was put into effect. Yet it is noteworthy that only a small part qualify.

Uncle Sam is far more selective than the signs that once read "Uncle Sam wants you." According to military officials new recruits cannot:

- Be a single parent with custody of a child.
- Be overweight or pregnant, or get pregnant until training is complete.
- Be on any medication, including Prozac, inhalers or AID drugs.
- Have used marijuana more than 10 times or ever used cocaine or similar drugs.
- Have tattoos above the neck or on hands; or tattoos considered racist, obscene or gang related.
- Have braces.
- Have any drug charges, violent crime conviction or domestic charges or be on probation.



It is hard to know whether the aftermath of Sept. 11 will launch a cultural revolution, notwithstanding all the talk about one. But what can be said is that sex, drugs and self-flagellation have had their influence.

There was a time when men were rejected from military service because of flat feet or an irregular heartbeat. But now rejection is related more to cultural phenomena and less to physical conditions.

Yes, Americans are healthy but they are not fit and they are not sound.

In the end, the military is saying too many youngsters aren't fit for service and finding those who fit the bill is a real challenge. As I see it, either the country shapes up or the ability to defend the nation will significantly diminish. Surely that does call for a cultural revolution.

Herb London is president of the Hudson Institute and the John M. Olin professor of humanities at New York University.

It is also not surprising that many recruits are excluded for being overweight since obesity is a national scourge with estimates that one in three Americans has this condition. Moreover, there appears to be a correlation between obesity and enlarged hearts leading to ventricular hypertrophy with even very young people.

With recreational drug use prominent among high schoolers and medications like Prozac lb-

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Celebrate service with a shrug

On Jan. 18, I mailed my oldest son, who's a junior at Boise State University, a Manila envelope that among other things contained a check - money being a widely popular commodity among college students. It showed up in his mailbox on March 15. Yep. Fifty-six days to travel 130 miles.

Do the math: I could have driven it to Boise 336 times before the Postal Service got it there.

Now the post office is a popular target of customer-service horror stories, but it's far from alone. United Parcel Service says Seattle, where my youngest son lives, is two days away by surface shipment. He's yet to receive a package from me in less than four.

And so it goes. Legendary customer service has been replaced by mythical customer service, and nobody on the business end of the counter seems to have a clue what to do about it.

I was in a local supermarket after work a week and a half ago. The place was busy, but there was only one check-out stand open, staffed by a cashier who was striving unsuccessfully to price-scrape a box of breakfast cereal.

There were six other cash registers at the front of the store, all closed. While three clerks came to the assistance of the first, nine customers stood in line, waiting.

What's wrong with this picture? Here's how a clerk at a local department store explained it to me:

"I'm sorry, sir, but we're not authorized to open the register unless you make a purchase."

"But I'm trying to make a purchase."

"Sir, the bar code on the tag on this shirt is corrupt!"

"I had no idea. Do you anticipate that indictments will be forthcoming?"

Let's be clear: What's at issue in many cases of bad customer service is simply getting them to take your money. It's very much an open question whether they always succeed.

Part of the problem, clearly, is lack of training. It's obvious that some retail workers are trained to move product, and not much else.

Volume, after all, means profit; guess there's not much money in human relations.

In such an environment, it isn't the customer who's always right; it's the computerized cash register.

A couple of months ago, I wrote a column about my unsuccessful attempts to get the phone company to answer its phone. Lots of folks have told me subsequently that the same thing happened to them.

Actually, that has a perverse sort of logic: Customer service and support is expensive; calling you up at dinner-time to sell you a long-distance plan isn't. And, quite frankly, consumers have such low expectations anymore that when they do get good customer service, it comes as a surprise.

I was in a local auto parts store a couple of months back when a woman, who looked to be in her 70s, came in seeking a replacement headlight. She was on Social Security, she explained to the young, fellow behind the counter, and just couldn't afford to take her car to the dealership and pay them \$40 to change a light bulb.

So the counterman found the correct bulb, walked out into the parking lot with it, and installed the woman's new headlight on the spot. It took him 10 minutes and the two other customers in the store - myself and a woman in her 40s - had to wait. The older woman thanked the clerk warmly, and when it came her turn at the counter, the middle-aged woman did too.

"You didn't have to do that," she told him. "Your job is just to sell auto parts."

"No, ma'am," the clerk said. "My job is to make that lady want to come back when the other headlight burns out."

The story is told famously about Abraham Lincoln, who began his career as a retail clerk, walking five miles out of his way to return 9 cents that he'd overcharged a customer. What's less well-known is that Lincoln was elected to the Illinois Legislature some years later by a margin of just a few votes. I wonder how the guy with the 9 cents voted.

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Hydropower picture improves

The Associated Press

BOISE - Forecasters don't anticipate a great gush of water pouring from the snow-covered mountains this spring. But even the average snowpack should help stabilize Idaho's power rates for at least a year.

Customers should see steady or slightly lower electricity rates despite warnings that the Snake River - a major source of hydropower - may not be carrying enough water to maintain a flow through southern Idaho this summer.

"The outlook is fair," said Dennis Lopez, spokesman for Idaho Power Co., the state's largest electricity supplier.

Idaho Power estimates it will only be able to generate 70 percent of its normal hydroelectric needs. But Lopez said the shutdown of a phosphate processing plant

in Pocatello - one of the state's largest power consumers - and the addition of a new 90-megawatt plant near Mountain Home will moderate supply and demand pressures this year.

Those events and a more stable market should mean about a 10 percent reduction in power bills for Idaho Power customers. The question rests with the state's Public Utilities Commission, which could approve an Idaho Power plan to spread \$172 million of an estimated \$244 million deficit during the next three years.

The annual rate adjustment includes paying for last year's conservation programs and for a spike in power costs, plus anticipated expenses for the coming year. The reduction could happen as soon as May 16, Lopez said.

However, Gene Fadness, spokesman for

state utilities regulators, said commissioners are likely to consider an alternative that would delay savings in the short run and increase them over time.

"If customers can tolerate the current level, then there could be about a 30 percent decrease next year," Fadness said.

Across the nation, government caps on wholesale electricity rates, conservation programs and power buyback plans should make this summer's power market much more predictable, Lopez said. Yet southern Idaho irrigators who pump water out of the ground are already being warned about a water shortage this summer, despite an improved hydrologic outlook.

The Idaho Department of Water Resources mailed about 2,000 letters to pumpers last month, saying they likely will have to reduce their water use by at least

10 to 15 percent this summer, agency spokesman Dick Larsen said.

The Snake River, which supplies water to Idaho Power's Hells Canyon Complex dams, could reach zero flow below Milner Dam this summer, and Larsen said demand from southern Idaho irrigators may well exceed water supply.

Farmers who have surface water rights will get their allotments first, while others will have to do with less.

"It's a harsh law that's set up to take care of who gets what water when there's not enough to go around," Larsen said. "If it dries up the river, well, that's the law."

The Snake River essentially reached zero flow last year as well, he said, but water from enormous underground springs and field runoff recharged the river downstream.

CONSULATE IN JEROME



Photos by LISA M. COLLARD/The Times-News

Volunteer Consuelo Fierro hands out the application forms for the Matrícula Consular Mexican identification card at the Jerome County Fairgrounds Saturday morning. Hundreds of immigrants who don't have picture identification showed up as early as 3 a.m. to get in line to get the cards.

Mexican nationals obtain ID cards

By Robert Mayer
 Times-News writer

JEROME - It was merely a minor inconvenience for Florá Alvares, to spend her Saturday morning driving to Jerome from Boise, if it meant obtaining a Mexican passport.

The distance traveled could've been much greater for Alvares, a waitress at a Boise Mexican restaurant, had it not been for the Mexican Consulate's annual "mobile consulate" program, she said.

"If I didn't come here, I'd have to go to Salt Lake City, which I'd have to drive five hours," she said in Spanish. "Here, it's no more than an hour and a half."

More than 1,000 Mexican nationals made the trek from all parts of southern Idaho to the Jerome County Fairgrounds and patiently waited for hours to receive a Mexican identification document.

For a fee, the consulate offered to those who could prove their Mexican citizenship a Mexican identification card or a

one-year Mexican passport.

"This is very necessary," said Aturo Chavarria Ballex of the Mexican Consulate. "We bring the consulate to the community."

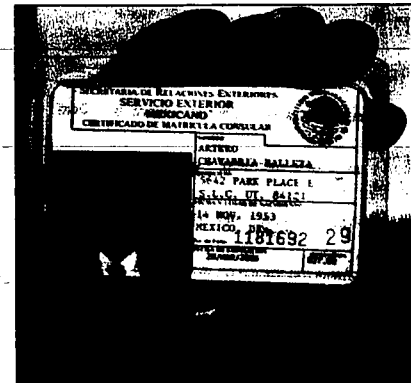
The valid I.D. will allow the nationals to participate more readily in U.S. society, such as opening bank accounts, while they're living in the United States, he said.

Many of those waiting said the cards and passports would also help reduce the potential hassle when they travel to Mexico to visit family and then try to return to the United States.

Chavarria said consulate officials had a meeting Friday with Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver and the sheriff said his department would honor the new cards.

Haydee Mejia de Ramirez and Jose Alfredo Ramirez, husband and wife from Twin Falls, were the first to receive the cards. Waiting since 5 a.m., they said that the first thing they're going to do is open an account with

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The Matrícula Consular identification card is a picture identification issued by the Mexican government. The card will be honored by the Jerome County Sheriff's Department and other local officials as a photo identification.

Retired engineer teaches 'skiing physics'

By Karen Kosciak
 Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - V=wt, v=0+ax(t-0). You may not think of equations like this when you're shuffling down the slopes. But Pierre Milliman does.

A retired Boeing engineer and part-time ski instructor at Sun Valley, Milliman is constantly analyzing skiing in the language of physics and such terms as constant velocity, rotational equilibrium, vectors, kinematics, torque, lever arms, tangential forces and even Newton's Second Law.

After translating his own ideas to computer, he's taken it one step further this year in teaching a

"skiing physics" class for the College of Southern Idaho.

"It's about the underlying mechanics of skiing. It's not a course on improving your skiing. It's for mathematical and science buffs who want to know what's happening when they go down the hill," Milliman said.

Milliman has constructed a class that uses elementary mathematics to learn why a ski turns - if you consider trigonometry and concepts like vectors "elementary," that is.

Under Milliman's tutelage, students design a three-dimensional stick figure skier, snowboarder or telemarker via computer. In the time it takes them to carve some

long, sweeping turns down Baldy, they have a pictorial stick figure that can depict side slipping, knee angulation, traversing, skiing the moguls, even sitting too far back on his skis.

Milliman said he got the idea after reading an article written by the author of "World Cup Skiing" in a ski instructor's magazine that suggested filming skiers and analyzing them to see what forces were involved in their skiing.

"It's the first time I'd ever seen someone try to quantify skiing," said Milliman, who has taught algebra and trigonometry at CSI's Hailey branch. "A lot of people have written words about the

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Trying to change the world Migrant Council leader pushes hard for rights

By Mike Butts
 The Idaho Statesman

BOISE - Three hundred people have gathered in the Stachowice Rotunda for the "rise above" observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

In the middle of the crowd, Sam Byrd leans on a marble column waiting for his turn at the podium. U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, in a silk, dark business suit that mirrors Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's, reads an essay about King written by a fifth-grade Boise student.

Kempthorne follows by calling on the gathering to "rise above" the "incorrect perceptions" about Idaho and racism. The two politicians' words draw applause. Their speeches are appropriate and congenial, if not exactly grounded in the experience of oppression.

Now it is Byrd's turn to speak. Sam Byrd, the former migrant farmworker who arrived in Paul as a child in the early 1960s, to work in sugar beet fields with his family. The man who came from the crop rows to take over the largest and most influential Hispanic organization in the state, he says, is quiet but firm on the fields who grew into an ambitious and sometimes even cocky man advocating for the rights and equal education of Idaho's burgeoning Hispanic population - a one in which Byrd could have a large impact in his next six months as the Idaho Migrant Council's interim executive director.

Byrd approaches the microphone in shirt sleeves and a tie. He stands in front of Craig, Kempthorne and Albertson's CEO Larry Johnston. People crowd the Rotunda and lean on the railing of the floor above. They listen to Byrd, and he tells them what he thinks.

He tells them it's time to please see BYRD, Page B4

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One-car rollover near Bliss injures Utah woman

The Times-News

BLISS - A Utah woman was injured Saturday in a one-car rollover near Bliss.

Jane Childers, 61, was taken by ambulance to Gooding County Memorial Hospital, said Gooding County Sheriff's Deputy David Kiger.

A hospital spokeswoman said Childers was then taken to another hospital. The spokeswoman said she could not release the name of that hospital nor Childers' condition when she left Gooding.

Childers and her husband, Franklin, 65, were en-route from St. George, Utah, to Boise when she momentarily took her eyes off the road around milepost 138 on Interstate 84, Kiger said.

When the car drifted off the road, she overcorrected and the vehicle rolled once, Kiger said. Franklin Childers was able to get out of the car, but his wife was extricated, Kiger said.

Franklin Childers escaped the accident, which happened at 2:10 p.m., with minor cuts and scrapes, Kiger said.

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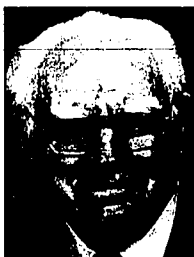
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TWIN FALLS



Nolan Schorzman
Nolan Schorzman, 75, of Twin Falls, died Friday, April 5, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.
He was born September 5, 1926, in Paul, Idaho, the son of Julius and Margaret Schorzman. He was reared and educated in the Minicassia area, and graduated from Paul High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Army, and served overseas during the war. Following his discharge, he farmed in Paul, Rupert, and for many years in the Rosworth area. He later owned the South Park Lounge from which he retired in 1996. He married Luella D. Alger in Elko, NV, on March 20, 1972. Nolan was a member of the Moose Lodge and the VFW. He loved fishing, hunting, gardening and camping.
He is survived by his wife of Twin Falls, two stepsons: Larry and Richard Muegert, both of Twin Falls; 11 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren; one brother, Wallace Schorzman, Minden, NV; Helen Wolston of Burley. His parents, one stepson, one grandson, five brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.
Funeral services for Nolan Schorzman will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, 2002, at White Mortuary Chapel. Private inurnment will be held at West End Cemetery. Friends may call at White Mortuary Monday, April 8, 2002, from 4-8 p.m.

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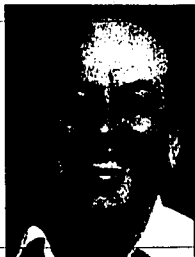
Conrad E. Anderson, Jr. 1915 - 2002
Conrad Emil Anderson, Jr., 86, of Twin Falls, on Thursday, April 4, 2002, went to his rest until the Lord comes. He was residing in his daughter, Ardith's home and was surrounded by his loving family.
Conrad was born April 7, 1915, in College View, Nebraska, the son of Conrad, Sr. and Mary L. Jensen Anderson. He grew up and attended his first eight grades at a grade school in Nebraska and then went on to attend Platte Valley Seventh Day Adventist Academy. Conrad was a faithful member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, his entire life. He lived and worked in several different states, Nebraska, Kansas, Georgia, Virginia and Idaho.
In his early years, Conrad worked as a cowboy and rancher. He spent many an hour riding the range, mending fence and herding cattle with his faithful horse, Prince. While living and working in Nebraska, he met a beautiful girl and the love of his life, Mildred Christine Pedersen. She consented to become his wife and they were married on December 20, 1938, in Broken Bow, Nebraska. To this union were born three children. Conrad's ability to work hard was learned at a very early age and he turned a deft hand at many professions, including cowboy, rancher, farmer, dairyman and

maintenance man

Conrad had many talents and one of them was teaching his children the values that he learned. "Love the Lord with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself," "Never waste a penny and the dollars will take care of you" and "Working hard has its own benefits." Together, Conrad and Mildred left a legacy of hardworking and generous children that anyone would be proud of. They are talented and gifted and each one very special to their father in countless ways. At the time of his retirement, Conrad was working for Skyview and Hazelwood Retirement Center. He was an honest, law-abiding and caring husband, dad and grandpa, and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Conrad is survived by his children, Ardith M. (Larivy) Schneider of Twin Falls; Ava F. Grogan, of Austin, Texas; and John Conrad Anderson of Twin Falls, Idaho; and his seven grandchildren, four great-grandsons, and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, sisters Ruby Wendi and Pearl Gilbertson, and by his beloved wife, Mildred.
Funeral services for Conrad will be held Tuesday, April 9, 2002, at 2 p.m. at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Officiating will be Pastor Steve McCandless. Burial will be held following services at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls, Idaho. Visitation will be held Monday, April 8, 2002, from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

TWIN FALLS



Howard A. Ehrsman
Howard Albert Ehrsman, 86, of Twin Falls, died Friday, April 5, 2002, at Bridgeway Estates.
He was born September 27, 1915, in Millar, Nebraska, the oldest son of Frank and Josephine Ehrsman. The family moved to Filer in the early 1930's to farm. When WWII began, Howard rode the train to Salt Lake City to enter the Army. It was decided that he should return home to farm to help the war effort. While he was in Salt Lake City, his family moved to a farm north of Jerome. In 1939, Howard met Helenita E. Smith at the Radio Rendezvous in Twin Falls. They were married Dec. 14, 1941, and drove to Berkeley, CA, where Howard worked in the shipyards. When the war ended, they returned to Twin Falls. Howard worked as a fuel deliveryman for United Oil until his retirement.
They loved the outdoors and spent many weeks camping and fishing with their three sons. Howard was involved with the Masonic Organization before retirement. They traveled with the Bluebird Good Sam Club and Magic Valley Square Dance Club for many years. They enjoyed several winters in Arizona, near their motor home and trailer. About four years ago, they sold their home of 50 years and moved to an apartment at Bridgeway overlooking the Snake River Canyon and Paderine Bridge. Helenita passed away July 9, 2001, and Howard continued to live at Bridgeway until his passing.
In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Wayne. He is survived by his three sons: Conrad (Linda) of Twin Falls; Dennis (Linda) of Jerome; Neil of Grandin; Cheryl (Elbert) Cox of Fresno, California; and Mike Ehrsman of Twin Falls; two great-granddaughters: Kylie and Cassidy Cox; brothers, Gayle of Twin Falls, Mike of Idaho Falls; and by one sister, Verdie Hanson of Twin Falls.
Graveside services for Howard Ehrsman will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 9, 2002, at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at White Mortuary Monday from 4-8 p.m.

BURLEY



Mark K. Young
Mark K. Young, 47-year-old Burley resident, died Wednesday, April 3, 2002, at Banner Regional Medical Center in Pocatello, Idaho, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.
He was born February 25, 1955, in Sacramento, California, the son of J.W. and Donna Mabey Young. From the time Mark was born, he lived all over the United States and Europe. After retiring from the military, his father took a job with Simplot and they settled in Burley. Mark graduated from Burley High School in 1973 and then attended college at BSU and received an Agricultural degree from CSI. He was employed as a Field Representative for the J.R. Simplot Company since 1978 in Burley, Idaho, and has since resided in Burley. He is the devoted father of one daughter, Kristen, and two sons, Jordan and Derek.
Mark loved to fish and as an avid fisherman, he prided himself in "catching the elusive big one." He spent hours preparing his tackle box for his next fishing excursion. Fishing took him regularly to Alaska, Oregon, and parts of Idaho. As a father, he loved spending time with his family and enjoying his favorite pastimes of camping, skiing, and mountain biking. You could often find Mark on the golf course with friends and family. He always sup-

ported his children in their school and sports activities. He also played softball and enjoyed collecting hats. His teasing and dry wit made him enjoyable to be around. Mark deeply loved his family and he will be missed by all.
He is survived by his wife, Beverly; his daughter, Kristen (Nita) Pugmire Boise; his two sons, Jordan Young, Las Vegas, and Derek Young, Burley; his father, J. W. Young, Burley; two brothers, Dave (Kristi) Young, Alpine, Utah, and Scott (Sally) Young of Hoyburn; and infant granddaughter, Jessa, Boise. He was preceded in death by his mother, Donna Mabey Young.

Funeral services will be held at 12 noon Monday, April 8, 2002, at the West Burley Stakes Center, 2420 Park-Avenue in Burley. Friends may call at Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main Street in Burley, on Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. and at the church from 11 to 11:45 a.m. prior to the funeral on Monday. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. The family suggests that those who wish may make memorial contributions in memory of Mark to the American Diabetes Association, The American Breast Cancer Association, or a charity of your choice.

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Utah actors give Wood River school lessons in Shakespeare

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

JAYLE — William Shakespeare and John Wayne shared equal billing last week at Wood River Middle School.

Students got a dose of the Bard through a condensed version of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Shakespeare's tale of four misguided lovers and fairies coveting under a tree of the dead rags.

Then they learned to throw John Wayne punches in a stage combat class that followed. It's likely some of the students will pair "The Bard and The Bear" when the school puts on its own Shakespeare festival on April 26. "It's a really neat deal where we get to dress up and march to the theater and perform our own Shakespeare selections." 13-year-old Dan Held said Friday.

It's not unusual for schools to host a performance of Shakespeare. But it is unusual for a school to make it a whole school event like Wood River does, said Michael Bahr, educational director for the Utah Shakespeare Festival, the Cedar City, Utah, group that spent the day educating the students about the finer points of the Bard.

Very few of these kids have



Shakespearean actor Logan Ernsthil shows Lucas Duney how to deliver a John Wayne punch to Sky Vellmer during stage combat class at Wood River Middle School.

ever seen Shakespeare before," added middle school teacher Jeanene Allen. "I never even saw Shakespeare before they started coming here."

Seventh- and eighth-graders at the middle school started the day with a rickrolling rendition of the romantic caper that had been pared from two-and-a-half hours to 75 minutes. The performance was repeated in the evening for the entire community.

The two Girl Scouts who sponsored the evening's performance, Amy DiFrancesco and Ashley Rendahl, then treated the troupe and a couple dozen teachers to an Italian buffet with the help of DiFrancesco's mother Cindy Jesinger.

Students then got a chance to learn stage combat. Bard prose and improvisation at the hands of the Utah Shakespeare troupe before teachers from throughout

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the district assembled to learn ways they could incorporate Shakespeare into the classroom.

