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Pile problems



Andy Marufo of Idaho Tire Recovery Inc. near Shoshone guides a co-worker on lowering tires into the loader, after applying about 110 tires that are pressed and baled. The bales are often used for flood control and bank erosion.

Tires near Shoshone could billow into toxic mess

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE - Toxic gases, burning oil and water pollution.

They're among the hazards of a massive tire fire.

Tire fires around the country have prompted evacuations, threatened groundwater and streams and cost millions to extinguish. A fire is burning in Lincoln County and state officials with the help of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's fire suppression team want to be prepared were one to occur here.

Estimates of 600,000 to up to 2 million tires are stockpiled at an illegal tire dump north of Shoshone.

Tire fires tough

Chauncey Naylor is a lead firefighter with Williams Fire and Hazard Control Team, a Mauriceville, Texas, company that specializes in industrial fires. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency frequently hires the company to handle tire fires around the country. Over the past few years it has battled about a half dozen of them.

"We usually get called in when everything else fails," Naylor said. In less than a month, the company extinguished a tire fire in

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Tire fire warning signs

Federal fire officials determined that scrap tire piles that fall to property owners and local governments for cleanup are troubled sites that end in a fire, often of suspicious origin. Here are the warning signs found by the United States Fire Administration compared with the situation in Shoshone.

Common Pattern

- The operation changes from the recycling to scrap-tire storage.
- The operation begins as code non-compliant.
- Business ownership changes.
- The business owner files for bankruptcy.
- The property owner and/or government pursue court action against the tire operation.

Shoshone site

- ✓ Idaho Tire Recovery Inc. began in 1992 with a Lincoln County permit to store 50,000 tires. The company planned to haul the scrap tires to cement plants that burn them to generate power. By 1994, the company had a permit for 100,000 tires. Today, estimates range from 600,000 up to 2 million tires stockpiled at the site.
- ✓ County records outlining the history of ITR don't indicate past problems with the numbers of tires stored there or original problems with the company's fire safety plan. But after the county increased the permit to allow for storage of up to 100,000 tires, there was a lack of a new fire plan and of compliance with fire safety measures, such as not limiting pile size or maintaining distance between piles. Fire officials sent a letter to then-owner Craig Hadden in September 1994. ITR said it would comply. Hadden was notified in March 1995 that a fire plan still was not on file. ITR's fire plan was dated later that month.
- ✓ Hadden, a Shoshone real estate agent, sold the company to Tom Floyd of Nampa in 1997. Hadden described this business arrangement: Floyd approached him with the idea for the company. Hadden backed it financially with the agreement that Floyd eventually would buy him out. Six years ago Hadden sold his share of the business to Floyd. Hadden still owned the property. He sold it to Bruce Neil Richards of Richfield in November.
- ✓ Idaho Tire Recovery filed for bankruptcy in April 2000. The case was dismissed in February of this year. Floyd filed for personal bankruptcy in December 2000. The case is in Chapter 7 bankruptcy, which allows for liquidation.
- ✓ Despite an agreement made in November with the state and an April court order, Floyd still has not removed the tires. The Department of Environmental Quality could choose to ask the judge to find him in contempt of court. The DEQ also is suing Hadden and Richards for cleanup. Hadden is busy preparing tires for removal, including cutting sidewalls and baling tires for riprap or road beds, but said not many tires have yet to leave the property. Richards and Hadden say ITR should be responsible for clean up.

Woman questions state's custody of her son

By Mark Helz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Joy Thompson said she doesn't understand why her son can't come home.

She reported 14-month-old Kurtin Konrad Herbst Thompson missing on April 23. Kurtin was found unharmed almost two days later.

But he wasn't returned to his

mother.

Instead, Kurtin was taken by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and hasn't been home since.

Thompson said a short visit the

department granted her with Kurtin Thursday afternoon was the first she's been able to see of her son since she reported him

missing. Please see CUSTODY, Page A2

Pipe bomb scare reaches into Nebraska

Officials hunt for clues in Midwest

The Associated Press

OHIOWA, Neb. - Five pipe bombs were found Saturday in rural Nebraska mailboxes, heightening fears among Midwesterners already on edge after similar bombs injured six people in Iowa and Illinois the day before, authorities said.

Federal officials had described the earlier bombings as an act of domestic terrorism and said anti-government propaganda and notes warning of more "attention getters" were found nearby.

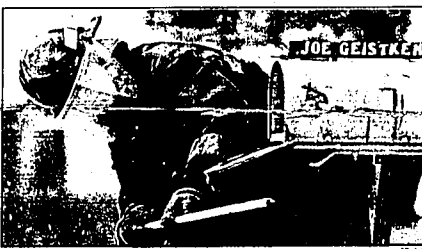
It appeared that the five devices discovered Saturday also

were accompanied by letters, at least one of them identical to those found in eastern Iowa and northwestern Illinois, FBI Special Agent Jim Bogner said.

Unlike the bombs found Friday, authorities said, none of the bombs in Nebraska exploded.

After Saturday's discoveries, postal inspectors in Iowa and Illinois curtailed inspections planned for thousands of mailboxes. Mail was suspended in the area and officials did not say how soon it would resume.

"We're using all of our Please see BOMBS, Page A2



Earlville, Iowa, volunteer firefighter Leon Hildebrand keeps his distance while opening a rural mailbox with a wooden pole Saturday.

Industry shows stability

Plant closure in Heyburn will still hurt

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The food-processing industry's upswings fatten workers' wallets and fuel growth in other economic sectors. Its downturns hurt like crazy in communities where plants close.

And Heyburn will hurt. J.R. Simplot Co. will cut off close to 500 jobs at its Heyburn potato-processing plant this fall and the rest by early 2004.

Magie Valley in recent years has tasted of both the bitter and the sweet of the industry's swings. But step back from the year-to-year fluctuations, and food processing comes into focus as a stable employer throughout Idaho.

In that respect, food processing is alone among the state's trio of resource-based industries, said Michael Ferguson, the state government's chief economist. Forest products and mining have dropped jobs rapidly over the past decade.

"So far, agriculture is more optimistic than timber and mining," said Greg Rogers, the Idaho Department of Labor's Magie Valley economist.

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By the numbers

The state estimates 2001 employment at 17,300 jobs statewide in food processing, a broad category that takes in processing both of crops and of livestock products such as meat and milk. That's up significantly from Idaho's 14,500 food-processing jobs in 1991, Ferguson said.

Since the mid-1990s, however, food-processing employment in Idaho has fluctuated within a narrow range - 17,300 to 17,700 jobs. "It's held at a pretty tight band," he said.

Plants open and close as market changes around the nation and world affect the profitability of processing here. But in balance, Ferguson said, Idaho's agriculture is highly diverse and has been stable.

The other two resource-based industries haven't. In 1990, lumber and wood products employed 14,900 people statewide. In 2000, the sector had just 12,600 on the job, Ferguson said.

Mining employed 3,900 in 1990 and just 2,400 in 2000.

"That's a big drop, percentage wise," he said.

Food-processing employment, on the other hand, grew from 16,800 to 17,300 during 1990 to 2000.

State number crunchers expect the contrast to become more pronounced.

Working from unrounded numbers, Ferguson and his colleagues say wood products jobs fell 15.2 percent from 1990 to 2000. And they expect that sector's job total to plummet 17.6 percent between 2000 and 2003 - just three years.

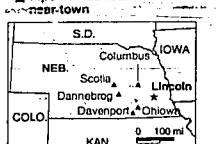
From 1990 to 2000, food-processing employment grew by 2.7 per-

centage. Please see PLANT, Page A2

More mailbox bombs found

One day after pipe bombs exploded in rural mailboxes in Illinois and Iowa, pipe bombs were found in mailboxes in south-central Nebraska.

▲ Pipe bombs found



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Proposal calls for shedding Enron name

Creditors consider reorganization plan

HOUSTON (AP) - Enron Corp.'s proposed strategy for emerging from bankruptcy - including a plan to shed the Enron name - was outlined during a closed-door meeting in New York between the company and its creditors.

The company envisions itself as a mover of electricity and natural gas with operations in the United States and South America, according to the plan unveiled Friday.

Interim Enron chief executive Stephen Cooper said the creditors, whose support is crucial for the plan to succeed, received the proposal favorably.

"I think they are open to working hand in hand with us to reach the common objectives," Cooper, a restructuring specialist hired in

Enron auditor faces criminal trial - A7

late January to lead the energy trading company out of bankruptcy, told reporters during a conference call.

The new company or companies, under the working title OpCo Energy Co., would have more than 15,000 miles of pipeline, \$10.8 billion in total assets and projected earnings in excess of \$1.3 billion in 2003 before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization.

The company has no plans to go back into the energy trading business, which Enron developed and turned into its most profitable unit.

The process allows Enron to shed money-losing assets and shape a new company that could generate income for creditors,

said Anthony Sabino, a professor at St. John's University who specializes in bankruptcy and energy law.

"A slimmed-down Enron could be an attractive player in the energy field," Sabino said. "Cooper recognizes that what would have appeal for other players are the very hard, very tangible assets."

Cooper said Enron's current worldwide work force of about 23,000 would be pared to 12,000. He said he expected about 2,000 employees of bankrupt businesses to be laid off over time. Another 9,000 who work for businesses and assets for sale would likely work for the buyers, he said.

The reformed Enron would look just as it did when it was formed in 1985 through the merger of Houston Natural Gas and Omaha, Neb.-based InterNorth.

In January, the investment banking division of Swiss bank

UBS AG acquired Enron's energy trading operation. Cooper said Friday the new company would focus on power plants and pipelines that aren't part of the company's bankruptcy, and would sell off non-energy core businesses.

Foremost among assets to be retained is the network of pipelines in the United States and South America in which Enron has full or partial ownership. In Brazil, the company is majority owner of Elektro, an electric utility.

Sabino said Cooper's presentation is the first step in a long process to gain creditor approval before Enron presents a formal reorganization plan to U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Arthur Gonzalez in New York.

"He's got a long way to go, and no matter what he says, it's going to be a hard sell," Sabino said. "A lot of people will knock it down."

Senators request review of FEMA's Sept. 11 response

WASHINGTON (AP) - Several senators have asked congressional investigators to review the Federal Emergency Management Agency's response to the Sept. 11 attacks after complaints surfaced about how the agency determines aid eligibility.

The General Accounting Office review is expected to look at the eligibility issue as well as how much the government expects to spend on aid efforts.

"We want to try to get to the bottom of some of the stories and complaints we've been receiving about the interpretation FEMA has been using to determine who receives benefits," Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., said Saturday.

She said there "doesn't seem to be a lot of rationale that explains why one group is eligible and another isn't."

Just last week, FEMA's director, Joseph Allbaugh, said the agency planned to reopen more than 7,000 applications from people whose requests for mortgage and rental assistance were denied.

The change occurred after reports that FEMA has distributed less direct aid to people affected economically by the attacks than it has in other major disasters.

About \$65 million has gone out since the attacks, compared with \$1.4 billion after the Northridge earthquake in California in 1994 and \$1 billion after Hurricane Georges in Puerto Rico in 1998.

FEMA officials have said they are somewhat constrained by eligibility rules set by federal law.

Members of Congress said they have received complaints about the agency's dispersal of disaster unemployment benefits as well as the amount of aid available to public agencies, educational institutions and public utilities affected by the attacks.

Some lawmakers have moved to clarify any eligibility questions in federal laws. Several members

of New York's House delegation introduced legislation last week directing federal authorities to help the New York City Board of Education cover the cost of making up school days and other expenses from the attacks.

"It may be FEMA's problems have to do with the lack of legislative authority," Clinton said. "We want to learn. In case anything ever happens... we want to be prepared for it."

The request for a review was made by Clinton as well as Sen. James Jeffords, I-Vt. and chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee, and Republican Sens. Bob Smith of New Hampshire and George Voinovich of Ohio.

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NATION

Officials search for flood victims

Daunting task looms as 11 remain missing

WELCH, W.Va. (AP) — Light rain fell Saturday as State Police and National Guard soldiers went door to door in search of victims of devastating Appalachian floods that killed at least five people, including a 14-month-old girl, and left 11 others missing.

Torrents of water poured down mountainsides and overflowed streams and rivers in three states Friday, flooding towns in minutes and leaving mud, debris and destruction.

Most streams were receding Saturday, but West Virginia Gov. Bob Wise said after touring the area by helicopter and on foot that hundreds of people were homeless and at least 375 homes and 30 businesses were damaged.

"We're going to see a lot of digging out for a long time to come," said Wise, who authorized the National Guard to activate 700 soldiers.

State Police Capt. R.L. Hall was in the area when it was devastated by floods last July. "July was record flooding in McDowell County, and this is higher than that," Hall said Friday. "From one end of the county to another, it's all under water."

Four people were killed in West Virginia's McDowell County, including a 14-month-old girl whose body was found Saturday lodged under a bridge. The girl was not immediately identified, but a child had been reported missing by relatives of a woman who was found dead earlier. The woman's car, containing an infant car carrier, was found on a flooded road.

One person was confirmed dead in Virginia. Seven were listed as missing in West Virginia, with three unaccounted for in Virginia and one in Kentucky.



Cars stop on a flooded U.S. 52 Friday in Welch, W.Va. Torrents of water poured down the Appalachian mountainsides and caused destructive flooding after five inches of rain fell Thursday.

Rescue teams in Kentucky fanned out early Saturday in search of the man missing there.

"The water has gone down just enough to be able to get to the river," said Terri Osborne, a spokeswoman for Pike County,

Ky, 911 and emergency management.

The flooding was caused by 5 inches of rain that fell in six hours Thursday in the area where West Virginia, Kentucky and Virginia meet. Showers moved into the region again Saturday morning.

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Battle over limits on individual farm subsidies will continue

WASHINGTON (AP) - Farm groups kept Congress from imposing new limits on the crop subsidies that individual farmers can collect, despite big votes in the House and the Senate endorsing the caps. But the issue is not going away.

While the caps were left out of the new farm bill, advocates say they will try to attach them to other legislation, possibly the appropriations bill for the Agriculture Department.

"We won the battle, but we haven't won a war yet," said Mary Kay Thatcher, a lobbyist for the American Farm Bureau Federation. "I would be very surprised if it isn't debated again at some point, before the end of this year."

The farm bill has provisions that also will help keep the issue alive: one measure intended to require more government disclosure of payment recipients; a second would set up a 10-member commission to look at subsidy limits.

At issue is a program created two years ago that allows farmers to bypass the normal limits on subsidies by borrowing money against their crops and repaying the loans at below cost. From last October through March, farms collected \$1.5 billion through the program.

Most of the money goes to rice and cotton growers in California and some southern states. But individuals with vast holdings in the Midwest and Plains states also have used it to collect sums of \$500,000 or more since the program was created.

The Senate voted 66-31 in February to abolish the program and impose a strict \$275,000 annual limit on the payments that individual farmers and landowners could collect. Then in April, the House voted 265-158 to endorse the Senate limit.

But the Senate-House conference committee that wrote the final version of the farm bill dropped the Senate provision. The bill sets an overall limit of \$360,000 but leaves intact the language that allows unlimited amounts of money under the loan program.

"I think it's a temporary victory. Ultimately, we will prevail," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, who sponsored the Senate provision with Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa. Rep. Nick Smith, R-Idaho, says the provision threatens to undermine public support for farm programs.

"In the long run it's going to hurt our farmers," Smith said. "Let's look at what's going to help

mainstream farmers in the United States."

There also could be greater public pressure to tighten limits on subsidies if the cost of the farm bill exceeds the \$180 billion now estimated. Many economists think it will.

Critics of subsidy caps say they unfairly penalize efficient, highly productive farms and are especially unfair to cotton and rice, which cost much more to grow than corn, wheat and soybeans, the other major commodities the government subsidizes.

Because they rely so heavily on subsidies, cotton and rice growers would reach the Senate's payment limit on far fewer acres than corn, wheat or soybean farmers.

Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Calif., said the Senate's payment limits would turn farm subsidies into a "welfare program."

The study commission authorized by the farm bill would include six members appointed by Congress and three appointed by the Bush administration. The Agriculture Department's chief economist would serve as the 10th member.

The Senate is expected to give final congressional approval to the farm bill this week. It then goes to President Bush for his signature.

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Criminal trial will give auditing firm the fight of its life, experts say

HOUSTON (AP) - Barring a last-minute settlement, Arthur Andersen LLP is in for the fight of its life for its alleged criminal role in Enron Corp.'s downfall.

The smallest of the Big Five auditing firms faces trial starting Monday for shredding documents and deleting computer files related to Enron audits last October and November as the Securities and Exchange Commission started examining the energy trader's Byzantine accounting.

That accounting, approved by Andersen, is credited with helping shove Enron into the largest corporate bankruptcy in U.S. history after top executives sold millions of dollars in stock.

Thousands of workers lost their jobs and more watched retirement accounts loaded with stock evaporate when shares were reduced to pennies from an August 2000 high of \$90.

If convicted of obstruction of justice for intentionally thwarting the SEC's investigation, "it's really a death sentence," said Frank Velie, a former federal prosecutor who handles securities and auditor liability cases for the New York-based Salans law firm.

"A criminal fraud prosecution, which is really what this is, will bar them from doing audits for financial statements of public companies registered with the

SEC," Velie said. "It would put them out of business."

Andersen already is burdened by shareholder lawsuits, a loss of more than 10 percent of its publicly traded clients that forced thousands of layoffs and the defection of partners from more than 20 countries whose operations were part of Andersen Worldwide, the global company that oversees U.S. arm Arthur Andersen LLP.

Rivals also have moved to acquire its tax practice and its auditing operations in at least nine U.S. offices, additionally siphoning Andersen's ability to pay multimillion-dollar fines and judgments.

Church donors threaten to withhold funds

The Associated Press

Edward Ricci was sickened as he watched his bishop, the Most Rev. Anthony O'Connell, resign in March from the Diocese of Palm Beach, Fla., after admitting to sexual misconduct years earlier in another state.

But Ricci is no ordinary parishioner venting his anger in cyberspace.

He is a major Catholic philan-

thropist, threatening to withhold his six-figure donation to his church unless the nation's bishops agree to oust all errant clergy.

Through his Web site, www.noepsd.org, he is urging other Catholics to join him, and some benefactors already have.

Outside of communities hardest hit by the crisis, church fund-raisers say most major donors

have been slower to react. But some are now exploring whether they should bypass dioceses and give directly to Catholic social service agencies to ensure that their money is not used to settle molestation lawsuits, fund-raisers say.

"The mood is worrisome at the present time," said Francis Butler, president of Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities.

Bush lauds U.S.-Mexican ties

WASHINGTON (AP) - Reaching out to Mexicans on both sides of the Rio Grande, President Bush on Saturday honored the Cinco de Mayo holiday and praised immigrants whose hard work and family ties enrich America.

In his weekly radio address, Bush renewed his pledge to help the entire American familia achieve prosperity and live in peace.

He said that people on both the U.S. and Mexican side of the Rio Grande value independence, freedom and opportunity. He cited Mexican immigrants for their "strong values and their determination to create a better life for themselves and their children."

Bush worked with measurable success to win Hispanic votes in his 2000 presidential campaign. He has tried to strengthen ties

with the Spanish-speaking community and is the first president to follow his weekly radio speeches with a Spanish translation.

Democrats, whose party traditionally received strong support in the Hispanic community, dismiss Bush's overtures to Spanish-speaking voters as more symbolic than real.

The radio broadcast was Bush's second annual commemoration of the Mexican national holiday, which is Sunday.

Cinco de Mayo - in English the fifth of May - celebrates the victory of Mexican soldiers over the French at the 1862 Battle of Puebla.

"That victory continues to inspire liberty-loving people across the globe," Bush said. "It reminds us that the cost of freedom is always high, but it is never too high."

Searchers find no evidence of bomb at plant

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. (AP) - A Department of Energy plant once used to enrich uranium for nuclear weapons is expected to be back in operation Monday after a bomb threat triggered an evacuation.

No bomb was found at the 1,500-acre site known as K-25, or the East Tennessee Technology Park, after the federal agency learned of the threat just before 8 p.m. Friday.

Current work at the site involves converting the plant for private use, and cleaning up contaminated areas.

Security police and essential personnel were allowed to stay but about 1,000 workers were evacuated and others were turned away as they reported to work, DOE spokesman Steven Wyatt said.

"We feel like we've taken appropriate steps to check the facilities, and we feel that it's safe to go back to normal operations," Wyatt said.

Former first lady Johnson recovers after mild stroke

AUSTIN (AP) - Lady Bird Johnson was in fair condition Saturday, and remained alert and in good spirits at the hospital where she was undergoing tests after a mild stroke, officials said.

The 89-year-old former first lady was left unable to speak by the stroke. She was expected to remain at Seton Medical Center through the weekend.

Johnson was hospitalized after she awoke from a nap at her home Thursday and had trouble speaking and swallowing medication. Her doctor said she appeared to have suffered damage to a small area on the left side of her brain.

Johnson suffered a minor stroke in 1993 and was hospitalized at Seton in 1999 after fainting at her home, officials said.

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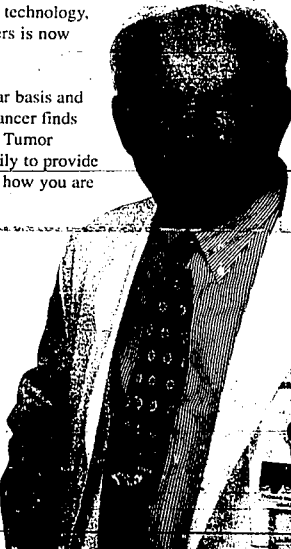
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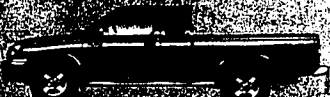
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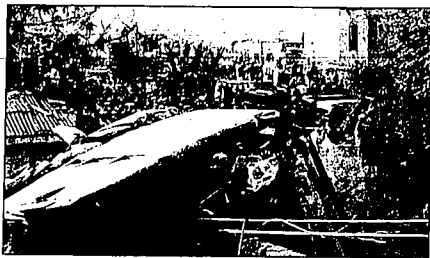
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WORLD

Passenger plane crashes, bursts into flames in northern Nigerian city

KANO, Nigeria (AP) — An airliner slammed into mosques and houses in a crowded working-class neighborhood of Nigeria's northern city of Kano on Saturday, bursting into flames with what private radio said were 105 people aboard.

An Associated Press reporter on the scene soon after the crash saw terrified, screaming and weeping residents carrying bodies from the plane's shattered parts and the rubble of dozens of buildings.



The wing of a crashed EAS Airlines plane lies on the roof of a house in Kano, Nigeria, Saturday. A Nigerian airliner slammed into mosques and houses in a busy working-class neighborhood of the northern city of Kano on Saturday.

At least one of the dead had been a resident — a baby girl, whose scorched body was carried out wrapped in a yellow rug. Her mother walked alongside, wailing.

One neighborhood resident said he helped pull a survivor, who had bone jutting out of his forehead, from the plane.

There were no other immediate reports of survivors, and no firm word on the number of casualties among those on the ground or in the plane.

The plane, belonging to Nigeria's private EAS Airlines, had taken off from Kano for Nigeria's commercial capital of Lagos, 435 miles to the south, private radio reports said.

The aircraft crashed about a half-mile from the airport.

Resident Umar Suleman told AP he saw the plane "wobbling" in the seconds before the crash. "Terrified residents fled just before the plane smashed into two mosques and other buildings, ripping the roof entirely off

one structure. The plane burst into flames.

"I was very afraid," said another resident, 60-year-old Ibrahim Amadou.

Amadou who said he was inside reading the Quran, or Muslim holy book, when the tail of the plane shattered the corner of his house.

For frightened minutes after, he said, "I was just praying to God."

Residents returned and joined others trying to give help. Suleman said he found one man still sitting on a seat in the plane, "his forehead broken," with bone jutting out.

The man was alive.

Suleman said he helped him

from the rubble.

Distraught residents were doing most of the search themselves. Rescue workers, some with heavy machinery, helped clear the rubble and look for bodies.

The neighborhood's people said they were worried especially for any who might have been caught inside the mosques, praying, in the plane hit.

Northern Nigeria is heavily Islamic.

Kano State Gov. Rabiu Isa Kankwako visited the scene of the crash late Saturday, adding to confusion at the scene, as distraught residents pushed to talk to him and were pushed back by security.

Germans link Tunisia bomb to al-Qaida

BERLIN (AP) — Investigators have found evidence suggesting links between a deadly explosion at a Tunisia synagogue and Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network, a German television station said Saturday.

If al-Qaida operatives are confirmed to be behind the blast, it would be the network's first completed terror attack since Sept. 11.

Tunisian investigators searching the home of a suspected attacker found bomb-making instructions and souvenirs brought back from the suspect's stay in an Afghanistan training camp, according to a statement by the SWR channel summarizing Monday's scheduled broadcast.

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French papers urge voters to elect Chirac

PARIS (AP) — Calling on citizens to protect France's democracy, newspapers across the political spectrum on Saturday urged readers to cast their votes for President Jacques Chirac in his improbable matchup against ultra-right leader Jean-Marie Le Pen.



Jean-Marie Le Pen and President Jacques Chirac

Chirac, a conservative, is expected to easily defeat Le Pen in today's presidential runoff, but it will take a while for France to recover from the shock of this year's presidential race.

Le Pen, leader of the National Front, has been widely accused of racism and anti-Semitism. His surprise qualification for the runoff, beating Prime Minister Lionel Jospin in the April 21 first round, stunned France.

Le Pen's success prompted a huge wave of popular protests across France. Anti-Le Pen marchers flooded the streets nearly every day after his first-round showing, culminating in a gigantic march by more than a million people on the May Day holiday.

The left-leaning Paris newspaper Liberation on Saturday published a front-page picture of a Chirac ballot entering a ballot box. Over it was an enormous one-word headline: "Oui!" The day after the first round, the paper had run a picture of Le Pen covered by a huge "Non!"

The conservative daily Le Figaro featured the headline: "Chirac, of course."

In an editorial, the daily La Montagne of the central French city of Clermont-Ferrand said

today's election was "first a question of assuring the preservation of our liberties, of the Republic and of serene democracy. On Sunday, only a ballot with the name of Jacques Chirac can guarantee it."

The protests were expected to continue all the way up to the ballot box. Some leftists, so disgruntled about having to vote for Chirac, were planning to put on gloves to handle the ballot. The Constitutional Council warned that anyone casting ballots with gloves — or other improper behavior — could risk the annulment of their votes.

In a sign of possible problems today, some left-leaning poll workers who supervise the voting weren't expected to turn up today in protest of Le Pen.

"I'm missing 180 supervisors," said Francois Rysto, the chief of staff at the city hall in the southwestern town of Villeurbanne, on Friday.

Still a question is how many people will abstain — the first round had a record 28 percent

abstention rate — or how those who previously abstained will vote today.

Liberation, in Saturday's editorial, urged voters to turn out massively for the vote "so that the percentage score of the leader of the National Front will be as low as possible."

Many parties on the left, especially the Socialists, are already looking forward to legislative elections next month, the so-called "third round" of the election.

The official end of campaigning Friday marked the start of a legally mandated period of silence in the campaign. In their last pitches to voters, Chirac urged France to reject the anti-foreigner views of his rival and Le Pen predicted there would be electoral fraud in today's contest.

Chirac urged left-leaning voters to "stand in the way" of Le Pen — "an extremely dangerous" man.

Le Pen, 73, says that if elected he will defend all illegal immigrants and assure French citizens priority in jobs, housing and social benefits. He wants to pull France out of the European Union and restore the franc as its currency.

Le Pen predicted foul play in the voting. He held up a white ballot for Chirac and one for himself, which appeared slightly less white. He said the difference was an attempt to subliminally influence voters against him.

"We are going to witness an enormous enterprise of fraud," Le Pen said, in remarks that appeared aimed at preparing his supporters for defeat.

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WORLD

Gunman surrenders after taking 13 hostages in Istanbul hotel

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — A gunman surrendered to police and freed 13 people Saturday after holding them hostage for an hour at a luxury Istanbul hotel in an apparent protest against Russia's bloody military campaigns in Chechnya.

No hostages were harmed in the standoff, the latest in a series of hijackings and hostage-taking in support of the Chechen cause staged in this overwhelmingly Muslim country, where sympathy for the breakaway republic has historically been strong.

NTV television identified the gunman as a Turk, Mustafa Yildirim. His brother Isa Yildirim told NTV that the gunman had fought in Chechnya in the 1997 war against the Russians, though he was not himself of Chechen heritage.

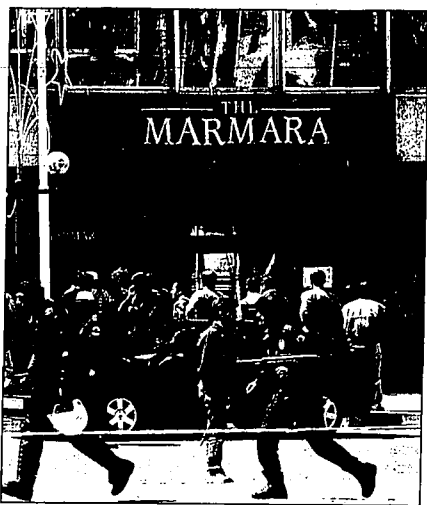
The hostage drama — which lasted 80 minutes — began when the gunman entered the Marmara Hotel, a large glass-fronted building which dominates the skyline of Istanbul's central Taksim Square.

Brandishing a Kalashnikov rifle, the gunman showed past three security guards, and fired several shots as he rushed up to the lobby, the hotel's manager Cem Gundes said.

"He waved his gun toward us, but then suddenly turned it away and fired it at the walls," said Aishah Harun, a Malaysian air hostess who was drinking tea in the lobby when the gunman burst in.

Gundes said the gunman took 13 hostages, including Bulgarians, Japanese and Turks. Other reports said some of the hostages were Greek.

Other guests ran in panic away from the hotel, where some 550 people were staying. There were



Turkish security officials surround the main entrance of the Marmara hotel in central Istanbul Saturday after a gunman took 13 hostages.

over 1,000 people in the building at the time, Gundes said.

Police surrounded the hotel and blocked off roads into the square.

The gunman first freed some five hostages, keeping another five as captives, CNN-Turk reported. Then, police anti-terror units, wearing black ski masks

and bulletproof vests began moving into the hotel.

"Surrender, or we know how to make you surrender," private NTV television quoted Istanbul Police Chief Hasan Ozdemir as telling the gunman. CNN-Turk said the gunman surrendered minutes after the anti-terror police entered.

Canadians join new Afghanistan operation

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — Waves of Chinook helicopters carrying several hundred Canadian troops took off from this air base Saturday for a fresh operation in eastern Afghanistan, another sign that coalition forces were stepping up their campaign against al-Qaida and Taliban fighters.

In the south, American Special

Forces and Afghan troops dispersed an entire village suspected of harboring sympathizers to the al-Qaida terrorist network, U.S. military spokesman Maj. Bryan Hilferly said. No arrests were made.

And in the southeast, a 1,000-strong British-led force continued a massive sweep through the hillsides, seizing 2,000

rounds of automatic weapons ammunition in a cave, according to Royal Marines spokesman Lt. Col. Paul Haradine.

Each of the missions falls under the umbrella of Operation Mountain Lion — the overall U.S.-led search for Taliban and al-Qaida remnants in the eastern half of Afghanistan.

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Nez Perce Tribe approves plan for new \$52M casino

LATPAW - Members of the Nez Perce Tribe have approved a plan to build a \$52 million casino hotel near Lewiston.

Members have approved the plan despite concerns about the cost and scale of the project. "I think we should go for it," Julian Matthews said at a vote Friday by 250 members. "We've waited for this."

The tribal council is made up of every registered tribal member. The new casino would feature a 100-room hotel overlooking the Clearwater River near the site of the tribe's modest casino, said Paul Hamel with Group West Associates Inc., which designed the new building.

The final cost would be around \$52 million, \$40 million of which would be borrowed, he said.

Hamel said the debt could be paid off in seven years, and the casino had an expected profit of up to \$20 million a year.

Ranchers find teen who fled wilderness camp

CEDAR CITY, Utah - A teenager escaped a wilderness program in Iron County for 30 hours before showing up at a remote ranch.

The 17-year-old boy was found by ranchers Thursday afternoon after 10 sheriff's deputies had been sent into the desert to look for him.

"He climbed out of (his) sleeping bag and took off through the trees" early Wednesday, said Dane Kay of Redcliff Ascent, a wilderness therapy program for troubled youth.

The boy had been sent to southern Utah by his parents for a survival outing.

"Generally, they're at-risk teens, and their problems range from drug and alcohol abuse to running away to depression," Kay said.

Runaways are not uncommon for Utah's wilderness programs.

One 14-year-old boy tried to escape Redcliff in nothing but his underwear in December 1999 after counselors took away his clothes.

St. George declares

stage 1 drought emergency

ST. GEORGE, Utah - City officials have declared a "stage 1" drought emergency, asking residents to voluntarily conserve tap water.

The city council acted Thursday before reservoir and other water supplies hit a critically low level but said that day was coming.

"I hate to cry wolf just to cry wolf," said Councilman Larry Gardner, even as the full council voted to approve the measure.

Under the city's plan adopted in February 2001, a stage 1 emergency means residents will be asked to cut back on culinary water inside and outside the house.

There is no St. George drought policy for the irrigation water used to water crops, golf courses and parks, but city leaders also are concerned about that supply.

West in brief

Key Idaho conservation activist dies at 91

BOISE - Bruce Bowler, who helped preserve many of Idaho's most prized landscapes, died Thursday. He was 91.

The Boise lawyer helped write the 1938 initiative that established the Idaho Fish and Game Commission.

He was one of a handful of conservationists who challenged dam builders and developers in the three decades before the birth of the modern environmental movement on Earth Day 1970.

His advocacy helped save Hells Canyon from dams and the White Cloud Mountains from mining and led to the protection of the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness.

"He was the wellspring of the whole conservation movement in Idaho," said Ernie Day, a former Wilderness Society board member and longtime friend and colleague.

Bowler worked in court without compensation for environmental causes. His most important legal victory came during the fight to stop the High Mountain Sheep Dam in 1967.

Student body president faces charges in gay flag burning

LEWISTON - A former University of Idaho student body president has been charged with trying to destroy a rainbow flag stolen from the Gay Straight Alliance.

Kasey Swisher, 21, was scheduled to appear before Magistrate William C. Hamlett on May 13.

Latah County Prosecutor Bill Thompson filed misdemeanor charges of malicious injury to property on Friday. That charge carries a maximum penalty of one year in county jail, a \$1,000 fine or both.

Swisher was served the court summons by the Cassia County Sheriff's Department at his home in Burley.

Court documents say Swisher told police he said he participated in the attempted burning of the flame-retardant flag, then jumped on it when it would not burn.

The flag was stolen March 31 by some university student senators who took it to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house.

Truck spills load of hamburger on I-15

FARMINGTON, Utah - A truck carrying hamburger meat flipped on Interstate-15, scattering ground beef across the highway Friday.

Traffic was tied up for several hours as crews swept up the meat and cleared the wreckage. No one was injured.

A 21-year-old driver for Miller Bros. Meat Co. was cited for making an improper lane change. The driver became distracted and drifted off southbound lanes near the Glovers Lane exit, Utah Highway Patrol Trooper-Tim

Kincaid said. The truck dislodged a 30-foot section of concrete barrier, lost its trailer and spilled ground beef across northbound lanes. Then the cab of the truck careened back into southbound lanes, losing its rear axle.

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Church of the Nativity negotiations quicken pace

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) — Israel and the Palestinians held high-level talks Saturday to try to break the monthlong standoff at one of Christianity's holiest shrines on the eve of Orthodox Christians' Easter and Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's departure for the United States.

Palestinians inside the Church of the Nativity, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press by telephone that they had compiled a list of 123 names of those inside the church to give to the negotiators — a possible prelude to hammering out the fate of the wanted Palestinian militants among them. The talks were taking place at an undisclosed location.

Demonstrating the continuing volatility of the situation as the standoff entered its second month, a militant inside the church compound was fatally wounded by an Israeli sniper, and the Israeli army said a Palestinian bomb-making factory was discovered only about 100 yards from the church compound.

The accelerated push to find a solution to the standoff in Bethlehem — where the last major contingent of Israeli troops remains in the wake of a massive military offensive in the West Bank last month — came as Sharon was preparing to leave Sunday for Washington to discuss President Bush's plans for a Mideast peace conference.

Advisers to Sharon said he would propose that terms for a long-term interim deal with the Palestinians be arranged at a regional conference attended by Israel, the Palestinians, the United

States and moderate Arab states. Arab officials were cautious Saturday about committing themselves to the U.S.-sponsored conference, with hard-line Syria indicating it would not attend, and Egypt, a key Arab moderate, saying Israel had to withdraw first from Palestinian lands it recently occupied.

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Plans for the peace conference were announced Thursday by Secretary of State Colin Powell, with the backing of the United Nations, the European Union and Russia. U.S. officials have suggested the conference will be held in June.

Israel Radio reported Saturday that the conference would take place in Turkey. A Turkish Foreign Ministry spokesman said Turkey had offered to hold it but was not aware the invitation had been accepted. Israeli officials were not immediately available for comment.

The gathering would be held at the level of foreign ministers, avoiding the issue of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's attendance. Sharon has branded Arafat a ter-

rorist and has said he does not consider him a partner in negotiations.

The Israeli army said the Palestinian fatally shot in Bethlehem was Halaf Najzeh, a wanted militant from Arafat's Fatah movement. He was taken to an Israeli hospital, where he died, the army said.

More than 100 people, including about 30 Palestinian gunmen, are holed up inside the church, which is ringed by Israeli forces. The standoff, which began April 2, cast a pall over Orthodox Christian celebrations of Holy Week, which culminates with Easter on Sunday, a month after the holiday was celebrated under the Western church calendar.

Carrying out an ancient pre-Easter ritual, worshippers flocked to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem for the lighting of the Holy Fire. The flame is hand-passed from one worshipper to another, and a lantern lit from it was transported to Bethlehem, where Israeli soldiers allowed it to be passed to priests inside the Church of the Nativity.

The army announced that the transfer had taken place successfully "despite the difficult security situation."

Throughout the deadlock,

Israel has insisted that the armed men inside the church surrender or accept a truce. Palestinian officials have demanded they be taken to the Gaza Strip.

