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With the sunset of the \$4.8 million Albertson grant, the money might be disappearing, but that doesn't necessarily mean the end of this school-business partnership.



Jakob Miller, 17, an ARTEC student, assembles a new computer for the Jerome School District at Jerome High School. While some districts have reaped a windfall of technical equipment from the program, officials at some school districts say the regional program doesn't fit their needs.

'Scratching the surface' After three years, ARTEC legacy remains uncertain

By Robert Mayer Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It's a tall order for a nonprofit organization. Improve technical programs at every high school in the Magic Valley. Help schools churn out better-educated students. And, in the process, make it so businesses no longer have to lament the lack of better-prepared workers.

The Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition was created in 1998 to do all that. Executive Director David Sass describes ARTEC as "just a bunch of do-gooders" trying to improve education in south-central Idaho.

A one-time, \$4.8 million J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation grant - the foundation's largest grant in Idaho - given in 1999 helped these "do-gooders" greatly expand ARTEC's strategies. Sass was able to stretch the grant money into a fourth year.

But as ARTEC enters what could be its final year, despite plenty of work left to do, its future - and its accomplishments - remain uncertain.

If one measures ARTEC success by the number of students enrolled, the number of teachers specially trained and the thousands of dollars in equipment

given to districts, then ARTEC certainly has achieved plenty. But with every grand endeavor, there are pitfalls.

Collaboration among most school districts still leaves something to be desired. Evidence of exactly how much better-trained students are - and if businesses have benefited - remains elusive.

Moreover, the Albertson Foundation has informed ARTEC midstream that it needs to change direction. It must abandon its previous three-year approach and now focus primarily on developing high school "academics" and a distance learning system, Sass said.

The hits Using a decentralized approach, ARTEC works on the principle of economies of scale: That is, districts working in harmony can get more done and develop better programs than if they merely operate as independent entities.

School districts have reaped a windfall from ARTEC. Some \$2.1 million has been distributed to participating districts in the form of technical equipment and teacher training. Compare that with the total of \$125,000 that districts had to pay in dues since 1999, and the rate of return is tremendous.

Human side of the story

Simplot closure affects real people

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

HEYBURN - For some, the children at their kitchen tables give impending job loss extra urgency.

For some J.R. Simplot Co. workers in Heyburn, the spud plant's closure will eliminate both of one household's incomes. Or end an institution to which families have dedicated generations.

Some must remedy the lack of high school diplomas or English skills before they reach the starting line in the race for new jobs. Some wonder whether the tasks they perform at Simplot will be of use to anyone else.

And some have two short months before they clock out at Simplot for the last time.

By the time the potato processor shuts down its Heyburn plant in 2004, it will directly eliminate something like 600 jobs.

That's 600 human stories of grief and hope.



Stakes are high - D1

Times-News readers will witness the departure of a long-standing employer - one of Magic Valley's largest - through the eyes of displaced workers as the newspaper follows several of them through the process of starting over.

In today's Money section, Times-News readers will meet Mary Lou Herbert.

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Canal company calls for water conservation

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The 2002 irrigation season is coming in for a landing, as Vince Alberdi explains it.

There is just enough fuel in Alberdi's metaphorical jet to touch down the levels - A2

"Our best calculations are that we can make it, but it's going to be tight," said Alberdi, general manager of the Twin Falls Canal Co.

The canal company is asking irrigators who have finished watering for the season to not delay in notifying their ditch riders that they are done with the water. Alberdi, who was eyeing Friday's cloudy skies with hopes for rain, wants farmers to conserve water where they can and avoid stretching the supply to the limit.

If water use continues status quo, he calculated that the canal company will end the irrigation season in October with only about 535 acre feet of water in storage. One acre foot of water covers one acre of ground with one foot of water. The Twin Falls tract covers 202,690 irrigated acres.

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Saudi man wanted in terror probe surrenders

The Associated Press

Son becomes Islamic militant - A12

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates - A 21-year-old Saudi man sought by the FBI on suspicion of associating with the Sept. 11 hijackers has surrendered to Saudi authorities, his father said Saturday.

Saud Abdulaziz Saud al-Rasheed turned himself in to Saudi Arabia's Interior Ministry on Thursday to prove his innocence after learning of the FBI's worldwide alert for his arrest, his

father told The Associated Press from Riyadh.

The Saudi Interior Ministry on Saturday would not confirm or deny it was holding the youngest al-Rasheed. The FBI did not respond Saturday to requests for comment.

The FBI issued a bulletin Tuesday

night seeking the younger al-Rasheed's immediate arrest, saying he was suspected of being associated with the hijackers who flew planes into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and who seized a third plane that crashed in a Pennsylvania field.

The bulletin said a picture from al-Rasheed's Saudi passport, issued in May 2000, was found among material "previously recovered during the war on terrorism" and found to be related to the Sept. 11 hijackers.



Saud Abdulaziz Saud al-Rasheed

DEATH ROW RELEASE

Idaho man adjusts to life after 18 years in prison

The Associated Press

BOISE - Charles Irwin Fain, who spent almost two decades in prison for a crime he did not commit, marked the one-year anniversary of his release from prison on Friday.

Yet many details of the formerly convicted killer's new life are strikingly similar to those of his 18-year

incarceration.

He watches the same television ser and listens to the same radio he owned in prison. He still sleeps in a bare, single bed in a rented \$200-a-month room about the same size as his cell on death row.

He just tries to get along, day by day.

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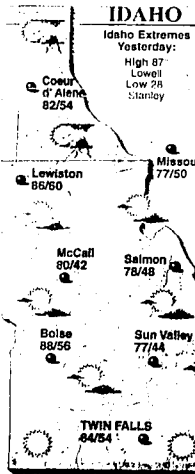


Former death row inmate Charles Fain sands the fender of his 1984 Ford Galaxy, Aug. 20 at his home in West Boise. Fain was released from Idaho's death row in 2001 when new DNA evidence proved him innocent.

<p>7 days, 7 reasons to read</p> <p>Once bitten</p> <p>Protect yourself from the West Nile virus.</p> <p>Monday</p>	<p>Faster and faster</p> <p>Gamers gobble up souped-up PCs.</p> <p>Tuesday</p>	<p>Hang some baskets</p> <p>A Burley gardener did, and is roof-deep in beauty.</p> <p>Wednesday</p>	<p>Take a dive</p> <p>Idaho offers a variety of scuba diving locations.</p> <p>Thursday</p>	<p>Wagons, ho!</p> <p>The biggest and bawdiest parade in south-central Idaho rolls into Ketchum.</p> <p>Friday</p>	<p>Get your gospel music</p> <p>Liberty is coming to the Twin Falls fair.</p> <p>Saturday</p>	<p>Titans clash</p> <p>BSU and UI meet for their annual gridiron matchup.</p> <p>Sunday</p>
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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY



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Twin Falls today 6 p.m. yesterday

Temperature

High	81	74
Normal high	82	75
High/low last year	82	75
Record high	95	119
Record low	37	19

Precipitation

24 hours ending 6 p.m. yest.	0.00"
Month to date	0.24"
Normal month to date	0.24"
Water year to date (Oct. 1)	6.75"
Normal year to date (Oct. 1)	10.20"

Humidity

Yesterday at noon	30%
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Barometric Pressure

Yesterday at 6 p.m.	30.11 in.
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TP pollen count yesterday: 78

(High) chesnut, Russian thistle, iodine bush, nettle, grass. Mod. High

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

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

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
▲84° ▼	▼54°	▲82° ▼54°	▲84° ▼56°	▲88° ▼54°	▲86° ▼55°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: A good day of sunshine today with a warm afternoon. Temperatures will generally range in the 80s. Clear tonight. More sunshine tomorrow.

Boise: Sunshine and a low clouds today with a warm afternoon. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Another day of sunshine tomorrow. A thunderstorm may occur on Tuesday.

Northern Nevada: High pressure will provide abundant sunshine today with a warm afternoon. Clear tonight. Sunny and warm again tomorrow.

Northern Utah: High pressure will provide plenty of sunshine today with a rather warm afternoon. Temperatures will be near 90 degrees. Clear tonight.

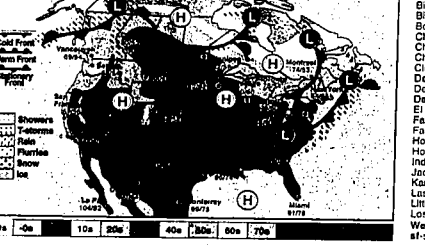
Northern Idaho: Clouds will mix with some sunshine today; an afternoon thunderstorm or two. Partly cloudy tonight. Some sunshine again tomorrow; slight chance for a thunderstorm.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday (for the 48 contiguous states)

High 109° in Death Valley, CA Low 28° in Stanley, ID

NATIONAL WEATHER



CANADIAN CITIES

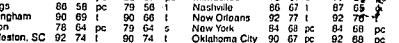
City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Calgary	80	53	70	50
Edmonton	82	59	75	50
Kelowna	86	57	78	48
Regina	80	56	73	57
Saskatoon	79	54	77	55
Vancouver	84	64	72	52
Winnipeg	82	57	71	51

WORLD CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Albuquerque	91	77	87	78
Atlanta	88	68	85	68
Boston	85	62	82	63
Chicago	91	77	91	78
Denver	91	75	91	78
Hong Kong	87	78	81	65
Los Angeles	88	76	88	78
London	84	59	85	59
Manila	84	68	84	68
Moscow	78	53	80	58
New York	84	68	84	68
Paris	80	57	82	63
San Francisco	82	68	82	68
Sydney	83	69	84	69
Tokyo	84	68	84	68
Washington	88	75	88	75
Zurich	70	61	78	61

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 6:55 a.m.
 Sunset tonight: 6:24 p.m.
 Moonrise today: 10:23 p.m.
 Moonset tonight: 5:05 a.m.



UV INDEX TODAY



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

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Atlanta	87	64	87	64
Baltimore	86	68	86	68
Birmingham	80	69	80	69
Chicago	80	65	80	65
Cincinnati	82	64	82	64
Dallas	88	68	88	68
Denver	88	68	88	68
Detroit	88	68	88	68
Houston	88	68	88	68
Los Angeles	88	68	88	68
London	88	68	88	68
Manila	88	68	88	68
Moscow	88	68	88	68
New York	88	68	88	68
Paris	88	68	88	68
San Francisco	88	68	88	68
Sydney	88	68	88	68
Tokyo	88	68	88	68
Washington	88	68	88	68
Zurich	88	68	88	68

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Boise	88	68	88	68
Burley	87	67	87	67
Coeur d'Alene	82	62	82	62
Elko	86	66	86	66
Eugene, OR	78	58	78	58
Hagerman	88	68	88	68
Idaho Falls	83	63	83	63
Kalispell, MT	74	54	74	54
Lewiston	87	67	87	67
Malta	85	65	85	65

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Total system capacity: 4,165,708 acre feet
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- 1,084,546 acre feet System is 27% filled

Source: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Dam	Capacity	Contents	% Full
Henny's Lake	90,000 AF	64,181 AF	71%
Island Park Dam	135,205 AF	42,371 AF	31%
Grassy Lake	15,182 AF	13,260 AF	87%
Jackson Lake	847,000 AF	449,635 AF	53%
Palisades Dam	2,000,000 AF	178,948 AF	15%
Milner Dam	38,000 AF	37,602 AF	99%
Lake Walcott	95,180 AF	87,144 AF	92%
Ririe Dam	80,540 AF	39,662 AF	49%

*As of Aug 22

Water

to ensure the canal company doesn't need to tap into 20,000 acre feet of water - the jet's back-up "tank" - received through an agreement made last year with groundwater pumps. That water can be carried into 2003 if it is not used up this year.

And with the reservoir system down, irrigators want to agree as much water as they can for next season should they be faced with another dry year.

The entire region's water supply is near last year's critically low levels. Key storage reservoirs for Twin Falls and Northside irrigators - Palisades and American Falls - are only 15 percent and 10 percent full, respectively.

About 1 million acre feet of water remains in the upper Snake River reservoir system. That is close to the amount left at the end of the critical 2001 irrigation season.

Conditions were somewhat better this year for Twin Falls farmers. They were able to make it through the season without reductions below a full share of their water rights. Last year the canal company had to reduce deliveries to make it through the season.

And Mike Beus with the Bureau of Reclamation in Burley says he doesn't know of any irrigation districts scheduling temporary shutdowns like some did last year. Shutdowns were needed to help stretch water to the end of the season.

"So far so good," Beus said. If the region doesn't see moisture and crops don't mature soon, some districts could be faced with shortages, Beus said.

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Simplot

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Herbers' samples and tests waste at the processor's treatment plant and expects that job to last until 2004. But not forever. She's already starting to brush up on job-hunting skills.

On Wednesday, we'll introduce readers to Cindy Gierisch, who drives a forklift in a Simplot warehouse.

Herbert and Gierisch have agreed to let a writer and a photographer share some key moments in their lives over the coming months or years. We'll speak with them periodically - and with other Simplot workers - as they ponder their options and chart their futures.

Herbert and Gierisch say they're not in the most desperate of situations. Neither supports children. Neither is on the list for Nov. 1 layoffs. Both speak English and have easily demonstrated job skills.

Others aren't so fortunate.

Simplot in July said the initial round of layoffs Nov. 1 will put 295 hourly and 14 salaried employees out of work in the

spud plant. Some of the company's related jobs will be eliminated, too.

The state's Job Service surveyed Simplot's Heyburn workers in May. Of the 222 who responded, close to 25 percent indicated they wanted or needed to earn high school diplomas. A Jim Cassin Job Service consultant, regional labor economist for the Idaho Department of Labor.

About 15 percent of those who responded used only Spanish. Roughly 30 percent wanted to pursue or complete bachelor's or other college degrees. Close to half wanted to shoot for one to two-year vocational-technical degrees.

"It think the trends would hold for the whole work force," Rogers said.

A GED or high school diploma has almost become a requirement for a job search.

"Especially if you're looking for new work, you've almost got to have a high school diploma," he said. And, of course, if you want to enter most college programs.

The Labor Department is sending Simplot employees on start working on their GEDs

even if they're not on the Nov. 1 layoff list.

"Because they need to build a bridge to the future," Rogers said.

Those who speak only Spanish typically will find fresh-pack operators and factories willing to hire them, said Ch Jepperson, a Jim Cassin Job Service consultant. Entering new careers will be more difficult.

"But not impossible," he said.

Rogers estimates that 10 of 15 percent of Simplot's Heyburn work force has readily transferable skills for which there is a shortage in Magic Valley, such as electricians, maintenance mechanics, welders.

Their colleagues who cut out pots of potatoes at the trim tables, or stand for eight hours at a stretch to sort spuds, also have skills that are valuable to employers. They're sought after, Stamina or punctuality, for instance.

But they'll have to recognize those skills themselves, and learn to sell them to employers.

Release

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The difference - and there is a world of it - is his room is unlocked and guarded. His roommates are not killers. And he can walk out into a warm summer evening any time he feels like it.

And there is one less visible change in the formerly convicted murderer's life: He does not have to fight for his life while waiting for his execution. Charles Fain is free.

"It's been an amazing journey, that about all I can say," Fain said in a constantly quiet, church voice.

Advanced forensic DNA technology was not yet developed when Fain was convicted for the 1983 kidnapping, sexual assault and drowning of 9-year-old Daralyn Johnson of Nampa.

But last year, when tests on public hair found on Daralyn's body were found not to be Fain's, a federal judge ordered the state to either retry or release him. Fain walked out of prison on Aug. 23, 2001, after living an 18-year time warp on Idaho's death row.

Directly after his release, Fain, who will be 54 on Sept. 3, moved to Portland, Ore., to live with his older sister. Family arguments set the two apart, and in November, Fain returned to Boise with little money, few skills and fewer prospects. He struggled to weel on the job, but thought of taking his own life.

"You get depressed, trying to find work. People like your story, but they won't say, 'OK, Let's go to work,'" he said. "I'm past that now, but for a short period, it was pretty overwhelming."

A temporary labor agency eventually hired him. He performed so well on the job, the light industrial company Dixon Containers put him on the full-time payroll last week.

He works \$8 an hour as an assistant machine operator. It is not much, but it is enough to cover the \$200 he pays to rent an additional bedroom at the back of an ancient mobile home he shares with two other men, a construction framer and a street sweeper.

Mike Casey, superintendent of Dixon Containers, said he hired Fain after he worked for several months as a temporary general laborer.

"From the first day, he was honest and up front. He shared that with the government. Now, although his lawyers have filed an unanswered \$20 million claim against the state and Canyon County for wrongful imprisonment, Fain says he is still not angry."

"They can't give it back. I'd just like for them to acknowledge that it was a mistake. What's so hard about that? Everybody makes mistakes," he said.

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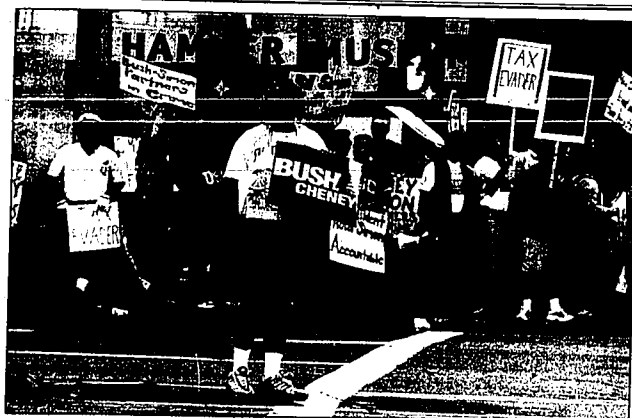
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A lone supporter of President Bush stands in front of anti-Bush protesters outside a Bill Simon for Governor breakfast attended by Bush Saturday in Los Angeles.

Bush presses politics and policy during swing of Western states

LOS ANGELES (AP) - President Bush barnstormed for Republican candidates Saturday, ending a three-state tour in the West with fund-raising stops in California and New Mexico.

The GOP was counting on his prowess in attracting political donors as the party hopes to wrest California's governor's mansion from the Democrats and retain hold in New Mexico against a challenge from a big-name Democrat.

The appearances marked the end of a policy and politics swing that included a visit to Oregon. Bush lost all three states to Al Gore in the 2000 presidential campaign, and his trip was at least partly to firm up GOP money sources for his 2004 run.

In Oregon and California, Bush was dogged by boisterous, sometimes violent protesters. Outside a Los Angeles breakfast fundraiser Saturday for gubernatorial candidate Bill Simon, scores of demonstrators, some holding red octagonal signs blaring "Stop Bush," shouted chants and banged drums.

Bush will step up war of words with Iraq

U.S. officials hope strategy will reframe public debate

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration has drawn up plans to escalate the war of words against Iraq this fall, with new campaigns to step up pressure on Baghdad and rally world opinion behind the U.S. drive to oust Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

This week, the State Department will begin mobilizing Iraqis from across North America, Europe and the Arab world, training them to appear on talk shows, write op-ed pieces and give speeches on reasons to end Hussein's rule, among other things.

"We're going to put them on the front line of winning the public hearts and minds. It's one thing for an American to get up and talk about regime change in Iraq. It's quite another thing when Iraqis do it," said one State Department official, who requested anonymity.

The program reflects the administration's increasing focus on making Iraqis key players in the quest to change both the leadership and the political system in Baghdad.

"We believe the principal

engine for transforming Iraq is the Iraqi people, and, ultimately, we hope that they are going to be freeing themselves of Saddam's tyranny," Douglas Fieth, undersecretary of Defense for policy, said in an interview aired Friday on Radio Sava, a new U.S.-funded, Arabic-language station.

"The United States will perhaps be in a position to help that along, but the future that we see for Iraq is a future that would be based on the Iraqi people freeing themselves from the oppression that they are suffering," Fieth said.

In contrast to other Middle East groups, Iraqi exiles have not mobilized in most communities where they have settled. That is an issue of increasing concern in Washington, which often appears to be going it alone without much visible support from the estimated 300,000 Iraqis in the United States or the 4 million exiles worldwide.

"Iraqi Americans have been invisible, which is a product of Saddam's oppression. Iraqis have feared speaking out because of the harassment and intimidation of family and relatives back home," said Azam al Wash, a geologist from Long Beach, Calif., who was invited to the Aug. 27-30 training sessions in Washington. Al Wash left Iraq in 1978, when he was 20.

After Labor Day, U.S. officials intend to be more visible themselves in explaining U.S. objectives in Iraq in public appearances and overseas media, State Department officials said.

"It's no accident that we're torquing up the language. A decision was made this week by the Iraq public diplomacy group to do more," said one administration official, referring to a group that includes senior officials from the State Department, the Pentagon and the National Security Council. "There's a feeling that it's time to start moving the rhetoric forward."

The higher profiles of U.S. officials and Iraqis reflects a short-term strategy to lay the groundwork for longer-term goals, and perhaps accelerate the process of change.

"The question has been, in the absence of military action, what can we do? So ratcheting up the rhetoric is the kind of thing we can do now. We can stir the pot and see what happens (inside Iraq). It could push someone over the edge to act," said the administration official.

U.S. officials and Iraqis outside their homeland hope the strategy will reframe the public debate, which is increasingly questioning why Washington feels an urgent need to move against Baghdad. Both parties hope to deflect that issue with other questions.

Candidate targets corporate greed

WASHINGTON (AP) - Citizens believe corporate greed is influencing the high cost of prescription drugs and cutting into people's retirement savings, the Democratic candidate for the Senate from Maine said Saturday in her party's radio address.

Chelle Pingree said Maine residents ask her why pharmaceutical companies are blocking reforms to help them pay for expensive prescription drugs. She said others are worried that corporate

scandals will hurt their life's savings. "By introducing new criminal penalties for CEOs who act illegally, Democrats have made it clear. We on the side of the American families, taxpayers, investors and businesses that pay their fair share and play by the rules," Pingree said.

Pingree said Democrats will try to reduce prescription drug costs, strengthen Social Security and hold companies accountable.

"We'll close the loopholes that allow the big corporations to avoid their responsibilities and shelter taxes overseas," said Pingree, who is challenging Republican Sen. Susan Collins in the November election.

As a state senator in Maine, Pingree sponsored a bill creating the Maine prescription law, in which the state is authorized to negotiate lower drug prices with large manufacturers in order to reduce prices for 300,000 residents.

Throughout her campaign, Pingree has been baking pies and giving them away at events with her recipes and cards.

Knife victim may have uttered name of attacker

WARSAW, Ky. (AP) - Naked and bleeding from a cut to her throat, a piece of duct tape around one wrist, Carolyn Marksberry uttered a name as she collapsed into a neighbor's house after a man killed two of her children and wounded a third.

"She was saying the guy's name - Marc Chapman," said neighbor Mike Schlachta said Saturday, recalling how he was awakened early the previous morning as Marksberry rang his doorbell and collapsed inside.

Marco Chapman, a youth soccer coach last fall in this Ohio River town, 20 miles northwest of Cincinnati was arrested and jailed in West Virginia, where he was awaiting extradition. Police in Kentucky charged him with murder, assault and burglary in the attack that killed Chibi Sharon, 7, and her 6-year-old brother, Cody.

Marksberry remained in critical condition Saturday at a Cincinnati hospital. A 10-year-old daughter who survived the attack, Courtney Sharon, was in fair condition.

Friends and neighbors of Marksberry said Chapman had been dating one of her close friends. That woman had broken up with Chapman sometime before Friday's attack, said Lisa Asher, another of Marksberry's friends.

Company behind charity events closes doors

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A for-profit company that organizes charity events for AIDS and breast cancer-related causes has shut its doors and laid off its more than 250 employees, a former spokeswoman said Saturday.

Palotta TeamWorks founder Dan Palotta told employees the shutdown was intended to save money and ensure its events could go on as planned, said spokeswoman Janna Sidley, who was among those laid off Friday.

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Building the case against Enron

Analysts say implicating top company execs in fraud, money laundering will be tough

By Ted Brils
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - The plea agreement with a key Enron Corp. official gives prosecutors an insider who promises to help them unravel the role the company's former financial officer may have played in its collapse.

Experts believe building any criminal case against other top executives - including former chief executive Jeffrey K. Skilling and former chairman Kenneth Lay - will be immensely more difficult for the Justice Department.

These executives personally arrested Enron's financial documents that contained serious accounting errors, which could represent securities violations, experts said. But experts said it will be difficult, even impossible, to implicate Skilling or Lay in the typical fraud or money laundering crimes that Michael J. Kopper admitted to last week.



Michael J. Kopper Pleaded guilty, will cooperate

Enron's internal investigation found that Skilling was "almost entirely uninvolved in the (investigative) process, notwithstanding representations made to the board that he had undertaken a significant role." Others said Lay was even more well known for his hands-off approach to the day-to-day operations at Enron.

When Skilling testified this year at congressional oversight hearings, he said: "I was not aware of any inappropriate financing arrangements designed to conceal liabilities or overstate earnings."

Kopper, once a trusted aide to chief financial officer Andrew S. Fastow, was at the crux of at least three partnerships - known as "Buhls" - between Enron and Houston - that conducted complicated business deals with the company.

The partnerships were portrayed to investors and federal regulators as outside entities but secretly had too-close ties to Enron. Prosecutors in court papers tied Kopper's roles in those deals closely to Fastow and said Kopper distributed profits to Fastow, Fastow's wife and other family members. Fastow named another controversial partnership at Enron after his wife and two young children.

"This applies enormous pressure," said Robert A. Mintz, a former federal prosecutor. "The plea by Kopper will no doubt hasten

the government's ability to move more quickly against Fastow and possibly against Lay and Skilling." Fastow has not been charged or indicted. A spokesman, Gordon Andrew, declined comment. He said last week that Fastow would respond at the appropriate time and in the appropriate forum.

Fastow's lawyer, David Boies, was in Africa until the end of August and could not be contacted.

There's no question that Michael Kopper locks down the government's case against Andy Fastow," said Jacob Frenkel, a former federal prosecutor and enforcement official at the Securities and Exchange Commission. "Based on Kopper's pleadings, Fastow's hands are as dirty as anyone."

Based largely on information already turned over by Kopper, the government used an unusually aggressive tactic most frequently employed against drug kingpins: It sought to seize \$2.1 million in bank accounts that prosecutors alleged contained money from illegal Enron deals largely organized by Kopper and Fastow.

The amount included nearly \$12.8 million held by Fastow, his family or his family's foundation, plus \$9.3 million more from other former Enron workers. In addition, Fastow's new, \$2.6 million home under construction in Houston also could be seized.

Kopper agreed to surrender \$12 million more, and he faces up to 15 years in prison.

A U.S. magistrate in Texas froze some financial accounts of Fastow's family, in sealed rulings, amid indications that his brother, Peter Fastow, tried to move millions of dollars out of one of the accounts.

Scrutiny by prosecutors of Fastow's brother and family - his wife was paid \$54,000 as an administrative assistant to Kopper - probably will compel Fastow to reach a plea agreement with prosecutors, experts said.

"I would not be at all surprised to see Andy Fastow signing on the dotted line fairly soon to join Team USA," Frenkel said. "When Fastow looks around his house and looks at family pictures ... he has constant reminders of the serious consequences to others close to him if he decides to say 'I did nothing wrong.'"

Agents claim link between German cell, bin Laden

BERLIN (AP) - German investigators said Sunday they believe that Mohamed Atta and two other Sept. 11 hijackers trained at al-Qaida camps in Afghanistan from late 1999 to early 2000, providing their most detailed evidence yet of a link between the Hamburg terror cell and Osama bin Laden's network.

Germany's Federal Criminal Office, the country's equivalent of the FBI, also revealed new evidence that an April 11 truck bombing at a Tunisian synagogue that killed 19 people, most of them German tourists, was the work of al-Qaida.

Atta, the suspected ringleader of the Sept. 11 hijackers, was in Afghanistan training camps at about the same time as four other Arabs from Hamburg, said a Federal Criminal Office spokesman, confirming a New York Times report quoting the agency's head, Klaus Ulrich Kersten.

Two of the men, Ziad Jarrah and Marwan al-Shehhi, are suspected of piloting planes hijacked in the Sept. 11 attacks. Two others, Said Bahaji and Ramzi bin al-Shibh, left Germany shortly before the attacks and are being sought on German warrants charging them with complicity.

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FBI seeks senators' records in leak probe

WASHINGTON (AP) - FBI agents investigating the leak of classified information have asked members of the Senate Intelligence Committee for telephone records, schedules and other documents indicating any conversations lawmakers had with reporters.

In an Aug. 7 letter to the Senate general counsel's office that was forwarded to committee members, the FBI seeks a broad range of records from senators and aides that might indicate press contacts, including schedules maintained on electronic devices such as Palm Pilots, people familiar with the investigation said Saturday.

The FBI wants information on any contact those senators had with reporters between noon on June 18 to 3:15 p.m. on June 19. That is when CNN reported the details of two Arabic-language messages the National Security Agency intercepted Sept. 10 making vague references to an impending attack on the United States. Other news organizations also reported on the messages.

The FBI previously asked lawmakers to consider taking lie detector tests. Several objected to the request, saying it intruded into the separation of powers between the congressional and executive branches of government. The FBI did not pursue it.

The House and Senate Intelligence Committees are conducting a joint inquiry into the Sept. 11 attacks.

They requested the FBI leak investigation in June after news organizations reported details of the NSA intercepts. An intelligence source told The Associated Press they contained the phrases, "Tomorrow is zero hour" and "The match is about to begin." The intercepts were not translated until Sept. 12.

Paul Anderson, a spokesman for the committee chairman, Sen. Bob Graham, said Graham "has instructed his staff to begin gathering the materials that are requested in the FBI letter, and we intend to comply fully."

The FBI declined comment Saturday.

Officials now say they believe bin Laden's alive

Knight Ridder News Service

area of southeastern Afghanistan. According to the reports, the al-Qaida leader, accompanied by 20 or 30 Arabs, is moving constantly and frequently spending the night in the countryside to escape detection. Pakistani officials have said that while they don't consider the evidence conclusive either, they do consider the reports to be reliable.

American intelligence and counterterrorism officials, however, are as skeptical of the latest reports as they have been of all the others, one of which reported bin Laden on the run toward Chad in Africa. Another unconfirmed report, this one from the Russian intelligence service, had bin Laden traveling through the Persian Gulf on an Algerian passport.

Among other things, they note, reporting that bin Laden has been spotted in Afghanistan, like reporting that he's probably dead, might be intended to relieve the pressure on the Pakistani government to hunt him down in that country's remote tribal areas, where he also reportedly has been sighted numerous times.

The evidence isn't conclusive, and U.S. counterterrorism officials said Friday that they have no independent confirmation of the Pakistani reports and no proof of whether bin Laden is dead or alive.

But the new reports from Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence are noteworthy because they differ from the agency's earlier position and they contradict Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf, who earlier this month told a Russian news agency that bin Laden could be dead.

According to U.S. officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, the ISI is now reporting that Afghan tribesmen have told Pakistani intelligence officers they've seen bin Laden near the villages of Marud, Dargay and Yalhya in a remote, mountainous

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Lightning strike leaves 3 dead at cemetery

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The funeral was just beginning Tuesday in a rural southwest Missouri. Four people huddled under a tree, sharing one umbrella between them.

Charles Turk was watching from across the road, sitting in his truck, when there was a flash of lightning.

"All at once," Turk said, "there was a ball of fire that appeared at the base of the tree. Four people just fell over. I couldn't believe it."

Three of them were fatally injured in the Friday morning incident. As identified by news services, the fatalities were: Leroy Hendrix, 82; Billy J. Burgess, 66; and Joretta Gray, 71, all of Springfield. Gray's husband, Junior, 70, was in critical condition at St. John's Regional

"They were blown out at different locations of the body."

- Charles Turk, witness

Health Center in Springfield. A storm moved through around 10 a.m. 10 miles northwest of Springfield, just as the open-casket services were beginning.

Turk said it wasn't a particularly severe storm; there wasn't a lot of lightning. Earlier in the morning, he even thought the storm would go around them, he said.

Turk, 62, and his son, Chris, who live across the road from the cemetery, had just returned from their farm when the lightning struck.

"There was this boom," he

said. "It sounded like a bomb went off. I slammed the brakes on the truck. We jumped out and ran up there."

"They found the four victims collapsed in a heap under the tree."

"Their clothes were just in rags," Turk said. "They were blown out at different locations of the body. One dear lady, her clothes were just nothing but threads."

Turk said it appeared the lightning had struck the umbrellas they were sharing. It was blown apart, and one man's hand was badly burned, he said.

Chris Turk, a former state trooper, began performing CPR on the victims. Charles Turk called 911 from his son's cell phone, then ran to nearby Tatum Chapel Baptist Church to get Pastor Darryl Walker, a former

firefighter who also knew CPR. Within a few minutes, Turk said, paramedics arrived and took the four victims to Springfield hospitals. Turk said he tried to coax the rest of the mourners out of the rain and into their cars.

"People were just walking around in shock," he said. "Some people were screaming. But there was just disbelief. They were just kind of wandering."

The Greene County coroner's office said Hendrix and Burgess were pronounced dead on arrival at Cox Medical Center North in Springfield, shortly after 11 a.m. Joretta Gray died a few hours later at St. John's.

Turk said Burgess was a neighbor - "a fine old gentleman who lives around the corner," who had lost his wife to Alzheimer's disease about 18 months ago.

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Successful cremations, including those in the Chicago area, have signed up to offer the memorial diamonds, which will start at about \$4,000 for a quarter-carat.

"This is sorely needed for families who choose cremation," said Doug Ahlgrim, director of Ahlgrim & Sons Funeral Services. "An urn is beautiful in its own right, but you certainly can't take it wherever you go."

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Oldest American, born in 1888, dies at 114

SAN DIEGO (AP) - Adelina Domingues, who was recognized as the oldest living American, has died at the age of 114.

Domingues died in her sleep Wednesday afternoon, said Rebecca Williams, administrator of Brighton Place, the nursing home where Domingues lived since 1995.

Though Domingues had remained physically active and mentally sharp, her health had declined over the last month.

"I just think at 114, it was just her time," her granddaughter Deborah Murphy said Friday.

Domingues was born in the Cape Verde Islands and celebrated her birth year was 1887, which would have made her 115 and the oldest person in the world. But a search turned up a baptism date of 1888. The Guinness Book of Records ruled she was 114 with a birthdate of Feb. 19, 1888.



Adelina Domingues is shown here in March 22 in Spring Valley, Calif.

The oldest known living person is Kumato Hongo of Japan, who was born on Sept. 16, 1887.

Born to an Italian sea captain and a Cape Verdean woman, Domingues was 18 when she

married Jose Domingues, a whaling captain. The couple moved to New Bedford, Mass., in 1907. They raised four children while Adelina worked as a seamstress.

After her husband died in 1950, Domingues moved to Southern California to be near her son Frank, who died in Palm Desert in 1998.

Murphy, the daughter of Frank Domingues, said his passing was devastating to her grandmother, who lost her first son when he was 2 and another son and a daughter when they were teenagers.

"She asked why she would still be alive and have to bury her last child," said Murphy, of Hookstown, Pa.

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North Dakota school will no longer cheer for Satan

DEVILS LAKE, N.D. (AP) - Satan has been banished from Devils Lake.

High school teams here no longer will be known as the Satans, the school's nickname for nearly 80 years.

The school board unanimously voted Monday night to immediately drop the nickname and mascot and start the process of finding a new name to represent its athletic teams.

The 50 vote brought applause, hugs and a few tears of joy from an audience that favored change.

"It's hard to stand up and cheer for the Satans," said Kellie Karlstad, a parent of three and

the junior varsity girls basketball coach. "It's not an appropriate name for children."

Supporters of the change said the Satans nickname had brought division and a negative image.

"As far as finding one positive for keeping the nickname, I can't," board member Julie Schemionek said. "I believe in tradition. But sometimes, traditions need to be changed."

School Board Chairman Kevin Regan, a Devils Lake alumnus and athlete, said he had not been bothered by the nickname.

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"It's like winning the lottery," said Castleford School District Superintendent Ken Murley. "In fact, ARTEC was designed to help tiny districts — such as Castleford, with its one school and 550 students — that would never have enough money to properly develop technical programs. The fact that Castleford has a respectable ag program is courtesy of \$59,000 from ARTEC to buy welders, pipe benders and computers."

"ARTEC was the key player. I doubt it would have happened without the program," Superintendent Kelly Murphy said. "The same refrain is repeated in several other districts. We've benefited tremendously," said Buhl School District Superintendent Richard Hill. "It's been an absolute plus."

Most agree that without ARTEC money, many programs would not have developed. Hill said that without ARTEC's \$243,000, Buhl High School would not have its auto mechanics program.

Twin Falls High School's information technology program probably would have happened without ARTEC, Superintendent Terrell Donich said. But the infusion of \$10,000 from ARTEC helped bring the program to life in a single year, rather than the several years required had the district paid for it alone.

"One hundred thousand dollars is a big chunk of money to put into a single program," Donich said. ARTEC dollars are put into each district to receive training from the Mid-continental Regional Education Laboratory. "That's been wonderful," said Gayle Yakovlev, principal of Gooding High School. "In addition, ARTEC has brought in qualified experts from around the country and flown local educators to technological seminars throughout the country. Perhaps more important is the increased student interest in technical programs. ARTEC started with 52 students in 1996. In May 2002, it had 1,032 students participating in professional-technical programs."

"That's a heck of an increase in just a few years," Saxe said. Of those students, 123 earned industry certificates.

The misses

But the original idea of having students travel to other districts — for instance, Kimberly students traveling to Hansen to take classes in its residential construction program — hasn't panned out as much as some had hoped.