Even science teachers can benefit from a little exposure to the Bard, Bahr said. Have three children pretend to be two hydrogen molecules and one oxygen molecule. Have them hang on to each other and — presto — you have water. Have them huddle together to portray ice and flutter to portray the gaseous form.

"Believe me, they'll never forget it," he said. "It's no longer a dry lesson on the pages of a book."

As for elementary students, Shakespeare is no different than Dr. Seuss, he added. Both use iambic pentameter and both use nonsense words. In fact, Shakespeare made up some 2,500 words that have now become familiar parts of our vocabulary.

"Elementary kids don't know they're not supposed to understand Shakespeare. He's not threatening to them, as he is for many of us later on in life," Bahr said.

As one might expect, learning the secrets behind sword fighting and slapping was of major interest for the middle-school youngsters.

Kern McFadden, who played Demetrius in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" assured the students that he was slapped on the hand but reacted to make it look as if he'd been slapped in the face.

Safe, effective stage combat is 98 percent stage and 2 percent combat, instructed actress Tracie Merrill and actor Logan Ernsthil.

First, establish eye contact with the other person so you know they're ready for it, Merrill said.

Make sure the distance is right, perhaps by putting your hand on your partner's shoulder. Then prepare for the act by moving your arm or leg back — way back — so the audience can see it.

For the John Wayne punch, roll your hand off your partner's shoulder. Shift your focus from his eyes to your target — in this case, the other person's hand. If you don't move your eyes, you will hit the other person in the face because you tend to hit what you look at, Ernsthil said.

Hit your partner's hand with the palm of your hand so it makes a loud noise. Quickly close your hand into a fist as the victim reacts.

Miss too many times and your partner will stop trusting you and the act will never look real on stage, Merrill warned. One performer misjudged his starting position by a half-step and gave the other a broken nose.

"I didn't realize so much was involved — it looks so real on stage," said Knutlin Grossnick. "It's cool to be able to fight without hitting anyone," added Gabby Sisson.

OBITUARIES

IDAHO FALLS



Frank Magnelli
Francis Warren "Frank" Magnelli died Tuesday, April 2, 2002, at Good Samaritan Nursing Center in Idaho Falls.

Frank was born March 24, 1916, in Jerome, Idaho, to Antonio and Harriet Isabelle Warren Magnelli. He graduated from Jerome High in 1934 and attended Henagar's Business College in Salt Lake City. He received his Associate Degree in Accounting from the University of Idaho. Frank married Edna Burgen on August 2, 1944, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Jerome. He worked at Jerome Bakery and North Side Co. in Jerome. He moved to Idaho Falls in 1956 as Electrical Tech for G.E. and AMF in Mountain Home. He was an accountant for Phillips Aerojet General and the succeeding contractor. He was a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus, Western Boys Baseball Association, and the American Legion. Frank was an avid golfer and sang in the Good Sam Singers.

He is survived by his wife, Edna; two daughters, Judy (Ben) Pesole of Richland, WA, Cynthia (Mike) Wilson of Kensington, MD; Janet (Steve) Heleson of Ashton, ID; Linda Magnelli of Flagstaff, AZ, and Joan Magnelli (Mickey) Longo of Mt. Valley, CA; a son, Tony (Mary Taylor) Magnelli of Seattle; 18 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and four brothers.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Idaho Falls. The Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Monday at Buck-Miller-Hann Funeral Home in Idaho Falls. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Jerome Cemetery in Jerome. Memorial contributions may be directed to the St. Vincent de Paul Society or Good Samaritan Nursing Center.

WENDELL

Faith L. Henslee
Faith L. Henslee, 89, a resident of Wendell, died Friday, April 5, 2002, at the Twin Falls Care Center in Twin Falls.

She was born June 14, 1921, in Gothenburg, Nebraska, the daughter of David and Dorothy Spencer Pearson. Faith married Elmer Wayne Henslee in Payette, Idaho, on July 25, 1940.

She is survived by three sons:

Richard, 54, of Wendell, Idaho; James, 52, of Wendell, Idaho; and Donald, 50, of Wendell, Idaho.

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RICHFIELD

Ho is survived by his daughter, Jamie Gilliam of Louisa, Kentucky, and sons, Scott and Christopher of Fayetteville, Tennessee; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, sisters, Barbara Chynoweth of Caldwell, Idaho, and Dorothy Turner of Las Vegas, Nevada. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Virginia Stanley Blair, Twin Falls residents.

Young's Funeral Home handled the arrangements with private burial in the Gilliam Cemetery, Louisa, Kentucky.

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SERVICES

Frank Ireton, formerly of Buhl and Mountain Home, service at 11 a.m. Monday at White Mortuary Chapel; interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

H. Woodrow Ash of Rupert, service at 1 p.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; visitation from 6-8 p.m. today at the mortuary and one hour before the service Monday; burial will be at the Rupert Cemetery.

Robert E. 'Bob' Jurvis of Twin

Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Katherine Josephine Miller of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the White Mortuary Chapel; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Nelle Lewis of Eden, memorial graveside service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Hazelton Cemetery (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

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Byrd

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fect the civil and human rights of our gay and lesbian neighbors." He tells them it's time to treat migrant farmworkers with respect. He tells them it's time to understand the economically privileged in the United States get to where they are partly on the backs of the underprivileged.

He asks the legislators who work where he stands not to make budget cuts that hurt Idaho's poor. A rousing ovation follows each statement.

"How was that? How was that?" Byrd asks after he leaves the podium.

At least a dozen people approach Byrd to congratulate and thank him for his remarks. "I hope I get in trouble," responds Byrd, a liberal on the home turf of one of the most conservative legislative bodies in the United States.

Finally, he is pulled away to return to Boise State University to finish a diversity training seminar he had started in the morning.

"I gotta give (politicians) what they want, but I gotta contribute," Byrd said about his speech as he walks away from the Capitol, still energized from the response to his talk. "I can't just let them off the hook."

He's glad he didn't shy away from tough issues.

"Dr. King talked about creating a tension that compels us to act," Byrd said from the back seat on the drive back to BSU. "I don't mean to offend anyone. But I certainly intend to create the tension that will move them off the dime."

Byrd returns to BSU, where in the morning he talked about cultural and ethnic diversity with a group of 31 Boise arts group members.

"What we're going to try in my hour this morning," he said, "is to try and change the world. We're probably not going to get that done."

But for Sam Byrd, it's at least worth a try.

The end of a friendship

In the midst of controversy, Byrd greets a visitor at the Migrant Council in Caldwell on a morning not long after he has become the organization's interim executive director.

His office wall holds pictures of his Mexican heroes: the artists Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera, the Mexican revolutionaries Pancho Villa and Emiliano Zapata.

The 47-year-old Byrd has moved into this office because of the fate of Humberto Fuentes. Thirty-one

years ago, Fuentes helped start the Idaho Migrant Council, a nonprofit, Hispanic services and advocacy group.

He led the organization's growth into the most prominent Hispanic group in Idaho with 110 full-time employees, a multimillion-dollar budget and 1,200 statewide members.

The council has provided housing, Head Start programs, employment and training to thousands of low-income Idaho Hispanics and others. It has been at the forefront of a decades-long battle for better lives for Idaho's thousands of migrant farm workers.

Last October, the Migrant Council Board of Trustees fired Fuentes and asked Byrd to replace him as interim director. It put Byrd in the middle of a heated controversy.

Fuentes filed a lawsuit against the council for wrongful termination. The council responded with their own suit contending, among other things, that Fuentes mismanaged funds while heading up the council. The changeover spooled a long family friendship between the Byrds and the Fuentes.

Humberto Fuentes was Byrd's mentor when Byrd worked at the Migrant Council as a young man.

That made returning to the council after a 14-year absence difficult for Byrd — or at least as difficult as accepting a powerful position that pays just over \$84,000 a year can be, a position Byrd says he would gladly take on a permanent basis.

Rising from the fields

Byrd's parents, Samuel and Vickie Byrd, were both born in Laredo, Texas. Byrd was born in Arizona. He grew up speaking Spanish and chasing jobs in the fields with his migrant farmworking family.

"Sugar beets, onions, potatoes, mint, fruit, strawberries, beans: you name it," Byrd said, "cabbage, lettuce — if you could plant it, pick it or harvest it, chances are we did it."

The Byrds were recruited to work in Utah in the early 1960s. But the job fell through, and the family ended up living in a chicken coop with a dirt floor.

They later moved to Idaho because of relatives there. In

Nysa, Ore., Byrd became the first member of his family to graduate from high school. But he hated working in the fields. And he vowed to his father that he would work his way up from being a field hand.

At 21, Byrd drove a fertilizer truck in Nysa for the J.R. Simplot Co. He applied for a job with the Migrant Council, and because of his persistence, his high school education and his bilingualism, he got a job on the third try.

He became the Migrant Council's assistant director for food and nutrition in 1976.

"I would be nowhere without the Idaho Migrant Council," Byrd said. "I'm this close to being the farmworker I used to be."

The Migrant Council work changed his perspective.

"I became aware of the economic, the educational and the political plight of the farmworker," Byrd said. "I realized that occupations were aligned along racial lines."

Byrd saw that almost all farmworkers were Hispanic; that Latinos had a high dropout rate and they lacked political power. He partly blamed the problems on Idaho's public education system not addressing the needs of Latino students.

And he has dedicated much of his life to rectifying those problems. In the midst of working for education reform at the Migrant Council (he helped bring a lawsuit against the state that brought millions of dollars to assist students with limited English ability), Byrd met his wife in a downtown Boise cante on Mexican Independence Day.

Grown confident with rising in the ranks at the Migrant Council and his growing community involvement, he made a bad first impression.

"He was a little cocky; he had a chip on his shoulder," Byrd's wife, Lilia, said.

The two have been married 16 years.

Skiing

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underlying mechanics of skiing. But as far as I know, none looked at it in a way you could reproduce."

In the process of developing a program teaching a computer how to ski, Milliman has learned that balance plays a much more important role than he'd imagined. He has learned the answer to why a schussing skier is thrown back when the slope suddenly steepens — what he must do to avoid being thrown back. He learned what causes the heelside turn washout on a snowboard and how to

achieve dynamic balance in high drag snow and moguls — and how to achieve a pure carved turn and in what part of a giant slalom racer's turn the rate of turning is greatest.

"It's not for everyone — especially first-time students who have their hands full grappling with concepts like making a snowplow down the mountain, said ski instructor Walt Colner, who lives in Murrough.

But Milliman's work certainly might strike a high note with some, he added.

Joan Davies, who heads CSI's

Halley branch, said she loved the idea.

"We need to stimulate people to realize it's cool to be smart," she said. "I think a lot of people can relate to these concepts, given the high level of education of people taking ski lessons."

"Is everybody curious about it? Of course not," said Milliman. "But I am. And it's helped me teach people. That doesn't mean I give them some mathematical equation — they've got too much to think about as it is. But I use the insight I've gained from this to help me better teach them."

Cards

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U.S. Bank, which had representatives on site.

"I'm happy because now I have identification," Haydee Ramirez said in Spanish. "It's necessary to have to show that I'm Mexican."

Without the cards, Mexicans often have difficulties opening up bank accounts, Chaves said. Moreover, because many migrant workers don't have bank accounts, they sometimes carry

large sums of money, making them vulnerable to robbery, he said.

That, U.S. Bank was on hand to help open accounts with a minimum balance of \$100 to those participating in Saturday's event.

"It's for their protection and to even build a relationship with us," said Gabriela Morales, with U.S. Bank. "We're here to help them out."

Although the consulate wasn't

supposed to start business until 9 a.m., Jesus Huerta Alvarado, a dairy worker in Buhl, went without sleep Friday night and showed up at 3 a.m. just so he could be first in line.

"It's much easier to cross the border with this card," Alvarado said in Spanish. "It's going to feel good to have this card."

The Consulate visit was sponsored by Ag-Mart Services Inc., a private labor-management firm in Twin Falls.

PUBLIC MEETING

IDAHO POWER An IDACORP Company

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will hold a workshop and public hearing to answer questions and obtain comments on four issues concerning Idaho Power and customer rates.

- Issues to be discussed include:
- ◆ The 2002-2003 Power Cost Adjustment (PCA), which adjusts customer rates annually either up or down depending upon stream flow conditions and Idaho Power's cost of purchasing power.
 - ◆ Alternatives for power supply cost recovery including Idaho Power's request for authorization to issue \$172 million in revenue bonds to pay a portion of the company's excess power supply costs.
 - ◆ The current three-tiered rate structure paid by residential customers.
 - ◆ How to fund Commission-mandated conservation programs.

At each workshop, Idaho Power and Commission staff will outline the proposals and alternatives being considered and be available to answer questions. Public testimony will be taken during the public hearing following each workshop. A technical hearing also will be held at 9:30 a.m. on April 26 at the Commission offices, 472 W. Washington St. in Boise.

- Time: 6 p.m. Workshop, 7 p.m. Public Hearing
Date: **Wednesday, April 10**
Place: West Coast Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls
- Time: 6 p.m. Workshop, 7 p.m. Public Hearing
Date: **Monday, April 15**
Place: West Coast Hotel, 1555 Pocatello Creek Road, Pocatello
- Time: 6 p.m. Workshop, 7 p.m. Public Hearing
Date: **Thursday, April 25**
Place: Idaho Public Utilities Commission, 472 W. Washington St., Boise

Written comments concerning any of the above issues can be sent before the April 26 deadline to:
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074
Fax (208) 334-3762
E-mail: www.puc.state.id.us
(click on "Comments and Questions")

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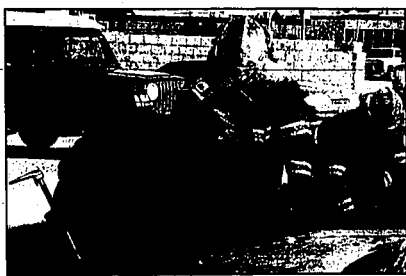
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M-C volunteers fight fires for free

By Nate Johnson Times-News writer

BURLEY - He leaps to attention at the sound of a pager... which can go off at the most inopportune moments - spends more than 100 hours training each year...

"I'll keep doing it as long as I'm physically able," Covell said. All volunteers have normal lives and go to work every day.



Burley volunteer firefighter Jerry Wilson, along with BURLEY FIREFIGHTERS Steve Jones and Bryan Catmull, put out a vehicle fire Thursday at an Overland Avenue convenience store.

Fire departments with full-time firefighters waiting each day for the bell to ring have a time advantage over volunteer departments, but only a slight one.

"We have a six- to eight-minute response time," Minidoka County Fire Protection District Chief Mike Brown said.

With firefighters circulating through the community, volunteer fire departments can sometimes respond immediately. When a car engine caught fire Thursday at a Burley business, Shannon Tolman and Ryan Taylor, who happened to be driving by, were the first to respond.

to help someone else," said Harlo Clark, chief of the Oakley Fire Department. Volunteers back up their desire with solid skills. A first-year volunteer can expect to put in more than 200 hours of training, Poole said.

"Whether you're a volunteer or full time you've got the same rules and the same responsibilities to the community," Poole said.

"Ninety-nine percent of the time it's just a plain, pure desire to help someone else," said Harlo Clark, chief of the Oakley Fire Department.

Teens prove themselves good mentors

By Shari Chaney Times-News writer

RUPERT - Sent from heaven. That's how one teacher describes a group of Mini-Cassia Opportunity Center students who are serving as mentors to elementary students.

"These mentors are heaven-sent," said Acquia Elementary School teacher Helen Almanzo. "We are excited to place these twelve opportunity center students spend an hour a day, four days a week, with elementary students at Acquia Elementary, Big Valley Elementary and Memorial Elementary."

Primarily the student mentors help students with reading and math, said opportunity center teacher Candace Hurst. They can also help with behavior problems, for example if one student is causing a disruption in the classroom.

Hurst began a mentoring program three years ago when she was a brand-new teacher. She had a large group of opportunity center students who were having trouble reading and she began the Acquia reading program, pairing the opportunity center students with elementary students who were having trouble reading.

positive effect on her. "It makes me want to be there," Arronte said.

The elementary students love to have people pay attention to them, and a teacher can't pay enough attention, so the mentor is a great addition, said second-grade teacher Ardith Duff.

"Every little bit helps, especially with second-graders," Duff said. "The high school students realize how important they can be."

Duff said any time there is another set of hands, another pair of ears and an extra mind, it is a benefit for the teacher and the students. Students often tune out the teacher, so when someone new is there to tell them pretty much the same thing, it gives students another chance to hear instruction.

Having a mentor also helps teach students to be respectful and adaptable, Duff said. Students learn to respond to someone besides the teacher.

Acquia Principal Terry Garner said the school always needs more people to help in classrooms.

"It makes a huge difference," Garner said.

There are no rising test scores

nor moving testimonials to judge the success of the mentoring program, but Hurst has other indicators which point to success.

In 2000-2001, 71 percent of the mentors who began the program completed it. This year, Hurst anticipates a 98 percent completion rate.

In order to be a mentor, the students' grades have to stay at C or above and they must stay out of trouble.

Students are also earning money, Hurst said, and learning a little responsibility.

Working at Acquia Elementary are Ben Billings, Karl Mong, Mindy Adams, Tammy Kenner, Mikey Gonzales, Cecelia Artega and Jennifer Teeter. Those students previously mentored at Heyburn Elementary.

Arronte is a mentor at Big Valley Elementary; Heather Fairchild, Francisco Juarez, Shantel Fryer and Brenda Lopez are mentors at Memorial Elementary.

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the Minidoka Fire Protection District, Rupert City Fire and Rescue and West End fire departments each employ a full-time chief, but the rest of the firefighters are volunteers.

The Burley Fire Department employs 10 full-time firefighters and has 23 volunteers. With a few professional firefighters always at the station, the department can send one truck as soon as a call comes in, said Dick Ravidalev, assistant chief. Volunteers arriving a few minutes later take a second truck, he said.

The five other rural fire departments in Oakley, Albion, Declo, the Malta and Ruff River area and the Elba and Alma areas, depend totally on volunteers.

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BUHL SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk served every day. Choice of fruit or juice every day.
Monday: Cereal, cinnamon toast
Tuesday: Spaghetti and gravy
Thursday: Pancakes, maple syrup
Friday: No school
Lunch menu
Salad bar and milk served every day
Monday: Tuna fish sandwich, corn chips, strawberries, bananas
Tuesday: Beef and cheese nachos, ground roll, peach crisp
Wednesday: Hot dogs, macaroni and cheese bites, fruit, blueberry cake
Thursday: Turkey and noodles, salad, crackers, fruit, animal cookies
Friday: No school

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served every day
Monday: Donuts
Tuesday: Scrambled eggs, toast
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Cinnamon rolls
Friday: Muffins
Lunch menu
Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: Toasted cheese sandwiches
Friday: Sweet and sour chicken

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Pizza, green beans, bread, peas
Tuesday: Turkey Stroganoff, carrots, roll, pineapple
Wednesday: Sloppy Joys, peas, apricots, cookie
Thursday: Scrambled eggs, hash browns, cranberry sauce, pears, Jell-O
Friday: Chili buns, corn, cake

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: Sliced turkey sandwich
Wednesday: Tacos
Thursday: Chicken party
Friday: Idaho hysacks

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal, toast, juice, fruit
Tuesday: Bluecots and gravy, fruit, juice
Wednesday: Scrambled eggs, bacon, flour tortilla, juice
Thursday: Long Johns, cereal, fruit, juice
Friday: No school
Lunch menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Fajitas, tater tots, blueberry cobbler
Tuesday: Spaghetti, bread sticks, salad, fruit
Wednesday: Enchiladas, green salad, fruit
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, rolls, peas, fruit
Friday: No school

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day
Monday: Mini corn dogs, potato wedges, applesauce, granola bars
Tuesday: Baked potato bar, bread sticks, Jell-O jigglers
Wednesday: Tortada apricots, cinnamon rolls, sticks, Mexican cookie
Thursday: Spaghetti, green salad, garlic bread, pears
Friday: Dippy day

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Burrito, bread stick, salsa, potato patty, peaches
Tuesday: Chicken fillet, tater tots, chili spear, cuttle pie
Wednesday: Tortada, salsa, corn, carrot stick, spiced apples
Thursday: Tomato soup, ham and cheese sub sandwich, crackers, fruit cup
Friday: Chili, crackers, pears, cinnamon rolls

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Burrito, bread stick, fruit and vegetable bar
Tuesday: Chicken fillet, tater tots, fruit and vegetable bar
Wednesday: Pizza, fruit and vegetable bar
Thursday: Ham and cheese sub sandwich, baked potato, fruit and vegetable bar
Friday: California club sandwich, fruit and beans, fruit and vegetable bar
Friday: Chili, crackers, pears, cinnamon rolls

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served every day
Monday: Bacon burger, French fries, banana, chocolate pudding
Tuesday: Spaghetti and meatballs, creamed green beans, applesauce, garlic bread sticks
Wednesday: Spicy chicken sandwich, French fries, strawberry shortcake
Thursday: Sub sandwich, nacho tortos, schoolboy apple, Rice Krispie cookie
Friday: Beef tizzes, Spanish rice, green beans, cinnamon cheese

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls, fruit cobbler
Tuesday: Sandwich; chips, corn, peas
Wednesday: Oven-fried chicken, salad, pears, granola cracker
Thursday: Potato bar, sliced bread, applesauce, baby carrots
Friday: Chicken burger, corn, bananas, fruit snacks

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal, pineapple chunks, cinnamon toast
Tuesday: Pancake on a stick, syrup, apple quarters
Wednesday: Cereal, banana half, cereal bar
Thursday: Scrambled eggs, ham, hash browns, toast, jelly
Friday: Cereal, strawberries and bananas, cinnamon twist
Lunch menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Foot-long hot dog; salad bar or hamburger deluxe, French fries, schoolboy apple, Rice Krispie bar
Tuesday: Ham and cheese sandwich; soup and sandwich bar and rib-bucc sandwich; potato sticks, banana, chocolate pudding
Wednesday: Taco bar or pizza, seasoned corn, applesauce, bread sticks, pizza sauce
Thursday: Chicken sandwich; potato bar or hot Italian sub sandwich; potato chips, chilled peaches, raspberry fruit-juice bar
Friday: Mini corn dogs; salad bar or grilled cheese sandwich, Campbell's chicken noodle soup, celery and peanut butter, mixed-fruit cup

