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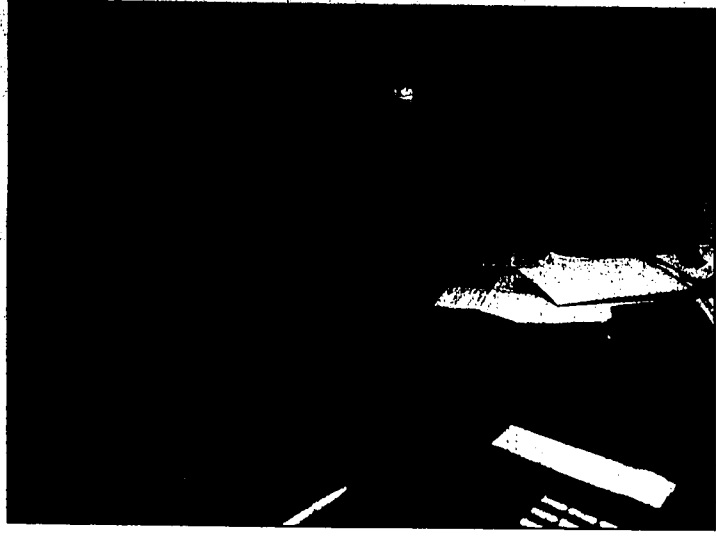
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# TECHNOLOGY ON HOLD



Clay Nannini uses his cell phone almost exclusively at home and at work, his monthly minutes often totaling over 3,000. Nannini said he has no problem with a proposed \$1 monthly fee on his cell phone.

## Fee for cellular phones poses funding dilemma

By Mark Heitz  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Local cell phone users probably won't start receiving full-scale emergency dispatch service unless they start paying the same \$1 monthly fee as land-line users, dispatch officials say.

But it's not clear exactly when - or even how - 911 service at the four-county Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center will get the technology to pinpoint cell phone callers.

And even if the cell phone money comes, the board that controls SIRCOMM might end up spending some of it to pay off the center's existing debts.

That's the puzzle confronting cell phone customers, dispatch officials - and the Idaho Legislature, which will decide this winter whether to authorize the fee.

SIRCOMM, securely housed in a brick building outside Jerome, uses "enhanced 911" technology to pinpoint the location of emergency callers. If a caller phones SIRCOMM on a traditional land

### Dispatch dollars

Here are some budget figures for the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center since 1998 (fiscal years and Sept. 30).

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Income					
Service fee*	\$571,191	\$603,865	\$645,954	\$653,504	\$562,691
Counties**	\$639,765	\$737,789	\$834,369	\$829,843	\$818,213
Total***	\$1,242,158	\$1,359,182	\$1,604,682	\$1,632,801	\$1,429,703
Spending					
Salaries	\$574,965	\$539,381	\$551,253	\$623,427	\$631,288
Total	\$1,322,608	\$1,383,817	\$1,430,680	\$1,537,884	\$1,569,051

\* Money from the \$1 surcharge on every land phone line in SIRCOMM's coverage area.  
\*\* Money contributed by the four counties SIRCOMM covers - Lincoln, Gooding, Jerome, Twin Falls.  
\*\*\* SIRCOMM also receives income from interest and other miscellaneous sources.

Source: SIRCOMM

line, a computer instantly shows the dispatcher a name, address and phone number.

That's useful if the caller can't speak, passes out or hangs up without providing full details.

But SIRCOMM can't similarly locate somebody who calls in on a cell phone, said Ron Vogt, SIRCOMM's deputy director. Neither can most other 911 centers across the country.

When somebody calls in on a cell phone, the computer shows no information. Current equipment can't track the source of a cellular signal, Vogt said.

That hasn't caused any major problems yet, but Vogt said he fears it's only a matter of time.

"Let's say you're out here in the

## Bill would force all telephone users to pay extra

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

BOISE - If the Idaho Association of Counties has its way, all telephone customers in emergency dispatch districts in the state will pay an extra monthly 25-cent-per-line fee to support certain dispatch centers.

And cell phone users would face the prospect of paying a monthly \$1 surcharge that phone customers with land lines already pay in many counties.

Lobbyists for the county government officials' association are discussing with legislators a bill that would call for \$1 per month from each cell phone customer in counties in which voters have approved 911 service. In addition,

## Economic crisis holds state pay in check

By Bob Fick  
Associated Press writer

BOISE - The economic crisis that has the state's 24,000 workers facing a second straight year without a pay raise has also pushed Gov. Dirk Kempthorne further down the state's payroll.

The annual report shows the governor raised 167th on the state salary list on Jan. 6 - 18 spots lower than last year and the lowest in two decades.

But Kempthorne ran for reelection knowing the salary was frozen, and the vast majority of those paid more than him have stuck with their jobs despite the pay freeze.

The economic downturn has played a role. The state's employee turnover rate has dropped almost across the board from two years ago when a hot economy was luring government workers into the private sector.

"We're kind of back in the mid-range," state Human Resources Director Ann Holman said.

The overall turnover rate dropped from 18 percent in 2000 to about 12 percent last year.

To deal with rising health costs and frozen state paychecks this year, state workers have seen their out-of-pocket costs for doctors and medicine go up. Kempthorne's plan to freeze pay again in the next budget year contemplates the state picking up all the expected 15 percent increase in health insurance premiums.

But the economic uncertainties, compounded by a handful of layoffs that could escalate if lawmakers reject some kind of tax increase, have some policy makers fearing turnover could pick up, especially among state workers with special skills and training.

The administration has been using bonuses and pay raises in selected cases to keep key people on the payroll. At the State Police, Director Dan Charbonneau is not filling 17 trooper openings because he's not sure yet whether some of all of those jobs will be cut to help balance the budget.

The combination of factors has some worried that a second up or down pay freeze could begin a flight of workers from state offices, even if the overall economy remains soft.

## Blaine County joins anti-war protests

The Times-News and The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Tens of thousands rallied in the capital Saturday in an emphatic dissent against preparations for war in Iraq, voicing the cry, "No blood for oil."

The rally anchored dozens of smaller protests throughout Asia, Europe, the Middle East and the United States, even one in the Wood River Valley.

Some 140 people marched down Ketchum's Main Street waving placards with such sentiments as "Dump Bush, Not Bombs" and "Not My Son."

The littlest protesters included 5-year-old Cameron and Tara Bingham of Hailey who spent the morning



Charity Sevilla chants 'No War for Oil' Saturday during a protest in San Francisco.

## Inspectors cover sites of 'concern; no violations reported

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq - In almost two months of surprise visits across Iraq, U.N. arms monitors have inspected 13 sites identified by U.S. and British intelligence agencies as major "facilities of concern," and reported no signs of revived weapons building, an Associated Press said.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Early-day fog will give way to sunny skies. Highs in the 40s.

Tonight: Partly cloudy and quiet. Lows in the 20s.

Tomorrow: Low morning clouds and fog, then mostly sunny. Highs in the 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy skies and quite mild. Highs in the 40s to near 50.

Tonight: Fair to partly cloudy. Lows near 20.

Tomorrow: Continued dry and partly sunny. Highs in the 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. The next low morning fog will give way to clear sky. As the days go on, however, both Sunday and Monday look to be on the mild, quiet and dry side.

Today Highs 28 to 44. Tonight's Lows 3 to 12.

BOISE Through the beginning of the week, there is enough moisture in the atmosphere for morning fog. With high pressure in control it will, however, stay on the dry side of the next couple of days.

Today High/Lows 42 to 47/28 to 35.

NORTHERN UTAH Mild winter temperatures with a mix of sun and clouds will take us into early next week.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 45 at Lowell & Masi. Low: -2 at Starry weather key: sun/sunny; pc/partly cloudy; mc/mostly cloudy; c/cloudy; m/multiclouds; sh/showers; s/snow; fl/fog; h/hazy; w/wind; m/mist; msk/mist.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Almanac section containing Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric, Sunrise and Sunset, Moon Phases, and Sunrise and Moonset data.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table listing cities like Boise, Bonners Ferry, Challis, etc., with their respective weather and temperature forecasts.

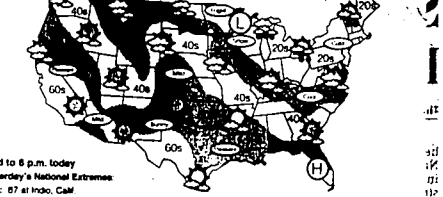
NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table listing major US cities like Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, etc., with their respective weather and temperature forecasts.

WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table listing international cities like London, Paris, Tokyo, etc., with their respective weather and temperature forecasts.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Canadian forecast table listing cities like Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, etc., with their respective weather and temperature forecasts.

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Fees

Continued from A1. The legislation would call for another 25 cents on all phones in emergency dispatch districts to be dedicated to a state fund. The legislation could strengthen county or regional dispatch centers and make it less attractive for cities not to belong. Backers of the bill estimate the additional 25-cent fee would initially accumulate about \$3 million per year. The money would be used for grants to help emergency dispatch districts do such things as buy equipment, train dispatchers and expand and maintain services. The \$1 surcharge on cell phone services, meanwhile, would be collected by cell phone companies and sent back to the service areas from which the money was collected. That's what happens with the \$1 monthly fee that land line phone customers already pay. One of the reasons for the leg-

islation is to get 911 service into every county in Idaho, said Mike Kane, a lobbyist for the Idaho Sheriff's Association, a group that is an affiliate of the Association of Counties. "Some areas of the state - like Clark, Adams or Washington counties - would be able to get 911 services," Kane said. "Without this, it would take years and years and years to get basic infrastructure in those places, let alone to maintain it. The concept is about spreading the wealth." The draft legislation recommends that an oversight committee grant 911 services before those seeking "enhanced 911" services. Enhanced 911 technology allows a dispatcher to determine the specific address of a site from which a 911 land-line call is placed, in the event the caller can't give the address. Technology also is being devel-

opied to provide access to global positioning systems so dispatchers can identify where callers from cell phones are located when they use 911. Kane doubts the committee would be likely to approve awarding grants to cities that have opted out of county or regional 911 agreements. "It would seem to me the committee would not favor giving grant money to a city or cities in a county that aren't part of the county system," Kane said. Twin Falls city officials say they have never been happy with the emergency dispatch service of the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center and have been looking for a way to pull out of the operation, which serves Twin Falls, Jerome, Laramie and Gooding counties. Twin Falls officials are not alone in questioning the quality of 911 service. A group of city officials from around the state is forming a task force to study the subject of regional emergency services on Jan. 30 in Boise when the Association of Idaho Cities meets. A discussion is likely to center on how to change Idaho law so that a city can opt out of a regional dispatch center if it becomes dissatisfied. But the legislation proposed by the Association of Counties might have the opposite effect. And the proposed 25-cent fee would help assure the safety of people across the state, Kane said. Though voters in urban areas such as Boise and Twin Falls might consider it unfair to pay for setting up 911 services in remote rural areas such as Carnas or Boise counties, Kane pointed out those same people often leave their urban homes to recreate in the remote counties. "I'm a cell phone and access to 911 service is a big part of the difference between life and death when an accident or sudden illness occurs, he said. Charging cell phone users for 911 service is already widespread throughout the country, though Kane could not say in how many states or where. He said some cell phone companies do contribute money to 911 services across the country, but others do not. Kane also said when cell phone companies find out others are not paying the \$1 fee in Idaho, they back out. In addition, there is a federal mandate that all states should have reached enhanced 911 status by now, and Idaho doesn't even have that service in many areas. After years of resisting the idea, Qwest has decided to get on board, said the company's lobbyist, Mike Reynolds. "There are three cell phones in Idaho for every four land lines, and the number of cell phones is growing every day," Reynolds said. "It's a matter of fairness. It makes no sense to have inequity among technologies artificially created by government." He said nowdays nearly all car crashes are reported by cell phone, yet those callers are not paying for 911 services. As for complaints that dispatchers can't determine where a cell phone is coming from, Reynolds said the cell phone callers need to always call dispatchers where emergency services need to be directed. Magic Valley legislators said they haven't heard enough about the bill to say whether they would support it. But Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, said the theory has merit. "I don't quarrel with the fact there will soon be more cell phone calls than land lines. I don't quarrel with the fact that SIRCOMM needs more money. I don't quarrel with the fact that cell phone users don't pay their fair share," Smith said. "I guess my conclusion is that it would be a fair way to distribute the load for emergency services."

Phones

Continued from A1. Still, Vogt said he doesn't want to discourage people from calling. "If 30 people call me about something, that last caller might have seen something important the other 29 missed." Besides the possible safety issues, there's also the fact the number of land lines locally shrank last year - thus reducing one of SIRCOMM's chief sources of money, said Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousey, who also serves as the center's director. Records show that the amount of money collected for SIRCOMM through a \$1 per-line, per-line fee grew steadily

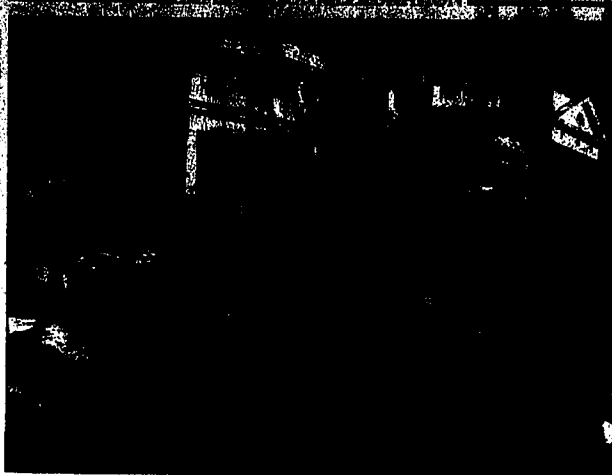
provide them with any better service than it does now. Typically, it can cost \$30,000 to a possible cell-phone fee are hard to come by. Nobody seems to know exactly how many cell phones are in use in SIRCOMM's four-county service area. And SIRCOMM leaders haven't decided how to spend the money if they get it. Vogt, Tousey and Bill Brockman, a Twin Falls County commissioner who serves on SIRCOMM's Joint Powers Board, said they can't clearly estimate the cost of equipment and software to trace cellular calls. "It's not cheap, an emergency dispatch expert said. The technology is just starting to emerge in some of the county's major urban centers, said John Melcher, director of the Greater Harris County 9-1-1 Emergency Network in Houston. "Typically, it can cost \$30,000 to \$50,000 to outfit just one dispatch station with the necessary equipment and software, said Melcher, who is also president of the National Emergency Number Association. SIRCOMM has six dispatch stations, Tousey said. The companies providing cellular service also have to outfit their phones and transmission equipment to make the system work, Melcher said. Because of the costs involved, 42 states have already passed laws calling for cellular customers to pay a special fee to help pay for the upgrades, Melcher said. About of the remaining states have similar laws in the works. "It's a very expensive undertaking," he said. "And if Idaho is looking at a fee for cost recovery, that's exactly what they need to do for public safety." Tousey, Brockman and Vogt said they don't know yet exactly how much money SIRCOMM would get if the Idaho Legislature approves the cell phone fee. A very rough, low-ball estimate would be about \$60,000 to \$90,000 a year, Tousey said. Whatever the amount, some of it might have to go toward a final balloon payment of \$2.2 million on a 1996 equipment loan, Brockman said. That payment is due in August 2005. "I'd like to see a certain amount of that money dedicated to debt retirement," Brockman said. Vogt said he's leaving issues of the center's debt to the Joint Powers Board. But if it were up to him, he would devote any extra money to equipment, software and related costs. "It has nothing to do with politics. I am talking strictly about operational policies," he said. "I would not need to hire any more people. I need the maintenance money. I need to replace and repair equipment as it gets old. Even if SIRCOMM got all the equipment it wants, that might not solve the problems associated with gaps in the area's overall communications infrastructure, said Twin Falls Police Chief Lee DeVore. That's the problem the police department ran into a few years ago, when it considered installing mobile data terminals in its squad cars, DeVore said. The department found that even with the proper hardware and programs in the cars, the wireless infrastructure in the greater Twin Falls area was too sparse to support the system.