There are exceptions. The triangle of Castleford, Buhl and Filer has a successful arrangement. Buhl specializes in auto mechanics and Filer in agriculture solutions, and a fair number of students leave their host schools to take classes at others.

While nearly 200 students in the valley study at a different high school, most do so through distance learning.

Generally, the physical distance has been too much to overcome. That frustrates Saxe, particularly because student surveys originally indicated that they'd be willing to travel to other schools to study.

"So far kids have been more reluctant than we guessed," Saxe said. "People still identify most closely with their own community and for the most part don't see beyond their school. I don't know why that is."

The Valley School District left ARTEC because the 20-minute trip to Burley to attend the Cassia Regional Technical Center is operated independently by the Cassia County School District — was more convenient.

In more far-flung schools such as Glens Ferry and Gooding, students are willing to travel to Jerome or Twin Falls to attend classes.

As a result, much hope is riding on distance learning, in which students receive instruction on telecommunication devices via microwave transmitters.

"So far it hasn't delivered as promised, leaving several districts disappointed. The technical programs have proven greater than expected, delaying the project. We've only begun to predict that that will improve and increase. It has to," Saxe said.

While ARTEC has been a boon

ARTEC finances, 1998-2002

Total contributions since its inception

Source	Amount
Albertson grant	\$4.8 million
TF Chamber of Commerce	\$120,048
District dues	\$59,914
State start-up money	\$25,000
Total	\$5,064,970

Expenditures

Personnel costs

Employee	Position	Annual salary
David Saxe	Executive director	\$57,290
Katie Catter	Curriculum professional development coordinator	\$45,000
Clare Major	Assistant director	\$38,290

Distribution to schools

School	Purpose	Amount
Buhl	Professional development	\$15,755
Buhl	Professional development	\$22,048
Buhl	Ag equipment	\$59,914
Buhl	Auto equipment	\$242,966
Buhl	Construction equipment	\$11,712
Buhl	Grand total	\$329,400
Carey	Professional development	\$125,500
Carey	Construction equipment	\$11,065
Carey	Grand total	\$236,565
Cassia	Professional development	\$21,422
Castleford	Professional development	\$25,230
Castleford	Ag equipment	\$59,612
Castleford	Grand total	\$112,242
District*	Professional development	\$12,940
Filer	Professional development	\$21,293
Filer	Ag equipment	\$62,781
Filer	If equipment	\$24,622
Filer	Grand total	\$119,696
Glens Ferry	Professional development	\$23,614
Glens Ferry	If equipment	\$29,741
Glens Ferry	Telecom equipment	\$40,099
Glens Ferry	Grand total	\$93,454
Gooding	Professional development	\$20,705
Hagerman	If equipment	\$21,163
Hagerman	Telecom equipment	\$67,898
Hagerman	Grand total	\$119,766
Hansen	Professional development	\$20,155
Hansen	Construction equipment	\$16,418
Hansen	Grand total	\$36,573
Jerome	Professional development	\$20,148
Jerome	If equipment	\$163,794
Jerome	Telecom equipment	\$111,554
Jerome	Grand total	\$304,889
Kimberly	Professional development	\$20,148
Kimberly	If equipment	\$71,150
Kimberly	Telecom equipment	\$67,948
Kimberly	Grand total	\$209,246
Mindoko	Professional development	\$19,585
Mindoko	Auto equipment	\$49,883
Mindoko	Construction equipment	\$11,980
Mindoko	Health prof equipment	\$14,380
Mindoko	Telecom equipment	\$21,460
Mindoko	Grand total	\$138,317
Murtaugh*	Professional development	\$19,088
Richfield*	Professional development	\$19,395
Shoshone*	Professional development	\$15,890
Shoshone*	Professional development	\$29,960
Twin Falls	If equipment	\$109,583
Twin Falls	Grand total	\$139,843
Valley	Professional development	\$26,995
Valley	Electronics equipment	\$99,382
Valley	Grand total	\$126,377
Wendell	Professional development	\$22,705
Wendell	If equipment	\$27,457
Wendell	Telecom equipment	\$36,312
Wendell	Grand total	\$86,474
Wood River	Professional development	\$27,280
Wood River	Finance equipment	\$48,204
Wood River	If equipment	\$44,007
Wood River	Travel equipment	\$65,250
Wood River	Telecom equipment	\$67,948
Wood River	Grand total	\$339,788
Total to date		\$2,137,124

Remaining from Albertson grant — \$1.37 million

Plan for spending remainder of grant

Professional development (teacher stipends, consultants, travel)	\$692,874
Communications (student, advertising)	\$11,372
Telecommunications (classroom equipment, tech support, consultants)	\$213,323
Program development (equipment, supplies, materials, etc.)	\$211,323
Administration (staff, office expenses, travel)	\$170,914
(to be used for administration)	\$120,708

for some districts, it has fallen short for others — Cassia, Valley, Shoshone and Murtaugh, for starters — causing them to pull out. "We're isolated. We're in the middle of nowhere," said Murtaugh School District Superintendent Dennis Osman. "It's a great program. I have no hard feelings. It just didn't fit for Murtaugh."

Wendell might leave soon as well. Superintendent Larry Manly said that while the teacher training has been helpful, it has been a struggle to get programs to students. No technical programs exist at the high school, and distance learning hasn't happened either. Thus, when MRETEC teacher training finishes, the district will re-evaluate its relationship with ARTEC, Manly said.

"The program exceeds has reduced ARTEC's numbers to 13 districts, down from its original 20. Perhaps that was part of the problem — that ARTEC's goals were too grandiose in trying to help too many districts, said businessman Ken Edmunds, chairman of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of

Commerce's Work Force Development Committee. Perhaps it should have started with just five districts and slowly expanded, he suggested.

But for Saxe, it was important to include all districts in the project. "If we're accused of over-ambition — guilty as charged," he said.

Have businesses benefited?

A little less tangible is whether businesses have gained from bet-

ter-trained ARTEC students. ARTEC and local high school information technology programs certainly were a salient factor in bringing Dell Computer Corp. to Twin Falls. "It really solidified the computer literacy of our work force," said Greg Rogers, the Idaho Department of Labor's regional labor economist for Magic Valley. "They were very impressed with the high school level of computer competency."

Still, ARTEC officials are unable to cite just how many students are now working in the fields of their training.

"I'd like to be able to say that. It's impossible to know, and I'm frustrated by that," Saxe said. "We're actually making moves in that direction to improve that." The fact that districts don't track their students after graduation makes such data difficult to obtain. The burden falls to the districts to track students, Saxe said.

"We can't take over schools' roles. We can't dictate to them and tell them what to do, because they're not our employees," he said.

Some districts said they've discussed the issue of tracking their graduates but have yet to really take steps in that direction. It is an expensive and time-consuming task, they say. Still, there are a few districts — most notably Jerome — that have begun the process. Meanwhile, it's just a guess to see how much the business community has benefited.

Ken Junt, executive of the Twin Falls chamber, said the results of a business-academia relationship need more than just three years to develop before they can be accurately measured. "Frankly, we don't know — we just sense that there have been benefits to business. Just said. 'I'm certain you'll find ARTEC-trained kids working in the community.'"

Jerome businesses have benefited from Jerome High School's informational technology program, which has received \$164,000 in equipment from ARTEC.

Don Paulos, owner of the car dealership bearing his name, praises skills exhibited by the dozen Jerome students that have come through his door. He always has at least one student employed full time, he said. "They did a tremendous job for us," Paulos said. "We have had nothing but the highest regard for these kids."

The Twin Falls chamber's Business Plus II work force development component has given \$120,000 total to ARTEC for administrative costs. It recently chipped in yet another \$40,000 this year.

But accountability remains minimal, not that Saxe hasn't looked for it. "We've always asked the chamber, 'Here's what we're doing, how are we doing? Would you like to be more involved?'" Saxe said. "They've always declined to weigh in on what programs should be developing or how or where."

Just said that really hasn't been a need to closely monitor ARTEC's activities. "Our trust level has been pretty good," just said. "We've always been pretty comfortable with their structure."

However, it's unlikely that ARTEC will be in the financial picture of the new Business Plus III, Edmunds said.

The future

With the sunset of the Albertson grant, the money might be disappearing, but that doesn't necessarily mean the end of ARTEC. While the strategies have evolved, the mission remains the same: trying to better educate and create more employment opportunities for the largest of students who don't end up in college. The organization is out to change the misconception that education is a two-track system —

"one track goes to college and the other track is broken and doesn't go anywhere," Saxe said. "We're fixing the broken track. That track has destinations now." By raising the academic bar, ARTEC encourages all students to prepare for further study.

"There's no difference between a college-bound student and a technical student," he said. The equipment buying phase is largely over. ARTEC is now shifting into the people phase, emphasizing training and education, Saxe said.

The key is making the transition from grant administrator to the original idea of a coalition of districts tackling technical-education problems, Edmunds said. "We're just scratching the surface of quality programs," Edmunds said. "Yes, we've accomplished a lot, but we still have a long way to go."

Part of that is concentrating technical programs at certain schools, as well as meeting the true demands of the business community. While it's great that there are plenty of students enrolled in information technology programs, there still exists great demand in such occupations as health care and construction. Indeed, if anything, it has become harder in recent years to find qualified personnel in the construction trades, said Glenn Arrington, owner of Starr Corp.

The rush is on for ARTEC to develop "academies" — essentially schools within schools. A group of high school students enrolled in a technical program take classes together each year. Core classes

such as English and math are incorporated in the technical training, giving the subjects relevance. Students work with business representatives on real problems. For instance, students in Filer High School's ag solutions academy are helping develop and build greenhouses for growers to combat dairy odors.

Businesses such as Dell, Lamb Weston and Magic Valley Regional Medical Center are signing up to provide spots for student internships — and provide business representatives to act as business mentors for students. "If we can take a student and run them through our industry ... and they work for us ... that's a huge bonus for us," said R'Nee plish with only a year left of school. "We've just been able to create academies, Saxe said ARTEC is, in some ways, starting from scratch. There's much to accomplish with only a year left of grant money. But the academy concept should fulfill many needs: students gaining skills, businesses receiving some research and development, and the kids are directly engaged in making this a better place," Saxe said.

"I think that's ultimately our legacy, and that's ultimately what will keep us alive."

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Police find remains at suspect's home

No word yet on whether remains belong to one of two missing girls

OREGON CITY, Ore. (AP) — The FBI uncovered human remains Saturday in an outbuilding behind the house of Ward Weaver, the self-described No. 1 suspect in the case of two missing girls who lived across the street, officials said.



Ashley Pond



Miranda Gaddis

The remains of one person were found hidden in a shed, said Charlie Mathews, special agent in charge of the FBI's Portland office. Teams continued to look under a concrete slab directly behind the house for more remains, he said.

Police Chief Gordon Huiras said the body had been turned over the medical examiner and had not been identified.

The FBI began searching Weaver's property Saturday morning; police erected a chainlink fence around the property late Friday.

After a quiet morning Saturday, activity at the scene picked up around 3 p.m. as crime reconstruction teams, digging equipment and FBI agents poured into the fenced area. A medical examiner's vehicle pulled up about two hours later and backed into a shed near the house.

Around that time, the girls' grandfathers — Don Martin and Wesley Dufley — abruptly left the search scene, saying they had to be with their daughters. "We got a call from the FBI that said, 'Get to your family now,'" said Cassie Winter, a friend of the families.

Weaver, a 39-year-old single father who knew both Ashley Pond and Miranda Gaddis, was evicted from the single-story house after his arrest Aug. 13 on charges he raped his son's 19-

year-old girlfriend. The night of the alleged rape, his angry and distraught son told 911 dispatchers that his father had confessed to killing Ashley and Miranda. Weaver has pleaded innocent to the charge and denied any involvement in the girls' disappearance, but has told AP that he is considered a suspect.

The two 13-year-old girls, friends who lived in the same apartment complex near Weaver's home, vanished within two months of each other this past winter.

On Saturday morning, police set up two large white portable tents behind Weaver's house. One appeared to be over the concrete slab; the other was farther back near a shed.

Three search dogs worked the property, along with about 40 investigators from the FBI, Oregon City Police and the Oregon State Police. Ashley disappeared Jan. 9. She was last seen eating breakfast with her younger sister and was to walk about eight minutes to a bus stop near Weaver's home. Michelle Dufley, Miranda's mother, last saw her daughter in a bathrobe eating breakfast on March 8.

Linda Beloff, an attorney representing the girls' mothers, said the women "were in a safe place" and didn't want to talk with the media.

Mathews said investigators would next focus on removing the concrete slab.

"There are other areas of interest on the property that investigators will be moving to actively," he said.

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Attorneys try to avoid death penalty

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Defense lawyers may be able to spare David Westerfield's life if they can evoke just enough sympathy or lingering doubt in jurors who convicted him of kidnapping and killing his 7-year-old neighbor, say attorneys who have followed the case.

Westerfield, who lived two doors from Danielle van Dam, was convicted on circumstantial evidence of kidnapping, murder and possession of child pornography. The jury reconvenes Aug. 28 to decide between execution and life in prison after

testimony in the trial's penalty phase.

"I don't believe this is a slam dunk for the prosecution," said William F. Nimmo, a former prosecutor who is now a defense attorney in San Diego. "This is 12 people who are going to have to vote to kill somebody."

Danielle was last seen when her father put her to bed on Feb. 1. Her nude body was found along a rural road nearly a month later.

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Doctor had means to destroy mosques

Man accused of plot had guns, explosives

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A doctor suspected of hatching an elaborate plot to blow up dozens of mosques and an Islamic education center had enough expertise and firepower to carry it out, police said Saturday.

Robert J. Goldstein, a foot specialist, possessed an arsenal powerful enough to level the 200-unit townhouse complex where he lives and a detailed "mission template" full of instructions, officials said.

"He was just a smart guy," said Sheriff's Detective Cal Dennis. "He knew his stuff. It was like a James Bond thing."

Goldstein, 37, was arrested Friday and charged with possession of a non-registered destructive device and attempting to use an explosive to damage and destroy Islamic centers. He was being held Saturday without bail.

When police searched his home, they found a cache of up to 40 weapons, including .50-caliber machine guns and sniper rifles. They also uncovered more than 30 explosive devices, including hand grenades and a 5-gallon gasoline bomb with a timer attached.

"If one of those bombs were to have gone off, that townhouse would have been destroyed," said federal Alcohol, Tobacco



A deputy from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office unloads a Barrett 50 caliber weapon from a van after it was confiscated Friday in Tampa, Fla., along with other weapons, from the home of Dr. Robert J. Goldstein. Goldstein, 37, was charged with possession of a non-registered destructive device and attempting to use an explosive to damage and destroy Islamic centers.

and Firearms Special Agent Carlos Baixauli. "If the others exploded, we would have lost most of that townhouse complex."

Deputies also found a typed list of approximately 50 Islamic places of worship in the Tampa and St. Petersburg area and elsewhere in the state, prosecutors said.

Police were called to Goldstein's home before dawn Friday after the man's mother contacted them and asked that they make a safety check. Goldstein's wife, Kristi, said

her husband was threatening to kill her, according to an affidavit.

It took police 30 minutes to coax Goldstein out of the home, which was rigged with trip wires and surveillance cameras. He was placed in custody under a state law that allows involuntary commitment for psychiatric evaluation.

The 11-point "mission template" for attacking the Islam education center covered everything from what he would wear to getting rid of fingerprints and dealing with hand-to-hand com-

Indiana University officials resent party designation

The Washington Post

The chant "We're Number 1" is a staple at school gymnasium and ball fields as opposing teams square off in sports.

But being No. 1 is not always a good thing. Officials at Indiana University's Bloomington campus were none too happy with the school's designation as the nation's No. 1 party school, according to a survey by the Princeton Review.

IU President Myles Brand and Chancellor Sharon Brehm, in a letter to the Review, said they were "profoundly disturbed" and took "great exception" to the ranking.

"We join with the American Medical Association in its recent call to your company to stop publishing such an annual ranking, because it ignores the risk of heavy drinking and promotes a distorted view of college life," the letter said. "Frankly, if any student bases his/her decision about Indiana University Bloomington on alcohol availability, that student will be sadly disappointed."

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The annual listing is compiled from an unofficial survey of 100,000 students at 345 colleges. Schools are ranked in 63 categories, including least religious students and best dorms, based on 70 questions students voluntarily answer online or during campus visits. An average of 300 students responded per campus.

Clemson University, the University of Arkansas, Penn State University and the University of Florida rounded out the top five party schools. But some students took a decidedly tamer view than university leaders.

"It's a state school — you would expect that there would be plenty of partying going on," Vlad Simianu, an Indiana freshman on full scholarship, told the Indianapolis Star. "But I think that every school can be as big or as little of a party school as you make it out to be."

California outlaws plastic knuckles

The Washington Post

In the name of national security, California just outlawed plastic knuckles.

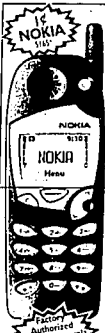
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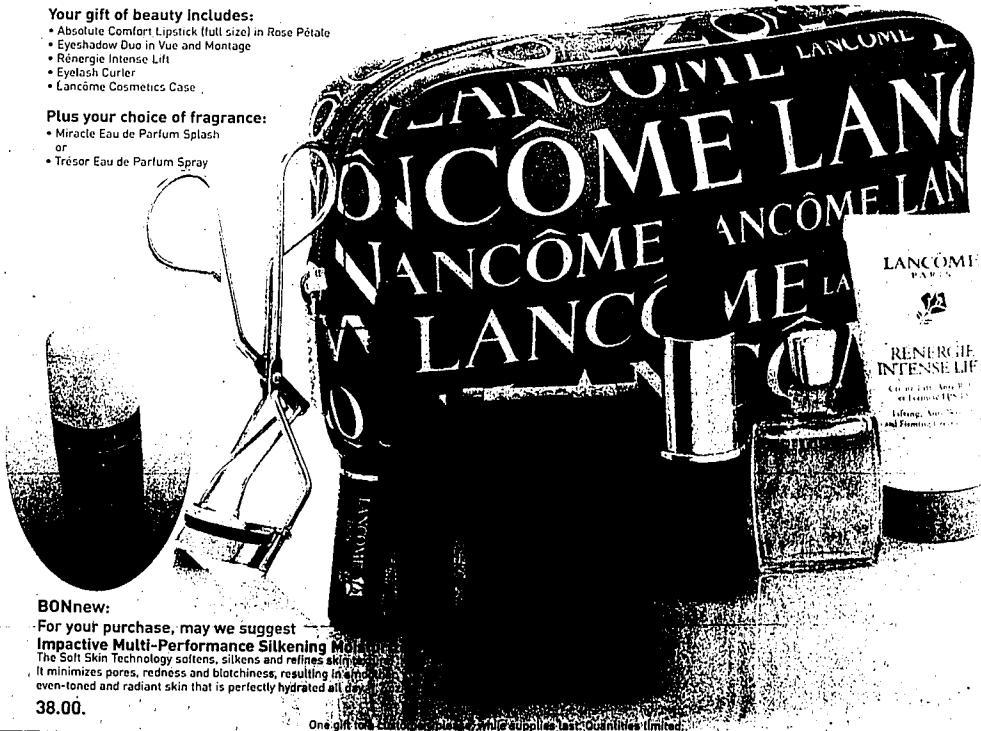
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NATION

Doctor had means to destroy mosques

Man accused of plot had guns, explosives

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A doctor suspected of hatching an elaborate plot to blow up dozens of mosques and an Islamic education center had enough expertise and firepower to carry it out, police said Saturday.

Robert J. Goldstein, a foot specialist, possessed an arsenal powerful enough to level the 200-unit townhouse complex where he lives and a detailed "mission template" full of instructions, officials said.

"He was just a smart guy," said sheriff's Detective Cal Dennie. "He knew his stuff. It was like a James Bond thing."

Goldstein, 37, was arrested Friday and charged with possession of a non-registered destructive device and attempting to use an explosive to damage and destroy Islamic centers. He was being held Saturday without bail.

When police searched his home, they found a cache of up to 40 weapons, including .50-caliber machine guns and sniper rifles. They also uncovered more than 30 explosive devices, including hand grenades and a 5-gallon gasoline bomb with a timer attached.

"If one of those bombs were to have gone off, that townhouse would have been destroyed," said federal Alcohol, Tobacco



A deputy from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office unloads a Barrett 50 caliber weapon from a van after it was confiscated Friday in Tampa, Fla., along with other weapons, from the home of Dr. Robert J. Goldstein. Goldstein, 37, was charged with possession of a non-registered destructive device and attempting to use an explosive to damage and destroy Islamic centers.

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Deputies also found a typed list of approximately 50 Islamic places of worship in the Tampa and St. Petersburg area and elsewhere in the state, prosecutors said.

Police were called to Goldstein's home before dawn Friday after the man's mother contacted them and asked that they make a safety check. Goldstein's wife, Kristi, said

her husband was threatening to kill her, according to an affidavit.

It took police 30 minutes to coax Goldstein out of the home, which was rigged with trip wires and surveillance cameras. He was placed in custody under a state law that allows involuntary commitment for psychiatric evaluation.

The 11-point "mission template" for attacking the Islam education center covered everything from what he would wear to getting rid of fingerprints and dealing with hand-to-hand com-



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but if necessary.

"Set timers for approximately 15-20 minutes to allow for enough time to get out of area, but to confirm explosions has (sic) been successful," the template reads. "The amount of explosives should be ample to take down the building(s)."

The director of an Islamic society whose mosque was found on Goldstein's list said worshippers will increase their vigilance.

"We have to open our eyes," said Mohammad Sultan, director of the Islamic Society of Tampa Bay.

Indiana University officials resent party designation

The Washington Post

The chant "We're Number 1!" is a staple at school gymnasium and ball fields as opposing teams square off in sports.

But being No. 1 is not always a good thing. Officials at Indiana University's Bloomington campus were none too happy with the school's designation as the nation's No. 1 party school, according to a survey by the Princeton Review.

IU President Myles Brand and Chancellor Sharon Brehm, in a letter to the Review, said they were "profoundly disturbed" and took "great exception" to the ranking.

"We join with the American Medical Association in its recent call to your company to stop publishing such an annual ranking because it ignores the risk of heavy drinking and promotes a distorted view of college life," the letter said.

"Frankly, if any student bases his/her decision about Indiana University Bloomington on alcohol availability, that student will be sadly disappointed.

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The annual listing is compiled from an unscientific survey of 100,000 students at 345 colleges. Schools are ranked in 63 categories, including best religious students and best dorms; based on 70 questions students voluntarily answer online or during campus visits. An average of 300 students responded per campus.

Clemson University, the University of Alabama, Penn State University and the University of Florida rounded out the top five party schools. But some students took a decidedly tamer view than university leaders.

"It's a state school — you would expect that there would be plenty of partying going on," Vlad Simianu, an Indiana freshman on full scholarship, told the Indianapolis Star. "But I think that every school can be as big or as little of a party school as you make it out to be."

California outlaws plastic knuckles

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In the name of national security, California just outlawed plastic knuckles.

Gov. Gray Davis (D) took the unusual step a few days ago after state lawmakers sent him a bill warning that the devices are being sold and marketed on the Internet as a weapon that can elude metal detectors with ease.

Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, airports and government buildings around the country have cracked down on potential small, personal weapons.

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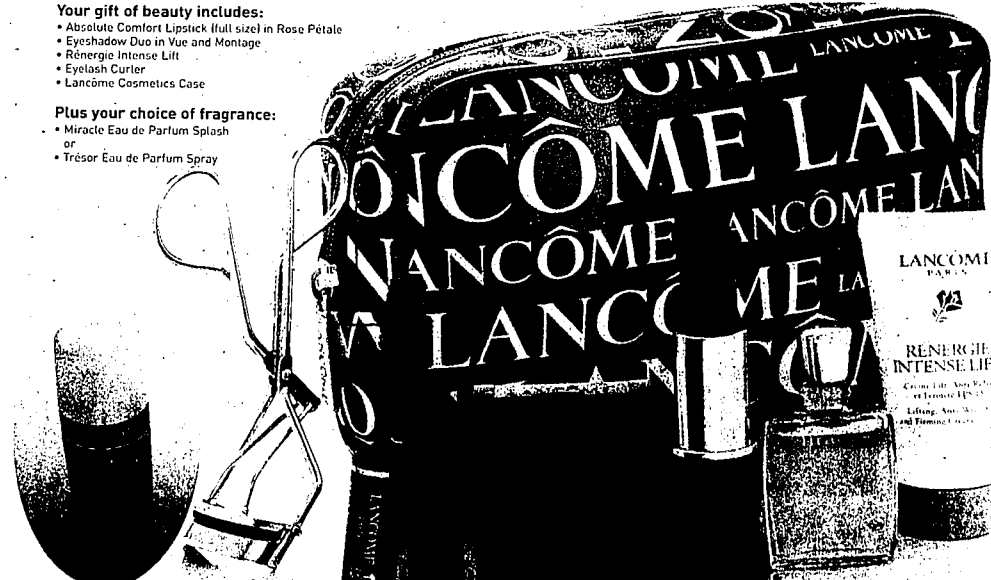
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WORLD

Militant's father decries terror tactics

Top U.S. diplomat wraps up Pakistan, India mission

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan (AP) — Four times in the last four years, Bashir Butt tracked down his son at training camps for Islamic extremists in Pakistani-controlled Kashmir and begged him to come home.



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they would send his son home in three days, he said.

The militants kept their word, but the son disappeared again after a few months.

"The second time, I spotted him at a camp near Muzaffarabad," Bashir Butt said, referring to the capital of Pakistani-controlled Kashmir, Agin, the son returned after a few days. After a few months, he was gone again — off to the jihad.

"During the last four or five months, I could not find him," Bashir Butt said. "He made a few calls to his family, and I thought he would be back like always. But this time, instead of him, the police came. I was informed that my son was dead and that he had killed worshippers at a church."

Police told the family that Kamran was among four militants who hurled grenades at worshippers as they left a church at a Presbyterian hospital in Taxila after a morning prayer service.

Police said a fragment from one of the grenades pierced his heart, and he died instantly.

The father said he repeatedly tried to talk his son out of devoting his life to the extremist movement but "Kamran always politely refused my suggestions."

"He used to tell us that this world is mortal and we should spend our life in accordance with the teachings of Islam and that Islam says we must participate in jihad," Butt said.

Among young and impressionable men, poorly educated and with a narrow view of the world, the appeal of the jihad is as strong as any religious cults among spiritual youth in the West. To Kamran's family, however, his death seems pointless. It has left his family deeply bitter over the extremist groups and what they had done to him.

"I hate these jihadi organizations," said Bashir Butt, a 48-year-old widower with two other sons and a daughter. "I hate these so-called jihadi leaders. They are the killers of my son."

Bashir Butt said his son got caught up in the jihad movement after joining Jamat-e-Islami, a major Islamic political party.

Although details are unclear, it appeared that Kamran Butt was recruited by Jaish-e-Mohammed, a militant group fighting Indian rule in Kashmir. Jaish-e-Mohammed has since been banned by President Gen. Pervez Musharraf.

Four years ago, Kamran disappeared for the first time, leaving a message for his family that he had gone "to participate in jihad (holy war)" in Kashmir, the father said.

Bashir Butt, who runs a small telephone service here, set off for Pakistani-controlled Kashmir, finally locating his son at a Jaish-e-Mohammed training camp there. Militant leaders told the father to leave but assured him

top reporters after his talks with President Pervez Musharraf and Inamul Haq, the minister of state for foreign affairs.

Despite Armitage's visit, sporadic violence continued. Pakistani officials on Friday accused India of sending ground troops and air force jets to attack an army position in Pakistani Kashmir, prompting a swift Indian denial.

"Any violence is reprehensible," Armitage said, refusing to discuss specific instances. But he said the attacks "do put an exclamation point on why I'm here."

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Suspected militants kill 12 people in troubled Kashmir

JAMMU, India (AP) — Suspected Islamic militants raided three villages in Indian-controlled Kashmir early Saturday, gunning down 12 people in their homes, police said.

In the first attack, the suspected insurgents barged into three homes and fired indiscriminately, killing five men and three women in Duddasan Bhalu, a village about 115 miles north of Jammu, the winter capital of India's Jammu-Kashmir state, police said. Gunmen killed another four people in separate raids on two villages, Manjokot and Ganodh, according to police.

As were most people in the targeted towns. The militants appeared to be trying to create a panic before state legislative elections scheduled for September and October, police said.

The killings took place as U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage was in South Asia to discuss cross-border terrorism in the disputed Himalayan province.

India accuses Pakistan of training and arming Islamic militants and allowing them to cross the frontier into Indian-controlled Kashmir, a charge Pakistan denies.

New Delhi that Washington feared further violence in Kashmir ahead of state elections there. He is scheduled to visit Pakistan on Saturday.

A.K. Suri, director-general of police, blamed the attacks on insurgents fighting for Kashmir's independence from India or its merger with Pakistan. No one claimed responsibility for the attacks.

Police reinforcements rushed to the area to search for the assailants.

Militant groups have asked people to boycott the elections. Voting in the Rajauri area, where two of Saturday's attacks took

place, will be held on Sept. 16. Polling in Doda district, where Ganodh is located, is scheduled for October.

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Crossing the mud

ALONG THE ARNIKO HIGHWAY, Nepal (AP) — First there was just one car, whose driver stopped and stared at the lake of mud. Then a bus stopped. Within an hour Saturday afternoon, dozens of vehicles were parked on either side of the mudslide.

When the hill gave way above the Arniko Highway, slopping a few tons of soupy muck onto the asphalt, there was nothing any of the travellers blocked by the slide could do, unless they were willing to get very muddy.

"So that's what they did, goading each other through the waist-high mud and laughing at those who tried it, in one of the few light moments of a monsoon season that has brought little but despair to this Himalayan kingdom."

The monsoon rains have killed more than 500 people in Nepal in the past month, most of them in landslides. Even when not lethal, the mudslides can seriously hamper daily life.

The slide happened in the early afternoon under a steady rain on this highway, which runs from Katmandu, Nepal's capital, to the Chinese border along the valley of the Bhoti Koshi River.

As cars and buses piled up, umbrellas burst open as travelers stepped out into the rain to examine their predicament. Two grow-

Travelers learn patience, humor in soggy Nepal

ing communities blossomed quickly on each side of the mudslide, which spread about 75 wide across the road as it flowed down into the river.

At first, dozens of people standing in the rain looked glumly to the other side, with just a few willing to poke their way across. The crowd saw what happened to the first few explorers, most of whom took at least 20 minutes to make it and emerged coated in mud. As the rain let up, though, and it became obvious that no bulldozers were racing to this isolated spot to help, the mood lightened.

Two men argued about whether a motorcyclist could drag his bike to the other side. He could. A young man in tattered clothes reached out to help a grinning woman in an elegant sari picking her way across. A small crowd laughed good-naturedly when a young girl in pink pants slipped from a trail and into the muck, wailing for her mother.

Landslides are common during the rainy season along Nepal's

mountain roads. Road-clearing equipment is rare in this, one of the world's poorest countries. During the three-month rainy season, normally ending in mid-September, many find themselves again and again waiting out slides.

There is even a transportation system to cope with blocked roads. When buses can't get through, the passengers get off one bus, slog across the mud and get into another on the other side, taking over seats left by passengers heading the opposite direction. The buses then turn around and head back the way they came.

If the bus conductors are feeling generous, they'll negotiate partial refunds or discounts. No matter what, though, the passengers came out the losers.

"We'll fight for our refund," said Pemba Lama, a Katmandu resident heading to a rural village. "But even if he gives us some money, we'll still be ripped off, and have to pay more to get back to our village."

After about an hour, a road crew finally showed up: three men with broken shovels and a foreman wearing a beat-up yellow construction hat. They quickly realized this job was too much for them.

U.S. promises help for flattened Afghan village

KHAK RAIZ, Afghanistan (AP) — Asadullah watched the nightly explosions last year, looking down from his grape and pomegranate orchards in the hills as U.S. bombs gradually shattered his town.

The airstrikes on Taliban and al-Qaida forces holding out in the area nearly destroyed this hilltop village, flattening houses, shops and the Muslim shrine that still draws hundreds to pray.

Yet few here resent the Americans, who are now offering to help bring the town back to life.

"Whoever helps rebuild my country, I'll be happy," said Asadullah, a farmer whose family has lived in the area for generations. On Friday, Gov. Gul Agha

Sherzai announced a \$1 million project to construct new schools, a hospital and a clinic for the area, plus rebuild the shrine and mosque that were wrecked in this village 40 miles northwest of Kandahar. An additional \$300,000 in aid was promised by a U.S. delegation that visited the area earlier in the week.

"Al-Qaida and Taliban are responsible for all the damage in Afghanistan, not the U.S.," said the governor, who won U.S. backing after providing fighters to help the Americans track down Taliban and al-Qaida fugitives.

Much in this village was destroyed as U.S. warplanes sought to drive out Taliban leaders who took refuge in the district's craggy hills and mountains.

Forces try to rescue hostages

JOLO, Philippines (AP) — The Philippine military flew its U.S.-trained counterterrorism unit to a southern island Saturday to help rescue four captive Jehovah's Witnesses.

The deployment of about 70 members of the Light Reaction Company is part of a larger military buildup on Jolo island aimed mainly at wiping out remnants of the al-Qaida-linked Muslim extremist Abu Sayyaf group, notorious for beheadings and kidnappings.

Southern military commander Lt. Gen. Ernesto Carolina said the unit, equipped with night-vision goggles, two-way radios and bulletproof vests not available to regular troops, will provide the "killer punch" against the kidnapers if local officials fail to negotiate the hostages' release.

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EDITORIAL

Some tips to remember for the new school year

The school bells will ring in a new year this week at many Magic Valley schools. Monday marks the first day of school for most districts in the region, while the Twin Falls School District will start classes on Tuesday. Some districts already hit the books a week ago.

Kids, parents and teachers realize it's never easy making the transition from summer fun to school-day stress. But the first days of school always represent a fresh start: new teachers, new students, new classes, new friends, and new goals of achievement. A positive outlook can be infectious, and it's certainly a positive thing to have heading off to school.

In this spirit, we'd like to offer a few suggestions to students, parents, teachers and taxpayers, for the coming year.

Students. Most kids eye the first day of school with excitement or trepidation because of the many social factors. But you'll do yourself a big favor if you focus more on your learning experience. Set yourself goals where you control the outcome. Listen and ask questions. Find your voice and respect the voice of others. Respect teachers as authorities and leaders. There are a number of opportunities to help you achieve. Pursue those that help you grow the most.

And most important, please, stop and look both ways before you cross the street.

Parents. The winds of change in education are all about accountability in our schools, and you should expect it. That places a responsibility on you, your child and his or her teacher. Communicate with teachers and learn what's expected of you, while you express your expectations to your child and to the teacher.

Make your home an extension of the classroom and help your child set and meet goals. Read with your young ones as much as possible. When your child falls behind, help them catch up with a little extra work. When they succeed, give your child praise. It's perfectly okay to boast when they achieve their goals.

Teachers. Don't be afraid of accountability standards required by parents and the state. Most kids want to learn as much as they can. As they succeed, so do you. You are the direct key to helping them meet their goals. Encourage open lines of communication with your parents. That will make them feel a part of their child's classroom experience. Always remember, parents trust you as the protector of their child while at school.

Taxpayers. Apnathly by citizens leaves schools to be run by insiders, including administrators, unions and special interest groups. As with most other things, we get the quality of schools we're willing to demand. You can't blame others if you won't stand up for a better system.

The education system in America has its weaknesses, but overall it is one of the greatest assets you can find in our country. Successful education paves the way to achievement, happiness, prosperity, and flourishing communities. Although there is criticism from time to time, it's only made with the hopes of seeing more improvement.

Everyone in a community has an interest at stake with education and our schools. Students, teachers and parents, all enjoy success when they work together and fulfill their responsibilities in the learning process.

Our view: The best results in our schools come when students, parents and teachers fulfill their responsibilities in education.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



Quixotic law will increase traffic deaths

BONNER R. COHEN

The worst thing Californians can do is to do the wrong thing, and that's exactly what the Golden State's governor and legislators have done.

With his recent signature on a bill to combat the "threat" of global warming, California Gov. Gray Davis is leading his state down the primrose path of feel-good politics—straight to a dead end.

Passed by a one-vote margin in the state assembly, and blessed by such Hollywood luminaries as Barbra Streisand, Leonardo DiCaprio, and Paul Newman, California's new law purports to alter the Earth's climate by reducing tailpipe emissions of greenhouse gases. According to the fashionable, but scientifically unproven, theory of global warming, increased emissions of greenhouse gases, particularly carbon dioxide, are artificially warming the planet.

In signing the bill into law, Gov. Davis explained that "the worst thing we could do in California is to do nothing."

No. The worst thing Californians can do is to do the wrong thing, and that's exactly what the Golden State's governor and legislators have done.

The law grants the California Air Resources Board power to regulate regulations that get "maximum feasible and cost-effective" reductions in greenhouse gases. Those regulations are to be set by 2005 and will apply to passenger vehicles sold in California beginning with the model year 2009—long after Davis has left office.

With 35 million people, California represents 10 percent of the U.S. auto market. For manufacturers, making one set of cars for California, and another set for the rest of the country, is economically infeasible.

Thus, if the law survives almost-certain legal challenges, the entire American driving public will be forced to buy California cars. And they won't like what they get.