About 100 yards from the church, a 14-year-old Palestinian boy was moderately wounded by an explosion, hospital officials said. A sign outside the building

described it as a medical clinic, but Israeli troops who later searched the building said it was an explosives laboratory.

The army showed reporters at the scene bags of gunpowder and paraphernalia indicating support for the militant Hamas group, and a collapsed wall in the building indicated an internal explosion.

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EDITORIAL

Simplot closure forces area to look for positives

The news that J.R. Simplot Co. will close its Heyburn processing plant is a disappointing blow to the Mini-Cassia area's economy. But the announcement isn't surprising.

Indicators that the aging plant was losing its competitive edge have been popping up for the past few years, and certainly in the past few weeks. Simplot's decision to halve its potato contract acreage in the Mini-Cassia area came just days ago.

Other factors, including the dispute with Heyburn city officials over electricity and taxes, and the rise of national and international competitors, also have come into play. In short, the phased shutdown of the Heyburn plant is a hard lesson about local and global economics. But it's a lesson that can help Mini-Cassia economic leaders learn how to recover.

When more than 600 workers lose their jobs, pointing fingers is natural, but rarely does that create solutions. No blame can be attributed to the Simplot workers. Simplot's Heyburn plant has enjoyed the services of a solid group of employees. They're part of a Magic Valley work force that has gained and refined important skills, helping to define southern Idaho's stellar agricultural reputation while avoiding labor tensions.

The fact that 30 percent of Simplot's Heyburn employees were in the company more than 20 years illustrates a legacy of worker loyalty. Even so, all industries have to pursue profitability. Thirty years ago, Idaho's spuds clearly dominated the potato market. Today the industry stretches across half of the United States and into a growing number of other countries.

In Simplot's case, competition has come predominantly from Canada.

Local governments there offer huge, taxpayer-funded subsidies to attract potato processors. The dollar exchange rate works in Canada's favor.

Meanwhile, operating costs in Heyburn have gone up - specifically in power rates and taxes. Legal battles over electricity rates and annexation pitted the plant against the city. Simplot reported that the

aging plant was the least cost-effective plant in its system.

All of these factors played a part in Simplot's shutdown. Today's corporations have to adapt to market conditions to survive, and Heyburn is just one area where Simplot is making changes. The company is also closing seed plants

in Nampa and Weiser, and cutting fertilizer production in Pocatello.

Through the drive to be more competitive, companies will cut positions jobs in one region and add to them in another. In the past, these forces have helped

southern Idaho. This time they hurt us. Elsewhere in today's paper (Pages D4 and D5), we're republishing excerpts from several months' worth of news articles about Simplot. Viewed in hindsight, they illustrate the local and global trends that led to the closure. We urge readers to review them to see this issue in perspective.

Regional and state leaders, as well as economic development officials, now need to take inventory of the area's strengths and weaknesses. Minidoka County was the only Magic Valley county showing a population decline last year. The Simplot shutdown, along with the closure of a Burley Kmart store, will worsen the already high unemployment rates for Minidoka and Cassia counties.

But there are employees who will look favorably on the economic opportunities in Mini-Cassia counties. A case can be made that the state should do more to make its traditional commodities such as potatoes more viable on the world market. That would have to be determined by citizens who make the investment with taxes.

The Mini-Cassia region still has some of the best irrigated farmland in America for certain crops. The work force has expertise and ambition. Certain industries can be attracted to utilize these resources. And this may even be an opportunity for the dairy industry to expand in Mini-Cassia.

Even while feeling deep disappointment over the Simplot closure, the community needs to look to the future.

Our view: Simplot plant closure should lead economic leaders to look to the future for Mini-Cassia industries. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Le Pen's ilk preys on immigrants' fears

I remember Jean-Marie Le Pen from many years ago. We were both young paratrooper officers - boarding different planes, taking off in formation for a jumping exercise. He was a regular of the French "para" forces, and I was a foreign officer training with their crack special forces. I didn't mingle with his crowd, but I remember noticing him. He was popular among the guys, flaunting tremendous bravado and natural, aggressive leadership. The soldiers followed him with glee.

RANAN R. LURIE

"This guy's going to pull himself up and probably become the commander of France's paratroopers," Maj. Pierre, my host in that French special unit, predicted. Little did he realize how much then-captain Le Pen would shake France and Europe with his stunning electoral showings years later.

I have studied Le Pen, Joerg Haider of Austria and several other far-right leaders and have concluded they should instead be called far-right manipulators. All of them command with strikingly similar characteristics - traits they were probably born with. They all have a burning ambition and lust for power. And each possesses a sixth sense about which issue is likely to inflict the most pain on his constituency. Then, each one analyzes that issue or problem, the most common is economic hardship or personal safety - and throws into the ring the "solution."

With Hitler it was the "Final Solution," and with Le Pen, as well as Haider and the newly successful right-wing extremists in Switzerland, Denmark and Holland, it is the "we're preparing a solution" against new immi-



grants, especially Muslims. Anti-Semitism is now virtually being replaced by anti-Islamism, but Europeans are not yet aware of that.

Let us not forget that Europe for the last 4,000 years has been a very bad neighborhood. Only under Roman rule did Europe know some relative calm. Before and after the Romans, all hell broke loose because xenophobia was the name of the game, and the game's main rule is "the dislike of the like toward the unlike." The more "unlike" you are, the nastier the repercussions. The Jewish community in Europe eventually learned this in the hardest way possible. During the last few decades, impressive numbers of "unlikes" flooded Europe. The bulk were, and are, Muslims. For Europeans, Muslims are perhaps the ultimate "unlikes" because

they seem to cherish their differences and even flaunt them.

While we learned in America that the Italian, Irish or Norwegian immigrant wishes so much to become an "American," the new Islamic society in France, which now numbers more than 6 million, in recent years built 1,550 mosques there. Muslims have established neighborhoods that are entirely Arab, where residents dress in traditional Muslim clothing, eat traditional North African foods and mainly study the Koran and Arab history. They rarely make an effort to mingle in French society or to adopt French history and tradition as their own. They don't have even one member in the French Parliament.

Captain Le Pen, who jumped out of military planes at 2,000 feet, is now gladly jumping into the depths of the fears of the

French blue-collar soul, and harps on them like a maestro.

The wishful thinking of the French, voiced by this week's polls, anticipates Jacques Chirac winning with 78 percent of the vote in Sunday's second round, and Le Pen receiving only 22 percent. Considering all of the above, France may be shocked again this Sunday. Le Pen may pull more than 35 percent of the vote.

If France won't stop basking in its traditional "equality" slogans and really do something about them, Le Pen's group and other parties like his all over Europe will surprise all of us very much in forthcoming elections.

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White House knows war won't win elections

RALEIGH, N.C. - Karl Rove's mid-term campaign analysis isn't working - not here in this key Senate battleground state and nowhere else I can find.

As you may remember, President Bush's political counselor made headlines in January when he told a meeting of the Republican National Committee that the war on terrorism would be the key to GOP victories in this November's congressional elections.

Referring to the president's leadership against terrorists and on homeland defense, Rove said, "We can go to the country on this issue because they trust the Republican Party to do a better job of protecting and strengthening America's military might and thereby protecting America."

That was then, but it's different now. Just ask the leading candidate for the open field, the seat of retiring Republican Sen. Jesse Helms.

Former Clinton White House chief of staff Erskine Bowles, the front-runner in a nine-person Democratic primary field, told me that down-home issues - education, Social Security, and especially health care - are uppermost in voters' minds. No surprise that a Democrat would want to play down Bush's strong suit, you say?

Then hear Elizabeth Dole, the former Cabinet member and



DAVID S. BRODER

one-time presidential aspirant, who is crusading to the Republican nomination with the blessing of Bush and the White House. When I asked her in an April 18 interview what she was hearing from the grass roots as she works her way through North Carolina's 100 counties, this was her answer.

"First and foremost, it is the fact that the economy is in such transition. People are really afraid ... They're afraid they're going to lose their job, if they haven't already lost it ... Education comes up constantly ... We have an excellent network of 58 community colleges, but right now, the state is cutting back on their funding ... We really need more money to retrain people. And we need money to improve our information technology and infrastructure for the high-paying jobs we want ..."

Dole went on in this vein for some time, talking about the damage to the manufacturing and agriculture base of her state's economy. I interrupted to ask, "Is the terrorist threat on their minds?"

"It is," she said, "but it's not the thing they bring up that much, when I ask them what they have the most concern about. I think they have great faith in President Bush and Colin Powell and Don Rumsfeld and Dick Cheney in this state, and they feel it's being handled as well as it could be. Obviously it is of concern to everybody, but it's more 'what hits me, my family, my pocketbook, my fields and my factory' that I hear more about."

North Carolina may be in particularly tough straits, with its textile and furniture manufacturers feeling the impact of imports, and tobacco growers wondering about their future. But barring another major international or domestic terrorist incident, both parties now believe domestic issues will count most heavily in the polling places in November.

The Democrats two weeks ago reduced their political agenda to a two-sided plastic card their members of Congress and candidates can keep in their shirt pockets. The message, distilled from polls and focus groups by John Podesta, Bowles' successor in the Clinton White House, begins with a declaration that "Democrats are committed to winning the war on terrorism and making our country more secure." But then it moves quickly to familiar Democratic territo-

ry: Social Security, jobs, Medicare, prescription drugs and the environment.

The clearest acknowledgment that Republicans know this is the ground on which they must fight came in the speech Bush gave last week in San Jose, Calif., in which he returned to his campaign theme of "compassionate conservatism." Unlike his January State of the Union address, with its ringing rhetoric about combating terrorism and eliminating the "axis of evil" regimes in Iraq, Iran and North Korea, this one was heavily weighted to domestic issues.

Part of the purpose was to frame the coming budget debate, by rebutting Democratic claims Bush is short-changing domestic programs. Bush said that he will "spend on what works," and not for programs that yield no results. But the slogan of 2000 was also revived, as one senior White House aide told me, "to provide a framework that will allow local candidates to plug their particular issues into a cohesive approach."

Bush's speech was plenty coherent. It touched on every domestic issue on the Democratic list - and more. Not even the White House now believes this election will turn on terrorism or homeland defense.

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Through the year 2010, the Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that more than 1 million new nurses will be needed in our country. Many efforts nationally, statewide and locally, encourage our young people to choose health care as a career. Jobs in nursing and other health-care professions are exciting and rewarding. Encourage a young person you know to explore the options of entering this challenging, stimulating and gratifying field.

During National Nurses Week, take a moment to thank the

nurses around you. Drop them a note in the mail or send a public thank you letter to the newspaper. Please help us recognize our area's nurses. In this way, you can pay tribute to a particular nurse or to all indispensable nurses during this special week. Nurses do make a valuable contribution to our health and a difference in our lives. **JANIE DRANEY** Twin Falls (Editor's note: Janie Draney is a registered nurse at the vice president of patient care for Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.)

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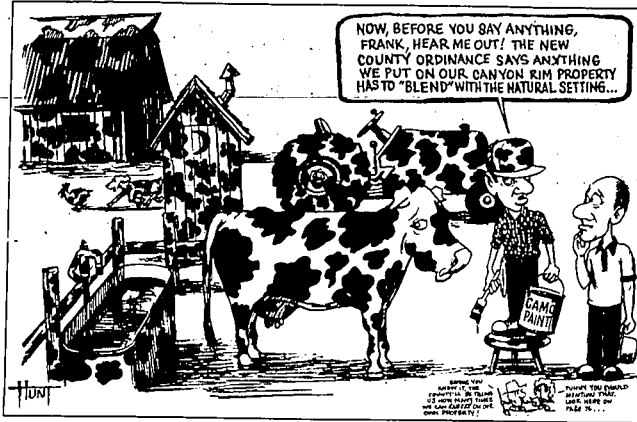
Snake River Council should reconsider sale of land

As one who was there when the Hanks Road and Falls Avenue East acreage was given to the Twin Falls Boy Scouts, I totally disagree with the proposals described in *The Times-News* article by Julie Pence of April 20.

I am a family member of Virgil Mogensen and remember clearly the discussions about what she envisioned about uses for her gift. You may remember my father, Frank Mogensen. He was involved with the Boy Scouts for more than 50 years, the majority of time spent leading Troop 57. I remember him talking about the family land being prime farmland and that if its acreage wasn't going to be farmed by the family, at least it would be maintained in a pristine manner that would benefit all Boy Scouts in the Snake River Council. He had visions of developing the land into a recreational area that would remain somewhat secluded from the hustle and bustle of commercial activities—a place where scouts could hone their skills by developing their "physical fitness, mental awareness and moral strength." Dad was tickled pink when this land was donated and the council agreed with the spirit of my grandmother's marvelous gift.

The development described in your April 20 article would appall both my dad and grandmother. While I suspect that the donation was made "without strings" officially, the tacit understanding was that the land would be used for recreational or educational purposes—specifically for the "best interest of all scouts and the Snake River Council." I say that the donation was probably "made without strings officially" because I know that both my dad and grandmother probably would not have taken the time to make it official because they both trusted people to keep their word. And the Boy Scouts agreed to their vision!

If this proposal does come to fruition, I can only hope that the proceeds are, in fact, earmarked



solely for the benefit of all scouts and the Snake River Council—but to be really honest, I hope the council reconsiders its sale.

NANCY MOGENSEN-JACKSON
Arvada, Colo.

It is amazing that the democratic process might take place for Twin Falls County voters. The county commissioners will vote on the option of asking taxpayers to bankroll the proposed new jail

in a bond issue. Since when do voters have to be given the right to vote? In America, the right to vote is our right. It seems in Twin Falls County, voters need to have permission from the county com-

We shouldn't require the county's permission to vote

Proposed jail, reference *Times-News* article of April 26:

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missioners to vote. Commissioner Grindstaff is quoted in saying, "If we don't build a new jail, we're going to be triple bunking the one we've got and then we're going to be sued." The current jail is able to house 222 inmates. If we triple that, we now need room for 666 inmates. The proposed new jail will hold 256 inmates; 222 and 256 adds up to 478. We would still be 188 beds short and still being sued. I'm sure the quoted statement was an over-exaggeration of what is actual. Which leads me to think this is a way to intimidate Twin Falls voters into thinking that we really do need a jail.

Referencing *Times-News* article of April 28:
Now we get the right to vote,

say the county commissioners, but your vote and my vote does not matter. We will build the jail anyway. Now I ask you, is this democracy? Is this why wars are fought and men and women die or become veterans preserving our freedoms?

The elections are coming. I would like to think that all of us have learned something from the proposed new jail and the confined animal feeding operation issues. We need elected officials that think and care about the people they represent, who make decisions based on public input and concerns.

HOWARD MEIERS

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(Editor's note: Howard Meiers is a Democratic candidate for the Twin Falls County commission.)

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Dr. Greg Ledbetter, a veterinarian that has been helping keep Magic Valley's dairy cows in peak physical and mental condition for the past several years says that the Idaho's dairy producers and industry regulators work overtime to ensure only the safest and purest milk and milk products end up on Idaho's dinner tables each day.

"Magic Valley dairymen judiciously use antibiotics to treat their sick cows," Dr. Ledbetter explains. "That means that the only time that a cow is administered antibiotics is if she's sick and needs them to get healthy again."

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bacteria that's causing the illness.

"Anyone promoting animal welfare wouldn't think of withholding antibiotics from a sick animal, just like a parent wouldn't think twice about withholding them from their child if they knew it would help the child," Dr. Ledbetter says. "Dairy producers just want their animals to be healthy and happy and sometimes the use of antibiotics is necessary to make them better."

So do dairy producers "feed" antibiotics to their herd in an attempt to prevent sickness? Dr. Ledbetter said that the notion of constantly pumping a cow full of medicine just doesn't make sense. First and most importantly, that type of practice isn't good for the animal. Secondly, it's not a very cost effective practice.

"It costs money to buy and administer the antibiotics and the milk can't be sold so it's a lose-lose situation," Dr. Ledbetter adds. So, why don't consumers need to worry about antibiotics mixing in to their dairy products?



container and discarded to guarantee her milk isn't commingled with the rest of the healthy herd's milk.

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"Dairy producers just want their animals to be healthy and happy and sometimes the use of antibiotics is necessary to make them better."

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Section B

Farewell, dodge ball, crucible of life

They're killing off dodge ball, that raw-edged staple of high school physical education classes that has transformed so many boys into men (men, that is, whose broken noses have healed badly).

According to the *Los Angeles Times*, do-gooders, nurturers and risk managers in New York, Virginia, Maryland, Maine, Ohio and Texas have already talked some school boards into banning the game, and the movement seems to be spreading.

Soon the biggest test of character in a P.E. class will be who can sing "Kumbaya" loudest while skipping rope.

What a shame to lose such an elemental rite of passage, such a blood, sweat- and jeers-stained metaphor for life. Dodge ball is "Lord of the Flies" without the monkeys.

Thursday was dodge ball day in my P.E. class, where the predictable usually prevailed.

Big, strong, athletic teenagers would throw an



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underinflated volleyball at a high rate of speed into the persons of smaller or fatter or slower kids, making them hop, skip, turn red in the face and sometimes cry. You weren't supposed to aim for the head, but the teachers winked at that rule.

When a dodge ball impacted a target of opportunity, the other kids would howl, the coaches would snicker, then everyone would shower and go to algebra class.

Surely, the creators of "Survivor" survived dodge ball.

The object of this predatory exercise in social Darwinism is for everyone to get nailed with a flying rubber ball until there is a last man standing.

Apart from running away really fast, the only way to escape smack-down is to catch the ball, thus disqualifying the thrower.

For dumpy youngsters like myself, prudence dictates that you convice to get clobbered early in the game, because the longer you survive as a player, the greater your prospects of being on the receiving end of a dodge ball thrown at close range by a linebacker.

But by covering in the crowd overmuch and through plain dumb bad luck, on one particular Thursday I ended up alone on the gym floor with Milo McCaffery, the quarterback on the school's varsity football team.

Milo chased me around the gym for five minutes before closing to within eight feet and firing that ball with so much force that he left his feet.

"The ball hit my chest with a tremendous thud and knocked me flat on my backside. I was still trying to remember how to breathe again when the ball, which had arched high into the air, landed squarely in my lap."

I won.

It was a bigger deal than you think. All the losers had to run laps.

What lesson did I learn that day? That the best revenge is sitting on the bleachers and watching everyone else sweat.

And, of course, that the race doesn't always go to swift, although that's where you should bet your 401(k) money.

Getting picked on and eliminated from competition, that's life. Kids are tougher and more resilient than either educators or their parents like to think.

One dodge ball alum, Sports Illustrated columnist Rick Reilly, wrote recently that some parents "want their Ambers and their Alexanders to grow up in a cozy womb of noncompetition, where everybody shares toys, and Little Red Riding Hood and the big, bad wolf set up a commune. Then their kids will stumble out into the bright light of the real world and find out that, yes, there's weak and there's strong and teams and sides and winning and losing."

Just so. And how else, I wonder, are they going to learn guile, that indispensable life skill? That's right, guile. You remember how I told you that those volleyballs used in dodge ball were underinflated? How do you suppose that got that way?

Because at the start of the semester, I had volunteered to collect the gear and bring it into the gym at the beginning of class.

I cut 18 inches off the rope we had to climb in P.E. class, too.

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Johnny Horizon lives on in T.F.



The U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Johnny Horizon logo officially lasted just four years but lives on in Twin Falls County.

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - What ever happened to Johnny Horizon?

The care-for-your public lands campaign officially lasted just four years from 1968 to 1972 but still lives on in Darrell Heider of Kimberly and the hundreds of volunteers who help clean up roadside litter in Twin Falls County each year.

Heider, who turns 80 this month, saw to it that annual Johnny Horizon Day Cleanup continued this year. He planned to retire after more than 30 years as the organizer but stepped in once again.

"I figured if he was going to worry about it, he might as well make it happen," said his wife, Mary Jane.

The two buzzed around Twin Falls County in their minivan Saturday to thank volunteers along cleanup routes and pass out more trash bags.

He rolled down his van window to shake hands, express thanks and make sure people



Darrell Heider checks in with two of his volunteers, Charmaine Weatherly, right, and Alexa Nielson, from the 4-H club. For more than 30 years Heider has been leading the Johnny Horizon annual roadside cleanup in Twin Falls.

know about lunch sponsored by the Twin Falls Lion's Club at area parks.

"Don't let me forget to be sure and tell them to go get their scrumptious meal," he told his wife.

Each group, whether it be 4-Hers, Boy Scouts or church members, divided up five-mile routes to cover nearly all county roads. Heider found Kris Ferlic's 4-H Lucky Charms Club south of town. It has volunteered for

years on Johnny Horizon Day. "More years than I can count," Ferlic said.

Heider cruised farther south to find Bill Kevan, who has led a cleanup crew for more than 30 years.

Heider remembers the beginnings of the Johnny Horizon campaign launched by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. The outdoorsman Johnny Horizon is similar to the U.S. Forest Service's Woody the Owl stewardship program that followed Johnny.

"The BLM decided to clean up America for its 200th birthday," says Heider, who still has a copy of Johnny Horizon letterhead.

The BLM canceled Johnny Horizon before the 1976 bicentennial. Despite the campaign's appeal, there was disagreement within the BLM over how to pay for the program. This and a lack of focus led to its cancellation.

But not in Twin Falls County. "We had a commissioner who thought it was a good thing, so we kept it going," Heider said.

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DANCING AT THE FAIRGROUNDS



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From left, Silvia Miramontes, Myra Ochoa, Ericka Bravo, Jeannette Sedano, Isabel Ferreira and Rebeca Miramontes from Jerome Middle School dance a traditional Mexican dance Saturday in honor of the Cinco de Mayo celebration at the Jerome County Fairgrounds.

Remaining Cinco de Mayo events

■ Today

* Bull riding and mutton-busting for ages 4-7, a pig scramble for ages 5-7 and 8-12 and bull poker at 2 p.m. at the Holley Rodeo Arena. Admission is \$8, and children age 11 and under are free.

■ Monday

* Cinco de Mayo Festival at the College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Center auditorium, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Admission free.

Perennial candidate just won't give up

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

NAMPA - He's never won a race yet, but he says every time he ran for office something good came from it.

"I've never gotten elected, but the issues I run on - usually something happens," said Don McMurrian, 63, who is a Democratic candidate running for a representative seat in District 12.

McMurrian is working with his son in Nampa these days, but he lived off and on in Magic Valley for more than 15 years before heading to Canyon County recently.

"This time what has him fired up is high electricity rates."

"I'm running for state representative because of the actions the (Public Utilities Commission) took on the rates. They approved the high power rates for Idaho Power," he said.

He said the governor-appointed board has become nothing more than a tool for the utility companies.

"These high costs is causing a great deal of hardship on people, including myself and my family," he said in his characteristic Southern drawl. "I'm on Social Security and working part time cooking hamburgers for my son at a Burger King here in Boise."

It was first-hand experience that prompted him to run for office for the first time in the early 1980s. He had moved into the labor camp just outside of Twin Falls. Though the migrant worker ghetto was inside the city limits, it was considered to be under the jurisdiction of the county. So when a neighbor woman's house caught fire and the Fire Department couldn't get to the camp in time, she lost everything. That really got to McMurrian.

"I decided to run for city council," he said. "Now I didn't get elected, but after some time the Migrant Council bought it, and now the people who live there can vote and have the regular protections of the city."

Art Franz, a former Twin Falls city councilman, thinks highly of McMurrian, who is recovering from a two-year bout with skin cancer.

"Don is a very sincere individual," Franz said. "I think he would do anything he possibly could for the little guy - the common man."

McMurrian doesn't follow traditional party lines. He refers to Please see MCMURRIAN, Page B7.



Don McMurrian

Northeastern Nevada ghost town refuses to die

By Sam Feitman
Times-News correspondent

MONTELLO, Nev. - You would never know it by looking at this sleepy, dusty town, but it used to be the hub of activity for the Southern Pacific Railroad and the Utah Construction Company.

"Every train stopped," said old-time resident Bryce Kimber.

Although the town's population was only around 500 at its peak, Kimber said, there were always many more people. The railroad changed crews at Montello so there were always railroad workers there. Cattle were brought in and supplies were gathered for the vast number of ranches, so the town also teemed with cowboys.

Kimber moved to Montello from Grouse-Creek, 39-miles away, so he and his brothers and sisters could attend school. For many years they spent the school week in Montello and returned to the ranch on weekends and summers.

"The Southern Pacific Railroad is the chief reason that Montello, a railroad town, is on the map of Nevada. Montello's birth was the death of Tecoma, seven miles northeast of here," according to an area history compiled by the Montello School English class of 1942.

Montello's population is now just under 200 residents, and the town has become a bedroom community for Wendover, Nev., casino workers 55 miles away.

But the town is a virtual treasure trove of old, worn-out vehicles, many dating from the '20s and '30s. The 100-year-old Cowboy Saloon and Diner offers its famous cowboy burger and a chance to meet the locals. Shorty



SAM FEITMAN/The Times-News

Self, the friendly proprietor, is happy to point out the old sites. Self said that more than 50 trains still pass through Montello each day.

"A few even stop," he said. "We came out here for the peace and quiet," said Marvone Robertson, who moved here from the San Francisco Bay area and who manages the gas station and grocery store that also has a small motel.

Dr. Paul Adams, one of Montello's two teachers, said that when the railroad buildings were moved out in the '50s, railroad authorities predicted that Montello would soon dry up and blow away. He said he had bumper stickers made that say, "Montello, Nevada: the town that refused to die."

When his daughter was 10 years old, he and his wife moved to Montello from Los Angeles, where they were afraid to let her out in the back yard to play.

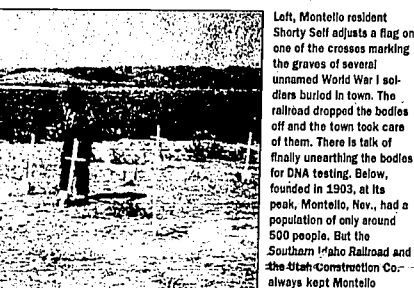


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Adams said the town has not died for good reason: "Montello is a wonderful community to live and raise a family."

A ranching and railroad giant

The railroad built a large roundhouse in Montello in 1903 to service and repair train engines. Every steam engine stopped for oil and water in Montello, but many engines were serviced and repaired further, Kimber said. At its peak, the roundhouse employed 30 men. Montello was a busy place during World War II. Western Union increased the number of telegraphers from three to nine during

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Freshman Audra Suhrstedt attempts to avoid the numerous sprinklers spraying the walkways at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Ore., Thursday.

WestRock resort grants easement to protect wetlands

CASCADE (AP) - Investors in the proposed WestRock resort are working to protect wildlife habitat with a conservation easement.

The group granted a permanent conservation easement for 13 acres of wetlands, stream channels and riparian areas on the proposed resort's private lands.

The easement was required as part of a wetlands protection permit issued to WestRock by the

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Along with the conservation easement, investors donated \$10,000 to the Idaho Foundation for Parks and Lands to underwrite costs of monitoring conditions in the area.

The foundation is dedicated to protecting high-quality natural assets of Idaho, an ethic we are glad to know is shared by the WestRock Lake Cascade team,"

Sharon Hubler, executive director of the foundation, said.

WestRock will fund stream and habitat restoration on the conservation easement and surrounding areas as one of the conditions for a U.S. Clean Water Act permit.

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Senator wants Idaho to lead space travel

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - U.S. Sen. Larry Craig thinks extended space travel could secure the future of the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory and its Argonne West nuclear lab.

The Idaho Republican hasn't been reading too many Edgar Rice Burroughs or H.G. Wells novels. Craig and the rest of Idaho's congressional delegation say they want to find something else for INEEL to do as it completes key projects.

In a budget meeting with NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe last week, Craig pitched Idaho as the place to launch space travel to the next level.

Nuclear power "may hold the key to overcoming the time-distance challenge" of deep space, Craig said.

What is at stake is a new five-year, \$800 million nuclear systems initiative that will be managed by NASA and coordinated with the Department of Energy. It would develop new nuclear power generation and propulsion systems.

Idaho would like a cut of the action.

"All the elements are in place there in southeast Idaho to do that kind of research," Craig spokesman Mike Tracy said. "It's a very legitimate research area."

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IDAHO FALLS (AP) - A partnership with Malaysia is helping the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory fulfill its goal of helping solve some of the world's environmental problems.

The laboratory is teaming up with the state's universities and Idaho-based environmental companies to help Malaysia develop a comprehensive strategy to assess and manage contaminated industrial areas.

"This is a great opportunity for the INEEL," Bob Breckenridge, the project's technical director, said. "For us and some of the lab's local spin-off companies and other Idaho businesses this means the creation of markets for our technologies, new jobs and new business ventures for Idaho."

Scientists will provide technical direction to Malaysia on

cleanups and waste management, said Christine Ott, acting deputy manager of the Energy Department's Idaho Operation's Office.

The effort will include the Idaho Department of Commerce, the Inland Northwest Research Alliance, Boise State University, Idaho State University, and the University of Idaho.

Participants hope to create an Asia Pacific Center for Brownfields Restoration and Research in Malaysia. The partnership will focus on expanding business relationships and securing funding.

Representatives of the Malaysia Institute of Engineers, and the Malaysian government will visit environmental companies in Idaho Falls, Twin Falls and Boise this week for a demonstration of pollution control technology.

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Wednesday: Donuts
Friday: Cereal, breakfast tacos
Lunch menu
Salad bar and milk served every day
Monday: Beef and cheese nachos, cornmeal roll, corn, fruit snack
Tuesday: French toast sticks, maple syrup, sliced ham, meatloam, peas
Wednesday: Corn dogs, French fries, cookie
Thursday: Chicken dinner, potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot roll
Friday: Sloppy Joes, French fries, fruit, Teddy Graham

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Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served every day
Monday: Donuts
Tuesday: Scrambled eggs
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Cinnamon rolls
Friday: Muffins
Lunch menu
Monday: Oven-fried chicken
Tuesday: Enchiladas
Wednesday: Chicken burgers
Thursday: Hoagie sandwich
Friday: Buffalo hot sauce

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL
Milk served every day
Monday: Turkey casserole, corn, cranberry crisp
Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese, carrots, hot roll, applesauce
Wednesday: Scrambled eggs, cinnamon rolls, cranberry sauce, mixed fruit
Thursday: Spaghetti, green beans, bread sticks, pears
Friday: Turkey sandwich, tater tots, pineapple

FILER SCHOOL
Monday: Burritos
Tuesday: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Hamburger
Thursday: Turkey gravy
Friday: No school

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Breakfast menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal, toast, juice, fruit
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy, fruit, juice
Wednesday: Yogurt, toast, fruit, juice
Thursday: Quesadilla, fruit, juice
Friday: Long johns, cereal, fruit, juice
Lunch menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Lasagna, bread sticks, salad, fruit
Tuesday: Nachos, refried beans, Jell-O, fruit
Wednesday: Tuna sandwich, chicken noodle soup, fruit
Thursday: Rib-bone, cole slaw, fruit, cookies
Friday: Goulash, corn, rolls, fruit

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL
Choice of milk every day
Monday: Hot dog, chili, French fries, pineapple, zucchini bread
Tuesday: Turkey and gravy over noodles, green beans, rolls, jelly, peaches, oatmeal cherry cookies
Wednesday: Sausage gravy, biscuits, hash browns, orange slush, granola bars
Thursday: Spaghetti, green salad, focaccia bread, pears
Friday: Dippy day

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Milk served every day
Monday: Pizza, corn, green salad, peaches

Tuesday: Roast beef sub sandwich, potato patty, celery stick, orange half
Wednesday: Nachos, salsa, bread sticks, pineapple
Thursday: Rib-bone, French fries, pickles, hot roll
Friday: Roast turkey, potatoes, gravy, green beans, juice bar

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL
Milk served every day
Monday: Pizza, fruit and vegetable bar
Tuesday: Roast beef sub sandwich, potato patty, fruit and vegetable bar
Wednesday: Nachos, salsa, bread sticks, fruit and vegetable bar
Thursday: Taco salad, O'Cheese, fruit and vegetable bar
Friday: California chili wrap, French fries, fruit and vegetable bar

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
Choice of milk served every day
Monday: Grilled chicken and bacon wrap, cool ranch, burrito, orange quarters, cookie
Tuesday: Popcorn chicken, French fries, strawberry, biscuits, honey
Wednesday: Finger steaks, baked potato, cool fruit Jell-O, hot dinner roll
Thursday: Hamburger, seasoned potato wedges, pears, chocolate pudding
Friday: Spaghetti, stuffed green beans, applesauce, French fries

MURTAUGH SCHOOL
Milk served every day
Monday-Friday: Menu not available

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH
Breakfast menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal, applesauce, toast, jelly
Tuesday: Waffles, syrup, link sausages, diced peaches
Wednesday: Cereal, pineapple, cereal bar
Thursday: Scrambled eggs, ham, hash browns, apricots
Friday: Cereal, pears, cinnamon twist
Lunch menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Ham and cheese sandwich, salad bar and grilled cheese sandwich, Campbell's chicken noodle soup, celery sticks, peanut butter, sliced peaches
Tuesday: Rib-bone sandwich, soup and sandwich bar and sweet and sour meatballs over rice, salad, pineapple, dinner roll
Wednesday: Taco bar or pizza, vegetables, strawberries
Thursday: Malibu chicken sandwich, potato bar or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed-fruit cup, angel biscuit, honey
Friday: Deli sandwich, salad bar or taco salad, refried beans, tater tots, applesauce, cupcake

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Monday: Hot dogs
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Pasta Alfredo
Thursday: Beef tacos
Friday: Macaroni and cheese

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY
Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal, applesauce, toast, jelly
Tuesday: Waffles, syrup, link sausage, diced peaches
Wednesday: Cereal, pineapple, cereal bar
Thursday: Scrambled eggs, ham, hash browns, apricots
Friday: Cereal, pears, cinnamon twist
Lunch menu
Monday: Grilled cheese sandwich, Campbell's chicken noodle soup, celery sticks, peanut butter, diced peaches
Tuesday: Turkey and noodles, seasoned corn, cool fruit Jell-O, angel biscuit
Thursday: Pepperoni pizza, green beans, diced pears, bread sticks, pizza sauce

Friday: Italian spaghetti, green salad, ranch dressing, strawberries, corn bread

VALLEY SCHOOLS
Breakfast is served every day
Monday: Nachos, chips, salsa, corn, cinnamon sticks, fruit
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, baked potato, carrots, hot roll, butter
Wednesday: Rib-bone, French fries, green salad, fruit cubbler
Thursday: Strawberry waffles, hash browns, sausage patty, orange wedges
Friday: Crisp burrito, chips, salsa, cinnamon roll, peaches

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 grilled cheese sandwich, Campbell's soup, celery sticks, peanut butter, diced peaches
Tuesday: Coyote grill bar, deli sandwich or soft-shell taco, salsa, Mexican corn, strawberries and bananas
Wednesday: Taco bar, deli sandwich or hamburger, French fries, apple, peanut butter cookie
Thursday: Coyote grill bar, deli sandwich or chicken tenders, country gravy, French fries, diced pears, biscuits, honey
Friday: Potato bar, deli sandwich or Little Caesar's pizza, green salad, cantaloupe, bread sticks, pizza sauce


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BLAINE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Lunch menu
Bellevue Elementary has no self-serve bar.
Monday: Pepperoni pizza, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, tossed green salad, applesauce, fortune cookie. Self-serve bar: Potato bar
Tuesday: Ham and cheese sandwich, Danimals yogurt, minestrone soup, peaches, Rice Krispie treat. Self-serve bar: Hot dogs
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, boiled eggs and roll, country blend vegetables, blueberry muffin, pineapple tidbits. Self-serve bar: Cheese nachos
Thursday: French toast sticks, string cheese, crackers, link sausage, hash brown potato patty. Self-serve bar: Taco salad
Friday: Hamburger, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, string cheese, fruit cocktail, waffle cookie. Self-serve bar: Spaghetti

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Pocket sandwich, macaroni salad
Tuesday: Sloppy Joes, French fries
Wednesday: Fifth-grade choice
Thursday: Hamburger and macaroni salad
Friday: Pizza, fruit, salad

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

Salad bar, fruit and milk served every day
Monday: Fried chicken
Tuesday: Hamburger stroganoff
Wednesday: Cook's surprise
Thursday: Fajitas
Friday: Biscuits and gravy

GLENN'S FERRY

Monday-Friday: Menu not available

GOODING ELEMENTARY

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

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered every day
Monday: Beef taco, fruit, corn, donut
Tuesday: Pizza choice, vegetable choice, fruit or juice, crisp rice bar
Wednesday: Chicken gravy, mashed potatoes, fruit, hot roll, sherbet
Thursday: Macaroni and cheese, salad bar, fruit, peanut butter bar
Friday: Hamburger, oven fries, fruit, cookie

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Milk served every day
Breakfast menu
Monday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, scrambled eggs, toast, jelly
Tuesday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, banana muffin
Wednesday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, pancakes, Little Snuggles, syrup
Thursday: Choice of juice, choice of

cereal, applesauce, yogurt, cinnamon toast
Friday: Choice of juice, fruit, cinnamon rice, waffles, link sausage, syrup
Lunch menu
Salad bar and choice of milk served every day
Monday: Burrito, sliced pears, corn, mystery pie, salsa
Tuesday: Grilled ham and cheese sandwich, tomato soup, crackers, apricots, yellow cake
Wednesday: Corn dog, tater tots, fruit cocktail, cinnamon rolls
Thursday: Idaho nachos, carrot sticks, grapes, sherbet, salsa
Friday: Chicken and noodles, broccoli and cheese sauce, sliced peaches, hot rolls, butter, jelly

JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served every day
Monday: Poor boy sandwich or hamburger, French fries, vegetables, kiwi or pineapple
Tuesday: Cook's choice
Wednesday: Enchiladas or nachos, corn, orange or chilled peaches, churros
Thursday: Deli sandwich or chicken nuggets, potato salad, vegetables, grapes or apricot cobbler
Friday: Burrito or chicken bacon roll up, Spanish rice, fruit, Jell-O or banana

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served every day
Monday: Cereal, toast
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy, hash browns
Wednesday: Cereal, cinnamon sticks
Thursday: French toast, sausage
Friday: Cereal, Pop-Tarts
Lunch menu
Monday: Tomato soup, tuna sandwich, crackers, blueberry cobbler
Tuesday: Pizza, green salad, bar cookie, apricots
Wednesday: Chicken patty, potatoes, gravy, bread, butter, peaches
Thursday: Chili, vegetable sticks, cinnamon roll, applesauce
Friday: Cheeseburger, fries, peanut butter cookie, apple wedges

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served every day
Monday: Burrito, corn, salsa, fruit cocktail, cookies
Tuesday: Pepperoni pizza, pineapple, tossed salad, ranch dressing, crisp rice treats
Wednesday: Baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, green beans, orange halves, Italian bread
Thursday: Hamburger, apple crisp, potato puffs
Friday: Barchetta, pineapple, tossed salad, ranch dressing, oatmeal cookies

WENDELL SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily
Monday: Chicken patties, mashed potatoes, gravy, baby carrots, wheat roll, fruit pie
Tuesday: Ground beef stroganoff, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, wheat roll, jam, peaches
Wednesday: Turkey sandwich, baby carrots, banana half, oatmeal cookie
Thursday: French toast, syrup, ham,

potato puffs, applesauce
Friday: Smburger, fries, baby carrots, orange half
All schools serve milk with meals.

CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal, graham crackers, juice
Tuesday: Breakfast on a stick, pears
Wednesday: Peanut butter cereal bar, applesauce
Thursday: Cereal, muffin, pineapple
Friday: Scrambled egg, hash brown patty, toast, ham
Lunch menu
Monday: Deli turkey sandwich, tortilla chips, peaches
Tuesday: School choice
Wednesday: Rib-cue or sloppy Joes, vegetable sticks, orange, no-bake cookie
Thursday: Chicken and noodles, peas, roll, fruit cup
Friday: Taco, corn, chocolate chip cake

MINIDOKA COUNTY SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal, muffin, peaches

Tuesday: Breakfast burrito, trail mix, peaches
Wednesday: Yogurt, toast, apple wedges
Thursday: Breakfast cookie, trail mix, applesauce
Friday: Cereal, graham crackers, fruit mix
Lunch menu
Choice of white or chocolate milk every day
Monday: Burrito, corn, pink applesauce
Tuesday: Deli sandwich, coffee, carrot sticks, fruit mix
Wednesday: Italian dunkers, green salad, dressing, fruit mix, cookie
Thursday: Hamburgers, carrot sticks, tater tots, fruit
Friday: Turkey-gravy-wedged potatoes, vegetable sticks, fruit cobbler, dinner roll

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast: Juice and fruit served every day
Choice of salad bar with sandwich or soup or sandwich bar every day
Chocolate milk served every day
Monday: Chili or barbecue, carrot or celery, orange half, cinnamon twist, salad bar, Hot Pockets
Tuesday: Chicken malibu or tuna, tater tots, peas
Salad bar: Mini corn dog

Wednesday: Hamburger, burrito or cheeseburger, French fries, apple half, Salad bar: Finger steak, roll
Thursday: Taco or corn dog, corn, applesauce, Salad bar: Crispini
Friday: Ham and cheese or turkey and cheese, crinkle fries, pears, Pizza bar or salad bar: Chicken fried steak, roll

School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu through fast menu if desired printed with the menu in Sunday's paper, send the menu to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83301, or fax to 228-5528. Attention: Lunch Menu. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.

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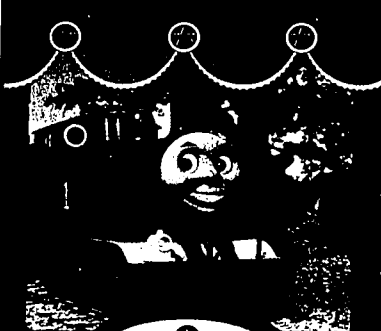
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Dems blast Yucca Mountain plan

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Democrats and their weekly radio address Saturday to lash out against the Bush administration's plan to use Nevada's Yucca Mountain as the repository for the nation's nuclear waste.

The state of Nevada has vetoed this plan, as is our state's right, but now the president and the Republican leadership in Congress have indicated that they are going to move ahead with the plan anyway," said Rep. Shelly Berkley, D-Nev.

The Democrats' decision to use their radio platform to press the issue — the latest move in a furious campaign on both sides of the controversy — appears to reflect the position of Democratic Party leaders, however, more than the anticipated votes of the party's rank and file.

Nevada Gov. Kenny Guinn, a Republican, vetoed last month the federal plan to ship 77,000 tons of high-level nuclear waste from across the nation for storage at Yucca, about 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas and 215 miles northeast of Las Angeles.

A House committee last week voted 41 to 6 to override Guinn's veto, and 17 Democrats voted with the majority. The six opposed were all Democrats. The House is expected to back the White House plan by a wide margin when it comes a vote, likely sometime this week.

Those opposed to the Yucca site believe their best chance for success lies in the Senate, where 51 votes to uphold Guinn's veto would kill the plan. The Senate is

expected to take up the matter in June or July.

President Bush in February signed off on the Yucca Mountain plan, saying it was "important for our national security and our energy future." Yucca Mountain has been the only storage site considered since 1987. Under federal law, a simple majority of both houses of Congress is needed to override Guinn's veto.

Those opposed to using Yucca Mountain warn that it sits in an earthquake zone. They caution against going forward with the plan before all scientific studies are complete.

"An even more devastating incident would be a terrorist attack," Berkley said in Saturday's address. "We already know that al-Qaida and other terrorist groups are looking for a 'dirty bomb.' These waste transports are exactly the type of target-rich environment they are looking for."

To get the votes needed to block the plan, the anti-Yucca forces have said they would need to sway about 15 senators. They have conceded the task will be difficult, despite having Nevada Democrat Harry Reid, who serves as whip, lending their side.

The anti-Yucca effort suffered a serious setback in March when Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., who had vowed to use procedural delays to block it if necessary, learned that a statute regarding votes in nuclear matters barred him from doing so.

In recent weeks lobbying by both sides has intensified.

Public Citizen, a Washington-based advocacy group, on Friday chided staff members from 22 congressional offices for taking part this weekend in a trip to Las Vegas sponsored by the Nuclear Energy Institute. The trip, they said, includes a visit to the site and a stay at the Four Seasons Hotel.

"The industry is clearly hoping that lavishing luxurious quarters and delectable meals on congressional staffers will buy influence with lawmakers and ultimately buy their votes on the Yucca Mountain project," said Public Citizen president Jean Chynbrook.

Steve Kerekes, an NEI spokesman, said Saturday that all of the institute's congressional information tours are approved in advance by the ethics committees in both chambers.

"I did not hear Public Citizen whining when the publisher of the Las Vegas Sun (who is opposed to the plan) was overnighting in the Lincoln bedroom when President Clinton was in office," Kerekes said.

In 2000, Clinton vetoed a Republican-led bill designating Yucca Mountain as the nuclear waste repository.

And Kerekes said Berkley's portrayal of the matter as a partisan battle was inaccurate. "There were a lot of Democrats in that vote in favor of the plan in the House committee," he said. "And there has traditionally been bipartisan support, not withstanding her efforts to make this a partisan issue."

Spokane River boat launch wins funding

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A state grant will give boaters a great place to launch their craft from Blackwell Island on the Spokane River.

But Spirit Lake's bid to attract resort development was ranked low a list of grant applications.

The island near the mouth of Spokane River has been awarded a \$215,100 grant from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management will use the money to finish a \$2 million boat launch expansion that will relieve congestion on the north end of Lake Coeur d'Alene.

It was the only Kootenai County project to win a share of the state's \$716,000 waterfront improvement fund. And that left Spirit Lake residents high and dry.

The city, along with California developer John Sempre, requested a \$10,000 to patch the leaky Mill Pond at Spirit Lake's north end.

But that request was ranked

near the bottom of the 56 statewide requests. The boat launch got the highest rating.

Now Sempre is uncertain whether if he will continue with plans to fix the Mill Pond, which dries to cracked mud each summer.

No water in the Mill pond means no multimillion-dollar resort and golf course on its shores.

Sempre said he won't develop the land if the government is not willing to hand over money to plug the pond.

"Everybody thinks I'm going to go up there and fix the Mill Pond and fix the causeway because I have the land on the other side," he said Friday.

"They are wrong," Sempre said he already spent \$100,000 on surveys and soil tests. He wants property owners around the lake to contribute.

"We want to help as much as we can afford," said Jerry Peterson, Spirit Lake Property Owners Association president.

The board sent Sempre a let-

ter last fall stating some property owners were willing to pitch in \$20,000, but it first had to go to an association vote.

Police pull kidnap victim's body from river

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The body of a 22-year-old woman who was kidnapped from a party was pulled Saturday from the Jordan River.

Amy Tavey had been shot twice in the torso, police said.

Tavey and a man went to a party Friday in North Rose Park, where police say the two were

assaulted and separated. The man was able to escape but Tavey was taken away.

Police were called Saturday morning to the Jordan River in Glendale Park, where they found Tavey's body. It was turned over to the state medical examiner's office.

No arrests have been made.

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Idaho's 'spotted owl'

Sage grouse causes some controversy

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY—The sage grouse has become a key player in the tug of war among ranchers, hunters and environmentalists for the use of public lands.

"We see the sage grouse as our spotted owl," said Jon Marvel, executive director of the Western Watersheds Project.

The possibility the sage grouse could leverage the same kind of radical change forced on the West Coast logging industry by the protection of spotted owl habitat, has land managers paying close attention.

If the grouse was listed as an endangered species, laws would regulate the management of all sage brush habitat on both public and private land.

The bird enjoys this level of power because it is a visible, charismatic species and because experts agree it has lost a significant amount of its population.

Other species might be closer to extinction, but not all species are as appealing as the grouse. Liking the grouse mating ceremony is one of the grouse's endearing mannerisms.

"Good lord, it's like a symphony performance," Marvel said.

The sage grouse is just one of many shrub-steppe species that have suffered from loss of habitat, but it is easier to raise public concern for the bird than for other species, Marvel said.

The cause of decline
The decline of the grouse population started 150 years ago when people began clearing sage for agriculture, said Peggy Bartels, wildlife biologist for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

Since then, development has continued to radically change or fragment the land, which used to be sage grouse habitat.

Fires have also caused a great deal of damage, said Randy Smith, regional wildlife manager for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Fire management strategies may have led to extensive loss of habitat in the West, Bartels said. The BLM is in the process of revising its fire management plan to address this problem.



Peggy Bartels, wildlife biologist for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, looks for sage grouse in the Goose Creek area, south of Oakley.

Grazing can destroy habitat and leave sage grouse exposed to predation.

"Grazing doesn't have to be viewed as a negative influence, though it can be," Smith said.

Sometimes it takes concessions on the part of the cattle producers to make their land viable grouse habitat, he said.

Some ranchers have tried to improve sage grouse habitat while maintaining their livestock on the land. A group of ranchers formed the Shoshone Basin Planning Committee to work with the BLM to find sustainable ways of grazing, said Rob Rogerson, one of the original members of the group.

Ranchers brought cattle to the range later in the spring, after the hatching period, and kept the majority of livestock away from courting and chick-rearing areas. The experiment lasted a few years but yielded no results. A fire swept through the area, eliminating habitat for both grouse and cattle.

"We want the birds because if we don't make concessions, they will be listed as an endangered species and that is the last thing you want. Then you have people telling you what to do on private land. We are willing to do anything within reason to prevent that," Rogerson said.

Sage grouse often fly into the many fences needed to contain stock, snag in the barbed wire and die. The BLM is experimenting with tying strips of yellow fabric to the fences. The snap and flutter of the flags in the wind should alert grouse to the presence of an obstacle. In test cases, the new method seems to be working well, Bartels said.

Bringing back the numbers
Marvel does not discount the possibility of livestock grazing alongside a healthy sage grouse population, but he does not think government agencies have a plan to make this relationship work.

"I'd like to see the prescription," he said.

Government agencies have not done enough to enforce grazing policies that would protect sage grouse habitat, Marvel said.

Predators play a role in determining the population of sage grouse, but biologists do not fully understand their influence, Smith said.

Government agencies recently agreed to delay until at least next year plans to kill predators of southern Idaho's dwindling sage grouse population while a lawsuit challenging the plan is resolved.

Killing predators will not solve

the problem, Marvel said.

"No matter how many predators you kill you are not addressing the fundamental problem of habitat loss. Burning, livestock, off-road vehicles, all these things need to be addressed," Marvel said.

Though the number of grouse has vastly diminished in the West, the sage grouse is not endangered in Idaho, Smith said.

"There are localized populations of northern sage grouse low enough to cause us concern, but mostly in other areas. The sage grouse in Idaho are faring a lot better than on the periphery of their range," he said.

Though there has been some stabilization in numbers, it is not a sign of overall recovery, Marvel said.

All parties agree sage grouse are suffering from loss of habitat, but they are a long way from coming to consensus on how best to protect the bird. Fish and Game and the BLM are working to identify areas where they may limit human activity to preserve habitat.

"I really feel like Idaho has been pretty proactive about preparing for any eventuality of a population," he said.

Each participant received a ribbon and a trophy.

Manager says sage grouse numbers are up

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

OAKLEY—The sage grouse call is like a man simulating the sound of a drop of water by striking his cheek with his finger, followed by a punctuating pop, amplified and echoing from the hillsides.

As the sun rose Thursday morning, 29 cocks called back and forth across a mating site, or lek, a few miles south of Oakley. To make the noise, the cocks inflated the pouches on their chests then violently disgorged the air.

They bristled their fan-like tail feathers, raised their wings and rushed at each other, the younger and more cowardly males fleeing to the edges of the lek. If the display is impressive enough, one of the hens who cover, invisible, among the sage brush outside the lek, will leap to her feet and mate with one of the dominant cocks.

None of the males were this lucky Thursday morning, but then, the season was almost over. Each female only attends the lek for a couple of days each year, then leaves the congregation to build a nest, said Peggy Bartels, wildlife biologist for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

The grouse slowly moved away from the road as Bartels watched.

"You can see, our presence disturbs them a little," she said.

Having surveyed the number of birds frequenting leks in southern Cassia and Twin Falls counties this season, Bartels found a general upswing in numbers in the north and an increase in the less populated south. The sage grouse are not moving away from human activity, but the grouse farther from houses and roads are more likely to survive, she said.

In Idaho, the number of sage grouse has leveled off from its fall in the last decade. The birds have increased slightly in the last six years. In the Magic Valley the number of sage hens has increased by 74 percent in the last 10 years, said Randy Smith, regional wildlife manager for Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

In areas where wildfires destroyed large sections of habi-

In Idaho, the number of sage grouse has leveled off from its fall in the last decade. The birds have increased slightly in the last six years.

at in the '80s, sage grouse are starting to move back onto the land, he said.

The grouse need a clear area for a lek, near taller sage brush and grasses where the females can nest, Bartels said. Every spring the grouse return to the same nesting sites, most of the leks are burn sites, old roads or other disturbed areas where the brush is low.

At last count there were 2,200 leks in Idaho, but Bartels notes that most of the identified leks are within sight of roads. There might be other leks in more remote areas, she said. Each spring BLM workers tour these areas, making lek attendance counts.

Leking is dangerous for the sage grouse; the groupings sometimes attract predators. The grouse avoid hawks by leking around sunrise, before the predatory birds are soaring on the rising air, but coyotes often pick off a bird from the edge of the group, Bartels said. The risk, however, is worth the reward. Historically, the increased likelihood that females at leks will have chicks has compensated for the number of birds eaten by predators at the gatherings.

Sage grouse are one of the few animals that thrive on a diet of sage brush leaves. When settlers first saw the birds they complained in diaries of the bitter taste of sage grouse meat, saturated by the flavor of their forage, Bartels said.

The birds also eat grasses, forbs, seeds and insects.

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Three die in car crash

RUPERT—Three men died from injuries suffered in a Friday evening car crash, the Idaho State Police reported Saturday.

Octavio Moshan, age and address unknown, died at the scene of the crash at 200 West and Baseline Road in Minidoka County. Rodrigo Garcia, 29, of Paul, later died at a Barnock Regional Medical Center in Pocatello. Eiren Bermudes, 17, address unknown, died early Saturday morning at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls. Julio A. Torres, 22, address unknown, was taken to Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert where he was in good condition Saturday.

Torres was the only man who had been wearing a seat belt, an ISP news release said. He had been driving a 1987 Chevrolet Celebrity northbound on 200 West and failed to yield at a stop sign, striking a 1986 Ford pickup driven by Garcia, the ISP said.

The other two men were Torres' passengers.

The investigation continued Saturday.

Mini-Cassia In brief

Minico junior gets named Cinco de Mayo queen

PAUL—A Minico High School junior was named the Cinco de Mayo queen in Friday night's pageant.

Maricela Mendoza won the crown and received a \$300 cash prize. Mendoza, a Minico High School junior, was one of 11 girls from Minidoka and Cassia counties to compete in the pageant.

In second place was Marisol DeLaCruz, a Minico senior, who was named princess and received \$200. In third place was Jessica Ruiz, a Minico student, who was named duchess and received \$100.

—compiled from staff reports

Minidoka students shine in district spelling bee

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

HEYBURN—"Concited" was one of the words that tripped up sixth-grade spellers in the Minidoka County School District Spelling Bee.

Sixth-graders also fumbled on "dots," "commemorate," "peculiar," "rueful" and "benefited." In the fifth-grade contest, "elusive" proved to be too elusive for the students to spell, as well as "delicate" and "maneuver."

Fifth-grader Guadalupe Castro gave a giant sigh of relief after she made it through "disastrous."

Fifteen fourth-graders, 13 fifth-graders and 12 sixth-graders vied for the spelling bee title last week at Heyburn Elementary School.

During the fifth-grade contest, other contestants waited nervously in the front row, with furrowed brows and perhaps a slight stomachache. Some even had a list of words in front of them, doing some last-minute preparation.

Contestants waited for a simple "correct" or "incorrect" from the judges after spelling the word. A few contestants they tears after missing their second word and retreating to the audi-

ence, but most were not too shaken after a hug from mom and dad.

The fifth-graders were so good they had to move to the sixth-grade list, which meant the sixth-graders had to move to the hallway to wait their turn.

Out in the hall, students ran the nervousness gamut from about to throw up (Jonathan Smith) to not really nervous at all (Shelby Coats), or so they said.

In the fourth-grade contest, it took 29 winners to declare a winner. Emily Cayson and eventual all-around winner Micael DeFilippis battled for 16 rounds after third-

place winner Bruce Hansen left the contest.

The fifth-grade contestants decided a winner in 10 rounds; Devin Hansen earned first-place honors, with Guadalupe Castro earning second and Spencer Christensen earning third.

The sixth-graders took 14 rounds to decide a winner; first place went to Mackenzie Cofer and second went to Freddie Ruiz. A spell-off for third place gave the award to Grady Seal.

Each participant received a ribbon and a trophy.

McMurrin

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himself as a "Blue Dog" Democrat, or a lunch-bucket Democrat.

His cautions when he ran for office some seven or eight times included high auto insurance rates, grandparents' rights and insurance for poor children before Idaho politicians were ready to take on.

"If you know anything about me, you know I always take on the issues no one else would," he said.

Frantz honored McMurrin a couple of years ago by nominating him as Twin Falls "Citizen of the Year."

"That was one of the two highlights of my life," McMurrin said.

said, grinning irresistibly.

The other highlight was when Rep. Celia Gould, R-Buhl, sent him a copy of the grandparents' rights legislation that passed through the Legislature.

"He's got a heart as big as all outdoors," Gould said. "He's always trying to do something good for other people."

McMurrin was facing a May 28 primary challenge from Democrat Amanda Brown of Nampa, but he said she bowed out to give more unity to the Democratic Party. He will face Republican Gary Collins of Nampa in November.

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Montello

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the war years, Kimber said. Many extra trains, both with equipment and soldiers, came through during those years.

The railroad company donated 500 ties that were to be sold to pay for a church house, the 1942 English class history says. The ties were sold back for a dollar each, Mormons said. Presbyterians, donated some money, and the rest was donated from the town. The building "was dedicated to all religions."

The Tecoma Justice Court sits next door to the church and both are still used daily. The church, now used as a community center, will be reshingled this year with the help of the Nevada Prison Honor Camp, Self said.

Most of the first houses in Montello were made of adobe or used railroad ties. Later the railroad brought in the typical railroad house. Many railroad-tie buildings still stand, and several railroad houses are still used as residences.

Montello is the final resting place for 10 or more unnamed soldiers of the first World War who are buried in the Montello Cemetery. Self said the railroad just dropped the bodies off and the town took care of them. He

Getting there

To get to the northeastern Nevada town of Montello:

• **Either** travel west of Wells, Nev., on Interstate 80 to Oasis and then north 23 miles on State Highway 233.

• **Or** from Snowville, Utah, take exit 3 off Interstate 84 and drive 192 miles south on Utah Highway 30, which becomes Nevada Highway 233.

• **Many** back roads lead to Montello as well. This can make a fun trip, but be sure you travel after the spring runoff is complete and have a dependable vehicle, preferably with four-wheel drive. You can travel from Oakley through Goose Creek; through back roads from Jackpot, Nev.; or through the Wine Cup Ranch off U.S. Highway 93. It is suggested you consult a map and take water and food. When in Montello, visitors should remember that most of the area is private property and nothing is to be removed. Also, if traveling through the backcountry, visitors should close the gates behind them.

said there is talk of finally unearthing the bodies for DNA testing; it would be nice to find

names to go with the graves.

A plague in the cemetery says the soldiers were victims of a flu epidemic. Adams said it was reported to him that all the soldiers' clothes were burned because of fear of the epidemic, so there was no chance of finding their identities.

If the railroad was the lifeline of Montello, the Utah Construction Co. was its heart. Nora Bowman said in her 1958 book "Only the Mountains Remain" that the Utah Construction ranching operation was huge. It had over 3 million acres under its control, including many ranches and other holdings from Ely, Nev., into Idaho and from Utah to the Pacific Ocean.

Some folks say that at one time you could walk from Utah to the ocean without setting foot off Utah Construction property.

Besides the thousands of head of cattle, horses and sheep shipped from Montello, Utah Construction had shipments coming in with supplies to outfit the ranches and camps. "Anything involved in the ranching operation started right here," Kimber said.

The railroad owned all the land in town and the various stores rented from the railroad.

The railroad bosses went through a period when they would not allow alcohol to be sold on any of their premises and threatened to close any establishment if they caught liquor being sold. Self said the bar from the Cowboy Saloon was moved just off of railroad property, as were several other establishments, and is now back in its original location.

In the cycle of life it is hard to tell what was the final blow for Montello. The diesel engine is certainly what stopped the life. The newer engines didn't need to stop for oil and water and the crews could rest farther down the line at Carlin, Nev. The disbanding of Utah Construction ran a stake through Montello's heart when the company closed up its shops and offices that had brought all the cowboys to town.

Self, who sits on the Montello Advisory Board, said the town is in the process of forming a historical society and is working toward preserving the old buildings. Montello's history is being overlooked, while the history of other Nevada cities is highlighted, he said.

"All the history has left this valley; the history of the railroad and the UC Cartley Co.," he said.

Horizon

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If anyone knows about the history of Twin Falls County garbage cleanup, it's Heider. He started work for the county in 2001 as its first solid-waste director. It was his job to steer the county through clean up of community dumping grounds that littered the countryside. He also was responsible for the county parks system.

"We used to have more junk than you could shake a stick at," he said.

Volunteers fud less litter than they used to, but say there are plenty of beer cans and fast-food wrappers to pick up along the county roads.

Heider estimated that about 1,100 people from Castledorf to Murtaugh to Rogerson participated Saturday.

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Crowd flocks to hearing on land sale to church

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) — A proposal in Congress to sell a historic site to the Mormon church was praised Saturday by some people as an effort to boost understanding of pioneer history but criticized by others concerned the church would put its own spin on history.

Hundreds of people attended a hearing of the U.S. House subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands at the Swede-Erickson Thunderbird Gymnasium on the campus of Casper College.

A bill introduced by Rep. Jim Hansen, R-Utah, and cosponsored by six other Mormon U.S. representatives, would direct the

Interior secretary to sell 1,640 acres of U.S. Bureau of Land Management property in central Wyoming to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for a price to be determined by appraisal.

The church wants the property, which contains historic Martin's Cove, so it can expand its Handcart Visitors Center about 60 miles southwest of Casper on Wyoming 220. About 150 Mormon converts died at the cove or trying to reach it in a blizzard in 1856.

It is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites. Barbara Dobos, who has helped lead opposition to the proposal, said turning the site over to the

church could "blend a single interpretation of history to the trails corridor."

"American history belongs to all Americans, not to a special interest group," she said.

Among the concerns she and others voiced were that the church would restrict public access and that visitors would not receive a full interpretation of the historical significance of the site. Some also contend that selling to the church could set a precedent.

According to Hansen's staff, access to the site was limited until about five years ago when the church acquired private property owned by the Sun Ranch.

State Rep. Fred Parady, R-Rock Springs, speaking in support of the bill, said the site was "inconspicuous and indistinct" before the church's involvement and that not many people were aware of Martin's Cove.

He said the church's work at the site has been commendable. Lee Underbrink, a Casper historian, said church members at the site have been helpful in explaining the significance of Martin's Cove. He also said no one has ever tried to "convert" him.

Scott Lorimer, a Mormon church member from Riverton, said, "Preservation of that sacred history is why the church is involved."

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IN BRIEF

Coats, Urie lead at Gooding

GOODING — The twosome of Ed Coats and Chad Urie carded a round of 70 for a one-stroke lead after the first day of the Wood River Inn-Farmers National Bank 2-Man Best Ball tournament Saturday at Gooding Country Club.

Three teams were tied at 71 with Taylor Goble and Dave O'Dell, Bill Klyon and Justin Cleverly and Matt Farnes and John Woodland.

First flight leaders were Mike Allen and Rich Thompson at 71 and Chris Watson and Mike Ellis lead the second flight with a 79. The tournament finishes today.

Gooding native wins two events for SPU

BELLINGHAM, Wash. — Former Gooding High runner Nathaniel Castle won a pair of middle-distance runs Saturday to help Seattle Pacific University win the Great Northwest Athletic Conference track and field championships at Civic Stadium.

The Falcons won eight events, had nine silver medalists and eight bronze to lead Western Oregon, 226-194.5. Castle, a senior at SPU, became the Falcon men's first double winner in taking the 1,500- and 800-meter runs.

He ran 3 minutes, 54.28 seconds in the 1,500, coming back 30 minutes later to take the 800 in 1:55.00.

Candleridge posts Scruff Dog winners

TWIN FALLS — Several teams came away winners at the second annual Scruff Dog, Open Saturday at Candleridge Golf Course.

Doug and Cheri Frensch won the couples division with a net score of 55.25. In the men's division, Gregg Scott and Curtis Konvalin posted a under 54 for first place.

Money raised went to support The Sheena Foundation.

Twin Falls conducts physicals on Monday

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High School is holding physicals on Monday for incoming freshmen as well as all students who want to participate in athletics and who will be in grades 10-12 for the 2002-03 school year.

Times are 6 p.m. for all 10th graders, 6:45 p.m. for juniors and 7:30 p.m. for seniors.

Cost is \$10 per student payable Monday night. Checks must be made payable to Magic Health Partners.

Pre-physical forms must be filled out and signed by a parent or guardian.

Filer holds athletic physicals on Wednesday

FILER — Magic Valley physicians will be at Filer High School to conduct athletic screenings on Wednesday, May 8. The cost is \$10 per student, payable with checks made payable to Magic Health Partners.

Forms must be filled out prior to the physical. An orientation for all incoming ninth-graders will begin at 6 p.m. in the library. Screenings begin at 6 p.m. for 11th-graders and 7 p.m. for those in grades 7-9.

For more information, call 326-5013.

Canyon Springs ladies change tourney date

TWIN FALLS — The Rockchuck Classic golf tournament at Canyon Springs Golf Course has been changed from May 24 to Saturday, June 1.

Elko Senior Games run June 27-30

ELKO, Nev. — The inaugural Elko Senior Olympic Games will be held in Elko, Nev., June 27-30. All senior citizens aged 50 and over within the intermountain region are invited to participate in a variety of events. Games will consist of bowling, tennis, trap/skeet, fishing, Basque handball, shuffleboard, darts, golf, weightlifting, walking, running, swimming, pool, basketball and archery.

Anyone wishing to participate, volunteer or needs more information, should call (775) 777-2252.

Matters of the heart and money



Christian Colonol fouls off a pitch against Southern Nevada. Colonol, who has a scholarship to Texas Tech waiting in the midst, is walking to see what happens in the major league baseball draft in June.

Colonel and Kirkland wrestle with realities of pro ball

By Joe Sunnen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho freshman Kody Kirkland knew it was going to be this way.

As a 30th round selection by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 2001 First-Year Player draft, he was going to be followed by at least one pro baseball scout's eyes for most of the season anyway. But after flirting with a .400 batting average for most of the season in the wood-bat Scenic West Athletic Conference, the slugger from Pocatello has been drawing

more and more looks than he ever imagined.

The attention is the same for teammate and roommate Christian Colonol. But for the sophomore shortstop from American Falls it's a whole new experience. They both love every bit of it.

And as the June draft approaches and the SWAC season winds down, both are revealing and wrestling with the possibility of life in professional baseball.

With scouts looking to make a name for themselves by signing the next big prospect and an agent out to negotiate a big contract, things can get real lonely, real fast.

"In a sense there are good scouts and bad scouts," Kirkland said. "There are a lot guys out there that will feed you BS. It's hard to trust people. You just have to go with your instincts."

Kirkland and Colonol haven't had to look very far to find a support group. Longtime CSI coach Jim Walker has coached over 100

Trusting the hype

Perhaps the hardest question

the two face is whom to trust.

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CSI third baseman Kody Kirkland fires a throw across the infield. Kirkland, who was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 2001 First-Year Player draft, has to decide to return to CSI for his sophomore year or begin the trek toward a possible major league career.

Eagles wrap up second seed for Region 18 tourney

Region 18 tourney seedings*

Team	SWAC record overall
1. Dixie State College	31-7 39-8
2. College of Southern Idaho	30-10 39-14
3. CC of Southern Nevada	28-12 41-15
4. Utah Valley State College	23-13 30-18
5. Salt Lake CC	22-16 34-19
6. Ricks College	18-20 21-25
7. North Idaho College	16-24 23-26
8. College of Eastern Utah	12-26 20-33

*Records are through Friday

By Joe Sunnen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — With one swing of the bat College of Southern Idaho freshman Kris Walker knocked the Golden Eagles into second place in the Scenic West Athletic Conference.

CSI completed its sweep of Community College of Southern Nevada on Saturday at Frontier Field, winning the first game 11-1 in five innings and the nightcap 5-1. The Walker went 3-for-3 with five RBIs in the

first game, including a three-run home run in the bottom of the fifth inning that gave CSI a 9-1 edge and all but assured the win.

"I wasn't sure it was out of the park but then I saw the left fielder turn his back I knew," Walker said. "I was pretty jacked because that kind of put it away. That took the game out of range for them."

With the four-game sweep, CSI takes sole possession of the second seed heading into the opening round of the Region 18 Tournament at St. George, Utah. The Eagles will meet North Idaho College at 4

p.m. on Wednesday.

It was the first time the Coyotes have been swept in league play this season. If the Coyotes hadn't scored on a balk in the top of the seventh of the second game, it would have been just the second time in 174 games that CCSN had been shut out.

"It seemed like every ball we hit was right at somebody and every bounce went their way," CCSN coach Tim Chambers said. "We're struggling a little bit and

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War Emblem goes wire-to-wire

NEW YORK Daily News

LOUISVILLE — Cost of buying a Kentucky Derby runner? About \$1 million. Winning the Derby? Priceless.

War Emblem, purchased less than four weeks ago by Prince Ahmed Salman, gave the Saudi prince his coveted first Derby and trainer Bob Baffert his third in the 128th running of America's most famed race at Churchill Downs on Saturday.

Under a flawless ride by Victor Espinoza, the nearly black colt broke alertly and easily nabbed the lead heading into the crowded first turn. Well clear of trouble and cruising solo at a modest



War Emblem, with jockey Victor Espinoza aboard, drives to the finish line to win 128th Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs Saturday in Louisville, Ky.

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Kings outgun Mavs, take 1-0 series lead

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Wade Divac knew he might be the slowest player on the court in this high-speed series, so he showed the Sacramento Kings how to walk almost as effectively as they run.

Peja Stojakovic scored 26 points, and Divac had 18 points and 16 rebounds as the top-seeded Kings beat the Dallas Mavericks 108-91 Saturday in Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinal series.

In the first heat of what's looking like a track meet, the highly anticipated meeting of the NBA's two highest-scoring teams mostly lived up to its billing, with all the fluid ball movement and quick

All Times MDT
Saturday's game
• Sacramento 108, Dallas 91.
• Sacramento leads series 1-0
Today's games
• Charlotte at New Jersey, 10:30 a.m.
• Boston at Detroit, 1 p.m.
• San Antonio at LA Lakers, 3:30 p.m.

shots to be expected from the clubs riding the crest of the league's wave of the future.

But the Kings got a convincing victory by taking the lead of

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SPORTS

SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON T.V.

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Basketball

NBA playoffs, Hornets at Nets. Game 1. NBC, 10:30 a.m.

NBA playoffs, Celtics at Pistons. Game 1. NBC, 1 p.m.

NBA playoffs, Spurs at Lakers. Game 1. NBC, 3:30 p.m.

Hockey

NHL playoffs, Canadiens at Hurricanes. Game 2. ESPN2, 5:30 p.m.

Maimers at Yankees. FSPT, 11 a.m.

Athletics at White Sox. WGN, noon

Cubs at Dodgers. ESPN, 6 p.m.

Golf

LPGA Chick-fil-A Championship. ESPN, 11:30 a.m.

PGA Compass Classic. ABC, 1 p.m.

Senior Byron's Memorial. CNBC, 3:30 p.m.

Auto Racing

NASCAR Pontiac Excitement 400. FX, noon

ASA Racing Series. TNN, noon

NASCAR Truck Series. ESPN, 2 p.m.

Triathlon

International Ironman. ESPN2, 10 a.m.

Major League Leaders

Table listing MLB leaders in various categories like batting average, home runs, etc.

National League

Table listing National League team statistics and standings.

International Ironman

Table listing triathlon results for the International Ironman.

GOLF

Compaq Classic

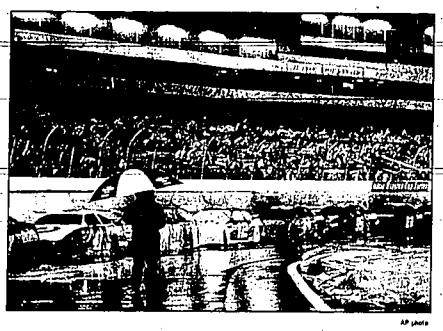
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Bruno's Senior

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LPGA Chick-fil-A

Table listing scores for the LPGA Chick-fil-A Championship.



A NASCAR official watches over the flood of covered Winston Cup cars during a rain delay of the Pontiac Excitement 400 Winston Cup race at Richmond International Raceway in Richmond, Va., Saturday.

Rain suspends Pontiac 400 race after 66 laps

Article text describing the rain delay at the Pontiac Excitement 400 race, mentioning driver Dale Jarrett and the impact of the weather.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

A collection of short sports news items, including reports on volleyball, wrestling, and various other sports events.

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SPORTS

M Mariners rally from 5-0 deficit to beat Yankees

NEW YORK (AP) — Jeff Cirillo took part in an early game of home-run derby, then blooped a tiebreaking single off Mariano Rivera in the ninth inning Saturday that gave the Seattle Mariners a 9-5 victory over the New York Yankees.

In a game featuring six home runs, the Mariners won their third in a row. They rallied from a 5-0 deficit, and took advantage of Rivera's throwing error to score four times in the ninth.

Jeff Nelson (1-0) escaped a bases-loaded jam in the eighth and got the win. Steve Karsay (1-1) took the loss.

Indians 3, Rangers 0

CLEVELAND — Bartolo Colon dominated for eight shutout innings and Omar Vizquel homered as Cleveland snapped a six-game losing streak.

Colon (4-3) gave up four hits and started two double plays for the Indians, who also halted a seven-game losing streak at Jacobs Field by winning for just the third time in 18 games.

Vizquel homered off Ismael Valdes (2-4), and Jim Thome and Ricky Gutierrez added RBIs for the Indians, who scored more than two runs for the first time in seven games.

Texas had won a season-high six straight.

Oroles 10, Royals 0

BALTIMORE — Rodrigo Lopez (4-0) allowed five hits over seven shutout innings, and Melvin Mora and Marty Cordova hit three-run homers as Baltimore dealt Kansas City its fifth straight loss.

Tony Batista homered, and scored four runs for the Orioles, who reached .500 (15-15) for the first time since their second game of the year.

Kansas City fell to 0-5 under



Seattle's Luis Ugueto slides home to score on Ruben Sierra's swinging bunt in the ninth inning against the Yankees Saturday at Yankee Stadium in New York. The Mariners beat the Yankees 9-5.

interim manager John Mizerock, who inherited the job after Tony Muser was fired on Tuesday.

Royals starter Jeff Suppan (2-4) allowed eight runs, six hits and three walks in 2 1-3 innings.

Blue Jays 4, Angels 1

TORONTO — Justin Miller allowed one run in seven innings and Toronto ended its nine-game losing streak.

Toronto ended Anaheim's eight-game winning streak and halted their longest losing streak in eight years.

Red Sox 7, Devil Rays 5

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. —

Shea Hillenbrand's two-out, pinch-hit grand slam capped a five-run ninth inning and gave Boston the victory.

The towering drive to left field off Victor Zambrano (1-2) struck one of the catwalks that ring the outfield at Tropicana Field — about 120 feet above the playing surface.

The loss was the ninth in a row for Tampa Bay.

Twins 3, Tigers 2

MINNEAPOLIS — Cristian Guzman's infield single drove in the winning run in the ninth, leading Minnesota over Detroit for its 10th straight home win.

Guzman, who returned to the

lineup after missing five games with inflammation behind his left kneecap, spoiled the major league debut of Fernando Rodney (0-1).

Mike Jackson (2-1) allowed two hits in 1 1-3 innings for the Twins.

White Sox 10, Athletics 2

CHICAGO — Jose Valentin drove in five runs and Ray Durham homered as Chicago roughed up Tim Hudson and beat Oakland.