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: Tacos
Tuesday: Hot dogs
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Chili, Fritos
Friday: Macaroni and cheese

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal, pineapple chunks, cinnamon toast
Tuesday: Pancake on a stick, syrup, apple quarters
Wednesday: Cereal, banana half, cereal bar
Thursday: Scrambled eggs, ham, hash browns, toast, jelly
Friday: Cereal, strawberries and bananas, cinnamon twist
Lunch menu
Monday: Hamburger deluxe, potato wedges, schoolboy apple, pudding
Tuesday: Deli turkey sandwich, mini pretzels, banana half, fruit roll-up
Wednesday: Turkey and noodles, steamed corn, strawberries and bananas, angel biscuit
Thursday: Nacho supreme, refried beans, power Jell-O, cinnamon twist
Friday: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, country gravy, fruit salad, dinner roll

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast served every day
Monday: Cheeseburger, French fries, oatmeal cookie
Tuesday: Pizza, bread sticks, sauce, green salad
Wednesday: Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, hot roll, butter, pumpkin pie
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, tater tots, carrot sticks, maple bar, fruit
Friday: Potato soup, crackers, bologna sandwich, fruit, cookie

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 chicken sandwich; tater tots, banana, pudding
Tuesday: Coyote grill bar; deli sandwich or grilled chicken and bacon wrap sandwich; potato chips, pineapple tidbits, fruit roll-up
Wednesday: Taco bar; deli sandwich or hamburger, French fries, apple, peanut butter cookie

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
Tuesday: Ham and cheese sandwich, yogurt, minestrone soup, peach crisp, rice treat. Self-serve bar: Hot dogs
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, boiled egg, roll, country blend vegetables, blueberry muffin, pineapple tidbits
Self-serve bar: Cheese nachos
Thursday: French bread sticks, lunch cheese, crackers, link sausage, hash brown potato patty, fruit bar: Taco salad
Friday: Hamburger, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, smoothie, fruit cocktail, waffle cookie. Self-serve bar: Spaghetti

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Soup and sandwich, vegetable, fruit
Tuesday: Barbecue ribs on a bun, vegetables, fruit
Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese, vegetable, fruit
Thursday: Sixth-grade choice
Friday: Spaghetti, O'Cheese, vegetables, fruit

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

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

GLENN FERRY

Monday: Ham and cheese pockets, tater tots, trail mix
Tuesday: Hoggie pizza, salad, fruit, apple turnover
Wednesday: Turkey tetrazzini, corn, fruit, hot roll
Thursday: Chicken burger, French fries, fruit cookie
Friday: Grilled ham and cheese sandwich, tomato soup, crackers, fruit

GOODING ELEMENTARY

Choice of milk served every day
Monday: Idaho nachos, salad bar or pizza basket
Tuesday: Hamburger with fries, potato bar or cheese stick with fries
Wednesday: Finger steak with mashed potatoes, salad bar or rib-bucc sandwiches
Thursday: Quesadilla with rice, potato bar or chicken bacon ranch pizza
Friday: Pasta bar, salad

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered every day
Monday: Chicken noodle soup, cheese sandwich, fruit, vegetable and salad bar
Tuesday: Hamburger, oven fries, fruit, apricot crisp
Wednesday: Pizza choice, vegetable choice, fruit, sherbet
Thursday: Turkey pot pie, biscuit, fruit, trail mix, fruit bar
Friday: Trout melt or chicken paty, oven fries, fruit, cookie

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Milk served every day
Breakfast menu
Monday: Choice of juice, breakfast sausage pizza, jelly donut, applesauce
Tuesday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, pancakes, butter, syrup
Wednesday: Choice of juice,

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choice of cereal, banana bread

Thursday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, yogurt, cinnamon toast
Friday: Choice of juice, fruit, rice, hash browns, eggs, toast
Lunch menu
Salad bar and choice of milk served every day
Monday: Waffles, scrambled eggs, ham, hash browns, strawberries, syrup
Tuesday: Tacos, salad, corn, pear halves, chocolate fudge
Wednesday: Sea burger or rib-bucc, French fries, spiced applesauce, breadsticks bar
Thursday: Italian spaghetti, bread sticks, spinach, orange halves or Mandarin oranges, Rice Krispie bar
Friday: Hamburgers, pickles, tater tots, apples, applesauce

JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served every day
Monday: Park party on a bun or nachos, carrots and celery sticks, apple or chilled peaches
Tuesday: Deli sandwich or chicken nuggets, potato salad or vegetables, grapes or apricot cobbler
Wednesday: Burrito or chicken and bacon roll-up, Mexican rice, Jell-O or banana
Thursday: Crisp tacos or mini corn dogs, corn, applesauce or kiwi
Friday: Rib-bucc or chicken burger or green beans, winter pears or strawberries over cake

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served every day
Monday: Cereal, pies
Tuesday: French toast, sausage
Wednesday: Cereal, hash browns
Thursday: Pancakes, muffins
Friday: Cereal, Pop-Tarts
Lunch menu
Monday: Baked chicken, potatoes, gravy, bread, butter, cake, peaches
Tuesday: Hoggie sandwich, chips, carrot sticks, granola bar, orange smiles
Wednesday: Hot turkey sandwich, potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, blueberry cobbler
Thursday: Chili, cheese, crackers,

vegetable sticks, cinnamon roll,

apple sauce
Friday: Bean burrito, green beans, cake, pineapple
Shoshone Schools
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal, muffin, pineapple
Tuesday: Yogurt, granola, crackers, peaches
Wednesday: Cereal, cinnamon toast, fruit mix
Thursday: Toast with peanut butter and jelly, trail mix, fruit
Friday: Cereal, muffin, applesauce
Lunch menu
Choice of white or chocolate milk every day
Monday: Soft-shell taco, corn, pink applesauce, fruit turnover
Tuesday: Hamburgers, tater tots, carrot sticks, pears
Wednesday: Chili, crackers, vegetables, peaches, sweet rice
Thursday: Oven-fried chicken, whipped potatoes, gravy, vegetable sticks, fruit, Jell-O, dinner roll
Friday: Chicken nuggets, green peas, fruit, dinner roll

WENDELL SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily
Monday: Chicken-nugget, potato wedges, baby carrots, wheat roll, jam, peaches
Tuesday: Burrito, salsa, corn, oatmeal muffin, oranges
Wednesday: Pizza, tossed salad, ranch dressing, orange halves, animal crackers
Thursday: Hot dog on a bun, ketchup, mustard, French fries, baby carrots, crunk, pudding
Friday: Soft taco, cheese, lettuce, tomato, salsa, cinnamon roll, applesauce

CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal, toast, apple
Tuesday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, banana
Wednesday: Oatmeal raisin toast, pineapple
Thursday: Chocolate chip pancakes, sausage, pears
Friday: Cereal, muffin, juice
Lunch menu
Monday: Pigs in a blanket, French fries, celery sticks, peaches
Tuesday: Taco salad, carrot sticks, blueberry cobbler
Wednesday: Chili, crackers, fruited gelatin, cinnamon roll
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MAGIC VALLEY

Outgoing state controller endorses two candidates

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE — Already endorsing one candidate, retiring state Controller J.D. Williams gave the nod this week to a Jerome native who is also seeking the job.

As Democrat Bob Sonnichsen, who grew up southwest of Jerome, kicked off his campaign for controller on Friday, Williams joined him and declared the banker qualified for the job.

Months earlier, Williams endorsed his chief deputy, Republican Keith Johnson, alarming some—in Williams' own Democratic Party. Williams is one of just two Democrats in Idaho holding statewide office.

"We have a great tradition of working in this office in the Democratic Party," Williams told a group of Sonnichsen supporters Friday, including former Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus.

"Bob Sonnichsen is qualified, my chief deputy is qualified. Now if for some reason my chief deputy does not win the Republican primary, then Bob Sonnichsen is much more qualified than the other Republican candidates."

—J.D. Williams, state controller

After the announcement, Williams explained that he's endorsing both men.

"Bob Sonnichsen is qualified, my chief deputy is qualified," he

said. "Now if for some reason my chief deputy does not win the Republican primary, then Bob Sonnichsen is much more qualified than the other Republican candidates."

Johnson is running in a crowded Republican primary that includes former state Rep. Donna Jones of Payette, now head of the state Real Estate Commission; and former lawmaker Gene Winchester of Kuna. Sonnichsen is the only Democrat seeking the post.

Williams would not say which he would pick if both ended up on the November ballot. "Then, it's a great choice," he said.

Idaho's state controller is the state's chief fiscal officer and manages the state's central computer service center and financial reporting and accounting systems. The office holder also serves on the state Land Board.

Sonnichsen, 42, is a bank vice president in Boise.

Education officials will hold public meeting

By Robert Mayer Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley educators will finally get to hear the good, the bad and the ugly of this year's legislative session as the state's top education officials swing through Twin Falls Monday on their statewide tour.

The public meeting, held at the College of Southern Idaho, will feature state Superintendent of Instruction Marilyn Howard and her entourage from the Idaho State Department of Education and will include a focus on property tax and school finance, a public school budget workshop, a review of new laws passed in the 2002 legislative session and standards implementation.

If you go...

- **What:** State Superintendent of Instruction Marilyn Howard and other officials from the Idaho State Department of Education will provide a 2002 legislative wrap-up.
- **Where:** College of Southern Idaho, Taylor Building, Room 277
- **When:** Monday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Who can attend:** The general public and Magic Valley educators are encouraged to attend.

low property values and low per capita income.

Also scheduled for discussion is the new slew of standardized tests that are waiting to be implemented. The movement had hit a snag when the federal government said the proposed plan of tests didn't meet federal standards, jeopardizing millions of dollars to the state of Idaho.

However, last Monday it was announced that the federal government has determined that they do indeed meet the requirements, allowing the state to continue, unabated, with their implementation.

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<p>Valley</p> <p>Katie Brock</p>  <p>Katie is a member of National Honor Society. She is Student Body Secretary, president of FCCLA and participates in volleyball, basketball and track. She plans to attend ISU majoring in education.</p>	<p>Murtaugh</p> <p>John Silvers</p>  <p>As Valedictorian, John is a 4-year letterman in football and track and 2-years in basketball. He is currently vice-president of National Honor Society and a member of BPA and VICA. John plans on majoring in Architectural or Mechanical Engineering.</p>	<p>Magic Valley</p> <p>Kyndell Madson</p>  <p>Kyndell is currently ranked number one in her class. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the National Honor Roll and is listed in the Who's Who Among American High School Students for three years. She plans to attend college.</p>
<p>Buhl</p> <p>Erik Van Patten</p>  <p>Erik is a member of NHS, FFA, and VICA. He plays soccer and baseball and is in the top 5% of his class. Erik's hobbies include hunting, fishing, and fly-fishing. He plans to attend CSI in the Fall with a major in Mechanical Engineering.</p>	<p>Oakley</p> <p>Shantel Whittle</p>  <p>Shantel attended Oakley High School and played basketball for two years, volleyball for four years and was awarded outstanding student in the Family and Consumer Science Department for two years. Shantel is currently serving on the Senary Council.</p>	<p>Hagerman</p> <p>Teresa Owsley</p>  <p>Teresa has been a four-year honor roll student. She has participated in BPA, NHS, H-Club and Student Council. She plans to attend Idaho State University majoring in education.</p>
<p>Hansen</p> <p>Ellen Freestone</p>  <p>Ellen has been active in Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Band and Pep Band, National Honor Society, Natural Helpers, Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Ambassador, Idaho Girl's State delegate, and Whittenberger Writing Project Scholar.</p>	<p>Twin Falls</p> <p>Kattalina Berriochoa</p>  <p>National Honor Society, Vice-President, Student Leadership, Student Ambassadors, Honor Roll, Academic Gold Key Award, Las Pasadas Minister, Animal Shelter Car Wash, Golf, Swimming.</p>	<p>Minico</p> <p>Andrea Knlep</p>  <p>Andrea is a valedictorian at Minico High School. She has participated on Minico's volleyball team. She is a member of the National Honor Society and Business Club. She's been accepted into Boise State University's Honors Program to study Civil Engineering & English.</p>
<p>Burley</p> <p>Haley Fletcher</p>  <p>Haley is Senior Class President at Burley High School. She plans on attending college next year and hopes to pursue either international relation or pre-medicine.</p>	<p>C.S.I.</p> <p>Brent Norris</p>  <p>Brent graduated from Hansen High School as the Salutatorian. He's attending CSI and has become involved in student government. He's pursuing an Associate's Degree in secondary education. He plans to attend Idaho State next fall.</p>	<p>Raft River</p> <p>Chase Erickson</p>  <p>Chase is a 3 sport letterman. He participates in football, wrestling and rodeo. He plans to go to college to further his education.</p>
<p>Declo</p> <p>Angelica Parkinson</p>  <p>Angelica has been lead trumpet in the band program for three years. She has served as vice-president of FCCLA and is a member of the National Honor Society. She plans on becoming a registered nurse at the College of Southern Idaho.</p>	<p>Kimberly</p> <p>Eli Price</p>  <p>Eli has participated in three sports throughout high school. He is a member of NHS and has held various leadership positions in the community and church. He volunteers weekly with the developmentally disabled. He plans to attend BYU, ID.</p>	<p>Filer</p> <p>Sarah Chanel Brannen</p>  <p>Sarah is a senior at Filer High School with a 3.7 GPA. She's currently a member of the National Honor Society, President of Friends of the Library USA, and a member of the INEEL Scholastic team. She plans to attend college.</p>
<p>Jerome</p> <p>Amber Wade</p>  <p>Amber has been a Honor Roll Student and received recognition as an Idaho Top Scholar. She is involved in the Peer Counselor Program and Advanced Speech. She enjoys running track and cross-country.</p>	<p>T.F.C.A.</p> <p>Adrian English</p>  <p>Adrian has been an honor roll student since her freshman year of high school. She enjoys playing varsity volleyball and basketball, and competing in Hunter/Jumpers on her horse. Adrian intends to pursue college in the field of special education.</p>	<p>Bliss</p> <p>Callb Burk</p>  <p>Callb is a three-sport athlete, member of the National Honor Society, FFA and INEEL Outbow. He has been on high honor roll since his freshman year. He will be attending college and plans to major in Chemical Engineering.</p>
<p>Castletford</p> <p>Mark Hatch</p>  <p>Mark is a senior at Castletford High School. Currently he's serving as a class Secretary and FFA Student Advisor and is also a member of the National Honor Society. Mark's future plans are to attend the University of Idaho & major in Agricultural Engineering.</p>	<p>MV Christian</p> <p>Ben Hornbacher</p>  <p>Ben is the current Student Body President. He is a member of the National Honor Society and in Who's Who Among High School Students. He plans to attend George Fox University majoring in computer science.</p>	<p>Wendell</p> <p>Levi Vincent</p>  <p>Levi is a member of the National Honor Society. He was Homecoming King and voted most likely to succeed by his peers. He enjoys playing guitar and football. He plans to attend the University of Idaho majoring in psychology.</p>

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IDAHO

Idaho lawmakers approve scooter for sidewalks

The Spokesman-Review

BOISE - Never mind that there aren't any here yet - the new Segway Human Transporter can now be run legally on Idaho sidewalks.

Idaho lawmakers this year passed HB 550 to define the two-wheeled, upright, self-balancing scooters as essentially the same as motorized wheelchairs, which get the same access to sidewalks as pedestrians.

Inventors of the "Segway HT" are pushing legislation in 40 states - including Washington, where lawmakers got to go for a scooter to try out the newfangled thing, and Florida, where Gov. Jeb Bush rode one through the hallways of the state Capitol.

Idaho lobbyist Mike Brassey, a prominent attorney and former state budget chief, said he didn't know why Segway didn't bring the high-tech, stand-up scooters to Idaho to help promote the bill. "I wish they had," he said. "Of course if they'd given it to me, they might not have gotten it back."

Brassey said from his neighborhood just north of downtown Boise, he could easily use the Segway HT to coast down the sidewalk to work.

That's pretty much what the manufacturers of the Segway have in mind. The vehicle, which looks something like a push lawnmower but is loaded with technology including computers and a gyroscope that control its balance and movement, initially is being tested for use by mail carriers and beat-walking police officers.

"The Segway HT uses the same space as a pedestrian, and can go wherever a person can walk," the company proclaims on its Internet site.

The "self-balancing, electric-powered personal transportation devices," which travel at up to 12 1/2 mph, likely will sell for around \$3,000 once they're marketed to consumers later this year. The industrial model costs about \$8,000.

But when the first three consumer models were auctioned on Amazon.com last week as part of a benefit for children's science and math education, each went for more than \$100,000, to buyers in Texas, Illinois and Virginia.

Making - the Human Transporters sidewalk-legal in Idaho was an easy sell in the Idaho House this year, which passed the bill 62-6. But then it hit a bump in the Senate Transportation Committee, where it didn't get out until backers had agreed to an amendment supported by the Association of Idaho Cities, to give cities and highway districts the ability to regulate the "time, place and manner of operation."

"They worked very cooperatively with us," said Ken Harward, head of the cities association. With the amendment, he said, "We feel it's good legislation."

Cities just want to make sure

Crashed plane may have had problems with altimeter

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - A preliminary report says a state airplane that crashed in central Idaho, killing three occupants, may have had problems with its altimeter.

The state Department of Juvenile Corrections was using the plane to take 16-year-old Jacob Jorgensen from Idaho Falls to Boise.

Investigators said their review remains incomplete because the plane is still buried in deep snow.

"Not having the wreckage really restricts what information we have to go on," National Transportation Safety Board investigator Gregg Nelsmeier said.

The report says air controllers in Salt Lake City called Jay Lee Morris, the pilot of the twin-engine Piper, around 1:19 p.m. March 12 after radar showed it climbed to 15,300 feet. It had been cleared to fly to only 14,000 feet.

When the controller asked Morris for his altitude, he reported 5,600 feet, a nearly 10,000-foot discrepancy.

The controller then asked him to shut off his Mode C altitude reporting equipment, which was being used to track the aircraft.

When Morris shut it off, he reported he was at 14,000 feet.

folks on sidewalks are safe, Harward said, and he figures the transporter can fit in. "In our view, it fits on a sidewalk much better than it fits in a roadway."

Of course, he added, "I've never seen one other than on television."

So far, Segway legislation has been signed into law in 13 states, including Idaho and Washington, and six more bills are on state governors' desks.

The rest are still in progress, but none has run into significant opposition, said Matthew Dallinda, manager of state gov-

ernment affairs for Segway LLC. He said the bills are needed to define the new item, and to "create a regulatory framework for the operation of this very unique pedestrian device."

"We hope and expect that there will be many applications in your state," he said. "I think in Idaho there's an enormous amount of potential for its use, whether it be commercially or individually."

Segway officials picture people gliding on the scooters everywhere from warehouses and manufacturing plants to college cam-

puses to neighborhood sidewalks.

The legislation in statehouses all over the country was key to the marketability of the new product, which just isn't designed to be out in the streets with the traffic. Inventor Dean Kamen told the Associated Press in Florida, "I wouldn't want my mother to use this thing if she had to ride it among cars."

Brassey said, "It's designed so that persons using them are pedestrians, to go where pedestrians go and do what pedestrians do."



Hawaii State Senate President Bobby Bunde takes a spin on a Segway HT series commercial model demonstrated at the State Capitol Thursday in Honolulu, Hawaii.

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Section C

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“It’s a whole new verbiage, a whole new language. It’s like speaking Swahili.”

—Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Warren Stapp on learning a new system under coach Jon Gruden

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Which NBA team holds the record for the highest winning percentage in home games in a season?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Golf
Cove-Pepsi Best Ball Tournament at Twin Falls Municipal golf course

IN BRIEF

MV racers struggle at The Strip

LAS VEGAS — The second day of competition at the third annual NHRA SummitRacing.com National at Las Vegas Motor Speedway's "The Strip" was one that Magic Valley drag racers Diana Anderson and Bill Hakes would like to forget.

In the Super Gas event, Anderson was defeated by Steve Wargo of Denver to eliminate the Twin Falls racer from competition.

Wargo roared down the quarter-mile track in 144 mph. Anderson reached 143.26 mph.

In the Super Comp event, Ty Anderson of Vancouver, Wash., bested Hawks with a speed of 147 mph.

The Gooding racer reached 146 mph in his rear-engine Chevy.

Also in the Super Comp, longtime Jerome resident Dick VanderMeer moved into the final 16 of the event, reaching 166 mph in his Chevy dragster.

VanderMeer, who now lives in Nampa, will look for a championship in the sportsman class today.

Mini-Cassia Bulldawgs drop second game

BOISE — The Mini-Cassia Bulldawgs dropped their second game of the season Saturday night, losing to the Boise Roughriders 23-0 in Rocky Mountain Football League play.

Bulldawgs coach Dennis Hakes said turnovers are what hurt his team.

"We played on defense," Hakes said. "We just kept giving the ball to them."

Allen Hakes finished with 11 unassisted tackles and Dallas Hakes had nine catches to lead Mini-Cassia (0-2).

The Bulldawgs host the Snake River Rebels at Minico High School on Saturday.

Muni Ladies Golf holds first meeting

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Municipal Ladies Golf Association held their first general meeting April 4.

Following the meeting the ladies played a scramble. The winning team with a 69 was Patty Lee, Sandra Hill, Bernice Howa, and Bobby Sherwood.

April 11 play will be "1 million-gain or nine" and the ladies need to sign-up for their tee time on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER: The Boston Celtics, 976, 40-1, in 1985-86.

Catch 'em if you can

Raft River Trojans should again compete for state track titles

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

Can anyone catch the Raft River Trojan track team? This year's team is working on a streak of five straight state titles, while the boys are looking to get back atop the medals podium after their streak of four straight titles was interrupted by a fourth-place finish last year.

What's the secret to the Trojan success each spring? The water?

Something in the air? "Maybe it's running out here in Malita into this wind," girls coach Paul Edwards said. "No. I just attribute it to the luck of the draw." It has to be the athletes. "We get a real good turnout and for whatever reason they really buy into track," Edwards said. Even with the loss of Karla Freestone to graduation and her 10 gold medals in four trips to state, the Trojans have plenty of firepower back. Tami Lee, Tara Hutchison, Tana Hutchison, Lucy Thomas, Jill Harper, Jennifer DeNaughel, Christi Edwards and Kari Ward are all state placers who return for the Trojans.