The only way to reduce emissions is to raise fuel efficiency. And the only way to raise fuel efficiency is to manufacture smaller, lighter—and less safe—

vehicles. We have been down this road before, and it is littered with thousands of premature deaths resulting from another ill-considered scheme.

In response to the OPEC oil embargo of the mid-1970s, Congress, in 1975, enacted Corporate Average Fuel Economy regulations that imposed arbitrarily set fuel-efficiency standards on the fleets of vehicles automakers sell in the United States. For manufacturers, downsizing of their models became the only way to comply with CAFE. Out went the station wagons and big family cars venerated by generations of American drivers, and in came smaller vehicles like the ones traditionally found on the streets of Europe. But the downsizing of cars had an unintended consequence: higher traffic fatalities. Smaller vehicles are less crashworthy than larger ones in almost any type of collision.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety notes that "lightweight vehicles have less structure and size to absorb crash energy, so more injurious force can reach their occupants in crashes."

A report released earlier this year by the National Academy of Sciences estimated CAFE's death toll at 1,300 to 2,600 annually. Aware of the loss of life CAFE has wrought, Congress has steadfastly refused the demands of environmentalists to tighten CAFE standards.

Now, however, California has enacted its own version of CAFE, one that targets the vehicle the American driving public loves, and the environmentally sound movement hates—the SUV.

The SUV has soared in popularity, because Americans value the safety, comfort and convenience that large vehicles provide. And because of a provision in the CAFE law that classifies SUVs, along with minivans and pickup trucks, as "light trucks," they don't have to meet the same fuel-efficiency standards as regular cars.

This has made the SUV anathema to environmentalists and their allies in the California legislature who, in the name of saving the planet, are willing to turn a blind eye to mounting traffic fatalities that would result from downsizing SUVs.

And what environmental benefits will come from this scheme? In a word, none. California produces about 0.5 percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions, and most of that is produced from sources other than tailpipe emissions from SUVs. The effect on the climate will be negligible.

What's more, by treating carbon dioxide as a "pollutant," California's law is scientifically indefensible. An essential building block of life on Earth, carbon dioxide comprises a mere 0.04 percent of the atmosphere, and most of that is produced naturally. The idea that any good is going to come from fiddling with this minor greenhouse gas, while ignoring the myriad other factors that influence the climate, is insane in the extreme. Having learned nothing from the nation's misadventure with CAFE, California's lawmakers have enacted a folly that could cost Americans dearly.

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Yale professor preaches more gloom, doom

Some people never learn. Despite all the evidence put before them, James Gustave Speth, the dean of the Yale School of Forestry and Environment Studies, appears to be one of these people.

Writing in The International Herald Tribune, Professor Speth contends that the Global 2000 Report to the President, in which he played a part, was "frighteningly on target."

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He notes, "Most people will soon live in water stressed areas. Half the tropical forests are the Bird and mammal species are disappearing at a rate 100 to 1000 times the rate at which extinction is predicted. Seventy percent of marine fisheries are overfished to capacity or over-fished. Most threatening of all, global climate change is well under way. There is the litany of gloomy and doomsday predictions that characterized the Carter administration and remain alive and well in a segment of the environmental community. Moreover, Professor Speth and his colleagues are generally so glib through predictable lamentations about the "terrible Bush administration" that has not embraced the Kyoto Accord and the woefully inadequate funding for environmental catastrophes just around the corner.

Ending his article with a pessimistic flourish, Speth writes, "The alarm sounded 20 years ago have not been heeded, and soon it will be too late to prevent an appalling deterioration of the natural world."

But let's consider a variety of factors Professor Speth chooses to ignore. By the end of the 20th century it was already clear that most forms of pollution that alarm pessimists are in decline. Even nitrogen oxide is on a downward trend.

While carbon-dioxide concentrations have grown, what is not clear is the effect on climate. Climate data over the last 100 years or so show no consistent correlation with carbon-dioxide accumulations. In fact, average global temperatures were higher a thousand years ago than they are today, and years ago very little man-made carbon dioxide was emitted.

A major air pollutant emissions declined by 60 percent in the United States from their peaks in the 1950s. And worldwide per capita emissions of carbon dioxide, the main concern of global warming theorists, appear to have peaked in the late 1970s.

Moreover, the search for alternatives to fossil fuels has accelerated with nuclear energy plants, natural gas, photovoltaic cells, hydrogen power, wind turbines and hybrid car engines fast becoming cost-effective alternatives.

Species disappearance is yet another unjustified, and perhaps unjustified, claim. Since only a tiny fraction of all species that ever existed has been identified, it is hard to know the pace of disappearance—if indeed disappearance is occurring at all. Nature, after all, is engaged in a constant form of creative destruction as the disappearance of the dinosaurs can attest.

As I see it, a significant error of the pessimists is the modern day Malthusians—is the extrapolation of the future from the immediate past. The successful transformation of nature to the benefit of man is likely to occur, notwithstanding many of technology's disadvantages.

The genius of mankind resides in its ability to adapt, and it is precisely that ability that will ensure preservation of the environment. An unlimited array of options stand before us. But it is important to realize that people are not helpless—poised at the edge of a cliff, they are not. Environmental conditions are within our control. We must remember that guarded optimism is a more realistic guide to the future than paralytic pessimism.

Were it up to the pessimists, air conditioners, cars and heavy manufacturing would not exist. We would return to the Stone Age when the air and water were perfectly pure.

The problem is most people today don't want to live in the world of 5000 years ago.

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How about the ones who are chained up all day and no one pays attention to them? That's cruelty. The ones that bark all day just for something to do, the owners are not home or tune them out? The ones who the owners let loose at night to poop on your lawns or knock over trash?

According to him, we should live like prisoners in our homes, keep your doors and windows shut, so the dogs can bark to their heart's content.

According to him, his opinion is all that matters. Everyone has an opinion. He signs himself from Jerome the address is from Coaling.

MAXINE MCALEY Jerome

Students aren't the only ones at fault at crosswalk

I am writing in regard to the students crossing in front of the high school.

It seems to me that everyone is blaming the students, just because they are teen-agers—and apparently only seminary students.

There have been four people hit in front of the high school (two were students from Sawtooth (not seminary students); the other two were high school students who did go to seminary, other did not. In both instances, the driver was at fault—not the student.

The boy that was hit was already across two lanes of traffic in a crosswalk when he was hit, and the driver admitted she was picking something off the floor of her van and did not see him crossing!

The girl that was hit had looked before crossing. There were no cars in the outside lane and a car in the inside lane that was stopped for her, so she started to cross. There was another student driver that didn't want to wait for the stopped car so she pulled around that car and

because she had fogged-up windows did not see the person crossing the street!

I think we need to be careful how we judge things. It would be helpful if drivers would follow the laws on the books and maybe we wouldn't have to keep coming up with more. Also, there are plenty of students who cross that street that are not seminary students.

It takes responsibility on all sides to make things right!

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Tennis instructor has been a benefit to the community

I am writing because of my concern over losing Doug Kaut as a professional tennis instructor in Twin Falls. My daughter has been taking lessons from him, and he is absolutely outstanding with kids. Without him, who will promote tennis in the community and get our kids excited about tennis? Who will take these kids to regional tournaments as well as who will host clinics bringing in outside tennis professionals? Who will coach our teams? And most importantly, where will our kids go for tennis lessons?

Many adults also take lessons from him. If we lose the only teaching pro we have, adult interest in utilizing the YMCA tennis courts will be reduced. It will only hurt the YMCA if he goes!

I realize that having a tennis pro depends on financial feasibility. It seems to me that we are immensely fortunate to have a tennis pro teaching at our YMCA, especially since the YMCA does not have to pay his salary! He comes to us to teach tennis, but it costs the YMCA nothing!

I'd like to know: Is it standard practice for a YMCA to charge its instructors to teach (when the Y itself is not paying the instructor)? Isn't the instructor provid-

ing a community service and doing the Y a favor by enhancing the programs offered by the facility?

If the tennis instructor is not allowed to collect the lesson fees provided to his own salary, then why doesn't the YMCA pay his salary? I donate to the United Way, the United Way donates to the YMCA; the YMCA is a nonprofit organization supported by people like me. I'd like to see the Y's operating budget and financial reports. I'd like to know whose salaries I do pay through my donations.

Can't the YMCA work out a mutually beneficial arrangement with Doug Kaut?

Since the YMCA has the only indoor tennis courts, it seems this facility would be in the business of promoting tennis in Twin Falls. Having a tennis professional would benefit the YMCA and the whole community! The tennis members overwhelmingly support Doug Kaut. We want Doug Kaut to stay in Twin Falls!
NIKI KERN
Twin Falls

Dogs are good, but should remain in their place

In response to the letter by Gerald Stewart, Jr.,
On the subject of dogs, I like them but in their place. He thinks we should all tolerate them no matter what.

Democrats remain silent on viable recovery plan

Is there anything more petty than a politician arguing about the process of making policy?

Excluded last week from President Bush's feel-good economic summit in Waco, Texas, leading Democrats still had their moment in the spotlight when the national news media asked them what they would have said had Bush invited them to the meeting.

And one by one, starting with House Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt of Missouri, top Democrats trooped before the microphones and solemnly declared they would have asked Bush for another meeting. A meeting with everyone invited and "everything on the table."

More meetings: Now there's a rallying cry for workers worried about their jobs and retirees watching their 401(k) plans melt.

Asked what they might say at such a meeting, should the president agree to one, Democrats murmured.

Think we make a mistake if we announce ahead of such a possible meeting what we think ought to be done," Gephardt insisted on CNN.

This certainly qualifies as a unique strategy for an opposition party just before an election. On every other conceivable issue — prescription drugs, energy, Social Security — Gephardt and other Democrats are happy, eager, even desperate, to announce what they think should be done.

But on the economy, the country's top domestic concern, mum's the word. The subtext in all this isn't too hard to read. It turns on a single word: taxes. Democrats understand it's virtually impossible to articulate a coherent alternative to Bush's economic agenda without reclaiming some of the revenue from his \$1.35 trillion tax cut, both to reduce the federal deficit and to invest in programs.

But many Democrats are extremely reluctant. "Tried" might be a better word — to propose retrenching the tax cut unless Bush is on board. Hence the talk of another meeting to formulate a new economic plan.

Democrats have in mind the precedent of 1990, when the Democratic Congress pressured the first President Bush into a budget summit where he repudiated his "no new taxes" pledge from 1988 and accepted a tax increase as part of a sweeping budget package. It also fractured Bush's coalition and alienated conservatives heading into the 1992 campaign. Democrats wouldn't mind a repeat.

Well, here's a bulletin for the party brain trust: George W. Bush also remembers what happened to his father. And that means he'd probably appoint Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton to the Supreme Court before he'd convene another budget summit.

With Democrats muted, the

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economic dialogue has been more of a monologue. Bush is increasingly blaming congressional overspending for the return of federal deficits. Democrats last week didn't emphasize the role of his tax cut because it would raise the question of what they intended to do about that. And for now, the answer is nothing.

If Democrats wanted to articulate an economic alternative, they might not have to look too far to find one. Consider these key elements of the economic landscape today:

mounting federal deficits, an uncertain stock market and a recovery proceeding too slowly to generate jobs. With unemployment up, wage growth is down. And if economic growth accelerates, increasing the demand for credit, the looming federal deficits will force up interest rates, short-circuiting the recovery.

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problems now resemble those that closely enough that Democrats could argue for adapting the solutions Clinton proposed in 1993: deficit reduction coupled with trade promotion and targeted investments in areas such as education to encourage long-term growth.

Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman, D-Conn., has made the most progress in updating the Clinton approach into a contemporary plan. In a recent speech, Lieberman called for capping the growth of overall domestic spending and freezing the next installment of the Bush tax cut aimed at the highest earners. With the money saved, Lieberman would reduce the deficit, invest in education, provide tax incentives to spur scientific research and try to resuscitate the Internet economy with a coordinated effort to deploy broadband technology.

Most Republicans, of course, would say tax cuts spur growth more. That's an argument worth having.

But right now, there is no argument because so few Democrats are joining Lieberman in saying publicly what almost all believe privately: that it won't be possible to stabilize the federal budget or accelerate long-term growth without reconsidering the next stages of the Bush tax cut. Until Democrats bite that bullet, they'll be left talking about meetings. Probably to empty rooms.

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Can Republicans stave off normal midterm losses?

In 1996, Bill Clinton became the sixth president of the 20th century to win re-election. But two years later, he and his Democratic Party achieved something far more unusual by gaining House seats in a midterm election.

It was only the third time in the 20th century that the party in the White House lost so. It happened under Republican Theodore Roosevelt in 1902 and

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Democrat Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1934. In every other midterm election, the party holding the White House lost House seats. The 1998 result also marked the second straight midterm election that violated the normal pattern in which the party in the White House loses fewer seats at its first midterm than in its second and midterm. Four years earlier, Clinton and the Democrats suffered an unprecedented first-midterm defeat by losing 54 seats — and their 50-year-old House majority.

In November, in the first midterm election of the 21st century, we are going to find out if those unprecedented results during the Clinton years were as unique as his presidency or if the traditional off-year pattern will deprive George W. Bush of the House majority that has been crucial to his legislative successes.

Until 1994, that pattern had been firmly established. In the six prior midterm elections since World War II that took place two years after a new president was elected, the party out of power gained House seats every time, averaging a gain of 18 seats per election. And in four midterm elections in the six-year of a presidency, the party out of power averaged gains of 37 seats.

The pattern hasn't been as consistent in Senate elections, where the results depend as much on



the strengths and weaknesses of individual candidates as on national trends. In six first-term midterm elections from 1954 through 1990, the party out of power gained Senate seats only three times. In the other three instances, the party in power gained seats.

Since the Democrats already control the Senate, they only have to grip on its committees and its agenda.

In the House, Democrats need to gain seven seats to regain a majority, regardless of whether Rep. Ralph Hall, D-Texas, votes for Democratic leader Dick Gephardt as the speaker. Hall, who often votes with the Republicans, says he will vote for the most conservative candidate for speaker, and that is unlikely to be Gephardt.

Democratic strategists were optimistic about their prospects even before the recent concern over corporate abuses, the drop in the stock market and the state of the economy. One reason:

They think they have minimized Republican gains from the post-census redistricting.

But GOP leaders believe they will keep House control. They expect gains from the redrawing of congressional districts and because normally Democratic industrial states lost seats while more Republican areas in the South and West gained.

While winning both houses is the Democratic goal, history says it might not be the best thing for them, especially if they hope to regain the White House in 2004.

Since World War II, there have been three midterm elections in which one or the other party regained control of both houses of Congress — the Republicans in 1946, the Democrats in 1954 and

the Republicans in 1994. In each instance, the winning party failed to capture the presidency two years later. The last time a party regained a single house was when the Democrats took the Senate in 1986. They, too, lost the next presidential election.

One reason: The loss of Congress enabled presidents from Harry Truman to Bill Clinton to blame the opposition party for their failure to get much done. That is the script President Bush is likely to follow if Democrats win the House and Senate this fall.

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Jailed American GIs eat steak, sparking cries of special treatment

TOKYO (AP) — In one cell block, dinner is a heaping plate of steak, potatoes, dessert and fruit. In the others, it's rice, miso soup and boiled fish — and about half the calories.

For decades, American GIs who have gone afloat of the law have gotten special treatment in the one Japanese prison responsible for housing them, and a few Japanese lawmakers want to do something about it.

"American inmates here get things like steak and cakes, and Japanese inmates rarely do," said Satoshi Inoue, a communist lawmaker who raised the issue at a recent parliamentary hearing. "It's unfair. All inmates should get the same food and the same portions."

Such special consideration — especially when the beneficiary is a convict — has long rankled with some Japanese. And it points to a deep-seated antipathy felt by many toward the American troops stationed in Japan.

Tens of thousands of U.S. military personnel have been stationed in Japan for a half century under a security pact that has been widely applauded by both sides for maintaining stability in Asia.

Under the agreement, GIs have some special privileges. They are exempt from most customs and import taxes, and are

permitted to drive cars with a U.S. license. On-duty American soldiers who break the law in Japan are tried by a U.S. military court.

The treatment of GIs before trial became a major issue last summer, when the delayed handover by U.S. authorities of an American airman accused of raping a Japanese woman in Okinawa triggered criticism that the U.S. forces had too much authority on Japanese soil.

But to some, the worst example is the difference in prison treatment. Yokosuka Prison, about 50 miles south of Tokyo, holds U.S. military personnel convicted of breaking Japanese laws are held. Only 20 American GIs are currently held.

The United States supplies food for all American military personnel at the prison. The arrangement, drawn up after Japan's World War II defeat, was meant to ensure the welfare of U.S. troops imprisoned at a time when food shortages were common.

Japanese officials now view the meals as too lavish. They say it's unfair that the American inmates get about 50 percent more calories a day than Japanese inmates.

"We think the special meals for American inmates should be scaled back and, eventually, eliminated," said Justice

Ministry official Jun Aoyama.

According to the U.S. Forces Japan public affairs office, the meals "meet U.S. nutritional requirements" and are identical to those given to inmates in military prisons at home.

"It is not, however, 'better' than food served other Japanese prisoners, only different in order to take into consideration the cultural differences of the prisoners," the office said in an e-mail response to questions from The Associated Press.

While Tokyo and Washington are in no hurry to change the overall pact, the prison issue is already seeing some changes.

Five years ago, Yasuo Ogata, another Communist Party lawmaker, complained that American inmates had 10 p.m. curfews, daily showers and heated cells in winter, while Japanese inmates took only two baths per week, had a 9 p.m. curfew and slept in cold, dank cells.

The American privileges were revoked, and Yokosuka prison officials say all 224 inmates are treated equally with allowances made for cultural differences.

All healthy inmates, for instance, are expected to work, from dawn to dusk, in print or metal shops or doing prison-related chores. Inspections are frequent and discipline strict.



The Yokosuka Prison, about 50 miles south of Tokyo, is the only prison in Japan that holds American GIs who break Japanese laws.

However, Americans are given beds instead of the floor mats Japanese inmates sleep on. They can also choose from thousands of English-language books in the prison library and broadcasts of the U.S. military radio network are piped into

their cells every night. *Not everyone thinks the battle over food is worthwhile.* "I've seen what the Americans eat. I prefer the Japanese food. It looks much tastier," said Hitoshi Kimura, a Yokosuka Prison spokesman.

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Section B

Do nothing till you hear from Martha

I screwed my courage to the sticking point last week and cleaned behind the refrigerator. Big mistake. Have you looked behind your fridge lately? You'll find the residue of activities and organisms completely unsuitable for a family home.

But Martha Stewart pretty much made me do it. I was reading an article in her magazine while I was waiting for a haircut a couple weeks back, and she said homeowners who neglect the back of their major appliances are pond scum. I'm one of them, and it made me feel bad — worse if things don't work out for Martha with the Securities Exchange Commission and she has to do time in a minimum-security breakfast nook.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

So I scooted the refrigerator away from the wall and immediately got gugged by lint gremlins. They took my wallet and tied me up with some of the miles of plastic tubing that connect the refrigerator's ice maker with the main water line down in the basement.

What remained behind the fridge included scum-encrusted Post-It notes, dusty snapshots of my cousin's kids in California, a by-the-way-and-a-dozen pertified flies, a 2-year-old water bill which I evidently never paid and a key to my locker at the health club whose membership I dropped in 1996.

Martha said the coils on the back of the refrigerator must be cleaned, like, twice a day if you're a decent homeowner, but strictly speaking I couldn't find the coils under all that um, residue. So I put the wand attachment on the vacuum cleaner and waded it over the back of the fridge until some structural elements became vaguely discernible. Just then, the refrigerator lost power, confirming my hypothesis that mankind was never meant to fool with the mysteries of nature or the interior of any major appliance.

Promptly I worked the fridge back into place — taking care not to sweep behind it first — and the appliance sprang back to life. I've learned my lesson.

And I believe I can extrapolate that experience to the dust bunnies under the bed.

Monsters-under-the-bed is a venerable theme in children's literature, but I believe it may have some basis in reality.

It's a little-known fact that once lint reaches a critical mass, it can reproduce and grow rapidly, subsisting entirely on stuffed animals and Cheez Doodle crumbs. Of this I have personal knowledge.

My youngest son was long in the habit of fixing snacks and taking them to his room, where they would be partially eaten and then forgotten. This went on until the family's supply of plates, glasses, cups and bowls disappeared entirely from the cupboard.

A search would then ensue during which some — but never all — of the missing dishes would be recovered, many discovered growing penicillin. Eventually, entire sets of dishes would be lost.

When Eric went off to college, we just closed the door for a while. Some weeks later, we found one of the windows in his room broken.

Now it may have been a stray baseball from the neighborhood, but my theory is that it was evidence that the dust bunnies — killer rabbits by then, surely — had escaped.

— And here's the spooky thing: I checked under Eric's bed, and it was clean.

In my old neighborhood, we lived next door to an exterminator. A dour man with haunted eyes, he always looked as if he kept secrets he was dying to share — but just couldn't.

He was over at the house one day when I was preparing to open the hatch to the crawl space in the attic to check the insulation.

"Don't," he warned, pursing his lips. "You don't want to know."

This from a man who regularly stored termites and inorganic chemicals in their compound eye.

So my refrigerator and my stove and my dryer will sit as they are, untidy at the back of beyond. Until, that is, I hear from Martha.

I'm thinking that if she gets sent back to community service, maybe she'll come clean then for me.

Steve Crump is the Times-News features editor. Write to him at crump@magicvalley.com.

Child abductions spur new policies

AMBER program gains momentum in Idaho

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

BURLEY — It's a community's worst nightmare — an abducted child.

The Cassia County Sheriff's Office recently implemented a new policy regarding abducted children; the Twin Falls Police Department is working to put a statewide abducted child program in place.

Cassia County Sheriff Jim Hagens began work on a new abducted child policy after a rash of abductions, including Elizabeth Smart in Utah. He wanted to be proactive, rather than reactive if something happened here.

"I just became concerned about this,"

Hagens said.

The new policy, which was put in place about three weeks ago, takes advantage of the great radio system in the sheriff's dispatch center, Hagens said. With the radio system, the Cassia sheriff's office can send information to a number of law enforcement agencies, emergency medical crews and fire personnel as well as those in private industry such as United Electric Coop. and government entities such as schools and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service.

When a child has been abducted, "We pull all the stops out," Hagens said. Everyone possible is contacted by radio. United Electric employees, city garbage

truck drivers, school bus drivers and local law enforcement agencies, reaching over to Twin Falls and down to Box Elder County, are all notified of the possible abduction and can start looking.

"We get as many people looking as we can," Hagens said.

All off-duty and reserve officers in the sheriff's office are called in, Hagens said. Once officers have assembled, a command center is set up and an organized search by law enforcement officials begins.

News media, such as television and radio stations, would be integral to the alert system and getting the word out to people, Hagens said.

When a child is missing rather than

abducted, officers alert emergency personnel in the local area. Hagens recalled one incident in Oakley where a child was missing, but there was no reason to assume abduction. Area law enforcement, emergency medical teams and fire personnel were paged. Within minutes the child was found.

Hagens said his office receives about two to four reports per year and normally it is a child who missed the bus and can't be found or a child who stopped to play when he was headed to a friend's house.

The sheriff's office will investigate missing children, runaways and child custody

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Creepy crawlies slither, skitter into CSI

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Snakes are not considered man's best friends.

Not are many other creatures. You can't cuddle tarantulas and don't even think about teaching your newt to fetch the paper in the morning.

Even so, people keep all such animals as pets. Owners brought these often unloved critters to

Overheard at Creepy Crawly Day

Three sentences you probably won't hear anywhere else:

"I want to hold the baby snake."

"I don't have a brown recluse — my friends keep promising to send me one but they haven't."

"Mom! Tyler's hogging the spotlight!"

Creepy Crawly Day on the lawn outside the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho.

After overcoming some initial squeamishness, those who went to Saturday's event, sponsored by the newly formed Herpetology Society, began to understand the appeal of reptiles, amphibians and arachnids.

Reptile love begins with touch.

"It feels ... cool!" said Nathan Schneider when he gathered the courage to stroke a corn snake.

The tactile sensation of live snakeskin is almost indescribable. Most snakes are so smooth they almost feel wet. Holding a snake is like grasping material shifting between liquid and solid states, a rod of flowing metal.

Children were walking comfortably with snakes wrapped around their necks. Reptile owners told the children this contact was the exception to the rule — they should not pick up any snake they see. Snakes not used to being handled might bite if touched.

Trenton Ranger, 13, made the mistake of asking to hold one of Diana Harbist's non-domesticated snakes.

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All Churchman, 5, holds her 8-foot-long redtail boa constrictor, Lucas, at the first Creepy Crawly Day Saturday afternoon sponsored by the newly formed Idaho Herpetology Society. In addition to snakes, lizards and frogs, the event held outside the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the College of Southern Idaho campus featured games with prizes for kids.

BREAKING THE CHAIN

Kimberly girl enrolls in college after years of struggle

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY — Determined to break the chain, she's now college-bound.

Nicole Hill didn't set educational goals when she was younger. For her family, staying in school was not a priority. Her primary concern was survival.

But after running away from home at the age of 11, spending time in detention centers, living in foster homes, and finally being adopted by her foster parents, Hill became a "family-first" when she received her high school diploma this year.

She didn't stop there.

With chances that were slim to none, she graduated with honors from Kimberly High School, and at 18, she's now enrolled at the Boise Bible College, majoring in Christian counseling with a minor in music.

"None of my (other) family ever finished school — and it's easy for kids to lose

hope. But years ago, one of my counselors inspired me," Hill said.

Though she had lost almost two years of formal schooling, she wanted an education. So she spent the entire summer making up for lost time. And by the time summer was over, she was ready to begin her freshman year — at grade level.

"Now my goal is to help someone else. I want to help them know they can break the chains," Hill said.

Hill lived at the Magic Valley Safe House — a shelter for people in need — before going to live with her adoptive family.

"She's our success story — an over-achiever," said Safe House Director Val Stotts, who knew Hill years before she was adopted. "And she was this year's Homecoming queen, captain of her basketball team and was voted most valuable player."

Sherry and Randy Hill, Nicole's foster

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Nicole Hill, shown here on Kimberly High School graduation day, is attending Boise Bible College this fall.

Shooting sends T.F. 16-year-old to hospital

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A 16-year-old Twin Falls boy was in critical condition Saturday at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center following a gunshot wound the night before.

Twin Falls Police Sgt. Brian Krear said police are still investigating the Friday night incident in which the boy was shot in the stomach.

The boy was stable, but in critical condition at the hospital, Krear said. A friend had checked the boy into the emergency room at 9:30 p.m. Friday, he said. Krear did not release the victim's name because he said it might limit the detective's ability to follow up on the case.

A call from the hospital alerted police to the shooting, Krear said. A juvenile witness told officers he was driving down South Washington Street with the windows open when he saw someone walking north. The witness told police he heard a gunshot and saw the person fall to the ground. The boy stopped and helped the victim — who turned out to be one of his friends — into the car, the witness told officers.

The victim took a shotgun blast, fired from close range, in his abdomen, Krear said. Though in serious condition, the boy was able to answer questions when checked into the hospital.

Those with information on this shooting should contact the Twin Falls Police Department, Krear said.

YOUR WEEKEND

The Lamphouse Theatre

What: "Tadpole" will be shown.

Where: The Lamphouse Theatre, 223 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls. When: 4:30, 7 and 9:15 p.m. today.

How much: \$6.50 for adults, \$4.50 for seniors and students and \$4 for matinees.

Shakespeare Festival

What: The third annual Shakespeare Festival will present "The Taming of the Shrew."

Where: Forest Service Park in Ketchum. When: 6 p.m. today.

How much: Tickets, which are \$18 for adults and \$12 for senior citizens, are available at Chapter One Bookstore or by phoning 726-9124.

Full Moon Karaoke

What: Full Moon Music Madness Karaoke will be featured. Where: The Blue Room, 613 Fremont, Rupert. When: 6-10 p.m. today.

How much: No cover charge.

Voces del Pueblo

What: Voces del Pueblo, a Hispanic cultural afternoon, will be held. The event will include rides and games.

Where: The park in Buhl. When: 2-6 p.m. today. How much: Free.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Twin Falls police arrest car-bashing suspects

TWIN FALLS — Police arrested a 16-year-old and a 19-year-old in connection with multi-car vandalism Friday night at a car dealership and rental car lot.

Sgt. Brian Krear of the Twin Falls Police Department said Saturday the officer in charge of the case hadn't filed the suspects' names.

Burglars worked their way through 12 cars in the Middlekauff Blue Lakes and Enterprise Rent-A-Car lots, Krear said. They used a baseball bat and a golf club.

A security guard noticed a smashed window and called police at 12:40 a.m., Krear said. At about the same time, an officer

Valley in brief

on patrol saw the burglars in a car and requested backup. The burglars ran from the car and tried to flee in a pickup. Police stopped the truck and arrested both suspects, Krear said.

The two suspects told officers they had broken into cars looking for something to steal but came away with only a few owners' manuals, Krear said.

Flaming trailer blocks Interstate 84 near Malta

MALTA — A burning trailer blocked both westbound lanes of Interstate 84 at milepost 239 for an hour Saturday morning.

The open trailer, carrying eight cars, caught fire blocked traffic traveling past Malta between 11 and 11:51 a.m., Idaho State Police dispatchers said. The fire destroyed the trailer and cars, but no one was hurt.

Heat from a blowout probably ignited the blaze, the ISP said. Driver C.J. Caldwell of Oklahoma told officers he pulled off the road when a motorist signaled to him. When he walked back to his trailer the rear wheels were already in flames.

Caldwell hurried to disconnect his cab from the trailer as the fire grew behind him.

Though the trailer was on the side of the road, the blaze encompassed both lanes, the ISP said. The tires of the cars on the trailer exploded in the heat. The trailer's wheel rims melted onto the road.

Firefighters from Malta and Declo put out the blaze. Two trucks from the Malta Fire Department and one truck from the Declo Fire Department responded to the fire while ISP troopers stopped traffic.

— compiled from staff reports

Mary Ann teams up with Batman

RIVERTON, Wyo. (AP) — Here's an interesting theatrical combination: Mary Ann from "Gilligan's Island" and Batman. Dawn Wells has joined with longtime friend Adam West in bringing the show "Love Letters" to the Robert A. Peck Arts Center on Aug. 30. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

A \$30 ticket includes an after-show party. Wells, who starred in the '60s "Gilligan's Island" sitcom, is raising money for local students to attend her Film Actor's Boot Camp in Driggs, West, who lives in the Wood River Valley, played Bruce Wayne — aka Batman — in the '60s fantasy adventure.

A funeral home is no place to make hasty decisions. Includes photo of a man and contact information for Evansworth Mortuary.

SERVICES

Isabel Juvo Edson of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at St. John's Cathedral in Boise; interment will follow at Morris Hill Cemetery (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Charlene Marie Tilly of Eden Prairie, Minn., graveside service at 10 a.m. Monday at the Pella Cemetery in Burley (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Robert C. Sample of Twin Falls, service at 10:30 a.m. Monday at White Mortuary Chapel.

Joan Boyd of Oceanide, Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; friends may call from 4-7 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Dorothy Osterhout of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the View First and Second Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 550 S. 500 E., Burley; interment will be

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

William 'Bill' H. Carnahan of Glenns Ferry, service at 1 p.m. Monday will follow at Gem Memorial Garden Cemetery in Burley; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today and one hour before the service at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Mary Berniece Strickland of Gooding, service at 1 p.m. Monday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gooding; burial will be in Wendell Cemetery in Wendell; family members and friends may

Claude Leon Maxwell of Gooding, graveside memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding; no public viewing will be held at the family's request (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

call from 5-7 p.m. today at Demary's Gooding Chapel and from noon until the time of the service on Monday at the church.

Harry B. Williams of Rupert, service at 1 p.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel; burial will follow at Gem Memorial Garden Cemetery in Burley; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today and one hour before the service at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

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State controller plans to leave office early

BOISE (AP) — Longtime Democratic state controller J.D. Williams is planning to leave office before his term expires, perhaps within the next month.

It has long been speculated that Williams might resign early, but he had declined to discuss the specifics or timing.

Williams, 60, was first elected to the state controller's office in 1989. Now he wants to work in the high-tech field.

"I've had chances to leave, but I didn't want to leave until we had everything done, and we're very close to it," he said. "At the right opportunity, if it's a dream job, I'll go. I've promised my wife."

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DEATH NOTICE

Lawrence Green L.G. Davison PRAIRIE — Lawrence Green "L.G." Davison, 85, of Prairie died Friday, August 23, 2002, at a care center in Meridian.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2002, at Summers Funeral Homes, McMurry Chapel in Mountain Home. Burial will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Prairie Cemetery in Prairie.

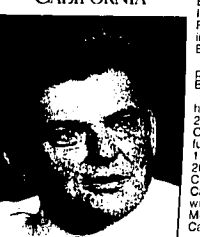
HOSPITAL

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Dismissed Florence Lisa of Springfield, Ore. and Keith Olsen of Twin Falls. Some names are omitted at the patient's request.

OBITUARIES

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TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA



James Lee Burgener

James Lee Burgener, 63, of Temple City, Calif., formerly of Jerome and Idaho, died Monday, August 19, 2002, at Glens Regional Medical Center in Burley.

He was born September 13, 1938, in Jerome, Idaho, the son of Edward Bruno and Katherine Irene Ehrmantraut Burgener. He received his education in Jerome, Idaho, Los Angeles Trade Technical College in Los Angeles, California, Pasadena City College in Pasadena, California, and served in the United States Navy.

Jim married Hilda Werner on November 12, 1959, in Pocatello, Idaho, and moved to California in July of 1962. His career was in the graphic arts industry. Following retirement, Jim attended Glendale Career College in Glendale, California, getting certified as a Webmaster.

Jim was an incredibly talented artist, singer, and musician. He was an accomplished guitarist and band player and performed at family sing-alongs, weddings and clubs. He always took his instruments with him to entertain at any opportunity. His music was the joy of his life.

As an artist, he could create everything from cartoons, caricatures, landscapes or portraits. He touched the hearts of everyone he met, leaving a legacy of unforgettable memories.

He is survived by his wife, Hilda Burgener of Temple City, California; his children, Loraine (Art) Bernal of Burley, California, and James Lee Burgener Jr., and James Lee Burgener III, all of Temple City, California; and his grandchildren, Brandon Burgener,

Joseph Bernal, Jessica Bernal and James Bernal, and his siblings, Edna Magnoli and Dwight (Boots) Burgener, both of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Arlinda (Bill) Kirland of Palmateo, California, Rita Abbott, living in Florida, and Edward (Phay) Burgener of San Diego, California.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Donald, Burgener.

A vigil service with rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, August 26, 2002, at Saint Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F Street, Rupert. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 27, 2002, at Saint Nicholas Catholic Church, with Father Henry Carmona as celebrant. Interment Memorial Park in Montrovia, California.

Friends may call at the church on Monday from 6:00 until time of the rosary and on Tuesday prior to the funeral Mass.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley.

years and Grand View for nine years, where he has continued farming at his own home for his whole life.

Dean will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Dean survived by his wife, Anne Wolfe of Grand View, two sons, Jim Wolfe of Gooding and Billy Wolfe of Grand View, one daughter, Janet Wilgus of Siletto, Louisiana; a sister, Vivian Cox of Nampa; two brothers, Ben Wolfe of Emmett and Goan Wolfe of New Meadows; four grandsons and five granddaughters. He was preceded in death by his son, Jerry Wolfe of Gooding, a brother, Neal (Bulch) Wolfe of Fairfield, and a sister, Ila Edward of Boise.

Funeral services will be held at the church on Monday from 6:00 until time of the rosary and on Tuesday prior to the funeral Mass.

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KETCHUM Winslow Poole Ballantyne

Winslow Poole Ballantyne, 90, was born January 17, 1912, in Rigby, Idaho, and passed away Thursday, August 22, 2002, in Twin Falls, Idaho.

He graduated from Rigby High School, then attended Idaho State University for one year. He worked for the J. C. Penny store in Rigby for a while before enlisting in the Army as a private in 1935. He worked his way through the ranks, reaching the rank of Lt. Colonel before retiring from the United States Air Force in 1955 after twenty years of service. He was with the Medical Corps in the Far East during World War II.

After his retirement, Win moved to Rupert, Idaho, where he met and later married Ethel Reeves in the summer of 1973. Win loved working in his shop, where he made turn, built clocks and repaired TVs. He was a sportsman who loved the Wood River Valley for its fishing and scenic beauty.

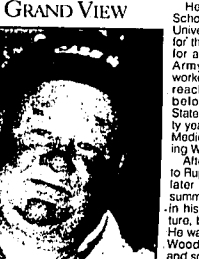
Win is survived by his nephews Jeff, Rollie, Michael and Terry Pearson and their families, John D. Ballantyne and his family, his stepson Robert Reeves, daughter-in-law Sally Reeves and granddaughter Holly Reeves.

His wife Ethel and his parents preceded him in death, as did his sisters Betty, Vera and Alva, and brother Dean.

At his request, no funeral service will be held. Burial will be at the Ketchum Cemetery with graveside military honors provided by the David Ketchum American Legion Post 115.

Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Halsey, Idaho.

GRAND VIEW



Hue Dean Wolfe

Hue Dean Wolfe, 71, of Grand View, died Wednesday, August 21, 2002, at his residence. In place of a memorial service there will be a gathering at his home for friends and family on Saturday, August 31, 2002, from 1 until 5 p.m. Cremation is under the direction of Summers Funeral Homes, McMurry Chapel in Mountain Home.