Valentin, 2-for-4, was one shy of his single-game high for the White Sox, who have beaten Oakland twice after losing 10 straight to the A's.

Major League Baseball

All Times MDT										
AMERICAN LEAGUE										
East Division										
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	0-0	0-0
Boston	19	7	.731	-	7-3	W-4	8-5	11-2	0-0	0-0
New York	13	15	.588	3.5	2-5	L-2	9-5	9-8	0-0	0-0
Baltimore	15	15	.500	3	7-3	W-1	7-7	7-8	0-0	0-0
Tampa Bay	9	19	.321	11	2-19	L-9	7-7	2-12	0-0	0-0
Toronto	9	19	.321	11	1-9	W-1	4-11	5-8	0-0	0-0

Central Division										
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	0-0	0-0
Minnesota	20	11	.645	-	2-7-3	W-6	14-1	6-10	0-0	0-0
Chicago	19	11	.633	.5	2-6-4	W-2	12-3	7-8	0-0	0-0
Cleveland	14	16	.467	5.5	2-8	W-1	8-7	6-9	0-0	0-0
Detroit	9	19	.321	9.5	2-6-4	L-2	7-7	2-12	0-0	0-0
Kansas City	8	20	.286	10.5	2-9	L-5	4-10	4-10	0-0	0-0

West Division										
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	0-0	0-0
Seattle	21	9	.700	-	2-5-5	W-3	8-7	13-2	0-0	0-0
Oakland	16	14	.533	5	5-5	L-3	10-6	6-8	0-0	0-0
Anaheim	14	15	.483	6.5	8-2	L-1	6-9	8-6	0-0	0-0
Texas	13	15	.468	7.5	2-6-2	L-1	6-9	7-7	0-0	0-0

NATIONAL LEAGUE										
East Division										
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	0-0	0-0
New York	18	12	.600	-	7-3	L-1	10-5	8-7	0-0	0-0
Montreal	17	12	.588	.5	2-6-4	L-2	10-6	7-6	0-0	0-0
Florida	15	15	.500	3	5-5	W-1	6-8	7-8	0-0	0-0
Atlanta	15	16	.484	3.5	2-5-5	L-1	8-8	7-8	0-0	0-0
Philadelphia	11	19	.367	7	3-7	W-2	8-7	3-12	0-0	0-0

Central Division										
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	0-0	0-0
Cincinnati	17	12	.586	-	2-6-4	L-3	9-6	8-6	0-0	0-0
Pittsburgh	15	12	.556	1	3-7	W-1	7-8	8-4	0-0	0-0
St. Louis	14	16	.467	3.5	2-5-5	W-1	8-6	6-10	0-0	0-0
San Diego	13	16	.447	4.5	2-6-4	L-1	6-8	7-8	0-0	0-0
Chicago	10	17	.370	6	4-6	W-2	4-10	6-7	0-0	0-0
Milwaukee	9	21	.300	8.5	2-8	W-1	7-8	2-13	0-0	0-0

West Division										
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr	0-0	0-0
Arizona	18	11	.621	-	2-6-4	W-2	8-5	10-6	0-0	0-0
San Francisco	18	11	.621	-	5-5	W-3	10-4	8-7	0-0	0-0
Los Angeles	17	12	.586	1	2-6-4	L-1	7-7	10-5	0-0	0-0
San Diego	15	14	.517	3	6-4	L-2	8-4	6-10	0-0	0-0
Colorado	12	18	.400	6.5	6-4	L-2	9-7	3-11	0-0	0-0

2-first game was a win

AMERICAN LEAGUE Saturday's Games

Toronto 4, Anaheim 1
Seattle 9, N.Y. Yankees 5
Boston 7, Tampa Bay 5
Chicago White Sox 10, Oakland 2

Today's Games
Anahelm (Ortiz 2-3) at Toronto (Prokocok 1-3), 11:05 a.m.
Texas (Rogers 3-0) at Cleveland (Sabathia 2-3), 11:05 a.m.
Seattle (Pineiro 1-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Dwight 4-0), 11:05 a.m.
Boston (Castillo 1-2) at Tampa Bay (Ryu 3-2), 11:15 a.m.
Kansas City (George 6-2) at Baltimore (Matusz 1-3), 11:35 a.m.
Detroit (Weaver 1-4) at Minnesota (Lofse 1-2), 12:05 p.m.
Oakland (Zito 1-2) at Chicago White Sox (Wright 3-2), 12:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE Saturday's Games

Milwaukee 6, Florida 4
San Francisco 3, Cincinnati 0
Houston 3, N.Y. Mets 1
Pittsburgh at San Diego, late

Today's Games
Colorado (Hampton 1-3) at Philadelphia (Padilla 3-2), 11:35 a.m.
Florida (Burnett 4-2) at Milwaukee (Figueroa 1-1), 12:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Madux 2-2) at St. Louis (Kirk 1-1), 12:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Lester 3-1) at Houston (Dwain 3-1), 12:15 p.m.
Cincinnati (Raisma 1-0) at San Francisco (L. Hernandez 4-2), 2:05 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 1-1) at Arizona (Helton 3-3), 2:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (D. Williams 2-3) at San Diego (Lawrence 3-1), 3:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Clement 1-2) at Los Angeles (Brown 1-2), 8:10 p.m.

Bonds belts 400th HR as a Giant in win

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Ryan Jensen made the most of an emergency situation, helping the San Francisco Giants take a combined no-hitter into the eighth inning before beating the Cincinnati Reds 3-0 Saturday.

Barry Bonds homered off Jiminy G. Sheckers (2-4), and Jensen carried a no-hitter into the eighth. Jason LaRue broke up the bid with a solid single into left field.

Bonds watch

Home run: No.

Career: 576

Game: 29

Against: Jimmy Haynes

Where: Pacific Bell Park

Jensen (2-2) took over from Schmidt with two outs in the first inning and carried a no-hitter into the eighth. Jason LaRue broke up the bid with a solid single into left field.

Cardinals 3, Braves 2

ST. LOUIS — Jason Simontacchi worked seven strong innings in his major league debut, rescuing pitching-strapped St. Louis.

Kerry Robinson, Tino Martinez and Placido Polanco drove in a run apiece for the Cardinals, who have won only six of their last 19. The Cardinals have six pitchers, five of them starters, on the disabled list.

(0-1) had a rocky major league debut as five of the first eight batters he faced got a hit. He allowed five runs and eight hits in 4 1-3 innings.

Phillies 6, Rockies 5

PHILADELPHIA — Marlon Anderson tied his career high with four RBIs and Doug Glavine hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the sixth inning for Philadelphia.

Jimmy Rollins went 4-for-4 with two triples, a double and two runs scored for the Phillies, who halted the Rockies' seven-game winning streak after a six-game losing streak under new manager Clint Hurdle.

Astros 3, Mets 1

HOUSTON — Carlos Hernandez held the New York Mets to four hits over seven innings to lead Houston to a victory.

Hernandez (3-0) tied his career high with eight strikeouts and walked three, and gave up one earned run.

Billy Wagner pitched a perfect ninth for his fourth save in five opportunities.

Jeff D'Amico (2-2) gave up three runs on five hits and struck out five in six innings in the Mets' second loss in nine games.

Brewers 6, Marlins 4

MILWAUKEE — Ben Sheets overcame a shaky start to win for the first time since opening day and Richie Sexton drove in three runs as Milwaukee beat Florida.

Sheets (2-3) snapped a three-game losing streak spanning five starts and Milwaukee won for just the second time in 11 games. Sheets gave up four runs, three earned, and four hits in seven innings. Three of the runs came in the first inning.

Marlins left-hander Nate Teut

Hammond returns from retirement to pitch for his kids

By Paul Newberry
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Chris Hammond wasn't one of those ex-players who missed the game.

After packing up his uniform and glove, he basically ignored baseball for 2.5 years. Instead, he hunted and fished and went horseback riding. He helped take care of his three kids. He started making some progress on his wife's lengthy "honey-do" list.

In the mornings, Hammond would get up at sunrise, pour himself a cup of coffee and look out over the lake at his timber farm in rural Alabama, alone with his thoughts until the rest of the family woke up. "My time," he called it.

"It was like he never played," said his wife, Lynne Hammond. "I figured it was really, really over."

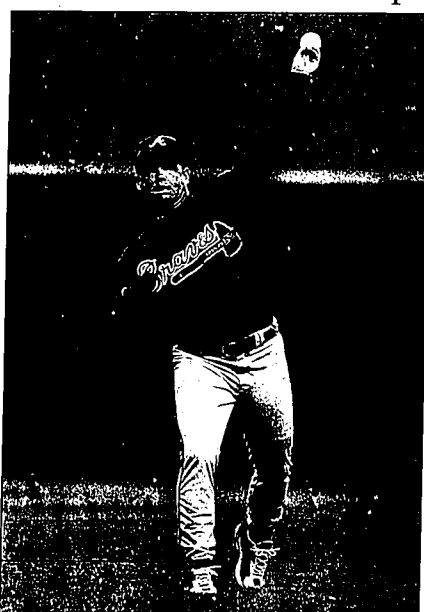
Well, it wasn't. Hammond and his wife talked about the future, mostly about the three young children — Andy, now 5; Jake, 3; and Alex, 2 — who might never remember their dad was a pitcher in his former life.

So, he came back to the game determined to create a new set of memories. And this year, at age 36, Hammond capped his improbable comeback by earning a spot in the Atlanta Braves bullpen.

With the Braves, Hammond is being used mostly in the thankless job of long relief. On Friday night, he picked up his first win since 1997 in a 2-1 victory over St. Louis, overall he is 1-1 with a 2.70 ERA in 16 2-3 innings.

"The kids are having a great time," he said. "They can watch me give up four home runs in a game and they say, 'Way to go, dad!' You have to start laughing about it. You can't let this game bother your family life. That's what makes it fun again."

Hammond wasn't having much



Atlanta Braves' Chris Hammond warms up before a game against the Milwaukee Brewers Thursday in Milwaukee.

fun in 1998. He started the season in Triple-A, then went 0-2 with a 6.59 ERA in three starts after being called up by the defending World Series champion Florida Marlins.

After the Marlins sent him back to the minors, Hammond's

frustration boiled over. He had bounced around for three years, from Florida to Boston and back to Florida again, without much success. While driving with his wife, he told her that it wasn't fun to go to work anymore.

Even though he was only 32 —

submitted a written proposal on Feb. 11 to purchase the team and build a new ballpark (reportedly for \$125 million to \$150 million, pending seeing the Twins' financial books), and the Twins have not asked him or his advisors for anything further.

Included in the proposal, according to Watkins' letter, dated May 2, was Watkins' "MLB financial net worth disclosures form prepared for me by one of the few investment

bankers in the nation who holds all four principal designations (license) in investment banking, plus a CPA license.

"My asset pool, which is private and proprietary, is described in great detail on my disclosure form," Watkins wrote.

"These assets are strong, and capable of monetization expeditiously. They enable me to pursue MLB acquisition opportunities much larger than the Twins deal."

Twins say Watkins falls short on financing; he disagrees

Knight Ridder News Service

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Twins say that Donald Watkins hasn't proved he has the money to buy the team.

Watkins says he never asked him to.

The team and its prospective buyer traded barbs after the Twins responded to a letter from two Minnesota lawmakers asking for an update on Watkins' offer.

Twins president Jerry Bell, in a letter to Rep. Harry Mares and Sen. Dean Johnson, said that no buyers "with adequate resources to consummate a transaction" have made an offer.

Mares and Johnson are the co-chairmen of the Minnesota House-Senate's conference committee considering financing a new stadium, which would keep the team in Minneapolis.

Watkins responded with a letter of his own, saying that he

Sunday Special: Billy Turner

Trainer remembers Seattle Slew's Triple Crown

By Hal Bock
The Associated Press



Seattle Slew and owner Mickey Taylor stand in front of Seattle Slew's barn in Versailles, Ky., in this February 2002 photo. Taylor and his wife bought the horse, the only living Triple Crown winner, as a yearling in 1975 for \$17,500. They still own a controlling interest in the horse, whose offspring have earned more than \$75 million.

'You wish that 100 yards could last forever'

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — He left this place last year with curses ringing in his ears.

Bob Baffert vowed to come back. He always does. It's only one reason why he's the best trainer in thoroughbred racing.

"I walked up last year like it was going to be a piece of cake. It's not like that. You've got to be lucky," Baffert said, his voice trailing off, "so lucky to fall on a horse like that."

Baffert was back in the winner's circle at the Kentucky Derby for a third time in the last half-dozen years, this time with a last-minute buy named War Emblem. Baffert was back because the dark bay colt fell into his lap, because he's got the richest owners, the best staff and the best facilities.

But mostly, he was back because for all the winning Baffert does, he knows losing just as intimately.

And hates it to the very bottom of his soul. "I never thought I'd ever have that feeling again," he said. "But at the eighth pole, you see your horse, and you know you're going to win and you wish that 100 yards could last forever."

Last year, he took two shots at the Kentucky Derby and both turned out to be dud.

As he walked through the concourse on his way to the paddock, a few drunks, clinging to betting slips no longer worth the tiny piece of paper they were printed on, looked at him with undisguised scorn. A few who were drunk and disappointed went further than that. Baffert, tie still knotted and blazer still buttoned, looked straight ahead. He just kept on walking.

Turns out he'd had plenty of practice. Four years ago, Baffert won his second Derby and then the Preckness with a horse named Real Quiet, but lost the leg of the Triple Crown by the length of the colt's nose. As he walked back toward his barn, a New York crowd tougher than anything that Churchill Downs' railbirds can muster, started taunting him.

Baffert paused in front of the grandstand and shouted back, "Hey, Ali got knocked out, too, didn't he?"

And just like Ali, Baffert roared back Saturday to win another heavyweight championship.

"There's a mystique about this race," he said. "When it's your turn, it's your turn."

Some people complained that Baffert bought his way into the race, that all he did was spot War Emblem running away from the field at the Illinois Derby a month ago and persuade the deepest-pocketed owner, Saudi Prince Ahmed Al-Salman, to fork over a reported \$1 million.

Neither man was in a mood to apologize. That's one prerogative of winning.

"Everybody buys the Derby because you have to buy a horse or raise a horse," Salman said. "If you tell me who's going to win, I'll buy it again."

Baffert said: "That's the good thing about good horses. It doesn't matter what barn they go in."

There's little doubt the racing public and media loved Baffert more as the spunky underdog than the ubertrainer. A dozen years ago, he stepped up from the quarter-horse game to the thoroughbreds, which was like going from dirt-track racing to the Indianapolis 500.

He was a fresh face, quick on the draw and funny, to boot. He brought a little lustre to a sport in need of a lot.

Now he shows up flush with talent, fabulously wealthy owners and a stable operation that is the envy of the business.

To some people, that success made Baffert's barbs seem more pointed, his jokes less funny, and his habit of showing up at the barns several hours after the rest of the fraternity with bloodshot eyes more arrogant than selfish. All of a sudden, his personal life was in play, too; news about his divorce made the papers.

"There's so much jealousy in our business," he said earlier in the week. "They don't like anything new or different. They don't like change."

But now, they don't have much choice. Because Baffert was so late mounting his Derby campaign, the signs commemorating his 1997 and '98 Derby victories were nowhere to be seen last week, having been removed during the winter and not rehung.

"They sold them on eBay," Baffert said, joking.

But you knew right about then, somebody was going to pay.

There is confidence and there is cockiness, and Baffert comes by both honestly. Those qualities were why new-money owner Mike Pegram lifted him out of minor-league racing with a million-dollar stake, and why old-money owners Bob and Beverly Lewis took a pass on an established star like D. Wayne Lukas nearly 10 years ago and hired Silver Charm over to Baffert.

"He's really a genius," Salman said. "Especially when he wears his sunglasses."

Baffert and he on Saturday, when he knew enough about the field to only train a month to test jockey Victor Espinoza to get to the front and wait. The strategy turned out to be perfect.

For all his troubles, for all the jealousy hemming him on the sides, no one doubts that Baffert is back on top of his game — at least of all Baffert himself.

"It seems like the guys that have been with me a few years — Pegram, the Lewises, the princes — take more comes."

"So," Baffert said, with a turn of that familiar silver mane, "sign up now."

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Trainer Billy Turner passed on Saturday's Kentucky Derby. Maybe next year he'll say. Maybe next year he'll have a reason to spend the first Saturday in May at Churchill Downs.

In all the years he's taken thoroughbreds to the races, only once has Turner saddled a horse for the Derby. Twenty-five years ago, Seattle Slew was dropped into his lap and Turner trained him to the Triple Crown.

Slew was an unlikely champion, purchased for the bargain price of \$17,500 by Mickey and Karen Taylor, and Dr. Jim and Sally Hill. Most of the horses they purchased were sent to California. Slew and Big John Taylor were shipped to Turner in Maryland because the owners felt they needed a trainer who would bring them along slowly.

"I don't hurry my 2-year-olds," Turner said. "A \$17,000 horse is a \$17,000 horse, a cheap horse. In a lot of stables, he'd be overlooked."

Turner preached patience. In Slew, however, he had a horse in a hurry. And it didn't take the trainer long to recognize that.

"He was a big, gangly colt, very immature, just a yearling," Turner said. "But he had good size and good bone structure. The angles were right. He was a rawboned animal with structure to grow into a horse that could run."

"A lot of horses have all those things and don't run."

Slew ran. Early on, Turner brought him to Belmont Park for some workouts. It was there that the trainer got the first inkling of what a special horse this would be.

Slew was on the track with an older filly named Clover for his first breeze. "We knew what she would do," Turner said. "She was coming back. We thought he'd learn from her."

At an eight-of-a-mile, Slew locked over, saw Clover and got the idea he was in a race. He was off in a flash, and the exercise boy had all he could do to ease him.

"If he had not been pulled up, there'd be no Seattle Slew," Turner said. "All he wanted to do was run. He wasn't fit enough or mature enough to handle more than that."

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no effort, that's different. He was a good student with tremendous energy and phenomenal ability. All I had to do was control it."

Turner brought Slew along slowly, refusing to ask for too much, too soon from him. "I don't want a 2-year-old faster than 11 seconds for an eighth or 23 for a quarter," he said. "He wasn't mature enough or strong enough to handle more than that."

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was out. Turner had the Derby favorite. Slew went into the Triple Crown series undefeated and came out of it the same way, the only horse ever to do that. He was jostled at the start of the Derby, then recovered to win by 1.75 lengths. Two weeks later, he ran the second fastest Preckness ever at the time, winning in 1:54.2-5. He shrugged off a muddy track at the Belmont Stakes to complete the sweep.

"I never went to the winner's circle for the Derby or the Preckness," Turner said. "I did at the Belmont. My goal was the Triple Crown. Otherwise, I had not done my job."

"To win that, you have to show up on three Saturdays with no excuses."

The owners wanted to run Slew in the Swaps Stakes in July but Turner resisted, insisting the horse had earned a rest. There was a split, and Slew was turned

over to a new trainer. He raced through 1978, even beating Triple Crown winner Affirmed that year in the Marlboro Cup. After retiring to stud, first at Spendthrift Farm and then at Three Chimneys Farm, Slew has sired 101 stakes winners. He is 28 now, recovering from a second delicate spinal surgery, and still giving the mares.

Turner went to visit a few years ago. "I hadn't seen him in four or five years," he said. "I was talking to the stud manager when he heard my voice and came to the front of his stall."

Then Turner heard a low, guttural sound from the horse, what racing people call a nicker. It was as if Slew was saying, "Hey, pal, long time no see. How've you been?"

The trainer was touched. "I know he knew," Turner said. "It brought a tear to my eye."

Winning Saudi prince to America: 'I love you'

By Both Harris
The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A Saudi prince with money to burn bought himself a horse last month. It was money well spent.

War Emblem led wire-to-wire to win the Kentucky Derby on Saturday, earning Prince Ahmed Salman the gold trophy from America's most famous race.

"It's been my dream," said Salman, a member of Saudi Arabia's royal family and the first Arab to win the Derby. "I love you guys in America."

War Emblem won the Illinois Derby on April 6 in the same wire-to-wire style he used Saturday. Always on the lookout for a good horse to buy, Salman started placing calls.

He liked the colt's name, and was further intrigued when War Emblem's trainer at the time, Frank Springer, said the Preckness Stakes was a better fit than the Kentucky Derby.

After doling out a reported \$1 million, Salman became the owner of War Emblem. He sent the colt to Bob Baffert, who trained Point Given, Salman's fifth-place Derby runner-up.

"I thought the price was extremely reasonable," Salman said. "I think it's much smarter to buy a horse four weeks ago than to raise them."

War Emblem was initially sold for \$20,000 at the Keeneland September yearling sale two years ago.

Salman's racing outfit, The Thoroughbred Corp., earned \$812,165 in purses last year — second best in North America. The group of international businessmen from Saudi Arabia, Europe and the United States also is among



Owner Saudi Prince Ahmed Salman holds up the winner's trophy as trainer Bob Baffert, left, celebrates after War Emblem won the Kentucky Derby Saturday in Louisville, Ky.

North America's top 10 breeders. When he's not appearing in winner's circles worldwide, the 43-year-old prince runs a far-flung publishing empire of newspapers and magazines in London and the Saudi cities of Riyadh and Jeddah.

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Derby provides big bucks payoffs

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Derby

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War Emblem became the first Derby winner to lead from the start since the filly Winning Colors in 1988. The exacta — of two horses trained by men who have won a combined seven Derbys — paid \$1,300.80, indicative of how wide-open this 18-horse field was. Harlan's Holiday was made the slight favorite over Saarlund, and he went off at 6-1 odds, the longest of any Derby choice.

Harlan's Holiday finished seventh. Saarlund, a sentimental pick due to the recent death of Ogden Phipps, whose daughter Cynthia owns Saarlund, was made the second choice and finished 10th.

Perfect Drift closed for the show spot and Medaglia d'Oro was fourth to complete a huge superfecta (\$91,764.50).

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Zhizhi leaps into American, NBA culture

By Joel Anderson
The Associated Press

DALLAS — Wang Zhizhi has come to appreciate American pop culture in the form of Britney Spears' SUVs, the Backstreet Boys and Texas steaks.

But the Dallas Mavericks' second-year forward from China stops short of embracing the ultimate in NBA showmanship — the dunk.

In Game 1 of a first-round sweep of Minnesota, the 7-foot-1, 255-pound Wang tentatively missed two point-blank shots under the basket.

That led to a ribbing from All-Star guard Michael Finley. "I've never seen him dunk. Have you seen him dunk? Can he even get up there?" Finley asked some teammates as they shot the ball around after a workout later that week.

Finley called Wang over to the basket, then lobbed a pass that Wang fluidly caught and slammed.

"Just checking," Finley said jokingly. Wang — who once won a dunking competition in a Chinese professional league — didn't smile.

"He's a little sensitive about that," Gary Benzvi, Wang's mentor and interpreter, said later. "It's all a part of his development. He has to get a little more physical around the goal."

Wang, the first Asian to join the NBA, knows a lot about Americana and much less about NBA basketball. He arrived in the United States as arguably China's biggest sports celebrity.

The buzz about Wang has extended to other members of the Chinese national team, which includes 7-foot-6 Yao Ming and 7-foot Menk Bat, Jr., who is now with the Denver Nuggets. Many analysts have tabbed Yao, who worked out this month for NBA scouts, as a potential No. 1 pick in this summer's draft.

The underdeveloped parts of Wang's game hint at an NBA star to come.

"Wang is as good an offensive player as I have," Dallas coach Don Nelson said, including All-Star forward Dirk Nowitzki.

That may seem a premature assessment for a player who has averaged fewer than a point a game in the Mavericks' current playoff run and has few offensive weapons other than an accurate touch from three-point range.

The language barrier has posed problems. Wang is learning English, but he rarely answers questions with nods or through Benzvi, an assistant coach.

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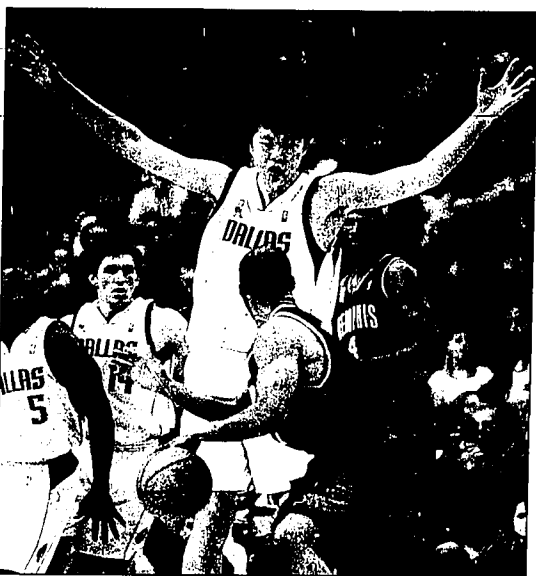
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Memphis guard Eddie Gill, front, drives against Dallas forward Wang Zhizhi during their game in Dallas, in this March 23 photo. Zhizhi has come to appreciate American pop culture in the form of Britney Spears and the Backstreet Boys, SUVs and Texas steaks.

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Capsule looks at second round of NBA playoffs

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
No. 1 New Jersey Nets (52:30, 3-2)

vs.
No. 4 Charlotte Hornets (44:38, 3-1)



Probable starters: Nets — Kenyon Martin (14.9 pts, 5.3 reb), Keith Van Horn (14.8 pts, 7.5 reb), Todd MacCulloch (9.7 pts, 6.1 reb), Jason Kidd (14.7 pts, 9.9 ast, 7.3 reb), Kerry Kittles (13.4 pts), Hornets — Lee Nailon (10.8 pts, 3.7 reb), P.J. Brown (8.4 pts, 9.8 reb), Elden Campbell (13.9 pts, 6.9 reb), Baron Davis (18.1 pts, 8.5 ast), David Wesley (14.2 pts, 3.5 ast).

Key reserves: Nets — Richard Jefferson (9.4 pts, 3.7 reb), Lucious Harris (9.1 pts), Aaron Williams (7.2 pts, 4.1 reb), Jason Collins (4.5 pts, 3.9 ast), Hornets — Jamal Mashburn (21.5 pts, 6.1 reb, 4.3 ast), Jamaal Magloire (8.5 pts, 5.6 reb), Stacey Augmon (4.6 pts), George Lynch (3.8 pts).

Season series: Nets won 3-1, gaining an odd victory Feb. 24 when Charlotte blew a 23-point second-half lead. The Hornets missed an opportunity to send it into overtime when Campbell failed to take a wide-open jumper because he thought the Hornets needed a 3 to tie it.

Notes: Eddie Johnson (11.1 pts, 3.1 ast), Redo Turkoglu (10.1, 4.5 reb), Scot Pollard (6.4 points, 7.1 reb), Mavericks — Nick Van Exel (18.4 pts, 6.6 ast), Adrian Griffin (7.2 pts, 3.9 reb), Greg Buckner (5.8 pts, 2.9 reb).

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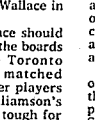
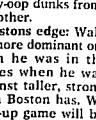
Prediction: Mavericks in 6.

No. 2 San Antonio Spurs (58:24)

vs.
No. 3 Los Angeles Lakers (58:24)

No. 2 Detroit Pistons (50:32, 3-2)

vs.
No. 3 Boston Celtics (49:33, 3-2)



Probable starters: Pistons — Jerry Stackhouse (21.6 pts, 5.3 ast), Chuckie Atkins (12.1 pts, 3.3 ast), Cliff Robinson (14.6 pts, 4.8 reb), Ben Wallace (7.6 pts, 13.0 reb), Michael Curry (4.0 pts), Celtics — Antoine Walker (22.1 pts, 8.8 reb, 5.0 ast), Eric Williams (6.5 pts, 3.0 reb), Tony Battie (6.9 pts, 6.5 reb), Paul Pierce (26.1 pts, 6.9 reb), Kenny Anderson (9.6 pts, 5.3 ast).

Key reserves: Pistons — Corliss Williamson (13.6 pts, 4.1 reb), Jon Barry (9.0 pts, 3.3 ast), Zeljko Rebrack (6.9 pts, 3.9 reb), Celtics — Rodney Rogers (11.9 pts, 4.5 reb), Tony Delk (9.5 pts), Erick Strickland (7.7 pts, 2.7 ast).

Season series: Tied 2-2, with the home team winning each time. Boston's wins were decisive (by 14 and 20), while Detroit came back from a late 17-point deficit in one victory and got 28 rebounds and six alley-oop dunks from Wallace in the other.

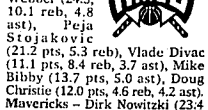
Pistons edge: Wallace should be dominant on the boards more than he was in the Toronto series when he was matched against taller, stronger players than Boston has. Williamson's post-game play will be tough for the Celtics to defend, and Chuckie Atkins will help Jon Barry can help the Pistons try to keep pace from the 3-point line.

Celtics edge: Have the ability to run up the score and bury their opponents with 3-point shots. Detroit will have a difficult time keeping up on offense — especially if Jerry Stackhouse continues to tail off as he did in the first round.

Prediction: Celtics in 4.

WESTERN CONFERENCE:
No. 1 Sacramento Kings (61:21, 3-1)

vs.
No. 4 Dallas Mavericks (57:25, 3-0)



Probable starters: Kings — Chris Webber (24.5, 10.1 reb, 4.8 ast), Peja Stojakovic (21.7 pts, 5.3 reb), Vlade Divac (11.1 pts, 8.4 reb, 3.7 ast), Mike Bibby (13.7 pts, 5.0 ast), Doug Christie (12.0 pts, 4.6 reb, 4.2 ast), Mavericks — Dirk Nowitzki (23.4 pts, 9.9 reb), Eduardo Najera (6.5 pts, 5.5 ast), Raef LaFrentz (13.5 pts, 7.4 reb), Steve Nash (17.9 pts, 7.7 ast), Michael Finley (20.6 pts, 5.2 reb).

Key reserves: Kings — Bobby Jackson (11.1 pts, 3.1 ast), Redo Turkoglu (10.1, 4.5 reb), Scot Pollard (6.4 points, 7.1 reb), Mavericks — Nick Van Exel (18.4 pts, 6.6 ast), Adrian Griffin (7.2 pts, 3.9 reb), Greg Buckner (5.8 pts, 2.9 reb).

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No. 2 San Antonio Spurs (58:24)

vs.
No. 3 Los Angeles Lakers (58:24)

Probable starters: Spurs — Tim Duncan (25.5 pts, 12.7 reb), Bruce Bowen (7.0 pts, 2.7 reb), Malik Rose (9.4 pts, 6.0 reb), Tony Parker (9.2 pts, 4.3 ast), Steve Smith (11.1 pts, 4.3 reb), Shaquille O'Neal (27.2 pts, 10.7 reb), Kobe Bryant (25.2 pts, 5.5 reb, 5.5 ast), Derek Fisher (11.2 pts, 2.6 ast), Rick Fox (7.9 pts, 4.7 reb), Samaki Walker (6.7 pts, 7.0 reb).

Key reserves: Spurs — David Robinson (12.2 pts, 8.3 reb), Antonio Daniels (9.2 pts, 2.8 ast), Terry Porter (5.5 pts, 2.8 ast), Lakers — Steve Nash (17.9 pts, 5.9 ast), Devan George (7.1 pts, 3.7 reb), Lindsey Hunter (6.8 pts).

Season series: Lakers won 3-1, with O'Neal being held to just four points from the field in L.A.'s only loss. Duncan had a poor fourth quarter in a one-point loss on March 31, and the Spurs were collectively awful in the final quarter of a Jan. 19 loss.

Spurs edge: Parker has turned his game up a notch in the playoffs, showing the ability to score and break down defenses. If he can keep it up against the Lakers, it will make things much easier for his teammates. Rose is a capable replacement on offense if Robinson's bad back continues to sideline him. Smith and Porter add a valuable veteran presence.

Lakers edge: Have won seven of the last eight games between the teams, and still hold a huge psychological edge over the Spurs after dismantling them in the Western Conference finals a year ago. Kobe Bryant is facing another so-called Kobestopper in Bowen, and the smart money is on Bryant.

Prediction: Lakers in 4.

Leafs win marathon with Senators in triple overtime

TORONTO (AP) — Gary Roberts scored 4:30 into the third overtime, giving Toronto a 3-2 victory over Ottawa on Saturday night in the third longest game in Maple Leafs history.

With the teams playing 4-on-4, Roberts got to a loose puck off a faceoff in the Ottawa zone and fired a first shot between the goalposts.

Lalime's pads tie the Eastern Conference semifinal series 1-1. "It was kind of wide open there for two minutes, there, end-to-end rushes, turnovers, it looked like someone just wanted to end it," said Roberts, who scored his first career OT winner. "We're fortunate to get the win, it was a big win for us."

Travis Green and Darryl Tucker also scored for the Maple Leafs, while goaltender Curtis Joseph had a solid game, stopping 54 shots.

"We're lucky Cujo saved us," Roberts said.

Sami Salo and Mike Fisher scored for the Senators, who forced overtime after rallying from a 2-0 deficit.

Game 1 of the best-of-seven series is in Ottawa on Monday.

Red Wings 3, Blues 2

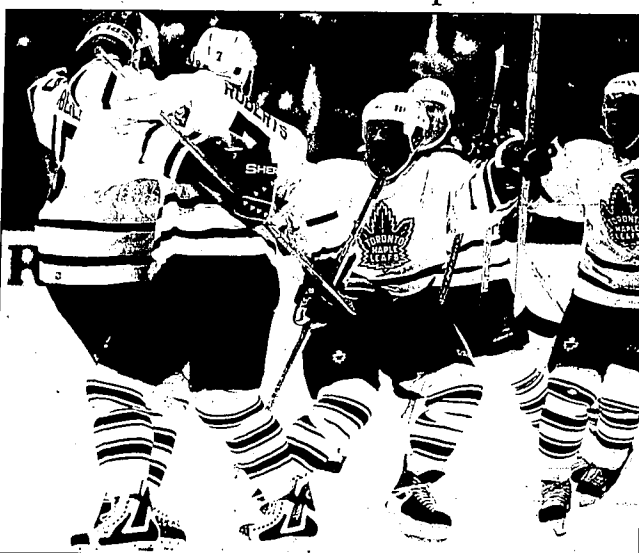
Detroit's Red Wings wasted little time taking control of the game — and their playoff series with the St. Louis Blues.

Steve Yzerman scored on the first shot of the game and Dominik Hasek made 35 saves as Detroit beat the Blues 3-2 Saturday to take a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven Western Conference semifinal series.

The Red Wings have won six straight games since losing the first two games of the playoffs to Vancouver.

In their 2-0 win in Game 1 against St. Louis, they scored on their second shot and managed to score even quicker in Game 2.

Game 3 is Tuesday night in



Toronto Maple Leafs left winger Gary Roberts (7) is mobbed by teammates Tomas Kaberle (15), Alexander Mogilny, right, and Tomi, center, after scoring the game winning goal during the third overtime period in second round playoff action against the Ottawa Senators in Toronto on Saturday. The Maple Leafs won, 3-2.

St. Louis. Detroit's free agents scorers — Brett Hull and Luc Robitaille — put the Red Wings ahead 3-0 midway through the second.

Hasek followed up his shutout on Thursday by stopping the 24 shots over the first two periods before allowing Scott Mellanby's goal 47 seconds into the third.

Mellanby scored again with 39.1 seconds left.

Avalanche 8, Sharks 2

DENVER — A little rest and the

return of Rob Blake made all the difference for the Colorado Avalanche.

Blake scored twice — and Colorado tied a team record for goals in a playoff game as the Avalanche breezed past San Jose to even the best-of-seven series 1-1.

It was the most goals San Jose allowed in a road playoff game and one short of franchise record for any playoff game.

Colorado tied a record set on June 6, 1996, when the Avalanche beat Florida 8-1 in Game 2 of the

Stanley Cup Finals.

The Avalanche swarmed San Jose goalie Evgeni Nabokov even before Blake opened the scoring 8:54 into the game, then broke it open with four goals in the second period.

Game 3 is Monday at San Jose. Peter Forsberg and Joe Sakic made it 4-0 midway through the second period.

Greg de Vries, Milan Hejduk, Eric Messier, and Dan Hinote also scored for Colorado.

Patrick Marleau and Stephane Matteau scored for San Jose.

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CSI

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they're playing well at the right time. They're a good ballclub."
CSI sophomore Christian Colone continued to swing a hot bat, going 2-for-3 in the first game with a home run. Colone moved past roommate Kody Kirkland in the race for the highest batting average. After going 4-for-9 over the series the slugger from American Falls is hitting .374.
"Almost lost in the Eagles' offensive outburst of the first game was the pitching performance of Ryan Davis. The freshman from Tacoma, Wash., who has been used primarily in long relief, won his first SWAC start since March 2. Davis allowed just two hits to earn his seventh win.
"This was by far the biggest game of the year for me," Davis said. "I was a little nervous but I was excited because this was such a big opportunity for me."
Matt Gunning got things started in the second game for CSI when he hit a shallow fly ball to right field with the bases loaded. Coyote right fielder Landon Minear bobbled the ball, allowing three runs to score as Gunning slid into second.
"We knew we had to get at least three this weekend for second," Gunning said. "Out starters throw well today and we hit the ball as well as we have all year. It was probably our best all-around effort this season."
The Coyotes frustrations surfaced in Game 1 when pitcher

Josh Kerschen was ejected for intentionally throwing at Tom Myers. CCSN assistant coach M.J. Martini soon followed after arguing the decision. But the real fireworks came in the bottom of the second of Game 2 when two Coyote players started fighting in the dugout. Both players were pulled from the game by Chambers.
"I've never seen anything like that before," Welker said.
The game was also the last at Frontier Field for CSI's sophomores.
"The sophomores really are a special bunch of guys," CSI coach Jim Walker said. "Whether they come out of this playing baseball somewhere or wind up with blue-collar jobs, you just know they are going to be successful."
The Eagles finished the SWAC season 16-4 at Frontier Field with sweeps of Ricks College, College of Northwestern and Southern Nevada.