SPRING High School Previews

The Times-News concludes its high school sports previews with 1A Track and Field.

"We have a real good group of girls," he said. "But I don't know how we even stack up in the conference or in the district."

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Pole vaulting deaths lead to rule changes

The Times-News and The Associated Press
BOISE — Idaho State pole vaulters will wear helmets at a weekend meet following the death of at least three vaulters nationally this year. Local high schools have also made moves to ensure the safety of vaulters. Raft River bought Olympic-sized mats for its vaulters to fall into this spring and Trojan girls coach Paul Edwards said safety is always the first concern. "No one is allowed to jump without a coach present," he said. "If you take the proper precautions and have proper mats, I

can't imagine something happening." Edwards, who is doubly interested as a parent of pole vaulter Christi Edwards and the coach of the team, said he doesn't feel that helmets are necessary. "I'm not even sure I could get my girl to wear one," he said. "But if we made them mandatory, I'm sure she would." Other high schools are requiring helmets. "I know that Soda Springs requires its vaulters to wear helmets," Raft River boys coach Jeremy Qualls said. The helmets ISU will wear will be light but still provide good protection.

Comeback kids

Spartans pull out 8-4 victory over Boise

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The comeback kids — also known as the Minico Spartans — pulled through again.

This time the Spartan baseball team erased a 2-1 lead in the fifth inning to collect an 8-4 victory over the visiting Boise Braves Saturday at Warburton Field.

"I think we've come from behind in five of those six wins," Spartan coach Russ Wright said.

In the nightcap, the Spartans took just five innings to dispatch Boise, winning 19-3. Minico improves to 7-4 with the win. But the Game 2 win proved to be costly for Minico, as junior Skyler Worthington broke his leg in the first inning sliding into first to beat out a bunt.

Worthington was Minico's leading hitter.

"It's a tough blow," Wright said. "It's going to take some time to adjust."

In the first game, Spartan junior pitcher Nate Tracy (2-2) kept Minico in the game early, recording five of his strikeouts in the first four innings when offense was hard to come by for the Spartans.

Tracy became more confident after getting out of a bases-loaded, one-out situation in the first inning by forcing a pair of pop flies.

"It helps me pitch better if I get out of a jam or two," he said. "My curveball felt really good. I don't think my fastball was working that good, but my curve and changeup were."

In the third inning, Tracy paid for a mistake when pitcher Joe Balbas' two-run shot sailed over his head.

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Minico Spartan's John Fennell takes out Boise Brave's Rob Walker at second base during a double play in the fifth inning of the first game during their doubleheader at Minico High School Saturday.

Minnesota finally nabs hockey title

The Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Minnesota had been waiting 23 years for an NCAA hockey title, so nobody minded that the winning goal was scored by someone from out of state.

Grant Potulny scored on a power play 16:58 into overtime, giving the Golden Gophers a 4-3 victory over Maine on Saturday night — their first championship since 1979.

"When I came here, the guys didn't even blink an eye," said Potulny, a sophomore from Grand Forks, N.D., who scored twice in Minnesota's semifinal victory over Michigan on Thursday night. "I've got that 'M' tattooed on my chest, and I'm a Golden Gopher for the rest of my life."

Minnesota was less than a minute from having to wait at least another year for its elusive title fourth national title, but Matt Koslaka tied it on a sixth-attacker goal with 52.4 seconds left in regulation after the Black Bears took a 3-2 lead with 4:33 remaining on Robert Lisack's goal.



Minnesota left wing Grant Potulny, facing camera, is mobbed by teammates Nick Angell (28) and Pat O'Leary, left, on Saturday after he scored the game-winning goal to beat Maine 4-3 in overtime in the NCAA Frozen Four championship in St. Paul, Minn.

"It was our time," said Gophers coach Don Lucia, who opened the state's borders for the first time in more than a decade when he recruited Potulny. John Fohl had a goal and two assists for the Golden Gophers, 4-8 in NCAA title games.

Eagles rally to take series

The Times-News

PRICE, Utah — At least now the College of Southern Idaho baseball team has a comeback victory to build from.

The Golden Eagles recovered from a 6-0 deficit in Game 2 to rally for a 7-6 win, as CSI took the season series from the College of Eastern Utah Saturday in Price, Utah. CSI won the first game 4-2.

"We really needed that second game to prove that we are a team capable of making comebacks," CSI assistant coach Boomer Walker said. "It gives us a little confidence. In the past we might have just folded up our tents and gone home after falling behind like that."

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the tying run in the sixth inning of the second game. Nick Connor drove in Tom Myers with two out in the top of the seventh to win. Myers' two-out triple in the seventh fueled the comeback. Josh Wolfram also went 2-for-3 with two doubles.

"That was a great hit for Nick," Walker said. "He's been struggling in the hit so it was nice to see him get that."

Sophomore Brad Burrow (6-4) came on in relief in the second game to get the win. Maurice Powell took the win in the first game, allowing just two hits in 4:23 in relief. Nate Bumsstead earned the save.

"Maurice pitched well for us," Walker said. "It was nice to get those two wins."

The Eagles travel to Treasure Valley Community College for four games starting Friday. A linescore and statistics from the second game were unavailable due to problems at CEU.

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SPORTS

Twin Falls splits with Highland in opener

The Times-Herald

POCATELLO — Bradford Salinas delivered four hits and scored six runs as the Twin Falls High baseball team split with Highland to open play in Region III. The Bruins recovered from a 6-5 loss in the first game to dump the Rams 17-5 in five innings in the nightcap.

In the first game, the Bruins led 5-2 going into the seventh, but allowed four runs in the bottom frame. The Rams scored the game-winning run when Tyler Maxfield hit a Highland batter with the bases loaded.

Andy Coats did a pretty good job and left after the sixth with a 5-2 lead. Twin Falls coach Matt Rasmussen said, "And then things just kind of fell apart."

The Bruins recovered in the second game with a seven-run second inning to put the game out of the reach early. Jake Archer finished the day with four hits and four RBIs and Maxfield went 3-for-4 with two RBIs in Game 2. He also picked up the win.

Twin Falls (7-3, 1-1 Region III) hosts Minico on Wednesday.

Local sports

POCATELLO, 1000-1119
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Glenns Ferry 3, Mountain Home 14, Glenns Ferry 1

GLENN'S FERRY — Scot Uhl hit a walk-off home run in the first game as Glenns Ferry salvaged a split with Mountain Home, taking the first game 3-2 before losing the second 14-1.

Uhl went 2-for-2 with two RBIs and a homer and Zach Simmons went 2-for-3 with an RBI and two doubles to lead the Pilots in Game 1. Mountain Home's Martin Daniels was 3-for-5 with two doubles and four RBIs in the second game.

Glenns Ferry (8-3) hosts Wood River Monday.

Glenns Ferry, 1000-1119
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Wood River Tournament Wood River 8, Preston 3

HAILEY — Wood River took two at the Wood River Tournament, beating Preston 8-3 and Jerome 13-12.

Matt Beck picked up the win against Preston. Kellen Chatterton had two hits.

Wood River, 1000-1119
Preston, 1000-1119

Wood River 13, Jerome 12

No information received

Jerome vs. Preston

No information received

Softball

Buhl 12, South Fremont 6

AMERICAN FALLS — Whitney Ordonez picked up a pair of wins as the Buhl softball team defeated South Fremont 12-6 and American Falls 9-2 Saturday in American Falls.

Megan Berks went 2-for-2 with three RBIs in the first game to pace Buhl. In the second, Sherry King delivered a double and two RBIs.

The Indians (5-2) host Declo on Wednesday.

Buhl, 1000-1119
South Fremont, 1000-1119

Nampa Christian 5, Glenns Ferry 1

GLENN'S FERRY — Two unearned runs hurt Glenns Ferry as the Pilots fell 5-1 Saturday to Nampa Christian. Kenzie King knocked in Glenns Ferry's lone run in the third

inning. The Pilots struck out 17 times in the game.

Kandace King struck out five and walked just three in the loss.

"Kandace pitched a good game," Glenns Ferry coach Kelli McKenney said. "We gave two unearned runs that cost us."

Glenns Ferry (6-8) meets the Wood River junior varsity team on Monday.

Nampa Christian & Glenns Ferry, 1000-1119
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Late results

Jerome sweeps at Mountain Home meet

MOUNTAIN HOME — The Jerome boys and girls track teams swept at the Mountain Home track meet, winning both team titles easily. The boys scored 113 to bidston and Mountain Home, while the girls posted 93 points.

Jerome, 1000-1119

Track

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Magic Valley baseball holds observation day

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Baseball League will be holding observation day on Saturday at Harmon Park. The league is open to Twin Falls area boys ages 13-through-18. Registration for players ages 13 to 14 begins at 8:30 a.m.

Players ages 15 to 18 can register at 12:30 p.m. A parent signature is needed on the release form and a copy of the players birth certificate is also required.

The fees is \$60. Observations begin at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. for each respective age group.

For more information contact Gary Levitt at 731-7476 or Linda Brittsan at 733-4600.

Gym-Mania girls team does well at state meet

BOISE — The Gym-Mania girls gymnastics team qualified nine girls for the Region

2 Championships in Seattle at the recent Idaho State Gymnastics Championships.

Heather Carlist, Bianca Hite, Megan Grigsby, Jaime Fox, Kaeli Tankersley and Tamara Jamson all qualified in Level 8, while Kyrie' Kelly, Allison Carlist and Kellen Patterson made it in Level 9. The Gym Mania girls won the Level 9 team competition.

McKenzie Martinez, Christina Roth, Erica Farnsworth, Hayli Worthington, Kaylee Leguit and Kenzie Quattlebaum all were given All-State awards.

There were also 15 Gym-Mania athletes who won individual gold medals, including Patterson, A. Carlist and 'Adamson in the all-around; Fox and Leguit in the vault; Patterson, A. Carlist, Adamson, Martinez and Farnsworth in the uneven bars; A. Carlist, Grigsby and Martinez in the beam; and A. Carlist, Adamson, Whitney Morgan, Martinez and Worthington in the floor exercise.

Compiled from staff reports

Track

Qualls said it's his throwers who have been most impressive in the early going.

Deryk Barrett and Tyrel Thomas have both been showing a lot of promise in the shot put and discus.

While the Trojans' fourth-place finish broke a string of state titles, Qualls said it was not a disappointment.

"That was a real accomplishment for that group," he said. "We were real happy with that performance."

Hagerman, which finished second to Idaho City last year, has a strong contingent back, with state placers Nathan Jayo, Tim Silver, Austin Knight, Whitney Martin and Brian Brown all back.

Oakley also should again be strong after finishing third last year with numerous underclassmen on the squad.

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A LOOK AT THE TEAMS

1A NORTHSIDE

Bliss Bears

Coach: Diana Butler and Laren Erkins.

2001 finish: N/A. Returning state placers: Josh Bishop.

Outlook: Bliss will be struggling in numbers. The Bears only have one returning runner who went to the state meet last year in Josh Bishop.

Coach says: "We will be very small as far as participation goes. The freshmen who are running will have to step up."

Camas County Mushers

Coach: Bill Sweet, 8th season

Assistant coach: John Boz.

2001 finish: Boys (4th district, 13th state), Girls (3rd district, 12th state).

Returning state placers: Brandon Blodgett, Jessy Lemona, Nate Dalin, Eric McGuire, Zach Lee, Annika Backstrom, Frayce Backstrom, Duchesse Marnif, Bethany Engledast, Becky Schlemmer.

Outlook: Brandon Blodgett should place well for the boys in the long jump and the triple jump at all meets. The girls should also be very strong in the field events.

Coach says: "We have a lot bigger team out this year with around 22 boys and 19 girls. We are looking to place well in every event."

Carey Panthers

Coach: Elaine Tingey (boys), 35th season; Lane Kirkland (girls), 2nd season.

2001 finish: Boys (6th district), girls (4th district).

Returning state placers: Destiny Simpson, Shawn Hennefer, Ginger Ehlman.

Outlook: Carey returns 12 district meet finishers to the team this season. Should be quite strong in field events this season. Sprinters and distance runners should also be very strong.

Coach says: "Raft River should be our best competition this year but we should be able to compete with them in most events."

Shoshone Indians

Coach: Larry Messick, 28th season

Assistant coach: none

2001 finish: N/A

Returning state placers: none

Outlook: Shoshone returns three girls from last year's district meet in junior Courtney Sorenson (3,200 meters), 1,500 meters) and seniors Monica Uhrig (high jump) and Amber Strout (200 meters).

The Indians will also have the services of Sarah Eubsmith in the triple jump and the long jump. The two returning boys are seniors Josh Craig and Greg Russell, who both can compete in shotput and discus.

Shoshone will look to improve from last year.

1A SOUTHSIDE

Castelford Wolves

Coach: Randy Maves, 1st year

2001 finish: N/A

Returning state placers: Drew Maves, Jamie Bergama, Rachel



Raft River's Caitlin Edwards scales the pole vault during the Gooding Invitational at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind last year. Edwards is one of several girls returning to the Trojans team this season looking to defend their state team title.

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Hagerman Pirates

Coach Lonnie Funkhouser, 4th season Assistant coach: Shilo Hall.

2001 finish: Boys (11th district, 2nd state)

Returning state placers: Nathan Jayo, Tim Silver, Austin Knight, Whitney Martin, Brian Brown, Teresa Owsley, Alicia Jester.

Outlook: Hagerman has many boys that are new to the sport of track. Girls will also be very young and inexperienced. Not many returning state placers.

Coach says: "We have a large number of boys and girls out this year and it will be interesting to see how they do on the varsity level."

Hansen Huskies

Coach: Lori Fischback, and Jim Lass.

2001 finish: N/A

Returning state placers: Tom Bloshan, Cody Towers, Bonnie Freestone, Ellen Freestone, Alicia Stimpson, Angela Wilson, Jessica Rato.

Outlook: Some great long distance male competitors. However, Huskies will fall short in the boys field events. Girls will also lose some points in the field events.

Coach says: "We should get some more boys relay teams that will help us out quite a bit. With the girls, we have some great returning sprinters and middle distance runners."

Murtaugh Red Devils

Coach: Jennifer Crystal. Assistant coaches: Stacey Winn, Levi Perkins.

2001 finish: Boys (11th district), Girls (2nd district, 2nd state)

Returning state placers: Ben Roseborough, Lacey Perkins, Jillian Cutler.

Outlook: The boys will be very competitive this year with many returning runners. The Devils will have a good's state team following last year's state runner-up showing.

Coach says: "Our strength on the boys side will be the number of participants. Our girl numbers are low but we've added some talented freshmen and we'll have some quality, self-motivated athletes."

Raft River Trojans

Coach: Jeremy Qualls (boys), Paul Edwards (girls)

Assistant coaches: Randy Spahr, Dennis Lee.

2001 finish: Boys (3rd district, 4th state), Girls (1st district, 1st state)

Returning state placers: Quinn Hayden, Kade Ward, Shane Anderson, Adam Darrington, Tami Lee, Tara Hutchison, Tana Hutchison, Lacy Thomas, Jill Harper, Jennifer DeNaveghel, Heather Edwards, Karl Ward.

Outlook: Both the boys and girls teams should compete for district and state titles. The girls are coming off a state championship season.

Coach says: "Both of our girls and boys teams are good young groups with outstanding work ethic and attitude."

Minico

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the left field fence with a stiff wind giving it a ride to put Boise (6-7) up 2-0.

"He just made one mistake and paid," Wright said. "And then he got happy."

The Spartans got one run back in the bottom half of the inning when center fielder Skyler Worthington brought Jason Tominga home on a fielder's choice hit to short.

Tominga, who led off the inning by getting hit by a pitch, was the first base runner for the Spartans.

The Spartans soon got their offense going with a six-run fifth inning.

"We just swung our way into the game," Wright said.

But first, second baseman Gabe Frank got aboard when Balbas issued the only free pass of the day.

Right fielder Kody Cole drove Frank and Greg Schow, who got on the bases with his second infield hit of the day, home with a single up the middle.

"That was big," Wright said. "Especially since Kody Cole hasn't been doing as well as he

would like of late."

Back-to-back RBI doubles by first baseman Luke Bitton and shortstop John Fennell brought home Cole and Worthington.

Both came home to score to put the Spartans up 7-2.

The Spartans did allow a pair of runs in the sixth inning after Bob Robbins and Luke Raynor led the inning off with consecutive singles.

Minico didn't help its cause with a pair of errors in the frame. They finished with six errors in the game.

"We have some things to work out before we become the type of club we can be, and before we can go where we want to be," Wright said.

Helmet

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head protection, Bengal coach Dave Nielsen sent Friday.

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SPORTS

Came Home punches ticket as favorite at Kentucky Derby

ARCADIA, Calif. (AP) — John Toffan can laugh now about how Came Home attracted no buyers on three different occasions.

"I'm totally giddy," he said. "Toffan will be chuckling all the way to Churchill Downs after Came Home stamped himself as the early Kentucky Derby favorite with a 2.25-length victory in Saturday's \$750,000 Santa Anita Derby.

Ridden by Chris McCarron, Came Home covered 1.8 miles in 1:50 and paid \$4.20, \$3.40 and \$2.80 as the wagering favorite.

Easy Grinds returned \$5.40 and \$4, while Lusty Latin was another three-quarters of a length back in

third and paid \$5.60 to fourth. Mayakovsky finished fourth, U S S Tinnos was fifth, Jack's Silver Shub, Proud Citizen seventh and Danthelegressman was last.

He carried 122 pounds. Came Home, who was bred by part owners Trudy McCaffery and Toffan, inspired his name when he didn't sell. He has dominated the 3-year-old division at Santa Anita this winter.

"What's so special about this horse is that somehow we weren't meant to sell this horse. He was meant to come home. There's some meaning in that," McCaffery said.

Came Home first entered the

sale ring at Keeneland in 1999, and was bought back for \$650,000. He went unsold at two later auctions. McCaffery and Toffan sold part interest in the colt to Will Farish and John Goodman after Came Home won the Hopeful Stakes last year.

So why didn't anyone buy the colt? "People who had looked at the horse thought he was a little bit small," McCaffery said.

"You wonder how much they really know," Toffan said. "You can't measure how much heart a horse has got."

Although the time was slow, Came Home answered questions

about his ability to go the distance, which is an eighth of a mile shorter than the Kentucky Derby.

"If you place a lot of emphasis on that, you're making a mistake because the track today is not that flat," McCarron said. "Former jockey Bill Hartack used to say the only time time means anything is when you're looking through those bars."

McCarron said Came Home's effort only looked like a struggle. "He appears to stall a bit around the turn, but I'd like to give him some credit and say that he's conserving his energy for that last furlong," he said. "I've never had to apply the sticks as vigorous-

ly as I did today." Came Home stalked leader Mayakovsky for much of the way before taking a short lead near midstretch. Easy Grinds briefly struck his head in front before McCarron urged Came Home into the lead.

"I always believed this horse would get a mile and an eighth," said Came Home's trainer Paco Gonzalez, who was bombarded daily by people asking that question. "I know the horse was training good, I know he was going to run good."

About three weeks ago, Came Home got caught in his stall at Santa Anita and strained a muscle

when his legs went out from under him. It set back his workout schedule.

"He loves to roll," Gonzalez said. "We didn't find anything wrong."

Came Home has six wins in seven career starts, with the victories coming by a combined 23 lengths. His only loss was in the Breeders' Cup juvenile in November, when he battled a strong headwind at Belmont Park.

"He's got everything it takes to win the Kentucky Derby," McCarron said. "He's got talent, he's got class, determination, all the good qualities that you need to go to the Derby."

SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Auto racing: NASCAR Winston Cup, Fox, 10:30 a.m. Golf: Senior PGA Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf, ABC, 11 a.m. Baseball: MLB, N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, TBS, noon. Basketball: NBA, Milwaukee at Philadelphia, NBC, 10:30 a.m. Tennis: 2002 Davis Cup, Quarterfinals - United States vs. Spain, ESPN, 1 p.m.

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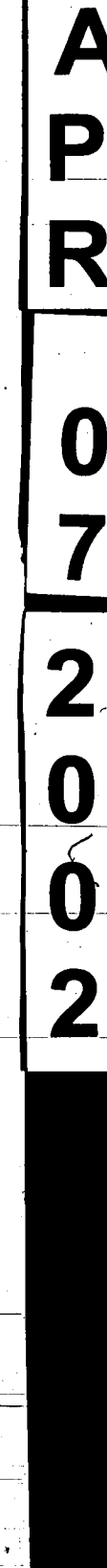
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SPORTS

One costly power outage

By Tim Cowlshaw
The Dallas Morning News

ARLINGTON, Texas — Alex Rodriguez has arguably proven himself as the best young hitter in baseball. So what happens when he becomes the worst hitter on the Rangers?

This won't last long, Rodriguez's resume suggests, but it's already pushing him into danger zone for a team as fragile as the Rangers. They have owned the cellar in the American League West the last two years and will have no trouble securing the basement again if they continue to hit as they did in Friday's 3-1 home-opener loss to Anaheim.

Did I say hit? I meant miss, at least in Rodriguez's case. After going 1-for-14 against tough-tout Oakland's Rencostes 0-for-4 with three strikeouts Friday against tough-to-spell Scott Schoeneweis.

His .056 batting average has a lot more to do with the Rangers' 1-4 record than the failed efforts of the much-maligned Ranger pitching staff.

"Our team is going to hit," said Rafael Palmeiro, whose double was the only extra-base blow of the game until Anaheim's Troy Glaus homered off Ismael Valdes in the seventh.

"We know we're going to hit. We've got track records. You think A-Rod isn't going to hit?"

Rodriguez always has. In his first five seasons in Seattle, Rodriguez failed to hit .300 once, hit fewer than 35 home runs once.

That consistency came to Texas as part of the \$252 million package last year. Rodriguez never had a month in which he hit below .300 for the Rangers. Never had a month in which he hit fewer than six home runs. And only one month when he failed to drive in 20 runs.

The only thing more dependable than his bat was the Ranger bullpen's inability to capitalize on it.