His dear wife, the son of Ed and Iva Wolfe, was born August 10, 1931, in Corral, Camas County, Idaho. Dean married Anne Kwoolien of Fairlie in 1955. They lived in Fairfield for five years. They then lived in Gooding County for 31

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Amateur historian looks into Nez Perce warriors' trek

LEWISTON (AP) — Some say four Nez Perce men walked from here to St. Louis in search of the Bible and the Christian religion they had heard about from trappers and explorers.

Others say they went in 1831 to acquire the advanced technology of Americans, from their rifles to their writing system.

"A Crangeville man thinks he's found the answer in one of the Nez Perce warriors' words."

Jim Holsinger is a free trimmer and amateur historian. He heard the story of the Morning, No Horns on His Head and Black Eagle dating from the late 1800s, and began to research their journey.

He found a 120-year-old book that contained the text of a speech made by one of the warriors — it does not mention who — before they left St. Louis.

The speech was passed to William Clark, who helped lead the Corps of Discovery across the West almost 30 years earlier and met the Nez Perces, including Black Eagle and others.

"It requires no fancy of mine, but only memory, to sketch that audience room of furs and robes and the few hearers," wrote the book's author, William Barrows.

"As to the speech, it is apparently as hard for the American people to do an Indian justice."

The Indian's words are eloquent and sorrowful, a lament for a failed quest for the "white man's book of heaven."

The arrival of the four Nez Perces in St. Louis and their reported interest in Christianity sparked a missionary movement that would forever change their people's way of life.

Holsinger first found a copy of the speech in a book about that missionary movement, and he traced it back to its origin in Barrow's 1883 book, "Oregon: The Struggle for Possession."

Black Eagle and Man of the Morning never left St. Louis. They died of disease, were given Christian names and buried with Catholic rites.

No Horns on His Head died of sickness and fever between North Dakota and Montana.

Only Rabbit Skin Leggings returned to his people, but he, too, died within a year — in a battle with the Blackfoot Indians, along the Salmon River.

Holsinger read a newspaper story last fall about the grave of Black Eagle and Man of the Morning being found and descendants in the Nez Perce Tribe working to build a memorial for the site.

"I noticed all the people in the article had evidently not heard or read that speech made by one of the Indians before they left St. Louis," he says.

"It should be obvious to anyone who will read the speech with an open heart and mind that the Nez Perce Tribe at that time was desiring and thirsting for this book that they believed would lead them to heaven," Holsinger says.

Not everyone is convinced, however.

"The speech — I don't know," says Crystal White, a doctoral student at Washington State University, who gave a copy of the speech. She is director of a committee working to create a memorial for the warriors.

The speech endorses one side of a touchy subject, she says.

"Different families have different stories of why they went," says White, who lives in Lapwai. "That's a real key part to people here."

Otis Halfmoon, another memorial project member, explains the missionary movement split an already spiritual tribe into three beliefs.

"They were exposed to various religions trying to save the Indian's soul," he says.

Presbyterian Henry Spalding was one of the first missionaries to come and live with the Nez Perce.

Man in the Morning's descendants are still strong Presbyterians, Halfmoon says. Other tribal members were reached by Catholic missionaries, and Black Eagle's descendants are still strong Catholics.

Still other Nez Perce retained their traditional beliefs and religion.

Problems arose when adherents of one religion were taught the followers of others were wrong, Halfmoon says, dividing the tribal members against themselves.

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White notes she has not met anyone in the course of her research who thinks the four warriors were looking for something to replace their old ways.

The reasons for the skepticism about the meaning of the speech Holsinger found are not just spiritual and cultural, White says, but also historical.

White says there were other copies of the Bible near the Nez Perce at the time of the journey to St. Louis. The Nez Perce's rivals, the Blackfoot tribe, had a copy, as did a Spokane Indian called Spokane Garry.

"To say they went all the way to St. Louis for a Bible is questionable to some people," she says.

White learned from reading Barrow's book that the Indians were not given the Bible. The Catholic Church at the time did not give out Bibles, but relied on missionaries to carry the church's message.

Black Eagle and Man of the Morning died in October of 1831.

Rabbit Skin Leggings and No Horns on His Head were in St. Louis until the following spring, but never received a Bible, according to the speech.

"I think the answer lies in the language barrier," Holsinger says. No one in St. Louis spoke Nez Perce, and none of the Nez Perce spoke English.

A Catholic bishop named Rosati wrote, "Unfortunately, there was not one who understood their language. They made signs of the cross and other signs which appeared to have some relation to baptism."

Holsinger says they would have almost certainly communicated in the inter-tribal sign language, known by many Americans at the time.

"It's a very complete language," Holsinger says. He believes the speech was delivered in sign language and translated.

White agrees the speech was likely in sign, and it is likely people understood, but adds a warning.

"There has to be something lost in the translation. There's all the different steps where things could have been shifted or reworded according to one's agenda."

Allen Binkham, a tribal member and historian, believes the Nez Perce and other tribes were aware of the Euro-American cul-

ture before Lewis and Clark set out to explore the West in 1803, and they began to reach out to understand it better, including its technology.

He notes the four men were looking for William Clark, who had a son by a Nez Perce woman on his return trip to St. Louis in 1806.

The party would have likely told Clark of his son, Daytime Smoker, Pinkham says, because to the Nez Perce he represented a physical connection to Clark and his culture.

He says some signs would have been misinterpreted, such as holding a hand in front of one's eyes to mean "I can't find it," not "I don't see the light of God."

"It's all a misunderstanding," Pinkham says. "We weren't looking for the Bible itself."

"My perspective is they wanted to find out what writing was and they went after it. Religion was part of it, but it wasn't the whole thing."

Holsinger, however, is willing to take the translated speech at face value.

"It didn't go through very many hands, Barrows was right

there. He was the very man who saw the speech."

Barrows mentions artist George Catlin, who painted portraits of Rabbit Skin Leggings and No Horns on His Head on a fur company steamboat heading west.

When Catlin later heard of the speech and the quest for a Bible, he didn't believe the story because neither Indian had mentioned the purpose of their journey, Barrows writes.

Catlin wrote to Clark, and Barrows quotes Clark as replying, "It is true; that was the only object of their visit and it failed."

Regardless of the meaning of the mission, the Nez Perce Tribe plans to honor Man in the Morning and Black Eagle, whose remains had been moved a number of times before finally settling in a mass grave in Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis.

There the tribe plans to set up a monument describing the journey to honor the men where they lie, in keeping with Nez Perce custom.

A ceremony to commemorate the monument is planned for October.

"There should be something there for them," says Halfmoon. "These four warriors that went to St. Louis should be heroes to the Christian faith."

Halfmoon does not believe the warriors went in search of salvation as much as knowledge and technology.

Holsinger believes the warriors were looking for the way to heaven.

But he agrees whatever their motivation, the four Nez Perce's story is amazing.

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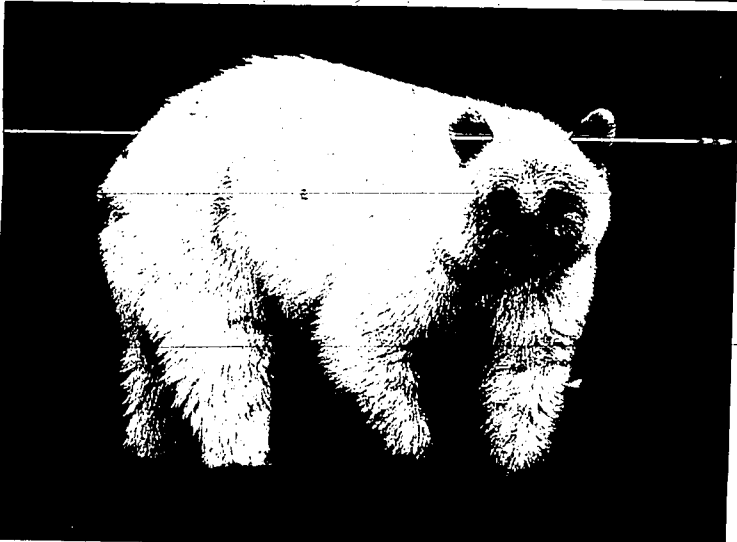
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A rare white-phase black bear walks through a stream in Juneau, Alaska, earlier this month. The white bear may be a glacier bear, a rare subspecies of the black bear that occurs when the parent bears each have a recessive gene. Freelance photographer Pat Costello filed a petition with the state Board of Game to have this bear - this one bear - exempt from being hunted when the bear season opens.



Alaska bans hunting of 'spirit bear'

Policy affects only one bear

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - A rare white-colored black bear got a reprieve from the hunter's guns Friday.

In a teleconference meeting, the Alaska Board of Game ordered an emergency closure on hunting of all "white-phase" black bears in the Juneau area. Effectively, that covers only one known white bear, the one spotted and photographed last week by local photographer Pat Costello.

Costello petitioned the board Thursday asking that the bear be exempt when hunting season opens Sept. 1.

"I'm thrilled with what the board did," Costello said Friday. "They realized there's an extreme interest in this bear."

Costello had the backing of hundreds of e-mail messages received this week after he posted a picture of the bear on his Web site, www.juneauphotos.com. People all over the world don't want to see the bear harmed, he said.

"People recognize this is a unique animal. It's important to them, whether they ever get to see it or not," he said. "They don't want to see it just made into another rug."

Game board Executive Director Diana Cote said board members agreed, and the state Department of Fish and Game told the policy-

making panel it also supported the hunting ban. State game officials say they also have been flooded with phone calls and e-mail messages this week urging them to spare the bear.

The bear is creamy white, almost like a polar bear, but with a distinctive raccoon mask around the eyes. Most likely it is a variation of what biologists call a glacier bear - genetically a black bear, but with a light-fur coat that can run from cinnamon to golden retriever blond to blue-white.

While glacier bears are somewhat scarce, a bear this white is rare even among glacier bears. Biologists in Southeast Alaska said they have not seen another like it.

"Actually, there are a lot of different color morphs with black bear," said Neil Barten, Douglas area biologist with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. "But not quite this white. This is definitely unusual."

The hunting ban will last at least until the game board's regular meeting Nov. 1, when they will ask for public testimony and decide whether to extend the ban through the rest of the hunting season, which ends June 30.

State biologists in the area have known of the bear's existence for a few years. But knowledge of it became public after Costello took its picture.

The bear had emerged from some woods near town while Costello was waiting to take pictures of other black bears. The

state capital city has a continuing problem with bears coming into town and raiding trash cans and bins.

He found himself standing in awe at the first sighting and hadn't snapped a shot before the bear disappeared back into the trees.

The white bear showed again about 45 minutes later, Costello said. "And I took 22 shots in about

60 seconds. Then it went back again into the woods. It was exciting. I was visibly shaking."

Taking any black bear out of season in Alaska is a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in jail, a maximum \$5,000 fine and a \$600 restitution fee for the value of the bear to the state. Conviction would also result in forfeiture of the weapon used to kill the animal.

Scarcity of antivenin for snakebites worries doctors

POCATELLO (AP) - Health professionals around the Intermountain West are concerned that a shortage of snake antivenin could threaten their ability to save lives.

"People need to know to be careful and not stupid around snakes," said Doug Dero, emergency room physician at Pocatello Regional Medical Center. "There are no antidotes."

Dero said there are only 11 vials of an antivenin within a two-hour drive of Pocatello and none at all in the city.

"With a nasty bite we may easily need 40 vials," Dero said. "A production delay has caused shortages in supplies of a new antivenin called CroFab. It takes up to two years to produce. It replaces a treatment made from equine serum, or antivenin, which can have dangerous side effects, especially for people allergic to horses."

CroFab is used to treat bites from rattlesnakes, copperheads, and cottonmouths.

Idaho Falls facilities may have enough to treat a minor bite, Dero said. "But that's it. Now we're just on edge."

Ron Endo, staff pharmacist at the Pocatello medical center, said his orders for CroFab, the only antivenin currently on the market, have all been backordered.

"I do know it's flowing, but I don't know who gets what when," said Greg Borden, research director at the Rocky Mountain Poison Center in Denver. "So far, I believe every patient in the U.S. got sufficient treatment. I haven't heard otherwise."

Earlier this year, a 15-year-old Chubbuck boy was bitten by a rattlesnake he had caught in the wild and taken home as a pet. The 3-foot snake bit the boy's finger. He recovered after several painful days in the hospital.

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Idaho woman finds passion for car racing following cancer

STATERLINE (AP) - Cancer gave Yvonne Lifsey some Irish Thunder.

But first it invaded her body, until every female part was removed. Uterus. Ovaries. A complete hysterectomy.

As her body struggled to repair itself, Lifsey felt a yearning, almost as if she needed something to fill that emptiness. Nobody would have guessed it was a 1976 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme with a 350 Chevy motor and a backfire that sounds like ricocheting gun shots.

The 53-year-old grandma proudly calls the Kelly green car Irish Thunder.

"Yahoooooo!" Lifsey shrieked as she slid out of the driver's side window of the Olds that has a hot paint job for a car whose mission is to get hit, bumped and spun around the quarter-mile track at the Staterline Speedway. "That was fun," she said pulling off her helmet and shaking the sweat from her fire-red hair.

And that was just a solo, practice run. No contact. No action. No sparks.

Lifsey is a firecracker. Tall. Commanding. Wild. And the first woman to clinch the Bump-to-Pass Championship in 2001 at the Staterline Speedway.

The race is a step up from demolition derby. It's not for pretty cars with \$80,000 NASCAR motors.

Bump-to-Pass is for stripped-down junkers with lots of reinforced metal that speed around the track at 55 miles per hour hitting the car in front of them for the right to pass.

When the race is over, children run on to the track to sign the cars and get candy from the racers.

Lifsey, who lives in Athol, sometimes hands out shamrock key chains.

"The cancer just woke her up," said Dick Lifsey, her husband who doubles as mechanic and pit crew. "She doesn't act her age at all. She acts like a teenager."

Lifsey has always had spunk. An old black and white photo in her racing album proves it.

There she is, 8 years old, mouth wide open in a full yell and her long, bony legs clinging to a wooden soapbox car. Her hair piled under her brother's football helmet.

When Lifsey announced she was going to race Bump-to-Pass, a cousin in California sent the photo.

Lifsey doesn't remember that childhood day. Yet she does remember those homemade cars, speeding down their neighborhood hill in Burbank, Calif.

"The cancer just woke her up. She doesn't act her age at all. She acts like a teenager."

- Dick Lifsey, Yvonne Lifsey's husband

"I always built them and she would always take them away from me and drive them and I'd end up with the smashed thumbs and bruises," said Wayne Duncan, Lifsey's brother who comes most Wednesdays to watch his big sister race.

Duncan has taught Dick Lifsey how to keep Irish Thunder running.

"I didn't have a clue, I'm a carpenter by trade," said Dick Lifsey, who moments before was inside a friend's Monte Carlo welding a side brace.

And he was there to reattach Irish Thunder's transmission hose when it burst a few hours later, spewing slick oil on the track and causing his wife to spin out.

Lifsey's mother, Donna Duncan, also comes to cheer, as does Lifsey's two daughters and the grandkids.

On this particular Wednesday, twin grandsons Blake and Tyler Hinton, 8, rode in the pace car and handed out trophies. Three-year-old grandson, Matt Hammer, sat in the stands with a Kelly

green shirt that read "I belong to 50."

That's the number of his grandmother's car. The 50 represents the age she got rid of cancer and got the car as a surprise birthday present.

"It doesn't bother me at all," Donna Duncan said waiting for her daughter to get on the track. "She's out here to get her bumps just like everyone else."

And no one gives her mercy for being a woman. "She was a hit right from the go," said Al March, Lifsey's buddy who introduced her to the sport. "The women do just as well as the guys."

James Cotter, another Bump-to-Pass driver, said Lifsey is a wonderful addition to the track family.

He admits women drive differently than guys. "Most are a little more cautious," Cotter said. "They drive with their head unlike us. We just go."

Lifsey agreed that women are more cautious. She has no desire for the aggression that some men in the class A Bump-to-Pass show. That's what tears off the rearends of cars and blows up motors.

Lifsey doesn't have the money for new cars, or the heart to make her husband work that hard on repairs.

But Dick Lifsey may get more work.

Stepdaughter Jody Hammer has the yearning. She zipped herself into a borrowed fire suit and helmet and slid into Irish Thunder for a couple of practice laps around the track before the racing began.

Afterward Hammer lit her cigarette with shaking hands. "That was so cool," she said. The women giggled and hugged.

But then it was race time. Lifsey got serious. She put on her helmet and hopped into Irish Thunder.

As she got into the lineup, she flipped on her stereo - the only "extra" in the car except for a box of rocks that serves as a weight.

"Fire it up baby. Get up, get up, get up..." And with the wave of a flag, she was off.

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Milk or juice served every day
Monday: Corn dogs, corn, carrot sticks, dessert
Tuesday: Burritos, salad, dessert
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, French fries, fruit
Thursday: Fish sticks, rice, fruit, dessert
Friday: Pizza, fruit, dessert

BULL SCHOOL
Breakfast menu
Milk served every day. Choice of fruit or juice every day.
Monday: Cereal, toast
Tuesday: Breakfast pizza
Wednesday: Breakfast pizza
Thursday: Pancakes, maple syrup
Friday: Cereal, cinnamon toast
Lunch menu
Salad bar and milk served every day
Monday: Chicken sandwich with mayonnaise, French fries, fruit
Tuesday: Tacos, cheese, lettuce, corn, french fries
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, French fries, bread sticks, pineapple
Thursday: Chili cut sandwich, chips, fruit, fruit roll-ups, cookie
Friday: Burritos, salsa, Spanish rice, celery sticks, peaches, branwich

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL
Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served every day
Monday: Donuts
Tuesday: Donut holes
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school
Lunch menu
Monday: Corn dogs
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Milk served every day
Monday: Hamburger, French fries, ketchup, cinnamon
Tuesday: Turkey sub sandwich, potato patty, hot beans, peas
Wednesday: Nachos, salsa, bread sticks, pineapple
Thursday: Chicken fillet, tater tots, fruit jello
Friday: French bread pizza, tossed salad, green beans, fruit cup

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL
Milk served every day
Monday: Cheeseburger, French fries, fruit and vegetable bar
Tuesday: Turkey sub, baked beans, fruit and vegetable bar
Wednesday: Nachos, bread stick, fruit and vegetable bar
Thursday: Chicken fillet, potato patty, fruit and vegetable bar
Friday: French bread pizza, fruit and vegetable bar

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
Choice of milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, barbecue sauce, chicken wieners, sliced peaches, garlic and cheese biscuits
Wednesday: Little Charlie's pizza, tossed green salad, ranch dressing, watermelon slice, chocolate mousse
Thursday: Soft-shell taco, salsa sauce, tater tots, chilled applesauce, trail mix
Friday: Deli turkey sandwich, potato chips, cantaloupe, cookie bar

ROBERT STUART AND OLEARY JUNIOR HIGH
Breakfast menu
Milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Cereal, sliced peaches, toast, jelly
Wednesday: Cereal, sliced peaches, toast, jelly
Thursday: Cereal, watermelon, toast, jelly
Friday: Cereal, applesauce, toast, jelly
Lunch menu
Milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Foot-long hot dog, salad bar or hamburger, French fries, chilled peaches, Rice Krispie treat
Wednesday: Salad bar or pizza, tossed green salad, watermelon, bread sticks with pizza sauce
Thursday: Spicy chicken sandwich, salad bar or grilled cheese sandwich, Campbell's tomato soup, celery sticks

with peanut butter, dried peas
Friday: Deli turkey sandwich, salad bar or popcorn chicken basket, strawber

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY
Milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: French toast with peanut butter and jelly, syrup
Lunch menu
Salad bar and choice of milk served every day
Monday: Tacos, corn, watermelon, chocolate fudge cakes, salsa
Tuesday: Breaded chicken sandwich, peas, carrots, melon, whole-wheat sugar cookie
Wednesday: Nachos, carrot sticks, dip, banana, cinnamon roll, salsa
Thursday: Hamburger, tater tots, apple slices or applesauce, oatmeal cookie
Friday: Sea burger or chicken fajita, grapes or fruit salad, Rice Krispie bar

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
Breakfast is served every day
Monday: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger, French fries and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies every day.
Tuesday: Deli sandwich or chicken nuggets, barbecue sauce, tater tots, cantaloupe, Rice Krispie treat
Wednesday: Deli sandwich or chicken nuggets, lettuce, pea, French fries, tangerine, raspberry fruit juice bar
Thursday: Deli sandwich or ham and cheese sandwich, potato chips, watermelon, chocolate chip cookie
Friday: Deli sandwich or pizza, tossed green salad, ranch dressing, dried peas, bread stick, pizza sauce

VALLEY SCHOOLS
Breakfast is free to all students
Monday: Cereal, muffin, juice
Tuesday: Hot cereal, cinnamon twist, fruit
Wednesday: Cereal, donuts, yogurt
Thursday: Scrambled eggs, hash brown potatoes, toast
Friday: Biscuits, gravy, fruit
Lunch menu
Monday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, hot roll, butter, peaches
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, green salad, dressing, hot roll, butter, cantaloupe
Wednesday: Nachos, salsa, corn, cinnamon sticks, peas
Thursday: Chicken and noodles, peas, hot roll, butter, peaches, strawberry bar
Friday: Vegetable soup, crackers, peanut butter or tuna sandwich, applesauce, Rice Krispie treat

GOODING ELEMENTARY
Choice of milk served every day
Monday: Chicken burger, fries
Tuesday: Tacos
Wednesday: Sloppy Joes
Thursday: Ham and cheese on a roll
Friday: Chili, cinnamon roll

IDAHIO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND
Milk served every day
Breakfast menu
Monday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, link sausage, toast, butter
Tuesday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice

of cereal, toasted bagel, jam
Wednesday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, yogurt, blueberry muffin
Thursday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, scrambled eggs, toast, jelly
Friday: Choice of juice, fruit, cinnamon rice, French toast with peanut butter and jelly, syrup
Lunch menu
Salad bar and choice of milk served every day
Monday: Tacos, corn, watermelon, chocolate fudge cakes, salsa
Tuesday: Breaded chicken sandwich, peas, carrots, melon, whole-wheat sugar cookie
Wednesday: Nachos, carrot sticks, dip, banana, cinnamon roll, salsa
Thursday: Hamburger, tater tots, apple slices or applesauce, oatmeal cookie
Friday: Sea burger or chicken fajita, grapes or fruit salad, Rice Krispie bar

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS
Breakfast and choice of milk served every day
Monday: Chicken nuggets, potato wedges, barbecue sauce, ketchup, rolls, peaches
Tuesday: Soft taco, refried bean, salsa, cinnamon applesauce
Wednesday: Chicken patty, French fries, mandarin oranges, pineapple, sugar cookies
Thursday: Burrito, corn, salsa, fruit cocktail, brownies
Friday: Nachos, fruit cocktail, chocolate cake

WENDELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Breakfast and choice of milk served daily
Monday: No lunch served
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Hot dog
Friday: Soft taco

WENDELL HIGH SCHOOL
Breakfast and choice of milk served daily
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Burrito
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Hot dog on a bun, ketchup, mustard, French fries, baby carrots, ranch, pudding
Friday: Soft taco

CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal, muffin, juice
Tuesday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, raisins
Wednesday: Breakfast on a stick, pears
Thursday: Scrambled egg, hash brown patty, toast, ham
Friday: Cereal, toast, juice
Lunch menu
Monday: Belgian waffle, syrup, ham, hash brown patty, fruit cup
Tuesday: Hamburger, French fries, watermelon
Wednesday: Taco, corn, cherry crisp
Thursday: Baked potato, applesauce oatmeal cake, celery sticks, pineapple
Friday: Pizza, carrot sticks, fruited

gelatin, snickerdoodle
MINIDOKA COUNTY SCHOOLS
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal, toast, juice
Tuesday: Cheese toast, raisins, fruit
Wednesday: Cereal, muffin, pineapple
Thursday: Hot cereal, toast, peaches
Friday: Tater tots, trail mix, fruit cocktail
Lunch menu
Choice of white or chocolate milk every day
Monday: Chicken nuggets, barbecue sauce, cheesy ranch potatoes, peaches, dinner roll
Tuesday: Hamburgers, tater tots, carrot sticks, fruit cocktail
Wednesday: Hard-shell taco, corn, pears, branwich
Thursday: Idaho nachos, green salad, fruit cookie
Friday: Turkey gravy, whipped potatoes, cinnamon applesauce, vegetable sticks, 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: Chicken malibu or tuna fish, tater tots, fruit cup, Salad bar, Chicken fried steak, roll
Tuesday: Pizza or cheese square, green beans, applesauce, Salad bar, Finger steak, roll
Wednesday: Hamburger, burrito or cheeseburger, potato wedges, pears.

Salad bar, Mini corn dogs
Thursday: Nachos, corn, apple half, Salad bar, Hot Pockets
Friday: Chicken nuggets, French fries, fruit, bar Crispito

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Firefighters sign two giant thank-you cards to the communities of Gold Beach and Agnes at a fire camp in the Siskiyou National Forest near Gold Beach, Ore., Saturday. Camp organizers printed the cards to thank the communities for their support of the firefighters who have been fighting the Biscuit fire.

Crews close in on nation's largest fire

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Firefighters on Saturday were within a mile of linking fire lines around the western and southern sections of the nearly 495,000-acre Biscuit fire in southwest Oregon.

west and mountain towns to the northwest. Crews should have the line connected within the next few days, said fire spokeswoman Betsy Coffe.

The blaze has become the largest in the nation this year, surpassing the acreage of a wildfire in eastern Arizona that burned parts of several small towns earlier this summer.

Officials said the Biscuit fire was 70 percent contained by 206 miles of fully reinforced fire lines. Firefighters made so much progress in fires in Oregon and Washington in recent days that officials canceled plans to call up about 700 soldiers from Fort Bragg, N.C., said Doug Huntington, an information officer at the Pacific Northwest Multi-Agency Coordinating Group in Portland.

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Simplot air permit hearing takes place Tuesday

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HEYBURN - Comments on a request by J.R. Simplot Co. officials to consolidate into one permit all existing air permits and state and federal air quality requirements now in place at the Heyburn potato processing plant will be accepted during a Tuesday public hearing.

Simplot officials are seeking a tier 1 permit from the DEQ. Such a permit does not allow a plant's emissions to exceed those allowed in any current permit or consent order, according to Bill Rogers of the DEQ air quality division.

Based on a review of the application, DEQ personnel have said they intend to issue a draft tier 1 operating permit to Simplot. Following the public hearing and public comment period, DEQ staffers will develop a proposed permit which will be reviewed by personnel from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Written comments on Simplot's proposal may be submitted to the DEQ through 5 p.m. Wednesday. Those comments should be sent to Natalie McLeod, Technical Services Division, DEQ State Office, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, 83706, or by e-mail to nmcleod@deq.state.id.us.

Copies of the permit package may be reviewed at DEQ office in Twin Falls or the DeMery Memorial Library in Rupert.

Mom accused of giving baby soap faces trial

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A woman accused of giving her infant son soap in his milk bottles was disappointed that her premature baby was a boy and embarrassed she couldn't produce breast milk, a prosecutor alleged in a child abuse trial.

from the bottle, a nurse said. Neonatal Intensive Care Unit charge nurse Kristin Kristensen testified that Lynn did not ask about her son's condition when she arrived at the hospital.

"Jacobs had seven hours to intercept the bottle, or simply pick up the phone and warn somebody," prosecutor David Hogle said. "She didn't do that. This was not a mistake. She had no bottles anywhere of milk."

But defense attorneys said the mother mistakenly left the bottles of soap in her mother-in-law's car, was incoherent from the painkillers she took following the Caesarean birth and unable to

correct misunderstandings that followed. During police questioning that night she "said some things in her confused state that were not accurate," defense attorney Nathan Jardine said.

Salt Lake City police officer Brandon Corona said Jacobs Lynn told him that she "felt bad because she couldn't lactate enough milk" and that Elaine Lynn didn't know the bottles held soap.

The six-member jury will hear further testimony Tuesday. If convicted, Jacobs Lynn could face one year in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

Abductions

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bitles who were parents may report a child missing when the child is with the other parent, but no alerts will be sent out.

"When an alert is sent out, it will be a serious matter, Higgins said.

Higgins' policy has no name, but while creating the policy, he came across the America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response alert system which is used in many states.

Each AMBER system is different, but many use highway radio boards and television and radio announcements using descriptions of the abductor or the abductor's vehicle.

"Our's certainly isn't as elaborate as that," Higgins said.

rate as that," Higgins said. But it could be soon.

Detective Scott Smith of the Twin Falls Police Department said officials there are working to make AMBER a statewide system in Idaho.

Smith said the AMBER system would increase the number of media outlets which would receive information. Currently, the department receives a photo of the missing child, makes copies and delivers them to local media outlets. With AMBER, the information would reach hundreds of media outlets faster.

While officials are only in the beginning stages of implementing AMBER, Smith said it could be in place in months.

The Twin Falls department also uses the Technology to Recover Abducted Kids program, Smith said. Once a child has been deemed abducted, rather than missing, an investigative team is brought in. Usually they are one who can drop what they are doing to find the abducted child.

"We have a pretty aggressive policy for abducted children," Smith said.

Times-News writer, Shari Chaney can be reached at the Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042, Ext. 638, or by e-mail at schaney@magicvalley.com.

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parents, said they never planned to adopt. They had given foster care to more than 30 children over five years. They had three children of their own, the Hills decided to give up foster care altogether.

"But Nicole couldn't let go. She stayed in touch," Sherry Hill said, "and when we finally asked her to come back and live with us, she cried."

Later, after much prayer, the Hills made a decision: If Nicole were ever released for adoption, they would be the first in line.

The adoption became final after Nicole turned 14. But even after the adoption, there were adjustments to make.

"It was a two-way street, and it wasn't easy," Sherry Hill said. "We had to move out of our comfort zone, and it was hard. She was willful and a teen, and we went through a lot of counseling. But we knew her, and we knew what she needed."

Now, looking back, how does Nicole sum up her life's journey to this point?

"I wouldn't want to live through it again, but I know that when I've gone through me what I am today, I know I'm stronger because of it."

Creepy

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OK, but he might bite you," Harbst said, offering the snake. "You sure you want it?"

"No, thank you," Ranger said. "Get it away from me, please."

Always be polite to the lady with the snake.

Besides snakes there were bull frogs, a lizard called a "bearded dragon," large hairy spiders, neas, geckos and an iguana at the show. Tiara Ernest played with a Mall Uromastyx, a lizard with a soft, fleshy body and a hard, spiny tail.

"He feels like he's squished, like someone stepped on him," Ernest said.

The lizard plodded, one stubby leg after another over her hump. The folds of skin and scales dragged under its belly.

The strangeness of these animals fascinated even those who didn't want to participate in this alternative petting zoo.

Creepy

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"They are just fun to look at and they're not hard to keep," said Erik Olsen. Olsen caught his first snake at the bus stop when he was 6 and has kept them ever since.

But even the most accepting may have felt some revulsion when reaching out to take a squirming, jet black scorpion. Harbst held one of her scorpions by its stinger. The arachnid flailed its legs and snapped its claws. The scorpions are used to people, and if you cover all 15 of their eyes they go to sleep. They aren't sting, often, Harbst said.

When Harbst illuminated the scorpions with a black light they glowed, giving off a blue-green light.

Creepy crawly pets are not only interesting, they may be useful. Statisticians have reported dogs as the best deterrent for burglars. A tank of glowing scorpions set near a window might also have thieves turning on their heels.

Rape victim loses lawsuit against state, must pay costs

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) - Seven years after being abducted and raped by a prison parolee, a Spokane woman has lost her lawsuit against state officials.

The state Supreme Court on Thursday upheld a 2-year-old verdict by a Spokane jury, which ruled that the state did not fail to properly supervise Byron Scherf. After the verdict, Spokane County Superior Court Judge Linda Tompkins ordered victim Barbara Bell, a Spokane, to hire a real estate agent as the losing party, to pay the state's court costs.

Bell's lawyers appealed on procedural grounds, but the nine Supreme Court justices upheld the original jury's verdict as well as the order for Bell to pay.

"She's extremely disappointed that the state of Washington isn't being held accountable for its mismanagement, its negligence," said Joe Filicetti, a Boise lawyer. "The bottom line is she wouldn't have been assaulted if the state had been paying any attention to him at all."

The attorney general's office, which defended the state in the case, had a muted reaction. "It's difficult to talk about a decision like this," said spokesman Gary Larson.

The state is glad that its arguments prevailed, "but we're mindful of the fact that this case involves a terrible crime, a terrible assault on this woman," Larson said.

"It's an order of the court, that costs be paid," said Larson. "We can't just ignore that. There's no way Bell will have to pay anywhere near the \$199,000 that the state actually spent defending against the lawsuit over four years, he said.

"I'm certainly talking about a much smaller number than that (\$199,000)," he said. "Probably a few thousand dollars or less."

Filicetti said charging Bell anything is like kicking her while she's down.

"I can't believe that the state of Washington, which would hold itself out as the protector of victims, would victimize someone again," he said. "They're going to take a rape victim and make her pay for an appeal? That's unbelievable to me."

The attack took place in October 1995, when Scherf called Bell after seeing her picture in a real estate directory.

He said he wanted to see a house she was selling, located in a remote area between Spangle and Cheney.

Armed with a knife from the home's kitchen, Scherf forced Bell into the trunk of his car. He drove into woods and into the house and released her.

Scherf was subsequently sentenced to life in prison, with no possibility of parole.

At the time of the rape, Scherf was a two-time felon on parole. In 1978 he was convicted of assault and sentenced to 10 years in prison. He was released after only 2 years.

In 1981, Scherf kidnapped a waitress and brought her to an abandoned house, where he bound and raped her. He then poured gasoline over her and lit her on fire. The woman survived by wriggling through a second-story window.

Scherf was paroled again shortly after Christmas 1993. He was required to register as a sex offender, take periodic lie detector tests and get his parole officer's OK for all living, work and educational arrangements.

Scherf moved in with his wife and became a student at Eastern Washington University.

Three months into his parole, Scherf admitted to his parole officer that he'd masturbated in sex-shop film booths as a way to deal with his deviant sexual fantasies.

The state maintained that Scherf "was in substantial compliance" with his parole conditions until the day he attacked Bell.

State mental hospital in Utah faces suit from employees

PROVO, Utah (AP) - Some employees of the State Hospital are suing the hospital administration, claiming unsafe working conditions where employees are subject to physical abuse by mentally ill patients.

The suit, filed this week, alleges the administration has done nothing to stem violence at the forensic unit of the hospital. Employees there care for the mentally ill who cannot be treated with medication alone.

The suit also claims that patients have attacked staff members and that the administration has not properly handled employee grievances.

Employees are seeking more

surveillance cameras, windows in doors, a functioning intercom system, repaired door locks, posted written rules and a reimbursement of their legal fees.

"The hospital has examined these claims and found them to be without merit," said spokesman Paul Murphy with the Attorney General's Office. "It is likely we will have more to say after we review the lawsuit."

The Utah Occupational Safety and Health Division said there was a lack of surveillance cameras at the hospital and management did not report some incidents to police. The division cited the hospital in January for those complaints.

Employees are seeking more

'Lunch buddies' bond

By Shari Chaney Times-News writer

RUPERT - Eating lunch with a high school "buddy" can make an elementary student's day.

It can make a high school student's day too. The lunch buddy program, which operates in Minidoka, Cassia, Gooding and Twin Falls counties, pairs elementary students with either a high school student, as in the Mini-Cassia program, or adult volunteers, as in the Gooding and Twin Falls programs.

Mini-Cassia Health Net Facilitator Tammy Hanks said one high school buddy told her last year that when he came to the playground, elementary students flocked around.

"They all wanted to be his friend. He felt important," Hanks said.

At the end of last year, there were 64 trained buddies paired with 64 elementary students. "We'd like to increase that to at least 100 this year," Hanks said.

The program will continue thanks to multiple grants. The entire program is financed by grants. Last year, the lunch buddy program cost about \$3,500, Hanks said. This year the program has received nearly three times that in grants.

The Association of Idaho Cities awarded the program \$9,000. A \$1,500 grant came from the Regional Substance Abuse Authority and \$1,560 from the League of Idaho Cities.

With more money, more buddies can be trained, Hanks said. Organizers want to start the lunch buddies program by the first of October.

With lunch buddies organizer Adria Masoner "retired" from South Central District Health and no longer a part of the Youth Advisory Committee which ran the program last year, Hanks said it will be a challenge to find an organizer. Masoner left good groundwork for continuing the program, though.

Health Net officials will talk to high school counselors to find students who may be interested in being a mentor. Any student in ninth through twelfth grade can be a mentor and even a student who may have had trouble in the past can be a mentor, Hanks said.

One incentive will be cash scholarships for seniors who complete the program. The money for scholarships will come from grants.

"It's a thank you to them," Hanks said.

Using high school students as buddies has worked out well, Hanks said, and there is room for growth in the lunch buddy program. Hanks mentioned both a breakfast buddy program and a book buddy program could evolve if there was interest.

Idaho town gets federal money to fund clinic

BONNERS FERRY (AP) - The Bonners Ferry Health Community Health Center has received a \$900,000 federal grant to establish a health clinic in Bonners Ferry.

The clinic funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will provide a medical home for the 27 percent of Boundary County's residents who do not have health insurance.

The federal government has pledged ongoing funding for the clinic.