Cell phone calls report for November 2002. Shows a 57.15 percent increase in 911 calls compared to the previous month. Source: SIRCOMM.

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Advertisement for Idaho Lottery, showing winning numbers for Powerball and Pick 5.

DeVore questions whether that same infrastructure could support the technology to pinpoint cell callers. Brockman said it's true that a cell phone locating system wouldn't work without improvements outside SIRCOMM. Cell phone companies might have to pitch in to make the system work. One scenario would be to set up extra cellular transmission towers, especially along the Interstate 84 corridor, Brockman said. But that would be costly, and it would work only along a line of sight, he said. "If you were down in the canyon, well, it probably wouldn't work." A better option would be to work through Global Positioning System technology, to enable SIRCOMM to detect the location of a cell phone call, Brockman said. "That seems to be the most popular choice across the country," Melcher said, with dispatch centers and cellular providers teaming up to put GPS chips in transmission towers and cell phones. In any case, spending to make cell phone users safe is probably a good idea, said one Twin Falls cell phone customer. Clay Nannus said he's had to call 911 only once - to report an auto accident he witnessed. "There weren't any problems with that call," he said. Even so, he thought that SIRCOMM can't locate a cell phone call isn't comforting, he said. "If it can make things safer, I suppose it's a good idea. After all, what's a back?" Times-Herald reporter Mark Hertz can be reached at 735-2328 or by e-mail at mhertz@magicvalley.com.



Jim Great Elk Waters, from Long Beach, Calif., an official of the Shawnee Nation, looks over the setting at the Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Commemoration at Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson, near Charlottesville, Va., Saturday.

## Security Council appears even less willing to go along on war

The Washington Post

As the Bush administration heads toward a crucial United Nations Security Council meeting at the end of this month, a strong council majority appears less willing than ever to agree that early military action against Iraq is justified.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said last week that U.S. intelligence information "we'll be providing to the world," along with U.N. reports and gaps in an Iraqi arms declaration, would make a "persuasive case" at the Jan. 27 council meeting that Baghdad has failed to cooperate with U.N. weapons inspections.

Once that case is made, Powell said, there will be "a judgment as to what the council should do."

But to the administration's rising frustration, many council members have already declared themselves not persuaded. In the 10 weeks since it agreed that Iraqi failure would bring "serious consequences," the likelihood that the council will authorize a U.N.-backed invasion anytime soon has steadily receded.

As a result, the United States may soon find itself faced with deciding whether to go to war with minimal international support in order to take advantage of what it sees as an optimum

military and political timetable. Although administration officials have said that a number of countries have indicated they would participate, with or without a U.N. mandate, only a handful have said so publicly. Many, including some considered important to the effort, have publicly declared they would not.

According to a number of senior council diplomats from a range of countries interviewed over the past week, the case for using force has become less, rather than more, compelling. "It is much murkier and less clear-cut than it was in November," one diplomat said.

## Official: U.S. considered N. Korea attack

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — High-ranking U.S. officials last month considered attacking North Korea before agreeing to seek a peaceful solution to the standoff over nuclear weapons, South Korea's president-elect said Saturday.

Roh Moo-hyun, speaking on television, said there were top-level U.S. discussions about a possible invasion, but Washington officials Saturday were quick to say they had no knowledge such talks took place.

Washington for weeks has stressed diplomacy in resolving the conflict, and Roh's comments came one day after the United

States said it would be willing to give North Korea a written guarantee it would not attack.

Still, the remarks by Roh, who was elected Dec. 19, shed light on an alleged debate within the U.S. government over how to deal with the communist North after it declared it would reactivate old nuclear facilities capable of making bombs.

"At the time of the elections, some U.S. officials, who held con-

siderable responsibility in the administration, talked about the possibility of attacking North Korea," Roh told a panel of university professors on KBN-TV.

He described the U.S. officials as "hardline" and did not say how he knew about the discussion. But Roh is close to outgoing President Kim Dae-jung, whose government has been coordinating a joint strategy on the North with the United States.

## Government OKs alliance of three airlines

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government conditionally approved an alliance among Delta, Northwest and Continental airlines that would allow them to sell seats on each other's flights if they agree to rules aimed at keeping air travel competitive.

Low-fare airlines lobbied against the deal, alleging it amounted to a virtual merger among the third-, fourth- and fifth-largest U.S. carriers. Eight state attorneys general also opposed the agreement, which they said could stifle competition, raise prices and lower standards of service.

Like most major airlines, Delta, Northwest and Continental have struggled financially since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

The "code-sharing agreement" approved by the Transportation and Justice departments on Friday would enable the carriers to reach more destinations without flying more planes and offer reciprocal benefits such as frequent flier miles.

David Stempler, president of the Air Travelers Association, said passengers like code shares for those reasons and because they think connections will be smoother on code-share flights.

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Real Estate Owned and in Judgement	0	0
Other Repossessed Assets	0	7,000
Cash on Hand and in Banks	11,444,000	7,852,000
Investments and Securities	39,405,000	47,620,000
Fixed Assets Less Depreciation	8,185,000	7,101,000
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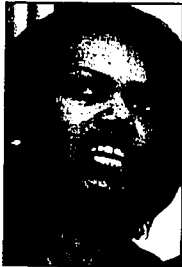
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# Top Bush aide differs on affirmative action

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — White House National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice says that she believes race can be used as a factor in making a college campus more diverse, suggesting a difference with President Bush.



Condoleezza Rice Believes race can be factor in making campuses more diverse

Bush strongly opposed the use of race-based admissions policies in a statement he made Wednesday and in briefs the administration filed Thursday with the Supreme Court opposing affirmative action programs at the University of Michigan.

Rice, the most prominent black member of the White House staff, said she supports Bush's opposition to using quotas to achieve racial diversity. But in her written statement on Friday, Rice left the door open to considering race in admissions decisions.

"I believe that while race-neutral means are preferable, it is appropriate to use race as one factor among others in achieving a diverse student body," Rice said.

As national security adviser, Rice has not spoken out on domestic policy matters. But she issued her statement to clarify her position after a story appeared Friday in the Washington Post about her discussions with Bush on the University of Michigan case, in which white students have challenged the school's admissions policy.

The story said that Rice, citing her experience as provost at Stanford University, helped convince the president "that favoring minorities was not an effective way of improving diversity on college campuses."

Angered by the characterization, according to a White House official who spoke on condition of anonymity, Rice decided to spell out her views in a written statement. She did so with Bush's encouragement, the official said.

"It's not as if she could remain silent when her views are being mischaracterized on the front page of a major daily newspaper," the White House aide said.

In her statement, Rice said: "When the president decided to submit an amicus brief, he asked for my view on how diversity can be best achieved on university campuses. I offered my view, drawing on my experience in academia and as provost of a major university."

"I agree with the president's position, which emphasizes the need for diversity and recognizes the continued legacy of racial prejudice, and the need to fight it. The president challenged universities to develop ways to diversify their populations fully."

But even as she emphasized her support for the Bush policy, her statement that colleges could consider prospective students' race in admission decisions signaled an apparent difference with the president.

A White House official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, argued that Bush had been silent on the specific role race could play in admissions decision.

"If there's a divide" between Bush and Rice, the official said, "that's the divide."

"She spoke and he didn't" the official added. The Supreme Court ruled in an affirmative action case 25 years ago that quotas were unconstitutional.

But in the landmark Bakke case of 1978, Justice Lewis F. Powell said colleges and universities are right to seek "diversity" in their student bodies and an applicant's race can be counted as a "plus" factor in admissions.

Ever since, that opinion has been cited by college officials as authorizing race-based admissions policies.

While Bush and his lawyers did not address whether race could ever be a consideration, Rice's statement endorsed that aspect of the Bakke decision.

# U.S. seeks arrests of suspected war criminals in the Balkans

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a diplomatic effort this week, the Bush administration is seeking to persuade Yugoslavia and Bosnia to arrest and hand over two major suspects long wanted by the U.S. war crimes tribunal.

A State Department envoy is carrying the message that U.S. aid to Yugoslavia could be at risk if progress is not shown in cooperating with the Netherlands-based tribunal, a senior Bush administration official said.

Still at large are Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader during the 1992-1995 war, and his wartime general, Ratko Mladic.

U.S. Ambassador Pierre-Richard Prosper will warn the

Balkan countries that they never will achieve full international acceptance as long as Karadzic and Mladic remain on the loose years after their indictments.

Prosper, who heads the State Department's office for war crimes issues, leaves Monday. As a condition for releasing a portion of aid money to Yugoslavia, Congress has required that the administration annually certify that progress has been made. It was not clear how much aid is at stake; in 2002, the figure was \$40 million.

Slobodan Milosevic, the former Yugoslav president, was turned over to the U.N. tribunal in The Hague in 2001 and is under trial on war crimes charges.

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# Marconi's daughter marks 1903 radio breakthrough



Princess Elettra Marconi tours the historic site where her late father, Guglielmo Marconi, made his first wireless transmissions across the Atlantic 100 years ago, Saturday in Walfleet, Mass.

mark a "wonderful triumph of scientific research and ingenuity."

Marconi, who won the Nobel Prize for physics in 1909, had previously delivered messages over shorter distances, and transmitted the letter 'S' in Morse code across the Atlantic, but the 1903 transmission solidified the legitimacy of radio.

The message from the princess, who is in her early 70s and gained her title by marrying an Italian nobleman, was part of a week of centennial events culminating Saturday night with the worldwide transmission of a message from President Bush.

"By inventing the first practical system of wireless telegraphy Marconi pioneered international communications and opened the door for technological advances that have improved the lives of countless Americans, and people around the world," Bush said.

The radio transmission was sent from the eastern end of the cape to Nova Scotia to Cornwall, England. In his message, Roosevelt called the achievement a "wonderful triumph of scientific research and ingenuity."

working on their signs while watching live coverage of the parade across the country on CNN.

Ketchum's protest was timed to coincide with holiday sales leaving Baldy's slopes and many of the marchers showed up with their lift tickets still hanging from their jackets.

Among them, Baldy resident David Ketchum and his wife, Roseanne.

"We think we should be last resort over a first resort, David Ketchum said. "I don't want a bad guy to come about it. But we are not going to let anyone else do it."

Margaret McDonald Denver reminded the group that the walk was for peace and that the protesters should not retaliate should someone attack their beds.

But she need not have worried. Ketchum's streets erupted into a cacophony of blaring car horns from drivers honking their approval as the group took to the streets.

"I think today was a real turning point in this country," Stuart told the group, her voice cracking as she fought back tears. "The marches, the peace demonstrations all over the world - people can't help but get the message that we want peace. I'm just so proud of this country."

In Washington, police said 30,000 marched through the streets, part of a much larger crowd that packed the east end of the National Mall and spilled onto the Capitol grounds.

"We stand here today, a new generation of anti-war activists," Pete Lindsay from International ANSWER, the main organizers, exhorted the spirited masses in a biting cold. "This is just beginning. We will stop this war."

Police reported few arrests in the rally, which preceded the march past Marine barracks to the Washington Navy Yard.

"We don't want this war and we don't want a government that wants this war," said Brenda Stokely, a New York City labor activist. A sign branded America, not Iraq, a "Rogue Nation." Another said, "Disarm Bush."

Activists invoked the nonviolent legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. on the long weekend that marks the civil rights leader's birthday, and booted President Bush, who was at Camp David, Md.

In 1963, King's historic "I have a dream" speech rang out from the opposite end of the mall, the Abraham Lincoln Memorial, before a crowd of more than 200,000.

"Mr. Bush hung Dr. King's picture up in the White House last year so he needs to hang up Dr. King's words," the Rev. Al Sharpton, a Democratic presidential candidate, told the demonstration.

Bush believes that protesting "is a time-honored part of American tradition and it's a strength of our democracy," White House spokeswoman Jeanie Mamo said.

Demonstrators hoped the protests and more ahead would win over an American public unsettled by the prospect of an Iraq war yet supportive of Bush's leadership. Some dared

to march in the rain, would give the parade a dramatic ending.

As protesters in Washington rallied Saturday night made room for their own.

"I've been protesting for one of them, the Clinton and a genocide," said a woman in a black and white jacket.

The protesters gathered for the demonstration, which has drawn national attention for its focus on peace and racism, said a Washington Times reporter.

A New York Times reporter also reported that in San Francisco protesters collected 100,000 signatures, organized marches and first-time protests.

The demonstrators staged peaceful nationwide events that typically drew hundreds or thousands of people.

But 5,000 people marched through downtown Tokyo, carrying toy guns filled with flowers and wearing face masks that parodied Bush.