That's why the ever-steady Rodriguez suggested Friday that losing close well-pitched games is much more encouraging than losing slugfests as the team did so often in 2001.

"When we lose when we give up three runs, we know we're going to hit. If we lost 12-0, it would be like, 'Here we go again,'" he said.

Rodriguez surely has had other five-game stretches in which he failed to collect more than one single, but, as he pointed out, "Everything is magnified because it's the first week of the season."

"Obviously, we're disappointed the way we're playing the first five days, but we know we're going to hit and hit very well. It would have been nice to win today, but I don't think it's that big of a deal."

Even if we can make the assumption that at some point A-Rod will hit a home run, that does not necessarily mean this offense will be A-O.K. Even with a lineup of four potential Hall of Famers and strong support from Rusty Greer, Frank Tompkins, Gabe Kapler and the rookie Hank Blalock, this is a stagnant team.

Through five games, the Rangers have no steal attempts, no sacrifice bunts. When the Rangers' power goes out, the game is over.

"That could be our handicap, manufacturing runs," A-Rod acknowledged. "I think today we were too aggressive at the plate, attacking too much. The nature of this business is that your offense is going to beat good hitting."

"You have to execute fundamentals, you're not going to pound guys day after day. You've got to create runs. We'll get better at that."

It's not so much a knock on manager Jerry Narron. When A-Rod and Gonzalez and Palmeiro come to the plate, there's no sense in talking the bats out of their hands with runners caught stealing. And yet Kapler and Catalano both have been successful at least 75 percent of their attempts last year, so it wouldn't be a gamble to send them.

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Barry Bonds makes a diving catch Saturday in San Francisco as the Giants beat the Padres, 4-1.

A little glove to go with that bat

Bonds' catch helps Giants top Padres

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds helped the San Francisco Giants win their fifth straight game with his glove, not his bat.

Bonds had a spectacular sliding catch with the bases loaded and scored the go-ahead run on J.T. Snow's sixth-inning single as the San Francisco Giants remained undefeated, beating the San Diego Padres 4-1 Saturday.

"He's got some Gold Gloves," Giants manager Dusty Baker said. "We really aren't surprised by anything he does, either defensively or with the bat."

Bonds, who hit a record 73 home runs last season, was homerless after hitting five in the first four games to the Lou Brock's pace in 1967. Larry Walker hit six home runs in the first five games in 1997.

Aaron Puliz (1-0) earned the win in relief for the Giants, who remain the only undefeated team in the majors. Robb Nen earned his second save.

San Francisco starter Kurt Ainsworth, an Olympic gold medalist making his first career start, got into trouble in the third, loading the bases with no outs for Ryan Klesko, returning from a season-opening suspension.

Klesko popped up to shallow left, where Bonds sprinted before making a dazzling sliding catch. Without missing a beat, Bonds jumped up and hurled the ball to catcher Benito Santiago in time to catch Padres starter Kevin Jarvis coming in from third.

"I thought, all right, we've got a chance," said Ainsworth, watching Bonds' catch anxiously from the mound. "And then he had that perfect throw to the plate."

After Phil Nevin grounded out to end the inning, the fans gave Bonds a standing ovation as he headed to the dugout.

The Padres made it 1-0 in the fourth inning on Sean Burroughs' RBI double down the left-field line.

The Giants came close in the bottom half. Rich Aurilia doubled before going to third on Bonds' deep flyout to the 421-foot marker in right-center. Jeff Kent and Reggie Sanders both walked to load the bases for Snow, who lined first for the double play.

The Giants went ahead in the sixth. Aurilia singled, Bonds walked and Kent reached on shortstop Deivi Cruz's error to load the bases. Sanders sacrifice fly scored Aurilia, and Snow singled to score Bonds. David Bell scored Kent with another single.

Jarvis (0-2) allowed two runs on four hits over five innings.

Bell added another RBI single — scoring Bonds — in the eighth. "I don't know how we only got one run, to be honest," Padres manager Bruce Bochy said. "We took some chances. But we've got to get some runs over the plate."

Kent returned from the disabled list, where he opened the season because of a broken bone in his left wrist. He missed the Giants' first four games of the season and all but two games in spring training.

The former NL MVP told reporters he injured his wrist while washing his truck. But later reports said he might have had an accident while riding his motorcycle near the Giants' spring training home at Scottsdale Stadium.

Bonds, an eight-time Gold Glove winner, finished 0-for-2 with two walks and two runs scored.

Major League Baseball

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East Division											
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr		
New York	4	1	.800	-	4-1	W-4	2-0	2-1	0-0		
Los Angeles	2	2	.500	1	2-1	W-1	1-1	1-1	0-0		
Tampa Bay	3	2	.600	1	2-2	L-2	3-0	0-2	0-0		
Baltimore	2	2	.500	1.5	2-2	L-2	1-2	1-0	0-0		
Baltimore	1	4	.200	3	2-1	L-4	1-4	0-0	0-0		

Central Division											
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr		
Cleveland	4	1	.800	-	2-1	W-3	0-0	4-1	0-0		
Minnesota	4	1	.800	-	2-1	W-2	0-0	4-1	0-0		
Chicago	2	3	.400	2	2-3	W-1	0-0	2-3	0-0		
Los Angeles	2	3	.400	2	2-3	W-1	0-0	2-3	0-0		
Kansas City	0	5	.000	4	0-5	L-5	0-2	0-3	0-0		
Detroit	0	5	.000	4	0-5	L-5	0-2	0-3	0-0		

West Division											
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr		
Seattle	3	1	.750	-	3-1	W-3	3-1	0-0	0-0		
Anaheim	2	2	.500	0.5	2-2	W-2	1-2	2-0	0-0		
Oakland	3	2	.600	0.5	2-2	W-1	3-1	0-0	0-0		
Texas	1	5	.167	3	1-5	L-2	0-2	1-3	0-0		

NATIONAL LEAGUE											
East Division											
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr		
Florida	3	2	.600	-	3-2	W-1	0-0	3-2	0-0		
Montreal	3	2	.600	-	2-3	W-2	1-2	2-0	0-0		
New York	3	2	.600	-	2-3	W-2	1-2	2-0	0-0		
Atlanta	2	3	.400	1	2-3	L-2	2-3	0-0	0-0		
Philadelphia	2	3	.400	1	2-3	L-1	1-1	1-2	0-0		

Central Division											
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr		
Pittsburgh	4	1	.800	-	4-1	W-4	0-0	4-1	0-0		
St. Louis	3	2	.600	1	2-3	W-2	1-2	2-0	0-0		
Cincinnati	2	3	.400	2	2-3	L-2	2-3	0-0	0-0		
Houston	2	3	.400	2	2-3	L-2	2-3	0-0	0-0		
Milwaukee	2	3	.400	2	2-3	L-1	1-1	1-2	0-0		
Chicago	1	4	.200	3	1-4	L-3	0-2	1-2	0-0		

West Division											
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr		
San Francisco	5	0	1.000	-	2-0	W-5	2-0	3-0	0-0		
Arizona	3	2	.600	2	2-3	W-1	2-1	1-1	0-0		
Colorado	2	2	.500	2.5	2-2	L-1	0-0	2-2	0-0		
Los Angeles	2	3	.400	2.5	1-3	W-1	1-3	0-0	0-0		
San Diego	1	4	.200	4	1-4	L-2	0-0	1-4	0-0		

AMERICAN LEAGUE Saturday's Games											
Minnesota 7, Toronto 5	NY Yankees 3, Tampa Bay 0	Boston 4, Baltimore 2	Cleveland 5, Detroit 3	Chicago White Sox 14, Kansas City 0	Anaheim 6, Texas 3	Oakland at Seattle, late					

Today's Games											
Minnesota (Padre 0-0) at Toronto (Coper 0-0), 11:05 a.m.	Tampa Bay (Yankee 0-0) at NY Yankees (Gomes 1-1), 11:05 a.m.	Boston (P Marzino 0-0) at Baltimore (Maduro 0-0), 11:35 a.m.	Cleveland (Sabathia 0-0) at Detroit (Weaver 0-0), 12:05 p.m.	Chicago White Sox (Richie 0-0) at Kansas City (Suggan 0-0), 12:05 p.m.	Anaheim (Hudson 0-0) at Texas (Rogers 0-0), 1:05 p.m.	Oakland (Hudson 0-0) at Seattle (Royer 0-0), 6:05 p.m.					

NATIONAL LEAGUE Saturday's Games											
Montreal 5, Cincinnati 2	Pittsburgh 4, Chicago Cubs 1	Florida 7, Philadelphia 3	San Francisco 4, San Diego 1	N.Y. Mets 11, Atlanta 2	Arizona 8, Milwaukee 3	St. Louis 8, Houston 4	Colorado at Los Angeles, late				

Today's Games											
N.Y. Mets (Lester 1-0) at Atlanta (Moss 0-0), 11:05 a.m.	Montreal (Lazrusz 0-0) at Cincinnati (Hammon 0-0), 11:15 a.m.	Florida (Demeter 0-0) at Philadelphia (Parson 0-1), 11:35 a.m.	Arizona (Schilling 1-0) at Milwaukee (Sheets 1-0), 12:05 p.m.	Pittsburgh (Villone 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 0-0), 12:20 p.m.	St. Louis (Rife 0-0) at Houston (Lowe 1-1), 1:05 p.m.	San Diego (Toborg 0-1) at San Francisco (L Hernandez 1-0), 2:05 p.m.	Colorado (Hampton 0-1) at Los Angeles (Brown 0-1), 2:10 p.m.				

White Sox hammer Royals

'El Duque' dominates in Yankees victory

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Magglio Ordonez had three hits, a homer, four runs and three RBIs and Paul Konerko also drove in three runs as Chicago posted its biggest shutout win in 15 seasons, winning 14-0.

Mark Buehrle (2-0) went six shutout innings and raised his career record to 5-0 against American Kansas City as the White Sox won their most lopsided shutout since a 17-0 win at Cleveland in 1987.

It was the worst shutout loss for Kansas City since falling 17-0 to Detroit in 1997. Sandy Alomar went 1-for-4 with a homer and two RBIs and Tony Graffanino and Carlos Lee added two RBIs apiece for the White Sox, who had lost three straight.

Yankees 3, Devil Rays 0

NEW YORK — Orlando Hernandez pitched one-hit ball over eight innings to win his first start of the season, Ron Coomer homered in his first at-bat with the Yankees and New York beat Wilson Alvarez in his return from a two-season layoff, topping the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 3-0 Saturday.

Yankees manager Joe Torre got his 1,480th career victory, tying Earl Weaver for 18th place on the career list. The four-time defending AL champions have won four straight since losing their opener, even though their biggest offseason addition is scuffling.

Jason Giambi went 0-for-1 with two walks and a hit by pitch, dropping to 2-for-17 (.118) with no RBIs.

Twins 7, Blue Jays 5

TORONTO — Jacques Jones hit his third home run and Doug Mientkiewicz and Jay Cantano each had two RBIs as Minnesota beat Toronto.

LaTroy Hawkins (1-0) pitched 1.2-3 scoreless innings for the win. Eddie Guardado pitched the ninth for his fourth save in as many chances.

Mientkiewicz hit an RBI double off Scott Eyre (0-1) in the first inning and the Twins added five runs in the second.

Red Sox 4, Orioles 2

BALTIMORE — Nomar Garciaparra hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning to ruin a late pitching performance by Scott Erickson and lift Boston past punchless Baltimore.

Erickson (1-1) blanked the Red Sox through six innings and allowed one run through seven. But with scores tied at 1, the right-hander ran into trouble in the eighth after retiring the first two batters.

Rickey Henderson and Johnny Damon singled. Garciaparra followed with a liner to left that was glove by stepping Melvin Mora, but the ball fell in the outfield after his ninth hit the top of the 7-foot wall.

Casoy Fossum (1-0) pitched two innings for the win, and Ugueth Urbina worked the ninth for his second save.



New York's Orlando 'El Duque' Hernandez delivers a pitch for the Yankees in their 3-0 win over Tampa Bay Saturday in New York. Hernandez pitched eight scoreless innings.

Indians 5, Tigers 3

DETROIT — Ellis Burks drove in two runs, Brady Anderson homered and Bartolo Colon was solid as Cleveland beat Detroit.

The Tigers (0-5) are baseball's lone winless team and are off to their worst start since losing the first six games in 1992.

Colon made few mistakes in his second outing of the season after becoming Cleveland's first pitcher in 34 years to throw an opening-day shutout. He gave up three runs, five hits, a walk and struck out four in 6 2-3 innings. Bob Wickman pitched the ninth for his second save.

Angels 6, Rangers 3

ARLINGTON, Texas — Troy Glaus homered twice, and Ramon Ortiz tamed the powerful Texas Rangers lineup again to lead the Anaheim Angels to a 6-3 victory Saturday night.

With the bases loaded and two outs in the bottom of the ninth, Alex Rodriguez hit a long drive off Al Levine that was caught on the warning track in left field.

Thinking he had connected for a game-winning grand slam, Rodriguez raised his arms and pumped his fist as he started toward first base. But the wind seemed to hold the ball in the park, and Garret Anderson made the catch in deep left.

Ortiz (1-0) overcame early home runs by Rodriguez and Rafael Palmeiro to improve to 7-1 career against the Rangers. He is 17-19 against everyone else.

Johnson strikes out 12 as Diamondbacks beat Brewers

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Randy Johnson beat Milwaukee for the 13th straight time, striking out 12 in seven innings for Arizona as the Diamondbacks won 6-3.

Johnson, 40, who is undefeated in his last 15 starts against Milwaukee, allowed one run, five hits and three walks. He improved to 16-4 against the Brewers, who last beat him on Oct. 5, 1992, at old County Stadium.

Brewers right-hander Nick Neugebauer (0-1) gave up three runs and three hits in five innings in his third major league start and first since offseason shoulder surgery.

Steve Finley and Tony Womack homered for Arizona.

Pirates 6, Cubs 1

CHICAGO — Josh Fogg pitched seven shutout innings in his first major league start and Pittsburgh rallied to its fourth win in five games.

Fogg, acquired along with Sean Lowe and Kip Wells from the White Sox for Todd Ritchie in an offseason trade, allowed just five hits to get his first big league win.

The Pirates got a run in the second off Matt Clement (0-1), who was making his Cubs debut after a spring training trade from Florida. Pittsburgh knocked Clement out in a four-run sixth with three runs.

Expos 5, Reds 2

CINCINNATI — Tomo Ohka gave up only a solo homer in five innings and Montreal took advantage of another slatstick Cincinnati inning to beat the Reds.

The Expos sent nine batters to the plate and scored four runs in the sixth with only one hit — an infield single. Montreal got four walks and a sacrifice fly, and third baseman Aaron Boone made a pivotal error.

Marlin 7, Phillies 3

PHILADELPHIA — Eric Owens hit a tiebreaking RBI single with two outs in the eighth inning and Alex Gonzalez added a three-run homer in the ninth for Florida.

The Marlins, who squandered a 3-0 lead in the seventh, were back ahead in the eighth, with Owens' hit off Jose Santiago (0-1).

Vladimir Irvin (1-0) pitched 2 1-3 scoreless innings in relief of rookie Josh Beckett to get the win.

Mets 11, Braves 2

ATLANTA — New York scored nine runs in the ninth inning — eight off Atlanta closer John Smoltz (0-1) — to beat the Braves.

The Mets won at Turner Field for the second night in a row despite losing All-Star catcher Mike Piazza to a bruised knee in the sixth inning. Piazza's replacement, Vance Wilson, hit a two-run double off Smoltz in the ninth.

Rays scored to draw in the go-ahead run in the ninth and Roy Ordonez had a three-run double in the inning.

Cardinals 8, Astros 4

HOUSTON — Albert Pujols hit his first homer of the season and drove in three runs to lead St. Louis over Houston.

Matt Morris (2-0) gave up two unearned runs in six innings as he ended a two-game losing streak to the Astros. He gave up six hits and two walks and struck out seven.

Eliezer Hernandez and Mike DiFelice also homered for the Cardinals, who have won the first two games of the series between the teams that finished with 93-69 records in the NL Central last year.

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Duncan's jumper buries Mavericks

Spurs pull within half-game of division-leading Dallas

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tim Duncan's biggest contribution of the fourth quarter came when it counted most.

Duncan's only field goal of the fourth period was an 18-foot jumper over Dirk Nowitzki with two seconds left to lift the San Antonio Spurs to an 89-87 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Saturday in a showdown of Midwest Division leaders.

The Spurs moved within a half-game of the division-leading Mavericks, and have an easier schedule down the stretch.

Dallas (52-23) has seven games remaining, five against playoff-bound teams. San Antonio (52-24) has six left, three against teams heading to the postseason.

Duncan led all scorers with 33 points, but scored just 11 points in the second half. The game-winning shot was his only field goal in the final period.

"I've been having some really horrible second halves lately," he said. "That shot was huge for me."

Nowitzki, who finished with 26 points and 21 rebounds, second-guessed his defensive tactics on the final play.

"I probably should have played him closer and made him drive," he said.

San Antonio Coach Gregg Popovich said the win was a matter of simply hanging on as Dallas charged back from a nine-point deficit in the last three minutes.

"We were fortunate enough to have the ball last," Popovich said.

Antonio Daniels scored 13 points for the Spurs. Danny Ferry added 11, including a pair of 3-pointers in the final period, and Bruce Bowen 10. David Robinson had nine points and 13 rebounds.

Nick Van Exel led Dallas with 27 points, including 19 in the second half, and Michael Finley added 19 points.

Van Exel questioned the officiating, pointing at the Spurs' 45-19 advantage in foul shots. "That big a difference is ridiculous," Van Exel said.

Just as in the first three meetings between the teams, the outcome was decided at the foul line at the end.

Van Exel made a running jumper and was fouled on the play. He made the free throw, pulling Dallas within three points, 80-77, with about two minutes left.

Bowen scored for San Antonio. Van Exel made a 3-pointer that was matched by Ferry, making it 85-80 with 45 seconds left.

The Mavs failed to score on their next possession, and Bowen was fouled while going for a rebound. He missed both free throws with 30 seconds left.

Van Exel then made a runner in the lane, cutting an Antonio's lead to three. Tony Parker was fouled on the inbound pass and converted one free throw for the Spurs.

On Dallas' next trip down, Van Exel was



San Antonio forward Tim Duncan celebrates after making the game-winning shot against Dallas Saturday in San Antonio. Duncan had 33 points as the Spurs won 89-87.

fouled while shooting a 3-pointer. He made all three at the line with 15 seconds left as the Mavericks closed within 86-85.

Duncan made one of two free throws and Nowitzki hit a jumper that tied the score at 87 with eight seconds remaining before Duncan hit the game-winner.

Mavericks point guard Steve Nash, who is averaging 19 points and eight assists, left the game at halftime with a stomach ailment. He was scoreless with two assists in 18 minutes.

The Spurs made their first four shots in jumping out to a 8-0 lead before Nowitzki hit a turn-

around jumper at 9:59 for Dallas' first points. San Antonio's defensive pressure proved troublesome for the Mavs early. But Finley pulled Dallas within one, 23-22, late in the first by scoring 12 points in less than five minutes.

Dallas went ahead 31-29 a runner by Van Exel before Daniels took over. He scored 11 points on 4-for-5 shooting in the quarter and the Spurs used a 16-6 run to build a 10-point advantage by the break.

Duncan secured his league-leading 62nd double-double of the season early with 22 points and 10 rebounds in the first half.



Cleveland Cavaliers guard Andre Miller, left, and Orlando Magic center Horacio Grant battle for a loose ball Thursday in Orlando. Miller, the NBA leader in assists, has been playing extended minutes since backup Jimbo Coles went down with an injury, and admits he has been wearing down.

Too much Miller time

Extended minutes begin to wear on guard's abilities

By Chris Tomasson Knight Ridder News Service

CLEVELAND — At first, Cavaliers point guard Andre Miller didn't want to admit he has been wearing down. Then he was confronted with the evidence.

He was told about the vast difference in his recent first- and second-half statistics. He was informed that Cavs coach John Lucas and Jimbo Coles, the team's injured backup point guard, both say he's been getting tired.

Finally, the former University of Utah guard fessed up.

"I'm not going to say that I'm not tired," Miller said. "It depends on how the game is going."

Miller, averaging 16.5 points and an NBA-high 10.7 assists, has been without a true backup since Coles was lost for the season in early February with a knee injury. In the past 29 games, Miller has averaged 40.4 minutes.

In the past five games, it's become quite evident that Miller becomes weaker as the game progresses. In the first half of those games, he averaged 7.4 points, 6.5 assists and 3.2 assists in 20.8 minutes while shooting 16-of-29 (55 percent). In the second half of those games, Miller averaged 6 points, 4.2 assists and 1.6 rebounds in 18.6 minutes while shooting 9-of-27 (33 percent). In his past four fourth periods, a time when Miller used to take over games, he has averaged 2.5 points and 1.8 assists while shooting 3-of-9. Miller had no points and no assists in 12 fourth-quarter

minutes last Saturday against Charlotte. In Thursday's 105-101 loss at Orlando, he shot 1-of-3 in the fourth quarter and had two key turnovers.

"I'm not going to use him being tired as an excuse," Lucas said. "He is tired, but it's not an excuse. He's got to play through it. I would like to get more rest for him. But Baron Davis (of Charlotte last week) played 96 straight minutes of basketball. Andre's got to get in better shape."

So the observers note that Dave, Seattle's Gary Payton and Houston's Steve Francis are point guards who average more than 40 minutes per game and never seem to get tired. Lucas wants Miller, averaging 37.3 minutes for the season, to respond to extended time in a similar fashion.

"One of the problems that he's got to work on is he does everything with the ball," Lucas said. "He needs to just catch and shoot open shots and relax. He's doing everything to get to the hole and spin off the dribble. Sometimes, we need to just throw him the ball and he shoots."

Miller, who sat out practice on Friday so he could get some extra rest, also is running into teams that are well aware he has no true backup. A game plan is drawn up to take advantage of that.

"I think I'm in pretty good shape, but I've got to get in even-better shape," Miller said. "I've got to do work in the weight room as far as getting strength for my lower body."