Game 1
CSI SL, CCSN 1-2
CSI 10, CCSN 1-2
Game 2
CSI 5, CCSN 1-2

Baseball artist Ron Lewis throws out first pitch

By Joe Sunnen
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS - His paintings hang in the homes of some of major league baseball's elite. He's mingled with Mickey Mantle, swapped stories with Eddie Mathews, and painstakingly applied painted pinstripes to the 41-man roster of the 1961 New York Yankees.
It's all in a day's work for artist Ron Lewis.
"I think I'm best known for my attention to detail," Lewis said. "When the guys see my work they always like the detail."
Lewis was on hand at the

College of Southern Idaho's final home doubleheader of the season at Frontier Field Saturday to throw out the first pitch of the game and sign autographs.
Lewis, who's work appears in Cooperstown, the Ted Williams Museum and the Idaho Fish and Game among others, has been creating sports portraits and pieces since 1982.
"I think I'm probably most known for my work with the 500 Home Run Club," Lewis said. "But the piece that I like the very best was a Negro League card set. And the reason I liked that so well is because I could bring the environment into the

work. I could bring in old buses and signs and make them into real paintings instead of just portraits."
Lewis grew up in Pocatello but moved to New York after graduating from college in Seattle. Before long he was creating original artwork of some of the nation's most famous sports figures for sports cards, magazine covers and trade shows.
Lewis said he mostly works from photographs and has been working for private collectors since moving back to Idaho. He's currently working on a permanent display for the Ted Williams Museum depicting some of the

games' greatest sluggers on the covers of baseballs.
Most of Lewis' pieces take about a week to complete, but his 1961 Yankees work was painted on a canvas over 5 feet long. He's also done a piece depicting the evolution of Ted Williams' life that took over four months to complete.
"Mickey Mantle was great, he had a real good sense of humor," Lewis said. "And I liked Pete Rose a lot. I've done golf and boxing portraits. Muhammad Ali was a favorite of mine. And I got along with Gordie Howe real well. But my favorite was Eddie Mathews."

South Korean maintains slim lead in Compaq Classic

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - K.J. Choi, trying to become the first South Korean winner on the PGA Tour, finished the third round of the Compaq Classic right where he started - at the top of the leader board.
Choi had three birdies and two bogeys in a 7-under 71 Saturday that left him at 12-under 204, a stroke ahead of John Rollins (68) and tour hopeful Bryce Molder (69).
"It was tough," Choi said, wiping his face after the round.
First-round leader Dan Forsman had a 72, leaving him

two shots off the pace at 10-under 206. Billy Andrade (68) was 9 under, and Chris DiMarco (70) topped a five-player group at 8 under.
Defending champion David Toms (71) was 7 under, and Phil Mickelson (71) was 6 under.
Fleisher takes first-round Bruno's lead after Round 1
HOOVER, Ala. - Bruce Fleisher shot an 8-under par 64 for a two-stroke lead after one round of the rain-soaked Bruno's Memorial Classic on Saturday.

The first round was suspended because of thunderstorms Friday, and play was delayed 2.5 hours by rain early Saturday. The second round on the Crestone Golf and Country Club's Founders Course started shortly after the first was completed.
Fleisher birdied three of his final six holes to overtake Larry Nelson and Dana Quigley, who shared a two-stroke lead when play was suspended Friday.
Quigley, making his Senior PGA Tour-record 178th consecutive start, and Nelson, the 1999 champion, shared second place with Tom Jenkins at 6-under 66.

Rain washes out Saturday's play in LPGA event
STOCKBRIDGE, Ga. - Standing under an umbrella, Nancy Lopez couldn't believe how much rain was falling on the tournament that bears her name.
"I'm so frustrated," said Lopez, host of the Chick-fil-A Charity Championship. "This is awful. And just think, we've been in a drought!"
On Saturday, the fourth rain delay in two days prompted LPGA Tour officials to shorten the tournament from 54 to 36 holes.

Balance

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players that have gone on to play professional baseball. In his 28 years as a coach and as a player in the Philadelphia Phillies organization, he's seen enough to know the good from the bad.
"The scouts hold the key to their future. We had a guy around here who was telling current Phillies pitcher Brandon Duckworth that if he didn't sign he was going to lose his job," Walker said. "Those guys shouldn't be in this game, not with these young kids. I hope Kody and Christian trust us. But it's a fine line because we can't be an agent."
Both players said CSI assistant coaches Boggs, Walker and Mike Federico have been trusted advisors. They also add former CSI player Nate Tebbis, who was drafted by the Boston Red Sox, to the short list of people who can turn to for advice.
"They're not telling me what to do or how much to sign for," Kirkland said. "That's totally up to me. But it's a new ballgame for me. Last year I had no idea about the draft or what went on. They've all seen things and been through it."
Still, when you have a scout in your ear every game it can be hard to sort fact from fiction. As a draft-and-follow player, Kirkland has had a scout at every game tracking his progress and keeping tabs.
"My scout with the Pirates has already told me that they are going to do everything in their power to sign me. But I'm going to go in with a price set in my mind of what I think I'm worth if I go into the draft."
Ultimately, the decision to sign will be made by Kirkland and his family. But it will be up to the Pirates to decide what they think he's worth to their organization.
A question of respect
The one thing that can make the decision easy for the two is the same thing nobody wants to talk about - money.
For the right price, Kirkland and Colone would be glad to jump off the campus ship and take a swim in professional waters. And who could blame them? At some point, when you're good enough, the game and the green collide. And as much as everybody likes to rant about how overpaid professional athletes are, it's doubtful those people would rip up a winning lottery ticket if it was given to them.
"Money plays a huge role," Kirkland said. "It may sound cocky, but I know I'm going to get the opportunity to play. I know I am. You don't want to go into the draft for nothing. For peanuts. It's not worth it. You want to be worth something to that organization. If you're not, they'll just throw you around. And it makes it that much harder just to make it."

lar signs and respect go hand in hand.
And it's harder to get respect in Idaho than it is in California or Florida.
"They say they get kids cheaper in the Northwest because of their lack of exposure to the game," Walker said. "It's slowly changing but they're still doing it. A guy from Idaho with the same ability as a guy from California will go in the 10th round and the California guy will go in the second. Then it's a matter of \$10,000 vs. \$200,000."
Both wish the reality of the situation was different.
"Money plays a big part in it, but it shouldn't," Colone said. "We play because we love it. But when you start talking about it as a profession, you have to start thinking that way."
Kirkland agrees.
"We've talked to a lot of people that have played here in the past and they've told us how much of a disadvantage it is to sign for nothing," Kirkland said. "It's sad that it is that way, that it's all about money. But in another sense it is business. It's our job. It's kind of like you're signing your life away to baseball."
The last days of innocence
The only guarantee Colone and Kirkland have right now is that they each have at least one more week left to play in the scenic West Atlantic Conference. They finished the regular season with four games against the Community College of Southern Nevada on Friday and Saturday. For both it was likely the last time they'll play at Frontier Field.
Next week it's a long bus ride to the Region 18 tournament in St. George, Utah.
It could be the last time they aren't playing for a paycheck.
"My statement to them has been, 'Do good things for the team and in turn good things will happen for you,'" Jim Walker said.
Both say they'll be able to concentrate on the games and forget about final exams for the next few days and whatever else awaits them over the next few months.
"We're going there to win regionals," Colone said. "And if there's extra fans there to watch, well that's fine. We're going there to win. But we'll take the extra audience, I'll tell you that."
Both hope they can enjoy next week without trying to impress the fans in the front row with the speed guns and notepads. Both hope they've done enough to prove they have a future in the big leagues.
And the coaching staff at CSI has tried to lighten the load for everyone just a little in the final days.
"Whenever we have a light couple of days it's just trying to take some pressure off them," Walker said. "I know how they feel. We've had a lot of guys get drafted. I've seen those kids for the last 28 years just struggle, trying so hard. I always tell them to try easy. But it's not that simple. It never is."



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Brazil's soccer star Pele kicks the ball over his head during a game in Sept. 1968, location unknown. A quarter-century after he last played, Pele remains a soccer icon, the most popular man in the world's most popular sport.

Even 25 years later, Pele remains a soccer icon

By Barry Wilner
The Associated Press

PURCHASE, N.Y. — A quarter-century after he last played, Pele remains a soccer icon. And as worldwide ambassador for "the beautiful game," Pele is a combination of Michael Jordan and Muhammad Ali.

He marvels at his status, calling it a "gift from God," and claims he doesn't work at the job because, well, he is just being himself.

So when children flock to see him at the Great Wall of China, or fans pay for his dinner in a Singapore restaurant, or CEOs of Fortune 500 companies give him a standing ovation after a pep talk, Pele still smiles in wonder.

"I see others who become stars in their sport and two or three years after they quit, they disappear and people don't care about them," the Brazilian legend says. "For me, the kids 10 years old and 8 years old, they follow Pele and want me to sign footballs."

As the first World Cup staged in Asia rapidly approaches, the

man who led Brazil to three championships remains in demand. Rarely is there a call for Maradona or Paolo Rossi or other Cup stars of the past.

Pele, 61, is one of many influential former players with a consulting role for FIFA, the sport's world governing body. While he's been involved in some controversies since he retired, including power struggles over control of soccer in his homeland and within FIFA, he's trying to remain far away from the latest infighting. Asked about the race for FIFA president between incumbent Sepp Blatter and African federation leader Issa Hayatou, Pele scratches his face as if a penalty shot was headed directly for it.

"Every election, in clubs and confederations, is the same," he says. "And when it gets close to the election, they start to create a lot of things. I am part of the club of FIFA that discusses football ... the rules of football, and I do not mix it with the politics of FIFA."

His main role is as a spokesman for MasterCard International. A card with his

likeness is, by far, the most popular of its kind, with more than 1.5 billion in circulation. When he was in Singapore, fans saluted him by holding high their cards and shouting his name.

Pele spends much of his time conducting youth clinics and seminars. While he is thrilled to see no decline in kid's fervor for soccer, particularly in the United States, but he's discouraged by how the youngsters are being coached.

He's campaigning for cleaner, more wide-open soccer for teenagers, believing it will help the sport overall.

"My point is not with the professionals," he says. "FIFA should make adjustments with the youth tournaments. Now, the coach wants to win and he doesn't care if they are young players or not. We need to work on those coaches. They are killing the skilled player."

"I saw it when I was in South Africa for the under-16s. They act like a young boy is a professional. This is what FIFA should decide against in the future."

Dick Schaap wins APSE's Red Smith Award for sports journalism

By Hal Bock
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dick Schaap went about the business of journalism with a twinkle in his eye, never taking himself or his subject too seriously.

He shunned pretense and embraced people, and it didn't matter whether his subject was a pitcher or a president, a golfer or a governor.

Schaap, who died in December, is the 2002 winner of the Associated Press Sports Editors Red Smith Award, for extended meritorious service to sports journalism.



AP Photo

Co-hosts Dick Schaap, right, and Joe Namath, center, ask a question of New York Mets pitcher Tom Seaver on the premiere of 'The Joe Namath Show' in this October 10, 1969 file photo.

"Noting was just APSE presidents and past winners of the award. Dallas Morning News sports editor Dave Smith, who qualifies on both counts, said there were 14 names on the ballot, and Dick was an overwhelming winner."

Schaap skillfully straddled the worlds of sports and news, broadcast and print, comfortable in all four environments.

He brought the same passion to the story of comedian Sid Caesar's recovery from drug and alcohol addiction as he did to the autobiography of football and baseball star Bo Jackson.

The Caesar piece won an Emmy for cultural reporting. The Jackson book, "Bo Knows Bo," was the best-selling sports autobiography ever.

"No one was more tolerant of human frailty, no one was more generous and no one was more fun," author David Halberstam said at a memorial for Schaap. "He was a very good reporter, but a better human being."

Schaap's son, Jeremy, a sportscaster at ESPN, said his father was a Renaissance man, equally at ease talking about world affairs or pennant races.

"He was just as good at 500 words as he was at 15,000," Schaap said. "He could write a column and a book and everything in between. I miss him in so many ways, as a father, as a journalist and as a fan."

"He was never jaded. He was the hardest working man I knew. And he loved every second of it."

A measure of Schaap's impact is that months after his death, he

continues to win awards.

Besides the APSE Red Smith Award, he was the first journalist inducted into the True Heroes of Sport Hall of Fame by the Northeastern University Center for Sport and Society.

Schaap also won his fourth sports Emmy last month, this one for his autobiography, "Flashing Before My Eyes." The Emmy is called the Dick Schaap Outstanding Writing Award.

His autobiography was the last of 33 books written by Schaap. He won two other Emmys for features on "20/20" and "World News Tonight" at ABC, where he worked for 20 years, and four at ESPN.

He also received the Lifetime Achievement Award in Sports Journalism from the Cronh's and Colitis Foundation of America last year. He won the Northeastern Award for Excellence in Broadcast Sports Journalism in 1986 and the Women's Sports Foundation Award for Excellence in Covering Women's Sports in 1984.

Schaap graduated from Cornell University in 1955 and attended the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism on a Grantland Rice Memorial Scholarship.

His versatility was obvious from the start. He was city editor and a columnist for the New York Herald Tribune and later was editor of Sport magazine.

The Tribune connection was important because Schaap had grown up admiring Smith, the paper's sports columnist.

"To read Red and then go to the same paper meant so much to him," Jeremy Schaap said.

Schaap approached his subjects with curiosity, always interested in what made them tick. "He went through life amused," his son said.

His sense of whimsy occasionally got him in some trouble.

When he was at Sport, he decided the NFL and everyone else was taking the Super Bowl entirely too seriously. So he dispatched players Fred Dryer and Lance Rentzel to a pregame press conference in New Orleans, dressed them up as 1930s-era reporters and had them pop cliché questions at the coaches.

It was a bit of levity the event needed, a reminder that this was, after all, just a football game. The NFL, however, was not amused.

At the time of his death, Schaap hosted a lively half-hour sports round-table on ESPN called "The Sports Reporters." In the first show after his friend died, panelist Mitch Albom of the Detroit Free Press summed up Schaap.

"He's been in heaven for about a little under two days and he's still shaking hands with people up there," Albom said. "That's how many people he knew."

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Workshop covers business opportunities

TWIN FALLS — Lucrative business opportunities with the federal government will be the focus of a free workshop Wednesday at WestCoast Twin Falls Hotel.

"The federal government spends millions of dollars on purchases and services with outside contractors," Commerce Department Director Gary Mahn said. "The business opportunities offered by federal agencies are phenomenal."

Cheryl Molis of the U.S. Forest Service and Staff Sgt. Delicia McSweeney of the U.S. Air Force are the featured speakers at the Twin Falls workshop.

The workshop will cover all aspects of responding to Requests for Proposals for government contract projects. Topics include advertising requirements, procedures, requirements, standard contract format, evaluation and developing a price proposal.

The Idaho Department of Commerce is co-sponsoring the workshop with the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Idaho Small Business Development Center and Idaho Sen. Mike Crapo.

Scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon, the seminar is free. Space is limited. Call the Idaho Business Network staff at the Commerce Department, 334-2470, or e-mail ibn@idoc.state.id.us for reservations.

WOW Logistics will break ground for Jerome center

JEROME — WOW Logistics Co., a Wisconsin distribution, warehousing and logistics company, will break ground on its new warehouse and distribution center in Jerome Thursday.

The ceremony is set for 10 a.m. at the corner of 100 South and 50 West in Jerome. The Jerome Chamber of Commerce and the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization will be represented, and they expect Idaho's governor and Jerome's mayor to attend along with other Magic Valley elected officials and community leaders.

For information, call the Jerome chamber at 324-2711.

Nominate good company to Better Business Bureau

TWIN FALLS — Own, work for or patronize an outstanding business? Tell the Better Business Bureau about it.

Nominations for businesses in the Magic and Wood River valleys are now open for the sixth annual business excellence awards program. Integrity Counts. Nominations are due by June 7 and can be made by writing a letter of nomination, downloading a nomination form from Web site www.integritycounts.org or calling the BBB at 1-800-218-1001.

"America is experiencing what some perceive to be a crisis of confidence in the way business operates," the BBB said in a press release. "A wave of scandals is impacting public trust across the entire spectrum of the marketplace as consumers, employees and stockholders question whether they can trust businesses to adhere to high standards of behavior. We are calling on the many outstanding, upstanding businesses that do the right thing, day in and day out, to step forward."

Business leaders and staff who operate their events with integrity deserve recognition for their commitment to a fair, honest marketplace, the BBB said. And the public deserves to know about reliable businesses that serve customers, employees, investors, competitors and surrounding communities with excellence.

Realtors association will hold membership meeting

TWIN FALLS — The Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors will hold its general membership meeting at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Turf Club.

Mark Olmstead will speak on tax-law changes as they pertain to property rights, estate taxes and family trust.

Realty offices are asked to fax a list of their Realtors who plan to attend to the Twin Falls Board of Realtors at 734-5707 by noon Monday. Those who make reservations but don't show up will be billed for the lunch.

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T.F. GROWTH BEATS FORECAST

PROGRESS REPORT:

REAL ESTATE & DEVELOPMENT

Nearly 1,000 lots await home construction

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — As new homes rise out of potato fields around Twin Falls, many wonder just how far Twin Falls can grow.

In one way, that is easy to answer. City leaders have decided that the city boundaries will extend from the present city limits to the city's "area of impact." The area of impact extends approximately 1 mile beyond city limits to roughly 3300 East on the east, 3500 North on the south, 2700 East on the west and the Snake River Canyon on the north.

Within that area of impact approximately 15 square miles could potentially be developed for housing or commercial use. The trickier question to answer is how many years will it take to develop that 15 square miles.

Dave McAlindin, economic development director for the city of Twin Falls, said the decision not to grow beyond the area of impact was determined by the city's ability to provide services. Extending sewer and water lines, for instance, beyond the area of impact is not economically feasible.

But there aren't any hard and fast rules for determining how quickly a city will grow. When the City of Twin Falls completed its last comprehensive plan in 1994, planners estimated the city would grow at an annual rate of 1.5 percent.

In reality, McAlindin said, the growth rate has been 2 percent. "We never had done that before," he said.

Land for houses

A look at the city's recorded residential subdivisions shows cycles of growth and nongrowth. In 1980, seven new subdivisions were recorded with the city, but in 1988 none were recorded. By 1994, 9 were recorded, but the next year just four new subdivisions were on the books. So far in 2002, six subdivisions have been recorded, two-thirds of the total

ing into sale prices. "In Twin Falls in the past three months the sales price on homes have decreased at least 3 percent," said Shirley Nelson, associate broker at Nelson Realty LLC.

"We have a pretty good supply of homes so we're seeing some aggressive marketing," said Prudential Idaho Homes & Properties Broker, Kent Collins. When property remains on the market a longer period of time than is initially estimated, a price reduction gets some immediate

Supply and demand are factor-

Businesses want ready facilities

Development leaders work around shortage

By David Burgess
Times-News writer

JEROME — Economic development leaders in Jerome and Twin Falls agree most companies in search of a new site want a building ready to move into.

The valley's said Jim Rogers, director of Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization. But the buildings are few and far between.

Dave McAlindin, Twin Falls' economic development director, said a small inventory of vacant industrial buildings in many cases leaves the city out of the game of attracting new employers to town.

"There has been more than one



Concrete finisher Cathy Dutt touches up a path at a new home at 1137 Valencia St. in Twin Falls. The neighborhood has seen many new houses built recently.

recorded in 2001.

According to Renee Curraway, planning and zoning assistant for Twin Falls, nearly 1,000 lots within Twin Falls have been approved for housing, but not yet developed. That figure includes the 355 residential lots slated to be developed near the Boy Scout headquarters on Hankins Road and Falls Avenue. Those two subdivisions, representing a 98-acre parcel and a 36-acre parcel, are not part of the city presently, but are slated to be annexed.

While 1,000 lots may sound like a large amount of undeveloped inventory, at the rate new building permits are being issued, it may not be such an overwhelming number. A total of 241 building permits for single-family homes were issued in 2001, edging out the previous high of 238 in 1994. At that rate, those 1,000 approved lots could all receive building permits in just over four years.

Home builders are picking up the pace again this year. As of March 26, 73 building permits for new homes had been issued by Twin Falls for 2002. In comparison, 51 permits were issued between January 1 and March 31, 2001, and just 36 were issued for the same period in 2000.

Population projections

According to the U.S. Census,

New subdivisions in Twin Falls

Year recorded	Number	Lots	Total Acres	Year recorded	Number	Lots	Total Acres
2001	9	183	77.37	1989	3	20	14.85
2000	28	580	195.09	1988	none	none	none
1999	11	187	98.54	1987	2	5	6.3
1998	10	322	79.22	1986	2	6	5.14
1997	17	336	37.95	1985	7	51	93.05
1996	4	388	241.11	1984	7	50	39.22
1995	4	39	19.05	1983	6	75	49.27
1994	19	249	241.06	1982	3	109	23.83
1993	10	193	74.41	1981	5	9	7.52
1992	21	198	252.74	1980	7	161	75.86
1991	9	125	92.60				
1990	4	31	25.65				
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Source: City of Twin Falls, Planning and Zoning

the population of Twin Falls is 34,469, up from 27,591 in 1990. Planners didn't anticipate Twin Falls reaching a population of 34,385 until 2005. They also projected the city would have 37,525 residents by 2010.

Given that growth has exceeded all projections in the last comprehensive plan and work hasn't begun on a new comprehensive plan, coming up with a growth projection for the next five or 10 years is like picking a number out of the air, McAlindin said.

Past development may give an indication of how many years it will take before the approximately 15 square miles in the

city's impact zone is developed. Between 1980 and 2001, 198 subdivisions were recorded with the city representing 3,117 lots on nearly 1,720 acres.

Assuming that the city continues to develop at the 20-year average, subdivisions will not fill the land within the boundaries of the city's impact zone for over 110 years.

However, if the city continues to grow at the pace it has for the last decade (152 subdivisions recorded between 1991 and 2001 representing 2,600 lots on 1,379 acres), the city will reach its boundaries in about 70 years just by adding residential subdivisions.

Home on the range

All Magic Valley counties reported rates of home ownership above the national average in the 2000 Census.

The home ownership rate is computed by dividing the number of owner-occupied housing units by the number of occupied housing units of households.

Home ownership rates	
U.S.	66.2%
Twin Falls County	68.3
Blaine County	68.9
Jerome County	70.0
Gooding County	72.3
Idaho	72.4
Cassia County	72.6
Lincoln County	74.8
Mindoka County	76.9
Camas County	77.5

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Appetite for ownership fuels brisk building industry

By David Burgess
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The American dream of home ownership is alive and well in southern Idaho.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 72.4 percent of Idaho households in 2000 owned their homes. Four of the eight Magic Valley counties had even higher rates. And all of the eight topped the national rate of 66.2 percent.

The popularity of home ownership is also seen in the rate of permits being issued for new construction. Marianne Barker, building official for the city of Twin Falls, said her office has processed more permits for new houses this year than at the same time last year. Home building this year could again stand out among types of development.

Interest rates on mortgages have remained low, helping aspiring homeowners get into their first places, and boosting move-up buyers into larger homes with more features.

Other factors also contribute to the valley's high rate of home ownership. Cost-of-living figures provided by the American Chamber of Commerce Research Association showed at the end of 2001 that

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Rentals

In contrast to residential sales, the market for rental units is soft. According to Shirley Nelson, associate broker at Nelson Realty LLC, the area has more vacancies than a year ago.

Apartment Vacancy Survey of the Twin Falls Area	Total units		
	1 bedroom	2 bedroom	3 bedroom
Totals	965	201	588
Percent vacant	3.70	1.99	3.57
		176	6.82

Service amounted to a 2.5 percent increase in the total dollar value of homes sold. The average

selling price of dwellings in the Magic Valley fell from \$75,000 and \$76,000, Vech said.

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MONEY

10 for real estate in Magic Valley

By Loraine Caverer
Times-News correspondent

People working in the development field name 10 places in high demand

1. Aspenwood, southeast Twin Falls

Houses are going up at a rapid clip in this subdivision north of Kimberly Road and east of Eastland Drive.

Sid Lezamis, broker for Lezamis Realty Co., said that new houses are the hottest-selling type of real estate in Twin Falls.

Lezamis is working with a builder in Aspenwood for homes on 15 lots, which they hope to have completed by fall. The prices range from \$89,900 to \$105,900.

Already people are coming in and inquiring about buying the homes, Lezamis said.

"There is a demand for that type of thing," he said. "People want good, quality homes at an affordable price."

Lezamis attributes the demand for these family-type homes to several factors.

"Dell is a shot in the arm for the community," he said. "The farm economy is coming back — things are moving on."

The economic forecast looks good, Lezamis said.

"That's why we are seeing people take the step," he said. "I think this year will be a barn burner year. All the conditions are right for it."

2. Magic Valley Ranch, south Twin Falls

Building permits are being issued for properties that have been subdivided within the last few years, said Marianne Barker, building official for the city of Twin Falls.

Magic Valley Ranch, located north of 3600 North, west of Washington Street South and south of Pleasant Road, is one of several subdivisions that are being developed, where homes are in demand in Twin Falls.

While 36 building permits for new homes were issued in Twin Falls during the first three months of 2001, 51 permits for new homes were issued during the first three months of 2001 and 73 permits were issued as of March 26, 2002.

"We're up almost 50 percent over last year and we had a record year last year," she said.

Commercial remodels are also up, but it is the new home permits that show a substantial increase, Barker said.

3. North Point Ranch, northwest Twin Falls

Barker said that this subdivision is another one that comes to mind as being in demand.

The subdivision is being built in phases on the north side of College Road at about Wendell Street.

"The biggest thing is the homes," she said. "It is incredible the number of homes (being built in Twin Falls subdivisions)."

Barker has observed subdivisions being built, filled and builders moving on to the next available area.

"We have a struggling economy in many respects, but in others it is booming," Barker said.

4. Shoshone residential property

Craig Hadden, broker and owner of Hadden Realty, said that anywhere affordable in the Shoshone area is what people are looking for.

The Shoshone area is full of people who work in the Wood River Valley.

Many with jobs in Sun Valley and Ketchum have found it to be much more economical to live in the Shoshone area and are scrambling for places to live, Hadden said.

Carol Boudreau, Lincoln County planning and zoning administrator, said a large number of people who work in Blaine County live in subdivisions outside of Shoshone.

"People like to get out there in the country and have a horse or two for their kids," she said.

Quite a number of permits have been issued for higher-end manufactured homes on subdivisions about seven miles northeast of Shoshone. Many two- to five-acre subdivisions are springing up in the area, Boudreau said.

The area north of town is an ideal location for those who commute to Blaine County.

"You can't farm it and most are subdividing and make more money that way," she said.

5. Gooding County housing

Rocford Becker, Gooding County building inspector, said the hot property is any place around Wendell where dairy employees can live. The county processed 175 building permits

for homes in 1999, Becker said. "That was a record," he said.

Last year 150 permits were processed.

Most of the homes are mobile homes owned by people who work for Glanbia Foods Inc., Land O Lakes or dairies in the county.

Now there is a moratorium on CAFO growth and permits for homes have slowed down, he said.

Kick Strickland, broker of Strickland Real Estate in Gooding, said people are looking for a little piece of land in the country where they don't have to worry about their neighbor being 50 feet away.

But that can be split into subdivisions is rare, Strickland said.

"The majority of those were used-up long ago," he said. "Quite frankly that's what is driving up the price — there isn't much out there."

6. South Lincoln, Jerome.

Dave Richey, City of Jerome building official, said the South Lincoln corridor for industrial and commercial property is growing fast.

He attributed growth to the open-arms policy of the City Council and mayor.

"If we have a factory that wants to locate in Jerome, everybody involved meets," Richey said. "We go through the project and try to make it work for them."

While 1999 showed about 13 new business permits and 25 additions to existing businesses, in 2000 Richey processed about 12 new business permits and about 20 for existing businesses. In 2001 87 permits for new and existing businesses were processed.

"This year will be real busy for the city," he said. "We have a lot of new prospects coming this way."

7. Tiger Drive, Jerome

Dan Suhr, broker for Canyonside Realty Inc. in Jerome, said the hot spot for residential property in Jerome is a new 86-lot subdivision on Tiger Drive, where it intersects with 15th Street near the high school.

Economic development along the South Lincoln corridor necessitates housing for people, who are moving to Jerome to work in the many new businesses, he said.

Suhr said he had no doubt that the subdivision would fill quickly.

8. East Addison Avenue, Twin Falls

Bob Hutchison, a real estate agent with Alpine Realty, said Addison Avenue from Blue Lakes to Eastland is becoming a hot spot for small service businesses.

Some of the houses on Addison are turning into offices for professionals, Hutchison said.

While there is not a big demand in other parts of Twin Falls for older homes to be converted to business uses, those along Addison are in demand, he said.

The reason for interest in this area is traffic flow, he said.

As the beautiful old homes lose desirability because of the traffic, zoning changes are made to allow commercial development.

"At that point those neighborhoods tend to shift to professional," Feldtman said. "It's a natural progression."

Also, several new businesses have built on property farther out along East Addison east of Eastland Avenue, including a new retail strip across from Kmart.

9. Blue Lakes Boulevard, Twin Falls

"Anything between Addison to the bridge," Hutchison said.

Feldtman agreed that demand for commercial property on Blue Lakes is strong.

"Obviously Blue Lakes is a hot spot of activity," he said.

But Hutchison said that Blue Lakes and other hot spots around town were not growing too fast.

"It is safer than areas that suddenly spring up and die," Hutchison said. "Nothing big is happening, but it is steady."

The area north of town is, like that in other areas, is ruled by the demand that comes with a good traffic flow, he said.

10. Downtown Twin Falls

Feldtman added that while Blue Lakes and other places throughout Twin Falls might be hot, one other place needed to be mentioned.

"Downtown is alive and vibrant," he said. "A lot of businesses are going downtown."

T.F. Old Towne BID director compiles list

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

PROGRESS REPORT:

REAL ESTATE & DEVELOPMENT

TWIN FALLS — Supply and demand for commercial space in downtown Twin Falls have felt some movement in the right direction since the first of the year with the opening of four new retail stores.

While there are some positive notes, according to Historic Old Towne Business Improvement District Executive Director Richard Crowley, "there's a whole lot of room for improvement."

"Within the district's 32 city blocks, there is still a large number of empty or only partially occupied buildings with high-quality space, particularly where two-story buildings are concerned."

"And we would like to see those vacancies filled," Crowley said.

To get that accomplished, Crowley said he can serve as a go-between.

"I'm always willing to act as mediator between landlords and potential tenants," he said.

To succeed in making positive connections between prospective renters and building owners, Crowley said he would need specific information about available space and the square footage of unoccupied space.

Other information that would be helpful in negotiations would be acceptable asking prices, as well as lease options.

Crowley has collected basic

For more info

To contact Richard Crowley about vacancies in downtown Twin Falls:
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• Phone: 734-2113
• Fax: 733-3434

information on Old Towne members and compiled it into a list that will be a tool in filling vacancies.

He began compiling a list of merchants about four years ago when he worked first as a volunteer, then as director of the Downtown Merchants Association.

The purpose of extending the list to include other businesses, along with the original retailers, was "to bring unity to the association, to make everyone — not just retailers — players in the game, to make us all part of the same team."

Crowley said that in the future the list will facilitate the use of available space. The only cost of compiling the list is in his time.

A scan of his Old Towne membership list shows 326 businesses and 52 vacancies.


There is prime space available in the old Rogerson Hotel Mall, and at the old Wells Fargo building on Main Avenue and Shoshone Street.

One piece of prime property that has been available for more than five years is the old Kathy's building on Main Avenue.

The owner lives out of state and would like to sell the building, rather than rent it. And though the building has been somewhat neglected, according to Crowley, with more than 5,000 square feet it has a lot of retail potential.

"I would love to see some movement there," Crowley said.


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Idaho Housing and Finance Association invests in affordable housing

Association brings financial punch to housing niche

By David Burgess
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Much of what Idaho Housing and Finance Association does is carried out behind the scenes.

The quasi-public organization works with a myriad of housing issues and supports affordable housing with sophisticated financial operations in communities across the state. The chairman of IHFA's board, accountant David M. Cooper, says people don't notice it because it is working so well. IHFA's operations are "fairly invisible, but the work matters," he said.

Cooper, managing partner in Cooper Norman & Co. in Twin Falls, is nearing the end of his second four-year term for the housing association, his first as chairman.

"I have a passion for this, I really do," he said. "I think we can help people toward self-sufficiency. I think we have accomplished some great things." Since the organization began financing home loans, IHFA has invested over \$165 million in helping home buyers in Magic Valley. IHFA loans do have limits on the purchase price of a home, but they offer below-market interest rates, which generally helps the first-time buyer. The interest rate on an IHFA loan is typically 0.5 to 1 percentage point below a conventional rate.

Cooper also cited Fawnbrook and Carriage Lane as mixed-income developments that work better than 1960s concepts of public housing. Those two Twin Falls apartment complexes were subsidized with tax credits administered by IHFA. The credits give owners of rental housing a break on federal taxes, helping to make the projects financially feasible.

Cooper said IHFA is the largest not-for-profit entity in the state and the largest financial institution owned within the state. It



Carriage Lane Apartments in Twin Falls is an affordable-housing development financed with the help of Idaho Housing and Finance Association. Forty of the 42 units are three-bedroom models and 33 are designated for tenants meeting certain income requirements.

employs over 130 people in offices in Boise, Twin Falls, Idaho Falls, Lewiston and Coeur d'Alene.

Idaho's governor appoints all of IHFA's board members. In 1994, Cooper was appointed to the board by former Gov. Cecil Andrus. Cooper was reappointed in 1998 by former Gov. Phil Batt and appointed chairman in May 2001 by Gov. Kempthorne. There are no party affiliations involved on the board.

"We don't get into political issues," Cooper said. But there is an effort to get representation from across the state and from a variety of business backgrounds on the board, he said.

Rental assistance

IHFA does not operate any low-rent public housing properties in Magic Valley. The association maintains ownership of a few properties statewide — one apartment complex in Kellogg and 29 houses in Idaho Falls. The association administers federal rental assistance programs in all Magic Valley counties.

Qualifying limited-income renters get help with their housing expenses through IHFA's office in Twin Falls. Marcia Schnoor manages the

branch, at 844 Washington St. N., Suite 300. Her office does not deal with lenders. Seven employees primarily distribute vouchers for rental assistance. Schnoor said the office serves 680 households with rental assistance, and 832 were on a waiting list. But those numbers fluctuate. Schnoor said 170 households on the waiting list had recently been mailed vouchers for rental assistance but hadn't used them yet. In 2001, IHFA issued rental assistance to 1,485 Magic Valley families in value totaling more than \$3.8 million.

Funding
The funding sources for IHFA programs are numerous. Basically, according to Chief Financial Officer John Sager, money for home loans comes from bonds that IHFA itself issues and manages. IHFA can also issue bonds for multifamily housing developments, but those occasions are less frequent. The association's Web site lists nine other programs or methods by which financial assistance can be extended to multifamily developments. Rental assistance program funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Sager has been in charge of IHFA finances for the past five

Fast facts on IHFA

- Idaho Housing and Finance Association was created in 1972 by the Legislature and reports more than \$2 billion in assets now.
- IHFA does not use state-appropriated money for its operations.
- IHFA workers are not state employees.
- Home loans financed statewide in 2001: 2,371
- Invested in those loans: \$190.9 million
- Home loans financed statewide in 1978-2001: 45,569
- Invested in those loans: \$2.685 billion
- Multifamily rental housing rental units provided financing as of December 2001: 3,880
- Bonds issued for those units: \$167.1 million

Local Investment

Residential mortgage loan program in south-central Idaho	Cumulative 1978-2001	
	2001 program	1978-2001
Loans financed	143	3,500
Dollars invested	\$9,132,176	\$165,573,193
Average sales price	\$66,114	\$49,302
Average mortgage amount	\$63,861	\$47,318
Average loan to value ratio	97.3	96.6
Average borrower income	\$29,003	\$23,897
Average borrower age	30	31
Average family size	2.8	3.0
Percent new construction loans	8	10
Percent first-time home buyers	94	87

years and oversees the task of raising capital. Half of the bonds sold stay in Idaho. "On average, about half of those bonds go to retail investors and small institutions in the state, and the other half go to large institutions across the country," he said.

Bonds are available to investors in \$5,000 increments. Idaho residents owning IHFA bonds can benefit from an income tax exemption on interest paid on the bonds.

Investors in Idaho also get first shot at buying the bonds. "If you are in Idaho you get a 24-hour head start. That works really well," Sager said. "If we can, we feel we should help people here first."

Sager had praise for IHFA's performance. "I've seen other similar organizations around the country. We are far and away ahead. It's the professionalism, it's the people — the dedication to doing it right."

IHFA cites a 1997 study by three independent research and consulting firms that praised IHFA as one of the top-ranked housing finance associations in the nation in mortgage dollars

invested per capita, efficiency and overall performance. The study ranked IHFA highest in the number of first-time home buyers served and lowest in the cost per loan issued.

Education

IHFA operates an educational program for prospective home buyers called Finally Home! IHFA looks at curriculum for the program but leaves its execution up to selected training partners in each part of the state. In south-central Idaho, that is College of Southern Idaho.

"CSI has done an outstanding job in home ownership education, and it has turned out to be a real positive thing in the community," said IHFA President and Executive Director Gerald Hunter.

Besides gaining a better understanding of the steps toward home ownership, graduates may be eligible for incentives on an IHFA loan.

CSI had 383 graduates from the classes in 2001, up from 236 graduates in 2000. "We provide compensation based on the number of students

Home loans

IHFA began offering residential mortgage loans at below-market interest rates in 1978 to assist low- to moderate-income borrowers, who are generally first-time buyers, in purchasing homes. IHFA home loans are made in partnership with a network of participating lenders throughout Idaho. Private lenders make the loans, then IHFA purchases the loans.

New loans are then serviced by IHFA itself. The association provides in-house servicing for all IHFA loans in Idaho and maintains contact with borrowers over the life of the loans. This management of the loan portfolio enables IHFA to routinely have one of the lowest loan delinquency and foreclosure rates in the nation, IHFA said. Qualifying borrowers deal with these participating lenders in south-central Idaho:

- D.L. Evans Bank
- First Federal Savings Bank
- GMAC Mortgage
- Magic Valley Bank
- Republic Mortgage
- Wells Fargo Home Mortgage

Multifamily developments

Number of complexes using IHFA financing help:	developments
County	
Blaine	9
Cassia	2
Gooding	2
Jerome	4
Blainville	2
Twin Falls	14

Source: Idaho Housing and Finance Association

trained," Hunter said. CSI is eligible to receive \$75 for each graduate of the program. Other kinds of organizations serve as training partners elsewhere in the state, including the Greater Idaho Falls Association of Realtors. Hunter said each training partner finds its own instructors, generally by turning to local professionals.