Andrea Kramer, an executive assistant at Boundary Community

Hospital said the nonprofit group had only applied for \$650,000.

"I was stunned. I thought, 'This is a typo,'" she said.

Kramer helped form the board that found funding for the clinic. She said she first dreamed about the clinic after attending a meeting with migrant workers several years ago.

"I met a lot of them just to see what the hospital could do," she said. "I asked them, 'What services are you using? Where do you go? And they're not getting anything.'"

The clinic will be staffed with three midlevel practitioners and registered nurses. Patients will be able to receive medical, dental and mental health care.

"If they get primary care on a regular basis, they can walk around being a productive adult," Kramer said. "And because it's a sliding-scale fee basis, they still pay and that gives them dignity."

The preventive care the clinic will provide is expected to reduce the number of emergency trips - an expense hospitals often have to absorb.

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State halts plans for Kootenai County work-release center

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — State corrections officials have halted plans for a prison work-release center in Kootenai County, but officials warn that northern Idaho still needs a transitional facility.

Idaho Department of Correction board members voted Thursday to halt plans to build a 100-bed work facility in Post Falls in order to redirect resources toward a more pressing need — an exploding prison population.

Department Director Tom Beaulieu said the decision to halt the Post Falls facility was not influenced by strong opposition from a local citizen's group.

The department runs four work-release centers in the state, all in southern Idaho. Corrections board member Janet Jenkins said northern Idaho still desperately needs a new facility.

The department scrapped

plans for a facility in Hayden last year, partly because of heavy public opposition.

The citizen's group opposed to the proposed Post Falls work center said a minimum security facility would endanger the public and would add to the county's high unemployment rate.

Laura Papajack, president of Citizens for a Safe Kootenai County, said the group will still seek to add to the 5,600 signatures on a petition opposing the plan.

"We will continue to do so until they secure a site outside of Kootenai County and another area welcomes them," she said.

"This gives us a chance to take a deep breath, but we will be watching the DCC's next move."

Correction facilities are so full that officials are asking the state for \$146 million over the next two years to build more prisons.

Oldest American dies at age 114

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A large surface flow of lava from the Kilauea Volcano eruption heads for the ocean Aug. 17 at Volcanoes National Park near Volcano, Hawaii.

Volcano spews lava for record-breaking crowd

VOLCANO, Hawaii (AP) — Lava from Kilauea Volcano cascaded into the ocean at three points last week as thousands of visitors trekked to witness the latest display.

Kilauea has drawn hundreds of thousands of lava watchers to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park in the 19 years since it started erupting, but never in the numbers seen since lava began several weeks ago flowing across an accessible area near the ocean, park officials said.

On Wednesday, the park recorded 2,800 visitors, said Mardie Lane, spokeswoman for the park. Up to 4,200 people a day have made the 20-mile trek down Chain of Craters Road to see the oozing molten lava, she said.

"I remember hundreds and hundreds of people, even 1,500 people," said Lane. "I just don't remember the numbers soaring up to 3,000 and 4,000."

The current breakout of lava began on Mother's Day, May 12, and first reached the sea on July 19.

On Thursday morning, the lava finished covering the last remaining isolated segment of Chain of

Craters Road at an area known as Highcushie — a popular viewing spot in the early 1990s.

"All that remains of the road there are memories," said Thursday's posting on the U.S. Geological Survey's Hawaiian Volcano Observatory Web site. Part of a stone wall along the seaward edge of the road remains, as does the west end of the wall at a visitor overlook below the road, it said.

Kilauea has added 535 acres of land to the Big Island since it began erupting on Jan. 3, 1983 — 10 of those acres since May, said Lane.

Dan Swanson, scientist in charge at the observatory, said while the flow doesn't seem to be letting up, it is maturing so there isn't as much lava to see as it cools at the surface.

The lava is currently flowing from the top of the mountain near the Pu'u O'o vent primarily through underground lava tubes, Swanson said.

"That's why the visitors see breakouts near the coastline that don't appear further inland, because the lava is coming out of the tubes close to the shoreline," he said.

Utah stays afloat during tough spring

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah's a quirky place — even when it comes to travel.

Occupancy rates for hotels from April to June 2002 are up 3 percent from 2001, dodging national trends of decreased travel and tourist revenue.

"That increase came even with a more than 60 percent increase in hotel room in Salt Lake City since 1994 — from 10,700 to 17,500 rooms.

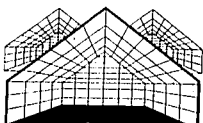
Zion National Park has seen a 20 percent increase in visitors over the same period last year.

"We are cautiously optimistic," said Spencer Kinard, assistant director of the Utah Travel Council.

Utah visitors tend to come by car, meaning post-Sept. 11 fears of flying and delays haven't hit the state as hard as they have hit Los Angeles or New York.

"There's a trend of people wanting to go back to nature, back to the smaller things," said Steve Lundgren, manager of a Salt Lake City Marriott Hotel. "People are afraid, they're still a little concerned. They want to avoid crowds and complications."

The downtown Marriott has seen a 10 percent increase from last year. Across the street, the Salt Palace Convention Center could have its best year ever even without January and February when it served as the Olympic media center. Years ago, Atlanta tourist officials suggested that Salt Lake book conventions far in advance to stave off post-Olympic drag.



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Backfield once again must carry Vandals football.

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There were birdies flying all over the place today:

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—Aaron Curtis, who made nine birdies en route to the first-round lead in the annual AKI tournament

TRIVIA

QUESTION

How many American drivers have won Formula One races? ...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Golf
AKI Tournament, at Canyon Springs CC

IN BRIEF

Coaches: Please return questionnaires

All high school varsity coaches in District Four are asked to return their fall sports questionnaires immediately. Please fax them to (208) 734-5538. Monday is the final deadline.

Questionnaires are still needed from the following schools and their respective sports:

Football: Wood River, Glenns Ferry, Dietrich, Hagerman and Raft River.
Volleyball: Twin Falls, Minico, Burley, Buhl, Filer, Wood River, Wendell, Murtaugh, Oakley, Raft River, Richfield, Twin Falls Christian and Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind.

Boys' soccer: Twin Falls, Jerome, Filer, Wood River, Wendell, Ketchum Community School, Magic Valley Christian and Bliss.

Girls' soccer: Twin Falls, Minico, Burley, Buhl, Declo and Wendell.

Cross country: Twin Falls, Jerome, Burley, Filer, Wood River, Glenns Ferry, Valley, Wendell and Oakley.

Deadline nears for Magic Valley Amateur

TWIN FALLS — Probably the longest standing golf tournament in the Magic Valley is the McDonald Insur/Serv Magic Valley Amateur, which tees off Aug. 31-Sept. 2 at Twin Falls Municipal.

The tournament is the only 54-hole stroke play event in the area and is one of the only tournaments that pays gross only in every flight except the last flight, where it pays gross and net.

A \$100 entry fee includes three days of golf, tee prizes and dinner for all contestants on Saturday night.

It is considered the last big tournament of the year, and has arguably the best field of championship flight players with the exception of the Latham Match Fly Championship.

Entry deadline is Thursday at 6 p.m.

Hamblin falls in playoff for Boise Open

CALDWELL — Tad Holloway and Bryan Culbertson survived high winds to claim the top positions available for the 2002 Albertson's Boise Open Friday.

Holloway, head professional at Cherry Lane Golf Course in Meridian, led the field shooting rounds of 67 and 69 for a 6 under total. Culbertson, assistant professional at Purple Sage Golf Course in Caldwell, claimed the final qualifying position by being the first hole in a sudden-death playoff over Twin Falls professional Mike Hamblin and Jeff Thomsen, after the three finished the 36 holes tied at 139.

The qualifying event was played at Purple Sage Golf Course in Caldwell.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWERS

Five: Mario Andretti, 12; Dan Gurney, four; Phil Hill, three; Peter Revson, two and Richie Ginther, one.

Eagles swoop to 7-0 record to start season

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It was good enough to win.

The College of Southern Idaho volleyball squad went on cruise control for its final two matches Saturday, downing game efforts from Western Wyoming and Northwest (Wyo.) College in the afternoon after handling Scenic West conference rival Dixie State in the morning match. The 7-0 record gave CSI its own unofficial Outback Steakhouse Invitational championship.

"We didn't sustain our intensity like I hoped we would," said head coach Ben

• CSI def. Dixie State 30-20, 30-21
• CSI def. W. Wyoming 30-23, 30-24
• CSI def. Northwest 30-24, 30-16



For more coverage of CSI and the Outback Steakhouse Invitational, please see Page C6

Stroud. "It's an easy trap to fall into." Still, CSI showed flashes of good poof the Eagles could become by the end of the season.

Some spurts of intensity were the difference in the wins: 30-20, 30-21 over Dixie State; 30-23, 30-24 over Western Wyoming; CC and 30-24, 30-16 over Northwest (Wyo.) College.

"All these teams ... You can't underestimate them," Jackson said. "We knew we

could (top the intensity). It took us awhile to turn it up."

But once CSI played with intensity, their Saturday foes couldn't keep pace.

Certainly one bright spot was during a couple long rallies when CSI managed to get the point each time. Such moments ended up being big momentum swings in the Eagles favor, disheartening their upset-minded foes.

During Game 2 of the match against

Western Wyoming, a great defensive effort by Amanda Santos, running down a mis-played dig near the bleachers, eventually resulted in a Wyoming error and a 23-20 Eagles margin. Western Wyoming was unable to challenge after that.

Jackson had eight kills while Mindee Magill, Amanda and Andrea Santos each had six assists. Those four combined for all 10 block assists by the squad in that match.

Another long rally against Dixie State in Game 2 ended with a soft kill by Andrea Santos over the Ketchik blockers, making it 25-16, putting the Scenic West Athletic Conference fee away.

"It's good we're getting those kinds of

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NFL 2002

Parity prevails



St. Louis quarterback Kurt Warner sets to pass while under pressure from San Diego's Raylee Johnson in preseason action Thursday. The Rams are back as one of the favorites to win the Super Bowl.

Almost everybody has a shot

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press writer

The NFL enters the 2002 season with perfect parity.

When New England upset St. Louis in the Super Bowl, it became the third consecutive team to win the NFL title one year after finishing 500 or worse.

With the league's new alignment of eight divisions of four teams each, there's no reason to think that won't continue.

Almost every team thinks it has a shot at the playoffs, and several look as if they can continue the theme of mediocrity to magnificence, as New England did last season in going from 5-11 to the title.

Tennessee, for example, should improve by five or six games on its 7-9 record, returning to the form that produced a 26-6 record the previous two seasons and a Super Bowl trip three seasons ago.

They're also talking Super Bowl in Dallas, which has been 5-11 the past two seasons.

Houston has had one major effect on the 2002 season: It forced realignment when it became the NFL's 32nd team, a franchise for the city to replace the Oilers, who defected to Tennessee after the 1996 season.

Houston's hope — and the hope of the downtrodden — stems from the salary cap, which took full effect three or four years ago and gives everyone a chance. This year, only a few truly sorry franchises (Detroit and Carolina, to name two) have no chance for at least a playoff run.

Under the realignment, it's advisable for a team to win its division, because of the strong

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possibility of missing the playoffs with a better record than a division winner.

The AFC West, for example, is relatively balanced and could be won by an 8-8 or 9-7 team. The move of coach Jon Gruden to Tampa Bay seems to have taken a lot of life out of defending champion Oakland. Denver is OK but nothing special, and San Diego and Kansas City don't seem like contenders.

In the East, on the other hand, three of the four teams are legitimate contenders: defending champion New England, which won it all under QB surprise Tom Brady; the improved New York Jets; and Miami, which has upgraded its offense by acquiring Ricky Williams from New Orleans. One or two might not make the playoffs with a record better than the West winner.

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Up for grabs

In the final season of the old six-division format, the New England Patriots became the third consecutive Super Bowl champion to win a title after a season in which they were 500 or worse.

Regular-season wins



SOURCE: NFL

Gordon bumps past Wallace to snap skid

The Associated Press

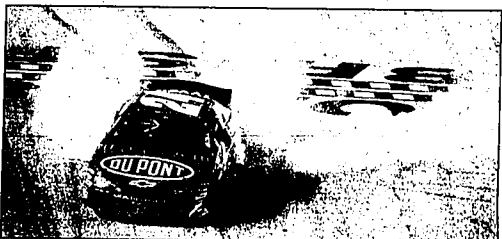
BRISTOL, Tenn. — Jeff Gordon bumped his way past Rusty Wallace with three laps to go to win the Sharpie 500 on Saturday night and snap his 31-race victory drought.

Gordon, the four-time and defending Winston Cup champion, passed Wallace by driving his Chevrolet up onto Wallace's bumper and sliding past him in Turn 4 at Bristol Motor Speedway.

After crossing the finish line, Gordon coasted around the track as his crew celebrated over the radio.

"You were like a man on the mission tonight baby, beautiful," crew chief Robbie Loomis said. "The winless streak is over, what are they going to write about now?"

After a series of burnouts, he drove to victory lane and jumped into the arms of car owner Rick Hendrick.



Jeff Gordon does a finish line after winning the NASCAR Sharpie 500 at Bristol Motor Speedway Saturday in Bristol, Tenn.

AP Photo

"I just wanted to take advantage of an opportunity, these guys deserved a win, we don't deserve to be written about this losing streak, so I'm glad it's over," Gordon said. "It feels like my first win!"

Wallace, riding a 50-race winless streak, finished second and wasn't pleased with Gordon's bump-and-run, claiming Gordon

wouldn't have got past him without a tap.

"It's been a long time since I won, but it's been a long time since Jeff won, too and he wanted it bad," Wallace said. "I guess my day's coming. I got nailed in the rear end and got turned side ways, and didn't expect it. I tried hard to nail him back, but never could get to him."

Gordon said he had to do it to win his 50th career victory, first since Sept. 30, 2001, and fifth at Bristol, but first in the night race.

"He got bottled up in some traffic and I knew if I could get to him, I could make a pass," Gordon said. "I got into him a little bit, he got loose and I hope he'll understand tomorrow."

Curtis, Stinson lead AKI

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Who says a bogey isn't a good thing in golf? Reigning Canyon Springs club champion Aaron Curtis shook off an opening bogey en route to a 7-under 65 for the first-round lead of the AKI tournament Saturday at Canyon Springs Golf Course.

Curtis leads Nate Stinson by one stroke after the Filer High graduate shot a 66. Roger Harris is five back at 2.

Despite the bogey on No. 1, Curtis said the course played rather easy. "He finished with nine birdies."

"There were birdies flying all over the place today," Curtis said.

Stinson bagged six birdies and stayed near the top of the leaderboard.

An errant 3-wood found the weeds on the first hole and Curtis said he realized it was time to refocus.

"I actually had to play it smart just to get bogey," he said. "I just hit one bad shot and it cost me bad."

He birdied four of the next five holes to get back into contention for his first-ever AKI title.

"That was kind of the key right there to the round," he said.

Chad Urie sits in fourth place at even-par 72, one shot back in fifth is the threesome of Jim Ochsenr, Todd Jones and Robert Allen.

The first flight was led by Gary Burkett with a 74, while the second was paced by Gary Krumm's 71. Doug Freeman leads the third flight with an 83.

In the net competition, Urie led the championship flight with 65 while Burkett led his with a 64. Krumm leads the second flight with a net of 58 while Freeman leads the third with a 64.

The tournament concludes today.

Pastors pull out the stops at MVS

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The seminal rock band R.E.M. sang about losing religion.

Saturday night, 10 area ministers raced for religion during the inaugural "Faster Pastor" race in front of an estimated 1,750 NASCAR Weekly Racing Series fans at Magic Valley Speedway.

Brent Keseman of Cler Trinity Lutheran showed he's more than just a man of the cloth, capturing the checkered flag in the No. 19 Thunder Stock of Mike Buddenhagen.

Keseman held off a hard-charging Ken Edmunds in the No. 14 over the final five laps. Jim Evans of Heritage Alliance finished third.

But the biggest winner of all was Valley House, which received a check for \$2,000 after the race.

Anxious owners of Thunder Stock cars replaced the nervous drivers as the race progressed. The regular drivers watched from the infield, praying the cars they lent would be returned in running order.

Only the No. 11 of Terry Van Holland, driven by Terry Moe,

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SPORTS

Owners quickly slam players' latest proposals

NEW YORK (AP) — Owners immediately slammed baseball players Saturday for making what management called backward proposals on the key issues of revenue sharing and a luxury tax.

Whoever the bar owner was in "Casablanca" was shocked to find gambling was the union lead Donald Fehr said.

to the poorest ones, up from about \$169 million under the current formula, the union proposed transfers of \$172.3 million in 2003, \$195.6 million in 2004, \$219 million in 2005 and \$242.3 million in 2006.

agement's preferred method of redistributing the money, which favors mid-market teams.

next year, based on this season's salaries.

Mishap helps Dodgers dump Braves

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Right fielder Gary Sheffield lost track of Cesar Torres's fly ball and it fell for a double, keying a seven-inning rally Saturday that sent the Los Angeles Dodgers over the Atlanta Braves 4-3.



The Dodgers' Eric Gagne pumps his fist after getting a save against the Atlanta Braves Saturday in Los Angeles.

Paul Le Duke's sacrifice fly off Tom Glavine (16-7) gave the Dodgers the lead. Los Angeles moved 4.5 games ahead of San Francisco in the NL West.

Angels beat the Boston Red Sox 2-0 Saturday.

Anaheim opened the day two games behind Oakland in the AL West. The Angels are two percentage points ahead of Seattle and 2.5 games ahead of Boston in the wild-card chase.

11th Innings HOUSTON — Adam Dunn, in 3-for-41 slump, hit a two-run homer off Tom Gordon in the 11th inning Saturday as Cincinnati beat Houston to end a five-game losing streak.

Boston star Manny Ramirez singled and doubled, extending his streak of reaching base to 14 straight plate appearances, before he flied out in the sixth inning. Ramirez fell two short of the major league record of 16 set by Ted Williams in 1957.

Indians 5, Mariners 3 CLEVELAND — Karim Garcia hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning, giving Cleveland the victory.

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White Sox 5, Devil Rays 2 CHICAGO (AP) — Frank Thomas, Carlos Lee and Joe Crede all homered as the Chicago White Sox beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Mets 5, Rockies 2 DENVER — Timo Perez hit a two-run homer in the sixth and in the ninth inning as New York snapped a 12-game losing streak by beating Colorado.

through the seventh. Clemens struck out nine. Steve Karsay pitched the last two innings for his seventh save.

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Major League Baseball

Table with columns for All Times MDT, AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division, NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division, AMERICAN LEAGUE Saturday's Games, NATIONAL LEAGUE Saturday's Games, Today's Games, and Today's Games. Includes team names, records, and game times.

World record holder gets off to good start at Pan Pacific

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP) — World record holder Michael Phelps of the United States notched a record second time in Sunday's heats for the 400 meters individual medley at the Pan Pacific swimming championships.

Kentucky shuts out Massachusetts for U.S. title

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — Zach Osborne struck out 11 and hit an RBI double to lead Louisville, Ky., to a 4-0 victory over Worcester, Mass., on Saturday night in the U.S. championship game of the Little League World Series.

International Championship Japan 4, Curaeoa 1 Japan finally gave up a run, but Yuuji Nakano had eight of his 10 strikeouts in the last four innings.

SPORTS

SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Tennis: Arthur Ashe Kids Day, CBS, 10 a.m.
Baseball: Devil Rays at White Sox, WGN, noon.
Horse racing: Grand Prix of Indianapolis, ESPN2, 11 a.m.
Football: College, Arkansas St. at Virginia Tech, FOX, 12:30 p.m.
Skateboarding: Vans Triple Down, National Championships, NBC, 11 a.m.
Golf: WGC NEC Invitational, Final Round, CBS, noon.
Figure skating: U.S. Men's Amateur Championship, Finals, NBC, 2 p.m.
Sports special: 25,000th Sportscenter edition, ESPN, 9 p.m.
Auto Racing: IRL Gateway Indy 250, ESPN, 1 p.m.
Football: NFL Preseason, ABC, 12:30 p.m.
Figure skating: Hershey's Great American Championship, Finals, NBC, 2 p.m.
Volleyball: 25,000th Sportscenter edition, ESPN, 9 p.m.
Baseball: Little League World Series, All Three MDI.

BASEBALL

Baseball scores: Seattle Mariners 3, Oakland Athletics 12, Tigers 3. Includes box scores for Seattle Mariners vs Oakland Athletics and Oakland Athletics vs Detroit Tigers.

Baseball scores: Athletics 2, Red Sox 0. Includes box scores for Oakland Athletics vs Boston Red Sox and Boston Red Sox vs Toronto Blue Jays.

Baseball scores: Blue Jays 4, Orioles 1. Includes box scores for Toronto Blue Jays vs Baltimore Orioles and Baltimore Orioles vs Tampa Bay Rays.

Baseball scores: Twins 5, Royals 5. Includes box scores for Minnesota Twins vs Kansas City Royals and Kansas City Royals vs Chicago White Sox.

Baseball scores: Yankees 3, Rangers 2. Includes box scores for New York Yankees vs Texas Rangers and Texas Rangers vs Cleveland Indians.

Baseball scores: White Sox 6, Devil Rays 2. Includes box scores for Chicago White Sox vs Tampa Bay Devil Rays and Tampa Bay Devil Rays vs Atlanta Braves.

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Florida State's Chris Rix runs the ball past Iowa State's Tyson Smith Saturday in the Eddie Robinson Classic at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo.

Florida State holds off charge by Iowa State

Kansas City, Mo. (AP) - For just over one quarter against Iowa State in the Eddie Robinson Classic on Saturday night, Florida State's players backed up most of their boasts. Then, the Seminoles stopped an Iowa State drive on the goal line with a 38-31 victory before 55,132 fans at Arrowhead Stadium.

With four seconds remaining with the ball on the Seminoles' 15-yard line, Kendrick Pope and Jerel Hudson tackled Iowa State quarterback Seneca Wallace, who had tried to take the ball around the right side on an option play.

The Seminoles gave their coach, Bobby Bowden, the 324th win of his career. In doing so, Bowden surpassed the victory total of his idol, Paul "Bear" Bryant, to move into second place on the Division I-A coaching win list and stand just three wins shy of the career leader, Penn State's Joe Paterno.

The Seminoles led just 31-14 at halftime. Following an Iowa State field goal, an interception thrown by FSU quarterback Chris Rix late in the third quarter set up a one-yard plunge by Wallace with 13:01 remaining in the game, and suddenly Florida State's lead had shrunk to 31-24.

Iowa State answered for a 38-24 lead with 8:15 remaining in the fourth quarter. Iowa State answered on its ensuing possession, ending a 91-yard drive with a 39-yard pass from Wallace to Jamal Montgomery.

N.C. State 34, New Mexico 14. Raleigh, N.C. - Philip Rivers threw three touchdown passes and also ran for two scores in North Carolina State's victory in the Black Coaches Association Bowl.

MVS

Continued from C1. The rest of the way to the finish. Late races with results will be posted in Monday's Times-News.

Woodhall wins first of two Modified races. Jerry Woodhall outlasted a wild Mountain Dew modified field to claim the victory in the first of two class main events.

Urie hangs on to Thunder Stocks lead. John Urie may not have won, but his points led in the Duiry Queen Thunder Stocks race.

Urie, in the banana-yellow No. 42, avoided two wipeouts to finish second after winner, Danny Oliver, was disqualified.

Oliver, along with Kevin Larson, were penalized because both failed to meet with technicians prior to the race. Ernest Hall took the win.

TEXAS TECH 21

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Maurice Claret became the first true freshman to start at tailback in an Ohio State season opener, then rushed for 175 yards and three touchdowns as the No. 13 Buckeyes beat Texas Tech 21-10 on Saturday in the Pigskin Classic.

Claret scored on runs of 59, 45 and 2 yards - and set up two other short touchdown runs by Lydell Ross as the Buckeyes

U.S. Amateur

South Carolina's Justin Leonard won the U.S. Amateur golf tournament at the Edgemoor Club in Charleston, S.C.

LPGA-Bobby King

At the LPGA-Bobby King tournament, the winner was a 20-year-old rookie, Jennifer Kupcho.

Northwest League

Northwest League scores: Seattle Mariners 2, Oakland Athletics 12, Tigers 3.

TENNIS

WTA Tour Pilot Pen. Venus Williams (U.S.) defeated Serena Williams (U.S.) in the final.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

2002 SEASON PREVIEW

The league's new look

With the expansion Texans joining the AFC, the Seahawks find themselves back in the NFC — but still in the West.

East	North	South	West	East	North	South	West
Buffalo Miami New England N.Y. Jets	Baltimore Cincinnati Cleveland Pittsburgh	Houston Indianapolis Jacksonville Tennessee	Denver Kansas City Oakland San Diego	Dallas N.Y. Giants Philadelphia Washington	Chicago Detroit Green Bay Minnesota	Atlanta Carolina New Orleans Tampa Bay	Arizona St. Louis San Francisco Seattle

Billion-dollar babies

Before the Houston Texans play their first regular-season game, the franchise has spent over \$1 billion on the team and it's new home — Reliant Stadium.

Purchase price (fee paid to league for expansion team) \$700 million
Stadium cost \$449 million
David Carr's contract (7 years, with incentives) \$60 million
Total so far: \$1.2 billion

A season of firsts

Six years after the Oilers packed their bags and left for Tennessee, football returns to Houston. The expansion Houston Texans play their first game of the 2002 season against state rivals — the Dallas Cowboys. It also marks the first NFL season for head coach Steve Spurrier, who comes to Washington after an outstanding 12-year stint at Florida, compiling a 122-27-1 record and a national championship in 1996. The first NFL realignment since 1970, divides the two conferences into four-team divisions, ensuring all teams of playing each other on a regular basis.



Summit Smith

When the Cowboy's Emmitt Smith faces the Giants in the fifth game of their season, the 13-year veteran, who needs 540 yards, is expected to surpass Walter Payton's league rushing record of 16,726 yards — a record once said never to be broken when Sweetness did it in 1984.

Top of their game

Players coming off great 2001 seasons include:

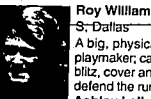
Kurt Warner
QB, St. Louis
Led the league with 36 TD passes; two MVP awards in three seasons.
Marshall Faulk, RB, St. Louis
Had 21 TDs last season; best in the game.
Donovan McNabb, QB, Philadelphia
Amazing decision-making skills for a young quarterback; 25 TDs.
Michael Strahan, DE, N.Y. Giants
Set league record with 22.5 sacks last season; plays the run well.
LaVar Arrington, LB, Washington
Pro Bowler; can become a great defensive player if he avoids injuries.



Warner

Rookies to watch

Jeremy Shockey, TE, N.Y. Giants
A tremendous receiver with sure hands.
Roy Williams, S, Dallas
A big, physical playmaker; can blitz, cover and defend the run.
Ashley Lelle, WR, Denver
Speedster; impressive route runner.
Clinton Portis, RB, Denver
Dangerous on cutbacks; productive runner.
David Carr, QB, Houston
Top overall pick and franchise player.



Shockey

Record milestones

Besides Smith's record, here is a look at some others expected to be set this season. *active

Rice still cooking

Oakland's Jerry Rice needs four touchdowns to be the first player in NFL history with 200 in his career.

Player	TD
Jerry Rice*	196
Emmitt Smith*	159
Marcus Allen	145
Cris Carter	130
Jim Brown	126

Sack masters

With 12.5 sacks, Washington's Bruce Smith can set the record for most sacks in a career.

Player	Yds.
R. White	198.0
B. Smith*	186.0
K. Greene	160.0
C. Doleman	150.5
R. Dent	137.5

Worth a look

As the season goes on, some games are more important than others. Here are some interesting matchups.

- Philadelphia at Washington (Monday, Sept. 16)
Steve Spurrier makes Monday-night debut.
- N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia (Monday, Oct. 28)
NFL rivals will be rocking the Vet.
- Houston at Tennessee (Sunday, Nov. 10)
Former Houston team faces new Houston team.
- New England at Oakland (Sunday, Nov. 17)
Could be another classic — without the snow.
- N.Y. Jets at New England (Sunday, Dec. 22)
Division rivals meet with the playoffs around the corner.
- San Francisco at St. Louis (Monday, Dec. 30)
Final game of the season; could decide NFC West.

SOURCES: National Football League; Associated Press

Steelers take down Lions with 34-22 victory

DETROIT — New stadium. Old result. For the first time since 1974, the Detroit Lions actually played in the Motor City, opening Ford Field, the team's new \$500 million downtown stadium.

But the debut was spoiled when Tommy Maddox, playing in place of Pittsburgh quarterback Kordell Stewart, threw two first-half touchdowns passes as the Steelers beat Detroit 34-22 Saturday.

The Lions — who have one playoff win since winning the 1957 NFL title — fell to 0-13 last year and finishing 2-14. Maddox started in place of Stewart, who left last week's game against Washington with a concussion. Maddox was 9-of-23 for 150 yards and two TDs with a fumble. Charlie Batch, whom the Lions cut in June to get rid of the three years and \$10 million left on his contract, was loudly booed when he came in late in the first half, and again in the second. Batch was 7-of-15 for 117 yards with touchdowns passing and rushing.

Redskins 40, Bucs 10

TAMPA, Fla. — Shane Matthews threw a 23-yard touchdown pass to Rod Gardner, and Greg Scott returned a fumble 66 yards for another TD. Washington beat Tampa Bay in Steve Spurrier's return to the state where he is revered as a coach.

LaVar Arrington and Champ Bay intercepted passes by Brad Johnson on the Bucs' (2-1) first two possessions, the latter setting up Matthews' TD pass to Gardner. Monte Curry intercepted Shaun King and ran 20 yards for Washington's last TD with 2:31 remaining in the game.

Jets 28, Giants 7

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Jets won their seventh straight exhibition meeting with their local rival Giants. After building a 7-0 halftime lead, they overcame the undermanned Giants.

Vinny Testaverde threw for one touchdown and backup Chad Pennington hit Santana Moss and Kevin Swayne for scores after the weather improved in the second half.

Giants running back Tiki Barber had 96 yards on 13 carries but left in the second quarter with an injury. He fumbled at the end of a magnificent 54-yard run.

Saints 31, Bengals 23

CINCINNATI — Aaron Brooks led three crisp scoring drives, emphatically outplaying Cincinnati's three competing passers, as New Orleans rolled to a preseason victory.

Brooks completed 12-of-24 for 154 yards, leading drives to two touchdowns and a field goal.

Jon Kitna was 5-of-14 for 101 yards with a floating interception that set up the Saints' first touchdown.

Greg Frototte was 12-of-18 for 157 yards with an 11-yard touchdown pass against the Saints backups. Akili Smith, threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to Chad Johnson with 2:24 left and an end-zone interception on the game's final play.

NFL

Continued from C1

One positive about the eight divisions is they're far more geographically correct. The few anomalies are for reasons of tradition — Dallas remains in the NFC East with archrivals Washington, Philadelphia and the New York Giants. The renamed NFC North is the old "Frostbite Division" of Chicago, Detroit, Green Bay and Minnesota.

But Indianapolis is in the AFC South because there was nowhere else to put it.

Seattle is the only team to change conferences, going from a grouping where they would be a contender (the AFC West) to the NFC West, where they are a distant third best.

Among the things to watch: — Barring injury, Emmitt Smith will break Walter Payton's career rushing record. Dallas' brilliant and durable running back is 540 yards away from Payton's 16,726 yards.

High-profile coaches in new places: Steve Spurrier, a superstar college coach at Florida, is now in Washington, the fourth coach in Snyder's three seasons as owner.

Mary Schottenheimer, fired by Snyder in Washington, is now in San Diego, where he's already benched Doug Flutie for Drew Brees.

Dolphins 24, Texans 3

HOUSTON — Ricky Williams scored the first touchdown in the first game played in Houston's new stadium and Miami beat the Texans.

Regardless of the outcome, it was an exciting return of pro football to the city, which hadn't hosted a pro game since the Oilers lost to Cincinnati on Dec. 15, 1996 before moving to Tennessee.

The Texans (1-3) didn't have too many bright moments in their debut in their \$449 million retractable-roof stadium.

Falcons 21, Cowboys 19

IRVING, Texas — Both Atlanta's Michael Vick and Dallas' Quincy Carter left after taking jarring hits on which they were sandwiched by defenders in a preseason game won by the Falcons.

Cowboys rookie kicker Billy Cundiff, getting an extended tryout in his attempt to beat out incumbent Tim Seder, missed a 22-yard field goal with three seconds left when his kick hit off the crossbar. Cundiff made field goals of 46 and 25 yards in the first half, when he also was wide right on a 44-yard attempt.

After replacing Vick, Doug Johnson threw two TD passes, including a 41-yarder to Alvis Whitted with 41:11 left that put the Falcons ahead to stay at 14-13.

Colts 19, Bills 7

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts' offense showed it still could score. It didn't do much else Saturday night.

The Colts started behind 307 to produce their first touchdown of the preseason, then settled for four field goals by Mike Vanderjagt in a 197-yard overtime — the Bills' first victory over Indy's first home win since taking over the Colts in January.

The starting offense accomplished one thing: scored for the first time in three games. Peyton Manning completed 12 of 23 passes for 104 yards, while Marvin Harrison caught eight passes for 74 yards.

They gained just 50 yards rushing as Edgerjine James sat out for their third straight week.

Raiders 17, 49ers 10

OAKLAND, Calif. — The exhibition version of the game between the Raiders and the San Francisco 49ers was decided by defense and mistakes.

Madre Hill ran 15 yards for a touchdown with 1:15 left as the Oakland Raiders beat the San Francisco 49ers 17-10 on Saturday night before thousands of empty seats at the Coliseum.

A dull, sloppy game between the San Francisco Bay area's most fervently loved sports teams featured 13 first-half penalties, two missed field goals by Sebastian Janikowski and potentially dangerous hits on both teams' franchise quarterbacks thanks to careless blocking.

Sull, it was only an exhibition, and Bill Callahan's first debut as the Raiders' 13th head coach was considerably better than his team's first two preseason games.

Oakland was soundly beaten by Dallas and Tennessee, allowing scores on the first three possessions of each game.

San Francisco managed just 80 net yards in the first half, with Jeff Garcia completing just 8 of 16 passes for 60 yards.

For some strange reason Tom holds, St. Louis is the favorite to win the Super Bowl with its perennial league-leading offense featuring Kurt Warner and Marshall Faulk.

It's the third straight season the Rams go in as the favorite.

But Bill Callahan's first debut as the NFC West by the 49ers, and other NFC favorites are Philadelphia in the East, Tampa Bay in the South, Green Bay and Chicago in the North.

In the AFC, look to the Jets' Patriots and Dolphins in the East; Tennessee and Indianapolis in the South; and Denver and Oakland in the West.

But also remember that last season, New England was 0-2 coming off a 5-11 season and lost quarterback Drew Bledsoe to injury.

You know what happened after that.

Champs aim for fast start, avoid complacency

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press writer

FOXBORO, Mass. — The champions stroll around training camp wearing T-shirts with the motivational message, "Targeting September."

A year ago, the same Patriots franchise that was coming off a 5-11 season sported T-shirts bearing a cry for help, "Wanted: Winners." That proved prophetic when New England won the Super Bowl for the first time in its 42-year history.

If coach Bill Belichick's sartorial strategy keeps working, the Patriots will get off to the fast start they haven't had in his two seasons as coach.

The Patriots aren't looking much beyond the extravaganza that will be the season opener, at Monday night rematch with the team it beat for the AFC title, the Pittsburgh Steelers. The game is Sept. 9 in New England's new, state-of-the-art stadium.

They're certainly not looking back.

"There are going to be different ways to be successful," quarterback Tom Brady said. "Plays that worked last year probably won't work this year. Some plays that didn't work last year might work this year."

Brady worked hard in his first camp as the starter following Drew Bledsoe's trade to Buffalo. None of his off-season celebrity — a visit to the Playboy mansion, judge of a beauty contest, cover boy on numerous magazines — has changed his approach.

Behind Brady's endearing smile lurks a fierce competitiveness, a fearless confidence and the knowledge he can't take anything for granted — especially because he threw only three touchdown passes in the last eight games last season.

"You have to improve mentally," Brady said. "I like to be perfect every play."

Belichick demands nothing less. A defensive wizard who flipped as a head coach in Cleveland and was viewed as little more than Bill Parcells' long-time assistant, Belichick emerged as a superb tactician interested in one thing: using players who give



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) runs drills with fellow quarterback Damon Huard (19) during the afternoon practice at Bryant College Aug. 6 in Smithfield, R.I.

the team its best chance of winning regardless of their accomplishments and contracts.

"He is probably the most focused on football over, I'm not going to say all head coaches, but most of the head coaches I've been under," said defensive tackle Steve Martin, now with his fifth NFL team.

Martin, a starter last year for the New York Jets, was one of 14 new veteran free agents signed in the offseason. Few teams signed more.

That strategy worked last year, when the Patriots picked up Anthony Pleasant, Roman Phifer, Mike Vrabel, Antowain Smith, David Patten, Marc Edwards and Mike Compton, who all became starters.

This year's newcomers should help the Patriots avoid complacency. After all, they missed out on the huge, 143-diamond championship ring.

"I'm jealous," Martin said. "I

get tired of people coming up and saying 'Great championship, and I wasn't there.'"

On the field, Brady and the offense struggled in their first two exhibition games.