In the meantime, Lucas said Miller never has complained to him about being tired. Before Miller would make such an admission to a reporter, it took everything shy of setting up a monitor and breaking down video

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—Cavs coach John Lucas

Garnett helps Minnesota beat fading Suns

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Kevin Garnett had 32 points and 11 rebounds to lead Minnesota to a victory over Phoenix, 108-104.

Chauncey Billups had 19 points and 11 assists for the Timberwolves. Wally Szczerbiak added 19 points.

Shawn Marion scored 18 of his 20 points in the second half for the Suns, who lost for the fourth time in five games.

Stephon Marbury started the game on the bench because of a sore left ankle, but finished with 23 points. Jake Voskuhl scored a career-high 20 for the Suns, whose reserves outscored their starters 61-43.

Cavaliers 120, Bulls 101

CLEVELAND — Andre Miller had 23 points and 16 assists, leading the Cleveland past Chicago, just the Cavaliers' second victory in five games.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 16 points and 13 rebounds for Cleveland.

Jalen Rose scored 18 of his 30 points in the third quarter as Chicago's losing streak reached nine games. The Bulls have lost 17 of 18.

Wizards 88, Grizzlies 85

WASHINGTON — Chris Whitney made two free throws with 13.4 seconds left, and Jason Williams

missed two 3-pointers — including a wide open look from the baseline at the buzzer — as Washington broke a four-game losing streak with a victory over Memphis.

The victory, the first for the Wizards since Michael Jordan announced he was out for the season, moved Washington within three games of Indiana and Toronto, who are tied for eighth place in the Eastern Conference.

Richard Hamilton and Courtney Alexander scored 15 points apiece, and Whitney had seven points and six assists for the Wizards.

Pau Gasol scored 16 points, and Williams had 15 points and 11 assists for the Grizzlies.

Hornets 93, Hawks 86

ATLANTA — Jamal Mashburn scored 25 points and Charlotte overcame a poor shooting performance by Baron Davis to beat Atlanta.

Charlotte, which has won three straight and four of five, moved within a half-game of fourth-place Orlando in the Eastern Conference standings.

P.J. Brown had 14 points and 14 rebounds for the Hornets.

Shaheed Abdul-Rahim led the Hawks with 21 points and 12 rebounds. Jason Terry scored 19 for Atlanta.



The Suns' Shawn Marion fouls Minnesota's Kevin Garnett (21) Saturday in Minneapolis. Garnett scored 33 points in a 108-104 Timberwolves win.

New York stays alive in playoff hunt with 6-4 victory over Bruins

BOSTON (AP) — Matthew Barnaby set up a pair of first-period goals by Petr Nedved and added an empty-net score, helping the New York Rangers extend their slim playoff hopes by beating the Boston Bruins 6-4 Saturday.

The Rangers have won four straight games, all on the road. But they will miss the postseason for the fifth straight year with any combination of their losses or Montreal wins totaling two.

Eric Lindros, Sandy McCarthy, and Martin Rucinsky also scored for New York.

Boston had power-play goals by Glen Murray and Brian Rolston. Bill Guerin and Sergei Samsonov also scored for Boston.

Center Joe Thornton returned to the Boston lineup after missing

13 games with a left shoulder injury and had two assists.

Islanders 5, Capitals 4

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Seven seasons of embarrassment were finally wiped away New York clinched a playoff spot Saturday night, one year after posting the worst record in the NHL.

Oleg Kvasha, Eric Cairns, Kenny Jonsson, Jason Blake and Michael Peca scored in a 5-4 win over the Washington Capitals, giving New York its first postseason berth since 1994. A sellout, T-shirt-waving crowd chanted, "Playoffs, Playoffs" as New York was winding up its first victory over Washington in five years.

Washington rookie Nolan Yonkman, Jaromir Jagr and Glen

Metropolit scored in the third period to give the Isles a late scare. Dmitri Krustich had the Caps' first goal.

New York entered the game with a 22-game winless streak (0-19-3) against Washington, longest in the NHL between any two teams. The Islanders' previous win against the Capitals was March 2, 1997.

Flyers 3, Penguins 1

PHILADELPHIA — Justin Williams and Jeremy Roenick had goals, and Roman Cechmanek made 17 saves as Philadelphia snapped a five-game losing streak.

The Flyers, who won for just the second time in 10 games at home, are three points behind

Boston for the top spot in the Eastern Conference with four games remaining. They are just 10-3 since the beginning of March.

Pittsburgh, which is out of the playoff race, has lost a season-high six in a row.

Cechmanek won for the first time since Feb. 27. He had missed 13 games with a sprained right ankle before returning on April 1.

Canadians 4, Blue Jackets 1

MONTREAL — Patrice Brisebois had a short-handed goal and an assist, and Jose Theodore made 19 saves as Montreal extended its winning streak to five games.

Stephane Quintal, Yanic Perreault, and Joe Juneau also

scored for Montreal as the Canadiens solidified their hold on the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Columbus' Mike Sillinger scored with 4:24 left to ruin Theodore's shutout bid.

Maple Leafs 2, Panthers 2

TORONTO — Trevor Kidd made 46 saves for Florida, which earned a tie by killing off a two-man advantage in overtime.

Peter Worrall and Olli Jokinen scored for the Panthers.

Mats Sundin had his 39th goal and Darcy Tucker his 20th for the Maple Leafs.

Predators 3, Flames 1

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Nathan Perrott made his first NHL goal, a game-winner as the Nashville Predators beat the Calgary Flames 3-1 Saturday night.

The victory was only Nashville's second in its last 10 home games (2-7-1).

Nashville's Scott Hartnell wasted little time scoring the first goal of the game. With 91 seconds elapsed in the first period, Vitaliy Yachmenev hit Hartnell with a pass as he skated in from the right wing. His shot beat Calgary goaltender Roman Turek.

Calgary's Jarome Iginla got his 49th goal in the first period.

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SPORTS

Poor putting sinks Mickelson

Goosen capitalizes, takes two-stroke lead at BellSouth

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — Phil Mickelson's putter let him down again. Retief Goosen was there to take advantage Saturday.

Golf The South African, whose only victory on American soil came in last year's U.S. Open, shot a 4-under-par 68 in the third round of the BellSouth Classic to take a two-stroke lead over Mickelson.

Goosen launched a streak of five birdies in six holes by sinking a 20-foot putt at No. 9, one of the toughest tests on the TPC at Sugarloaf.

Goosen had bogeys at 16 and 18, finishing with a 14-under 202. Mickelson was at 204 after shooting a third-round 71.

Mickelson frustrated the 310-yard 13th to rekindle memories of a similar debacle at The Players Championship.

Mickelson drove onto the green for the second time in three days, but it did him no good. His first putt, downhill from about 50 feet away, stopped short and left a testy 3-footer.

The birdie attempt slid 6 feet past the hole, and the comebacker missed, too. Mickelson finally tapped in and walked off the green shaking his head.

Denmark's Thomas Bjorn (69) was third at 205.

Tewell jumps to top of Legends of Golf leaderboard

AUGUSTINE, Fla. — Doug Tewell made an eagle from the fairway on the first hole — a great start to a day that left him in the lead after the second round of the Legends of Golf.

Tewell used a 6-iron to sink his second shot from 173 yards on the par-4 opening hole. It was the highlight of a round of 6-under 66 that left him at 9-under 135 for the tournament.

One stroke behind was his playing partner, Stewart Ginn, who shot a 67. Tom Jenkins shot the low round of the day, a 65 that left him tied with Hale Irwin, two strokes back at 137.

Pak opens lead at Office Depot Championship

LOS ANGELES — Se Ri Pak, widening her lead with an eagle on the hole she double bogeyed a day earlier, shot her second consecutive 4-under 68 to take a three-stroke advantage into the



Retief Goosen hits from the 18th fairway Saturday at the BellSouth Classic in Duluth, Ga. Goosen shot a 4-under-par 68 on the day and leads the tournament at 14 under.

final round of the Office Depot Championship.

On the 463-yard, par-5 No. 17, where she had hit in the water and three-putted from 11 feet for a 7 the previous day, she hit a good drive, stroked her 9-iron onto the fringe 18 feet from the pin, then rolled in the winding putt for an eagle 3.

Annika Sorenstam, who came from 10 shots back on the last day to win last year, was second at 5-under 139 after a 68 on the El Caballero Country Club course.

Laura Diaz, whose victory two weeks ago in Tucson, Ariz., was her first on the tour, was four shots behind Pak after shooting a second-round 69. Michelle Estill, whose lone LPGA win came in her rookie year of 1991, had a 70 that left her five shots behind Pak.

Sizzling speeds raise questions

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — All this talk about record-breaking speeds at Texas Motor Speedway amuses the Winston Cup drivers.

"This is racing," Dale Earnhardt Jr. said. "We're supposed to go fast."

Still, the repaving of the 1.5-mile oval since last year's race has brought a greater sense of uncertainty and danger to the Samsung/Radio Shack 500.

Led by longtime speed demon Bill Elliott, 12 of the 43 drivers in today's lineup were faster than the previous Texas qualifying record. Elliott's 212,809 mph at then-unrestricted Talladega in 1987 remains the fastest qualifying lap.

His 194,224 on Friday was the fastest stock car qualifying speed at any NASCAR track other than Daytona and Talladega — the two superspeedway ovals where carburetor restrictor plates keep the cars under 200 — and Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Atlanta, a similar 1.5-mile layout owned by the same Speedway Motorsports organization as TMS, also created a speed buzz when Geoffrey Bodine qualified in November 1997 at 197,478.

That, too, followed a track repaving and prompted NASCAR to toy briefly with the idea of using the horsepower-sapping restrictor plates, just as the sanctioning organization did this week.

Time has taken care of the problem, though. Last month, Elliott won the pole at the Atlanta track with a lap of 191,542.

"I think you'll see the same thing happen here," Bobby Labonte said. "Right now, we've got all the grip in the world and the track is just as smooth as it can be. After a couple of winters, we'll see."



Dale Earnhardt Jr., left, talks with a team member after qualifying on Friday for today's Samsung/Radio Shack 500 at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Tex. High speeds at the track have raised concerns, but Earnhardt doesn't think the speed is a problem.

Meanwhile, today's 500-mile race will be run on the new asphalt.

"The speeds are pretty high but you're not really thinking about it," Labonte said. "It's only a big deal when something goes wrong."

Ricky Rudd, who will start third today, echoed Labonte.

"The cars are fun to drive around here," he said. "To me, they're fun because they stick, they drive, you point it and they go in that direction."

But he's also thankful for the safety precautions on a track like this.

"I'd hate to think I was running around here without a HANS device or seats that are reinforced like they are today," Rudd said.

Complicating the situation, rain washed out the 90 minutes of practice Saturday.

"We haven't practiced with other cars around us, so we don't know how that's going to feel," Labonte said. "Trying to go fast by yourself is a little different than being out there with 40 other cars."

Most drivers agreed that today's race will be the toughest test yet for NASCAR's new cost-cutting one-engine rule. Teams are required to get through practice, qualifying and the race with a single engine.

"With the grip you've got on this track, you'll be going just as fast after 20 laps as you were on the first lap," Labonte said. "That's going to put more stress on the driver, the engine, every-thing."

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As Mother Nature's penicillin, compost is doing more than just curing what may all Magic Valley soil, it's also giving local dairymen a shot in the arm with their environmental practices, waste management systems and lower operating costs.

Sean Mallett, co-owner and general manager of Magic Valley Composting right outside of Jerome says that more and more local dairy producers are realizing the benefits of turning their farm's raw manure into a more viable recycled material.

"There's a cost savings to the farm in reduced hauling fees and it's a better product to use in the barn or in the field," Mallett adds.

Composting organic material has been part of our global culture for centuries - dating back to ancient Rome. At that time, the practice of composting organic materials was considered vital to maintain fertile and productive farm land. Today, that perspective is still highly regarded by Idaho's dairy community, one reason why there is more of a demand for composting services.

Composting is the process of naturally decomposing organic or plant material into a soil-like substance, Mallett explains.

The process is simple compost is created through an aerobic process by blending the proper amount of organic material such as manure, straw or wood chips to achieve a carbon to nitrogen ratio that will aid in microbial activity. The amount of nitrogen in the finished product will vary but on average it is lower than what is found in commercial fertilizers. The difference is that nutrients in compost don't leach

out, so the nutrients have a greater availability to the plants they're feeding.

Mallett says that composting has a dual benefit - for the dairy operation and the environment.

On the farm, composting helps reduce the amount of raw manure. Cow dung is largely comprised of moisture - up to 70 to 80 percent. All that moisture can add up to excess volume and weight. Composting removes the moisture, thus reducing the end product by 65 percent. Less material means the compost can be hauled further from its generation point and there will be fewer trucks on the road. Compost material is a great product to use as bedding material in freestall barns because the high temperatures required for the composting process kills pathogens in the manure such as e-coli and decomposes any antibiotics passed on by the cows or pesticides from the plant material.

Compost material is great in the field as it reduces soil compaction which means it takes fewer



trucks to spread the material and it improves plant quality and yields by up to 20 percent. Adding compost to the field makes for healthier soil, which will resist erosion from wind or water run-off and provides the

proper conditions for vigorous root development.

As for the environment, compost is completely earth friendly. Compost is a natural, organic material that assists the soil in retaining vital nutrients by banking the nutrients instead of allowing them to leach out. Those nutrients stay with the soil until the plants need it for nourishment.

Compost can help eliminate crop residues and it improves tillth. Soil treated with compost requires less commercial fertilizer and pesticides to maintain healthy crop productions. Compost saves on water as treated land has the ability to hold water for longer periods of time cutting down on the amount of water needed for the crops. Compost has a pleasant forest earth-like smell, and the

"More and more local dairy producers are realizing the benefits of turning their farm's raw manure into a more viable recycled material."

list goes on.

"It's quite simple," Mallett explains.

"Composting raw dairy manure makes sense because it can help save the dairy producer money in the long run but more importantly it's extremely good for the environment. And that's why dairymen like this; it's a win-win situation for everyone in the Magic Valley."

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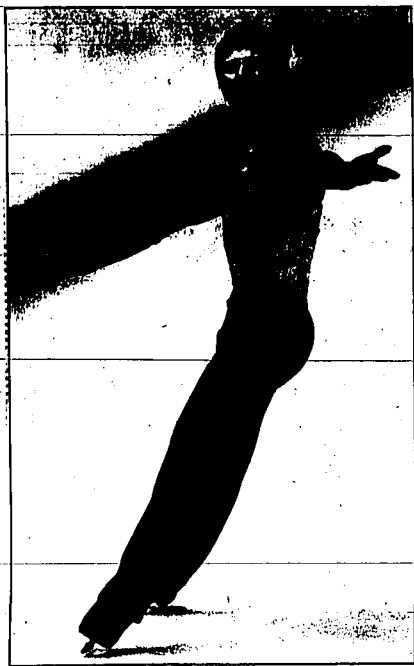
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SPORTS

1982 winners recall Boston Marathon experience



Russian figure skater Alexei Yagudin skates to a gold medal in the men's free skate program in the Winter Olympics at the Salt Lake Ice Center in Salt Lake City in February.

Yagudin says this year is only the beginning

The Associated Press

Coming off perhaps the greatest year any male figure skater has had, Alexei Yagudin is just getting started.

In the aftermath of a season that brought victory in every major competition, including Olympic gold and his fourth world championship, Yagudin has no thoughts of leaving competitive skating. He plans to spend more time than ever on the ice this summer on three tours, then compete in Skate America and Skate Canada during the fall.

Beyond that, he is not making any commitments, although it sounds as if the major events — the Grand Prix final in his native Russia and the world championships in Washington — remain very enticing.

The 22-year-old Yagudin laughs when told he sounds just like U.S. skating icon Michelle Kwan, who also expects to remain Olympic eligible — at least for the near future.

"I just want to do my job and it is really great that I like my job so much and what I am doing," Yagudin says. "Michelle also has been a four-time world champion, and I can understand how she is still competing and fighting. Sometimes you have got everything and it doesn't matter. She still pushes on. So

do I.

"At some time, you realize you have everything in skating, and now you must skate for the people and take that role more seriously. That is how I feel."

Just a few years ago, Yagudin was considered something of a rebel. He even was thrown off the Champions on Ice tour by promoter Tom Collins after the skater made off-color remarks to a security guard at a show in New York, then offended a reporter in Denver.

But Yagudin has grown up and grown into the world's most popular male skater. He not only will return to and headline Collins' tour, he is on the Skate The Nation and Stars on Ice shows in Canada.

He has impressed everyone with his maturity and versatility, characteristics that defined his unbeaten season.

"He has a great quality," 1988 Olympic champion Brian Boitano says. "He moves across the ice very effortlessly — he almost floats on top of it."

Yagudin is taking his status quite seriously. Unlike his predecessors as Olympic champion, Alexei Urmanov and Ilia Kulik, who quickly disappeared from the competitive scene, Yagudin understands he is the leader of a highly skilled generation that appears ready to stretch the boundaries of the sport.

BOSTON (AP) — Twenty years ago, Alberto Salazar and Dick Beardsley battled pain and each other through the countryside and over city streets in a mesmerizing Boston Marathon.

"I told him, 'That was the hardest I ever ran in my life,'" Salazar says.

He edged Beardsley to win that 1982 race, stood on the victory stand, then lay in the medical area while being treated for a steep drop in body temperature.

The 2-second difference was the closest in the race's history to that point. And it was the first marathon anywhere in which two runners broke the 2-hour, 9-minute barrier.

"As soon as we crossed the finish line," Beardsley said, "we both basically fell into each other's arms and congratulated each other."

Then Salazar called Beardsley onto the awards podium and raised his hand, one more link between men who had run in each other's footsteps for most of the last 9 miles. Beardsley led most of that stretch, but they often were close enough to hear the other breathe.

And then they went their separate ways.



Alberto Salazar of Wayland, Mass., looks over his shoulder to check on Dick Beardsley, now, of Rush City, Minnesota, as they neared the finish line April 18, 1982 in the 86th annual Boston Marathon.

Since that race, they've talked and met only a few times. They never ran in the same marathon again and neither returned to run in the Boston Marathon.

They simply led different lives — Salazar as a consultant to Nike and high school track coach in Oregon; Beardsley as a dairy farmer, fishing guide and motivational speaker in Minnesota.

They did spend time together, last fall at the Twin Cities Marathon in Minnesota.

"It was really a neat thing," Beardsley said. "Al and I both have kind of mellowed from our

competitive days and we really had fun together."

In 1982, Salazar won in 2:08:52, then a course record, and Beardsley finished in 2:08:54. Neither ran that fast again and only one American has run faster at Boston.

Salazar, then living in Wayland, Mass., won his third straight New York City Marathon later that year.

In that long-ago Boston Marathon, Salazar's strategy was to make several surges the last few miles to test Beardsley. With about 600 yards left, Salazar — a

better sprinter because of his track training — planned to make his move. But he misjudged the finish line and only had 150 yards to go before he took off.

Beardsley stepped in a pot-hole-with-about-600 yards left, got a charley horse in his hamstring but wasn't about to concede. He caught up, then took a deep breath with about 150 yards left.

"By the time I drew that breath, Al took off like a pistol," he said. "I ran a 2:08 and I finished second, but the disappointment was very short lived."

They ran in a 10-mile race in conjunction with the 2001 Twin Cities Marathon. Neither was in contention, and about a half-mile from the end, they orchestrated their finish.

Talking as they ran, they decided to take turns pulling ahead of the other, with Beardsley making the final surge.

"It was being billed, tongue-in-cheek, as a replay of the duel," Salazar said. "We're saying the next one will be the debreaker."

The next meeting will be in Boston, not as competitors but as two men back at the scene of a race in which neither would give an inch.

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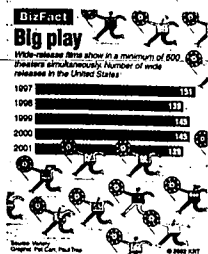
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The class will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. April 23 and 30 at Wendell High School. Cost is \$12. For registration information, call the CSI North Side Center at 934-8578.

Spokane, Post Falls, Bend, Ore., seek knife maker

SPOKANE, Wash. - Knife maker Buck Knives Inc. may move its headquarters to Post Falls, Spokane, Wash., or Bend, Ore.

Buck Knives employs about 300 people in the San Diego suburb of El Cajon, making hunting and utility knives.

The company is a large user of electricity, one of the reasons driving the decision to relocate, Vice President Phil Duckett said.

The privately held company wants to move to an area with a lower cost of doing business, including labor rates, he said.

Buck Knives has put its El Cajon property up for sale, but hasn't made a final decision to move, Duckett said. That decision will come in June or July, he said.

Post Falls and Bend appear to be the strongest contenders, said Bob Potter, who recruits business for Kootenai County.

It would take about two years to construct a 140,000-square-foot manufacturing plant and complete the move, Duckett said.

Chuck Buck, chairman of the 100-year-old company, is visiting the candidate sites this week. The company was founded by Buck's grandfather, Hoyt Buck, in 1902.

Many search for new jobs while on the clock

There's a dearth of openings in the labor market but many people who already have jobs are nonetheless looking for the next one - and usually while they're at work.

In a poll of more than 8,000 users of its Web site, HotJobs Inc. found that roughly two-thirds of those who voted said they're looking for a new position at the office despite fears they could get fired if found out.

Those fears aside, many said they didn't have any qualms about looking on the company's dime.

While not scientific, the Web site said 23 percent of the respondents are looking for a new job five days a week. Another 43 percent are spending at least six days a week searching. Two-thirds, or 66 percent, said they're looking for a new job of work every day.

Survey: People don't like automated phone service

Companies using automated phone attendants to deal with customer service might not be getting "automatic" satisfaction from their customers.

According to a survey by Mobius Management Systems, a Rye, N.Y.-based maker of software for customer service, most people don't like talking to a machine when they call with questions. The company surveyed 300 people by phone (using live operators) and found that 53 percent would prefer to talk to a real person instead of hearing an automated voice.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Construction grows in March

Building values in Twin Falls see 24 percent increase

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Home building once again led the charge. With permits for 30 new single-family houses in Twin Falls, the city in March enjoyed 23.6 percent growth in overall construction activity, compared with March 2001 values.

Twin Falls' construction starts last month posted a \$855,703 leap in total values as home building more than compensated for a shortfall in the commercial sector. The city issued building permits for projects totaling an estimated \$4.49 million for combined construction types.