Three dozen people stood by the Vietnam War Memorial to show support for Bush's policy and offer a contrary voice to the blitz of demonstrations.

"The protesters don't understand the threat" of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, said Scott Johnson, 55, a Navy veteran from Minneapolis. "It's a war of liberation for people."

Bush says Saddam has weapons of mass destruction and no qualms about using them on the United States, if he could. U.N. inspectors are in Iraq trying to find them.

According to a new poll, most Americans want the United States to take more time seeking a peaceful solution in Iraq rather than moving quickly into a military confrontation.

By 60 percent to 35 percent, people in the Newsweek poll released Saturday they would prefer that the Bush administration allow more time to find an alternative to war. Support for a military option would be strong, 81 percent, if the United States were to act with full allied support and the backing of the U.N. Security Council. A majority would be opposed should this country act without the support of the United Nations and had no more than one or two allies.

EASTHAM, Mass. (AP) - A century after Guglielmo Marconi ushered in the age of wireless communications, his daughter

celebrated the wireless message by greeting his grave from close to the spot near where her father sent a historic radio transmission across the Atlantic.

"In this same spirit of his achievement, and also from giving God credit for his wireless message to you in grace, Cordial greetings, and good wishes," Princess Elettra Marconi told Kenneth Bowersox, commander of the international space station.

"It is amazing how far society and radio communications has come in the last 100 years. It is wonderful to hear your voice across the radio waves," Bowersox told the princess, who spoke from an auditorium filled with about 200 people.

The site is about five miles from the coastal bluff where Marconi sent the first wireless

## Iraq

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Press analysis shows.

The review of intelligence reports and U.N. records underlines chief inspector Hans Blix's statement that the international experts have uncovered no "smoking guns" in Iraq in almost 400 inspections since late November.

Blix flew to Baghdad today to seek more information from Iraqi officials to resolve discrepancies in accounts of old weapons of mass destruction - including, for example, of a dozen empty chemical warheads found last week. But his U.N. teams' work, keying on locations spotlighted by Washington and London, seems thus far to support Blix's contention that its old weapons establishment is not making new forbidden arms.

Since those U.N.-British assessments were issued last September and October, Washington officials have said repeatedly they have additional, undisclosed information - "solid" evidence - that Baghdad is violating the U.N. ban on Iraqi chemical, biological and

nuclear arms. But they have made no such information public.

Blix's deputy, Demetrius Pappas, told reporters Wednesday that some intelligence tips received have been useful, but "some of them are speculations." Another U.N. source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said on the eve of the visit by Blix and chief nuclear inspector Mohamed ElBaradei that no new "actionable" intelligence has been forthcoming.

Many of the suspicions raised in the headline-making U.S.-British reports were based on satellite imagery of Iraqi installations, remote photos taken during the inspectors' four-year absence from Iraq. Now that more than 100 U.N. specialists can again "see under the roads," as Pappas put it, the alarms look less warranted.

After five unannounced visits to one site in the past month, however, the U.N. missile experts have reported no clear evidence of research banned by the U.N.

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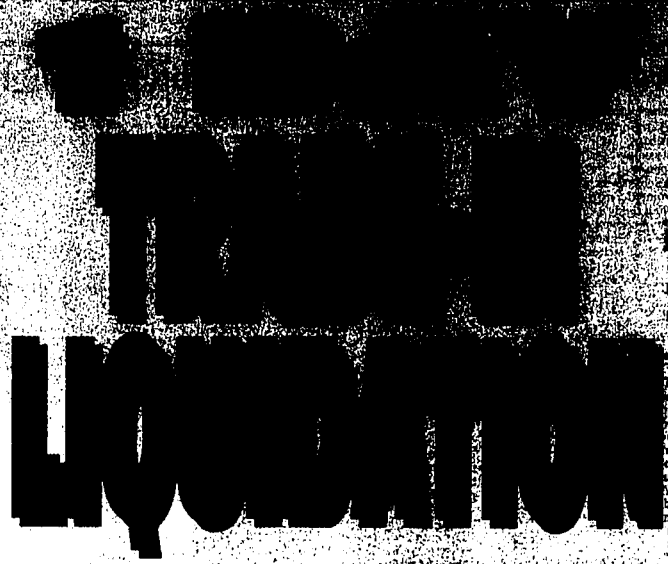
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# Film serves up eclectic lineup

Sundance features menu of indie films

By David Gorman  
Associated Press writer

PARK CITY, Utah — Documentaries on Fidel Castro and Tupac Shakur, a Thai epic about a martyred 16th century queen, and a film-noir musical starring Robert Downey Jr. are among highlights at this year's Sundance Film Festival.

America's top showcase for independent movies, the festival that opened Thursday has rounded up some unusual suspects for its 11-day run.

"It's as eclectic and as differentiated a program as we've ever had," festival director Geoffrey Gilmore said of the 124 feature-length and 90 short films.

Castro is the subject of "Comandante," an HBO documentary premiering at Sundance that was culled from three days of intimate conversations the Cuban president had with director Oliver Stone.

The life of slain rapper Shakur is recounted in another documentary, "Tupac: Resurrection," while "Legend of Suriyothai" is a Thai-language epic about a queen slain in battle against Burmese invaders in 1548.

Holly Hunter, to be honored with the festival's independent-award, appears in two Sundance films, including "Lies" the opening-night feature that co-stars Billy Bob Thornton, Morgan Freeman and Kirsten Dunst. Dustin Hoffman appears in the mob tale "Confidence," while Bob Dylan plays a cult music star in the satiric "Masked and Anonymous," co-starring Jeff Bridges, Jessica Lange, John Goodman and Penelope Cruz.

Downey has the title role in "The Singing Detective," his first movie since completing rehabilitation and probation after years of drug and alcohol problems.

Adapted from Dennis Potter's novel, "The Singing Detective" is among the hot prospects for film buyers prowling Sundance. It co-stars Robin Wright Penn, Katie Holmes and Mel Gibson, whose production company made the film.

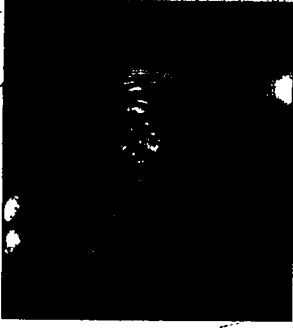
Distributors have picked up such critical and commercial successes as "The Blair Witch Project," "In the Bedroom" and "You Can Count on Me" at Sundance in recent years. Just as often, though, hot Sundance acquisitions tank at the box office, among them last year's "Tadpole."

Hollywood types joke that distributors can lose perspective in the thin mountain air and embark on bidding wars that have pushed some film prices into the \$10 million range, beyond the box-office potential of most indie movies.

Filmakers hope to land their movie with a company that will market it to the right audience. "You really want to get that distributor that isn't just going to go, 'This movie's got Mel and Robert in it,'" said "The Singing Detective" director Keith Gordon, who came to Sundance three years ago with "Waking the Dead." "You want that person who loves the movie and thinks they know how to turn it into the next 'Being John Malkovich.' You want somebody going, 'We know



Above, actors Robin Wright Penn and Robert Downey Jr., arrive at the premiere of 'The Singing Detective' Friday in Park City, Utah. The two star in the movie.



Left, veteran actor Morgan Freeman arrives for the premiere of his film 'Levity' Thursday. Freeman is one of the stars.

how to sell this movie."

Lions Gate Films — whose Sundance lineup includes "Confidence" and "Mondays in the Sun," Spain's Academy Awards entry for foreign-language picture — caught the indie movie "Everything Put Together" at the festival a few years ago. That film went virtually unseen among commercial

audiences, but Lions Gate hired its director, Marc Forster, to make "Monster's Ball," which became the company's biggest hit and earned Halle Berry an Oscar.

"Lo and behold, the most important film in our history came out of it," said Tom Ortenberg, head of Lions Gate Films. "Sundance is still a great place to scout for new talent."

# Redford reflects on two decades of dissent and daring at Sundance

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — Amid the glitz, celebrity-watching and deemaking that has overrun the Sundance Film Festival, Robert Redford figures now and then he has to step out from behind the scenes and remind people it's really all about movies.

Redford generally prefers to stay in the background so his own star power does not steal attention from the films. Some years, he has not even attended the festival if he was busy shooting a movie.

But this year, Redford has taken a higher profile, introducing the opening-night film Thursday with a passionate statement of Sundance's mission to encourage diversity and dissenting opinions.

"Sometimes, I feel the need, if anything, to remind people of who we are and what we're doing," Redford, 65, said in an interview Friday. "It sometimes gets blurred by all the surrounding factors, the media, fashion, parties, which is fine. That's all part of the deal, but it's not THE deal.

"Everybody should have a good time, but it's the filmmakers and how we program for them that matters. We program for diversity, not commerciality."

Redford's higher profile this year also had to do with uncertain



Robert Redford  
On opening night, Thursday

times that followed the Sept. 11 attacks and the potential undermining of civil liberties as the Bush administration responds to terrorist threats.

"I wanted to explain why I think Sundance is more relevant

than ever right now because of the role it plays, particularly in terms of a kind of freedom of expression," Redford said. "I got a little uneasy when I started to see there was a hint of this notion that normal parts of a democratic process were being treated differently, like it was unpatriotic to ask questions. And independent film, that's exactly what it does. It has the courage to ask things."

"In times of fear, we tend to go to safe places. Is there still going to be room for works addressing difficult issues, particularly if they're not either encouraged or being addressed on other levels?"

Redford founded the Sundance Institute in 1981 to nurture promising filmmakers outside of Hollywood, whose blockbuster-minded studios can chew up and spit out inexperienced writers and directors.

The institute has gradually expanded to include programs for film composers, documentary filmmakers and American Indian artists.

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# BEYOND CLONING

## Adam and 'Eve': New science will give parents some control over children's genes

NEW YORK (AP)—They held a news conference not long after Adam Nash was born.

It was a small affair compared to the international media extravaganza that attended last month's alleged birth of the world's first cloned human.

Maybe that's because Adam's birth had nothing to do with UFO cults, virgin births or secret laboratories in unnamed countries. But unlike the alleged "Eve," Adam offers a very real glimpse into the future of human reproduction.

For one thing, Adam has already been proven to pass on the genes he was designed with. More important, those genes were not merely copied from another person's, but selected to give Adam specific traits.

"Cloning is a red herring," says Princeton University biologist Lee Silver, whose 1997 book "Remaking Eden" envisions a future time when parents will have the opportunity to fiddle with their children's heredity.

Silver explains that two powerful scientific fields are just beginning to collide in a way that will profoundly change human reproduction. As reproductive technologies are developed and refined, science's knowledge of human genetics is also exploding.

The combination of genetic knowledge with reproductive technology already allows parents to select some of the genes they pass to their children. Someday it may even enable the creation of human genes, and traits, that have never existed. It is possible that our children's children's children will be engineered to live longer and be healthier, stronger and more intelligent than any generation before them.

Adam Nash's parents already had one child when he was born in August 2000. Their daughter Molly suffered from a rare genetic disease called Fanconi anemia.

But they also wanted to be sure Adam would share one of Molly's genetic characteristics. Because their daughter would die without a bone-marrow transplant, the Nashes wanted their children to have the same tissue type so Adam could serve as Molly's donor.

With the help of Dr. Yuri Verlinsky, a geneticist at the Reproductive Genetics Institute in Chicago, the Nashes created several dozen embryos by in vitro fertilization and chose one with the proper genetic characteristics.

That embryo became Adam. Verlinsky has used the same procedure to help parents carry on genes for cystic fibrosis, hemophilia and sickle cell anemia avoid having children with those diseases. He has ensured that older mothers, whose babies have a markedly increased risk of being born with Down syndrome, give birth to healthy babies. Recently he gave a 30-year-old woman with a gene for early-onset Alzheimer's disease the opportunity to bear a child without the trait.

Verlinsky doesn't modify the embryo he implants. He merely creates a number of embryos by in vitro fertilization, screens them for some desired property—usually the absence of a particular genetic defect—then implants the one that best fits the criteria.

So far parents have used the procedure, which is known as PGD (for preimplantation genetic diagnosis) only as a means of preventing inherited diseases in their children.

Using the technology as an enhancement to make children taller or smarter is impractical, partly because PGD merely selects among genes the two prospective parents already possess. That means Junior's height and intelligence are limited by his parents' genetics.

Furthermore, characteristics such as height and intelligence are influenced by a large number of different genes, making it unlikely that the best ones will all come together in a single embryo.

Verlinsky dismisses critics who accuse him of playing God, of cre-



18-month-old Molly Nash sits with her parents, Jack and Lisa Nash, while holding her 4-week-old brother, Adam, at the Mall of America in Bloomington, Minn., on Sept. 18, 2000. Adam was conceived through in vitro fertilization, after tests determined he would have the right genetic characteristics to provide a bone-marrow transplant that would help his sister. She suffers from a

ating "designer babies" and of trying to fool Mother Nature. "We don't design nothing," he says in a thick Russian accent. "That's absolutely nonsense."

But what if scientists really could simply insert whatever genes they wanted into an embryo's DNA?

In animals, they can. Scientists have been putting genes into mice for more than 20 years by injecting DNA directly into developing embryos.

"It's more powerful in that, unlike preimplantation diagnosis, you can give the embryo traits that the parents themselves don't have," says Stuart A. Newman, a professor of cell biology and anatomy at the New York Medical College.

The technology has been used to create cancer and goats that produce valuable drugs in their milk. Medical researchers studying Lou Gehrig's disease have inserted a gene into rats that causes them to develop the degenerative condition.

And if their creators receive approval from the federal Food and Drug Administration, salmon that are genetically modified to grow faster may soon be on sale at U.S. grocery stores.

Today, inserting genes into embryos is a highly imperfect technology. For every individual mouse or cow that picks up the inserted gene and properly incorporates it into its own DNA, there are many more that don't. Some simply reject the introduced DNA. And because researchers have little control over where the new DNA will end up in the animal's genetic code, in many cases it ends up causing birth defects or preventing the animal from ever being born at all.

"They're getting better technically, but still there are a lot of mishaps along the way," Newman says.

Parents would not embrace a technology that produced far more failures and defects than enhancements. But in the future, many of the technical obstacles to genetic enhancement are expected to fall. What then?

"My view is that certain pathways shouldn't be taken," Newman said. "I would actually advocate a ban on genetic engineering of human embryos."