"Our focus is to come up with the funding," he said, "and that's not always easy to do."

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Simplot in the Magic Valley: A retrospective

A look back at Simplot-related developments

With a longtime history in the Magic Valley, the J.R. Simplot Co. has announced it will close its Heyburn processing plant. Here's a look back at some of the news developments leading to this announcement. Following are excerpts of articles published in the Times-News and its farm supplement, *Ag Week*.

June 10, 2001: Food processing reigns

TWIN FALLS - Food processing still drives Magic Valley's non-farm economy, with literally thousands of workers employed in adding value to fish, meat, potatoes, sugar beets and milk. The three biggest employers in Magic Valley food processing are all spud processors. Lamb Weston Co. employs 850 workers, J.R. Simplot Co. employs 820, and McCain Foods USA Inc. employs more than 600.

Each of those plants is a heavy economic hitter in its community. Simplot's Heyburn plant, for instance, processes about 6 million hundredweight of Idaho potatoes a year. It generates in excess of \$75 million, the vast majority of which cycles through the Magic Valley economy, plant manager Bruce Hauber said.

Sept. 28, 2001: Plant closes for two weeks

HEYBURN - About 650 people will be without work when the J.R. Simplot Co. Heyburn plant shuts down for two weeks (Oct. 15 through Oct. 28), said Fred Zerza, company spokesman.

Although the company does regularly schedule downtime for maintenance, this is an unscheduled shutdown, Zerza said.

"Due to an expected utility rate increase starting in October, coupled with current economic downturns in the market and higher than expected inventory levels, we see it as being in the best interest of our customers and the Simplot Company to take this short downtime period," stated a letter from the company.

Heyburn Mayor Cleo Cheney said he doesn't feel the shutdown will affect Heyburn any more than usual.

Dec. 13, 2002: Simplot sells facility

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - J.R. Simplot, the agribusiness magnate who got his start in potatoes, is selling his last fresh-packing operation to Dave Kingston Produce.

The sale of the J.R. Simplot Co. Idaho Falls plant to one of eastern Idaho's biggest independent potato industry operators is effective Dec. 31.

"It's ironic that that's where Mr. Simplot got his start in the potato business in the '20 and '30s," company spokesman Fred Zerza said. "It's a good business, but unless you want to focus on it and now it, it's best not to stay in it."

"We're primarily a processor," he said. "We're going to focus on that end of the business..."

Bruce Hufaker, publisher of the North American Potato Market News, said Simplot is picking a good time to get out of the fresh-packing business.

For the first time in years, the potato supply is tight, which means prices have gone up.



For decades, the J.R. Simplot plant in Heyburn has been the destination for millions of Magic Valley potatoes. Here, an ag tour watches a potato harvest.

Times-News file photo

"If you have to buy potatoes from growers, this is a tough year to be in this business," he said.

January 2002: Simplot names CEO

BOISE - J.R. Simplot Co. has named Lawrence Hlobik, 57, as its new chief executive after Steve Beebe announced he would retire this summer.

Hlobik is a past president of the Boise-based company's AgriBusiness Group. Company officials said he was one of three internal candidates considered.

Hlobik joined Simplot in 1998 and has 27 years experience in the fertilizer, chemical and agribusiness industry.

Hlobik will take the helm of a company that has grown dramatically under Beebe's leadership. During Beebe's tenure, the company has increased its annual revenues from \$2 billion to more than \$3 billion. It also acquired major food processing operations in Australia and the United States, according to a company spokesman.

Hlobik will be the company's fifth chief executive since company founder J.R. Simplot retired in 1973.

April 26, 2002: Simplot cuts contracts

BURLEY - Potato growers from Raft River to Jerome have lost a major buyer for this year's crop.

The J.R. Simplot Co., one of the nation's largest potato processors, notified southern Idaho growers this week it is canceling about 50 percent of its

contracts and scaling back many others. Magic Valley farmers have taken the brunt of the cutbacks.

"We have growers calling us in a panic," said Keith Frank, director of information services for the Idaho Potato Growers.

Simplot officials say the cuts are in response to changes in the potato market.

"We have overcapacity at our seven Pacific Northwest plants... There is simply more production capacity than demand," Simplot spokesman Fred Zerza said.

Simplot has made reductions, but the company is consolidating the bulk of those reductions in the Heyburn area, he said. The roughly 80 spud farmers with potato acreage between Raft River and Jerome, who supply potatoes to Simplot's Heyburn processing plant, have suffered the lion's share of the contract losses. Simplot will reduce contracts to growers in Minidoka and Cassia counties by more than \$10 million, Zerza said.

"There has been some speculation that this is the harbinger of the shutdown of that plant out there," Frank said.

April 27, 2002: A cloud over the plant

HEYBURN - The future of the Simplot potato processing plant in Heyburn has been called into question by potato officials and growers after Wednesday's decision by J.R. Simplot Co. to reduce by about half the amount of acres for which it contracts in southern Idaho.

Heyburn Mayor Cleo Cheney said the reduction in potato acres

"is a big concern" for the Mini-Cassia area, with the potential for "a devastating effect on everyone, especially when it comes out of the blue like this."

Simplot spokesman Fred Zerza cautions, though, that no decisions about the future of the Heyburn plant have been made.

But he said it's logical to conclude that if Simplot is "reducing the amount of raw product we're bringing to the plant, it will affect plant operations."

The Heyburn facility "is the high-cost plant in our system," Zerza said.

Keith Frank, director of information services for the Idaho Potato Growers, said making Heyburn as competitive as it needs to be isn't an easy task - nor is that the case for similar operations in many cities in the United States.

"Business is being lost to other countries, he said, for many reasons. Simplot is now constructing a new processing plant in Manitoba, Canada.

Frank blames the loss of business to Canada to two main factors - the favorable exchange rate of currency and the fact "the provincial government in Manitoba is able to offer multiple millions of dollars in assistance to bring that plant to fruition up there."

"That's just too inviting," Frank said.

April 27, 2002: Simplot sells grain facilities

TWIN FALLS - One of the

state's leading agribusinesses is getting out of the grain handling business.

The J.R. Simplot Co. has sold its grain facilities in Nampa and Weiser. Although company officials refused to comment on the sales, John Evans, of Evans Grain in Rupert, confirmed his company had purchased the Nampa facility in February.

One concern grain producers had when rumors began circulating that Simplot was interested in selling its facilities at Nampa, Weiser and Burley was that a large conglomerate such as Con Agra or General Mills would acquire the facilities to increase market share, thus reducing competition for producers' grain.

But so far, local businesses have benefited from Simplot's decision to reduce its grain handling capabilities. Weiser Feed purchased the Weiser facility.

The fate of the Burley complex, three facilities in the Mini-Cassia area with a combined storage of approximately 5 million bushels, is not known.

May 2, 2002: Company plans layoff

FOCATELLO (AP) - The J.R. Simplot Co. will lay off 85 employees at its Don fertilizer manufacturing plant by the end of the summer.

Simplot spokesman Rick Phillips said the company - which has other operations in Magic Valley - has secured long-term contracts from foreign producers who can deliver ammonia to Pocatello cheaper than the company can produce it locally.

"We are being confronted by

global competition. We are competing with fertilizer right here in our own back yard from Russia and China and everywhere," Phillips said.

But the volatile price of natural gas in the United States was the main reason for the decision to close it, Phillips said.

The fertilizer unit is just part of the company's overall chemical and minerals plant in Pocatello. The company employs about 650 people there and is the sixth-largest employer in the area, according to the Pocatello Chamber of Commerce.

May 2, 2002: Simplot restores acres

BURLEY - Local potato growers received a bit of good news Wednesday afternoon, after officials with the Southern Idaho Potato Cooperative and the J.R. Simplot Co. came to a new agreement, which restores some of the potato acreage cut last week.

Late Wednesday afternoon, the co-op issued a press release which stated Simplot would add 1 million hundredweight of potatoes back to the contract base. That translates to about 50,000 tons of potatoes, Simplot spokesman Fred Zerza said.

Zerza said, "We recognize the timing of our decision caused financial stress for many growers. We hope this corrects that situation."

The latest action means Simplot is contracting for about 60 percent of the number of acres it contracted for in southern Idaho in 2001, Zerza said.

Spud king got his start in Mini-Cassia area

The Times-News

DEEDLO - Now an Idaho legend and an American icon, John Richard Simplot - born in 1909 - started down the road in his dreams to becoming one of the country's richest men.

After running away from home, he went to work sorting potatoes in Deedlo, but soon supplemented his 30-cent-an-hour income with some interest-bearing certificates he bought from local teachers for 50 cents on the dollar.

He turned around and sold them to bankers for 90 cents. Then, young Simplot took the profits and bought 600 head of hogs at a dollar a head, fed them wild horse meat over the winter and sold them for more than 10 times what he had paid. He used those profits to lease 160 acres to grow Russett Burbanks.

He was 16 years old.

Soon he stumbled upon one of the first-invented potato sorters, and as he made the rounds of local farmers to sort their pota-



J.R. Simplot retired from leading his company in 1973.

toes, he became a buyer and seller. Before he was 30, he was the largest shipper of spuds in the West.

Simplot capitalized on World War II by selling dehydrated onions and potatoes to the American military. Using those

profits, he expanded his empire from potato warehouses and dehydration plants to include farms and ranches, lumberyards and a fertilizer plant near Pocatello.

After the war he used his knack for identifying business opportunities by giving his scientists the assignment of developing frozen French fry technology. When he had figured out how to make the famous Russett Burbanks into arguably the world's best testing fry, he convinced the founder of McDonald's Corp. that frozen was the wave of the future. That was the beginning of a profitable relationship.

To this day, Simplot remains McDonald's largest provider of frozen French fries, and McDonald's is Simplot's largest contract. The Heyburn plant was built in 1960 to produce French fries. Today it processes about 300 million pounds of frozen potato product from 6 million hundredweight of potatoes.

The company employs more than 13,000 worldwide and generates \$2.8 billion per year in several divisions besides food processing.

Not bad for an eighth-grade dropout.

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Simplot In the Magic Valley: A retrospective

What the newspaper said: Here are excerpts from some past *Times-News* editorials on the J.R. Simplot Co.:

Feb 18, 2001

City should reach a deal

An ongoing confrontation between the city of Heyburn and the J.R. Simplot Co. is not good for either side...

The city buys electricity from the Bonneville Power Administration and resells it to Simplot, turning a substantial profit on the transaction. There's nothing wrong with a municipal utility making money. But Simplot's suit contends it's unfair it can only buy power from Heyburn and from no other source...

If Heyburn is not overcharging Simplot, then the city has nothing to fear. If it is, shouldn't Simplot have the right to shop around? City leaders, however, have upped the ante. In a municipal

version of a hostile takeover, Heyburn is trying to annex Simplot property.

The annexation would mean an extra \$185,000 in annual revenue for the city. That's surely attractive to city leaders, but they need to remember that major employers are not captive. Production can move elsewhere. Simplot already provides at least 70 percent of the city's revenue - not to mention jobs for city residents. City leaders need to nurture and cherish that relationship, not risk it in a game of political chicken.

That doesn't mean Heyburn needs to give Simplot a sweetheart deal. But there is no future in a confrontation.

April 22, 2001

Heyburn needs to end tiff

City officials who willfully alienate a major employer should be surprised when the company's workers exercise their rights as voters and taxpayers.

That's exactly what's happening in Heyburn.

We've said before that it's in the city's best interest to find a fair resolution with the J.R. Simplot Co. - an enterprise that is not only the city's biggest employer, but also its biggest revenue source...

So now, some Simplot workers who live in Heyburn have decided to start a real effort against the City Council and Mayor Cleo Cheney...

These folk fear for their livelihoods, and they are exerting the only influence they have.

If you think this situation is spiraling out of control, you're not alone. What's going to happen next is the question many in this area are afraid to answer.

June 14, 2001

Heyburn should settle dispute

It's becoming all too clear that the city of Heyburn and the J.R. Simplot Co. aren't making much progress in resolving their feud...

The relationship has been tense - far too tense for the comfort of city residents who rely on Simplot paychecks...

It's foolhardy for Heyburn officials to perpetuate a grudge match with the town's major employer. The jobs this plant provides for Heyburn residents are far too valuable to the community

not to mention the direct revenue to the city from the plant's property taxes and power use.

Local citizens understand the economic risks - and that's why some of them are trying to recall the mayor and city council.

One way or another, Heyburn residents need to have this dispute go away. Again, we encourage lawyers for both sides to reach an agreement before this skirmish turns into something worse.

Sept. 30, 2001

Don't bite the hand that hires

Heyburn city leaders should pay close attention to the mood of the community next month, when the J.R. Simplot Co. shuts down its plant for two weeks. About 650 people will be out of work, which means business may be slow all over Mini-Cassia.

The Oct. 15-28 shutdown could be a taste of things to come if city leaders continue to skirmish with Simplot. If city leaders press their fight, the food processing giant could tire of the aggravation and

announce it is closing for good. Where would Heyburn be then? The local economy - along with the city's tax base - would implode.

Heyburn could become just another company town gone bust.

Major manufacturing and food-processing companies are economic pillars that are hard to attract. Every effort should be made to keep them, because once they're gone - they're gone for good.

Jan. 17, 2002

Keep pushing for resolution

Bravo to the J.R. Simplot Co. and the city of Heyburn for taking the steps to resolve their dispute. The community will benefit if the two sides keep pressing toward a settlement - outside a courtroom.

There's no doubt about it, the whole process has been bad for everyone involved.

Heyburn officials appear to understand what a valuable asset Simplot is to their community. Simplot is the goose that lays Heyburn's golden eggs, and the city needs to avoid choking it.

Though Simplot executives haven't publicly threatened to

take the potato processing plant out of Heyburn, the possibility is not farfetched.

Loss of Simplot's Mini-Cassia plant would be devastating. The city's tax base would suffer a tremendous blow. The effects of layoffs would ripple through every retail and service business in Mini-Cassia. Families could be forced to pull up stakes and find jobs elsewhere.

The Heyburn city attorney says city leaders want to put the matter behind them. Those are the most encouraging words we've heard from a lawyer in a while...

April 28, 2002

Simplot decision will hurt

Last week's decision by Simplot officials to seal the potato contracts in a wide swath of the Magic Valley will likely leave deep impressions in Mini-Cassia's economic picture.

It should serve as a good reminder of why it's so important for any rural area to diversify its economy.

For years the Idaho economy has revolved around agriculture. Simplot is the state well. But the ag economy is fragile. It's dependent on many factors that

can't be controlled by the producers.

Mini-Cassia is ag country. The loss of acres of a commodity - and the rumored impact that could have on the potato processing industry - could make this an extra tough ag year in Mini-Cassia.

While losing potato acreage is not a good thing, it's an added incentive for Mini-Cassia to broaden its economic base. Let's pick the ball up and keep running, not lose it in a fumble.

Company had feuded with city

January deal failed to prevent closure



In April 2001, J.R. Simplot employee Garold Jennings urges the Heyburn City Council not to annex a portion of the Heyburn plant. The city of Heyburn and Simplot were embroiled in legal disputes - to the dismay of Simplot employees.

A fierce dispute between the J.R. Simplot Co. and the city of Heyburn over electric purchases and annexation has been carried in newspapers for more than a year. The two entities finally came to an agreement in January - just a few months before Simplot would announce the closing of its Heyburn plant. Following are excerpts from *Times-News* articles covering the dispute.

Dec. 9, 2000: A timely lawsuit

BOISE - It was the very thing they were afraid would happen.

City lawmakers gathered for a special session to debate how to protect Idaho's electricity consumers and providers from the uncertainty of a deregulation, one of the state's agrishness giants moved to free itself from a state law restricting its ability to shop for power.

J.R. Simplot Co. filed a complaint in the 4th Judicial District in Boise Friday morning, saying it wants to stop using Heyburn's municipal power supply for its potato processing plant just outside Heyburn city limits.

"We went ahead and filed so we would be grandfathered," said David Hawk, director of energy and natural resources for Simplot.

Hawk said his company has paid for more than its share of power costs for too long and it wants out of its deal with Heyburn.

Dec. 29, 2000: Annexation looms

HEYBURN - The City Council took the first step earlier this week toward annexing the portion of the J.R. Simplot Co. plant that is outside of city limits.

"Clearly, it is in response to our lawsuit," said David Hawk, Simplot's director of energy natural resources.

But while the presence of the lawsuit may have forced Heyburn's hand earlier than expected, this was discussed before the lawsuit was filed, said Heyburn Mayor Cleo Cheney.

Because Simplot's administrative offices are technically outside of city limits, the company is claiming that Heyburn does not have legal rights to serve Simplot, (City Attorney Steven) Tuft said. The second issue is that Simplot thinks its electric rates are unfair.

Because the city incurs the costs of repairing roads damaged by Simplot trucks, and because the city provides services such as law enforcement protection to the plant, the plant is already a financial drain on Heyburn's income, Tuft said.

Jan. 5, 2001: City fears revenue loss

HEYBURN - The city would lose about \$2.4 million in annual revenue if the J.R. Simplot Co. succeeds in severing ties with the city so it can buy electricity elsewhere.

But Simplot officials maintain this would not be a fatal blow to the city, because Heyburn has plenty of money built up in its electricity accounts.

"No residential or commercial customer would be left holding the proverbial bag," said David Hawk, Simplot's director of energy natural resources. "They still have over \$1 million in their electricity account and over \$2 million in retained earnings in their electric account."

Simplot asserts that Heyburn is overcharging for electricity, treating the company as a cost center. Heyburn says the rates it charges Simplot are within the law and competitive.

Jan. 23, 2001: Hints of job cuts

HEYBURN - Job cuts may be coming at the Heyburn J.R. Simplot Co. plant, but officials insist they are not related to ongoing litigation with the city of Heyburn.

Instead, the cuts have to do with a shift in the plant's transportation practices, said unit director Bruce Hauber.

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April 23, 2001: Workers urge compromise

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Although Simplot officials say neither cutbacks nor closure are

city and Simplot.

"The city's response has largely been negotiations," said city attorney Steven Tuft.

Annexation would mean an additional \$185,000 in property taxes would go from the company to the city.

April 14, 2001: Battle worries workers

HEYBURN - J.R. Simplot Co. employees say they are worried about the future of the Heyburn plant, and that ongoing litigation between Simplot and the city of Heyburn could have serious implications in the company.

Simplot officials said last week that there are no plans to close or cut back employees at the plant, regardless of the legal battle's outcome.

But Blaine Williams, an international representative of a Simplot labor union, said all this means is that there are no immediate plans to close the plant. Simplot employs about 800 people.

"Down the road, it may be a fatal inoculation," Williams said.

April 19, 2001: Workers push recall

HEYBURN - J.R. Simplot Co. workers in Heyburn want a recall election of Heyburn City Council members and Mayor Cleo Cheney.

Simplot employees picked up paperwork for the recall from the city office last Thursday, said Janette Sawyer, a Simplot spokeswoman.

"They are messing with our livelihood," Sawyer said.

"If the signature drive is successful, a new election for mayor and city council positions will be held."

"We heard that they were up to something," Heyburn Mayor Cleo Cheney said.

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Although Simplot officials say neither cutbacks nor closure are

expected as a result of the litigation, some employees remain skeptical.

Simplot employee Gerold Jennings told the City Council Wednesday that a wrong decision "will be irreversible."

The city had announced Tuesday it would not proceed with annexation if Simplot dropped its suit.

In response to Tuesday's statement, Simplot unit manager Bruce Hauber said that Simplot would like to negotiate a fair rate for electricity.

June 3, 2001: Knocking on doors

HEYBURN - The next step for Heyburn residents who want to oust their City Council and mayor is a door-to-door campaign.

The preliminary 20 signatures have been obtained and verified by the city, said Janette Sawyer, one of the J.R. Simplot employees leading the charge in support of a recall election.

Now the hard part is getting the signatures of 20 percent of the registered voters who voted in the last City Council election.

In response to the recall attempt, Heyburn officials have accused organizers of bullying city officials into caving in to Simplot's demands.

Aug. 19, 2001: Recall attempt fails

HEYBURN - Heyburn's elected leaders don't have to worry about defending their place on the City Council for now.

After a deadline passed for petitioning Heyburn residents to recall the council and mayor, the recall supporter leading the charge says she may still give it another try.

It wasn't for lack of signatures - but rather petitioners - that the recall failed, said J.R. Simplot Co. employee Janette Sawyer.

"We just didn't get enough people to help us out," Sawyer said. "Some people, they came, they just didn't want to get out and do it."

"They took the shot at it, it didn't work, and of course - it goes on as usual," said Heyburn Mayor Cleo Cheney.

Dec. 8, 2001: Judge OKs annexation

TWIN FALLS - A district judge has ruled that the city of Heyburn's annexation of the J.R. Simplot Co. potato processing plant was valid.

Fifth District Judge John Melanson granted the city's

motion for summary judgment, halting the lawsuit that the company had filed seeking to prevent 32 acres of Simplot property from being annexed.

Litigation between Simplot and the city of Heyburn regarding the right of Simplot to purchase electric power from another supplier and whether the rates charged by the city are reasonable is continuing in a separate lawsuit.

Under the agreement the city will try to sell its electric distribution system. The purchasing entity will arrange terms and conditions for electric service to Simplot's Heyburn facility that are acceptable to Simplot officials. Simplot will drop its lawsuit against Heyburn, according to the statement.

If the city is able to find a buyer who meets the needs of both parties, Simplot would purchase its electricity from that organization.

"We're happy with it," Heyburn Mayor Cleo Cheney said of the agreement. "It was a tough decision to make but we have to look to the community as a whole."

Jan. 12, 2002: Simplot, city reach deal

HEYBURN - The city of Heyburn and the J.R. Simplot Co. came to a tentative agreement Friday to resolve their dispute about the sale of electricity.

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Jan. 16, 2002: Simplot can't shop for power

HEYBURN - The J.R. Simplot Co. would be required to buy electricity from the local utility in Heyburn, regardless of whether the utility remains owned by the city of Heyburn or if another company buys it from the city.

If a proposed agreement between the J.R. Simplot Co. and the city of Heyburn advances, the city will sell its electric distribution system to a qualified utility.

The buyer would set its rates at levels agreeable to Simplot officials, according to that plan. In turn, Simplot would drop its lawsuits against the city, including one challenging the annexation of the company's food processing plant into Heyburn.

Simplot will have no reason to look for other electric suppliers because the agreement calls for a buyer that will provide rates the company considers reasonable, said Simplot spokesman Fred Zerza.

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

TWIN FALLS - Winners of the Idaho Press Club's 2001 annual awards included many employees of *The Times-News* and its weekly agriculture publication.

Winners in the daily newspaper division:

• Reporters Mark Heinz, John T. Huddy and Dan Fields and the newspaper's editorial board won third place in the watchdog/investigative report category for a series of stories about three deaths in an Eden shooting. Huddy and Fields are no longer with *The Times-News*.

• Features Editor Steve Crump won second place in the light feature report category for a story about the history of the American Falls Reservoir site.

• Reporter Julie Pence took second place in the series category for stories exploring the possibility of turning the College of Southern Idaho into a four-year institution.

• Sports writer Joe Sunnen won third place in the sports feature story category for a story about the College of Southern Idaho's most animated volleyball player.

• Crump won first place and Assistant Features Editor Denise Turner took second place in the general column category. Each submitted a selection of three columns.

• Opinion Page Editor David Cooper won second place in the editorial category for a selection of three.

• Chief Photographer Bruce Shields took second place in spot news photography for a picture of a train wreck in Jerome County; first place in feature photography for a picture of the runner barrels over the Perrine Bridge; and third place in sports photography for a picture of the Jerome High School girls' basketball team losing the state championship.

• Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins tied for third place in business reporting for a story about Twin Falls' incentive deal

with new employer Dell Computer Corp.

• Turner took first place in religion reporting for a story about Heritage Alliance Church's outdoor baptism in a lake.

In the weekly newspaper division:

• Ag Weekly Editor Carol Ryan Dumas won third place for watchdog/investigative reporting for a story on the workings of the livestock ordinance committee.

• Ryan was appointed by Twin Falls County commissioners; honorable mention in the light feature category for a story on self-made horse breeder Katie Breckenridge of Picabo; third place in the editorial category for a selection of three; third place in feature photography for a picture of a high school student active in the dairy industry feeding a calf on her family's dairy farm in Twin Falls.

• Virginia Hutchins tied for first place in political reporting for a story on the political debate surrounding the future of livestock operations in Twin Falls County; third place in reporting for an article about the education-through-work partnership between agribusinesses and students at Filer High School; first place in agriculture reporting for a story about the under-recognized effect on Idaho's dairy industry following a change in milk marketing; and third place in environment reporting for a story on a statewide study of nitrates in groundwater.

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In the Web site division:
• Web Services Director Tracey Emery took first place in the general excellence category for print publications for www.magicvalley.com.

TWIN FALLS - A former Twin Falls resident in late May will join the Billings Gazette staff in Montana as retail advertising manager.

Ryan Courtney, a 1991 Twin



Ryan Courtney

Falls High School graduate and a 1996 finance graduate of the University of Idaho, is currently advertising director at *The Daily News* in Longview, Wash. Both of those newspapers are sister publications of *The Times-News*, where Courtney was an advertising sales executive.

Courtney, the son of Tom and Mary Courtney of Twin Falls, also has previous advertising experience at *The Times* in Munster, Ind., and North County Times in Escondido, Calif.

Courtney has a master's degree from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University.

TWIN FALLS - Dwight Sandmark is the new regional sales manager for the Twin Falls branch of Aegis Technologies Inc. of Boise, which reopened April 1 in Twin Falls after a two-month closure.

The office is at 1135 Filer Ave. E. (behind King's in the Lynwood Shopping Center).

Aegis Technologies provides ADT Home Security Systems. American District Telegraph has provided electronic security systems for 127 years.

Sandmark has been involved in the real estate and building industries for the past 12 years.



Shaun Menchaca

BLISS - Shaun Menchaca was named one of Idaho's Top 40 Under 40 accomplished young leaders for Idaho by the Idaho Business Review.

Menchaca, 33, was born in Twin Falls, grew up in Hagerman and is the son of Lynn and Joyce Menchaca of the College of Southern Idaho and Boise State University, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in information management with a focus in finance in 1994.

He became financial manager of the Saint Alphonsus Foundation in 1994, managing more than \$2 million in revenues and a \$10 million portfolio while working with hospital and community leaders on various health projects. In 1996, he became business manager of the Orthopedic Institute, where he worked on a health system process control for best practices. Menchaca also worked with staff and physicians to provide strategic and operational planning.

In 1998, Menchaca joined mortgage firm Clearwater Mortgage as vice president of business development. While working at Clearwater, he was elected to serve as vice president of the

Idaho Mortgage Brokers Association, where he worked with the Idaho Department of Finance and the federal Housing and Urban Development.

Menchaca went back into health care as Life Flight membership program manager in 1999. During the time leading the program, it realized a 40 percent increase in net income. He also has worked on various other hospital and community projects with his job. He has been elected to serve as national president of the Association of Air Medical Programs in 2002.

TWIN FALLS - James Carr, a Modern Woodmen of America district representative, completed a five-day educational program at the fraternal life insurance society's home office in Rock Island, Ill.

The program reinforced the concepts of sound financial planning for families through modern Woodmen life insurance plans, annuities and individual retirement accounts, a press release said.

Modern Woodmen of America is a fraternal life insurance society headquartered in Rock Island, Ill. The organization offers life insurance and annuities for families and fraternal service programs for communities.

TWIN FALLS - Accor Lodging North America, a national owner and operator of economy lodging properties, honored Mary Jones with the General Manager of the Year award for its Mountain States Region.

The company presented the award at its annual convention in Texas in March. Jones is responsible for the 132-room Motel 6 at 1472 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Recipients of the General Manager of the Year award excel in guest service, efficient property management and financial performance, the company said. Jones was selected from more than 65 general managers in the region.

Headquartered in Dallas, Accor Lodging North America operates more than 1,200 upscale and economy properties, including nationwide economy chains Red Roof Inns, Motel 6 and Studio 6 and the upscale Sofitel and mid-scale Novotel hotel locations in the United States and Canada.

TWIN FALLS - William L. Stevens of financial-services firm Edward Jones recently traveled to St. Louis to meet with representatives from Federated Investments. This event, called "Business Development Workshop," brings together Edward Jones investment representatives who have



William L. Stevens

achieved a certain level of success in the financial-services business. The gathering is to let them discuss investment management with the largest portfolio manager and analyst of one of the largest money managers in the United States, Edward Jones said.

Edward Jones said its investment representatives regularly expand their knowledge of investments and other financial topics by attending seminars.

TWIN FALLS - Gary W. Davis of the Idaho Bureau of Disaster Services completed the Emergency Management Institute's Advanced Public Information Officers course in Emmitsburg, Md., on April 11. The course focuses on PIO responsibilities in large-scale emergency situations through a series of lectures and simulation exercises. Topics include legal issues, risk communication, inter-personal skills, effective communications in emergencies, media relations and use of the joint information system.

Through the programs offered by the U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy and the Emergency Management Institute, the Federal Emergency Management Agency promotes the professional development of the nation's emergency professionals. FEMA's training goals are to enhance the capability at the community level and to better prepare for emergencies by improving technical competence and public policy perspective of key emergency managers and staff.

PAUL - Gordon Jensen, a 25-year veteran of the irrigation industry, was named branch manager at Rain for Rent in Paul.

Jensen has a bachelor's degree from Washington State University and a master's degree from Whitworth College. For the Idaho Irrigation and Equipment Association,

Jensen was president in 1989 and summer show chairman from 1996 to 1998. In 1997, he was presented with the "Person of the Year" award.

Jensen and his wife, Sandy, live in Twin Falls. He is the father of four children and grandfather of eight.

Rain for Rent said Dwight Davis, whom Jensen is replacing in Paul, was promoted to branch manager at its Chandler, Ariz. facility. Chandler serves the Phoenix market.

Rain for Rent's product line includes tanks, pumps, pipe, filtration systems and irrigation design systems. Rain for Rent has more than 65 years of experience. For

more information, visit www.rainforrent.com.



Joan McFarlane

TWIN FALLS - Joan McFarlane, an eighth-grade social studies teacher at Robert Stuart Junior High School, was selected to be one of 30 teachers nationwide to attend the Stratford Hall Slavery Seminar in July in Richmond, Va.

The seminar is designed to help teachers incorporate the history of African-American slavery into their classrooms. The two-week program allows participants to interact with scholars of slavery and other teachers; develop projects and lesson plans concerning slavery; attend field trips to Colonial Williamsburg and Richmond; and utilize the historical setting of the Stratford Hall Plantation with its reconstructed slave quarters, outbuildings and work areas for an understanding of the conditions under which slaves lived and worked.

Stratford Hall Plantation was built in the 1730s by Thomas Lee and is a well-known participant in 1,700 acres along the Potomac River, 60 miles northeast of Richmond. Stratford Hall was home to Richard Henry Lee and Francis Lightfoot Lee, the only brothers to sign the Declaration of Independence, and the birthplace of General Robert E. Lee.

TWIN FALLS - In March, nine Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School teachers attended the Idaho Middle Level Association Conference in Coeur d'Alene.

Marita DeBoard and Marjlie Atkins were named recipients of the Middle Level Educators of the Year award for Region 4. Willey Dobbs, director of operations for the Twin Falls School District, received the Middle Level Educator of the Year award for Idaho.

In addition to attending workshops, six O'Leary teachers gave presentations. Tina Bergstrom and Ace Marcellus presented on Student Led Conferences, and Paul Remaley and Curt Asay presented on Talking Students on Tours.

Marjlie Atkins

Willey Dobbs

MILESTONES

RIBBON CUTTING



Ace Hardware, at 2556 Overland Ave. in Burley, holds a ribbon cutting to commemorate the store's remodeling. From left are Bob Pacek, Ace Hardware Regional Support Center manager; Dean Wann, Ace retail business manager; Dale Kerschner, owner of Ace Hardware in Burley; Joel Putnam, Ace regional manager; Jerry Howell, Ace retail development manager; and Darroll Watson, owner of Ace Hardware in Boise.

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Valley House Homeless Shelter received a check for \$150 from customers at Magic Valley Mall.

Customers tossed their "wishes" into the fountain on the mall's Easter bunny display. The money was collected from the fountain in March.

Valley House receives no government financial support. All funding comes from local residents, businesses, churches,

civic organizations and the United Way of South Central Idaho.

Since its opening in February 1995, Valley House has provided 50,426 bed spaces, a press release said. It averages 23 people daily, with the majority being children. The average age of a Valley House client is 9 years old. For information, call Shawn Barigar at 737-2955.

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Senior instructor Brian Higgins said he has provided similar opportunities three times every year to youth youngsters and adults to the discipline, fitness and character-building opportunities of martial arts.

Diversified Martial Arts has provided instruction to South Central Head Start, Alliance Family Services, Twin Falls School District, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls city, parks and recreation, Jerome public schools, Jackpot School District, Twin Falls County Wellness Committee, Twin Falls Chamber Junior Leaders, Magic Valley Boys and Girls Club and others.

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NEW SHOWROOM



Snake River Pool and Spa Inc. hosts a Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting April 5 at its new showroom and customer service center on Blue Lakes Boulevard North in Twin Falls. Mayor Lance Clow addressed the 75 or more present, saying, "Snake River Pool and Spa Inc. has served the community for over 20 years and should be congratulated on their achievements and their outstanding commitment." Owner Jim Paxton thanked those who have supported his company. A barbecue followed the ceremony. Snake River Pool and Spa has been in business on Blue Lakes since 1978 and a member of the chamber since 1982.

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS - Securities regulators from Idaho to Florida and the Securities Industry Association released a new investor education brochure, "Understanding Your Brokerage Account Statements."
The brochure walks the reader through the typical monthly or quarterly account statement.
"Regularly reading and understanding account statements is critical to good investing," said Gavin Gee, director of the Idaho Department of Finance. "This

brochure is a straightforward guide to understanding what's happening to your account and the implications for your financial bottom line."
An account statement "is an investor's primary gauge for measuring the progress of his or her investment plan," said Marc E. Lackritz, SIA president.
"A brokerage statement is like a 'box score,' covering all the activity in an account over a given period of time. This brochure is designed to help investors get into the habit of

regularly reviewing their account statements."
The brochure details common features of most statements; features a step-by-step checklist on how to review them; includes a "frequently asked questions" section; and has a glossary of investment terms.
"Understanding Your Brokerage Account Statements" is available from the Idaho Department of Finance, P.O. Box 83720, Boise ID 83720-0031. Or call toll-free 1-888-346-3378. An online version is at www.siainvestor.org.

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Buildings

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The most requested size is in the range of 50,000 to 60,000 square feet, she said.
Rogers said she communicates with private developers about prospective new employers and their space needs.
"Once a lead comes in and we understand the criteria for the company, we try to get the word out to the developers and they can choose whether to participate in the deal or not," she said.
One local private developer of industrial sites is InCom Development LLC. General Manager Todd Bias said InCom owns the Independent Meat cold-storage warehouse in southeast Twin Falls, and vacant land zoned for manufacturing, at the truck-train transloading facility known as an intermodal center.
Bias said InCom's plans are to leave the land vacant for now and work with prospects as they come along.
The requirements on industrial buildings are so varied, from ceiling heights to rail frontage to door sizes, it wouldn't be worthwhile to put up a building in hopes it would fit the needs of an unidentified business, he said.

He said the same questions apply to the local chamber of commerce. In the past, both the city and the chamber have owned industrial land.
McAllind said two tools of the cooperative development trade - tax increment financing and industrial revenue bond issues - cannot be used to build an industrial facility on the gamble of getting an occupant.
"These tools have been used in the past with known companies. An industrial revenue bond issue helped being Seastron Manufacturing to town, for example. "We have been fairly aggressive in using them," McAllind said. And there may be "multiple opportunities" in the near future to use them again.

Twin Falls
The financial drain of a speculative project is a big risk.
"If you are a private developer you have to have very deep pockets in order to hold onto that property and wait, or have a very patient bank. Most of them need a revenue stream," McAllind said.
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The issue boils down to two questions, he said: Is it the role of Twin Falls to build a structure that may compete with a private developer? And should the city tie up public money in a building while waiting for an employer to move in?

Jerome
On the north side of the canyon, business leaders might put up a spec building to nab a new employer.
"We do have some people expressing an interest in building a spec building right now because Jerome is so busy," said Bob Richards, Jerome Chamber of Commerce's economic-development specialist.
"We are always looking for someone to build in the 30,000 to 50,000-square-foot area," Richards said.
Dell Computer's use of the Albertson's building in north Twin Falls was a prime example of how available space helps bring in new employers, he said.
"If the building hadn't been available, I'm not sure we would have Dell in Twin Falls right now," he said.
Byron Craig, president of Jerome Development Corp., said the organization is considering finding a way to put up a spec building if a high-technology park on the butte east of town materializes.
"Our intention is to be ready for a high-tech company. Most of these high-tech companies move pretty quickly," he said.

Family Medical Center will celebrate its membership in the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce with a ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. Wednesday.
Anyone may attend the festivities and tour the recently remodeled facility. Light refreshments will follow.
St. Benedict's is an active member of the Jerome Chamber of Commerce and felt it was important to become an active member of the Twin Falls chamber as it is evident that the Jerome and Twin Falls communities are growing closer and closer," the hospital said in a statement.
St. Benedict's has almost completed more than \$300,000 in renovations and plans to schedule an open house soon. Renovations include new flooring, paint, ceilings, lighting, wall covering, furniture and artwork throughout the first floor.
St. Benedict's also remodeled the labor and delivery area into large, private labor and delivery suites, with new decor and equipment.

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Twin Falls employer earns Top 100 companies slot

TWIN FALLS - Oregon Business Magazine recently ranked Henningsen Cold Storage Co. - a Twin Falls employer - among Oregon's 100 Best Companies. Specifically, the company ranked 25th out of 50 companies that qualified for the small-business category.

Ranking for each company was determined on the basis of an employer survey and anonymous employee surveys developed by human resources firm Watson Wyatt Worldwide.
Companies were rated in nine categories, with survey questions differing for employers and employees. In the benefits category, where Henningsen ranked fifth best, employers were asked to name specific offerings, while employee questions aimed to determine how they felt about their benefits in general.