By comparison, Twin Falls' construction values a year ago slid to 9.5 percent below the March 2000 total.

This March's growth brought year-to-date 2002's tally to \$12.23 million for combined types, compared with \$7.76 million for the first three months of 2001. That's a \$4.47 million advance in construction values so far this year, or 57.5 percent.

Local home builders are excited and optimistic, builder Jeff Gooding, president of Magic Valley Builders Association, said last week. Interest rates are still low, and plenty of potential buyers are showing interest in the market valleywide, looking for first homes or move-up options.

In Twin Falls, house builders are on a pace to outperform 2001, which set a new annual record for single-family home construction in the city.

March's 30 permits for new single-family homes topped by 30 percent the 23 of March 2001, and they're more than double the 14 such homes permitted in March 2000.

Those Twin Falls homes' average estimated value last month



Stanley Associates Inc. employees Will Sarrett, Doye Bryant and Ken Story, from left, lay forms for the concrete foundation of the new Norco Medical building at 573 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Recent numbers at a glance

Here's how Twin Falls' total construction values in the past six months stacked up against the same months last year.

Month	2002 Value	2001 Value
March	\$1,223,000	\$776,000
April	\$1,223,000	\$776,000
May	\$1,223,000	\$776,000
June	\$1,223,000	\$776,000
July	\$1,223,000	\$776,000
August	\$1,223,000	\$776,000

rose 25 percent to \$100,635 from the \$80,542 of a year earlier. That also topped March 2000's \$88,807 average.

Included in last month's single-family permits were two attached single-family dwellings that Rick Serrano is building on Twin Falls' Julie Lane, and four such dwellings that Jim Boyd is building on Filer Avenue West. They count as single-family homes because each is on its own piece of property and can have separate ownership.

Meanwhile, the city issued permits last month for no new apartments and for four mobile homes.

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The March report

Estimated values for construction that received permits in March from Twin Falls city:	March '02	March '01	March '00
New single-family homes:	\$3,019,050	\$1,243,295	\$1,243,295
New multifamily units:	0	\$411,048	\$411,048
New commercial projects:	\$709,570	\$1,306,290	\$1,306,290
Commercial alterations/additions:	\$518,999	\$768,857	\$768,857
Total (including such things as mobile homes, residential alterations and additions and signs):	\$4,487,341	\$3,411,048	\$4,012,195

Source: City building department

Banking, medical industries top T.F. commercial sector

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The commercial sector in March fell a little short of year-ago construction totals.

This month's permit activity in Twin Falls turned up several significant projects, including a new bank, a hospital's inpatient expansion and a new home for a medical-equipment business.

Here's the news behind some of the numbers:

Bank branch

Salt Lake City-based bank is Abuilding a new branch in Canyon Park - its only full-service, freestanding branch in Twin Falls. In town, Zions Bank already has a branch inside a grocery store, and a new loan-production office. Now the company aims to strengthen its market position here.

Cost of the construction project alone is \$329,900, he said. That does not include equipment. But the building permit shows an estimated value of \$400,000

More beds

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is converting existing office and other space to rooms for inpatient beds, spokesman Shawn Barigar said. The major remodeling project will add space for 16 beds - some in private and some in two-bed rooms.

Cost of the construction project alone is \$329,900, he said. That does not include equipment. But the building permit shows an estimated value of \$400,000

because the hospital hadn't yet opened construction bids at permit time, Barigar said. So the city's construction values for March include the \$400,000 value rather than the project's actual, lower cost.

Construction will start in the next 30 days and will not affect patient or visitor flow inside Magic Valley Regional, Barigar said. He didn't know the timeline for completion.

The remodeling accounts for a portion of the \$600,000 the hospital board in November approved spending to build rooms and buy equipment for increased inpatient capacity at the county-owned medical center on Addison Avenue West.

When all is done, Barigar said, Magic Valley Regional will have added 29 beds. Thirteen were already situated with minor remodeling projects.

Bigger digs

Bay area boomers are reaching a stage in life with more medical needs, Norco Medical branch manager Kurt Bywater said. And immigration is giving a boost to the

local population.

Those two factors have driven business expansion at Norco Medical, which sells home medical equipment and provides oxygen equipment and respiratory services. The business ran out of office and warehouse space.

So Norco's Twin Falls branch is replacing its Addison Avenue West location with a new, larger building across the street at 573 Addison Ave. W. The new structure should be finished July 17, and Bywater expects to make the move within a week of completion.

"We will move as soon as we can. I'd like to move right now," he said with a chuckle.

The shift will increase Norco's space from the current 4,050 square feet to 7,200 square feet. But it won't increase the services offered, nor will it immediately boost employment.

"We're still doing what we're doing, just having room to do it," Bywater said. "We'll just be better at it."

A building permit issued in March lists a \$225,124 value for Norco's new construction. Bywater said the business

recently sold to Magic Valley Regional the building Norco will vacate this summer.

"They are looking at it for an educational building," he said.

Elsewhere in town

Other March building permits of note:

- **NTCI-Idaho Inc.'s** 100-foot, one-pole telecommunications tower at 601 Pole Line Road, valued at \$95,000. The company is based on Pocatello.
- **Planned Parenthood** of Idaho's tenant improvements for a health clinic at 202 Second Ave. N. Planned Parenthood got the permit for the \$48,000 remodeling under the name OBCYN Group.
- **The Lotus House's** \$40,000 remodeling of space No. 205 in Magic Valley Mall. The Chinese restaurant is among a round of new tenants the mall announced earlier this year.

Values listed on building permits are estimated.

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Some say Mini-Cassia economy isn't so bad, just needs better planning

By Lorraine Cayner
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - It depends on whom you talk to.

Some will tell you the Mini-Cassia economy is in the pits and real estate in Mini-Cassia is doing poorly. Others indicate things are hunky-dory and real estate is doing great.

Keith Bryan, Burley, building inspector, laughed when asked about residential real estate. He said there is very little new construction.

In Burley, Bryan said, he had dealt with only two residential permits in the past month.

"There are not people moving in," he said.

From October 2000 to October 2001 he had seen only seven residential permits, he said.

Jim Brown, of Brown Realty in Paul, said there are a number of subdivisions in Mini-Cassia, but a program of some kind is needed to help fill them. A poor economy has contributed to subdivisions being filled with weeds instead of people, he said.

"There is no question that there are not many bare-land sales," said Stan Buckley, president of Mini-Cassia Multiple Listing Service.

But while there has been very little new-home construction,

existing home sales are up, he said.

The first quarter of 2001 showed 57 residential sales in Mini-Cassia, compared with 67 this year, Buckley said.

The average sales price last year was \$64,481, compared with \$79,318 this year, he said.

"The total dollar volume is up considerably," Buckley said. "There are some areas of the market that are doing good."

While 2001 showed a small decline from 2000, this year the market appears to be coming back, he said.

Interest rates are so favorable, they are at near-40-year lows," Buckley said.

But sellers are reducing prices or assisting with fees to compete for buyers.

"There are more homes for sale than there are buyers," he said.

One concern has been the large number of homes that are being repossessed and put back on the market, Buckley said.

The repossessions are spending-related, not economy-based, he said.

"People are being careless in the way they use the equity in their home," he said. "They are using it to pay off consumer debt."

While residential real estate has been slow, there has been

some commercial activity in Burley, Bryan said. That included businesses that relocated because of the Wal-Mart expansion in Burley.

Steve Keim, corporate real estate broker for NAI Commerce One, who handled the acquisitions for the Wal-Mart expansion, has a positive take on Mini-Cassia.

"It's a challenged economy in some ways," Keim said. "But the economy is stable and on the increase since the beginning of this year."

Wal-Mart's decision to build a superstore will keep shoppers in

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

BLISS - Stephanie Vos of Bliss represented the Junior Red Angus Association of America at the 2002 Youth Beef Industry Conference, held March 14-16 in Denver.

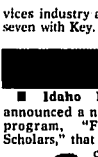


Stephanie Vos

Speakers from various segments of the beef industry addressed more than 130 junior beef leaders from 28 states during the event, sponsored in part by the U.S. Beef Breeds Council. The three-day event allows the leaders of state junior beef associations and national junior breed association boards to interact.

This year's event started with a visit to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association headquarters in Colorado. The following day, two panels moderated by Colorado State University professor Tom Field spoke on industry changes and what the future holds. After a night of entertainment at Anderson Farm near Longmont, Colo., the group attended workshops on public speaking and proper parliamentary procedure techniques.

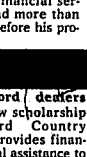
TWIN FALLS - KeyCorp said Kevin L. Guthrie was named vice president and relationship manager for the Middle East Banking group. He will be responsible for market relationship management in Twin Falls. Guthrie has more than 20 years of experience in the financial services industry and more than seven with Key. Before his pro-



Kevin Guthrie

TWIN FALLS - Christine's Clothier announced the addition of Sandra Bennett and Joy Beard to its sales team. Bennett and Beard have 20 years of combined experience in the fashion industry. They are customer service specialists and focus on personal shopping for customers. Both have experience working in plus-size women's wear, an area which Christine's is expanding, along with its petite department.

TWIN FALLS - Carla Sparks recently joined the firm of McDonald InsurServ as a commercial lines account manager. Sparks has been an insurance professional for 20 years and specializes in agricultural and small-business accounts.

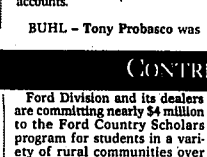


Carla Sparks

motion to vice president and relationship manager, he served in other capacities at KeyBank, including vice president of the commercial banking center. He serves on the board of directors of Blue Lakes Country Club and is a graduate of the Magic Valley Leadership Training program. He attended Pacific Coast Banking School in Seattle from 1991-93 and holds a bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. Guthrie has served on the board of directors for Pickett Equipment Co. and is a College of Southern Idaho foundation board member. He has been a recipient of Key's employee of the year award and was awarded a certificate of achievement for his financial services work in disaster recovery with victims of the 1976 Teton Dam break.

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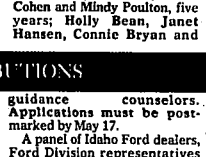


Tony Probasco

cited as the Buhl Chamber of Commerce's Extra Mile Award winner recently. Probasco is the store manager of Don's Thriftway Supermarket in Buhl and has 26 years in the store. He worked for previous owners starting at an early age. Probasco was nominated by friends who said he goes the extra mile to see that customers are satisfied. Probasco makes sure elderly customers are assisted when needed and encourages co-workers to ask whether customers need help. Probasco is single and lives in Buhl. He received a plaque from Mayor Barbara Gietzen, compliments of Middlekauff Ford, and grant certificates from Grandstands Sports Grill, Sam's Mart Drug, Corner Mart and Mane Way Hair Salon. Middlekauff also donated an oil change, and Clear Lake Country Club issued a free fishing pass. Primrose Lane Floral Shop donated a bouquet.

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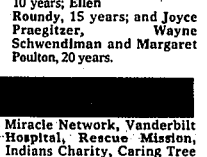
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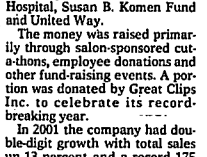
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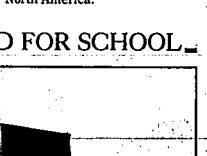
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Margaret Poulton

MILESTONES

Buhl ranch signs high-selling female at State Sales Sale
BUHL - The Idaho State Sales Sale, held March 26 in Caldwell, is the largest running consignment sale in the West. This is the 18th year for this sale. There were buyers from Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Utah and Nevada. There was strong demand for females, organizers said. The high-selling female was consigned by Sunken Canyon Ranch in Buhl. A black polled purebred, JCG B.J. 021K, was bred to the Denver Reserve Champion bull, GGT P Challenger. She sold to Camas Prairie Sales of Reubens for \$1,500. Sunken Canyon Ranch also sold two more females bred the same as the high-selling female for \$1,450 and \$1,150.



U.S. Bank Small Business Center offers tips on the Web
TWIN FALLS - The U.S. Bank Small Business Center is open and ready to offer small businesses tips via the Internet for needs beyond basic banking. The center will help business customers increase their revenues and public presence, help protect against fraud and enhance their online capabilities, the bank said. The small-business center, in partnership with DigitalWork, lets users obtain credit reports to evaluate suppliers, have custom Web sites created for their businesses, distribute banner advertisements to generate traffic, purchase lead lists for direct-mail campaigns and distribute news releases. The center is at www.usbank.com/smallbusinesscenter. While there, businesses may learn about the service before purchasing it and may sign up, paying with a credit or debit card. All of the services can be done online and most start at less than \$100 per transaction. The Web site also will provide updated news and stock quotes, links to financial tools and calculators and advice for small businesses on topics relevant to their day-to-day operations, such as managing cash flow. Users may customize the news, stock quotes and links on the page, the bank said.

annual, yearlong customer service program. Out of nearly 8,000 Chevron facilities nationwide that participate, only 109 receive the top award. Using mystery shoppers, the program measures how well a station meets customer needs in several areas, including whether employees are attentive and helpful, facility cleanliness and availability of supplies. Typically, Gold Level winners received 100 percent scores on each of four quarterly evaluations. "There are many well-run stations in the Chevron network, so competition can be pretty intense. It takes a real team effort to be a Gold Level facility," said Lori Donaldson, general manager.

Jerome dealership wins GMC Mark of Excellence
JEROME - The Con Paulos Chevrolet-Pontiac-GMC dealership won the GMC Mark of Excellence 2001 award for the GMC truck franchise at its Jerome location. Criteria for the award include meeting or exceeding 2001 sales objectives and meeting or exceeding a certain level of customer-satisfaction survey scores. Customers who purchased vehicles or had vehicles repaired in the company's service department were surveyed. Actual sales exceeded 200 new GMC trucks in 2001, Con Paulos said. He said his company hadn't won the Mark of Excellence for the past couple of years, but three years ago it won the award for its Chevrolet brand. Paulos attributed the 2001 success to his dealership's fine employees. The Jerome dealership will receive a commemorative plaque and a set of 500 GM Mark of Excellence business cards.

RE/MAX International helped families buy homes
TWIN FALLS - Real estate sales professionals affiliated with RE/MAX International helped more than 6,200 families buy or sell homes in Idaho during 2001. Dollar volume was \$736 million, up 7 percent from 2000. As of Dec. 31, there were 242 RE/MAX sales associates in the state, working out of 16 full-service offices. "It was a great year both in terms of sales growth and increase in affiliates," said Brad Hanks, vice president and regional director of RE/MAX Pacific Northwest, which includes Idaho, Montana, Washington and Oregon. RE/MAX can be reached online at www.remax.com.

Twin Stop Chevron earns Gold Level service award
TWIN FALLS - Twin Stop Chevron, at 3197 Kimberly Road E. and 688 Pole Line Road, was named a Gold Level award winner in Chevron Products Co.'s

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Idaho Ford dealers announced a new scholarship program, "Ford Country Scholars," that provides financial assistance to Idaho youth committed to following careers that support rural life. Over the next three years, the program will provide 75 scholarships of \$5,000 each to Idaho high school students who are enrolling in universities, colleges, community colleges or technical institutes to prepare for careers in rural communities.

Ford Division and its dealers are committing nearly \$4 million to the Ford Country Scholars program for students in a variety of rural communities over the next three years. Scholastic achievement, local community service and career plans that support rural life will be among the qualifications sought. Eligibility requirements and judging criteria are given with the application form. Applications for the 2002 scholarships are available now from Ford dealerships statewide, on the Internet at www.fordcountryrural.com and through many high school guidance counselors. Applications must be post-marked by May 17. A panel of Idaho Ford dealers, Ford Division representatives and local educators and civic leaders will judge the applications. Recipients of the 2002 scholarships will be notified this summer.

Great Clips for hair, a chain with over 1,600 salons including one in Twin Falls, raised almost \$300,000 in 2001 through its "Great Needs, Great Deeds" charity program. The money was distributed to American Red Cross, AIDS Society, Children's

Miracle Network, Vanderbilt Hospital, Rescue Mission, Indians Charity, Caring Tree Foundation, Cardinals Charity, Minneapolis Children's Hospital, Susan B. Komen Fund and United Way. The money was raised primarily through salon-sponsored cut-a-longs, employee donations and other fund-raising events. A portion was donated by Great Clips Inc. to celebrate its record-breaking year. In 2001 the company had double-digit growth with total sales up 13 percent and a record 175 new salons that opened across North America.

FOOD FOR FRIENDS

Curves for Women in Burley had its annual Food for Friends' food drive. Club members who brought in donations of food received discounts on registration. All the food collected was donated to Helping Hands Christian Outreach in Burley. From left are Cody and Jeff Thomson and Sonja Johnson of Curves.



Sherril Ellis, left, owner of Curves for Women in Twin Falls, and Deborah Scherril, director of the Crisis Center in Twin Falls, are shown with donations received from Curves members. Members at the Twin Falls facility donated 2,648 pounds of food and clothing during the Curves International Inc. "Food for Friends" food drive during March. Donations were given to the Crisis Center.

READER BOARD FOR SCHOOL

Bickel Elementary School recently got a new reader board that will give information for students and parents. Several businesses and others made contributions toward the sign: Donnelly Sports, \$75; Fred Meyer, \$50; Longview Fibre, \$50; Lamb Weston, \$50; Bickel PTO, \$50; and Rodney Weeks, \$10.

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Good news for individual retirement savers

IRAs just got better

NEW YORK — One of the best tools for saving for retirement — the Individual Retirement Account — has just gotten better.

The tax law enacted last year boosted the limit on IRA deposits to \$3,000 this year, and more increases are scheduled in coming years. A special "catch-up" provision allows savers 50 and over to invest up to \$3,500. The limit for all previously was \$2,000.

"If you want a tax-efficient way to save for retirement, you need to look at IRAs," said Thomas Fry, a retirement planning expert at A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. in St. Louis, Mo.

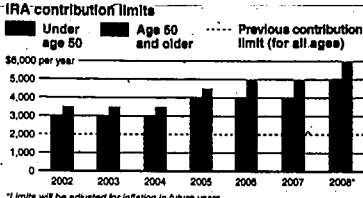
IRAs come in two flavors: The traditional IRAs — best for people who have no employer-sponsored retirement program — let savers deduct their contributions at tax time, and earnings grow tax-deferred until they're withdrawn starting at age 59 1/2. The newer Roth IRAs, created five years ago, are funded with after-tax dollars. Unlike the traditional version, though, there are no taxes on proceeds withdrawn at retirement if the account has been open at least five years.

Tax law also allows withdrawals of up to \$10,000 from traditional and Roth IRAs for the downpayment on a family's first home, and withdrawals can be made for qualified education expenses without the usual 10 percent penalty incurred if the saver has not yet reached 59 1/2.

New York accountant Ed Slot,

More savings for IRA nest eggs

Under tax law changes enacted last year, maximum contributions for Individual Retirement Accounts increase for 2002. More increases are scheduled in coming years.



Limits will be adjusted for inflation in future years. SOURCE: Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 AP

who publishes Ed Slot's IRA Advisor, is a big fan of Roth IRAs. They're named for former Delaware senator William Roth, who championed their creation.

"The best thing Congress ever created is the Roth IRA," Slot said. "I think people still haven't caught on to it — or think it's too good to be true. Once they catch on, we could have a whole bunch of Roth IRA millionaires."

In addition to growing tax-free, a Roth IRA has the added advantage that savings do not have to be withdrawn starting at age 70 1/2, as they do with a traditional IRA, making them a good estate planning tool, Slot said.

A.G. Edwards' Fry said older Americans who haven't yet saved much for retirement can really benefit from the new IRA rules.

"If you're aged 50 and start an IRA this year, contributing the maximum, including your catch-up provisions, you could have approximately \$167,000 at age 65," she said. The figure assumes

an 8 percent annual return on your investments. "Under the old rules, you would have accumulated only about \$65,000 by age 65," she added.

Younger Americans have the luxury of time to build an even bigger nest egg. Fry pointed out: Start an IRA at age 30, contribute the maximum each year and, by age 65, you've have more than \$1 million in your account, assuming an 8 percent annual return, she said. Under the old rules, you'd have been able to accumulate about \$404,000.

So which IRA is best for you? "If you're not contributing to an employer-sponsored plan, look at the traditional IRA," said Pete Syslack, manager of retirement services at Strong Financial Corp. in Menomonee Falls, Wis. "Because it gives you an opportunity for a tax deduction, that's a good place to start."

People with employer-sponsored plans, such as 401(k)s and 403(b)s, don't qualify for

deductible IRAs but can open Roth IRAs, he noted. But they must have earned income, and their adjusted gross income can't exceed \$160,000 for married couples filing jointly or \$110,000 for singles.

"If you expect to be in a higher tax bracket when you retire, and a lot of people do because they think they'll have accumulated wealth, then the Roth takes on advantage," Syslack said.

Strong has a calculator at his Web site, www.strong.com, so families can compare traditional and Roth IRAs.

There are other reasons to open IRAs. Many couples overlook that they can set up a Spousal IRA for a non-working husband or wife. It can be either a traditional IRA or a Roth IRA, and can be funded in the annual limit.

Savers should also be aware of Rollover IRAs. They're good places to park money accumulated in a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement account when you leave a job. Because retirement accounts generally are built on pretax dollars, traditional IRAs are used for the rolled money.

For low-income families, the new tax law provides a special tax credit to encourage them to set up — retirement — savings accounts.

The credit, ranging from 10 percent to 50 percent of the amount invested, is available to a couple that files jointly and earns less than \$50,000, to a head of household earning up to \$37,500 and to a single person earning up to \$25,000.

Tax experts call the credit a good gesture, but point out that financially pressed families might not be able to afford to take advantage of it.

Failure to disclose insider deals persists as stubborn problem

NEW YORK (AP) — Many investors in Critical Path Inc. would have been interested to know when founder and chairman David Hayden sold 217,500 shares of his company's stock in July 2000 for \$14 million.

But Hayden didn't get around to disclosing his insider deal until nine months after the fact — and by that time, Critical Path's stock had fallen from more than \$65 to just \$1.51 a share.

Shareholders in another firm, PC Tel Inc., had an interest in learning that Peter Chen, the CEO at the time, sold 70,000 shares for \$46.50 each in 2000. But Chen failed to disclose the deal until five months later — by which time the stock was worth just \$28.