Researchers are already working with artificial chromosomes

that could be inserted wholesale into a developing embryo. As completely separate "volumes" in the developing organism's genetic library, artificial chromosomes would not disrupt an embryo's existing DNA code. That, scientists believe, would prevent the majority of unexpected defects.

Most researchers believe it will be decades before doctors slip genes into human beings as easily as we load programs onto home computers today from CD-ROMs. But when they do, the sky will be the limit.

Children could be engineered for resistance to cancer, heart disease, mental illness, AIDS and other human plagues. They could also be designed for superhuman strength, sunny disposition, flawless beauty or photographic memory. All it would take is an understanding of how genes control such characteristics and an ability to keep environmental factors such as emotional stress and malnutrition from undermining their effects.

When that day comes, says University of Minnesota bioethicist Jeffrey Kahn, it would behoove us to have thought about which modifications are socially acceptable and which are not.

"We'll have to confront these questions about modification and don't have anything to do with disease," Kahn says.

Perhaps future laws will simply declare the technology illegal. That is how a bill introduced recently by Rep. Dave Weidon, R-Fla., would deal with human cloning: Ban the technology for reproduction and also therapeutic applications that would generate embryos for research, but not produce babies.

The latest cloning brouhaha may amount to no more than a silly hoax, Kahn says, but it has raised issues that deserve consideration.

"The cloning story is sort of a harbinger," Kahn says. "It's made us realize that we don't have adequate controls over this stuff."

For his part, Verlinsky doesn't want to be bothered with such abstractions.

"I am working seven days a week, usually 12 hours a day," he says. "I don't have time for this."

His patient, Adam, is 2.5 now. He turned out to be a perfect bone marrow donor for his sister Molly, who is 7.

# Employees' health care expenses as costs continue to rise

NEW YORK (AP)—George Johnson, head of 1,000 General Electric employees on picket lines this week, wants the increases in health insurance co-payments to stop.

"If we did nothing now, then they'll just try to increase health care costs again" when the next contract talks start again in the spring, he said. The 36-year-old father of three works at GE's plant in Schenectady, N.Y.

GE may well try anyway. Costs are set to mark another year of double-digit increases, and many employers continue to shift more of the burden to employees.

Labor strife is likely to continue, too. Workers at Hershey Foods Corp. went on strike for six weeks, largely over the issue of health care costs. This year will see an unusually large number of union contract expirations and rising premiums and copays are going to a central point of negotiations, said Rick Bank, director of the Center for Collective Bargaining at the AFL-CIO.

Some of the bigger talks involve about 300,000 auto workers; 40,000 tire industry workers and 85,000 telecommunications workers.

"Employers are becoming increasingly aggressive in their attempts to pass on costs to employees," said Bank. "The labor market is much looser than it has been in years and employers will take advantage of that to be very tough on the issue of health care."

According to Hewitt Associates, health care costs will leap 15.4 percent this year, after jumping 13.7 in 2002. Employees will be asked to shell out about 19 percent of the premium costs, up from 17 percent last year.

"Rising health care costs are as definite as death and taxes," said Hewitt consultant Ken Sperling. Last year, a Hewitt study of 528 employees found that health care ranked as the most important benefit, outsourcing salary by a margin of two-to-one. Fifty-five percent of employees ranked it as their most important benefit.

At GE, company officials say health care costs have risen 45 percent since 1999 and totaled \$1.4 billion in 2002. While profits

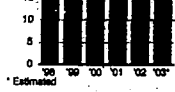
## Health care costs

Share of employees' health care costs

Average health care cost to employees



Average employee contribution to health care



SOURCE: Hewitt Associates AP

rose 7 percent last year, health care costs rose 14 percent. GE said the recent changes will cost employees an average of \$200 a year.

"We don't like raising costs but our costs are going up," said GE spokesman Gary Sheffer. "We think we provide excellent benefits at a reasonable cost."

Segal Co. consultant Ed Kaplan said employers don't like to raise health care costs because it hurts morale, which in turn affects productivity.

But many small-business owners, Myriad factors are driving up costs including new, expensive technologies and modifications: a pricier hospital and outpatient procedures, and costlier inpatient care against the most restrictive policies of managed care.

The problem is a lack of provisions for strategies to bring down costs. "There is no silver bullet," Kaplan said.

Kaplan sees his clients trying to improve health plans' designs to better address employee needs. For example, he said, one client conducted an extensive audit to determine the specific sources of cost increases and noticed a big rise in musculoskeletal problems such as carpal tunnel syndrome among employees. The company negotiated better deals with orthopedic specialists and contracted experts to improve ergonomics at work stations.

Companies are also trying to push more of the costs onto those who choose to use more expensive products. Many companies are experimenting with tiered plans where employees pay more for having care at more expensive hospitals.

So-called consumer driven health plans are also becoming more popular, although they are not yet widespread. The plans provide employees with a set amount in a fund to pay for health needs. A single person might receive anywhere from \$500 to \$1,000 a year, a family double that. They are designed to encourage people to make better choices about their health care.

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## 'Clergy discount' sign at adult store draws fire

STEWARTVILLE, Minn. (AP)—An adult entertainment store's sign offering a "clergy discount" has drawn the wrath of its churchgoing neighbors.

A double-sided sign stands outside Pure Pleasure in view of people entering and leaving Midwest Baptist Church.

"This sign shows me that he's not only thumbing his nose at the laws of the township, he's thumbing his nose at the laws of God," said the Rev. Joseph Grimaldi, who heads the church. "I just hope I'm not too

close when the lightning strikes."

Malcolm Prinzing who owns the land where the sign was placed and the building that houses Pure Pleasure, did not return a telephone call seeking comment.

# Directions

## Bush has made more than 50 policy changes on environment

By **Michael Sautter**, *Environment Reporter*

**WASHINGTON** — Halfway into his second term, President Bush has significantly altered the nation's environmental policies, often without attracting much notice.

A handful of his most controversial policies have made headlines, notably his abandonment of an international treaty on global warming, approval of a federal stamp for nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain in Nevada and his proposal to drill for oil and gas in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

But Bush's administration has adopted a number of major policy changes under the public's and the media's radar by quietly issuing executive orders that don't require congressional approval, making announcements late on Fridays, rewriting highly technical environmental regulations and muzzling dissent within the administration.

Knight Ridder asked three dozen experts in the environmental-protection and business communities to assess the administration's environmental record at midterm. They cited more than 50 major changes in policy, including:

- Dramatically stepping up drilling for oil and natural gas on public land.
- Loosening environmental restrictions on logging and mining on federal property.
- Easing rules that require environmental impact assessments before thinning national forests, starting certain military activities such as bombing practice and building major transportation projects such as airports or highways.

The Bush administration is cleaning up 31 percent fewer Superfund sites per month than the Clinton administration did, and polluters are paying 64 percent less in fines per month than they did during the late 1990s, according to a Knight Ridder analysis of settlements published in the Federal Register.

Rejecting a worldwide treaty to curb global warming and pushing a comprehensive energy plan that stresses reliance on fossil fuels, which cause global warming and air pollution.

Proposing to weaken the cornerstone air and water pollution laws enacted in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Proposing to slash air pollution from power plants by 70 percent and to limit diesel engine emissions.

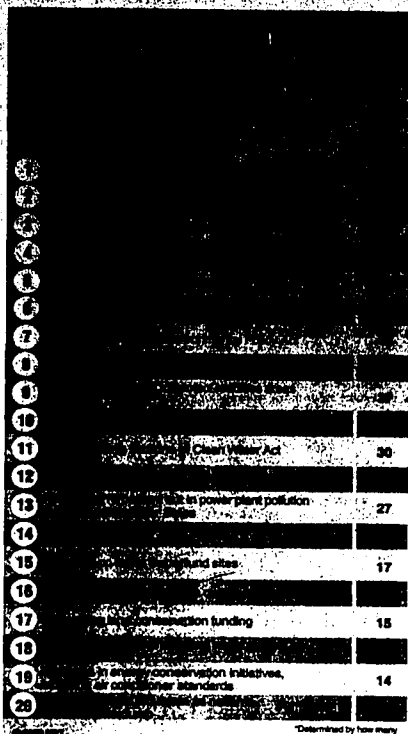
Environmental-protection groups and many ecologists call the Bush's record deplorable. "The administration has been like carbon monoxide, hard to detect and deadly with respect to the environment," said David Wilcove, a Princeton University ecology professor.

Business interests, conservative think-tank experts and administration officials argue that the president's approach brings refreshing innovation while cutting back excessive regulation.

"Environmentalists have expected the worst from the outside," said James Huffman, the dean of the Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland, Ore. "The administration does deserve credit for challenging some of the unfounded and ill-supported environmental orthodoxies rooted in extreme caution, uncertain science and a rigid reliance on command and control regulation."

Many experts who are considered moderates — including some former Republican environmental officials who served the president's father, former President George Bush — are more restrained but voice disappointment.

The administration's environmental policies can be grouped into five categories: changing fundamental laws; rolling back



Clinton administration policies; making new proposals; altering the rules governing the use of federal lands; and coping with global warming. A review of its record in each category follows.

### Cornerstone environmental laws

In the past year, the administration has proposed altering the nation's three fundamental anti-pollution laws or changing the way they're administered. The three are the Clean Air Act of 1970, the Clean Water Act of 1972 and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and most experts say the changes would weaken the laws.

In late November, for example, the Environmental Protection Agency permitted more than 17,000 old coal-fired utilities, oil refineries and other factories to expand or renovate without installing pollution-control equipment, as the agency previously had required.

Another major change — an attempt to thin fire-prone forests and to speed construction of highway and airport projects — would weaken the 1969 law that requires the government to file environmental-impact statements before such projects can proceed. That proposal requires congressional approval.

Earlier this month, the administration issued rules that would remove up to 20 million acres of isolated wetlands from federal protection under the Clean Water Act.

### Repealing Clinton rules

Toward the end of its eight years in power, the Clinton administration issued a flurry of environmental regulations that some considered booby traps for Bush. The new president postponed, repealed or reduced many of these regulations.

Clinton's last-minute maneuvers

helped produce the Bush administration's first environmental stumble. After EPA Administrator Christie Whitman halted a Clinton rule reducing the amount of arsenic allowed in drinking water, a public uproar forced her to reinstate it.

Another Clinton rule called for phasing out snowmobile use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks, starting this winter. The Bush administration canceled that rule, proposing instead to allow up to 1,100 snowmobiles a day in both parks combined. On an average day, about 840 snowmobiles total thunder through the parks, and the number reaches 1,650 on busy weekends.

The Bush administration also canceled a Clinton rule preventing companies that cause "significant irreparable harm" from mining any more public land.

The Bush Department of Energy replaced a Clinton rule requiring new air conditioners to be 30 percent more efficient with one that requires only 20 percent improvement.

### Taking the Initiative

The administration has proposed several initiatives that promise to clean the environment in nontraditional ways. Most dramatic is the Clear Skies proposal to cut emissions from all power plants by 70 percent by 2018. Mimicking a pollution credit-trading system that cut acid rain in the 1990s, the president's plan would cap overall emissions and allow more efficient utilities to trade rights to pollute with less efficient ones, so long as the cap is met.

The administration also greatly increased funding to clean up in nontraditional ways. Most dramatic is the Clear Skies proposal to cut emissions from all power plants by 70 percent by 2018. Mimicking a pollution credit-trading system that cut acid rain in the 1990s, the president's plan would cap overall emissions and allow more efficient utilities to trade rights to pollute with less efficient ones, so long as the cap is met.

In addition, Bush's EPA has taken dozens of steps to reduce soot emissions from diesel engines, which experts say is probably the nation's biggest air-pollution problem.

### Federal land use

The president's energy policy emphasizes drilling for oil and natural gas on public lands. Congress has not approved the most-noted proposal, for oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Drilling and prospecting for minerals increased dramatically in 2001 on federal land in Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico and Montana. Oil rigs towered over the outskirts of national parks such as Canyonlands and Arches in Utah.

### Global warming

The administration's most controversial decision — abandoning the Kyoto Protocol, which would require the United States to reduce the "greenhouse gas" emissions that contribute to global warming — was more symbolic than substantive. The Senate had rejected the treaty 97-0 in a non-binding resolution in 1997, so it was already dead.

In a related step with greater consequences, Bush reneged on a campaign pledge to reduce power plant emissions of carbon dioxide and three other pollutants. Carbon dioxide is the leading cause of global warming.

The administration has opposed Senate proposals to regulate carbon dioxide, including a new bipartisan one sponsored by his political rivals Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn.

Instead, the Bush administration has promoted voluntary efforts to curb greenhouse gas emissions and has supplied money for research and technology. Most environmental groups and scientists call this a do-nothing approach; Bush's supporters say it avoids penalizing the U.S. economy.

Results

It will take years to determine whether the president's policies result in cleaner air, land and water.

Early indicators showed an increase in polluted waterways from 2000 to 2001, though it could be due to better monitoring. Smog violations rose slightly from 2000 to 2001, then increased by more than 30 percent in 2002. The increases in smog are partly due to abnormally warm weather.

In 2001, the United States reduced its emissions of gases that lead to global warming for the first time in a decade. The Energy Department officials attributed the reduction to the sluggish economy.

## Daschle fights from Senate floor, not campaign trail

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — When Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle unexpectedly decided not to run for president in 2004, he said he preferred to "fight the fights" against the Bush administration and Republicans from the Senate floor.

He has done little else since taking himself out of the White House race on Jan. 7.

Daschle, D-S.D., has ridiculed Bush for proposing tax cuts that "leave no millionaire behind." He has accused the president of affirmative action, spending for the new Homeland Security Department, judicial nominations and more. He has accused the White House of failing to keep lawmakers informed on developments involving North Korea and Iraq.

About an hour after Republican Sen. Bill Frist of Tennessee was sworn in as the new Senate majority leader — the job Daschle lost when the GOP gained Senate control in November — Daschle made plain that any honeymoon would be brief at best.

"I have little doubt we will be led well, and we will be led fairly," Daschle said. He then turned quickly to criticize as inadequate the first GOP bill, providing benefits for the unemployed.

Frist said Daschle has acted in good faith and been "straightforward with me" in their dealings. Other Republicans express irritation and are eager to demonstrate that they, not the Democrats, are in charge.