Remember, though, it's not yet September. The backs of the players' T-shirts show a black-and-white target. Inside the bullseye are depictions of the helmets of September's four opponents: Pittsburgh, the Jets, Kansas City and San Diego.

In 2000, the Patriots were 0-4 in that month. Last year, they were 1-3 and had to win their last six regular-season games to win the AFC East in a tiebreaker.

If Adam Vinatieri didn't make a 45-yard field goal through a snowstorm to force overtime in a controversial playoff game against Oakland, New England's season would have ended there.

The Patriots know they had some luck and that teams will be

aiming to knock off the champs. But they also bristle at suggestions last year's success was a fluke.

One is Foxboro Stadium with its cold metal benches, cramped locker rooms and history of poor teams. Standing next to the site of the demolished facility is a field worthy of a champion, recently renamed for the old Boston-based company after CMG, a struggling Internet firm, pulled out of its naming deal.

The Patriots want to make sure they don't fall in CMG's footsteps — a meteoric rise, then a swift crash.

Brady and his teammates care more about the message on their T-shirts than their faces on the newscasts.

"We don't have any 'Prime Times.' We don't have any superstars," Vinatieri said. "The record is 0-0 right now and everybody's trying to get ready for September."

SPORTS

Many questions remain about libero position's effect

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It's too early in the season to tell how the addition of the libero position will affect junior college volleyball in the long run, or even this November during regional and national tournament play.

Most of the head coaches at the season-opening Outback Steakhouse Invitational this weekend at the College of Southern Idaho have adopted a wait-and-see approach. Most were busy trying to get an accurate feel for their teams and where players fit best into their systems under game conditions. The new position added another twist.

As required, all are using the new position. The coaches interviewed are using it to varying degrees, depending on the strengths of the player in that new role.

In CSI's case, sophomore Shawna Lancaster is a fine defensive specialist, but she, like the rest of the team, needs to improve her passing skills. So, head coach Ben Stroud is using

Lancaster in much the same way he did last year, as a specialist to step in for Jayli Jackson along the back row.

College of Eastern Utah coach Brent Martindale sees the position, meant to improve defense on papers, is actually helping offense. Many teams with an excellent passer can put her at the libero position, with its unlimited substitutions, to help spark the offense.

"I like that you can put a girl in just to pass," Martindale said. "It's only making it harder on the passers."

In Dixie State's case, the Rebels have an excellent passer in Amber Kereman so putting the sophomore in that spot is a natural one.

"We're still feeling it out though," said Dixie coach Jeff Parker.

Under the new rules, the rest of the team have 12 substitutions available instead of 18 as of the year before. The fewer substitutions forces teams to use the libero, Parker added.

In CSI's case, using Lancaster as a defensive specialist actually gives Stroud more flexibility than

the year before. Jackson is a strong server and she can stay in for those attempts.

The ability to get a good passer double the number of touches due to unlimited substitutions is tempting.

"If we had a great passer that would be the ideal spot," Stroud said Friday. Passing has been troublesome for the Eagles, notably because two of the better passers have moved to setter.

While the jury is still out on how the libero will affect play at this level, the coaches interviewed did express some frustration at the national organization for altering how the game is played.

"I don't understand why they made the change," said Martindale. "Maybe it makes a difference at the international level but here (at the juno level) it's a waste of energy and image. The fans don't understand it. They see a player in a different uniform and think someone made a mistake."

The addition of the libero will likely to continue to make this a season for adaptation by fans and coaches alike.

Outback Steakhouse Invitational at College of Southern Idaho

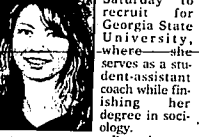
Saturday's results				Team	Record
CSI def. Dixie St.	30-20, 30-21	CSI def. W. Wyoming	30-22, 30-24	Southern Idaho	7-0
W. Wyoming def. Northwest	30-22, 30-15	Dixie St. def. Northwest	30-21, 30-21	Dixie State	5-2
Casper def. Sheridan	31-29, 25-30, 30-25	W. Wyoming def. Dixie St.	30-27, 33-31	Casper College	4-3
CEU def. Westminster	30-28, 23-30, 31-29	CSI def. Northwest	30-24, 30-16	Northwest College	4-3
Casper def. CEU	30-22, 31-33, 30-26	CEU def. Sheridan	29-31, 30-14, 30-24	Western Wyo. CC	2-4
Westminster def. Sheridan	26-30, 30-25, 30-25	Casper def. Westminster	30-26, 27-30, 30-26	Eastern Utah	25-1
				Westminster	16-5
				Sheridan	2-6

Former CSI standout returns as coach

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A familiar face strolled the hallways of the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium during the Outback Steakhouse Invitational.

Former CSI volleyball standout Anna Popenko was in Twin Falls Friday and Saturday to recruit for Georgia State University, where she



Anna Popenko transfer to the NCAA Division I school in 2000.

While it was fun to visit with old acquaintances, the Russian arrived in the Magic Valley hoping to spot some new talent to bolster the Panthers ranks. The former junior college All-American led Georgia State to a conference title during the 2001 regular season.

"CSI always has a lot of talent," Popenko said of the prospects she's seen. "The other teams have girls with some potential."

Popenko, 25, is considering becoming a full-time coach someday. For now, she's focused on graduating in December and moving on to a graduate school to study English.

"I like to teach volleyball to kids," she said during a break in Saturday morning's action. "Maybe someday I'll be a coach but that's a long ways (from now)."

The Atlanta resident will travel to the Utah Valley State College tournament on Thursday for the

chance to see more players from around the country.

Other notes
CSI assistant coach Jung Ding celebrated her 23rd birthday Saturday. The team serenaded her with the "Happy Birthday Song" prior to the match against Western Wyoming.

Saturday roundup

Western Wyoming def. Northwest 30-21, 30-15
Lindsay Owens and Lexi Anderson each pounded down eight kills while Kandyce Thompson made 13 assists to lead Western Wyoming. Northwest was paced by four kills and six digs from Kinky Peterson and 14 assists from Katie Peterson.

Casper def. Sheridan 31-29, 25-30, 30-25
Tiffany Thunselle made 10 kills and Katie Byrd made 18 digs to lead Casper in the win. Sheridan was led by Ashley Robinson with eight kills while Jessica Hoyt made 34 assists. Melissa Roth added 17 digs.

CEU def. Westminster 30-28, 23-30, 31-29
Stephanie Kolditz made 10 kills while Stephanie Cox made 12 digs for Eastern Utah. For the Griffins, Liz Thompson made nine kills while Brittany Ennis made 10 assists.

Casper def. CEU 30-22, 31-33, 30-26
Tricia Clark scored the hardwood for 21 digs while Katie Byrd pounded 11 kills for Casper. Cassie Warburton dropped 11 spikes while Stephanie Kolditz

hit the floor for 13 digs in the loss.

Westminster def. Sheridan 26-30, 30-25, 30-25
Sasha Smith recorded 12 kills to lead the Griffins in the win while Kim Hreschbach recorded eight kills for Sheridan. Melissa St. John made 30 assists and 10 digs in the loss.

Dixie State def. Northwest 30-21, 30-14
A computer meltdown erased all of the Rebels stats on Saturday. Kinky Peterson scooped up 13 digs while she and Heather Wilkinson each hit five kills. Katie Peterson added 17 assists while Beth Robertson added three spikes and eight digs in the losing effort.

W. Wyoming def. Dixie State 30-27, 33-31
Emilie Rodman put in a good all-around performance with seven points, six kills and three blocks. Kandyce Thompson and Jenny Ward combined for 13 assists while Crystal Berg hit the floor for five digs. No Dixie stats were available.

CEU def. Sheridan 29-31, 30-14, 30-26
Jordan Fox scooped up 18 digs and collected nine kills in the come-from-behind win. No Sheridan stats were available.

Casper def. Westminster 30-26, 27-30, 30-24
Katie Byrd soared for 14 kills while Tracy Dean pounded down 13 spikes. Tricia Clark added 17 digs. Westminster was led by Brittany Ennis with 12 assists while Sasha Smith had 17 kills.

CSI

Continued from C1
points this early in the season," Stroud said.

The wins showed how strong the Eagles are up front. If the kill attempt wasn't blocked outright, the CSI middle blockers altered a lot of shots, forcing errors. Their dominance up front put Northwest away in Game 2.

"We knew we had the winning hand," Jackson said. "When it was time to turn it up, we did."

Four blocks for points, two Wyoming errors caused by the blocks altering shots and one kill swelled a 12-9 lead into a 19-9 advantage.

Fittingly, Jackson ended the game by blocking a kill attempt. Northwest managed only six kills while committing 16 errors in Game 2.

"When the going got tough, our block took over," Stroud said. "It certainly was not our offense. That (advantage up

front) would separate us." Mince Magill finished with 22 kills on the day, 12 against Northwest, and 42 assists. Kelly Blye had 44 assists and seven kills. Andrea Santos had 17 kills, including a team-high nine against Dixie, while Amanda Santos added 14 spikes, a team-high six against Western Wyoming.

Despite the wins, a weak poor passing - was clear. It didn't cost CSI this weekend but could against better competition at the Utah Valley State College tournament starting Thursday.

"They're so big and athletic," said Dixie coach Jeff Parker. "They passed horribly in Game 1 yet they still spanked us."

"Their game is to get the ball up in the air and use that ability to get up and put the ball down. That's why they have seven pictures in their (gym's) foyer."

And passing may not be a

problem for too long, Stroud hopes.

"Guess which drills the Eagles will be doing during practice Monday."

"It's typical for this time of year," Stroud said of the poor timing.

CSI going undefeated Saturday was not unexpected. What was a bit of a surprise was Western Wyoming's second-day bounce. They went 2-1 with wins over Northwest and Dixie State, both 4-0 on Friday, after starting the season 1-3. Head coach Sue Dulaney was pleased, pointing out her team went 2-5 in the Outback invite last fall.

Lindsay Owens and Lexi Anderson each had five kills against CSI. Colleen Heyl led Dixie with 11 spikes against the Eagles while Beth Robertson and Heather Wilkinson each had eight kills in their loss to Southern Idaho.

opportunities to try to become the first player since Ted Williams in 1941 to hit .400 in a season.

The closest Gwynn got to .400 after the strike was his .372 season in 1997. That's 22 points lower than he ended the 1994 season.

If just three of his line drives had found holes instead of gloves, Gwynn would have ended the season with a .401 average and all sorts of controversy.

"Hitting .400 is .400 but it would have had a asterisk on it. You can bank on that," said Gwynn, who added that he wouldn't have counted it as a legitimate .400 season.

"It's a much better position not to have gotten there. If I had gotten there, people would have to remember it and say it was because of the strike year."

1994 strike brought sudden end to spectacular season

By Josh Dubow
Associated Press writer

Tony Gwynn knows full well how costly a baseball strike could be.

The last time players walked out and a season was canceled, so too was Gwynn's run at .400. Matt Williams' bid for Roger Maris' home run record, and a magical season in Montreal.

"There were a lot of guys having great years. We were all in the same position," Gwynn said. "I think we made a mistake in '94. Looking back on it, I don't know if we gained very much. I don't know if the owners gained very much. I think that should be an example. Both sides should look at what they accomplished and what they gained. I don't think a strike fixed anything."

Instead, it aborted a memorable season that also had the New York Yankees and Cleveland Indians on the verge of ending playoff droughts and Frank Thomas and Albert Belle fighting for a Triple Crown.

Another lengthy work stoppage this season would slow Barry Bonds' run for the career home run record and end spectacular seasons for the Atlanta Braves, Anaheim Angels and especially the Minnesota Twins, who could be hurt as badly as the Expos were eight years ago.

Montreal would be the best team in the majors before the walkout - leading Atlanta by six games in the NL East - to a year of fire sales and perhaps the end of the sport in the city.

"That was really tough on us,

because it was the only time anyone has had Atlanta looking up at them in a long time," former Expos manager Felipe Alou said. "We were so good, and we were dominating the league, but there was always the cloud hanging over us."

The losses ran deep throughout baseball. Average attendance dropped 20 percent in 1995 and still hasn't fully recovered.

No team has been affected as much on that front as the Toronto Blue Jays, a model franchise that topped 4 million in attendance the three years before the strike and is now on pace for its third straight sub-2 million season.

But no team was hurt as much overall as the Expos, who have only gotten close to the playoffs once since 1994 and might be eliminated after this season.

But before baseball resumed in 1995, Larry Walker, John Wetteland, Marquis Grissom and Ken Hill had already left Montreal.

Pedro Martinez, Moises Alou, Cliff Floyd, Jeff Shaw, Jeff Fassero, Kirk Rueter, Darrin Fletcher, Wil Cordero and Mike Lansing departed in the next few seasons - and so did the fans.

While the Expos never really got another chance, Gwynn feels better knowing that he had more

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Field closes in on Allenby Sparks blow Starzz out of playoffs

Woods gets within two strokes despite pair of late bogeys

SAMMAMISH, Wash. (AP) — Robert Allenby's long eagle putt on the 18th hole came up one turn short Saturday, leaving him in a share of the lead, the same spot where he started a topsy-turvy round in the NEC Invitational.

Only now, he has a lot of company — including Tiger Woods. Allenby overcame an early double bogey for an even-par 71 at Sahalee Country Club, joining fellow Aussie Craig Parry (66) in the lead at 10 under 203 heading into the final round of the \$5 million World Golf Championship event.

One stroke behind was Fred Funk, who found a new flock of fans in Seattle by holing a bunker shot on the 17th hole for a 68.

Woods was among the leaders until making bogey on his last two holes, but still managed a 67 and was two strokes behind in his bid to become the first player in 75 years to win the same event four years in a row.



Tiger Woods grimaces as his tee shot on the sixth hole goes into the rough during the third round of the NEC Invitational Saturday at Sahalee Country Club in Sammamish, Wash. Woods shot 67 and is two strokes back.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lisa Leslie led five starters in double figures with 25 points and the Los Angeles Sparks overpowered the Utah Starzz 103-77 Saturday to sweep the Western Conference finals and advance to the WNBA championship.

The Sparks' 103 points was a WNBA playoff record, topping the 101 points Los Angeles scored against Phoenix on Aug. 13, 2000.

Fans baying in the prospect of the Sparks winning a second consecutive championship chanted "back to back" when Los Angeles led by 21 points with 13 minutes to play.

Just like they did in winning the series opener Thursday, the Sparks had five players in double figures. Besides Leslie, DeLisha Milton had 19 points, Mwadi Mabika had 15 points and nine rebounds. Tamecka Dixon had 15 points and rookie Nikki Teasley added 11 points and nine assists.

The Starzz were completely outplayed in the second half, when they never made a run and fell behind by 29 points against the WNBA's highest-scoring playoff team.

Adrienne Godson and Jennifer Azzi scored 16 points each to lead the Starzz, who knocked off four-time WNBA champion Houston in the first round. Azzi tied Cynthia Cooper's league playoff record with 12 assists.

Los Angeles put the game away in the first half with a 35-13 run that produced a 44-29 half-time lead.

After shooting 7 of 19 to start the game, the Sparks trailed 16-10. Milton started the game-breaking run, scoring eight in a row to tie the game at 18. Then the Sparks rattled off 16 consecutive points for a 34-18 lead.

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Milton proved the catalyst much like she did in a 75-67 victory Thursday, when Leslie had 12 points and none in the second half. Milton came off the bench in that game to score 13 of her 17 points in the final 20 minutes.

Utah had 21 turnovers in Game 1 and 18 Saturday.

The Starzz were fighting a difficult challenge at the Staples Center even before they took the



Utah guard Marie Fordnand watches the Sparks' Lisa Leslie, not shown, sink free throws in the second half of the Starzz' 103-77 playoff loss Saturday in Los Angeles.

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Ellis looks to break string of second-place finishes

KUTZTOWN, Pa. — Australia's Michelle Ellis, coming off consecutive runner-up finishes as she seeks her first LPGA Tour victory, shot a 7-under 65 to take a two-stroke lead after the third round of the Betsy King Classic.

Ellis birdied eight of the final 11 holes to finish at 15 under 201, breaking the tournament record for 54 holes set last year by Heather Daly-Donofrio en route to her victory.

Australian star Karrie Webb was two strokes back after a 67, and South Korea's Se Ri Pak (66), Kelly Robbins (65) and Angela Stanford (66) followed at 12 under.

Danielle Ammaccapane, who began the round tied for the lead with Australia's Wendy Doolan at 9 under, shot a 71 to fall five strokes back at 10 under. Doolan was another shot behind after a 72.

Barnes and Mahan advance at U.S. Amateur

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich. — Ricky Barnes and Hunter Mahan advanced to the championship of the U.S. Amateur with semifinal victories, keeping alive their hopes for a berth in next year's U.S. Open and a probable invitation to the Masters.

Barnes, a senior at Arizona, used a spectacular short game to beat Wake Forest junior Bill Haas, the son of PGA Tour pro Jay Haas, 1-up. Mahan, a junior at Oklahoma State, earned his way into Sunday's 36-hole final at Oakland Hills with a 1-up victory over North Carolina junior Dustin Bray.

Jacobs overtakes Hatafsky for Senior lead in Utah

PARK CITY, Utah — John Jacobs scored 24 points with two eagles and seven birdies for a share of the second-round lead with Morris Hatafsky in the Senior PGA Tour's Uniting Fore

Care Classic

Jacobs and Hatafsky, who birdied four of the last six holes, each had 30 points under the modified Stableford scoring format.

Tom Watson had 26 points for third place after an eagle and two birdies over the final four holes. Don Pooley was fourth at 21.

Hatafsky, the first-round leader, scored 11 points Saturday. He had six birdies and one bogey in the second round.

Scott charges up Scottish leaderboard

GLENELG, Scotland — Australia's Adam Scott finished eagle-birdie-birdie for a 5-under 67 and a five-stroke lead after three rounds of the Scottish PGA Championship.

The 22-year-old Scott had an eagle, six birdies and three bogeys en route to a 17-under 199 total. Australia's Scott Gardiner (65) and Scotland's Raymond Russell (66) were tied for second.

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SPORTS

Courage deny Hamm, Freedom WUSA crown

Williams tops Davenport for fourth Pilot Pen title

ATLANTA (AP) — Danielle Fotopoulos scored one goal and set up another as the Carolina Courage completed their turnaround season, holding off Mia Hamm and the Washington Freedom for a 2-1 victory in the WUSA championship game Saturday.

The Courage, who also won the regular-season title, denied Hamm another milestone in her remarkable career.

The leading international scorer in women's soccer history already had World Cup and Olympic championships on her resume. Hamm came up short in the 2-year-old league she helped to found, despite a brilliant goal in the 64th minute.

Carolina and Washington tied for last place in the eight-team WUSA's inaugural season, but they bounced back to make it all the way to the Founders Cup.

Fotopoulos accurately scored twice, deflecting a shot into her own net for Washington's first goal. She reclaimed herself in the 53rd, scoring off a rebound to break a 1-1 tie.

Carolina scored again five minutes later to go ahead 3-1, taking advantage of a mistake by Washington captain Jennifer Grubb. When she cleared the ball lazily in front of her own goal, Birgit Prinz took it away and scored on a breakaway against helpless Washington goalkeeper Siri Mullinix.



Prinz won a car as the game's MVP.

Hamm, who missed nearly half the season after knee surgery, stuck with her role of coming off the bench. She entered the game at the start of the second half, drawing cheers from the announced crowd of 15,321 every time she touched the ball.

Hamm's goal brought the Freedom to 3-2. Marked by Stacy Burt, Hamm cut suddenly to her right and unleashed a right-footed shot from about 15 yards that curled into the top

corner of the net.

The Freedom poured it on the rest of the game, but couldn't get the equalizing goal on a scorching Georgia day.

Carolina goalie Kristin Luckenbill made a great save when Burt, the game's MVP, had several chances for another goal, the best coming in the 82nd when a point-blank shot from a bad angle was swatted away by Luckenbill's right hand.

Hamm had one more chance in stoppage time, but three defend-

ers converged on her in the penalty box and knocked the ball away.

The Courage opened the scoring in the 20th minute on a beautifully executed play.

Burt lofted a long pass toward Fotopoulos, stationed at the top of the penalty box. Fotopoulos redirected the ball with a header to Hege Riise, who broke loose in the right side of the box. Riise came in alone on Mullinix, beating her with a low shot to the short side from about 6 yards out.

Williams topped Davenport for her fourth straight Pilot Pen title Saturday to win her fourth-straight Pilot Pen title. She's the first woman to win the same tournament four years in a row since Monica Seles did it in the Canadian Open from 1995-98.

Williams has won 13 straight matches heading into the final Grand Slam event, which begins Monday.

"Technically I feel pretty good," said Williams, who has beaten Davenport for the Pilot Pen title three of the last four years. "I know in the big matches in the Open, the best players have to be able to come through technically. When my techniques start to break, then that's when I start to lose it."

She hasn't lost much this year, improving to 51-6 with the win over Davenport, who was playing in her fourth tournament since returning last month from knee

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Venus Williams is headed to the U.S. Open on a roll.

Williams, the two-time defending U.S. Open champion, beat Lindsay Davenport 7-5, 6-0 Saturday to win her fourth-straight Pilot Pen title.

Davenport started out crisply. She broke the top-seeded Williams in the first game with strong returns and passing shots.

Up a break in the first set and leading 5-3, Davenport began to unravel with several unforced errors and went winless the rest of the way, losing 10 straight games.

"Against a lot of players you can have your kind of lapse and it's not that big a deal," Davenport said. "Against her, she then-takes-advantage of it. She's able to play better at the bigger moments."

Davenport's serve also abandoned her down the stretch. She double-faulted one break in the second set and had trouble getting her first serve in. She won points on just 13 of 34 first serves and only scored on half of her second serves.

Williams closed out the match by pouncing on Davenport's 86-mph second serve with a backhand crosscourt winner.



Lindsay Davenport, of Newport Beach, Calif., towels off during her match against Venus Williams at the Pilot Pen tennis tournament in New Haven, Conn.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Medaglia d'Oro holds off Repent to take Travers

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. — Medaglia d'Oro is ready to make a run at War Emblem for the 3-year-old championship.

Taking the lead with a half-mile to go, Medaglia d'Oro held off a determined late rally by Repent and won \$1 million. Travers Stakes at sony Saratoga Race Course on Saturday.

With Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner War Emblem running today in the Pacific Classic at Del Mar, Medaglia d'Oro served notice he will be a formidable foe when the two colts hopefully look up at the Breeders' Cup Classic at Arlington Park on Oct. 26.

With Jerry Bailey aboard, Medaglia d'Oro broke second behind Shah Jehan as a light rain fell after a daylong drought. The two stayed that way through speedy fractions of 23.14 for the first quarter and 46.82 for a half-mile. But with a half-mile to go in the 1.25-mile race, Repent made his usual late run and was closing strong as he crossed the wire just behind the winner.

Nothing Flat, trained by Nick Zito, was third.

Time for the 1.25 miles was 2:02.53 over the goosy surface.

Hall of Fame pitcher Hoyt Wilhelm dies on Friday

SARASOTA, Fla. — Knuckelbaiter Hoyt Wilhelm, the first reliever elected to the Hall of Fame and the last pitcher to throw a no-hitter against the New York Yankees, has died.

Wilhelm died Friday, but the cause of death was not released. Baseball records listed him at 79 years old, though the funeral home handling the arrangements said he was 80.

Wilhelm played from 1952 and 1972 and when he retired, he held the major league record for games pitched at 1,070. Jesse Orosco and Dennis Eckersley have since passed that mark.

Wilhelm was 143-122 with 227 saves and a 2.52 ERA for nine teams. He played mostly for the Giants, Baltimore and the Chicago White Sox.

Wilhelm was elected to the Hall in 1985. Rolfie Fingers is the only other reliever in the Hall.

Dominating Da Matta wins sixth pole of season

MONTREAL — It was just another routine day for Cristiano da Matta as he took the pole for the inaugural Montreal Molson-Indy with a series of sizzling laps late in Saturday's qualifying.

It was the sixth pole in 13 tries this season for the Brazilian driver, who also has six wins while dominating the CART series with his Toyota-powered Newman-Haas Racing Ltd. The latest triumph added another championship point for Da Matta, raising his lead over Patrick Carpentier and Bruno

Junqueira to 44 points heading into the 13th of 19 races.

Titans chartered flight makes emergency landing

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans' chartered airplane made an emergency landing in Chicago early Saturday morning because flaps got stuck on the wings.

The Titans were returning home from Minneapolis after a 14-10 exhibition loss to the Minnesota Vikings when pilots were forced to land at O'Hare International Airport.

The Titans took off about 90 minutes after landing and arrived in Nashville around 5 a.m. Saturday.

Otke stops Gatti in ninth to retain IBF crown

LEIPZIG, Germany — The Unbeaten German Sven Otke stopped Canadian-Joe Gatti in the ninth round Saturday to retain his IBF super middleweight title for the 15th time.

Otke froze the Canadian with a left, then hit Gatti (30-7-1) flush to drop him to the canvas with 17 seconds left — the second time the challenger was dropped in the round.

Otke ran his record to 28-0 with his sixth knockout.

The 35-year-old Otke plans a big-money fight to end his career, with his camp saying it is negotiating to unify the title with unbeaten Welshman and WBO champion Joe Calzaghe.

Rio de Janeiro will host 2007 Pan Am Games

MEXICO CITY — After promoting itself as a terrorism-free city, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, was selected to host the 2007 Pan American Games on Saturday, beating out San Antonio.

"Obviously, Texas is disappointed," Gov. Rick Perry said.

Brazilian representatives cheered, slapped each other on the back and danced to the song "The Girl From Ipanema."

Hospital releases actor Priestley after 12 days

INDIANAPOLIS — Actor Jason Priestley was released Saturday from an Indianapolis hospital where he spent 12 days recovering from injuries sustained in a crash at Kentucky Speedway.

Priestley was released from Methodist Hospital late Saturday morning, hospital spokeswoman Penny Johnson said. She said she did not know where Priestley had been taken after his discharge.

The actor's doctors had been called earlier in the week that he would soon be moved from the hospital to a physical rehabilitation center.

The 32-year-old former "Beverly Hills 90210" star was badly hurt Aug. 11 when his open-wheel car spun out of control at 180 mph and hit the wall nearly head-on during practice for the Infiniti Pro Series, a developmental circuit for the IRL.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

BSU offers training series for supervisors

TWIN FALLS - The Boise State University College of Business and Economics Center for Management Development is offering a three-part supervisory training series in Twin Falls this fall, with the four-week courses starting in September, October and November.

The supervision program is designed to build basic skills that supervisors need to lead employees to greater individual, team and organizational performance. It is aimed at supervisors and group leaders who have had little formal training in effectively leading the work of others and is recommended as preparation for those expected to assume supervisory responsibilities.

Participants earn 1.2 Continuing Education Units for each program; those seeking POST credit will be awarded 12 hours for each program; and CPE credits may be awarded for parts or all of the programs, organizers said.

Supervision I will develop practical skills in communication, relationship building, leadership and coaching. The course is scheduled for 6 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 10 through Oct. 1. Cost is \$390, which includes all instruction and program materials (any two programs are \$725 together). Three or more participants from the same business can get a 10 percent group discount for two or more programs.

Location of the class will be sent with registration confirmation. To register by phone, call 426-3861. Registration is not complete until payment has been received. Enrollment is limited.

CSI will hold 'Basics of Investment' workshop

TWIN FALLS - The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer a zero-credit workshop, "Basics of Investment," for those who would like to improve the outlook of their personal finances.

The four-week course will offer information to help students set their own investment goals. It will cover the types of investment choices often used to meet those goals. Instructor Rok Sturgill has been an investment representative for more than seven years.

The class will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 12 through Oct. 3, at Edward Jones Investments on Eastland Drive. Cost is \$25.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290.

Broadcast will feature new rules for accountants

TWIN FALLS - The Accounting Continuing Professional Education Network will broadcast a course for certified public accountants from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 18 at the College of Southern Idaho.

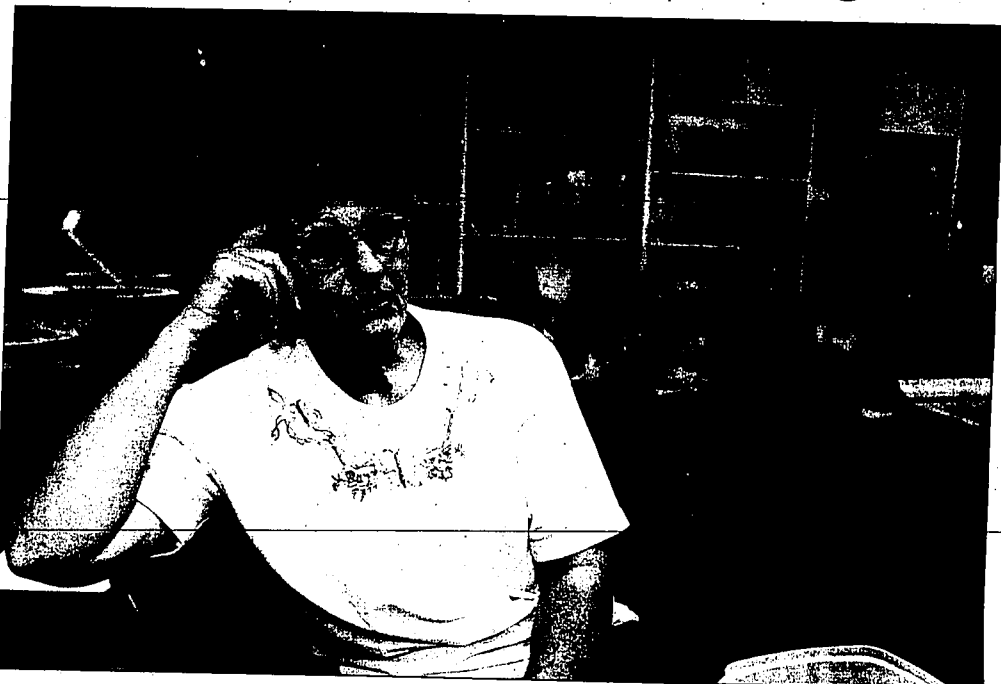
"Accounting and Auditing Update" will analyze new rules and how they will affect financial statement preparers and auditors. A panel of experts will talk on technical and practical issues that must be addressed in 2002. Particular attention will be turned to the ethical obligations inherent in accounting and auditing in light of recent dramatic failures, organizers said.

Registration is \$160 for members and \$220 for nonmembers before Sept. 4. After that day, cost is \$185 for members and \$245 for nonmembers.

The ACPE broadcast is sponsored by the Idaho Certified Public Accountants Society. For information, visit www.businessprofessionals.net/ACPE11vnuonline.

Compiled from staff reports

When Simplot is gone



Mary Lou Herbert is one of over 600 people who will lose their jobs as Simplot's Heyburn plant shuts down. She hopes to find a job in her field of waste treatment locally so she won't have to relocate. She has spent thousands of dollars building her 'playhouses' where she crafts porcelain dolls as her hobby and couldn't bear to leave it behind. "I've been without a job before - I've been at rock bottom before, and I've been OK. So I'm not that worried now, I'll be OK in the end," Herbert said.

For Rupert woman, job-search stakes are high

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

RUPERT - J.R. Simplot Co.'s shutdown here must not cost Mary Lou Herbert her doll-making shop or her hard-won state certification in waste treatment.

Of that, she's determined. But it will cost her job. The Simplot worker gathers temperature and pH samples from the Heyburn spud plant's waste stream - mainly water and potato bits. She runs laboratory tests on the samples to determine whether microorganisms in the waste are doing their job.

"I found it to be very interesting and I've liked it over there. I guess I found my niche," the Rupert 54-year-old said. "I was so into learning."

Indeed. During Herbert's 18 years at the company's waste-treatment plant, she took correspondence courses and attended classes by a Simplot-hired training consultant to climb through the state's levels of certification for waste treatment. In December, she attained level four, the highest in that field.

"And you don't do that quickly," Herbert said. "I've been at it for 18 years to get there."

If she doesn't land a job in waste treatment within a year after her Simplot work ends, the state will drop her certification.

"So all of that goes through the drain if I don't stay with it," Herbert said. "I just couldn't let the loss of a job kill 18 years of learning. I can't let that happen."

Herbert expects to have longer than some of her co-workers to find new

Simplot workers STARTING OVER

About this series

Job-loss statistics have grown as mass layoffs hit around the nation. But the U.S. economic downturn.

As a Heyburn potato plant's closure looms, however, the valley is bracing for a blow of its own. Writer Virginia S. Hutchins and photographer Lisa M. Collins will put a human face on job loss as they follow several soon-to-be-displaced workers through the process of starting over.

They introduce readers to one of those workers today. Another woman's story will follow on Wednesday.

The Times-News is seeking other affected workers who are willing to let the newspaper document their lives over the coming months or years. Call Hutchins at 735-3242.

work. Simplot's waste operation must be left environmentally safe, she said, so her \$29,000-a-year job will last until several months after the processing plant's spring 2004 closure.

"I'll be one of the last to go," she said.

But Herbert already has an eye to the future. She attended a job-hunting workshop Job Service offered at Simplot last week.

This won't be the first time Herbert

starts over.

She began full-time work at Simplot in March 1973 - nearly 30 years ago - laboring at the spud plant's cutters, blanchers, peeler room, French-fry freeze tunnels and the like.

"There's got to be something better to life than this," she told herself.

Herbert was tired of filling out job applications and saying she had no high school diploma. So she earned her GED in 1979 while working at Simplot. Though she yearned for a change she felt stuck, knowing nothing but a spud factory.

About five years later, Simplot posted a job opening at the waste-treatment operation.

"I know a couple of people over there. If they can do it, I can do it," Herbert told herself.

And she did - though she wondered at first whether she had taken on more than she could handle.

Becoming state certified was required to stay in the job. The learning, she found, was an exhilaration.

Simplot's May announcement of its closure plans found Herbert feeling too old to start over.

"When they first announced it, I was feeling pretty dumpy for a couple days," she said.

Her age is still a concern, she said, then quickly amended the statement.

"I'm not going to let it be a problem. I'll find a job," she said.

Among her co-workers, Herbert hears bickering about who has to leave in the Nov. 1 round of layoffs and who stays longer. They ought instead, she said, to get on with nailing down one of the limited replacement jobs.

"I haven't been looking either," she

said. "I'm just confident it's going to happen."

Herbert hasn't yet gotten to the serious business of looking for work.

"Why am I dragging my feet? I don't know. I can't answer that question today."

She's more than halfway through earning an associate's degree in water management from the College of Southern Idaho, and she wants to hustle and finish it before she makes a change. That's one reason she's not in a rush.

But the stakes are high. The single woman's investment of time and money in her extensive flower beds and her doll-making shop make her loath to leave her home on a canal bank east of Rupert.

With kilns, five sewing machines, paints, brushes and tools, the personal workshop is set up just like Herbert wants it for designing and creating porcelain dolls. And she couldn't create another.

"That one just about killed me off," she said.

If Herbert has to move to land a job, she intends to hang onto her home in Rupert, then return when she retires. She doesn't expect houses to be selling anyway when Simplot lays off hundreds.

But Herbert still owes money on her house, so a move elsewhere could mean double payments.

"I had it in my plan that I would have it paid off by the time I retired," she said. "I guess there's just a kink in the plan now."

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Short selling pumps up some mutual funds in down periods

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - While most investments are struggling, the bear market has actually been a boon to a handful of mutual funds - those that use trading strategies that capitalize on market declines. Such funds are enjoying some of their best results ever, in many cases surpassing more conventional competitors.

A recent Standard & Poor's report focused on five funds that returned an average 28.6 percent year-to-date as of Aug. 2: AXA Rosenberg U.S. Value/Long Short Equity Fund, the James Fund, the Market Neutral Fund, the Phoenix Market Neutral/B, the Potomac US Short Investor and the Prudent Bear Fund. The average return does not reflect the effects of sales charges or fees. These funds' success has come

in part from the strategy known as short selling. In a short sale, a fund borrows and then sells stock with the expectation it will fall. The fund then buys back the shares at a cheaper price and pockets the difference as profit. The strategy is frequently used by traders - and has been responsible for some of the stock market's recent advance - but it's less common in funds. In the past, there was a specific restriction on a fund's ability to use income from shorting. That changed in 1997 with the

amendments to the federal securities laws," said John Collins, spokesman at Investment Company Institute, the trade association for the mutual fund industry. "That said, a fund can't start shorting suddenly unless it's somehow said in the prospectus that it's going to use those strategies." On average, the S&P estimates that funds that employ short selling have returned 4.9 percent so far this year, compared to an average negative return of 11.6 percent for domestic funds.

The lure of a fund that performs well when the rest of the market is slumping can be hard to resist. But many experts caution against investing too much in funds that short stocks, noting that when the market turns up again, these funds could lose ground. There's also the issue of cost. "These funds are pretty expensive considering some of the other alternatives like bond funds. You really have to not

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

TWIN FALLS - Professional Truck Driving School in Twin Falls announced the graduation of David Walden on July 25.



David Walden

Walden received a Class A commercial driver's license with hazardous materials, doubles/triples and tankers endorsements. He will work for Covenant Transport.

TWIN FALLS - Air Quality Services added Luther Sipe to its staff to head up the air purification division.



Luther Sipe

Sipe has worked in the refrigeration and heating and air conditioning business for more than 40 years. He recently retired from Control of Atlanta, where he worked as a refrigeration engineer and computer control specialist. He has expertise in ultraviolet light and ozone for treatment of indoor air quality problems, especially in the treatment of allergies and asthma. He recently attended a mold and risk management conference.