Investors reeled with alarm at recent reports that top executives at Enron Corp. and Tyco Inc., quietly sold millions of dollars in company stock back to their own firms without disclosing the transactions for many months. They slipped through a loophole in securities law covering those relatively obscure transactions.

Most insiders trades are far more straightforward and aren't eligible for loopholes. But as Chen's and Hayden's disclosure records show, even when the law is more stringent, some insiders ignore the rules for disclosure.

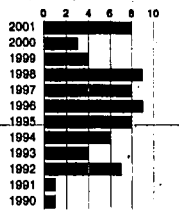
For the most part, they get away with it. Last year, the Securities and Exchange Commission went after just eight insiders for failing to properly disclose ownership, purchases and sales of their firms' stock. In 2000, it went after just three such offenders. In 1999, only four. In many of those cases, punishment was limited to agreements from those insiders to comply with the law in the future.

Instances of late disclosure have dropped significantly in recent years. But over the past two years roughly 2 percent of all Forms 4, on which insiders report most company stock transactions, were filed with the SEC at least a month late, according to Thomson Financial Linc. Analytics.

"We see filings that come in the door for transactions from months

Stock transactions

Cases of company officials who failed to properly disclose company stock transactions — made up less than 2 percent of all Securities and Exchange Commission enforcement last year — declined less than 10 such cases in each of the past 12 years.



SOURCE: SEC AP

ago and it's like, 'How did that not get reported?'" said Lew Gerber of Thomson, which tracks insider trading activity.

Federal law requires insiders — top executives and directors, as well as any person or entity owning 10 percent or more of a firm's shares — to disclose purchases and sales of company stock before the 10th day of the month following the transaction.

The trades themselves are legal. Disclosing the information is supposed to ensure that ordinary investors learn about insider activity promptly. Many of Wall Street's savviest investors use information about insider behavior as a tip to a company's future prospects.

The great majority of insiders comply with the law, and on-time disclosure has improved dramatically since 1991, when the SEC began requiring companies to print the names of late-filing insiders in their annual proxy statements. Until then, as many as 40 percent of all filings were at least a day late.

Don't neglect to spring clean your mutual fund portfolio

NEW YORK (AP) — If you're planning a spring cleaning, make sure your mutual fund portfolio is on your to-do list.

It's not uncommon for shareholders to find themselves inundated with statements and documents, even unnecessary funds. Here are a few tips to help reduce the clutter and get your financial house in order:

Out with the old. You don't have to keep every statement you get from a fund company. The end of the year and tax time are both good opportunities to winnow out the non-essential ones.

"You need to keep your year-end 1099 tax document and summary statements. Everything else you can get rid of at the end of the year, including any quarterly statements or annual reports," said Howard Gordon, a certified public accountant in Palm Springs, Calif.

The 1999s and year-end summaries will come in handy should you sell shares and need to calculate what you owe in taxes. If you sell a fund, even after you calcu-

late your taxes you should still hang on to the year-end statements and tax documents for about six years.

"The reason is, in case the Internal Revenue Service or state tax people have any questions," Gordon said. "This is just to be on the safe side."

More is not always better.

Although there is no prescribed number of funds that an investor should own, it's easy to end up with more funds than you know how to handle.

"Frequently, people think they're diversifying by buying a lot of mutual funds, but a lot of funds have the same stocks," said Charles Schwab, a certified financial planner in New York.

"Funds that duplicate each other don't provide diversification." Figuring out whether to prune

your fund holdings can be complicated. In general, shareholders should consider what purpose each fund provides in an overall portfolio.

Two large-cap funds might not be a good idea, unless they have distinct strategies — for example, one is actively managed and the other is an index fund. Or it might turn out your large-cap and growth funds have too many similar stocks, which reduces the diversification of your portfolio. To check, look at the fund's annual report, the fund company's Web site or a fund research service, like www.morningstar.com.

There are other factors to consider when deciding whether to keep a fund, including performance and fees. Although weeding out unnecessary or underperforming funds can be time-consuming, it's a task your portfolio will benefit from.

Get organized. Now that you've eliminated some of the excess, preserve all your hard work and make 2002 easier by establishing a system

to minimize future clutter.

Some computer programs can help, as can the Internet. In many cases, you can access your fund account online and track your holdings. Some fund companies will also allow you to limit the amount of paper you receive.

Shareholders with holdings at different fund companies might want to consider moving all their funds into a single account, for example, at a discount broker, so that someone else manages the paperwork.

"You set up a fee, but that way you get one consolidated statement for your funds instead of several," Schatz said.

A simple filing system can be a good way to organize, too.

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Avoiding bankruptcy bandwagon pays off down the road

The Baltimore Sun

In 2001, a record number of people sought a financial fresh start. Personal bankruptcies, which had been declining for two years, soared to 1.45 million cases.

While bankruptcy helps those overwhelmed by debt to start over, it's not an immediate clean slate.

Once you file for bankruptcy, it may take about five years of paying bills on time to rebuild a credit history that makes you eligible for the most favorable lending rates.

Until then, you still will be offered credit, but at high rates or exorbitant fees on credit experts

said. The bankruptcy will remain for years on your credit report, which may be viewed by prospective employers and landlords.

"You have difficulty changing jobs," said Thomas Garman, a retired personal finance professor and now a researcher with eCharge, Institute of America, a Florida-based debt counselor. "You may not get an apartment lease."

Bankruptcy, too, doesn't erase all debts, including student loans, alimony, child support and most taxes. If you file under Chapter 7, which can be done once every six years, all nonexcluded debts are wiped out. Under Chapter 13, you repay all or a portion of debts over three to five years. A

Chapter 7 remains on your credit report for 10 years; a Chapter 13, seven years.

The good news is that financial wounds can heal. "With time and good behavior, everyone is willing to give you credit again and at favorable terms," Garman said.

"The majority of people have not filed bankruptcy because

they just ran rampant with credit and are living beyond their means. For most people, bankruptcy was caused by some unexpected event, a divorce, job layoff or illness. The circumstance that put them there is not likely to occur again," said Constance Hare, a bankruptcy lawyer in Pikesville, Md.

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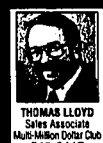
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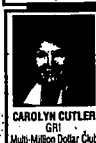
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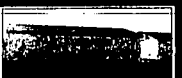

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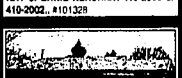

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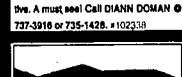

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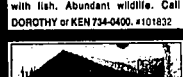

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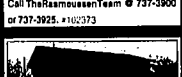

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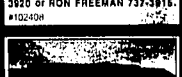

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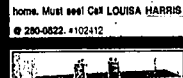

\$169,000. Large family home located in one of the warmer climate areas in Idaho. 7 bedroom, 2 bath just 20 minutes away from Twin Falls. Very attractive home. Must see! Call LOUISA HARRIS @ 280-0822, #102412


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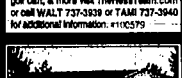

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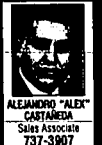

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SEEKS OUTGOING
SF, 31, 5'4", red/brown, loves the outdoors, camping, fishing, horseback riding. Seeking trustworthy, honest, romantic, sincere SM, no drugs, to cuddle with and spend quality time. #337258

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
SWF, 29, 5'1", 125lbs, autumn hair, shy, friendly, easygoing, enjoys camping, dancing. Seeking SWM, 33-42, for friendship. #326090

MAKE NEW FRIENDS
Italian DW mom, 31, height/weight proportionate, feisty, adventurous, seeks SWM, 30 to 40, for friendship. #320705

ARE BETTER SHARED
Tall SWF, 60, blonde/blue, Gemini, SM, seeks financially secure WM, 55-65, N/A, who enjoys traveling, watching sunsets, to grow old with. #349520

LIFE CAN BE FUN
SF, 28, 5'11", mother, brown/hazel, enjoys road trips, reading, time with my children. Seeking fun SM, with similar interests, who likes children, spending time with someone special. Friends, possible LTR. #326075

SEEKS KIND AND GENTLE
Attractive SF, 34, 5'7", 135lbs, long, blonde/blue, mother, likes family outings, fishing, hunting, camping, romance. Seeking LTR with a caring, family-oriented SM, for LTR. #330820

WANTS TO ENJOY LIFE...
with someone special. Fun-loving, honest, outgoing SF, 60, 5'8", brown/blue, likes camping, fishing, good conversation, movie. Seeking friendly, honest, romantic SWM, caring, compassionate, who likes children, for LTR. #330607

CIRCLE THIS AD

Outgoing, shy, quiet SWF, 33, 5'2", 185lbs, brown hair/eyes, N/A, enjoys reading, camping, family activities and country life. Seeking honest SM, 30-45, who's family-oriented, for LTR. #320688

DON'T BREAK MY HEART
SWF, 47, 5'9", long-brown/blue, Leo, N/A, enjoys walks, cooking, Seeking caring, honest WM, 47-55, 5'7"+, No games please. #349977

COME JOIN ME
Beautiful, educated, outgoing WCF, 42, 5'8", green eyes, likes fishing, cooking, movies, long walks and travel. Seeking sincere, secure WCM, 39-51, for LTR. #320673

SKIES THE LIMIT
SWF, 37, 5'9", 145lbs, blonde hair, green eyes, children. Seeking SWM, 30-50, to spend time with, possible LTR. #320679

BE MY COMPANY!
Outgoing, honest SWF, 70, 5'4", 175lbs, blonde hair, N/A, enjoys dancing, walks, dining, country music and more. Seeking fun-loving, honest, friendly, kind SWM, 69 to 75, for companionship. #320697

SHY AT FIRST
SWF, 18, 5'9", 110lbs, blonde hair, shy at first, enjoys reading, jet skiing, movies, seeking sweet, fun-loving, respectful SWM, 18 to 23, for friendship. #320706

WHAT IS LIFE?
Outgoing WF, 24, 5'9", brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys camping, working out, walks, biking, her daughter, music. Seeking WM, 28-36, real, likes kids, for friendship first. #320707

OUR TIME
SWF, 67, enjoys traveling, dining out, long drives and quiet nights. Seeking SWM, 60-72, who's financially secure and easygoing, with similar interests. #320711

LIKE TO KNOW?
Outgoing, fun-loving WF, 38, 5'7", short hair, enjoys camping, music, biking and football. Seeking WM, 32-48, handsome, stable, honest, common interests, for friendship first. #320713

GIVE A TRY

Outgoing HF, 32, brown hair/eyes, full lips, full-figured, N/A, enjoys kids, music, movies, camping, fishing and new things. Seeking SM, 22-42, honest, caring, with humor, for friendship first. #320714

LET'S MEET
SWF, 32, slim, blonde hair, brown eyes, outgoing, likes horseback riding, outdoors, dogs and kids. Seeking SWM, 25-40, for dating and fun times. #320716

START SLOW
Outgoing SWF, 53, tall, 135lbs, blonde, green eyes, enjoys conversations, meeting people, horses, camping, fishing and water sports. Seeking SWM, 45-60, interesting, intelligent, tall, for friendship first. #320718

LET'S TALK
Outgoing SWF, 31, 5'5", 130lbs, smoker, enjoys kids and more. Seeking SWM, 30-40, for friendship and fun. #320719

TOGETHER
SWF, 18, 5'2", 110lbs, brown hair/eyes, shy at first, enjoys reading, jet skiing and the outdoors. Seeking WM, 18-22, sweet, active, for possible LTR. #320720

WAITING FOR YOU
Outgoing SWF, 55, 5'8", long blonde hair, blue eyes, no kids, with many interests, seeks financially secure SM, 50-65, who wants to spend time together, for friendship, possibly more. #320721

Men

Seeking Women

WHAT R U LOOKING 4?
Friendly easygoing, flexible SWM, 41, 5'9", 250lbs, brown eyes/hair, enjoys golfing, movies, music, time with friends, long drives, hair, social events, seeks SF, 34-50, #320685

CALL ON ME
WM, 63, 6'2", 180lbs, smoker, social drinker, enjoys fishing, biking, camping, the outdoors. Seeking honest, sincere, romantic, easygoing, slender WF, 53-58, HW proportionate, for companionship, possible LTR. #347781

LET'S TEAM UP

SWM, 42, Cancer, smoker, enjoys fishing and camping. Seeking WF, 37-42, non-smoker, who enjoys golfing, camping, and fishing. #326332

LOVE FATHER
SW dad, 27, 6'1", 200lbs, love nights in the wild, motorcycle riding and kids. Seeking SWF, 25-35, with similar interests, N/A, N/Drugs. N/D. #383354

DREAMING OF YOU
SWM, 30, 6', 220lbs, brown hair, Virgo, smoker, enjoys camping, fishing, hunting, hiking, dancing, romantic evening. Seeking WF, 25-30, smoker, for serious relationship. #348178

MARRIAGE MAYBE?
SM, 37, 6', 195lbs, blond/blond/hazel-green, likes rodeos, movies, quality time at home. Seeking SF, who likes children, to share fun times with, possible LTR. #337076

TAKE A CHANCE
SWM, 41, 6'2", 185lbs, outgoing, friendly, smoker, likes dancing, hunting/fishing. Seeking honest, active SF, 32-39, for friendship. #326332

SKIP THIS AD
SWM, 47, 5'7", 175lbs, brown/brown, Virgo, smoker, enjoys fishing, roughing it, and cooking. Seeking WF, 35-55, smoker, who can chuckle at life. #336809

ALL I WANT
SWM, 29, Capricorn, non-smoker, farm worker, enjoys fishing and camping. Seeking WF, 22-32, non-smoker, comfortable to be with, sensitive, understanding. #356809

THE LONG RUN
SWM, 38, 5'7", 140lbs, brown/blue, delivery driver, Gemini, smoker, enjoys fishing, intellectual conversation and car races. Seeking SF, woman, 20-45, honest, self-respecting. #356881

CALL ON ME
Fun-loving SWP/CM, 38, 5'11", 210lbs, brown/blue, Scorpio, N/A, with sense of humor, enjoys skiing, hiking, cycling. Seeking independent, emotionally healthy woman, 27-40, with similar interests. #349150

SOMEONE TO TALK TO

SM, 54, 5'7", 180lbs, brown/blue, great sense of humor, good listener, enjoys movies, the outdoors and fun in general. Seeking honest, kind SF, who's easy to talk to. Possible relationship. #341281

LOOKING FOR A DATE...
SM, 34, 5'7", 160lbs, enjoys playing pool, bowling, music and movies. Looking for SWF, 27-37, to go out to dinner and have fun with. #328287

WANTED: COUNTRY GAL
Happy, sweet WM, 32, brown hair, blue eyes, likes camping, hunting, animals, dancing and country music. Seeking WF, 21-38, for LTR and commitment. #320688

FOR THE MOMENT
SWM, 35, 5'8", 150lb, outgoing, spontaneous, truthful, romantic, enjoys outdoor adventures, reading. Seeking sincere SF, 25-45, for friendship. #320691

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SWM, 27, tall, green eyes, medium build, seeks slender, attractive SWF, 18-30, with a great personality. #320668

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SWM, 25, 6'8", black hair, likes building things, fishing, camping. Seeking loving SF, 18-40, for possible LTR. #320670

LOVELY NO MORE
SWM, 18, N/A, 6'3", blue eyes, enjoys movies, walks and driving. Seeking loving open SF, 18-28, for LTR. #320672

TRUE VALUES
Outgoing WM, 25, 6', bond hair, blue eyes, enjoys horseback riding, races, and the outdoors. Seeking SF, 21-35, for friendship. #320674

WAITING FOR YOU
Native American SM, 25, 6'8", 280lbs, black hair, fun, outgoing, enjoys hunting, camping, horseback riding, carpentry. Seeking SF, 18-40, easygoing, outgoing and talkative. #320675

LET THE FUN BEGIN
SWM, 28, 6'2", 250lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys long walks, horseback riding, camping, arm-wrestling. Seeking SF, 24 to 32, with similar interests. #320676

SOMEONE SPECIAL
SWM, 22, brown hair, 5'5", 130lbs, goatee, fit, enjoys camping, music, outdoor activities, friends. Seeking SWF, 18-28, fun, energetic, with similar interests. #320684

BEING TOGETHER
SWM, 19, 5'11", 160lbs, brown hair, N/A, likes camping, fishing, hunting, snowboarding, anything outdoors. Seeking honest SF, 18-24, #320680

IT COULD HAPPEN!
Open-minded, easygoing, fit SWM, 31, 6'2", 200lbs, N/A, enjoys rodeos, skiing, camping, and anything fun. Seeking true, goal-oriented SWF, 18-30. #320681

WATCHING SUNSETS
Outgoing, adventurous, open-minded, old-fashioned SWF, 27, 5'7", 135lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys hunting, fishing, art, wine. Seeking old-fashioned SF, 21-40, #320685

WAITING FOR YOU!

Relaxed, healthy, homeowner SWM, 73, N/A, seeks true SWF, 55-72, N/A, for fun times together. #320682

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY
Young-soldier SWM, 53, 6', 170lbs, Scorpio, N/A, enjoys fishing, camping, golf, travel, dining out. Seeking woman, 45-65, N/A. #349200

WANT TO KNOW MORE?
Outgoing SWM, 23, 6'2", blond hair and blue eyes, likes rodeo and country music. Seeking SWF, 18-30, for LTR. #320683

GOOD TIMES TOGETHER!
Outgoing SWM, 18, 6'4", 145lbs, N/A, likes having fun, fishing, fixing cars, camping, snowmobiling. Seeking SWF, 18-25, for LTR. #320683

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
How would you like to spend the holidays with this down-to-earth guy? Seeking nice HF, 31-32. #320687

BE THE ONE
Friendly, outgoing SWM, 25, 6', 145lbs, blond hair, blue eyes, enjoys horseback riding, rodeos, seeks trustworthy SWF, 21-35. #320684

YOU NEVER KNOW
SWM, 40, 5'9", 185lb, brown hair, blue eyes, outgoing, likes fishing, hiking, camping, long walks. Seeking SWF, 25-50, with similar interests. #320686

LOOKING FOR YOU
SWM, 46, 5'10", 190lbs, outgoing, friendly, caring, loving, loves sports, biking, skiing. Seeking SF, 20 to 42, with similar interests. #320687

A NIGHT ON THE TOWN!
Friendly outgoing SWM, 5'9", 250lbs, brown hair/eyes, N/A, likes movies, music, golf, gardening and more. Seeking SF, 35-50, who enjoys people and going out. #320680

THE SIMPLE THINGS
SWM, 40, 5'9", 185lbs, hazel eyes, outgoing, disabled, enjoys good conversation, fishing, movies. Seeking SF, 25-50, for shared interests, friendship. #320683

MEET THIS
Handsome SWM, 40, 6', 180lbs, brown hair, hazel eyes, goatee, outgoing, friendly, enjoys boating, camping, family activities. Seeking SF, 20-43, no games. #320684

HARDWORKING
SWM, 44, brown hair, blue eyes, 6', 170lbs, funny, romantic, honest, educated, who enjoys cooking, going out, movies, kids, seeks SF, 25-46, with similar interests. #320685

MR. RIGHT
SWM, 40, 5'9", 185lbs, brown hair, hazel eyes, outgoing, enjoys fishing, camping, long walks, movies, cooking, baking. Seeking SF, 25-50, with similar interests. #320686

SEEKING COMMITMENT
SW dad, 38, hobbies include fishing, hunting, camping, hiking and art. Seeking old-fashioned, petite SF, 28-48, for LTR. #320688

LET'S MEET

SWM, 42, enjoys animals, fishing, camping, hunting, hiking, football, basketball, baseball, swimming. Seeking outgoing SWF, 30-55, with similar as well as own interests, for casual relationship. #320700

OUT OF MY SHELL
SWM, 29, 6'1", 210lbs, reserved, enjoys movies, sports, reading, seeks sincere, outgoing SF, 20-35, for friendship. #320701

SINGLE PARENT?
SW dad, 39, enjoys family and outdoor activities, seeks SWF mom, 19-42, for LTR. #320702

NO MORE DATING GAMES?
SWM, 35, values caring, loving, judging, romance, honor, outdoors, exercising, concerts, travel, horse, hunting, camping, quiet evenings. Seeking SF, 25-40, for LTR. #320704

LET'S HANG OUT
Outgoing, with humor WM, 21, 6'1", 230lbs, fit, enjoys dining, golf, sailing, boating, working out and other aquatic sports. Seeking SF, 18-24, friendly, mature, stable, with goals, for friendship first. #320705

YOUR DREAM
Outgoing WFM, 43, 5'9", 170lbs, blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys dancing, walks, family times, fishing and romantic times. Seeking WF, 30-45, loving, honest, open-minded, with humor, for possible LTR. #320706

LET ME BE THE ONE
SWM, 34, 5'11", bond hair, funny, outgoing and friendly, enjoys fishing, swimming, and hunting. Seeking SF, 18-30, with similar interests and qualities. #320710

DANCE WITH ME
SWM, 54, 5'8", 190lbs, brown hair, green eyes, enjoys dancing, gardening, quiet times, outdoor activities and cuddling. Looking to meet a SWF, 35-50, who's honest and caring. #320712

LET'S SEE THE WORLD
Outgoing, relaxed WM, 64, 6', 200lbs, brown hair, N/A, enjoys travel and more. Seeking WF, 50-60, self-reliant, for possible LTR. #320715

JUST CALL
Native American male, 26, 5'6", brown eyes, N/A, no kids, enjoys basketball and drawing. Seeking SF, 18-30, for friendship first. #320717

DATE ME!
Outgoing SWM, 43, blond, blue eyes, N/A, no kids, enjoys hiking, fishing, dancing, movies, hunting and sports. Seeking SWF, 30-55, open, to get to know, possible LTR. #320718

ABOUT YOU
Outgoing WM, 21, 6', 165lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, smoker, enjoys camping, hiking, boating and summer sports. Seeking SF, 18-28, common interests, for possible LTR. #320722

QUESTIONS FOR YOU
Sweet, outgoing WM, 30, 6'3", 220lbs, red hair, N/A, enjoys biking, skiing and working out, possible LTR, 25-35, independent, for friendship first. #320723



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