"They want to defeat President Bush, but sometimes he (Daschle) goes too far," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, the Judiciary Committee chairman responsible

for getting Bush's judicial nominees confirmed. Democrats, he said, have "never done well in the minority." November midterm congressional elections left Republicans in control of both the House and Senate, as well as the White House.

When Daschle tried on Friday to force a vote in opposition to Bush's position in an affirmative action case before the Supreme Court, Republicans objected. A waste of time that interrupted work on important spending legislation, Sen. Ben Nickles, R-Okla., called it.

Last week, the two parties were at odds over organizational details for the Senate. Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., said the maneuvering by the Daschle-led Democrats was "tempting to an attempt coup" to block Republicans from taking over as committee chairmen.

The issue was resolved less than 24 hours later. Yet such shadowing is a part of daily life in the Senate, and after eight years as party leader, Daschle is well versed in its intricacies.

In the House, newly installed Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California is still settling into her role. On the campaign trail, the pack of Democratic presidential hopefuls, which includes several senators, probably will be battling another for the next year or more.

That leaves Daschle, for the time being, positioned as his party's most prominent spokesman.

"I just felt our renewed energy," Daschle said in an interview. "I just felt a sense of confidence and a sense of ease" since dealing against a White House run



Sen. Tom Daschle

## Bush pitches tax cut as a boon to small businesses

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Promoting his tax cut plan, President Bush said Saturday it could help small businesses whose financial health is essential to economic growth.

Bush used his weekly radio address to focus on the part of his 10-year, \$674 billion proposal that many economists believe offers some of the best potential for stimulating the economy. Democrats criticize the plan as mostly favoring rich individuals and big corporations.

Bush said elements of the plan were designed with small businesses in mind, adding that those businesses create millions of jobs annually and account for about one-half of U.S. economic output.

"My growth and jobs proposal

will encourage America's entrepreneurs and help to reward their efforts," Bush said. "By reducing taxes, encouraging investment and removing obstacles to growth, we will create a platform for future prosperity."

Critics of his plan say it would have a limited impact on small businesses and many owners would get less than the average tax cut of \$2,042 that Bush cited in his address.

Analysts at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, which focuses on the needs of low- and moderate-income people, say that higher average comes from including wealthy business owners, who have some small business interests.



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# U.S. military forces prepare for close-range combat

By Jonathan Flier  
The Washington Post

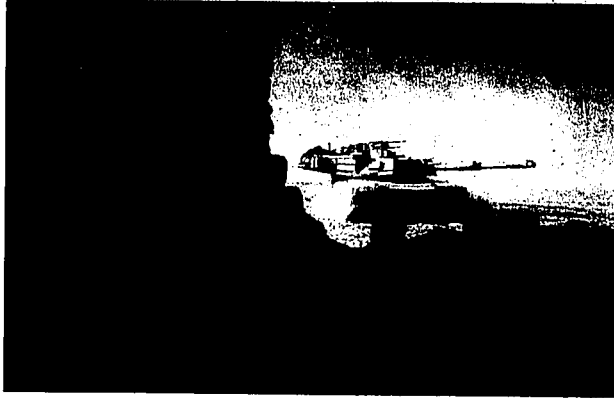
CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — Charging out a hatch in the rear of a Bradley Fighting Vehicle, two soldiers approach the edge of a zigzag desert trench strung with barbed wire, and toss in a live hand grenade to clear an entryway. Then they jump into the elbow-deep trench and fire M-16 rounds in each direction. With this foothold established, the rest of their eight-man team follows, advancing slowly down the length of the trench before a second Bradley approaches and drops off its load of infantry.

These soldiers and others from the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Division spent the past week camped in the wind-swept Kuwaiti desert, training for situations that U.S. war planners hope the troops never have to face. For five days and nights, they practiced warfare on a makeshift urban combat course, followed by two days of training to clear trenches and bunkers at a remote range just south of the Iraqi border.

"These are high-risk operations in battle," said Lt. Col. Stephen Twitty, commander of the division's 3rd Battalion. "But even in this day and age, with the technology we have, sometimes you have to put boots on the ground and engage at close range."

Both exercises were designed to prepare the soldiers, including several teen-age privates fresh from boot camp, for operations that have historically produced high casualty rates but that could come into play if a war against Iraq proves more complicated than some military analysts have foreseen. With the U.S. public grown used to high-tech military operations with low casualties, U.S. war planners cite close-range combat as their worst nightmare, but one they must prepare for.

"Going through all this gives me more confidence about what



A soldier with Task Force 315 of the 2nd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division from Fort Stewart, Ga., participates in a training exercise as a tank passes an abandoned building in the Kuwaiti desert south of Iraq Monday. Deep in the desert south of the Iraqi border, where the United States is massing tens of thousands of troops, Task Force 315 is honing skills to fight street to street, building to building.

might be coming up," said Pfc. Benjamin Carter of Tacoma, Wash., who turned 18 less than a month before arriving in Kuwait in late October. "I guess that's the point."

Urban warfare is something that many of the soldiers who took part in this week's training said they would prefer to avoid. "There's nothing easier to defend than a city," said Lt. Matthew McKenna, 23, of Gaylord, Mich. "And nothing scarier to have to attack. We'd all have become casualties at one point or another during the training if it were real. But the more we've trained, the better we've become."

The U.S. military has stepped up preparations for urban combat in recent years, seeking to lower

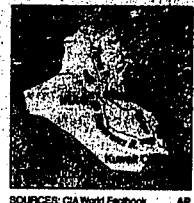
casualty rates that ran above 50 percent in battles such as that for the city of Hue during the Vietnam War. Observing the training this week was Sgt. Maj. Robert Gallagher, one of the soldiers who in 1993 was stranded in Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia, during an urban warfare disaster for U.S. forces; 18 U.S. servicemen were killed when an operation to capture a warlord was met by a Somali militia ambush.

About 150 soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment's Bravo Company participated in practice runs on the urban training course, culminating in a live-fire assault on a full-scale replica of a bombed-out city block. Supported by mortar fire

and a couple of M-1A1 Abrams tanks, the soldiers moved building to building, knocking down doors and firing M-16 automatic rifles to clear each room.

The terrain on which the soldiers were training is a duneless ocean of crusty sand with no vegetation. Skies were free of clouds, but hazy, and a constant stiff breeze kept the exposed landscape cold, even at midday. At night, the desert was lit by the glow of an almost full moon.

Gallagher said that in the event of war with Iraq, soldiers should be prepared to fight in the streets of Baghdad. The Iraqi president, Saddam Hussein, said in a speech broadcast Friday that invading American soldiers would face "suicide" at the gates



SOURCES: CIA World Factbook 2002, ESPI

of the Iraqi capital. "This is the dangerous stuff," said Capt. Michael Cutler, a medical officer who taught triage and battlefield first aid between exercises. The soldiers, he said, had never before received that type of training. "There are important differences from regular first aid — one guy has to know how to do it all, without help sometimes."

Toward the end of the week, the company moved a few miles down the dusty moonscape to Range 7, for trench- and bunker-clearing, a task Twitty called "fundamental" to the infantry mission. During the 1960-68 Iran-Iraq war and the Persian Gulf War of 1991, Iraqi soldiers dug hundreds of miles of trenches.

Still, seizing an enemy trench can be particularly precarious because of the close-quarters nature of the fighting. "Actually jumping into a trench with enemy soldiers is the worst-case scenario, but it has to be done and it happened in the Gulf War," said Staff Sgt. John Meadows, 33, of Roanoke, Va. "We'd prefer not to have to get within three (kilometers) of them — just blow 'em up with artillery or air power and get going."

## Inspector: Papers show nuke efforts

LARNACA, CYPRUS (AP) — The head of the U.N. nuclear agency said Saturday that documents found at the home of Iraqi scientist Faleh Hassan appear to outline high-tech attempts to enrich uranium in the 1980s.

Other senior agency experts, however, said the method outlined — which could be used to make nuclear weapons — seemed too sophisticated for the Iraqis to exploit at the time.

U.N. nuclear chief Mohamed ElBaradei, who oversees the U.N. review of Iraq's nuclear program, told The Associated Press the research outlined in the documents had "something to do with laser enrichment."

He said the importance of the find appeared to be whether the Iraqis had included the information in their 12,000-page declaration submitted to the United Nations last month.

Iraq denies it has any more banned weapons. The United States and Britain insist it does and threaten to disarm Iraq by force unless it gives up those weapons and cooperates fully with the U.N. inspectors.

"If it's something we did not know about, it obviously doesn't show the transparency we've been preaching," ElBaradei said, alluding to U.N. demands that Baghdad be more forthcoming with U.N. inspectors.

## Leaflets tell Iraqis to listen to broadcasts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Allied aircraft dropped 180,000 leaflets over southern Iraq on Saturday, urging Saddam Hussein's people to tune in to U.S. propaganda radio broadcasts against their president.

It was the fourth time this year and 15th since last fall that a drop was made over the decade-old flight-interdiction zone that British and American planes monitor to keep Saddam's forces from flying. The U.S. Central Command said in a statement from its Tampa, Fla., headquarters.

## Scientist says inspectors tried to lure him abroad

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — An angry Iraqi scientist accused "Mafia-like" U.N. inspectors Saturday of using his wife's illness in an attempt to lure him abroad for interrogation about Baghdad's nuclear programs.

"Never, never will I leave my country," he said. Physicist Faleh Hassan was one of two scientists whose homes inspectors visited Thursday. It was the first unannounced visit to private residences as the United States increased pressure on the U.N. teams to try to take scientists abroad for questioning about possible prohibited weapons-building by the Iraqis.

Hassan ended up spending the overnight hours with the U.N. team at a Baghdad hotel, arguing

over whether he would be able to return copies of documents the inspectors found in his home, he told reporters Saturday in his suburban front yard.

Before that, Hassan, 55, had taken the U.N. experts to a field outside Baghdad where they

together inspected what appeared to be a man-made mound, the significance of which was unclear to onlooking journalists. A senior Iraqi official said later Thursday that the field was part of a farm Hassan sold in 1996.



Iraqi scientist Faleh Hassan speaks to journalists in front of his Baghdad home Saturday. Hassan called U.N. inspectors 'Mafia-like' and accused them of using his wife's illness in an attempt to lure him abroad for interrogation.

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### Venezuela's food plans

**CARACAS** (AP) — President Hugo Chavez on Saturday announced plans to nationalize Venezuela's food supply, saying the country's largest bottling plant might be seized and other drinks, bottled water and other drinks. Soldiers also raided a plant owned by Polar, the country's largest brewer and food producer.

"Those that are hoarding food will have to be raided," Chavez said in a telephone interview broadcast on Venezuelan state television. "The private companies... are violating Venezuelans' rights."

### HEY DIDDLE DIDDLE ...

Chavez's actions have angered the Brazilian leader, who has vowed to discuss an initiative by several countries to join forces and help solve Venezuela's ongoing crisis.

Chavez met with Brazilian President Luis Inacio Lula da Silva about the so-called "Group of Friends of Venezuela." Brazil, the United States, Mexico, Chile, Portugal and Spain form part of the group.

Chavez said he was not worried about the U.S. involvement even though Washington has indicated it believes the best way out of Venezuela's crisis is new elections.

Protesters tried to block the raids of the bottling plants, but the National Guard used tear gas to push past them.

In December, Chavez issued a presidential decree authorizing the military to "temporarily" confiscate private property to guarantee the distribution of basic food staples. He had warned food producers he would send soldiers to raid plants and warehouses hoarding supplies.

Both Polar and Panama, the owner of the Coca-Cola plant, claim they haven't been able to distribute products due to fuel shortages and worker absences.

Opposition leaders said the raid set a dangerous precedent.

"There are private property rights here, rights of all Venezuelans and we will not permit them to be violated," said opposition leader Rafael Alfaro.



A military police officer lets a man pass to buy food Saturday while others wait in a row outside a market in Caracas, Venezuela. AP photo

### Up for election in Cuba: Castro, Elian's dad

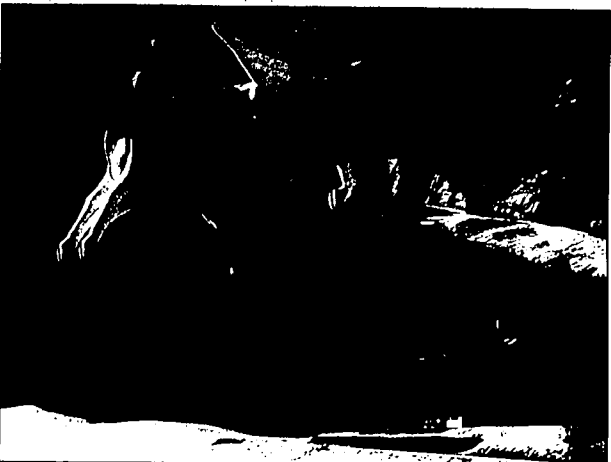
**HAVANA** (AP) — The father of Elian Gonzalez, President Fidel Castro, an Olympic track medalist and a popular folk singer are on the ballot for Cuba's parliament today's elections.

Candidates for the 609 seats run unopposed, leading critics to complain elections on the communist Caribbean island are meaningless. A recent pro-democracy petition, signed by thousands of Cubans, requested election reforms but was ignored by the government.

Castro — a member of the unicameral National Assembly along with being president for 44 years — claims the country's vote is more democratic than those of other nations because voter turnout is high and campaigns do not involve large amounts of money and propaganda.

Voters can mark or leave blank the circle next to each candidate, but this year there is an additional circle for a united vote ballot, signifying support for all the district candidates.

"An energetic and resounding victory is needed to show the enemy our force and unity," Castro said late Saturday on state television.



The Cow, a hot air balloon, takes off Saturday at the ski resort of Chateau d'Oex, in the Swiss Alps at the 25th International Hot Air Balloon week. More than 100 balloons from 19 countries were entered in the event. AP photo

### Bush fire hits Australian capital; many flee, one dies

**CANBERRA, Australia** (AP) — A fire swept into Australia's capital Saturday, destroying dozens of homes and forcing thousands to flee. One person was killed, police said.

A mist of fine ash blew through the streets and the moon shone red through a thick pall of smoke hanging over the city late Saturday. Weaker winds allowed hundreds of fire fighters to tackle three major blazes raging around Canberra's edge.

Earlier, a state of emergency was declared in the Australian Capital Territory as temperatures soared and powerful westerly winds fanned blazes into suburbs on the north, south and western edges of Canberra.