Sipe and his wife, Kay, live in Twin Falls. He can be reached at 732-8788 or (800) 827-9181.

TWIN FALLS - Brandon Boldard of Twin Falls won the NCTE Leadership Development Award supported by the National Council of Teachers of English and Prentice Hall-Pearson Education. The program provides early-career teachers with \$500 to attend the NCTE Annual Convention Nov. 21-26 in Atlanta.

Boldard, a teacher at Twin Falls High School, was nominated by the Idaho Council of Teachers of English, an affiliate of NCTE, because he has never attended an NCTE convention and he met that criterion in the five years of teaching experience, capacity for professional leadership and willingness to serve the affiliate during the 2002-03 academic year. Boldard, along with 38 other winners, will be honored at the convention Nov. 24.

TWIN FALLS - Wells Fargo Bank promoted Ray M. Koyle to business banker at its Burley Business Banking Center. He is responsible for developing new business, including commercial and agricultural lending, and helping his customers succeed financially. Before joining Wells Fargo in 1994 as an assistant relationship



Ray M. Koyle

manager in business banking. Koyle was a business manager for a large farming operation. He is a graduate of Declo High School and attended Ricks College and Western Agricultural School. He chairs the Mini-Cassia Board of Community Guardians.

HAZELTON - Doug Huettig of Hazelton recently took part in the New Century Farmer Program sponsored by Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. and DuPont Crop Protection. The program is a project of the National Future Farmers of America Foundation.



Doug Huettig

The program, held July 16-19 at Pioneer headquarters in Johnston, Iowa, aimed to make prospective farmers more aware of the opportunities available to them as agricultural producers in the 21st century.

Participants must have experience with production agriculture and must demonstrate preparation for returning to farming through academic classes, FFA projects and other training or activities. Participants also need to show entrepreneurial abilities with commitment and enthusiasm for farming as a career. The program included visits to Pioneer research facilities and field evaluation tours of livestock and crops.

TWIN FALLS - Dennis Buettner was appointed a senior paraplanner with the Twin Falls office of American Express Financial Advisors, at 1025 Shoshone St. N. Buettner has worked with financial planner Lance W. Clow since March 2001 in his Twin Falls office.



Dennis Buettner

Buettner is an ambassador with the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and was president of the Financial Management Association while attending Boise State University. At BSU, he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration, specializing in finance. As a senior paraplanner, he will consult with clients one-to-one to help

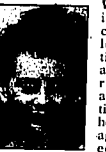
them identify their financial goals and determine an appropriate course of action to achieve them.

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Bank announced three staff changes.

• An employee of the bank since its opening, Michelle Martin was recently elected by Magic Valley Bank to be a consumer/small business loan officer. Martin's duties include acting as a loan officer on consumer loans, covering automotive, boats, recreational vehicles and more. Martin also handles small business loans.

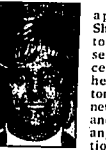
Martin is also the loan processor supervisor. She facilitates the movement of consumer, commercial and agricultural loans through the banking process.

• The bank selected Pam Wright to be in charge of consumer loan collections and act as human resources administrative assistant, helping manage employee medical programs and review



Pam Wright

new hires and employee benefits. Wright has been with Magic Valley Bank for two years.



Sherry Blass

• The bank appointed Sherry Blass to customer service officer. Blass helps customers open new accounts and answers any questions they have regarding Magic Valley Bank's banking services. A four-year employee of the bank, Blass is also responsible for some internal bank audit functions.

TWIN FALLS - D. L. Evans appointed Debbie Keller as loan officer for its Twin Falls mortgage lending office, 376 Falls Ave.



Debbie Keller

Keller, an Idaho native, has more than 24 years

of experience in the real estate industry. Keller is a member of the Magic Valley Board of Realtors, a home builders association and the Women's Council of Realtors.

Keller lives in the Twin Falls area with her husband, Chris.

DECLO - Robert Moore of Declo was featured in the national magazine Art of the West.



Robert Moore

The magazine told his life story including his education in art. Moore has studios at his home in Declo and in Albion. Colorblind, Moore is able to paint by matching tones and shades. Another unusual skill is that Moore can paint with both hands. When he was young he was injured, leaving his left arm in a cast. Being left-handed, he had to teach himself how to write and paint with his right hand.

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls County employee Jackie Frey received the governor's award in emergency management in May while attending the Idaho Emergency Management Association seminar in Boise.



Jackie Frey

Forty-four counties were represented, and issues pertaining to state and county service were covered. Frey has been in the public information office for 5 1/2 years and has been assistant coordinator for three years. She has attended training sessions in Maryland and is prepared to coordinate resources in time of disasters. She is a member of the local emergency planning committee and is available to speak to service clubs in the county on emergency-service issues.

MILESTONES

Hobby and guns store opens in Wendell

WENDELL - David and Lisa Henslee opened a new business, Double D Hobby & Guns, in April. The Henslees - experienced in gun repair - offer gunsmithing, special orders, and hunting and outdoor products. Double D Hobby & Guns is at 645 Second Ave. E. in Wendell.



Oregon, California and Idaho, had a decrease in net sales of 5.8 percent for the first quarter. Same-store sales decreased by 3.8 percent, reflecting, among other factors, the weak economy, competition and customers purchasing Tully's whole-bean coffees at supermarkets rather than at Tully's retail stores, the company said.

"Although we have much work to do, I'm pleased that our renewed focus on our core assets, coupled with our expense reduction programs, are beginning to show positive trends," said Tony Gioia, recently appointed president and chief executive of Tully's.

Homestyle Direct expands to Boise

KIMBERLY - Kimberly-based Homestyle Direct has expanded and is now serving the Boise area, delivering home-cooked meals to customers' homes. The 4-year-old business now has a toll-free number, 1-866-735-0921. Locally, it can be reached at 735-0921.

Homestyle Direct said it is Medicaid-certified for all of the Magic Valley - including Mini-Cassia and the Sun Valley area - and for the Boise area. It offers more than 60 dishes, including breakfasts, desserts, breads and side dishes. The meals are prepared fresh weekly and delivered frozen.

Aqua Vie Beverage enters business in three states

KETCHUM - Aqua Vie Beverage Corp. said the following is the recent identification of at least two major distributors, the company's Hydrotators have entered distribution channels in New York, Wisconsin and California.

Retail availability in those geographic areas, through natural product superstore chains, independent natural products retailers and conventional supermarkets, is anticipated during August and September, the Ketchum company said.

Aqua Vie also has engaged the services of Storecast Merchandising Corp. to help execute the company's launch onto the shelves of retailers nationwide.

"Getting product from manufacturer to consumer is a 'push-and-pull' process requiring a considerable amount of specialized expertise to ensure quality execution," said Tom Gillespie, Aqua Vie's president and chief executive, in a statement.

Net sales remain the same for Tully's Coffee Corp.


KETCHUM - Seattle-based Tully's Coffee Corp. - which has a Ketchum store - said net sales in the first quarter, which ended June 30, were virtually flat at \$12.9 million compared with a year earlier. The company reported a net loss of \$1.9 million during the first quarter, an improvement of 49 percent compared to the year-ago quarter's losses. The retail division, which operates 102 stores in Washington,

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Twin Falls County Fair Presents

~ Liberty ~

Sunday, September 1, 8:00 p.m.

Liberty, a traditional Southern Gospel quartet, is a West Coast ministry based out of Boise, Idaho. It has been said about Liberty, "Liberty is the best quartet west of the Mississippi, hands down!" Their newest recording, "Sweet Assurance," has recently been a popular request on gospel radio stations all across the country.

Reserve Seating Tickets Still Available for Only \$3. General Admission Seating Is FREE with Gate Admission to the Fair.

Workshop teaches how to become 'customer focused'

The Times-News

JEROME - The Jerome Chamber of Commerce and The KNYSOR Group are co-sponsoring two high-performance workshops Sept. 19 at the Elks Lodge.

"Becoming Customer Focused" begins at 8 a.m. It will help business people learn how to make stand-out service their organization's finest asset, organizers said. Participants will learn how to:

- Hire the right people who share their value for customers.
- Listen for what the customers really need, which may not be what their words say.
- Handle tough customers with panache, sensitivity and skill.
- Respond to customers when you just can't say yes, and still keep their business.
- Conduct coaching analysis to determine what is causing disappointing performance.
- Put the best foot forward with the right body language, dispute-resolution skills and telephone etiquette.
- Conduct customer service surveys to improve the organization's service reputation.

• Motivate employees to make customer service their No. 1 priority.

"Becoming an Effective Leader" starts at 1 p.m. Instructors will introduce participants to the role of leadership and show them how to incorporate effective leadership techniques into their business and everyday life by learning:

- The five practices of empowering leaders.
- The five roles leaders can play and which three they should play.
- The seven ways effective leaders communicate, both verbally and nonverbally.
- The eight ways effective leaders influence others.

Cost is \$135 per person per workshop for nonmembers and \$95 each for chamber members. Or, for both workshops, \$195 for nonmembers and \$155 for chamber members, which includes lunch. A \$20 discount will be given to additional members from the same organization. To register or for more information, call the Jerome chamber at 324-2711 or send a fax to 324-6881.

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New services can help with consumer credit

By Eileen Alt Powell
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK - There are times when consumers need to keep a particularly close watch over their credit ratings.

Those applying for a mortgage or car loan, for example, face higher interest rates if their credit scores are low. Someone who has lost a charge card might worry that a thief could use it to run up bills. A person who has overdosed on credit card spending might be seeking a path to more-balanced finances.

In recent months, a number of new services have come online to help consumers manage credit. These services make it easier for people to get their credit reports from the three major credit bureaus. Some offer e-mail updates on any changes in the reports, while others need to do to improve their credit scores. All charge fees.

Of course, consumers can monitor their credit on their own by buying reports at least once a year from the three major credit bureaus - Equifax, Experian and TransUnion - and holding down their debt. But many don't.

"It fits into the category of house cleaning and lawn mowing," said Steve Rhode, who runs the credit counseling service Mystra.org in Rockville, Md. "It's one of those things people can do themselves, but if they can afford to get somebody else to do it, they will."

Craig Willis of Fair, Isaac & Co. believes growing consumer sophistication is behind the rising demand for credit management services.

"After people learned they could manage their assets, like the stocks in their retirement accounts, they began to find that they can exert similar control over their credit relationships," Willis said.

Consumers also have found that credit scores can affect far more in their lives than loan rates, he added.

Corporations check the credit reports of people they're thinking of hiring. Insurance companies weigh credit reports in determining

ing a potential customer's risk - and the premium they'll charge. The terms of an auto lease agreement can reflect a good or bad credit record. The special offers from credit card companies are based on a consumer's credit worthiness.

Rafael Isaac, based in San Rafael, Calif., developed the mathematical formula used to generate FICO scores, which are compiled from data that credit card issuers, banks and loan companies supply to credit bureaus. The higher the score, the better deal consumers can get on their loans.

Fair, Isaac began selling the scores of consumers last year at www.myfico.com, along with advice on how to improve them. It now also offers Score Power, which gives customers quarterly updates of their reports from the Equifax credit bureau for \$59.95 a year.

The site www.consumerinfo.com, which is owned by the Experian credit bureau, offers consumers a \$79.95 a year package called the CreditCheck Monitoring Service that gives them regular access to credit reports from all three bureaus.

"You also get an analysis of why your credit score is what it is," said president Ed Ojanda. "It's very personalized, as in, 'You've got 18 credit cards. That's way too many, and it's driving your score down.'"

The site www.truecredit.com also offers reports from the three major credit bureaus, with scores and analysis. It has a menu of different services, starting with \$45 for a 3-in-1 credit report, credit score and "borrowing power" analysis. One add-on, priced at \$10.95 a quarter, gives a customer weekly "fraud watch" e-mails.

Chief executive Russell Schaub said that besides the Web site, TrueCredit software is being used by a number of banks and credit card companies that have begun offering their customers online credit management services.

"It works two ways," Schaub said. "We help financial institutions empower their customers, and they make more loans."

Pesticide price equalization raises questions

TWIN FALLS - A proposal to narrow the gap between what United States and Canadian farmers pay for pesticides is raising more questions than simply why the price difference exists.

A measure introduced in the Senate before the August break seeks to change the pesticide regulations to allow herbicides, insecticides and fungicides purchased in Canada to be imported and then registered in the United States by state governments.

The pesticide harmonization act was written by Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., and co-sponsored by Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho.

According to the North Dakota Agricultural Commissioner Roger Johnson, North Dakota farmers would save approximately \$24 million per year if they could pay lower Canadian prices for products. He also said recent surveys have found that prices in the United States ranged from 117 to 193 percent higher than in Canada for virtually the same products.

"It's a question of fairness," said Kelly Olson, executive administrator for the Idaho Barley Commission.

An attempt to attach the pesticide harmonization act to the agricultural appropriations act failed before the U.S. Senate recessed for the August break. Dorgan is expected to bring the bill back to the Senate floor shortly after the Senate reconvenes in early September.

Flu-like symptoms stir fears of West Nile virus

HEYBURN - A recent rash of illnesses in Mini-Cassia horses, has come in the community wondering if their horses are safe.

Rolene Mechem, President of the Minidoka Wranglers, said at least eight out of 20 horses belonging to members of the Wranglers group were infected recently with



Pesticides like these are at the heart of a controversy surrounding the higher prices American farmers pay compared with their Canadian counterparts. Senators are expected to debate a bill that seeks to close that price gap when Congress returns after this summer break.

flu, severe throat or fever. While the illnesses have been cured for the most part, the outbreak did spark concern about the possibility of West Nile virus.

Dr. William Fulcher, a Heyburn veterinarian, treated many of the Wrangler group's horses. A large number of unvaccinated horses were partly to blame for the outbreak of illnesses, Fulcher said. Most of the cases were either Rhinovirus or plaratingitis.

Grain harvest brings fewer bushels per acre

TWIN FALLS - It is taking longer for theoppers on grain combines this summer. Across the Magic Valley, small grain yields are off-by-an-average-of-15 to 20 bushels an acre.

Steve Salisbury, University of Idaho extension educator in Twin Falls County, sums the season up this way: "Late start. Bad spring. Sudden heat. What do you expect?"

Problems started when the fields abruptly went from being too wet to work to too dry. Growers had to coax their grain crops out of the ground and then battle wind most of the season. And then that week of 100-plus degree weather hit just as the grain was filling.

Farmers harvest early potatoes; yields drop

HEYBURN - The 2002 early potato harvest is under way. David Hale began digging contract CalWhite potatoes, a french fry variety, for J.R. Simplot on Aug. 16.

Farmbeat

Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

"We were asked to start about ten days early this year. If we could have begun around the twenty-fifth like normal years the yield would have been more like 350 sacks instead of the 300 we're getting," said Hale, a Heyburn potato farmer.

The russet harvest is still a month away and still involves the majority of the potatoes grown in Idaho.

Ten acreage planted in potatoes are up somewhat this year according to Bruce Hufferaker of North American Potato Marketing News Inc. This year's total of 395,000 acres is the most since 1999.

El Niño's return leads to push for conservation

TWIN FALLS - The combination of continued drought and the official return of El Niño has led irrigation managers urging conservation in the final months of the irrigation season.

"Rather than take water and not use it, you can benefit every user by turning off because we'd be accumulating water for next year," said Vince Alberi, general manager of the Twin Falls Canal Co. "Every drop of water we save is precious."

"We're back to severe drought conditions across southern Idaho and there are even some extreme drought conditions sneaking into the Upper Snake region," said Jay Breidenbach, a climatologist with the National Weather Service in Boise.

White collar workers still feel they control their destiny

The Associated Press

Despite the news about accounting irregularities, a weak economy and layoffs, many white collar workers still feel in control of their professional destiny, a new survey finds.

The employment firm Lee Hecht Harrison surveyed 507 professionals and found that half believed they're in complete control of their future, while 47 percent said they had some control. Just 3 percent felt they had no control at all.

"With all the bad news about Big Business today, it would be easy for job seekers to throw up their hands and question why their efforts matter," said LHH executive vice president Bernadette Kenny. "Instead, they remain highly motivated and confident they'll see the fruits of their labor."

Around the watercooler

Jobless recovery

With fewer jobs being created in a difficult economy, Ron Grant, president of the employment firm Meridian Resources, said some companies are girding for more layoffs in the fall and winter.

"Many publicly held companies want to take any charges (against their earnings) for severance and other termination-related costs this fiscal year, when low expectations over stock prices and business results have already been built in," Grant said.

The most recent U.S. employment figures showed that the economic recovery is occurring with relatively few jobs being created. That, said Grant, means workers workers who think they could

be at risk should start taking building up a layoff portfolio, including taking advantage of company-sponsored outplacement programs, making sure they are setting aside part of each paycheck for a rainy day fund and making sure their health insurance is up to date.

Worker's faith

Despite the plethora of corporate accounting scandals, indictments for insider trading and other workplace malaise, a new survey finds that workers' trust in corporate leaders remains strong.

In an online poll of 1,400 people, CareerBuilder found that 52 percent said their corporate bosses remained trustworthy, a figure that was unchanged from a similar poll done a year ago. Also unchanged from a year ago was the 51 percent of workers who

believe their bosses did a good job keeping at least one of their company's overall plans, meeting objectives and future goals.

"With all the fear, uncertainty and doubt that exists in today's business climate, it is reassuring to note that workers still trust their corporate leaders," said Dawn Haden, a senior career adviser at CareerBuilder, an online corporate recruiter. "Trust is earned, and not granted by a position or title, and obviously corporate leaders today have earned the trust of workers."

Fifty-seven percent of supervisors, managers, directors and vice presidents said their bosses were trustworthy, while 50 percent of lower-level staffers said the same. A higher percentage of men - 54 percent - trusted their corporate bosses more than women did (52 percent).

Collectibles market draws stampede of investors

Knight Ridder News Service

Investors in collectibles are shifting their investments into interests such as stamps, coins, sports memorabilia and even comic books rather than risk poor returns from the stock market.

"The collectibles market is on fire right now," said David Hall, founder and president of Collectors Universe in Newport Beach, Calif. "The rare-coin market has made the biggest impact on the collectible industry, and it usually does very well when the stock market goes down."

The company, which provides services and sales in rare coins, stamps, baseball trading cards and other collectibles, posted an 80 percent increase in revenue for 2002 from a year earlier, Mr. Hall said.

"Investors are looking at collectibles because the other alternatives in the stock market just don't look too good right now," he said.

Michael Montleone, a financial advisor for Allegheny Financial Group in Pittsburgh, said more of his clients are investing in tangible items, such as real estate, collectibles, gas and oil.

"Some of my clients won't put a cent into the stock market. They just don't understand it," Mr. Montleone said. "But they know real estate and will buy and sell it like nobody's business."

Mr. Hall said rare coins, like real estate and rare commodities, are a draw to investors. "They feel they have more control over their market when they are working with a physical asset, rather than a piece of paper saying they own a stock."

The coin market hit a record in sales last month with a 1933 \$20 gold piece that sold for \$7.5 million. "This was amazing, because the only thing coming close recently was a 1804 silver dollar for \$4.2 million that sold a few years ago," Mr. Hall said he expected

expenditures to be high for comic-book investors, to remain the same for stamp collectors, and to drop for baseball-card collectors this year.

"Sports cards were selling through the roof during the '90s, and they were hitting 1,000 percent growth," he said. "But like stocks and the dot-commers, the cards were just air in the market and now there is a backlash in that market."

James Halperin said he was surprised by the rapid response for comics, a smaller collectibles market, after the September 11 terrorist attacks, recession and corporate scandals.

"A lot of people looked to comics, something they knew and loved, as a safety blanket that would occur in their hands, even if it was at a slower growth," said Mr. Halperin, co-chairman of Heritage Capital Corp. and Heritage Comic Auctions in Dallas. "With each mention of corporate scandals like Enron, people are moving away from the risks of the stock market and more towards the collector's market."

Most investors use rare coins, stamps and comics as another way to diversify their investments, Mr. Halperin said. "It's the idea of not putting too many eggs in one basket, and comics are just another egg."

The success of comic-book auctions in the past six months has been unmatched, said Steve Borock, who rates comics at Comics Guaranttee LLC in Sarasota, Fla.

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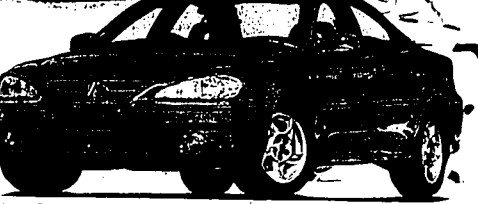
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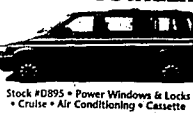
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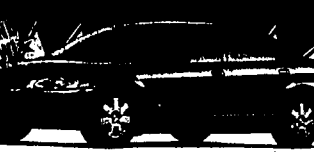
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Happy at 40?

You don't grasp the situation

A while back, the Dallas Morning News ran a story about twist-the-knife, age-related messages on birthday cards: "Thirty, Game over, You lose." Or, "You know you are old when the cam in your eye is from the sun hitting your bifocals," or when "you feel like the morning after and you haven't been anywhere."

Most of the time, I don't spend much time thinking about aging. But summertime means lots of birthdays at my house - and mine was this month. So, one more time, I feel compelled to ask the burning question: Am I getting old and don't know it?

What if I already had my midlife crisis and missed it? Why are people so much younger today than they were when I was their age? And how old does a person have to be to be considered old?

Retirement - age? 79? Old enough to know better?

"Do you remember milk in glass bottles?" one Web site inquired. Or the ice truck or 14-cent ham-

burgers or Winky Dink and Mr. Peppers? I certainly remember that there were no panty hose or gasoline credit cards. And I've noticed that terms such as Medicare eligibility and senior-citizen discount have begun to creep into my vocabulary.

Reminds me of that forty-something friend of mine who was talking about Noah's ark during a children's sermon at his church. At the end of the story, he made the mistake of asking for questions.

"Were you on the ark?" a freckle-faced 5-year-old piped up.

"No, of course not," my friend replied, trying to force a chuckle.

"Well then," the child continued. "Why aren't you drowned?"

Plenty of the people around me can identify with all this. And there's even a book titled "RealAge," by Dr. Michael F. Roizen, that you can use to compute your "real age" based on your actual age and other factors, including diet, exercise and stress levels.

In other words, maybe you are only as old as you feel.

According to "RealAge," getting a good night's sleep or eating a low-fat breakfast can reduce your real age by as much as three years. Owning a dog - "not a cat" (don't ask me why, I didn't write it) - is even better.

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Or what, indeed?

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

State of the nation's kids and south-central Idaho's

Substance abuse is down, but survey shows some trouble signs

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A lower percentage of kids is using drugs and alcohol and is smoking in most counties in the Magic and Wood River valleys than two years ago, according to the most comprehensive survey of youth behavior ever conducted in south-central Idaho.

HealthNet, a coalition that includes the College of Southern Idaho, area hospitals and public agencies, surveyed nearly 14,000 sixth- through 12th graders last winter and spring in 24 school districts.

It found that in seven of eight counties, the percentage of youngsters reporting that they had smoked cigarettes one or more times in the previous 30 days decreased by at least 3 percent since the last survey, between 1998-2000. The exception was Minidoka County, where the percentage shrank by 1 percent.

It also found that in five of the eight counties, the percentage of kids who admitted they had used illicit drugs one or more times in the previous year dropped by at least 2 percent. It increased by 1 percent, from 9 percent to 10 percent, in Minidoka County and remained the same at 5 percent and 10 percent, respectively - in Lincoln and Twin Falls counties.

The average number of 40 designated development "assets" that youngsters, stayed the same in one county and decreased slightly in four counties, according to Karyn Goodale, HealthNet regional coordinator.

"This is the most accurate picture of youth attitudes and behaviors that we've ever had," she said. "It's just a snapshot of what kids are doing and what they think about their lives. Owing to a dog - 'not a cat' (don't ask me why, I didn't write it) - is even better.

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Inside the numbers

On the next three Sundays, The Times-News will take a detailed look at the assets survey results:

• Sept. 1: How safe do our kids feel?

• Sept. 8: The state of homework

• Sept. 15: Raising competent kids.

See the Family Life section.



Volunteers like Murtough grocer Greg Griggs have helped HealthNet promote positive developmental "assets" among south-central Idaho teenagers. Griggs has set up a special space in his store where young people are welcome to come and hang out.

• Twenty-four percent of the youngsters surveyed said they'd used alcohol in the previous month, ranging from 18 percent in Cassia County to 31 percent in Blaine County. It's illegal in Idaho for anyone under the age of 21 to drink.

• Smokeless tobacco use fell in seven of the eight counties to a regional average of 6 percent. It stayed the same in Cassia County.

• Twelve percent of the kids surveyed reported they'd driven after drinking in the previous year.

• One student in 10 said they'd "huffed" - sniffed inhaled substances to get high - in the previous year.

• The survey found that the average number of development "assets" decreases by grade level - up to a point. The average number of assets that sixth graders was 22.9,

among ninth-graders it was 18.4,

although high school seniors reported 19.5.

• In the three south-central Idaho counties where the average number of "assets" increased - Blaine, Gooding and Lincoln - risk factors significantly decreased.

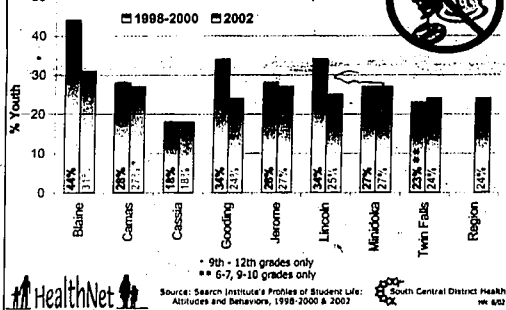
• "Progress was more evident in smaller counties where asset-building efforts have been going on for at least three years," Goodale said. "Smaller counties are easier to mobilize, and progress shows up more quickly."

Thirteen thousand three hundred fourteen students - about three-fourths of all students in the sixth- through 12th grades in the public schools of the eight counties - responded to the survey, conducted between February and April.

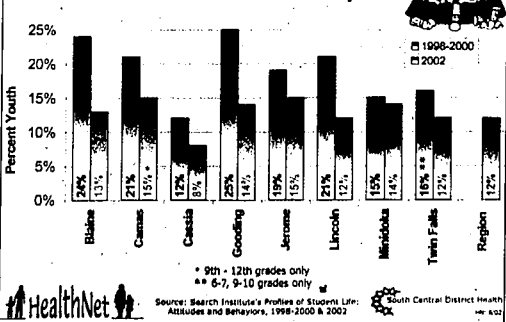
HealthNet surveyed a much smaller sample of kids between 1998-2000.

"In some cases, it's like comparing

Youth who reported they used alcohol once or more in the last 30 days



Youth who reported they smoked once or more in the last 30 days



Source: Search Institute's Profile of Student Life: Attitudes and Behaviors, 1998-2000 & 2002

HealthNet established eight outcome objectives in 1996 designed to develop youth assets and reduce risk-taking behavior, and since then coalitions in eight counties have worked to implement them.

"The data will be shared with coalition members, school personnel, county and local government officials and community groups and members," Goodale said.

In addition to CSI, HealthNet includes Family Health Services, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, the South Central District Health Department, Cassia Regional Medical Center, the Walker Center, Minidoka Memorial Hospital and St. Benedict's Family Medical Center.

Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223, or write to him at crump@magicvalley.com

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FAMILY LIFE

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: Cube steak, potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, cottage cheese salad, bread, fruit and cake.
Tuesday: Chef's salad
Wednesday: Roast pork; potatoes, gravy, corn, carrot salad, rolls, pie
Thursday: Cheesburger pie, green beans, tossed salad, biscuits, fruit, dessert
Friday: Fish or chicken, au gratin potatoes, Italian vegetables, broccoli salad, corn bread, peach cheesecake
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.
Monday
 Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

foot clinic, make appointment
Tuesday
 Ticket Tuesday
 Blood pressure check from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 Association of the Blind meeting
Wednesday
 Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Thursday
 Pinochle at 1 p.m.
 Blood pressure from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 Lunch bingo
 Quilting

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 evening, 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: Fried chicken
Monday: Chicken, noodles
Tuesday: Spaghetti dinner
Wednesday: Tomato soup, tuna salad
Thursday: Ham dinner
Friday: Scalloped potatoes, ham
Activities
 Thrift shop open every day.
 Quilting, 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 fried chicken dinner buffet \$3.50 for seniors, \$4.25 for non-seniors and \$2.50 for children under age 12.
Monday
 Exercise from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Smorgy at 5:30 p.m.
Cards at 6 p.m.

Tuesday
 Exercises from 7-8 a.m.
 Quilting from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Treasure 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.
 Quilting from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Blood pressure check at 11:45 a.m.
 Bingo from 1-3 p.m.
 Smorgy at 5:30 p.m.
 Cards at 6 p.m.
Friday
 Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main N., Kimberly
Monday: Menu not available
Wednesday: Menu not available
Friday: Menu not available
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.
Tuesday
 Bingo at 7 p.m.
Wednesday
 Dominoes at 1 p.m.
Thursday
 Crafts at 1 p.m.
Friday
 Bingo at 11:55 a.m.
 Pinochle at 1 p.m.

center, call ahead at 764-2226.
Tuesday: Liver and onions, spinach, cottage cheese, hash browns, fruit, dessert. Alternate meal will be available
Wednesday: Chicken soup, cheese sandwiches, fruit salad, blueberry cobbler
Friday: Sloppy joes, green beans, fruit salad, macaroni and cheese, dessert
Activities
Tuesday
 Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Wednesday
 Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Thursday
 Art class from 1-3 p.m.
 Quilting from 1-3 p.m.
Friday
 Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield
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222 Main St., Filer
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Thursday: Oven fried chicken

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Focus on one annoyance at a time

Q. My husband and I are raising a 10-year-old grandson and a 7-year-old granddaughter who was a "crucik baby." She is very hyper, oppositional and interrupts conversations frequently. We've tried spanking her, taking away something she loves and time out, but nothing seems to work. Her brother finds her very annoying and constantly berates and criticizes her. The same is true, I'm sorry to say, of my husband. As a consequence, she is very dependent on me. I am frustrated, guilty, angry, resentful and just so sad for her because I fear she doesn't feel loved by her brother and grandfather.



PARENTING
John Rosemond

target. Start perhaps with "interrupting conversations" and build from there. I recommend what I call the "count-down" system. Cut three to five "tickets" out of colored construction paper. Magnetize them to the refrigerator. Your granddaughter begins every day with the same number of tickets. Every time she interrupts a conversation, issue a brief reprimand, as in, "You've just interrupted. That's your target, and that means you're losing a ticket." Go immediately to the refrigerator, take one of the tickets remaining and put it on top of the fridge. If and when she loses her last ticket midday, she spends the remainder of the day in her room (which should not offer great entertainment possibilities) and goes to bed at four o'clock.

Needless to say, when she does not interrupt or when she has an especially good day, you should praise her. Tell her how proud you are of her and how confident you are that she will continue to make progress.

When one misbehavior is under control and has been for several days, add a second misbehavior to the project. I also recommend you put her brother on the same system, targeting behavior and/or remarks toward his sister that are rude and unloving. The double-whammy should be extremely effective.

May God bless your dedication to the future health of these children and this country.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at Affirmative Parenting, 1020 E. 86th St., Suite 268, Indianapolis, Ind. 46240 or to his Web site: <http://www.rosemond.com>

Wife must go solo at company party

DEAR ABBY: I am a 40-something female personnel recruiter. I have worked for the same company for many years. Once or twice a year, our employers host a party for all employees and their spouses. I love going because it gives me a chance to get to know the wives of the men I work with.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

The problem is my husband, "Brad," hates going to these events. Brad claims he has nothing in common with my fellow employees - or their spouses - and doesn't feel comfortable mingling. I say he should be able to learn something to talk about with someone. He has accompanied me for umpteenth years and happens to be in the same profession as a number of the spouses. And then there's always sports - that's a subject he could talk about in his sleep.

When Brad has gone with me in the past, he has always complained afterward that I didn't pay enough attention to him and that he felt awkward being left alone. I do circulate, but always try to introduce Brad around and bring him into the conversation

with people he's meeting for the first time. This year, he's insisting I go alone, and I'm very disappointed. I would hate to have to lie to my employers and co-workers as to why I'm there solo, but I could never tell them the truth about why Brad didn't want to come.

What irks me is that I'm willing to go with him to his work parties, even if I feel uncomfortable and just stand around with a frozen smile on my face. At least I'm there for my husband. So why can't Brad do the same for me, Abby? Am I wrong to push this issue - or should I throw in the towel and go without him?

- TROUBLED WIFE IN RIVERHEAD, N.Y.
DEAR TROUBLED WIFE: Your husband has "done the same for you" and it hasn't

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worked out. He's miserable. Out of the kindness of your heart, do solo this year. I'm sure he'll be grateful. If you are asked about his absence, tell your co-workers that "Brad has other plans." You don't have to say his plans include watching TV in his pajamas. And if anyone asks to be remembered to your husband - relay the message. Perhaps if he knows someone missed him, he'll feel more comfortable attending next year.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Tony," my 36-year-old never-married boyfriend, for two years. I am divorced with a teenage daughter, "Skylar."

Every summer Tony's entire family comes to his parents' lakeshore home. Last year I went with him for a long weekend, but didn't take my daughter. This year, however, I've been

invited for a week, and I'd like to bring Skylar along. The problem is Tony's mother doesn't want my daughter to come. She says her three granddaughters need to hang with each other, and if Skylar were included in the visit, the "mix" wouldn't work.

Abby, those girls are the same age as Skylar. They have all met previously and they like each other. Naturally, I'm not going now. Tony will be leaving soon for the weeklong stay, and he doesn't understand why I'm upset over this. Do you think my feelings are justified?

- MAD IN MASSACHUSETTS
DEAR MAD: Absolutely. The refusal of Tony's mother to accept your daughter is a veiled rejection of you. Even when Tony were to marry, his mother would still try to create a wedge between the girls, because she views Skylar as an outsider. Until Tony finds the backbone to stand up to his mother, you'd be wise to rethink the relationship.

Dear Abby is written by Jeanne Phillips.

Writer helped solve dark night's mystery

It may seem like a silly question, but why is the night sky dark? By the following, it should blaze brightly: If the universe is infinitely large, then every line of sight should eventually fall on the surface of a star.



SKYWATCH
Chris Anderson

Light is coming from every direction, the night sky should be bright. The fact that it isn't is known as Olbers' Paradox, after Heinrich Olbers, a physician and amateur astronomer who discovered the second and fourth asteroids ever found. The mystery was partly solved by, of all people, Edgar Allan Poe. In his "prose poem," "Eureka," written in 1848, he points out that in order for light (traveling at finite speed) to reach us from every conceivable direction, the universe would have to be infinitely old. Thus a dark night sky implies a universe of finite age.

Poe's reasoning was right, but incomplete. While he was clever enough to recognize a flawed assumption (infinitely old universe) in Olbers' paradox, he was no Albert Einstein. Not until a half century later did Einstein discover, purely through theoretical reasoning, that the universe must either be expanding or contracting. He refused to believe this startling result, and in what he later called his "greatest blunder," he added a fudge factor to his equations so they'd describe a static universe.

Now we know the universe is indeed expanding, and has been since its birth about 14 billion

years ago.

What does the universal expansion have to do with Olbers' paradox? Most of the universe's stars are receding so fast that the Doppler effect shifts their light's wavelengths to colors that aren't visible to our eyes.

If we examine the universe in long radio wavelengths, it is bright in every direction. Thus Olbers' paradox is no paradox at all.

Next week: A meeting of celestial goddesses.
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Foundation buys insurance for Sept. 11 canine heroes

Service dogs have long been a part of search and rescue operations in the United States. For more than a decade, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has depended on these dogs for their keen sense of smell to find survivors and victims remaining after earthquakes, hurricanes, explosions and bombings.



THE BOND
Marty Becker

But the search and rescue efforts after Sept. 11 at the World Trade Center, Pentagon and Pennsylvania plane crash sites were like no other. Conditions already treacherous for human workers were exacerbated for canine rescuers who performed daily without masks, boots or other protective equipment. For many dogs, their very job was to use their noses in areas contaminated by asbestos, PCBs, CFCs and other toxic chemicals.

While the world watched the cleanup efforts unfold, these canine heroes also were in the spotlight. Their eagerness to help and determination to serve despite perilous work conditions did not go unnoticed by the media or the pet-loving public. Soon after Sept. 11, U.S. companies and organizations began rallying to support these brave animals.

The VPI Skeeter Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the development of the human-animal bond, is purchasing pet insurance policies from Veterinary Insurance for the 300 search-and-rescue canine workers who helped in New York, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania.

"This effort is intended as an expression of pride and appreciation for the dedication and tireless efforts of the canine heroes," said Dr. Jack Stephens, chief executive officer of VPI. "But we've been in a rescue and relief effort for the estimated 300 search-and-rescue dogs."

VPI is actively seeking out the rescue dogs and their guardians to ensure all the hero dogs receive the best veterinary care possible. Beyond the immediate dehydration, smoke inhalation, cuts and bruises, many of these dogs experienced, some have since been plagued by health problems, including nerve damage and arthritis. Some dogs even had health problems before that tragic day, and in keeping with its mission, the Skeeter Foundation has stepped up to help pay for these medical bills, too.