Henningsen employees participating in the survey were from the company's Forest Grove and Portland, Ore., operations, and its corporate office in Hillsboro, Ore.
The company has nearly 200 employees company-wide. The 79-year-old company calls itself one of the largest cold-storage warehousing operators in North America, with locations in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Oklahoma, North Dakota and Pennsylvania.

St. Benedict's will hold ribbon cutting ceremony
JEROME - St. Benedict's

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Farm bill gets mixed reviews

TWIN FALLS — Whether the farm bill compromise approved by the House will help agriculture in southern Idaho depends primarily on which commodity is being discussed.

Wheat growers are applauding many of the provisions of the bill, which took House passage on Senate negotiators a month to craft. But dairy and barley producers have qualms. President George Bush has said he will sign the bill. A Senate vote is expected by early next week.

Hagerman dairyman Andre Vorstevold describes the new farm bill simply as "ridiculous." "At the heart of his frustration with the new farm bill is his perception that would essentially extend the Northeast Compact to the entire nation.

Barley growers, on the other hand, mind the effects of an effort to increase barley production. But the bill to increase barley loan rates from \$1.65 in the old farm bill to \$1.88 in the new bill, came at the expense of other payments within the farm bill.

But wheat growers stand to gain from the new three-legged stool approach to farm payments. Under that approach, farmers will receive annual direct payments based on historic yields and acreage, higher loan rates for federal non-recourse loans and counter cyclical payments when the market falls below target prices.

The bill includes several other provisions that will benefit Idaho agriculture including the elimination of the penalty paid by sugar growers when they forfeit non-recourse loans and the inclusion of the first-ever energy title within the farm bill.

And the 80 percent increase in conservation spending included in the farm bill will help livestock producers and fruit or vegetable growers that have not been served under traditional programs.

County receives first CAFO applications since moratorium

TWIN FALLS — A Buhl couple is the first to apply for a permit for a new animal feeding operation in Twin Falls County since a series of moratoriums ended January 29. Mary and John Nunes of Nunes Family Dairy want to open a beef operation 6 miles west of Buhl.

The Nuneses are also part of a group involved in a lawsuit against Twin Falls County commissioners over the county's com-



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fined animal feeding operations moratoriums. Commissioners denied requests for a sixth moratorium after 38 months of prohibition on CAFO growth.

Country-of-origin labeling makes the cut in Farm bill

WASHINGTON — As cream rises to the top, so has legislation for mandatory country-of-origin labeling in the 2002 Farm Bill. Proponents of the bill mustered mightily to keep mandatory labeling language intact through the Senate, the House and unpredictable conference committee votes.

"This bill will finally allow U.S. cattle producers to differentiate their product from their foreign competitor's product — an ingredient essential to competition," said Ranchers-Cattlemen's Action Legal Fund USA president Leo McDonnell, Jr. of Columbus, Mont.

When the law is enacted, it will require country-of-origin labeling for fresh and ground beef, fruits, vegetables, fish and peanuts. A two-year grace period before mandatory requirements take effect is intended to help jumpstart the process and hopefully make transition more palatable.

Program inserted in Farm bill chafes Idaho dairy

TWIN FALLS — A National Dairy Program injected into the Senate version of the farm bill in early December has made it through to the final bill, passed by the House this week and scheduled for a Senate vote next week.

The provision establishes a new \$1.3 billion subsidy for dairy over three and a half years, sets a price floor of \$16.49 per hundredweight for Class I milk, and maintains permanent \$9.50 cwt. support price on Class III milk.

Senator Mike Crapo, who led the charge against the program,

said the final compromise is much better than the original proposal, which allocated \$2 billion over 10 years, re-established the Northeast Dairy Compact and added six more states to the compact. But the program still isn't good for Western producers or the nation, he said.

"Frankly, this is an effort by the Northeast to gain a competitive edge," Crapo said.

That effort, however, is likely to cause overproduction, resulting in lower prices and more government purchases of milk powder, he added.

Weather damage leads to some replanting in M.V.

PAUL — Weather in the Magic Valley has been dicey lately, but only a minimal amount of wind and frost damage has been reported by Magic Valley sugar beet farmers.

John Schorr, ag manager for the Amalgamated Sugar Company Paul factory, said replanting due to wind and frost damage in the Mini-Cassia and Upper Snake districts led to probably 5 percent.

That 5 percent amounts to about 4,500 acres in Mini-Cassia and 2,000 acres from American Falls to Blackfoot.

Farm bill yields good results for pulses

TWIN FALLS — With the House passing a final version of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 this week, and the legislation planned for a Senate vote next week, many growers have to wonder what the new farm bill will mean for their farm.

For growers of peas and lentils, it will do more than that has ever done.

For the first time pulse crops, including mild chickpeas, lentils, and dry peas, will be able to participate in the program. Marketing loans and loan deficiency payments are now established for these crops. The House and Senate Conference Committee decided that a two-tiered loan rate should be implemented for these crops. The first tier from 2002 to 2003, and the second tier picking up 2004 to 2007.

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Some credit is also due the Idaho Housing and Finance Association, according to Executive Director and President Gerald Hunter.

Hunter said Idaho has the fifth-highest home ownership rate in the country. IHFA's first-time buyer loan program is one of the factors in that ranking, he said.

IHFA also supports first-time

buyer classes put on by College of Southern Idaho. The course helps renters take that first, often most difficult step.

David M. Cooper, chairman of IHFA's board, said affordable housing is one thing that gives American society an edge. In some other countries, the land is owned by a few rich people and the masses are basically tenants, Cooper said.

The high rate of home ownership in the United States "is pretty incredible on a worldwide basis," he said.



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SW, 29, enjoys outdoors, movies, music, dining out, travel, Seeking SM with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. **1-800-335-6125**

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SW, 29, enjoys movies, camping, hiking, dining out, Seeking nice, honest, hardworking male for friendship first, possibly more. **1-800-335-6125**

SUNSETS ARE BETTER SHARED
SW, 40, blonde hair, Gemini, NS, who's friendly, secure WM, 55-60, NS, who enjoys having fun, watching sports, to grow old with. **1-800-335-6125**

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SF, 31, 5'7", 140lb, blonde, tall, NS, enjoys walks, cooking, Seeking caring, honest WM, 47-55, 5'7". No games please. **1-800-335-6125**

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I'm someone special, Fun-loving, honest, outgoing SW, 50, 5'8", brown hair, likes sampling, fishing, good conversation, honest, Seeking LTR, honest, romantic, SWM, caring, compassionate, who likes children, for LTR. **1-800-335-6125**

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SWF, 37, 5'7", 140lbs, blonde hair, green eyes, Seeking SWM, 30-50, to spend time with, possible LTR. **1-800-335-6125**

SEEKS KIND AND GENTLE
Attractive SF, 34, 5'6", 135lbs, long blonde hair, mother, likes family outings, fishing, hunting, camping, romance, Seeking LTR with a caring, family-oriented SM, for LTR. **1-800-335-6125**

WAITING FOR YOU
Outgoing SW, 35, 5'2", long blonde hair, blue eyes, no kids, with many interests, seeks friendly, caring SM, 30-40, who wants to spend time together, for friendship, possibly LTR. **1-800-335-6125**

CIRCLE THIS AD
Outgoing, shy, quiet SWF, 33, 5'2", 165lbs, brown hair, NS, enjoys reading, camping, family activities and country life, Seeking honest SM, 30-45, who's similar interests, for LTR. **1-800-335-6125**

COME JOIN ME
Beautiful, educated, outgoing WCF, 42, 5'8", green eyes, likes fishing, cooking, movies, long walks and travel, Seeking sincere, secure WM, 30-51, for LTR. **1-800-335-6125**

LET'S MEET
SWF, 32, slim, blonde hair, brown eyes, outgoing, likes horseback riding, outdoors, dogs and kids, Seeking SWM, 28-40, for dating and fun times. **1-800-335-6125**

BE MY COMPANION
Outgoing, honest SWF, 70, 5'4", 175lbs, blonde hair, NS, enjoys dancing, walking, fishing, country music and more, Seeking fun-loving, honest, friendly, kind SWM, 60-75, for companionship. **1-800-335-6125**

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
SWF, 29, 5'7", 125lbs, blonde hair, shy, friendly, outgoing, enjoys camping, dancing, fishing, Seeking SWM, 33-42, for friendship. **1-800-335-6125**

MAKE NEW FRIENDS
Italian DM, 31, heavy-set, good looks, feisty, adventurous, seeks SWM, 30-40, for friendship. **1-800-335-6125**

SHY AT FIRST
SWF, 48, 5'7", 110lbs, shy at first, enjoys reading, listening to music, fishing, fun-loving, respectful SWM, 18-23, for friendship. **1-800-335-6125**

WHAT IS LIFE?
Outgoing WM, 2, 5'5", brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys camping, working out, walking, hiking, my daughter, music, Seeking WM, 20-38, tall, likes kids, for friendship first. **1-800-335-6125**

OUR TIME
SWF, 67, enjoys traveling, dining out, long drives and quiet nights, Seeking SWM, 60-72, who's friendly, secure and easygoing, with similar interests. **1-800-335-6125**

LIKE TO KNOW!
Outgoing, fun-loving SWF, 37, short hair, enjoys camping, music, hiking and boating, Seeking SM, 30-40, handsome, LTR, honest, common interests, for friendship first. **1-800-335-6125**

GIVE A TRY
Outgoing SF, 32, brown hair/eyes, tall, fun-loving, fun, enjoys kids, music, movies, camping, hiking and new things, Seeking SM, 29-42, honest, caring, with humor, for friendship first. **1-800-335-6125**

STAY SOUL
Outgoing, tall SWF, 33, 160lbs, blonde/green eyes, conversations, meeting people, hiking, camping, fishing, wild sports, Seeking interesting, intelligent, tall SWM, 45-50, for friendship first. **1-800-335-6125**

LET'S TALK
Outgoing SWF, 31, 5'2", 130lbs, smoker, enjoys kids and more, Seeking SWM, 30-40, for friendship and fun. **1-800-335-6125**

TOGETHER
SWF, 18, 5'2", 110lbs, brown hair/eyes, shy at first, enjoys reading, playing and the outdoors, Seeking WM, 18-25, honest, active, for possible LTR. **1-800-335-6125**

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ENJOY THE OUTDOORS?
WM, 44, 5'11", brown/black, funny, tall, interested in the arts, music, travel, nature, Seeking SM, attractive WM, 30-40, who's similar interests. **1-800-335-6125**

STOP HERE
WM, 38, loves fishing, fishing, anything outdoors, Looking for a good gal, 30-32, who's fun, caring and funny, for friendship, possible LTR. **1-800-335-6125**

LET'S TEAM UP
SWM, 42, 6'0", 220lbs, blonde hair, NS, enjoys golf, fishing, and camping, Seeking WM, 37-42, NS, who enjoys golf, no camping and fishing, for friendship, possible LTR. **1-800-335-6125**

PARENT OF ONE
SWM, 45, 140lbs, enjoys fishing, fishing, country music, Seeking SM, 30-32, who's similar interests, who has children, for possible marriage. **1-800-335-6125**

MARRIAGE MAYBE?
SW, 36, 190lb, dark brown hair, green eyes, enjoys movies, quality time at home, Seeking SF who has children, to share life with, possible LTR. **1-800-335-6125**

WHAT I'M LOOKING 4?
Friendly, outgoing, female SWM, 41, 5'0", 220lbs, blonde, energetic, enjoys golfing, music, time with friends, long drives, first social events, seeks SF, 34-50. **1-800-335-6125**

WANT TO KNOW MORE?
Outgoing SWM, 23, 5'7", has blond hair and blue eyes, likes romance and country music, Seeking SWF, 18-30, for LTR. **1-800-335-6125**

TAKE A CHANCE
SWM, 41, 5'2", 165lbs, outgoing, friendly, amiable, likes dancing, hunting/fishing, Seeking honest, active SF, 30-39, for friendship. **1-800-335-6125**

LET ME BE THE ONE
Outgoing SWM, 37, enjoys fishing, swimming, and hunting, Seeking SWF, 23-29, with similar interests and qualities. **1-800-335-6125**

I'M HERE
WM, 5'10", 160lbs, enjoys anything outdoors, sports, Seeking SWF, 30-45, 110W, who's friendly, for a good time. **1-800-335-6125**

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?
SWM, 33, enjoys country music, bowling, golf, fishing, Seeking SF, with similar interests, for companionship. **1-800-335-6125**

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CALL ON ME
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ARE YOU THE ONE?
SWM, 27, tall, green eyes, medium build, enjoys fishing, fishing, fishing, Seeking SM, 27-30, who's similar interests, who has children, for possible marriage. **1-800-335-6125**

LONELY NO MORE
SWM, 41, NS, 170lbs, blonde hair, enjoys fishing, fishing, fishing, Seeking SM, 30-40, who's similar interests, who has children, for possible marriage. **1-800-335-6125**

WAITING FOR YOU
Native American SM, 25, 6'0", 200lb, dark hair, fun-loving, enjoys fishing, fishing, fishing, Seeking SM, 30-40, who's similar interests, who has children, for possible marriage. **1-800-335-6125**

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1970's tall, fun-loving, blonde hair, enjoys fishing, fishing, fishing, Seeking SM, 30-40, who's similar interests, who has children, for possible marriage. **1-800-335-6125**

CALL DIVE
WM, 32, 6'2", 180lbs, smoker, special interest, enjoys fishing, fishing, fishing, Seeking SM, 30-40, who's similar interests, who has children, for possible marriage. **1-800-335-6125**

LONGER
SW and 27, 6'1", 200lbs, short, night, on the water, enjoys fishing, fishing, fishing, Seeking SM, 25-35, who's similar interests, who has children, for possible marriage. **1-800-335-6125**

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SWM, 30, self-employed, enjoys fishing, fishing, fishing, Seeking SM, 30-40, who's similar interests, who has children, for possible marriage. **1-800-335-6125**

TRUE VALUES
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SM, 34, 5'7", 160lbs, enjoys playing golf, basketball, music and movies, Seeking for SWF, 27-32, to go to dinner and have fun with. **1-800-335-6125**

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Honest, fun-loving, outgoing, tall, fun eyes, likes camping, fishing, fishing, fishing, Seeking SM, 30-40, who's similar interests, who has children, for possible marriage. **1-800-335-6125**

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SOMEONE SPECIAL
SWM, 29, brown hair, 5'5", 130lbs, goatee, 10, enjoys fishing, fishing, fishing, Seeking SM, 30-40, who's similar interests, who has children, for possible marriage. **1-800-335-6125**

IT COULD HAPPEN
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GOOD TIMES TOGETHER
Outgoing SWM, 25, 6'1", 140lbs, NS, likes fishing, fishing, fishing, Seeking SM, 20-25, for friendship. **1-800-335-6125**

BE THE ONE
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A NIGHT ON THE TOWN?
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THE SIMPLE THINGS
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MEET THIS
Handsome SWM, 40, 6'10", blonde hair, enjoys fishing, fishing, fishing, Seeking SM, 30-40, who's similar interests, who has children, for possible LTR. **1-800-335-6125**

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ARE YOU THE ONE?
Native American male, 26, 5'6", brown eyes, NS, no kids, enjoys basketball and driving, Seeking SWF, 18-30, for friendship first. **1-800-335-6125**

DATE ME!
Outgoing SWM, 43, blonde hair, NS, no kids, enjoys fishing, fishing, fishing, Seeking SM, 30-40, who's similar interests, who has children, for possible LTR. **1-800-335-6125**

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Outgoing WM, 30, 5'10", blonde hair, blue eyes, sincere, enjoys camping, hiking, fishing and summer sports, Seeking SF, 18-20, common interests, for possible LTR. **1-800-335-6125**

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Sweet outgoing WM, 30, 5'10", 200lb, and hair, NS, enjoys hiking, skiing and working out, Seeking SF, 25-35, who's similar interests, for possible LTR. **1-800-335-6125**

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SWM, 40, 5'9", 160lb, blonde hair, hazel eyes, outgoing, enjoys fishing, camping, golf, movies, music, Seeking SM, 20-30, with similar interests. **1-800-335-6125**

SEEKING COMMITMENT
SWM, 40, 5'9", 160lb, blonde hair, hazel eyes, outgoing, enjoys fishing, camping, golf, movies, music, Seeking SM, 20-30, with similar interests. **1-800-335-6125**

LET'S MEET
SWM, 43, enjoys fishing, fishing, fishing, fishing, Seeking SM, 30-40, who's similar interests, who has children, for possible marriage. **1-800-335-6125**

OUT OF MY SHELL
SWM, 20, 6'1", 210lbs, reserved, enjoys movies, music, fishing, Seeking SM, 20-30, for friendship. **1-800-335-6125**

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Outgoing, fun-loving WM, 21, 6'1", 200lb, blonde hair, enjoys fishing, fishing, fishing, Seeking SM, 20-30, who's similar interests, who has children, for possible marriage. **1-800-335-6125**

DANCE WITH ME
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Sunday, May 5, 2002

THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: At IMPs, partner passes and my RHO overcalls three clubs, not vulnerable. Vulnerable, A-Q-10-5, A-J, K-Q-10-9, K-10. Was I good enough to double, or should I have settled for a simple overcall of three spades?

Tom Hight, Huntington, W. Va.

ANSWER: This hand is too strong for a mere overcall of three spades. Better to double, intending to bid spades if partner's response is three hearts. This sequence describes your overall strength adequately and implies a very good suit. It also brings the diamond suit into play and is therefore the best call.

Dear Mr. Wolff: A partner who is vulnerable, overcalls one and opens one heart. After my RHO passes, is this hand good enough for a raise to two hearts? I held A-J-8-2, 9-8-6-4, Q-8-6-4, Q-9.

Light Hulse, Tucson, Ariz.

ANSWER: This is a close contest and many would pass. However, with four trumps, I favor a raise to two hearts. It has pre-emptive value, and although your prime-card strength is absent, five HCP, four trumps and a doubleton may be just what partner needs if he bids a game.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Partner deals and opens one club, and my RHO pre-empt to two diamonds. I hold A-Q, K-J-9-4, A-Q-7-5, J-9-2, J-9 and 10-9 for a negative double. If partner bids two hearts, am I worth a raise to three hearts? We were vulnerable and the opponents were not.

Extras, San Francisco, Calif.

ANSWER: Your negative double promised eight or more HCP. This is more than a minimum. I approve of a raise to three hearts. If partner can accept the invitation, he should have a good play for game.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Partner opens a three-diamond pre-empt in third chair, and next hand doubles for takeout. With only the opponents vulnerable, should I raise to four diamonds with A-K-9-4, K-4, 6-4-3, A-7-5-3? How about a direct raise to five diamonds - the "early raise"?

Hilder's Game, Waterbury, Conn.

ANSWER: I approve of the raise to four diamonds. This makes it more difficult for the opponents to find a safe bid while limiting your downside risk to reasonable proportions. I would not suggest a leap to five diamonds. That rash move invites a penalty double when the opponents can make no game.

Dear Mr. Wolff: At IMPs, opponents vulnerable, RHO deals and opens two spades and LHO jumps to four spades. On lead with A-A-9-5, 9-6-5-2, 7, K-Q-J-9-5, would you suggest the normal lead of the club suit, or would you prefer the lead of the singleton?

Nafely Firm, Atlanta, Ga.

ANSWER: Your trump holding provides the answer. Since your trump ace gives you control of the play, your choice is the singleton diamond. You do not risk to win many club tricks, and one or two diamond ruffs might be the key to a successful defense.

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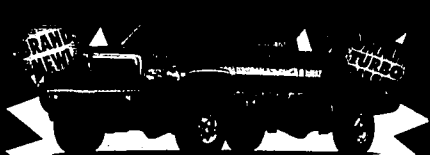


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A gentle conversation with Lon the plumber

The long saga began with a tiny sound. "Don't I hear water running?" I asked my husband. But the Cardinals were on TV, so I didn't expect a reply.

Eventually, we traced the source of the problem to a troubled faucet in a bathtub. "Can you fix it?" I asked my relatively handy spouse, with some fear and trepidation.

When he told me I should call a plumber, I knew it was bad. He always wants to try first.

I have actually seen my husband successfully fix lots of stuff. Sometimes, the stuff ends up with parts that are backwards or upside down, but they usually work just fine. I generally balk when he wants to do anything that involves electricity, and I become particularly unnerved if the electricity is in a bathroom.

A typical conversation: "What if the water in the bathroom catches on fire and blows up the house?" I frantically ask, not even trying to hide my irrational fears of home maintenance. "Water doesn't normally catch on fire," he replies, in the calm tone of the long-suffering type that he is.

The plumber I beckoned to the bathtub faucet is a nice guy, too. His name is Lon. A nice name, even. When Lon arrived, I told him that my husband asked me to have him check a garden faucet outside the house, in addition to the bathtub faucet, and he happily obliged. He reported back that the bathtub faucet would be easy to fix, but the outdoor faucet, "Well..."

He paused, and seemed to be preparing to break some bad news. Gently, he explained that my husband had used the outside faucet too long after it had started leaking, and now the repair would involve two men and a crawl space.

Suddenly a clear image of a past sin, still unforgiven, reared its ugly head. Sprinkler fixed, to be exact. We had just moved to Idaho and had never lived in a house with an underground sprinkler system before. The rest of the story is the kind of history that married couples dredge up when they need ammunition for a good fight. My husband left the sprinkler on all winter, and we ended up having to mortgage our kids to pay the bill.

The outdoor faucet was strike two and, like any good wife, I seldom give my husband more than one strike.

"Where's the crawl space?" the plumber asked me.

OK, so I'm plumbingly challenged. I didn't have a clue. "Where's the crawl space?" is the kind of question I always tried to avoid. I don't even want to know, just like I don't want to know anything about the strange things that happen underneath sinks or inside pipes.

So, with Lon nearby, I called my husband at work and left a message on the answering machine. I had forgotten that the phones at his office were out of order that day. When I hung up, I set out to deliver the message on foot.

"Ignore the ranting and raving I left on your answering machine," I told the office manager at the front desk. Then, when I got to my husband's door, I thrust a cell phone toward him and said, "Here, call Lon."

"Who's Lon?" he said, looking not nearly as flustered as I wanted him to be.

"Lon is the plumber," I replied, "and you have some explaining to do."

Before long, everything was settled. Lon did his job at a reasonable rate, my heart rate returned to normal, and my husband answered the crawl-space questions correctly and now enjoys watering the lawn without a trunk drip in sight.

I guess all's well that ends well. But if you ask me, Lon was way too easy on him.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

Lizards and snakes



Nick Peterson poses with two of the center's large snakes, a Burmese python and a Columbian red tail python.

CSI's Nick Peterson is the 'reptile man'

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Iguanas have been scampering through Nick Peterson's dreams since he was old enough to go into his grandfather's jewelry store.

"Norman (Herrett) made a lot of trips to Central America looking for artifacts," said Peterson, the 52-year-old major domo of the Herrett Center for Arts and Science's popular reptile collection. "And he brought back a lot of iguanas."

Peterson, a Herrett Center employee for a quarter century, is officially a display technician at the College of Southern Idaho-based museum, but he's far more widely known as Twin Falls' reptile man.

He tends boa constrictors, pythons, albino California king snakes, various kinds of exotic frogs and toads and a pair of phlegmatic female iguanas named Digi and Spice.

Well, maybe not so phlegmatic. "Their teeth aren't big, but it's like rubbing your finger across a razor saw."

By handfuls and tens and dozens, kids and families are enraptured by Peterson's reptiles, touching a lizard or feeling the rippling muscles of a giant constrictor up close and personal. "That's the best part of this job," Peterson said. "I take a fair number of these animals out into the community to show to kids, and they're always wide-eyed."

Critters weren't originally intended to be an integral part of the Herrett's serious scientific specialty: Central American archeology. But Norman Herrett, the museum's founder and benefactor, was fascinated by iguanas, and one by one reptiles of all kinds have become available over the years.

So with the backing of Herrett director Jim Woods, Peterson has overseen the development of an artificial snake-and-lizard habitat inside the museum.

It's found an eager audience. "We do a program called 'Mingle in the Jungle' on a couple of Tuesday nights each month, intended to help people out to watch shows in the (Faulkner) planetarium," Peterson said. "Some nights just one family will show up, but some nights we get 50 or 60 people for our sessions."

Peterson has also become the amateur herpetologist of last resort for those Magic Valley residents - and there are more than your think - who are owners of problem pythons and larcenous lizards.

"Some of those animals ended



Above, a crowd of students react in delight to a Burmese python at the Herrett Center.



Tara Ernest, a vet tech student at the College of Southern Idaho, is Peterson's assistant.

up in our collection, but others I've helped find homes for if I can," Peterson said. "People don't understand what they're getting in for when they bring a large reptile into their homes."

None of the lizards, snakes, frogs and toads at the Herrett are considered dangerous, though, and that's by design; Peterson wants folks to experience them first-hand.

"They're interesting animals, but people can't see that until they lose their fear of them," he said.

Although Peterson swears he can take a vacation whenever he

needs one, his involvement with the Herrett's reptiles is comprehensive, up to and including raising rats and mice in a spare room of his own home to provide food for the snakes.

"I do it on my own time," he said. "But it takes a lot of work."

The iguanas in Peterson's care have become stars of and symbols for the Herrett, thanks to a widely broadcast television commercial paid for by the Idaho Travel Council. In the spot, Spice and Digi languidly oversee the comings and goings of kids in the Herrett's galleries.

"It looks a lot easier than it is



Photo courtesy of Nick Peterson.

to get them to cooperate in front of a television camera," Peterson said. "More times than not, they take a few steps and look back at you like, 'What am I supposed to do now?'"

Although Peterson isn't an academically trained herpetologist, he's trying to boost knowledge of and appreciation for the proper care and feeding of reptiles in Idaho.

"The biggest problem is that people get a snake or a lizard and don't have enough space," he said. "These reptiles grow."

And, he adds, novice snake and lizard owners don't understand how to feed these critters, and so end up getting bitten.

"A snake can see infrared heat," he explained. "If I'm holding a dead rat or mouse and wiggling my hand, the snake is going to go after the hand because it's warmer."

Not all of the snakes in the Herrett collection are natives of warm, humid Central America - several come from the United States. But they all require careful attention.

"Temperature and humidity have to be just right," he said. "And you have to recognize that reptiles caught in the wild have a very poor chance of survival in captivity."

Iguanas that reach the Herrett - usually acquired through a middleman - are sometimes rescued from open-air markets in Mexico and Central America, where they're sold live for food.

"They're kind of fun of here around," Peterson said. "But it's a long-term commitment; iguanas live for 20 to 25 years."

Digi and Spice are now barely middle-aged, meaning they're good for at least another 5,000 first-graders.

'Love and Logic: Tips for parents

Want to avoid arguing with your child? Here are some tips with these one-liners:

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- "Probably so."
- "I know."
- "Nice try."
- "I'll love you wherever you live."
- "I bet it feels that way."
- "I don't know. What do you think?"
- "Bummer. How sad."
- "Thanks for sharing."
- "That's an option."
- "I bet that's true."
- "I love you too much to argue."

- "You can keep the ones you pick up."
- "I'll listen as soon as your voice is as calm as mine."
- "I give allowance to those who finish their chores."
- "I'll provide TV and Nintendo when the chores are done."
- "Do you want to go to your bedroom with your feet touching the ground or not touching the ground?"

Give choices
"I keep the toys I have to pick

"Will you be home at 11, or do you need an extra half-hour with your friends?"

"Will you have these chores done tomorrow, or do you need an extra day to get them finished?"

"I'll reimburse you for your college tuition for those classes in which you earn a B or better. I'll be happy to give you the money when I see your report card."

"I loan the car to those who have made a deposit equal to the insurance deductible."

"I'll be happy to buy you the clothes I feel are appropriate."
- Sources: Love and Logic Institute, Detroit Free Press

Mini-Cassia youth camp will take place in June

Upcoming
BURLEY - The 2002 4-H youth camp will be held June 24-27.

The camp is for youth of Cassia, Mini-Idaho and Lincoln Counties from grades three and up.

Applications are being taken for the teen-age counselor positions. Applications will be available at the Cassia County Extension office and need to be turned in by Saturday.

To be a counselor you need to be in the ninth grade or 14 years

To do for families

old as of January 1, 2002. If any adults are interested in helping with camp they should call the Extension office, 878-9461.

Every week, To Do for Families lists family-oriented events in south-central Idaho. To get an item listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon on Wednesdays.

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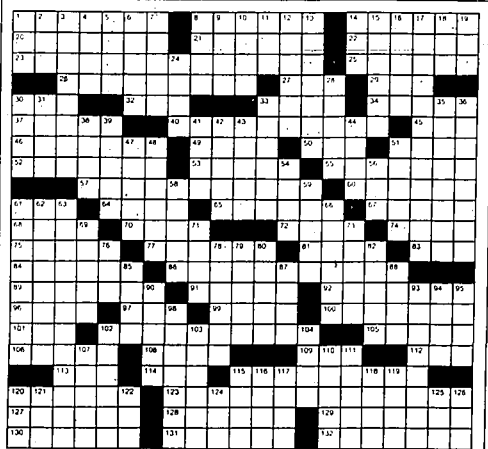
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Parents can set right path for left-handed children

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Being left-handed doesn't have quite the stigma it once did, but ours is still a right-handed world where lefties are outnumbered roughly 9 to 1. Raising a southpaw still presents special challenges to both parent and child.

The good news is that left-handed desks and left-handed scissors are more commonly available now than a decade ago in many schools, and both parents and educators are showing greater sensitivity toward children who just ain't "right."

Being left-handed is also an advantage in several sports, from baseball to fencing. In baseball, for example, prized left-handed pitchers often have greater control with inside pitches to a right-handed batter, which are more difficult to hit.

Some studies also suggest that southpaws are more inclined to be gifted artists and musicians, perhaps because lefties are right-brain dominant - the same hemisphere of the brain linked to creativity. Left-handers also may recover better from strokes and be at a slightly lower risk for Alzheimer's disease.



Hand preference, or hand dominance, isn't established until a child is well past infancy.

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When your child is learning a new skill, let him experiment with what feels right - or left. Whether it's playing guitar or signing up for Little League, both left-handed and right-handed children should be allowed to try their hands - both of them. Although most left-handed people are left-side dominant (meaning they are more likely to look through a telescope with their left eye and kick a soccer ball with the left foot), there are varying degrees of "sidedness."

Parental favoritism can shape kids' lives

The Baltimore Sun
Comedy's Smothers Brothers made a career of a single punchline: "Mom always liked you best!"

By incorrect to say, "That one's my favorite," but if you ask parents, they'll say, "Well, we always wanted a boy" or "I keep trying until I get a girl."

"Parents often have essentially a 'favorite' child despite a very powerful norm against it," said Dr. Karl Pillemer, a professor of human development at Cornell University, and one of the authors of the study.



Comedian Dick Smothers, at left, was right: Parents do play favorites.

It's unclear whether that means a parent actually loves one child more than another. The trouble is, to children it looks as if the parent does love a sibling more. Children closely monitor how their parents deal with their siblings, Howard said, noting that children respond to 80 percent of interactions they see between a parent and another child.

Survey: Most women take husband's name

The Hartford Courant

As peak wedding season returns, this year's crop of brides, like their feminist foremothers, are engaged in the familiar debate over surnames. They will debate the pros and cons of keeping their names vs. taking his name vs. hyphenating or creating a hybrid.

It's become more normal over time. It's become much more of a choice, which is not to say that people don't still feel very strongly about it in both directions," Garey said. "You can't make the assumption any more that they have the same last name."

Catch-22 for women: When is the right time to have kids?

The Hartford Courant
The way Mary Crawford sees it, women are caught in a double bind. They are urged to get a good education and develop a meaningful career - endeavors that take years - before having children.

Of course, the news that it's healthier for both mothers and children if children are born when mothers are in their 20s and early 30s is nothing new. Dr. Stephen Curry, co-director of the Women's Health Department at Hartford (Conn.)

She is thinking that she wants to spend a few more years establishing her career, her financial position and buying a house before having children. She's thinking the right time will be in her early 30s.

She expects that might be in her late 20s or early 30s.

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Stay away from fraudulent trusts

Q. My wife and I met with a financial adviser who told us that, by using a trust, we could save estate taxes, avoid the expense and hassle of probate, and even deduct our living expenses. We own our home and have just over \$250,000 invested. We each have nice monthly pensions in addition to Social Security. We thought the cost of the trust was high (\$2,500), but the financial adviser assures us that, given our future tax and probate savings, it's a bargain. Are you familiar with these types of trusts, and, if so, do you recommend them?

A. We recommend that you head for the hills and stay away from individuals who promote abusive and fraudulent trusts — that is, trusts which are created to attempt to hide asset ownership and income or to conceal the substance of the financial transactions.

Trusts are basically vehicles through which assets are owned in a way that separates responsibility and control from the benefits of ownership. Properly used, trusts can save income taxes, estate taxes, and probate costs, while providing for the management and protection of assets against both creditors and predators. However, when a trust accomplishes these goals, you must remember that "there ain't no free lunch" — that is, if you receive a benefit, you must give something up in return. In all trusts, you must comply with tax laws; if you violate the tax law, you may face both civil sanctions and criminal prosecution — including severe under-



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payment penalties. Due to limited space, here are a few representations about trusts that should put you on guard:

- "Our trust will reduce or do away with your income or self-employment taxes." In truth, someone must pay the income taxes generated within a trust. No trust can alter basic tax law or turn taxable income into non-taxable income.
- "You will maintain complete control over the assets and income you put in the trust and avoid estate and income tax." In truth, to get any tax benefits, you must relinquish control over both income and assets.
- "If you paid from a trust, the trust will allow you to deduct your living expenses." In truth, there is no way to turn a non-deductible personal living expense into deductible expenses merely by placing assets and income in a trust.
- "You will be able to depreciate your residence and contents by transferring your home into

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the trust." In truth, there is no legal way this can be done.

Then there are business trusts, equipment or service trusts, family residence trusts, foreign trusts, and many more which, although marketed to save taxes and provide miracle cures for what ails you, provide no tax relief and could put you in dutch with the IRS.

Here, given the level of your asset ownership, you and your wife do not appear to have estate tax problems in the first place. All you appear to need are vanilla powers of attorney and wills. Do yourselves a favor: Take legal advice from a lawyer, not a financial adviser.

We suggest that before you act, you read IRS Publication 2193 (Jan. 7, 2000) which can also be found in IRS Public Announcement Notice 97-24; <http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/>

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Relinquishing the keys

Many seniors find it difficult to quit driving

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Of all the insults of growing older, losing one's driving privileges can be one of the most difficult to bear. A new driver's license is a symbolic rite of passage from youth into adulthood, but giving up the car keys as physical and mental faculties diminish is a passage of another sort.

"Driving is the ultimate symbol of independence and self-reliance," said Gloria E. Gessay, a clinical social worker with Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles. Older adults often feel that their life is essentially over without a car, she said. And they may stubbornly resist relying on their children or others for transportation.

For families of an elderly driver, the issue is emotionally charged, one that can drive a wedge between husband and wife, parent and child. Family members, often the first to observe an older adult's diminished driving abilities, don't want to feel responsible for curtailing a loved one's independence — the ability to drive to the grocery store, to religious services or to pick up a grandchild after school.

The need for mobility is especially acute in regions such as

Red flags

When evaluating the performance of an older driver, bear in mind that the safety of many other people — including passengers, pedestrians and other drivers — is at stake.

- Some warning signs that driving skills may be impaired:
- Failure to stay in proper lane when making a turn.
 - Getting lost frequently.
 - Ignoring traffic signs or signals.
 - Failing to yield the right-of-way.
 - Turning left from the wrong lane.
 - Driving slower than the posted speed limit.
 - Inattention to other vehicles, pedestrians and bikers.
 - Not checking blind spots when driving in reverse — sometimes a sign of physical limitations, such as neck problems.
 - Difficulty parking.
 - Confusing the brake and gas pedals.

— Source: Los Angeles Times

Southern California, where urban sprawl, inadequate mass transit and access to commerce, culture and social activities make automobile transportation a near-necessity.

Although there is little debate about when people are ready to start driving — age 16 in most states — there is no consensus or standard age for relinquishing the privilege.

"One thing that just keeps coming through loud and clear is how different seniors are from

each other," said Arline Dillman, traffic safety manager for the Automobile Club of Southern California. "I know some people in their 90s who are still marvelous drivers, and some in their 50s and 60s — or that matter — 40s and 30s — who ought not to be driving."

One thing's certain: More older drivers will be on the road as the nation's population ages. In 1990, older drivers accounted for 6.7 percent of all travel on U.S. roads, but that figure will increase nearly threefold by 2030, when they'll account for about 19 percent, according to federal estimates. The responsibility for the safety of older drivers is shared by many people, including family, doctors and the government.

Often, changes in someone's physical or mental health condition will prompt discussion about whether an older driver is still fit to be behind the wheel.

Glaucoma, cataracts, diabetic changes in the eye or macular degeneration may impair the ability to read signs or gauge distances. Arthritis, for example, may make it impossible to turn the head to drive in reverse, or maneuver the foot from brake to accelerator. Certain prescription drugs, such as high blood pressure medications, can create drowsiness and slow reaction time.

Although dementia alone doesn't preclude driving, a person with moderate to severe dementia lack insight into their behavior and may make poor judgments.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Monday: Ground beef stroganoff, mixed vegetables, beef salad, biscuits, fruit dessert
Tuesday: Pork chops, fried potatoes, mixed vegetables, carrot salad, biscuits, fruit dessert
Wednesday: Smorgasbord
Thursday: Taco salad
Friday: Turkey, potatoes, gravy, sweet potato, Jell-O salad, muffin
Activities
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday
Dance from 2-5 p.m.
Monday
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Foot clinic, make appointment
Foot nut farm from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Ticket Tuesday
Blood pressure check
Wednesday
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Elks card club at 7 p.m.
Trip to Jackpot
Thursday
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Friday
Blood pressure
Lunch bingo
Quitting
Saturday
Super bingo at 1 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.
Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Lunch prices are \$3 and evening meals will be \$2. Sunday dinners are \$3.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evenings. Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the center, everyone is welcome.
Sunday: Barbecue ribs
Monday: Hamburger patty
Tuesday: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Reuben sandwich
Thursday: Roast beef
Friday: Hot roast beef sandwich
Activities
Thrift shop open every day. Quitting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Roseland Band plays from 8-11 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. Admission is \$3.
Sunday
All-you-can-eat barbecue ribs dinner, \$3.50
Monday
Exercise from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Smorg at 5:30 p.m.