Emergency Services Australia spokesman Mike Castle said between 50 and 60 homes were destroyed. Media reports said that a school, medical center and even a fire station also were destroyed.

The number was expected to rise as emergency workers assess damage and visit outlying areas at first light today.

Jason Walker's house in the suburb of Lyons survived, but his neighbors both lost their homes. The fire consumed his garage and burned up to his back door.

"I'm like the pawn in the middle," he told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio. "I do not know how I survived."

A city of 320,000, Canberra is set amid rolling hills and forests about 220 miles south of Sydney. Saturday's blazes were the most devastating ever to hit the city.

An Australian Federal Police spokeswoman said on condition of anonymity that the dead man was believed to be from the Canberra suburb of Duffy, where up to 40 homes were destroyed.

She said the man was believed to have died from smoke inhalation.

"It is a day of enormous sadness that we have lost a resident to the fire," said the territory's Chief Minister, John Stanbury.

"A number of Canberrans have been seriously injured, perhaps up to 100 families have lost their homes."

"What we experienced today is a once in 100 years or 200 years experience," he added.

A Canberra Hospital spokesman said more than 50 people had been treated for smoke inhalation and burns. Two women with serious burns were flown to Sydney for treatment.

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## EDITORIAL

### A 'Code of the West' may fit well for local counties

The "Green Acres" phenomenon is a daily reality for many counties in the West. City dwellers buy land and build homes in rural areas, settle down to make their own little spot of heaven—and then become irritated with the sounds, sights, and of course, smells of country life.

- Distance from city services.
- The presence of large and small-scale agriculture.
- Limited infrastructure such as sewers, phone lines, natural gas and paved roads.
- Some Western states, notably Oregon, have made strategic decisions to block rural residential development, in hopes of preserving traditional land uses. But Idaho's libertarian streak tends to make this state less restrictive and more sympathetic toward individual property rights.

#### Our view: Magic

Valley counties experiencing rural population growth might consider adopting informal guidelines for country living.

#### What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Local officials have no "how to" guide for managing that kind of development smoothly. But a guide for the city folk migrating into the country could prevent some problems.

So some county leaders in Washington, Colorado and Idaho have adopted informal "Code of the West" guides, to help newcomers realize that their bucolic vision of rural life has its caveats.

Idaho's Canyon County has issued a Farm Bureau "Code of the West" pamphlet to help educate new residents about what to expect as neighbors of sugar beet, potato and wheat farms.

Such codes include reasonable reminders about the inconveniences of pastoral life, such as:

price of freedom for rural residents is to show more tolerance for country life.

It should seem reasonable that if you move to the country, you may see and smell cows, endure some machinery noise after dark, or drive on a gravel road. But when some newcomers from the city have those experiences, they may complain.

That's where these codes may help. A code that spells out the disadvantages of rural life serves notice that urban refugees cannot dictate how land should be managed.

Perhaps similar codes are an idea Magic Valley counties should consider. If an informal written code can head off newcomers' unrealistic expectations, it may alleviate problems further down the road.

### Excerpts from the code

The Code of the West, an informal primer for city dwellers thinking about rural living, was recently adopted by Chelan County in central Washington. Here are some excerpts from the document:

- Emergency response times cannot be guaranteed. Under some extreme conditions, you may find that emergency response is extremely slow and expensive.

- If your road is unpaved, it is highly unlikely that Chelan County will pave it in the foreseeable future.

- Telephone communications can be a problem, especially in the mountain areas. If you have a private line, it may be difficult to obtain another line for fax or computer.

- Power outages can occur in outlying areas with more frequency than in more developed areas. A loss of electric power can also interrupt your supply of water from a well. It is important to be able to survive for up to a week in severe cold with no utilities if you live in the country.

- North-facing slopes or canyons rarely see direct sunlight in the winter. There is a possibility that snow will accumulate and not melt throughout the winter.

- Animals and their manure can cause objectionable odors. What else can we say?

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## Old times in Georgia are not forgotten with 'very divisive' flag issue

ATLANTA — The day before what would have been the 74th birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. last week, some 300 demonstrators marched down the street bearing his name in tribute to the Georgia Capitol. Their slogan was an echo of the civil rights struggles he had led: "Let us vote," their banners and their voices proclaimed. But these marchers were white. Many of the men were dressed in gray Confederate army uniforms. And the flags they carried were the design Georgia adopted in 1956, as an act of defiance to the Supreme Court school desegregation decision and the civil rights movement then gathering strength in the South.

That flag was retired two years ago, when a new design, with markedly reduced prominence for the stars and bars of the



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Confederate battle emblem, was approved by Democratic Gov. Roy Barnes and rushed through the state Legislature with a minimum of debate.

In the campaign last fall, Barnes' Republican challenger, Sam Perdue, told voters he favored a public referendum on the flag issue. "Let us vote" signs blazed on rural roads and an outpouring of voters in those same counties helped make Perdue the first Republican elected as governor of Georgia in 130 years.

In his inaugural address last week, Perdue told an overwhelmingly Republican and white invited audience that the exemplars of "a state noble in spirit and great in achievement" are Georgia's two Nobel Prize winners, President Jimmy Carter and Dr. King. And he praised the slain civil rights leader as a man "who called his state, his region and his nation to live up to our central founding premise: that all men are created equal."

But the next day, on the afternoon of the march by the Sons of Confederate Veterans and other "elitists," as they are called here, Perdue said he would keep his campaign promise by asking the Legislature to authorize an advisory referendum on the flag issue.



### Americans are too big for their britches

As one who prefers "comfortable fit" khakis to the other kind, I hesitate to weigh in — as it were — on obesity. But between the surgeon general's 1991 report on the subject and last year's stop-me-before-I-supersize lawsuits against McDonald's, the issue is clearly gaining traction.

As usual, it's about the children. There is much concern expressed in the media about the sedentary habits of modern American adolescents. I gather that they tend to munch on snacks, play computer games and watch TV for hours on end instead of leading the austere, scholarly, muscular Christian lives of my generation. When we Baby Boomers weren't translating Ovid for pleasure, or sweating away the hours on the baseball diamond or tennis court, we were saving away on the city streets, helping Father gather firewood for the winter. What a contrast to today's hedonistic youth!

The truth, of course, lies somewhere in the middle. Anyone walking down a city street is aware that many Americans are better than they should be, and some of these are decidedly obese. Yet these anecdotal emblems are symbols of social success, not failure. Whereas a century ago the rich were fat and the poor were thin, the opposite appears to be the case today. We are, paradoxically, capable of feeding our least fortunate citizens to excess while promoting an obsessive culture of fitness.

Only in America do anorexia and obesity unhappily co-exist. Still, there is evidence that American children are not as active as they should be. With the new sophistication and growth of the high school curriculum, there is less daily physical exercise than there used to be — in some instances, none at all. And with the decline of the much reviled



Ozzie-and-Harriet (or is it Ward-and-June-Cleaver?) household, the notion of a well-balanced family dinner has slowly given way to improvised meals, heavy on fats, sweets and carbohydrates, eaten on the run, or with undue haste. Many children seem better acquainted with the contents of the Wendy's menu than the furniture in their family's vestigial dining room.

These social tendencies of the past few decades reveal themselves in lamentable ways. The substitution of fast food or packaged meals for Mom's home cooking has led to more volume and less nutrition: "Family restaurants" are more interested in satisfying your gluttony than making sure that you eat your broccoli, and the frozen food aisles are stuffed with Hungry Man meals. A recent article in The Washington Post quantified the extent to which McDonald's, for example, has significantly increased its portions. The relatively modest hamburger and French fries of 35 years ago are now the Quarter Pounder with Cheese and supersize fries, washed down with Chocolatey Chip cookies and a McFlurry.

Nor have the schools been much help. Because federally subsidized vegetables tend to disagree with juvenile palates, school cafeterias are a cardiologist's nightmare: Soft drinks, salty snacks, ice cream, pasta, cheese and chips abound. This is not to say that healthy food aren't offered to students, it's just that the kids aren't compelled to eat wisely, and dangerous alternatives are readily available, often at discount prices to cash-strapped systems.

It's a problem, to be sure, but is there a solution? Since school systems tend to respond to (a) pressure from constituents and (b) fiscal constraints, it is difficult to see them mandating healthy, mid-style habits for teenagers eager to stuff themselves silly. Instead of reviling bureaucrats who offer pizza and Coke, it makes more sense to exhort parents to teach their children the ingredients of healthy living. This is not likely to yield spinach-craving adolescents, or lessen any 17-year-old's fondness for snacks; but it would instill standards that, someday, might take root.

And it is altogether too easy to blame McDonald's for luring us into the consumption of Big Macs. McDonald's, like any merchant, is in the business of satisfying its customers, and hunger and affluence lead to bigger portions. The truth is that three-quarters of the meals Americans consume are eaten at home. And while grocery stores sell vegetables, whole grains and yogurt, they also stock cookies, chocolate sauce and peanuts. Is the greeter to be blamed for our judgment as consumers?

When we choose to dine out, there are not just innumerable varieties of restaurants, but dozens of choices on individual menus. The key to the issue is not blame, but responsibility, and personal responsibility for how we choose to live. There is no law compelling anyone to buy the biggest burger in the joint, or supersize the fries, or demand a jumbo soft drink, or sundae with nuts. There is such a thing as free will, even at McDonald's, and the virtues of restraint and moderation remain intact.

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## LETTER

State officials are responsible for the economic downturn. Appointments to the Board of Economic Development have been largely ignored by Gov. Kempthorne and a plethora of elected officials as they contemplate a 1.5 percent sales tax increase.

A state government exempt from the same economic laws that individuals, small businesses and corporations must abide by in tough economic times. The Times-News (Jan. 12) reports that Idaho has experienced the largest number of bankruptcies in state history. Unemployment is at an all-time high, consumer spending is down, and the state is the result of the economy. Yet, we are facing a tax increase!

Mr. Kempthorne, who is going to cough up the millions to keep government programs going? Will the unemployed be exempt? Will the ranchers and farmers who are barely making ends meet (if at all) be exempt? Will the migrant workers who can barely buy food and pay rent be exempt? Will those on a fixed income be exempt? Will the folks who have gone through bankruptcies be exempt? Will educators whose salaries are far below the national average be exempt?

The answer is, "None of the above." Right? You say all the fat has been cut and recently you have said, "perhaps 1,000 employees may have to be terminated." What if it just a couple years ago that Idaho had the largest budget surplus in modern times? Where did all that money go besides salary increases, bonuses and a new fleet of government vehicles? Everything goes in cycles or did you forget the history of basic economics?

Have you been watching United Airlines and how the employees look a cut in wages to keep the company afloat? Remember when Les Iacocca took over Chrysler and he told the workers he had thousands of jobs at a certain wage but no jobs at the higher wage. The workers took the lower wages, Iacocca took the higher wages and Chrysler survived. Boeing has laid off 30,000 with 5,000 more on the block. Layoffs, unemployment, bankruptcies... it's all around us, sir!

It is unlawful for government employees to take a pay cut, tighten their belts and hang on until the economy improves? You can cut hours, shorten the work week, put numerous propping up the private sector has to... government employees and programs funded by that same sector should share the same burden.

Perhaps, we should adhere to the old adage, "Never vote for incumbents, it only encourages them."

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## LETTER

ask him if he meant literally or figuratively? When I hear people talk about dairymen, farmers and ranchers being subsidized by the government, I would say that it's not agriculture being subsidized, but the consumer who is. We as consumers pay less of a percent of our monthly income on groceries now than we did 20 years ago. Consumers expect quality food at a cheap price and they get it. But at who's expense? Right now our milk price is the same as it was in 1979, yet our expenses are definitely not.

You seemed to like to use the word "immigrant" industrial dairies. This is still America isn't it, where we are free to move around the country with all of our rights and liberties still intact?

Helen, I pray with you and your husband for a cessation of the depression. I, though, pray that we will all stop adding it. My name is Mrs. Jacqueline Machado. I am the daughter of John and Mary Nunes, I am a tax-paying resident of Idaho, and I own a dairy. I am proud of who I am and what I do in life. I am sorry for you if you have a problem with it.

JACQUELINE MACHADO  
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prospect of a "very divisive" flag campaign, sense is that referendum on the flag would probably be good for Democratic Party turnout. Republicans fear he may be right.

Still, Perdue's promise was specific and frequently repeated. It was not the vote or decisive issue in his upset victory over Barnes, who had fueled controversies with teachers, commuters and local officials by a variety of decisions. But for a governor trying to set a theme of building trust in government it is not a promise he can discard.

The governor looks on this as a year of reconciliation in Georgia. Tenenblatt told me, "The sooner this issue is resolved, the better."

A poll last month in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution found that two-thirds of those sur-

## LETTER

Dairy interests are not something to be ashamed of. In response to Helen McCracken's latest letter.

Yes, my parents are John and Mary Nunes. Was your "discovery" supposed to shame me? I am very proud of them, they have worked hard all their lives. As far as my parents "importing" beefers from California — not true. They did request a variance to the ordinance, but that is why we have variances isn't it, to ask for an exception and they had every right under the law to do so.

As far as my allegations of Helen's untruth about industrial dairies getting money from drought relief. I stand by my statement. I've reread the article about "drought payoffs" by Julie Pence that she claims support your accusations. In it, it states, "The money was a godsend to owners of smaller dairies... In this particular program, however, the big producers were excluded." My husband and I milk approximately 480 cows and we make about to get the relief money which helped us stay afloat last year.

When you talk about the dairymen who said they had never received tax subsidies — did you

veved said it was somewhat or very important to them to be able to vote on the flag design. But there was no agreement on what the flag should be. Overall, 41 percent favored keeping the Barnes design, 23 percent wanted to go back to the large Confederate emblem and 28 percent favored an unspecified third alternative.

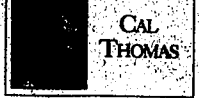
In a measure of its political potential, three-fourths of the African-Americans said the old flag symbolized racism and racial division, while nearly as many whites said it is a symbol of heritage and history.

Perdue's slogan is "a new day for Georgia." But the mottoes and symbols of the past remain powerful here.

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

# Blair in his finest hour

Responding to criticism of Blair's Iraq policy from within his own party, as well as from the Conservative opposition, Blair delivered a formidable oration that combined the intense anti-Communist rhetoric of Thatcher and Ronald Reagan and a substance reminiscent of Winston Churchill's warning about a "gathering storm" created by another dictator in the last century.