"We recently discovered that many of these dogs had unmet needs related to Sept. 11 medical problems that predate our offer of insurance," said Stephens. "Our goodwill offer was intended to provide coverage for future medical events. However, now that we know there is some need preexisting our insurance offer, we are committed to providing financial aid where it's needed. Now that we understand additional needs may exist, we pledge that the VPI Skeeter Foundation will help all Sept. 11 service dogs in need of financial assistance to solve their health concerns."

Another unique effort designed to help these special dogs is being conducted through the American Kennel Club's Canine Health Foundation. Their concern for these dogs prompted a three-year study into the long-term health risks to dogs and ramifications from serving in such an environment. Pet-friendly companies are supporting the efforts of the AKC Canine Health Foundation by providing financial support.

For most of these dogs, their jobs aren't done. It's great to hear that companies are so willing to give their resources to help ensure these courageous dogs remain healthy, especially for future rescue efforts.

To this end, VPI is still trying to locate the other dogs that served in rescue and relief efforts and did not claim a policy. If you have information about these dogs or their caregivers, contact Rescue Dogs@SkeeterFoundation.com.

Former Twin Falls veterinarian Marty Becker is the resident veterinarian on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" and the author of the best-selling "Power of Pets." Readers may write him in care of Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service, 790 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045. Join him on a Pet Lover's Cruise to the Mexican Riviera, Sept. 28-Oct. 5. For more information, call 888-259-9191, Ext. 228.

'Serving Sara' won't teach older teens many lessons

The Orlando Sentinel

"Serving Sara" - Twin Cinema, Century Cinema of Burbury.

Rating: PG-13 (parents strongly cautioned) for some drug, sexual content and language.

What it's about: A process server teams up with a woman he's been chasing to double-cross her cheating husband.

The Kid Attractor Factor: It stars Matthew Perry of "Friends."

Good lessons/bad lessons: Not a lot of lessons here. Maybe: Be careful whom you marry.



Family flicks

Violence: Only the cartoonish kind.
Language: Yes.
Sex: A lot of crude comedy, some of it sexually oriented, some of it livestock-oriented.
Drugs: Only off-screen.
Parents advisory: Not for the litte ones. Probably OK for older teens.

Sagittarius: Moon position highlights creativity

IF AUGUST 25TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are analytical and at times you display "psychic powers." You're the only one alone is not the same as being lonely. You have learned that you can be lonely in a crowd. Pisces, Virgo persons play meaningful roles in your life, could have these letters G, P, Y. During September, you make fresh start and enjoy greater creative freedom. In October, marital status figures prominently.

HOROSCOPE
Sydney Omarr

Popularity on rise; you could win contests.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Moon position highlights ability to make wishes come true. This could be the start of a winning streak. At the track: Choose number 4 post position in third race.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your words will be quoted; you get promotion and raise in pay. Read and write, start a diary. Flirtation is more serious than anticipated. Virgo figures prominently.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Include family plans that could take you to faraway place, including foreign nation. Domestic adjustment necessary. Be kind, generous and

wise. Libra plays sensational role.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Define terms, outline boundaries and perceive relationship in realistic manner. Hold off on final decision; you do not have complete story. Play waiting game; time is on your side.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Pressure is on; you asked for more responsibility and you got it. Relationship is torrid. Don't play games with emotions. Spotlight on marital status. Capricorn represented.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Finish job that has taxed your nerves. Keep your word, and you will progress as result. Romance sizzles, gets hot and heavy. Aries, Libra, individuals play outstanding roles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Moon position highlights creativity, personality and sex

appeal. Make fresh start, do not follow others. Wear clothes that include yellow and gold. A "different" romance is on horizon.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Reach beyond the immediate; you discover comfortable, secure living quarters almost by accident. Marriage figures prominently. Cancer native, another Capricorn play tantalizing roles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take special care in traffic; avoid trying to do too much simultaneously. You can make, people laugh even through moments of grief. Reunion with loved one dominates scenario.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Rebuilding process gets under way. Many say your project cannot be completed; laugh in their faces and finish what "can't be done." Money will be forthcoming; you could hit jackpot!

Author gives kids guide to understanding weddings

Young flower girls and ring bearers are adorable - until they explode into screams, yelling or tantrums in the middle of the ceremony.

Family news you can use

Author Penelope Payne has created a new series of books intended to help kids understand what happens at a wedding and how they can participate and have fun, whether they will be walking down the aisle or just sitting in the pews.

The books are \$8.95 each and are available at Amazon.com and directly from the publisher at www.paperposie.com.

Missing The Talk

Many teens wait until after they've had sex to talk to their parents about it - if they ever do. According to a national survey of 15- to 17-year-olds, one in four teens girls and nearly half of teen boys who had had sexual intercourse say their parents don't know about it. The survey, conducted by the Kaiser Family Foundation and Seventeen magazine, found that most teens aren't talking about their sexual health with a doctor either. Less than a third report having talked with a

health-care provider about HIV/AIDS, other sexual transmitted diseases or birth control.

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Magick Valley Regional Medical Center

Anthony Xavier Reynolds, son of Thomas and Agnes Reynolds of Twin Falls, was born Monday, July 29, 2002.

Nate A. Bennially, daughter of Jennifer M. Biggs and Farrell A. Bennially of Twin Falls, was born Monday, July 29, 2002.

Charles Michael Pearson, son of Sheldon and Tara Pearson of Jerome, was born Tuesday, July 30, 2002.

Shasta-Rain Jordan Geiger, daughter of Ruth Jean Geiger of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, July 30, 2002.

Bret Matthew Ruffing, son of Tom and Stacy Ruffing of Buhl, was born Tuesday, July 30, 2002.

Susshia Larene Hurtruff, daughter of Gary and Gail Hurtruff of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, July 30, 2002.

Nicholas Mark Johnson, son of Mark and Jillyn Johnson of Wendell, was born Tuesday, July 30, 2002.

Eduardo Gareth Jimenez, son of Adelina and Lionel Garcia of Wendell, was born Wednesday, July 31, 2002.

Riley Gene Hull, son of Thad and Kendra Hull of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, July 31, 2002.

Challie Lendon Crystal, son of Suzanne E. Stillman of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Aug. 1, 2002.

Liam Jean Etcheto, son of John and Marcy Etcheto of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Aug. 1, 2002.

Triston James Koch, son of Rick and Delmarie Koch of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Aug. 2, 2002.

Richard James Garza, son of Daniel and Julia Garza of Buhl,

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to:

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Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper, and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper.

More information? Call Melissa at 735-3278

was born Friday, Aug. 2, 2002.

Tinlyt Ann Plew, daughter of Scott and Amanda Plew of Kimberly, was born Friday, Aug. 2, 2002.

Jordan Louise Jackson, daughter of Jarrod and Lydia Jackson of Jerome, was born Friday, Aug. 2, 2002.

Alesh Jacey Lattin, daughter of Roy and Dorothy Lattin of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Aug. 2, 2002.

Ivana Antolovic, daughter of Josip and Dragien Antolovic of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Aug. 3, 2002.

Bailey Emma Rose Taylor, daughter of Bryan and Amanda Taylor of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Aug. 5, 2002.

Gracie Ann Lloyd, daughter of Traci Elizabeth and Gregory Kay Lloyd of Oakley, was born Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2002.

Kimber Renee McIntyre, daughter of Shawna Renee and Theodore James McIntyre of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Aug. 8, 2002.

Bryden James Stoddard, son of Nicole Marie and Brandon Tyler Stoddard of Twin Falls, was born

Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002.

Kelsom Cody Burn, son of Barbara Dawn and Dustin Lee Burn of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002.

Kay Lyon and Eddie Ray Sherman, son of Lori Sherman of Buhl, was born Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2002.

Hope Marie Adams, daughter of Heather Elizabeth and Tyson Isaac Adams of Hollister, was born Thursday, Aug. 15, 2002.

Jett Wayne Garrison, son of Brenda Lee and Jesse Wayne Garrison of Buhl, was born Thursday, Aug. 15, 2002.

Audrey Grace Howe, daughter of Tamara Ann and Ryan Ellis Howe of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Aug. 16, 2002.

Mallory Lynn Brown, daughter of Jodi Lynn and Ronald Dale Brown of Gooding, was born Friday, Aug. 16, 2002.

Whitney Ann Blakely, daughter of Cindy Jo and Benjamin Shane Blakely of Filer, was born Friday, Aug. 16, 2002.

Alison Breann Harper, daughter of Kristina Rochelle Harper of Jerome, was born Friday, Aug. 16, 2002.

Oakley Tenille Riggs, daughter of Emily Christine and Casey Jarred Riggs of Gooding, was born Saturday, Aug. 17, 2002.

Jayla Rose Toner, daughter of Tracy Elizabeth and Diego Toner of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Aug. 17, 2002.

Austin Lee Noriega, son of Brandy Sue Inchausti and Diego Uriel Noriega of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, Aug. 18, 2002.

Owen Wesley Rogers, son of Lucinda and Lyle Wesley Rogers of Gooding, was born Sunday, Aug. 18, 2002.



Members of the 2002 award-winning Nielsen Stargazer Dance troupe.

Photo courtesy of Nelson School of Dance

Dance group brings home honors

TWIN FALLS - The 50-member Nielsen Stargazer Dance Co. from the Nielsen School of Dance in Twin Falls returned from the Hocters Dance Caravan Dance Competition in Las Vegas, Nev. with several honors.

Over two nights more than 500 dancers from all over the country competed. Nielsen representatives said. The first night was the junior dancers, ages 12 and under, and the Stargazers won first overall grand championship with a tap production number, and second place in the large production division. Debra Edmunds and Joelyn Nielsen won fourth place in the duet division, and the group took fourth in the large group.

The second night the Nielsen Senior Stargazers won second grand champion in the production category with a tap number, and placed second with a large production number.

The duo of Jamie Fort and Kimberly Kristen Buckers of Jerome won the first place grand championship trophy with a tap number. Keesha Olander took fourth in the solo division, and the senior dancers won third in the group and line divisions.

The Stargazers also received a special invitation to dance with the professional staff in a teachers show on the last day of the convention.

The Hocters convention and competition is 45 years old, and holds events in 10-12 cities across the United States every summer. The convention staff includes Tony Award-winning choreographers. After all the competitions are finished, the regional winners scores are compared and a national winner is announced. The Nielsen dancers have consistently placed in the top 10 in the nation for the last 10 years, and have held a part of the national dance team championship title five times, school representatives said.

The Stargazers, under the direction of Willadean and Kim Nielsen, is the performing arm of the Nielsen School of Dance.

ELKS DONATIONS

Lou Morton of the Rupert Elks, center, presents a check for \$250 to Minico High School's Senior Celebration, represented by members of 2002 senior class, Chuck Fleming, left, and Josh Anderson, right. The Senior Celebration is a post-graduation party that provides fun and entertainment without drugs or alcohol. The event is supported solely by donations.



Lou Morton of the Rupert Elks, left, presents a check for \$100 to Minico High School's business club. Accepting the check are Kim Tate and Raylyne Asher.



TRINA TEGALA/The Times-News

CSI North Side Center classes include dolls and dogs

GOODING - Computers, dolls and dogs are subjects of some of the courses offered by the College of Southern Idaho North Side Center in Gooding.

Introduction to Computers provides hands-on experience in word processing, spreadsheets and database management. The course, instructed by Jerry Allen, will meet from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, Sept. 4 to Oct. 2 at Wendell High School. No previous computer experience is needed. The fee is \$86.50 plus the book.

Beginning Dog Obedience shows how to get positive responses from your dog. Instructor

Colleen Bolney has more than 20 years experience. Adults, and children age 10 and up, are encouraged to enroll. The information in the course meets requirements for the obedience section of the 4-H Dog Project.

All participating dogs must have current immunizations. A 6-foot leather or nylon strap leash and a choker chain collar are required. It will meet from 7-8 p.m. on Wednesdays, Sept. 4 to Oct. 23 at the instructor's home at 1698 State Highway 46 in Gooding. The course fee is \$40.

Creating Porcelain Dolls instructor Shirley Peterson will

guide students through the complete process of making their own doll: cleaning, firing, and painting the bisque; making the body; and adding the special features.

The class will meet from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 19 to Nov. 7 at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind. The fee is \$50 plus supplies, which may be purchased from the instructor. Register by Sept. 5 to assure a place in the class.

For registration information, call the CSI North Side Center at 934-8678 or stop by the office at 202 14th Ave East in Gooding.

Hailey Library ends summer reading program

HAILEY - White Olander, a beautiful but poisonous snake is a metaphor for motherhood in a first novel by Janet Fitch.

"White Olander" is the fourth and final selection in the Hailey Public Library's "Better Than Beach Books" summer book discussion series. Everyone is welcome to attend from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Sept. 31 in the Hailey Public Library Meeting Room.

"White Olander" is the story of two women Ingrid and her daughter Astrid. Ingrid is a beautiful and totally self-absorbed poet serving time for murdering her lover. Astrid is left alone to learn about sex, money, love, independence, courage and rage in a string of Los Angeles foster homes.

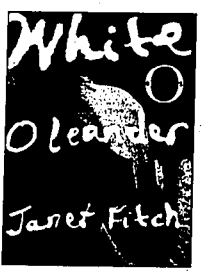


Janet Fitch

"Ingrid and Astrid are two of the freshest most engrossing characters to appear in recent memory," said John Perry with the San Francisco Chronicle.

Fitch wrote for 20 years before "White Olander" was published. The book was selected by Oprah Winfrey for her television book club.

She now reviews books for "Speak" magazine and teaches fiction writing to private students.



Area students earn Glanbia Foods scholarship

Three Magic Valley students each earned \$1,000 scholarships from Glanbia Foods Inc.

Karissla R. Blume of Gooding and Colby R. Austin of Twin Falls received a Glanbia's Employee Children's Scholarship. Glanbia's Patron Scholarship winners included Lori Ann Wiersma of Castleford.

Blume, daughter of Glanbia

employee Dixie Garrett, graduated as Gooding High School's valedictorian with a 4.0 grade point average. She was a member of the golf team, volunteers in a local nursing home and plans to attend the College of Southern Idaho's nursing program.

With a 3.81 GPA, Austin graduated from Twin Falls High School making the honor roll four-years in a row. He plans on attending the University of Idaho to pursue an engineering degree, and eventually become a pediatric surgeon.

During his high school career, Austin was affiliated with the Health Occupation Students of America. He is the son of Mary Jo Austin who works in Glanbia's Human Resource Department.

Wiersma graduated from Castleford High School with a 3.98 GPA and plans on attending CSI, majoring in business and public relations. She also was chosen to participate in the first all-conference team and received the valuable player award.

Area students graduate from George Fox University

Local students were among 80 students who graduated from the George Fox University Boise Center on June 15.

Graduates include: Amy Wesenberg of Mountain Home who earned a bachelor's arts degree in management and organizational leadership.

Brek Nielsen of Twin Falls who earned a bachelor's of science degree in management and organizational leadership/management and business information systems.

George Fox University is located in Newberg, Ore.

Squire attends International convention Judy Squire of Buhl, the Idaho State president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, was

one of more than 1,000 women at the General Federation of Women's Clubs 111th annual international convention in late June in Kansas City, Mo.

In addition to attending business sessions, committee meetings and workshops on membership and leadership, Squire heard addresses by best-selling author John Gray whose book, "Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus" sold more than six million books in the United States.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CSI Mini-Cassia center offers fall pottery course

BURLEY - The Mini-Cassia College of Southern Idaho enrichment program will offer a fall pottery course from 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 4 through Nov. 13.

Students will learn the relationship between water, clay and fire as they create art.

The cost is \$50 plus a clay fee paid to the instructor. Class size is limited and early registration is recommended.

For more information or to register by phone with a credit card, call 678-1400.

St. Luke's hosts cancer support group

TWIN FALLS - St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute is offering an ongoing "Living Thru Cancer" information and support group from 1-2:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month in the TCU West conference room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 650 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The group is open to cancer patients and family members and close friends of cancer patients.

Topics discussed may include complementary therapies, issues of symptom management, emo-

tional challenges and other issues related to living with cancer.

No registration is required. The meetings are free.

American Red Cross offers standard first aid courses

TWIN FALLS - The American Red Cross of Greater Idaho Sawtooth Branch will offer a class in standard first aid, adult, infant and child CPR from 6-9:30 p.m. Sept. 9 and Sept. 10 at the Sawtooth branch office, 1139 Falls Ave. E, Suite B, Twin Falls. Cost is \$36.

A standard first aid, adult, infant and child CPR review will

be held from 1-7 p.m. Sept. 12. For more information, call 733-6464.

Early Iron's Hagerman Hot Rod Run set next month

HAJERMAN - The Magic Valley Early Iron's third annual Hagerman Hot Rod Run III will be held Sept. 28-29.

Entries must be received by Sept. 15. The cost is \$35 and includes one event T-shirt, one dash plaque, Saturday fun run and dinner for two. The event also includes games and prizes for adults and children and free watermelon.

For more information, call Ted Stouder at 837-4647.

CSI offers how-to GPS workshop next month

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer a workshop on how to use a hand-held Global Positioning System Unit from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 4-18 in Shields 108 at CSI.

Personal Navigation and GPS will improve navigation skills through a review of map reading and use of a compass. GPS will be described, basic terminology explained and the effective use of a hand-held GPS unit will be demonstrated.

The instructor is Tom Gilbertson, and the cost is \$42.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290.

Buhl High School holds open house, picnic Friday

BUHL - Buhl High School will hold an open house and picnic Friday at the school.

Parents are encouraged to attend classes with their children. A shortened class schedule will be held beginning with advisory meetings at 8:15 a.m. The school day will conclude with a picnic at noon. Students will be dismissed for the day at 1 p.m.

MORMAN-JACOBSON

WENDELL - Jerry Morman of Wendell and Francie and John Nelson of Jackpot, Nev., announce the engagement of their daughter, Vanessa Kathryn Morman, to Travis Lee Jacobson, son of Jesse Jacobson of Wendell and Mike Jacobson of Butte.

Morman is a 1997 graduate of Hagerman High School. She is employed at Cooks Food Town in Gooding.

Jacobson is a 1992 graduate of Wendell High School and a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. He is employed at the



Travis Jacobson and Vanessa Morman University of Idaho's Hagerman Fish Culture Experiment Station.

BOOTH ALLEN

FILER - Ray and Davna Booth of Boise announce the engagement of their daughter, Elisha Dawn Booth, to Benjamin Paul Allen, son of Paul Reed Allen and Tena Marie Allen of Filer.

Booth is attending Idaho State University in Pocatello on a full-rights scholarship as a member of the Bengal women's basketball team.

Allen is attending ISU in Pocatello on a track scholarship.

The wedding is planned for Friday in Boise. The couple will reside in Pocatello, where they will attend ISU this fall.



Elisha Booth and Benjamin Allen

TUN-WHITTING

RANGOOK, Burma - U Ngwe Tun and Daw Nyunt Nyunt Tin of Rangook, Burma, announce the engagement of their daughter, Klyn Kyl Kyn Tun, to Kenneth D. Whitting, son of Marvin and Alvina Whiting of Ashtabula, Ohio.

Tun graduated from the University of Rangook with the major in education in science. She is employed at Reed Grain & Bean in Butte.

Whitting graduated from the University of Utah with the major in anthropology. He is employed as a community service grant director at the Harcourt Tri-



Klyn Kyl Kyn Tun and Kenneth Whitting County Community Agency in Dennison, Ohio. The wedding is planned for May 2003 in Rangook.

GABRIEL-WARRREN

GOODING - Pedro and Margarita Gabriel of Gooding announce the engagement of their daughter, Valerie Gabriel, to Zachary Warren, son of Mike and Sue Phillips of Gooding.

Gabriel is a graduate of Gooding High School. She is employed at the Advocacy and Learning Center as a developmental skills therapist.

Warren is a graduate of Carey High School. He is employed at Amalgamated Sugar Co. as a locomotive operator.

The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. Sept. 28 at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding. A



Zachary Warren and Valerie Gabriel reception will follow the ceremony at the Magic Valley Portuguese Hall in Wendell. The couple will reside in Jerome.

HICKS-THOMAS

HOLLISTER - Jim and Debbie Hicks of Hollister announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Allison Hicks, to Travis Wayne Thomas, son of Amanda Cross of Desert Springs, Calif.

Hicks attended Filer High School. She is employed at Candleridge Golf Course in Twin Falls.

Thomas graduated from Twin Falls High School. He is employed at Lamb Weston in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for 5 p.m. Sept. 7 at Centennial Waterfront Park. A reception will be held at 6 p.m. that evening at the same location.



Travis Thomas and Nicole Hicks

BLAKE-ASTIN

TWIN FALLS - Robert and Dana Blake of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Marie Blake, to Nathan Benjamin Astin, son of Dr. Marc and Cathryn Astin of Twin Falls.

Blake is a 1998 graduate of Twin Falls High School and attended the College of Southern Idaho and the University of Idaho in Moscow.

Astin is a 1997 graduate of Twin Falls High School and a 2001 graduate of Westminster College in Salt Lake City, Utah. He will attend graduate school at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Wash., where the couple will reside.



Nathan Astin and Andrea Blake

The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Blue Lakes Country Club.

A reception will follow the ceremony.

ASLETT-FRAME

TWIN FALLS - Lyle and Debra Moncur of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Sue Aslett, to Craig Frame, son of Jerry and Susan Frame of Orem, Utah.

Aslett is a 1999 graduate of Twin Falls High School. She recently earned a bachelor of science degree from Utah Valley State College in business management and is currently employed with Elite Appraisal in Provo, Utah.

Frame is a 1998 graduate of Orem High School and served an LDS mission in Minneapolis, Minn.

He is a student at Brigham Young University, studying communications and business. The wedding is planned for Thursday in the Salt Lake LDS Temple, and a reception will follow that evening in Orem. A reception will be held from 6:30-9 p.m. Friday at the White House, 365 Blue Lakes



Craig Frame and Sue Aslett

Boulevard N., Twin Falls. All friends and relatives are invited to attend the celebration. The couple will reside in Orem.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE GOEMMERS

JEROME - Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Goemmer of Jerome will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 1-3 p.m. at the Sawtooth Inn West Western in Jerome.

Goemmer and Elisabeth Ellen Hanson were married Aug. 31, 1952, in Fort Morgan, Colo.

They have lived in Fort Morgan, Colo., and Jerome. He worked at Asmus John Deere Tractor Company, Patterson Hardware - John Deere dealer and farmed from 1954-1988.

She worked at Morgan Laundry and was a homemaker. They have been active in the Methodist Church and El Shaddai Fellowship, and members of Appleton PTA, 4-H Tractor Club, Boy Scouts and Country Neighbors.

The event is being given by their children, James (Nancy) Goemmer of Castle Rock, Colo., Ellen (Lee) Danvers of Jerome, Jay (Kathryn) Goemmer of Twin Falls, Anne (Joe) Karr of Naval Air Base, Japan, and Thomas (Bonnie) Goemmer of Jerome. The couple has 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Elisabeth and Robert Goemmer

THE FORBESSES

TWIN FALLS - The children and grandchildren of Herbert "Herb" and Ann Forbes announce their 60th wedding anniversary.

Forbes and Anna Pabst were married Aug. 29, 1942, in Jerome.

They lived in Shoshone before moving to Twin Falls in 1972.

He worked for Idaho Power Co. for 37 years, retiring in 1985. Her life work was raising their daughters at home.

The couple has three daughters, Kathy (Rod) Wiberg of Littleton, Colo., Heidi (Ed) Snyder of Dacono, Colo., and Terri (Tom) Simmons of Chubbuck, 17 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.



Herb and Ann Forbes



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WEDDINGS

BARROWS-WHITNEY

TWIN FALLS - Lorianne Barrows and Greg Whitney were married July 27 in Belfast, Maine.

The bride is the daughter of Larry and Lois Barrows of Belfast, Maine.

Parents of the bridegroom are Loren and Susan Whitney of Twin Falls.

Lisa Barrows, sister of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor.

Bridesmaids included Heather Knight, Kim Dambach, Hsa Labozzo and Kelly Moses, friends of the bride.

Megan Pemberton, cousin of the groom, was the flower girl.

Loren Whitney, father of the groom, and Chad Corbin, friend of the groom, were co-best men.

Groomsmen included Zach Tarter, Bryce Tolman and Dave Massey, friends of the groom.

Liam Labozzo, friend of the bride and groom, was the ring bearer.

Special guests included grandparents of the groom, Jim and Ruby Burke of Boise.

A reception was held following the ceremony.



Lorianne and Greg Whitney



Trent and Libbie Oram

LOUGHMILLER-ORAM

FILER - Larry and Judy Loughmiller of Filer announce the marriage of their daughter, Libbie Lisa Loughmiller, to Trent Justin (T.J.) Oram, son of Trent and Peggy Oram of Cody, Wyo. The bride is also the daughter of the late Christine K. Loughmiller.

The wedding was held Aug. 16 in the Idaho Falls Temple.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Filer High School and a 2002 graduate of Colorado Northwestern Community College in Rangely, Colo., where she attended on a basketball scholarship.

The groom is a 1998 graduate of Cody High School and a 2002 graduate of Northwest College in Powell, Wyo. He also attended Colorado Northwestern Community College. He served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Resto-Donna Russia Mission.

The couple plans to reside in Provo, Utah, where they will continue their education at Brigham Young University.

Friends and family are invited to attend a reception in the couple's honor from 5-9 p.m. Saturday at the home of Charles and Amy Loughmiller, 3589 N. 2500 E., Twin Falls, (three miles south of Curry).

ANDREASON-KING

LOGAN, Utah - Jennifer Andreason and Billy King were married Aug. 17 in the Logan Temple in Logan, Utah. A reception was held following the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of David and Christi Andreason of Grace. She is a graduate of Grace High School.

The bridegroom is the son of Roger and Merri Ann King of Wendell. He is a graduate of Wendell High School and is attending Utah State University in the civil engineering program.

The newlyweds reside in Logan.



Billy and Jennifer King

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- 75 Charged apart
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Help kids become better learners

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School days are fast approaching and many parents are confused by the varying approach to successful learning presented by educators and psychologists today. Here's how to sort them out:

• Communicate with your children every day, no matter how busy and tired you may be, about their school day. Ask them such questions as: what did they do in class; what interesting things they learned; what problems or frustrations did they have; how can you be of help to them. Discuss at dinner or before bedtime whatever topic or event had importance for them. Your children are no different than adults in that they leave home each day to go to their intensive work place. They appreciate and need the opportunity to debrief.

• If your children are young, read to them every day. The most curious and successful students have happy memories of being read to throughout their childhood. There is no better way to demonstrate your respect for reading and learning than by this bonding time with your children through the world of books.

• With older children develop a conversation about their reading. Read some of the books or articles they have been assigned at school and find the opportunity for an open-ended conversation.

• Help your children become literate both linguistically and numerically, even if one of these skills is more challenging.

• Make it evident to your children that your love and support are not contingent upon their performance in school. Express the importance of doing well, but you should not be conditional in your relationship with your own child. If his achievement level is below what his native intelligence and testing would predict, confer with his teacher and guidance counselor. If there are still unanswered questions, have an individual diagnostic evaluation done. Children of all ages can become anxious and fearful if they feel that they can lose the support of their parents over poor school performance.

• As an educational system moves toward state and national assessment of learned information and academic skills, students will be under greater pressure to keep up at grade level and will face more standardized testing. Parents can play an active role in monitoring their child's academic progress in school by conferring with the classroom teacher and reviewing standardized testing at each grade level.

• Avoid using bribery to encourage academic performance. A promise of money, toys, trips, or a car for the teenager in the family will not create a lasting commitment and appreciation for learning.

• Demonstrate your support for the classroom teacher and school administrators. These professionals are there to teach and lead your children. They need the input and respect of parents if they are to do their jobs properly. If you believe that something is not being done to help your child, communicate directly with the school personnel rather than undermining their role by criticizing them in front of your son or daughter.

• Parents know their children better than anyone else. You should be able to recognize symptoms of any problems. Work closely with appropriate school personnel to alert them and get at causal factors. Typical behaviors that indicate difficulties at school include frequent class lateness or skipping; oversleeping at home and refusing to go to school; extreme moodiness; extreme eating habits; new friends who are not positive role models; dropping out of athletic teams or favored activities; extreme change in dress and physical appearance; criticizing teachers; threatening to drop out of school; and using alcohol or drugs.

• Encourage your child to elect the most challenging courses offered. Do not make getting a better grade the primary factor in developing a sound academic foundation for future studies. The rule of thumb is to stretch, stimulate, and strengthen one's skills and knowledge.

Calendar

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Monday: Pepper steak, rice, corn; cottage cheese, tomato, bread, peaches

Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread, plum cobbler

Wednesday: Meat loaf, potatoes, gravy, peas, carrots, dressing salad, bread, turkey, beef, green salad, roll, cake

Thursday: Roast turkey, breast, potatoes, gravy, vegetables, green salad, roll, cake

Friday: Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, carrots, dressing salad, bread, turkey, beef, green salad, roll, cake

Saturday: Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, carrots, dressing salad, bread, turkey, beef, green salad, roll, cake

Sunday: Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, carrots, dressing salad, bread, turkey, beef, green salad, roll, cake

Activities

Monday: Exercise from 9:30 a.m. Coffee at 9:30 a.m. Quilting from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Old Time Fiddlers

Tuesday: Lunch at noon Pinocchio at 1 p.m. Wednesday

Thursday: Lunch at noon Rotary Club Pinocchio at 1 p.m. Snack bar at 6 p.m. Early bird at 6 p.m. Bingo at 7 p.m.

Friday: Exercise from 9:30 a.m. Coffee at 9:30 a.m. Richard lunch

Saturday: Blood pressure from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pinocchio at 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Citizens

203 Wilson, Eden

Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon 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 rolls and maple bar bake days. Home delivered meals are delivered Monday through Friday.

Tuesday: Roast beef, dressing, sweet potatoes, corn, salad, cake, ice cream

Wednesday: Bake day

Thursday: Taco salad, Spanish rice, refried beans, pear cup, cookie

Friday: Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, carrots, dressing salad, bread, turkey, beef, green salad, roll, cake

Saturday: Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, carrots, dressing salad, bread, turkey, beef, green salad, roll, cake

Sunday: Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, carrots, dressing salad, bread, turkey, beef, green salad, roll, cake

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: Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, carrots, dressing salad, bread, turkey, beef, green salad, roll, cake

Tuesday: Country steak, potatoes, gravy, vegetables, salad, dessert

Wednesday: Stew, rolls, salad, dessert

Thursday: Stew, rolls, salad, dessert

Friday: Stew, rolls, salad, dessert

Saturday: Stew, rolls, salad, dessert

Sunday: Stew, rolls, salad, dessert

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Halley

Meals are served at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Milk, juice, coffee and tea are served with all meals

Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, French bread, broccoli spears, mixed green salad, peas, strawberry shortcake

Wednesday: Baked potato and salad bar, bread sticks, frosted brownies

Friday: Crispy fish or chicken, corn muffins, hash brown casserole, corn on the cob, chocolate cream pie

Activities

Monday: Snake River Canyon boat tour

Tuesday: Snake River Canyon boat tour

Wednesday: Snake River Canyon boat tour

Thursday: Snake River Canyon boat tour

Friday: Snake River Canyon boat tour

Saturday: Snake River Canyon boat tour

Sunday: Snake River Canyon boat tour

and lunch at 9:30 a.m.; \$20 per person

Wednesday

Diabetic support group meeting

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: Taco salad, cottage cheese, Texas toast, ice cream, beverages

Tuesday: Fruit salad, clam chowder, broccoli, biscuits, pudding, beverages

Wednesday: Roast pork, vegetable salad, mashed potatoes, corn bread, angel Jell-O, beverages

Thursday: Beef tips, mashed potatoes, creamed corn, biscuit, corned beef, pudding, beverages

Friday: Smorgasbord

Center gift shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Quilting and pool table daily during center hours. Crafts every day. Volunteers are needed to do grocery shopping for shut-ins. Call Riddleys at 436-1200

Activities

Monday: Exercise from 10-11 a.m. Songfest from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Bridge

Tuesday: Quilting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bingo from 1-2 p.m. Wednesday

Pinocchio from 1-4 p.m.

Thursday: Exercise from 10-11 a.m. SHIBA Medicare supplemental insurance assistance from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call George Schwinderman at 436-9107.

Friday: Pinocchio from 1-4 p.m. Bingo at 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland, Burley

All dinners are served at noon. Monday: Turkey a la king, noodles, biscuits, corn, green salad, cherry crisp

Tuesday: BLT, potato soup, apple salad, brownie

Wednesday: Parmesan chicken, baked potato, mashed vegetables, roll, red Jell-O, peach pie

Thursday: Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, fruit, pumpkin custard

Friday: Pastrami and cheese croissants, potato wedges, cold slaw, fruit, ice cream sundae

Activities

Monday: Pool at 10 a.m. Exercise at 11 a.m. Pinocchio at 1 p.m. Tuesday

Pool at 10 a.m. Exercise at 11:15 a.m. Bingo at 7 p.m. Wednesday

Pool at 10 a.m. Exercise at 11 a.m. Pinocchio at 1 p.m. Thursday

Pool at 10 a.m. Exercise at 11 a.m. Hearing aid check

Pool at 10 a.m. Exercise at 11 a.m. Bingo at 1 p.m. Pinocchio at 1 p.m.

Get your high school senior off to college

The Seattle Times

If parenting is like an endurance race, senior year should be the section where parents triumphantly glide toward the finish line with a smiling graduate-to-be alongside. Instead, it's often more like Heartbreak Hill at the 20-mile mark of the Boston Marathon, the bump that leaves parents exhausted and wondering what they were thinking 17 years ago.

"Senior year is so much harder than many families anticipate, and they can be blindsided by the challenges that come up," says Jenny Wyatt, co-author of "The Launching Years: Strategies for Parenting from Senior Year to College Life," which will be released by The Rivers Press early next month.

"The anxiety of leaving home - and for parents, being left at home - and the struggles of adjusting to a new life can make freshman year tough also."

Wyatt, a mother of four who has "launched" two children, and Laura Kistner, a Seattle psychologist who counsels adolescents and their families, wrote the book to address the difficult two years from a parenting standpoint.

While many books advise students on how to pick a college, few help parents understand the dynamics, stresses and emotions both they and their kids face, they said.

"The book covers how to deal with everything from college applications to seniors' panicked calls home from college to adjusting to a roomier home."

"For previous generations, high school graduation was usually the end of official parenting. Children moved out, found a job and got married soon after age 18. Now, 'parenting lasts longer,'" said Kistner, a clinical professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the University of Washington.

"People don't get married until 25 and 27, for women and men respectively. There's more specialization in education. It takes longer to develop the emotional and social coping skills to live in a more complex society."

Facing a decision that can shape their future careers, lifelong friends and possibly spouses, it's obvious why choosing and applying to colleges is so stressful for

Up-to-date designs for dorm decor

Knight Ridder News Service

Dorm room decor has graduated from bean bags and milk crates to all the rage decor. And get this: It's affordable. Along with the usual annual fashion frenzied back-to-school gear available in stores, there are bold, bright options this year for the college-bound student.

"I've seen and young adults are always looking for ways to express themselves, and decorating a dorm room is a perfect outlet," said Aimee Sands, Target spokeswoman.

At the forefront of dorm design savvy are Target; Bed, Bath and Beyond; Linens 'n Things; and Wal-Mart, all zapping color and life into the institutional cinder blocks and linoleum.

It is essential that students have what they need to make a home away from home, said Amy Susskind, spokeswoman for Bed, Bath and Beyond.

And for the first-time renter, many of the dorm wares double as awesome apartment essentials. For example: Todd Oldham for Target offers students the Kitchen in a Box, an 85-piece set with everything from pots and pans to silverware and plastic dishes, all for about \$50.

"I've seen your apartment or dorm gets better with three-headed floor lamps, mood lights and tube lights (\$7 to \$30). Add a bold area rug and make an empty room bleed with personality (\$10 to \$25)."

Coordination is an option, but it isn't always key when there is

students. But often, parents are wiggling out right along with them. Seattle resident Cynthia Stroum found herself biting her tongue much of her daughter Courtney's senior year. "It's their turn," she said. "It may not be the college you'd want to go to, or where you want them to go, but it's their life, not yours."

She also says, "the stress level was phenomenal. The pressure put on kids today applying to colleges - it's all-consuming."

Students deal with anxiety about the future by postponing applications and going through seniors with an academic slump,

10 things you'll need

- Shower shoes, no one wants the fungus left behind by Sally Sinkylot.
- A clamp lamp or a multi-headed lamp so you and your roommate don't have to interfere with each other's sleep time.
- A few seating options. You don't want all of your visitors jacking on your bed.
- A body pillow, to give your back a rest during those all-night study sessions.
- A lap desk for when you want to review a few notes while you catch up on some WB.
- Storage space to keep small rooms from becoming danger zones.
- Snapshots and posters to give the room some flare and home appeal.
- A mini-refrigerator to keep your munchies fresh.
- Earplugs for your stereo so you don't interrupt someone else's study time.

so much fun to be had in designing. "I was trying to coordinate my room to match," said Sarah Rose, soon-to-be University of Missouri-Columbia freshman. "But I've just been picking things that look good."

And looking good is easy with the buffet of colors and designers to choose from.

a blank attitude and aggressive bids for independence. At the same time, parents often ignore their own qualms about their child's impending departure by focusing on their child's flaws.

Many seniors get out of line with their assertions for power, a symptom of their natural push for autonomy. Parents can contribute by unwisely holding out an 18 as a Holy Grail of independence, Kistner said.

"If they're in the home, whether they're 18 or 21, there should be some cooperation about how to contribute to the household," she said.