Cards at 6 p.m.
Tuesday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m.
Quitting from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday
Bingo at 11:45 a.m.
Crafts from 1-4 p.m.
Wednesday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Thursday
Exercises from 7-8 p.m.
Quitting from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Foot clinic from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; \$5
Bingo from 1-3 p.m.
Smorg at 5:30 p.m.
Cards at 6 p.m.
Friday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Saturday
Dance with the Roseland Band from 8-11 p.m.; \$3 per person

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.
Tuesday: Sliced ham, creamed potatoes
Thursday: Baked meat loaf

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main N., Kimberly
Monday: Beef biscuit roll, tossed salad, cottage cheese, apricots, coffee, milk
Wednesday: Ham, scalloped potatoes, cheese tray, creamed peas, fruit salad, bread and butter, lemon pudding, coffee, coffee, milk
Friday: Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, pear salad, rolls, cherry cheesecake, coffee, milk
Activities
The thrift store is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday and from 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Sunday
Roast beef dinner from 12-2 p.m.; \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Tuesday
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Wednesday
Dinners at 1 p.m.
Thursday
Crafts at 1 p.m.
Friday
Bingo at 11:55 a.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center

Tuesday: Spaghetti, green salad, garlic bread, peaches, cookies
Wednesday: Beefy and ham, cold slaw, corn bread, flaky pie
Friday: Barbecue ribs, beans, green salad, macaroni and cheese, peas, cookies
Activities
Wednesday
Art class at 12:30 p.m.
Thursday
Quitting from 1-3 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.

308 Senior Ave.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.
Monday: Lemon pepper cod, potato wedges, steamed tomatoes, mixed fruit, french bread, Mexican wedding cake
Tuesday: Meat balls, rice, peas and carrots, cole slaw, garlic bread, cookie
Wednesday: Cube steak, potato plus, glazed carrots, pears, french bread, cinnamon roll
Thursday: Pit ham, scalloped potatoes, brussel sprouts, four bean salad, roll, applesauce cake
Activities
Monday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Pinocle at 12:30 p.m.
Hand and foot at 6 p.m.
Tuesday
Pool at 9 a.m.
Foot clinic at 10:30 a.m.
Pool at 1 p.m.
Bridge at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Board meeting at 1 p.m.
Thursday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Blood pressure at 11 a.m.
TOPS at 5 p.m.
Pinocle at 7 p.m.
Friday
Bridge at 1 p.m.
Hand and foot check at 1 p.m.
Bowling at 1:30 p.m.
Bingo at 6:30 p.m.

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.
Monday: Finger steaks, tater tots, vegetables, pickled beets, fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Chicken a la king, potatoes, green beans, fruit medley, chocolate pudding
Wednesday: Barbecue meat balls over noodles, spinach, Jell-O with fruit, peanut butter bar
Thursday: Pork chops, applesauce, macaroni and cheese, peas and carrots, cole slaw, bread pudding
Friday: Turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, beets, Jell-O with fruit, pumpkin pie
Activities
Monday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Tuesday
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Snack bar at 6 p.m.
Early bird-bingo at 6:45 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Wednesday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Pinocle at 7 p.m.
Thursday
Blood pressure check
Foot clinic, sign up
Friday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

Monday: Baked potato bar, fruit Jell-O, orange juice, milk, coffee
Thursday: Turkey salad sandwich, vegetable soup, lemon pie, orange juice, milk, coffee

Shoshone Senior Center

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Tuesday: Beef taco salad, cookies, peaches, orange juice, milk, coffee
Wednesday: Split pea soup, tuna fish sandwich, coconut cream pie, orange juice, milk, coffee
Friday: Roast beef, California mixed vegetables, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, apricot upside down cake, orange juice, milk, coffee
Activities
Monday
Exercise from 9:30-9 a.m.
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
Quitting from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday
Lunch at noon
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Wednesday
Lunch at noon
Rotary Club
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Snack bar at 6 p.m.
Early bird at 6 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Thursday
Exercise from 9:30-9 a.m.
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
Scrapbook class at 9:30 a.m.
Richfield lunch
Friday
Pinocle at 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Citizens

203 Wilson, Eden
Open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Mondays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days. Home delivered meals are delivered Monday through Friday.
Tuesday: Smorgasbord, salad, cookies, bread
Wednesday: Bake day
Thursday: Trout, broccoli mix, cole slaw, hash browns, raisin rolls
Activities
Wednesday
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Saturday
Pancake breakfast from 8-11:30 a.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior/Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman
Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lunch is served at noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2. Coffee, tea, juice and bread served with all meals.
Monday: Chicken broccoli casserole, rice, salad
Tuesday: Chicken at loaf, potatoes, gravy, vegetables
Friday: Tuna shrimp pasta, salad, grilled cheese, sandwich
Thrift store open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailley
Meals are served at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Milk, juice, coffee and tea are served with all meals.
Monday-Friday: Menu not available
Activities
Tuesday
Exercise at 9 a.m.
Blood pressure check
Wednesday
Choir at 11 a.m.
Thursday
Exercise at 9 a.m.

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals.
Monday: Assorted salad, finger steaks, fries, corn, Texas toast, ice cream, juice, beverages
Tuesday: Tossed salad, enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, peaches with whipped topping, juice, beverage
Wednesday: Fruit salad, roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, rolls, pudding, beverage
Thursday: Vegetable salad, peas, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, rolls, turkey road pudding, beverage, juice
Friday: Smorgasbord
Center gift shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Quitting and pool table daily during center hours. Crafts

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland, Burley
All dinners are served at noon.
Monday: Spaghetti, french bread, green salad, green beans, peaches, cookie
Tuesday: Potato soup, chicken burger, Jell-O fruit, rainbow cake
Wednesday: Birthday/anniversary dinner
Thursday: Taco salad, refried beans, vegetables, rice, peaches, treats
Friday: Cordon bleu, baked potato, broccoli, roll, lemon Jell-O, strawberry shortcake
Activities
Monday
Pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Tuesday
Pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11:15 a.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Roll nut farms from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday
Pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Thursday
Pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Hearing aid check
AARP meeting at 1 p.m.
Friday
Pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.

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History lesson comes to life

WENDELL - A modern-day mountain man brought history to life for Wendell Elementary students.

Every year, Scott Sorenson presents "Mountain Men and the History of the Old West" at the school to fourth graders. He recreates the years when fur trappers and traders inhabited the Rocky Mountains.

Dressed in home-sewn buckskins, he told tall tales and stories of Jim Bridger and other mountain men from Idaho's history, school representatives said. He demonstrated the use of tools, traps, weapons and other paraphernalia used by mountain men and Indians of the 1800s.

Students were especially interested in his collection of animal hides, school representatives said. He discussed fur trapping and the tanning process. In addition, he showed a 10-minute slide presentation of western wildlife.

Sorenson of Orem, Utah, has a college degree in western history, but has spent a great deal of time in the wilds of northern Canada, where he raised a family in a log cabin on the Kipava River.



Scott Sorenson shows an animal skin as part of a history lesson for Wendell Elementary students.

Photo courtesy of Wendell Elementary

Fourth District honors area seniors

TWIN FALLS - The Fourth District Activities Association honored 80 seniors from 27 area high schools for outstanding achievement Monday at the 18th annual Senior Honor Banquet at the Turf Club in Twin Falls.

All students selected must have participated in at least one Idaho High School Activities Association-sanctioned event while maintaining at least a 3.0 grade point average. Students participating in athletics, cheerleading, drama, speech and music were among those eligible.

Those chosen for the award were selected by school principals and athletic directors. Five students from each school in the 5A and 4A classifications were selected. Four from each 3A school, and two from each 2A and 1A school. Recipients were: Bliss; Caillif Burke; Cade Erkin;

Burley
Amber Aston
Hailey Fletcher
Preston Goodrich
Julie Searle
Kristal Searle
Buhl
Araceli Aguilar
Esteban Serrano
Annie McCaulley
Hailey Campbell
Camas County
Sarah Vouch
Anikka Backstrom
Carey
Annette Peck
Julie Royal
Castledorf
Ryan Blick
Jon Bobango
Dechl
Benjamin Alfred
Heather Hunsaker
Jason Rasmussen
Ty Dschaak
Dietrich
Chris Maughan
Shamee Norman
Filer
Heather Lynn Black
Kari Sue Brown
Chad Dockstader
Sheeba Gladwell
Glenys Filer
Mark Black

Cole Darrington
Korey Hall
Gooding
Ryan Allison
Steve Anderson
Carin Parterson
Becca Silman
Hagerman
Nathan Jayo
Teresa Oswley
Hansen
Elena Freesterton
Andrea Martin
Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind
Lisa Miller
Jerome
Marjorie Bingham
Casey Emerson
Corni Ford
Grant McCracken
Amber Wade
Kimberly
Matt Balcher
Justin Yering
John Maxson
Suzi Soderquist
Magic Valley
Christian
Andrew Folkert
Matthew Somero
Minico
Clare Bodensteiner
Chontal Hansen
Lindsay Haynes

Heather Reddington
Whitney Robinson
Murtough
John Silvers
Stephanie Tolman
Oakley
Sam Rose
Brittany Washburn
Raft River
Tami Lee
Melissa Oman
Rietfield
Cade Norman
Sara Wood
Shoshone
Jasmine Harris
Jackson Uhrig
Twin Falls
Briana Allen
Christie Deagle
Kimberly Strunk
JoAnn Swenson
J.B. Tarter
Valley
Katie Brock
Alex Kelson
Kasey Kovitz
Wendell
Cory Chandler
Mark Diamond
Kaitlin Hansing
Wood River
Erin Elgee
Amanda Engel
Cole Everman
Andy McCullum

PREPARING FOR DINNER

The men of the Burley Presbyterian Church prepare sausage for at the annual Gorman sausage supper to be held from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at the Burley Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave. A free-will offering will be taken.



Photo courtesy of B. BURLEY

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Magnum Boyd Hofstetter, son of Denise Lynn and Otmir Wilhelm Hofstetter of Gooding, was born Sunday, April 7, 2002. Cameron Viadimir-Rex Miszenko, son of Kisha Marie Woodruff of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, April 11, 2002.

Brianna Joffe Veeder, daughter of Jennifer Lynn Adams and Wesley James Veeder of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, April 20, 2002.

Ashley Joann Eck, daughter of Barbara Ann and Vincent Eck of Burley, was born Tuesday, April 23, 2002.

Jordyne Sylvia Hamby Haines, daughter of Tiffany Lyn Hamby and Larry Dallas Haines of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, April 23, 2002.

Alaina Rose Marie Knight, daughter of Roxanna and Mark Alan Knight of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, April 23, 2002.

Dedrian Isaac Sanchez Giron, son of Maria Isabel T. Giron and Aurelio De Jesus Sanchez of Jackpot, Nev., was born Wednesday, April 24, 2002. Shavon Dwayne Mitchell, son

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Melissa Morgan The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to: 734-5538. Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper, and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. More Information? Call Melissa at 735-3278

of Mandy Michelle McCurdy of Jackpot, Nev., was born Wednesday, April 24, 2002.

Connor Todd McQueen, son of April Dawn and Todd Reed McQueen of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, April 25, 2002.

Kaden Michael Smith, son of Aimee Christine and Karl Laurence Smith of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, April 25, 2002.

Jaylynn Amil Tamayo, daughter of Veronica Leticia Tellez and Raymond Tamayo of Burley, was born Thursday, April 25, 2002.

Emilio Rene Galvan, son of Romana and Defino P. Galvan of Twin Falls, was born Friday,

April 26, 2002. Donald Edward Barringer, son of Dawn Rachele and Phillip Leslie Barringer Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, April 27, 2002.

Lucas Bennett Shewmaker, son of Heidi Rae and Scott James Shewmaker of Jerome, was born Sunday, April 28, 2002.

Kuden Antonio Day, son of Sabra May and Joshua Antonio Day of Hansen, was born Monday, April 29, 2002.

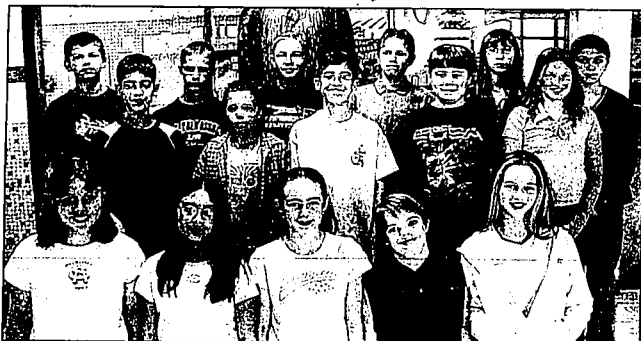
Jaclyn Chantel Wake, daughter of Jennifer Dee Hill and Trevor R. Wake of Twin Falls, was born Monday, April 29, 2002.

Ryley Kenneth Komasa, son of Erin and Cory Sinclair Komasa of Twin Falls, was born Monday, April 29, 2002.

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Alycia Kate Sk... daughter of Stephanie... of Shoshone, wa... April 25, 2002. Caleb Wa... son of Matt... McReynolds o... was born Saturday, Apr... 2002.

STUART STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Seventh-grade students of the week for January and February for Robert Stuart Junior High in Twin Falls are, from left, back row: Brent Fields, Kolby Tattou, Nathan Hanson, Dana Broderick, Robyn Marsh and Alena Lillie; middle row: Jacob Golcochea, Morgan Bohman, Justin Golcochea, Chance Griffith and Chelsea Erdmann; front row: Jelena Harbo, Sida Kinnavongsa, Kayla Williams, Roger White and Brittany Barnes.

Farmers' markets open this month

TWIN FALLS - A sure sign of spring is the opening of farmers' markets around the Magic Valley and region.

Farmers' market offer a variety of items, from fruits and vegetables to baked goods to jams, organizers say.

Following are markets in the region, their opening dates, and contact numbers.

Growers' Market of Idaho Falls, April 27, 357-5170. Capital City Public Market in Boise, May 4, 345-9287.

Mountain Home Farmers' Market, May 4, 587-3303, Ext. 2. Nampa Farmers' Market, May

4, 459-4988. Southeast Idaho Farmers' Market in Pocatello, May 4, 233-9158.

Twin Falls Farmers' Market, May 11, 735-5193.

Organizers of the Twin Falls Farmers Market, which is located at the Kmart parking lot, anticipates beginning its 11th season with the following items for sale:

carrots, Swiss chard, crafts and gifts, eggs, flower bulbs, fresh flowers, baked goods and specialty foods, garlic, fresh herbs, Jerusalem artichokes, dried beans, several varieties of lettuce and salad greens and more.



Farmers' markets are opening this month around the region.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Time to sign up for the 2002 4-H youth camp

BURLEY - The 2002 4-H youth camp will be held June 24-27. The camp is for young people of Cassia, Minidoka and Lincoln counties from grades three and up. Applications are being taken for the teen counselor positions. Applications will be available at the University of Idaho Extension office and must be turned in by Saturday. To be a counselor, you need to be in the ninth grade or 14-years old as of Jan. 1, 2002. If any adults are interested in helping with camp, they should call the Cassia County Extension office at 878-9461.

Hailey Public Library offers Bead-It! activity for children

HAILEY - The Hailey Public Library will offer "Bead-It!" for children ages 9-14 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday at the library, 7 Crox St. W. in Hailey. Students will learn basic wire wrapping techniques and make a

beaded barrette. All supplies will be furnished at no charge to the participants. For more information, call 788-2036.

Seminar, discussion covers 'Dignity in the final stages'

TWIN FALLS - A free seminar and panel discussion will be held on "Dignity in the final stages of life" at 7 p.m. Friday at the Twin Falls Reform Church, 1631 Grandview Drive in Twin Falls. All four Magic Valley hospice agencies will be present. A hospice minister and medical advisor also will attend.

Desert Sun Dance Club holds family camp out

SHOSHONE - The Desert Sun Dancers Square Dance Club will hold a Prairie Creek family camp out, Aug. 17-18, located 15 miles north of Ketchum. The event will feature Dutch oven cooking. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted to cover the cost of sanitary facilities.

Twin Falls City Pool offers lifeguard classes

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls City Pool will offer lifeguard classes from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and from 3-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the pool, 756 Locust St. N. in Twin Falls.

The cost is \$120 and includes books, masks and all other materials. Participants must register by May 15 at the pool.

For more information, call 734-2336.

Bliss Scout receives Eagle award at court of honor

HAGERMAN - Joshua Bishop, son of S. H. and Cheryl Bishop of Bliss, will receive his Eagle Scout award during a court of honor at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the American Legion Hall in Hagerman. Bishop has completed 30 merit badges. For his Eagle Scout project, he gathered musical instruments for Bliss High School.



Joshua Bishop

He is a member of Troop 107 and Stan Stander is his troop leader.

Bishop is a senior at Bliss High School where he is involved in soccer, basketball, track and National Honor Society. He has been INEEL team captain for three years and plays the tuba.

Historical society hears about Oregon Trail families

HAGERMAN - The Hagerman Valley Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the National Park Service Headquarters, 221 N. State St., Hagerman.

Sandra Schackel will speak on "We had nothing to lose and we might gain a fortune: Women and families on the Oregon Trail." The slide show presentation is

based on the diaries and journals of women who made the journey. Schackel is an associate professor of history at Boise State University.

The journals demonstrate the eagerness of women to take chances in unfamiliar territory, and support their beliefs that "going to the far west seemed like the entrance to a new world, one of freedom, happiness and prosperity," the society said.

The public is invited to attend and there is no charge.

The program is made possible by support from the Boise Cascade Corporation and the Idaho Humanities Council, a state based affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Mini-Cassia AARP group hears from visitors to China

BURLEY - Mini-Cassia AARP will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave. in Burley. A program will be presented

by Rollo and Gladys Harrison, who lived in China for 18 months teaching English. He holds a master's degree in geology and administration from Brigham Young University and taught for 35 in Oakley, Burley and Bigby.

Both are Riels College graduates. She also graduated from Southern Idaho College of Education in Albion. She taught first grade for 20 years in Rupert and Oakley. Both are now retired.

All interested persons are invited to attend the program and the meeting. Merle Sager is president.

Community Watch Group meet focuses on law

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Community Watch Group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the conference room of the Twin Falls County Courthouse. The speaker will be Rosemary Emory, a civil attorney, who will discuss civil law versus criminal law.

ENGAGEMENTS

KLUNDT-CAYWOOD

TWIN FALLS - Shane and Julie Klundt of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Theresa Marie Klundt, to Jeremy Ryan Caywood, son of Brent and Joan Caywood of Nampa.

Klundt is a 1998 graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is employed at SOS Staffing in Twin Falls.

Caywood is a 1996 graduate of Nampa High School and is attending the College of Southern Idaho. He is employed at Shane's Plumbing. The wedding is planned for 5



Jeremy Caywood and Theresa Klundt p.m. June 1 at the Ballroom in Twin Falls.



Jolene Hall and Kurtis Reed

HALL-REED

TWIN FALLS - Kim Hall of Boise and Nyla Jensen of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Jolene Hall, to Kurtis Bryon Reed, son of Bryon and JoAnne Reed of Idaho Falls.

Hall is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending Utah State University in Logan, Utah. She is employed at Utah State Distribution Center in Logan.

Reed is a graduate of Skyline High School and is attending Utah State University.

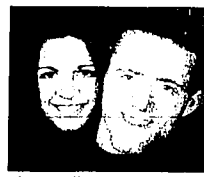
The wedding is planned for Thursday in the Bountiful LDS Temple in Bountiful, Utah. A reception will be held from 7-9 p.m. Saturday at the LDS Church on Eastland Drive North in Twin Falls.

NORTON-BARCLAY

PAUL - David and Kim Norton of Palmer, Alaska, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline Norton, to Jared Barclay, son of Martin and Judy Barclay of Paul.

Norton is a 2000 graduate of Colony High School in Palmer, Alaska, and has been attending Brigham Young University-Idaho.

Barclay is a 1998 graduate of Mexico High School. He served an LDS mission in Boston, Mass. The couple will be continuing their education in the fall in Rexburg. The wedding is planned for



Jacqueline Norton and Jared Barclay Friday in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7-9 p.m. Saturday at the Paul Stake Center.

KATONA-BATCHELOR

TWIN FALLS - Cliff and Carol Katona of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Joyce Katona, to Isaac Edward Batchelor, son of Nathan and Brenda Batchelor of Twin Falls.

Katona is a 2000 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending the College of Southern Idaho.

Batchelor is also a 2000 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending CSI. He is employed at Gem State Trophies in Twin Falls.



Angela Katona and Isaac Batchelor

The wedding is planned for 3 p.m. May 25 at the Twin Falls First Church of the Nazarene. A reception will follow the ceremony.

LEE-LANDON

BURLEY - Brent and Jacque Lee of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Jaclyn Suzanne Lee, to Mark Layne Landon, son of Norman and Patty Landon of Ririe.

Lee graduated from Burley High School in 1999. She attended Ricks College and received an associate's degree from Utah Valley State College.

Landon graduated from Ririe High School in 1998. He served an LDS mission in Omaha, Neb.

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7-9 p.m. that evening at the Lee resi-



Mark Landon and Jaclyn Lee dence, 210 Churchill Drive, Burley. The couple will reside in Provo, Utah.

GABRIEL-WARREN

GOODING - Pedro and Maggie Gabriel of Gooding announce the engagement of their daughter, Christina Marie Gabriel, to Joseph Earl Warren, son of Mike and Sue Phillips of Gooding.

Gabriel attended school in Gooding and graduated in 2000. She is employed at the Oasis Stop 'N Go in Jerome.

Warren attended school in Carey and Gooding. He is employed at KP Excavation in Hailey.

The wedding is planned for May 18 at the Wendell Portuguese Hall. A reception will



Joseph Warren and Christina Gabriel follow the ceremony. The couple will reside in Gooding of Jerome.



Challa Alvarez and Rick Mathews

ALVAREZ-MATHEWS

BUHL - Pam Alvarez of Buhl and Juan Alvarez of Basalt, Colo., announce the engagement of their daughter, Challa Alvarez, to Rick Mathews, son of Richard and Rose Mathews of Buhl.

Alvarez is a graduate of Castleford High School. She is employed at Snake River Rehabilitation and Assisted Living Center in Buhl.

Mathews is employed at Snake River Rehabilitation and Assisted Living Center in Buhl.

The wedding is planned for June 1. A reception will be held June 1 at Madrid George State Park following the ceremony.

FINLEY-SISSON

WENDELL - Melody Finley of Wendell announces the engagement of her daughter, Chanelle Rene Finley, to T.J. Sisson, son of Terry and Mary Sisson of Buhl. Finley is also the daughter of the late Ronald Finley.

Finley is a graduate of Wendell High School and attended the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at R & M Specialties in Wendell.

Sisson is a graduate of Buhl High School and the University of Idaho with a bachelor of science degree in ag science and water resource management. He is employed at Electronic Data Solutions in Jerome.



Chanelle Finley and T.J. Sisson

The wedding is planned for May 18 at Lake Tahoe, Nev. A reception will be held at 7 p.m. May 31 at the Clear Lake Country Club in Buhl.

LYON-BISHOP

BLISS - Havilah Bishop and Doug Lyon were married April 2 at the Idaho Falls Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The bride is the daughter of S.H. and Cheryl Bishop of Bliss. Parents of the bridegroom are Max and LaDene Lyon of Idaho Falls.

Shari Jansen, friend of the bride, served as the bride's matron of honor.

Aaron Lyon, brother of the groom, served as best man. A reception was held that evening in Idaho Falls.

A second reception will be held Saturday at the Hagerman LDS Church. All are welcome to attend.

The bride graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1999. She attended Brigham Young University-Idaho (Ricks) in 1999 and BYU-Jerusalem in 2000. She was employed in Sun Valley and



Doug and Havilah Lyon

then in Logan, Utah, at RSM from August 2001 to April 2002.

The bridegroom graduated from Idaho Falls High School in 1995. He attended BYU-Idaho (Ricks) for one year. He then attended Bridgerland Applied Technology Center in Logan and received an associate of arts degree in computer graphics in 2001. He also worked at RSM until April.

After a honeymoon at Island Park, the couple will reside in Blufffoot.

BISHOP-WILLIS

BLISS - Mandy Willis of Richland, Wash., and Sam (Tab) Bishop of Bliss were married May 4 at the Columbia River Washington Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Luana Willis of Richland.

Parents of the bridegroom are S.H. and Cheryl Bishop of Bliss. A reception was held following the ceremony.

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The couple will attend the University of Idaho in Moscow in the fall.



Jessica and Shaun Kidd

HENRIKSEN-KIDD

DECLO - J. B. and Janet Henriksen of Salt Lake City, Utah, announce the marriage of their daughter, Jessica Henriksen, to Shaun Kidd, son of Orle and Jacki Kidd of Declo.

The wedding was held May 4 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. The couple will be honored at an open house from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday at the Declo Stake Center.

The newlyweds will reside in Salt Lake City, Utah, where they will finish their schooling at the University of Utah.

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Amy Soderholm May 10th	Kristen Price May 10th
David Young May 10th	Steven Hobson May 10th

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ANNIVERSARY

THE SCHRADERMEIERS

TWIN FALLS - Melvin and Jane Schradermeier of Twin Falls will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Wednesday.

They were married May 8, 1942, in Seattle, Wash., where he was in the military.

In November 1945, they moved to California, where they

lived for 42 years. They have lived in Twin Falls for 15 years.

They have one son, Daniel of Goleta, Calif., who will be coming to Twin Falls the end of May to help celebrate their anniversary.

No get-together will be held, but longtime friends Jim and Mary Jane Coleman of Coos Bay, Ore., will be visiting the couple.

Cards can be sent to the couple at 798 Meadows Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301.



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FAMILY LIFE

Top 10 list of stupid parent tricks

Q. Years ago, you ran a column in which you listed the most common mistakes parents make when they give instructions to children. I had it on my refrigerator, but I lost it during our recent move. Can you run it again?

A. Sure thing. In fact, I've added to the list since then, so here's my new, updated, "Top 10 No-No's When Communicating with Your Child" list.

1. Phrasing instructions as questions. This implies choice, when choice doesn't exist. Wrong: "How about picking up these toys so we can start getting ready for bed?" Right: "It's almost time for bed. You need to pick up your toys and put them away."

2. Phrasing expectations in abstract rather than concrete terms. Using words such as "good," "responsible" and "nice" leaves the parent's meaning open to interpretation. Wrong: "I want you to be good in the store." Right: "While we're in the store, I want you to walk next to me and ask permission before touching anything."



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3. Stringing together instructions. The mind of a child younger than 5 has difficulty holding more than one instruction at a time.

With children between 5 and 10, it's best to give no more than two instructions at a time. If it's not convenient to hand out chores in this convenient fashion, give the child a list if he can't read or do drawings. Wrong: "Today, I want you to clean your room, take out the garbage, feed the dog, pick up the toys in the den, help me move these boxes into the attic and re-floor the house." Right: "The first thing I want you to do today is clean your room. When you finish, let me know and I'll tell you what comes next."

4. Preceding instructions with the word "Let." This is another passive, non-authoritative form of communication. When you expect a child to do a chore on his or her own, say so. Wrong: "Let's do the table, OK?" Right: "It's time for you to set the table."

5. Following instructions with reasons or explanations. Putting the reason last attracts the child's attention to it rather than to the instruction itself. This makes argument more likely. Wrong: "It's time to get off the swing so we can go home." Right: "It's time to go home. Get off the swing and come with me."

6. Making an instruction into a sales pitch. Wrong: "Hey, Sissy! Mom's cooked a really great supper tonight! Let's say goodbye to Sally and go see Mom's surprise!" Right: "It's time for supper, Sissy. You need to say goodbye to Sally and come inside."

7. Giving instructions with an open-ended time frame. Wrong: "Billy, I need you to mow the lawn sometime today, when you get a chance." Right: "Billy, I need you to mow the lawn today, and I want you to be finished by the time I get home at six o'clock."

8. Expressing instructions in the form of wishes. This amounts to nothing more than passive complaint about the child's behavior. Children don't grant wishes; genius do. Wrong: "I wish you'd stop chewing with your mouth open." Right: "Stop chewing with your mouth open."

9. Expressing an instruction as an exasperated question. Wrong: "How many times do I have to tell you not to chew with your mouth open?" Right: "Stop chewing with your mouth open."

10. Expressing an instruction as a threat. Wrong: "Stop chewing with your mouth open, or I'm going to sew your lips shut and feed you through a straw." Right: "Stop chewing with your mouth open."

Parents, make no mistake about it: Discipline is not primarily a matter of what consequences you use when your child misbehaves. It is primarily a matter of effective communication, which is primarily a matter of giving instructions properly. Proper communication will prevent 90 percent of discipline problems.

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HEALTHNET ASSETS
Asset of the Week: Adult role models

Parents and other adults in a young person's life most model positive, responsible behavior. Yet 65 percent of Twin Falls County's teenagers feel they do not have this asset.

Take the Asset Challenge; help a child build this week's asset.

Home

Who do your children look up to? What special qualities does each have? Encourage relationships between your child and adults who model positive behavior.

Encourage your child to join groups led by responsible adults (Boys & Girls Club, scouts, Youth Action Council, etc.)

Youth

Talk about your role models and choose them carefully. When advertisers tell you to "be like ___" what they really want is for you to buy their products. Beware.

Congregation

Request a sermon about role models.

Weekly winner
This week's poster was designed by Claire Chow.

About this feature
Asset of the Week highlights the 40 HealthNet assets that every child needs. Look for other assets each Sunday in Family Life.

To learn more
HealthNet is a coalition of public agencies, health-care institutions and the College of Southern Idaho. To find out more, call 423-5915 or 825-5887.

Week No. 14:
Monday through May 12

Artist: Claire Chow
Grade: Sixth
School: Sawtooth Elementary School, Twin Falls
Parents: Jami McKay-Lange and Rainer Lange

role models you know (call the number below for a form).

Plan intergenerational events so kids can meet more adults.

Call HealthNet and Youth Action Council at 423-5915 or 825-5887.

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'Knight' tarnishes his marriage

DEAR ABBY: I love my husband and don't want to lose him. He has always been my knight in shining armor, but I now know for a fact that he's cheating.

Last night he left for a week to be with a woman he paid to fly here. She does not know he married. Actually, there is a lot she doesn't know.

I have always lived by the poem that says if you love something—set it free. If it comes back to you, it's yours, but if it doesn't, it never belonged to you in the first place.

Abby, this man has left and come back to me five times! Each time, he tells me he loves me, and I believe him. I should mention that he is from London, and I am a native Texan, still living in the town where I grew up. England is where she is from—and where he always goes.

My husband accuses me of trying to take away his friends and control him. Believe me, I am not. All I ever wanted was a peaceful, happy life with the man I love.

What should I do? I feel like a fool, but I love my husband dearly.

—WIFE WITH AN ACHING HEART

DEAR WIFE: While the poem you have paraphrased has a lovely message, I seriously doubt that your troubled marriage was what the poet had in mind.

You say the woman doesn't know your husband is married.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

That means he's cheating on both of you. You and the English ladyfriend are overdue for a truth session.

Texas women are supposed to be tough. Ask yourself, "What would Ann Richards do?" Tell him to get back in the corral or you'll turn him into a gelding. Your wandering spouse may have been born in England, but that doesn't entitle him to bolt whenever he feels like it.

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from "Tired and Worried in the Midwest," a 21-year-old mother of a 19-month-old child. She was separated from an abusive husband and said she did not know how to handle her daughter's constant crying. You suggested she see a pediatrician for a referral to a child psychiatrist.

As a licensed marriage and family therapist, here's what I think: "Tired and Worried" appears to be a young, inexperienced mother who has lost control of her own life. Her 19-month-old may not need to see a child psychiatrist nearly as much as this

Write to Abby

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young mother needs a parenting skills class. They are offered at local adult education programs or community colleges, as well as the YMCA and many churches.

"Tired and Worried" could also use some personal therapy to help untangle herself from her controlling family, as well as develop assertion skills that may prevent her from getting into another abusive relationship. She can find referrals for low-cost counseling in the phone book or from her local community mental health agencies.

When this young woman wrote, "I'm on the verge of a mental breakdown," it was a cry for help that's needed before she—or her baby—is injured.

—JAELENE JAFFE, PH.D.
DEAR DR. JAFFE: Your solution may be better for our home and work environment through the decisions we make on how we'll act toward others. We create our standard of living through how much we make, and how we spend what we make. We help create the quality of life we live in by how we help to make it a better place for everyone. When we consciously decide to train for a higher paying job or communicate better with others, our lives should improve. When we take responsibility for our decisions to change or stay the same, we can then learn from both the successes and mistakes that result. When we don't take responsibility for our decisions there will always be someone else to blame for our shortcomings, and we never learn to improve.

We attract experiences into our lives through our attitude and thought processes. Like attracts like. Where there is one, there are usually more. Where there are optimists and forward looking people, where there are people who willingly work for the best, that is where you want to be if you want what they have. We naturally gravitate toward similarly positive and successful people. Isn't charisma attraction? Isn't charisma a valued quality? Consciously develop a positive, can-do attitude, and you will enjoy life more (and be more fun to be around).

Take responsibility for your attitude. Who else can determine if you are an optimist or pessimist? If we say "other people," we allow experiences in our lives to manage permission. This is where being aware or unaware is most critical. Do you consciously plan for good to happen in your life? Do you allow it when it comes? Do you accept it graciously? Do you consciously monitor your personal "self talk"? If not, you might unconsciously allow negativity to creep in and dominate your thoughts. Do you consciously expect respect from others? If not, you could allow others to treat you poorly, making it more difficult to have a strong, positive self-image. Take responsibility for what you allow to happen in your life. Passive acceptance is still permission. Guard against thoughts or actions by you or others that would compromise your personal fulfillment.

Take constructive actions. Have positive thoughts. Consciously accept experiences. Take full responsibility for your life. And, "you will meet with success uncommon in waking hours," Thoreau.

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Planetary neighbors meet in evening sky

If stars had personalities, Sirius, the brightest star in the sky, might be feeling a bit insecure right now. Earth's atmospheric makers Sirius change color and twinkle furiously as it sets in the west-southwest about 10 o'clock this time of year. Despite the garish display, Sirius is upstaged by Venus, which shines 10 times brighter.

As long as we're anthropomorphizing, pity poor Mars. While the red planet can occasionally give Venus a run for its money in the brightness department, it's currently approaching its farthest point from earth, shining feebly at magnitude 1.7 (barely brighter than the stars of the Big Dipper). Mars' inferiority complex is exacerbated by the fact that Venus will pass by it in the sky this week, allow a side-by-side comparison. As the week goes on, Venus will approach Mars from below, until the two sit one-third of a degree apart on Friday evening (so close that a full moon wouldn't fit in the space between them).

The difference in their brightness is a dead giveaway that Venus and Mars aren't really passing one another like ships in the



SKYWATCH
Chris Anderson

Sky calendar
(through Saturday)

- Planets: One hour before sunrise Comet Ikeya-Zhang: WNW, very high (above horizon all night) One hour after sunset: Mercury: WNW, very low Saturn: WNW, very low Venus: WNW, very low Mars: WNW, very low Jupiter: W Comet Ikeya-Zhang: NE, low (above horizon all night)
- Moon: New moon next Sunday, 5:45 a.m.

night. 90 million miles separates them. They will happen to lie in nearly the same direction as seen from earth, what astronomers call a conjunction.

Venus and Mars are our nearest planetary neighbors, but the visual contrast between them hints that they are as different as night and day. Venus is shrouded in a thick atmosphere of carbon dioxide that traps heat, raising the surface to the temperature of molten lead. Its water boiled away into space long ago. Its sulfuric acid clouds reflect 65 percent of the sunlight that strikes them, thus Venus' brilliance. Mars, on the other hand, has an insubstantial atmosphere that retains heat poorly, so its surface has become a desert in a deep-freeze. Its water is trapped below the ruddy soil as permafrost. Its dusty soil reflects only 15 percent of the sunlight that illuminates it.

P.S. Be remiss if I didn't out that Venus, Mars and Saturn form a nice little triangle in tomorrow evening's sky.

Next week: More on Sirius.
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Taurus: Many of your fondest desires will be fulfilled within 24 hours

IF MAY 27H IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you have natural talent as reporter, writer and psychologist. You are capable of getting story behind the story. You are romantic and exude sex appeal. Gemini, Virgo and Sagittarius persons play active roles in your life, could have these letters in names: E, N, W. Before this month is finished, you will make new start and seriously consider going into business for yourself. December profitable and romantic.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Family secret will be openly discussed; if diplomatic, you will emerge as a "hero." Focus will be on financial status, who gets credit for what. Libra figures prominently.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Within 24 hours, many of your fondest desires will be fulfilled. See people and relationships in

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realistic manner. Avoid self-deception. Pisces figures in scenario.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will win fight for "power play." Recognize and line up priorities. Deal gingerly with Capricorn. Cancer natives. Take charge of your own destiny. Antiques involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Long-range prospects come into clear focus. Finish what you start; don't give up the ship. Love relationship is serious. Don't break hearts—heart you break could be your own. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Obtain legal clearance. Make fresh start in different direction.

Circumstances take dramatic turn in your favor; you get proverbial lucky break. Another Leo plays role.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Lie low, play waiting game. Family member needs your support; give it while working "backstage." Focus on where you live and with whom. Question of marriage looms large.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Separation from loved one is temporary. Add wit, humor, intelligence and intellectual curiosity. Turn on Libra charm. Give affection to Gemini who needs it. Accent versatility.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You could be involved in sale or purchase of home. Settlement due; you will get your fair share. Stand tall, don't go anywhere that in hand. Taurus represented.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Start a

diary! Take notes, especially of dreams. Written words play major roles in your life tonight. Filtration more serious than expected. Virgo will figure prominently.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Attention revolves around restoration of domestic harmony. If married, love spark reignites. If single, you could encounter future mate. Taurus, Libra and Scorpio play role.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Listen and observe. Those who regarded you as "defeated" will be in for spectacular surprise. You transform the mediocre into the extraordinary. Pisces is in picture.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Focus on promotion, pressure builds to him at 2394 Wellington Circle East, Tallahassee, Fla. 32308 or send e-mail to ism@hyperstress.com. He