Blair was asked by Member of Parliament Dennis Skinner whether, during his forthcoming meeting with President Bush in Washington, he will "tell George Bush that there is almost certainly a majority of the British people against the idea of a war with Iraq. Will he tell him that a lot of the British people are against the war because they see it is all about America getting its hands on the oil supplies in the Middle East?" Skinner added the familiar slander that this President Bush is vain and is "concerned more about finishing the job that his father failed to complete 10 years ago."



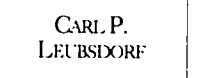
we are taking (has) nothing to do with oil or any of the other conspiracy theories put forward. It (has) to do with one simple fact: the United Nations has laid down - indeed, it has been laying down for 10 years - that Saddam Hussein has to disarm himself of weapons of mass destruction and that he poses a threat because he used those weapons, and I believe that we have to make sure that the will of the United Nations is upheld."

back in there is the firm stand that has been taken. Does anyone seriously believe that we would have U.N. weapons inspectors back in Iraq if there were a possibility of disarmament happening in a peaceful way? Does anyone really believe that they would be there if we had not sent the clearest possible signal?"

to get hold of that material and use it?" Blair added ominously, "... the threat is real, and if we do not deal with it the consequences of our weakness will haunt future generations."

# In his third year, President Bush must begin his re-election drive

As he enters the third year of his presidency, George W. Bush can look back on a successful two years in which he eased doubts about his competence, gained public plaudits for handling the Sept. 11 crisis and presided over a smashing Republican midterm election triumph.



But as Bush and his top advisers well know, his hopes of winning re-election where his father failed may hinge on how he handles the major issues he will confront during his third year in the White House.

President George Bush. Both Reagan and Clinton were in political trouble at this stage of their tenures. Reagan, beset by a serious recession, was in the midst of a two-year period in which his job approval remained below 50 percent. Clinton, after sweeping Democratic midterm losses, also had a sub-50 approval level.



By contrast, Carter began his third year under 50 percent and dropped even further before he rebounded briefly after Iranian students seized U.S. Embassy personnel. Approval of the first President Bush, above 80 percent at the onset of the Persian Gulf War, fell steadily after the war to the 50 percent level. Both lost their re-election bids.

And critics can find plenty to complain about in the administration's overall record. The economy has been lackluster at best, and there is confusion over his simultaneous justification of a war to oust Saddam Hussein, who does not have nuclear weapons yet, and the need to avoid conflict against North Korea, which does.

And it means not only a successful campaign to eliminate Iraq's Saddam Hussein but a positive afterglow, including progress in the war against terrorism.

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WORLD

# Ambassador greets U.S. special forces

ARAUCA, Colombia - U.S. Ambassador Anne Patterson, flanked by U.S. special forces in a machine-gun mounted Humvee, came to one of Colombia's bloodiest war zones Friday to meet with U.S. commanders training Colombian troops.

The Humvee, carrying elite U.S. soldiers told assault rifles and a grenade launcher trailed Patterson as she rode in a bullet-proof SUV from the airport to a sprawling Colombian army base

outside the eastern town of Arauca.

Patterson told reporters 70 U.S. Army trainers had arrived in Arauca over the past few days, and that they would stay for about three months to train 6,500 Colombian soldiers to protect a key oil pipeline from attacks by rebels.

Some residents of Arauca, who have endured rebel car bombings and assassinations, said they were happy to see the Americans.

"They are welcome here," said a 40-year-old street vendor, who asked not to be named. "They have a lot of experience. There's a lot they can teach our soldiers during such a difficult time."

The deployment of the members of the 7th Special Forces Group, based at Fort Bragg, N.C., followed a decision by the Bush administration, with approval from Congress, that U.S. military assistance should be expanded into helping Colombia combat the rebels.

# Researchers translate DNA code into music

MADRID, Spain (AP) - Imagine the human genome as music. Unravel DNA's double helix, picture its components lined up like piano keys and assign a note to each. Run your finger along the keys.

Spanish scientists did that just for fun and recorded what they call an audio version of the blueprint for life.

The team at Madrid's Ramon y Cajal Hospital was intrigued by music's lure - how it can make toddlers dance and adults cry -

and looked for hints in the genetic material that makes it what we are. They also had some microbial genome sequences.

The end product is "Erosoma Musica," a 10-minute CD, due out in February. "It's a way to bring science and music closer together," said Dr. Aurora Sanchez Bousa, a piano-playing microbiologist who specializes in fungi.

DNA, or deoxyribonucleic acid, is composed of long strings of molecules called nucleotides, which are distinguished by which

of five nitrogen-containing bases they contain: adenine, guanine, thymine or cytosine, represented as A, G, T and C. These become the musical notes.

French-born, 26-year-old composer Richard Krull turned DNA sequences - a snippet of a gene might look like AGCGTACGACG - into sheet music. He arbitrarily assigned notes of 28 eighth-note, 40-to-60 scale to each letter. Thymine became the 20th instance. Guanine is 25, adenine 14 and cytosine 40.

# Surgeons operate on emperor

TOKYO - Doctors at a Tokyo hospital completed surgery Saturday on Japan's Emperor Akihito, who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer, the government said.

Doctors who diagnosed the 69-year-old emperor last month said they believed the cancer had not spread and that he was expected to fully recover.

Akihito's operation at the University of Tokyo Hospital began a little before 8 a.m. and ended Saturday afternoon, an official with the Imperial Household Agency said on condition of anonymity. He gave no further details.

The openness accompanying Akihito's hospitalization breaks with tradition at the imperial household, which has long kept the royal family's illnesses and medical treatment secret.



SOURCES: Associated Press, ESRI, AP

# Israeli troops track down man involved in attack

JERUSALEM - A Palestinian man fixing a satellite dish on his rooftop was shot and killed in the Gaza Strip on Saturday, Palestinians said. In the West Bank, Israeli troops tracked down and killed a Palestinian who took part in a deadly attack on a Jewish outpost, according to the army.

In the Rafah refugee camp, near Gaza's border with Egypt, soldiers shot toward the Palestinian man, Abdel Karim Mansour, while he was repairing the satellite dish, Palestinian witnesses and doctors said. Two other Palestinians were wounded in the shooting, the doctors said.

Witnesses said soldiers shot after Palestinian youths threw stones and firebombs at nearby troops. The army said it knew of only one incident in the area - Palestinian shooting at an Israeli army lookout that occurred several hours earlier. The Israeli troops did not return fire, the army said.

Armored Israeli vehicles operated along the border with Egypt near Rafah on Saturday as part of efforts to beef up security for the nearby bases, Palestinian witnesses said. The area is extremely tense, with frequent shootings between Palestinian militants and Israeli forces. The army also has demolished many houses used for cover in the area.

# France and Spain open new cross-border road tunnel

COL DU SOMPORT, France - France and Spain opened a new cross-border tunnel as mayors and environmental groups led protests warning of the dangers of truck traffic through the passage.

The French and Spanish governments say the 5.3-mile Somport tunnel through western Pyrenees mountains will ease traffic on the top of the range and foster economic growth. Buses, cars and trucks began using the single-tube passage Friday night. Among the largest towns near the tunnel are Oloron, France and Huelca, Spain.

- compiled from wire reports

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## Why is it so early this early?

I got up Friday to go speak to a meeting of the West End Men's Association in Buhl. It started at 6:30.

It was dark. It was cold. It was early - charmingly early.

Most of the West Enders are farmers or work in agriculture-related businesses, so they're used to rising in the deep of the night. But I wondered how, how being before sunrise, these guys could be so doggone perky in a season when the only work you can do before dawn on a farm is in plow in the coffee.

To drink the cows, I suppose, but that's arbitrary. Nothing says you couldn't put a little brandy in the fodder before bedtime and let Bossy sleep in until 9.

My dad, who was a farmer, was not a morning person. Oh, he got up early; he just didn't wake up early. We never kept a rooster for long.

In winter, he'd rise at 5 and potter around the shop for a while, banging his shin against assorted equipment in the dim light or his knuckles against the engine block of his truck while trying to ratchet off a frozen bolt and nut.

Finally, he'd limp back into the kitchen and do what he should have done in the first place: Drain the coffee pot, one cup at a time.

My mother was of Swedish extraction, so she knew how to make coffee that would rise up out of the cup and smack you upside the head. Her secret was never throwing out the grounds; you could have launched a rocket with that stuff.

But not Dad. He was of the opinion that since he worked down to dusk during the summer months, he was getting shortchanged in January.

And he had a point. I drink coffee in a lot of cafes frequented by farmers, and none of them seems particularly pressed for time in winter.

Oh, there's a lot of idling of the engine, but not much forward motion, as if slipping into your coveralls, Red Wings and seed cap was evidence enough that you'd get to work if you could just find some.

My Uncle Farley, who worked 300 acres outside Soda Springs, solved that problem by putting a considerable distance between himself and his guilt in wintertime.

He went to Reno and stood around the roulette tables.

Farley argued - with some justification - that roulette paid better than wheat. So by being at Harold's Club rather than his barn in Soda Springs fixing the combine, Farley was simply maximizing his profit potential.

Of course, it's entirely possible that there are farmers out there who want nothing to do with pre-dawn this time of year. Nobody's checking up on them, so nobody's any the wiser.

And I'm suspicious how often during the winter I hear one farmer say to another, "You seen Cy lately? His truck's parked in his yard, but he ain't been to church the last couple Sundays."

Maybe Cy ain't been up the last couple Sundays.

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## Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Upper Snake River	71%	38%
Salt Lake	82%	24%
Bellevue	84%	44%
Oakley	84%	29%
Big Wood	86%	82%
Little Wood	123%	82%
Henry's Fork/Teton	70%	37%
Big Lost	108%	84%
Little Lost	72%	37%

As of Jan. 15.

\*Anticipation of basin expansion, on the basis of 1999-2000 average.

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## PREPARING FOR HAZARDOUS DUTY



Stacy Matson from the U.S. Department of Energy and Craig Halverson from Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory Oversight, from right, pretend to be scanned and brushed for radiation contamination. They were participants in the Magic Valley Emergency Response Team's mock radiation-spill training Saturday in Twin Falls.

## First responders drill on radioactive accident

 By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It's not likely that radioactive material will end up spilled all over a Magic Valley highway, but it's still good to be prepared for the worst, emergency responders said Saturday.

"We're trying to make it a worse case than anybody would probably have to deal with," said Luke R. Pauls, a health physicist with the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory's oversight program.

He was one of dozens of experts who came out in icy fog early Saturday to run a practice drill built around a hypothetical highway accident involving radioactive waste.

During the drill, firefighters, emergency medical technicians and others were presented with a scenario involving a crash between a pickup carrying waste material and another vehicle.

In the scenario, the pickup's driver was severely injured, so emergency personnel were faced with the dilemma of trying to rescue an accident victim without exposing themselves or anybody else to dangerous levels of radiation, said Bill Allred with the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality.

The drill was held to sharpen the skills of the Magic Valley Emergency Response Team, said Jackie Frey, director of Twin Falls County Disaster and Emergency Services. The team was formed a few years ago to

provide the Magic Valley with a quicker response to hazardous material spills and similar problems, Allred said. It involves specially trained firefighters and other emergency personnel from 31 agencies around the valley, he said.

Before the response team was formed, the area had to rely on special teams from Pocatello or Boise to respond to spills and similar accidents here, Allred said.

Some of the response team's hardware includes hand-held radiation detection equipment donated by INEEL, Allred said.

During Saturday's drill, firefighters used the equipment to scan the clothing of "victims" and "bystanders" at the accident scene. Those who had been

exposed had to be "cleaned" by being brushed and washed at a makeshift sanitation station made from a vinyl tarp, wading pools, garbage cans and plastic containers.

Idaho State Police troopers and paramedics stood watch nearby, and volunteers from the Twin Falls chapter of the Salvation Army provided crews with food and hot drinks.

Ted Cameron, the assistant chief of the Rupert Fire Department, said his firefighters have gone through similar drills with the same equipment, but it's good to keep their skill sharp with regular refresher courses.

Such an accident might be feasible here because significant amounts of low-level radioactive

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## Dogs make therapy go faster at Cassia hospital

 By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Therapy is hard work unless there's a dog in the room.

Six-year-old Greyson Garner is a speech and occupational therapy patient at Cassia Regional Medical Center, where a new pet therapy program is in place.

Sometimes Garner doesn't want to practice saying sounds or snapping and zipping his jacket. But then Ellie came to visit him during his therapy sessions. Ellie is a greyhound dog.

After Garner's occupational therapy session Wednesday, therapist Tammy Haugen told him happily, "That's the best work I've ever gotten out of you."

Garner practiced snapping and zipping and wrote words on his white board to proudly show Ellie. There wasn't a moment he wasn't willing to work.

In his speech therapy session, Garner practiced saying "white, black and yellow" - the colors of Ellie's fur. He tells Ellie other words he's been working on - curling his tongue around the word "safe."

The first therapy sessions using a pet at Cassia Regional were deemed a success by everyone - dog, handler, therapist, and most of all, Garner.

Cassia Regional is beginning a pet therapy program working through Intermountain Therapy Animals and the Delta Society, said Geri Alejandro, public relations spokeswoman at the hospital. Animals will work in the speech and occupational therapy departments for now. Visits to other parts of the hospital may occur as more people become involved.

There are many instances when an animal might be useful in therapy, hospital officials agree. Alejandro noted a therapy session when a child would not come out from under a chair.

"An animal in the room might draw a child out," Alejandro said.

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Therapy patient Greyson Garner, right, looks at Ellie the greyhound during a therapy session. Dog handler Lori Fletcher, left, and therapist Susie Anderson watch.

## Pets could come to many facilities

 By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Hospital and therapy patients aren't the only ones to benefit from the presence of a dog in the room. Dogs associated with Intermountain Therapy Animals and their handlers visit a wide variety of facilities - including nursing homes and libraries. More places would like dogs to visit, if there were more volunteers.

Connie Sharkey, Magic Valley coordinator for Intermountain Therapy, said

the opportunities are unlimited if volunteers were available. Currently dogs visit Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services, St. Benedict's Long Term Care Facility, Bridgeview Estates, Twin Falls Public Library, Southern Idaho Learning Center and Minidoka Memorial Hospital Long Term Care Facility.

During the last week, Sharkey and her dog had been to the Southern Idaho Learning Center twice and to Canyon View once. Every facility sees the benefits and would

like more visits.

And more facilities could be added to the list. Hospice is an area where pet therapy could be started, Sharkey said. Intermountain Therapy member Lori Fletcher has thought about the potential of visiting halfway houses or juvenile detention centers.

"It's pretty amazing what can happen," Sharkey said.

Sharkey recalled a girl at Canyon View who wouldn't talk or look at anyone. Sharkey's thelie wriggled in under the girl's arm.

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## Principal looks at improving test scores

 By John E. Swayze  
Times-News correspondent

FILER - Last year's academic test scores categorized Hollister Elementary as a failing school. Principal Jan Drennan this week gave the Filer School Board an overview of strategies her staff will use to improve student achievement.

Economics, language, mobility and gender are all factors that can affect a student's ability to learn. While most of the 75 students at Hollister use English as their primary language, about 70 percent live at or below the poverty line. As a consequence, many start school without a basic understanding of the alphabet and struggle with math and reading.

The core of Drennan's plan - based on the federal No Child Left Behind Act in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act - is to help parents understand the role they play in their child's education.

"It's not that they don't want to help," Drennan said.

"But education has changed a lot since we went to school, and it's scary."

By participating in workshops and seminars, parents could learn methods that would make educating students a joint effort between them and the school.

"We have a long way to go and we'll do what ever it takes, but we can't do it without them," she said.

A general meeting to explain the plan to parents is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday at Hollister Elementary School.

Other School Board business last week included:

- Grant - The district received a \$70,000 federal Enhancing Education Through Technology grant. The funds will be used to upgrade the existing student information system.

- Business Manager Justin Lanning said this will not only improve administrative access and record transfers

- between schools but allow parents to log on and see their children's test scores or assignments.

- "About 60 percent of the districts in Idaho are using the (Schools) Administrative Student Information systems, and we hope to have ours up and running within the next four months," he said.

- Funding request - Representatives from Idaho's 115 school districts will meet with state legislators in Boise to discuss budget concerns.

- "We want to twist a few arms and try to persuade our legislators to fund public education better than they have in the past," said superintendent William Fesusahran.

- Cooperative agreement - Voicing concern over the travel risks for students, board members rejected the idea of having a cooperative agreement for pole vaulting with the Buhl School District.

- Athletic Director LaRell Patterson had requested that the board consider such an agreement. The landing pits used for pole vault competitions no longer meet safety requirements.

- The National High School Federation, because of increased injury, has decided that landing pits need to be wider and longer," he said. "If we don't purchase extensions ourselves or have a cooperative with another school, we can't have pole vaulting."

- Instead, the board suggested that purchasing the extensions at a cost of \$3,750 might be a fund-raising project for the sports booster. About \$1,019 could come from money left in the track fund.

- Next meeting - The School Board will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. Feb. 19 in the Filer Elementary School library.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

DEATH NOTICES

Tressie Southard - Tressie Southard, 83, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 18, 2003, in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Ottlie R. Geisler - TWIN FALLS - Ottlie R. Geisler, 86, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 18, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome.

George Kinzel - TWIN FALLS - George Kinzel, 82, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Jan. 17, 2003, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Peter B. Carpenter - TWIN FALLS - Peter B. Carpenter, 67, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Jan. 17, 2003, at his home.

Arrangements are pending at Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Caldwell.

Jan Marie Dunne - HAILEY - Jean Marie Dunne, 76, of Hailey, died Thursday, Jan. 16, 2003, at her home after a lengthy illness.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at St. Charles Catholic Church in Hailey. Friends may call from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday at the church. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Charles Catholic Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Wood

River Chapel in Hailey. Lone Loveland - PAUL - Lone Loveland, 89, of Paul, died Saturday, Jan. 18, 2003, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Emma Martinez Jasso - TWIN FALLS - Emma Martinez Jasso, 90, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 18, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Joe Edward Smith of Twin Falls, graveside inurnment service will take place at 10 a.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Francisco S. Rendon Jr. of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, gathering for family and friends from 8-8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

OBITUARIES

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TWIN FALLS



Marcella J. Odum

Marcella J. Odum, 81, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003, at her home. She was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, and was a member of the Twin Falls Senior Center. She is survived by her husband, Fred Odum, and several children.

will be held at Dry Creek Cemetery. Mrs. Knoble, a school librarian, was born and educated in Wisconsin. She moved to Twin Falls with her husband Chuck in 1941. They moved to Boise in 1951. Mr. Knoble passed away the following year. For many years in Twin Falls, Tents was an active member of the Catholic Women's League. She was an avid bridge player since 1944. Throughout her life she especially loved time with her family. Never wanting to miss out on the fun, she was always ready to go. Her sense of humor was widely appreciated and she was usually prepared with a joke or a pun.

She is survived by three daughters, Lynn Gumbart and Karen Barnard, both of Tacoma, Washington, and Teresa Rink of Twin Falls, along with six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Also surviving are two sisters in Boise, Lorraine Knoble and Betty Bowler, and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Idaho State Association of Public Health Nurses.



PAUL

Fern Barber Manning - Fern Barber Manning, 85, of Paul, died Monday, Jan. 20, 2003, at the Sacred Heart Memorial Hospital. She was born in Paul, Idaho, and was a member of the Paul Senior Center. She is survived by her husband, Bill Manning, and several children.

She is survived by two daughters, Linda Manning and Barbara Manning, and several grandchildren. She was a member of the Paul Senior Center and the Paul United Methodist Church. She is survived by her husband, Bill Manning, and several children.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel. Burial will be in the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

He knew that you would never get well on earth again. So he closed your weary eyelids and whispered, "Peace be thine." He then took you up to heaven with Hands gentle and so kind it broke our hearts to lose you. But you did not go alone. For part of us went with you. The day God called you home.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 21, 2003, at the Paul Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 424 West 6th in Paul, with Bishop Michael Woodard officiating. Burial will follow in the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call Monday evening from 6 until 8 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour prior to the services at the church on Tuesday.

SPOKANE, WASH.



Sharon K. Stiles

Sharon K. Stiles, 63, of Spokane, died Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003, at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane. She was born in Paul, Idaho, and was a member of the Spokane Senior Center. She is survived by her husband, Bill Stiles, and several children.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel. Burial will be in the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

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BOISE



Dorothy Toots' Knoble

Dorothy Toots' Knoble, 81, of Boise, died Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003, at her home. She was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, and was a member of the Boise Senior Center. She is survived by her husband, Fred Knoble, and several children.

Fish and Game want to rewrite coyote contract

BOISE (AP) - The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will try to re-negotiate a contract with a Montana coyote trapper after the arrangement prompted a state investigation. The Idaho Fish and Game Commission voted Friday to consult with staff and see if a contract can be rewritten for John Graham of Jordan, Mont. Last month, Graham bid \$156,000 for the two-year project to kill coyotes in Unit 69 of eastern Idaho in an effort to revive deer herds. The project was mandated by the Legislature.

During Graham's first visit to the area to study the feasibility of the project, he shot a coyote while in the company of Fish and Game Commission supervisor Roy Moulton, even though Graham did not have a hunting license. The trapper said he assumed Fish and Game had taken care of the permits. Five days after the incident was reported, regional supervisor Bob Saban issued a special permit to cover Graham's actions. The move riled some hunters who believed Fish and Game

was trying to cover up the incident. The Idaho State Police investigated the shooting, but no charges were pressed. Graham was selected over Dave Morelli of Paul, Idaho, whose bid was \$28,000 less than Graham. Graham was chosen because he scored higher than Morelli in an evaluation. Cost was one consideration, as well as a personal background check and interviews. Moulton said Friday he believes Graham is a more experienced trapper and could be a better job than Morelli.

Judge dismisses sheriff from suit

OGDEN, Utah (AP) - A judge dismissed Weber County Sheriff Brad Slater and a supervisor from a lawsuit claiming three deputies were liable for the death of a traffic suspect who had trouble breathing when he was hog-tied. Second District Judge Michael Lyon also ruled that the deputies weren't legally required to revive Glen Lutz with cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Lyon acted Friday on the \$27-million suit filed by the family of Glen Lutz, whose Oct. 16, 1999 death was captured on videotape by a neighbor. On the tape, deputies can be seen restraining Lutz and heard yelling obscenities.

Lutz's attorney Mike Sikora tried to argue that the deputies were negligent for failing to come to Lutz's aid. "As crazy as this may sound, I remember a law professor explaining that a passer-by has no legal duty to help an infant struggling in 4 inches of water," countered Robert Wallace, a lawyer for Weber County. "There may be a moral duty, but legally you are not required to help." "I agree," Lyon replied. "Unless it's the mother of the baby, or a case worker who has custody of the child, there may be a moral duty, but this court is not in the business of making moral judgments."

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# Tuition rates at nine colleges, universities

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## Utah lawmakers find little money for budget

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — The Utah Legislature faces its toughest budget session since the recession of the mid-1990s when it convenes on Monday, the governor's office says. State revenue is down \$420 million from projections of a year ago, but that may not be the worst of it. Lawmakers already have ruled many of the state's tax and restricted accounts, siphoning the money to shore up the budget during hard times. To keep the budget balanced, they even tapped the beer tax, which was supposed to be set aside for fighting drunken driving. And earlier this month, the state upset some conservatives when it eliminated the job of a tax czar from the attorney general's office.

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With the surplus accounts almost bare, lawmakers will be forced to make some hard choices while trying to find extra money to keep up with the demand in public schools and Medicaid.

House budget leader Ron Bigelow, R-West Valley City, conceded the point, saying building funds have been tapped and legislators don't want to take any more money from the municipal water projects.

They raided all but a few million of the \$45.5 million that accumulated in the tobacco settlement fund, which is only slowly recovering. "It made me absolutely livid when they took that and spent it willy-nilly. It was supposed to be a permanent fund," Alter said.

The most reliable tax revenue forecasts are due out Feb. 15, when lawmakers will go to work in earnest on the budget. They'll adopt a spending plan by March for the fiscal year starting July 1.

Lawmakers took cash from road and building funds, financing projects including a pair of Capitol wings with borrowed money instead. They also took some money from a municipal water development fund, even as they protest Gov. Mike Leavitt's plan to take more.

"At least we're not in a hole," said former House budget leader Jeff Alexander, R-Lindon, now majority whip. "That's the good news. The bad?"

The state's long-term debt has climbed to \$1.4 billion from \$400

"I don't see any large sums of money that we're just going to find all of a sudden," he said.

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**NAACP head in Idaho served time for forgery**

BOISE (AP) — The new president of the NAACP in Idaho has become the confidant of state leaders, but Wade Dawson was no football star.

The president of the Boise-Ada-Emerse Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has had the ear of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and Sens. Mike Crapo and Larry Craig.

But Dawson is not the man they think they have come to know, the man Crapo said he wanted to get to know to better appreciate the African-American experience.

Dawson, 46, told KTVB Channel 7 on Friday that he served time in an Idaho prison. He added he has changed his life and that he is an effective leader. Members of the NAACP joined him, in front of the Black History Museum, to say they stand behind him.

What Dawson did not admit was that between 1976 and 1992, he was imprisoned in South Carolina, Iowa, Illinois and finally Idaho for forgery, falsifying documents for financial gain, and grand theft. He refused to comment on his record.

He did not play for the Oakland Raiders, as he told the Idaho Statesman and others, despite the vanity plate on his red Lincoln Navigator, ORNPL, for "Oakland Raiders NFL."

Raiders Executive Assistant Al LoCasale said Dawson was neither drafted nor ever a member of the team.

He did not wear No. 86 for the University of Michigan and did not get a bachelor's degree in business, as he claims. University officials say they have no record of his attending the school or playing football.

Nor did he reveal he has outstanding tax liens from both the Internal Revenue Service and the Idaho State Tax Commission.

Charles Warren, second vice president of the Idaho NAACP, saw Dawson on television Friday.

"I have no knowledge whatsoever of this," Warren said. "Had I known all that, I would have had a totally different perspective. I will be asking some questions to see what the deals."

"He's a publicity seeker — we've observed that," Warren said.

Crapo asked Dawson to attend the Dec. 20 press conference where he and Craig commented on the resignation of Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott.

Crapo said Dawson just told him Wednesday that he had a conviction in Idaho and had been pardoned.

**State panel says highway director harassed employee**

CALDWELL (AP) — A former employee of Canyon Highway District No. 4 has won unemployment benefits after the Idaho Industrial Commission determined she was sexually harassed on the job.

The chairman of the highway district acknowledged Friday that work director Sid Bright had made an inappropriate comment, but said there was no harassment and that the agency will probably appeal the decision.

Jeri White left the highway district in August after an argument with Bright and was denied benefits, twice by the state because she had quit.

White appealed to the Industrial Commission, which decided to grant her benefits. The commission said she was eligible because she quit with good cause.

**Emmett couple dies in apparent suicide pact**

EMMETT (AP) — An Emmett couple may have committed murder-suicide because of the woman's illness, police said.

They found apology notes in the couple's home that referred to the woman's deteriorating medical condition, Police Chief Blaine Hyde said.

The 63-year-old man and 75-year-old woman died from gun shot wounds to the head.

Police did not release their names.

They were discovered on Thursday when their son stopped by the home and found a note on the door telling him to call police and not go inside.

There was no evidence anyone else was involved, Hyde said.

**Fish and Game commission endorses Access Yes program**

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Fish and Game Commission has endorsed a new program that would pay landowners who open their land for hunting and fishing.

The commission is still looking for ways to fund a program called Access Yes.

Commissioners directed Fish and Game officials and an advisory committee to gather and evaluate bids from landowners who want to participate.

"I think it's a really thoughtful

piece of work and a good starting point," Fish and Game Director Steve Huffaker said.

The program would need about \$400,000 to start and could cost up to \$1 million a year.

The advisory committee recommended a lottery of 44 super tags for elk, deer, antelope and moose. The hunting permits would be valid throughout Idaho. The lottery would be similar to a controlled hunt lottery, but hunters could apply as many times as they wanted.

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 Tuesday: Grilled cheese  
 Wednesday: Burritos  
 Thursday: Chicken nuggets  
 Friday: Ravoli

## BIJHL SCHOOL

Breakfast menu  
 Milk served every day. Choice of fruit or juice every day  
 Monday: Cereal  
 Tuesday: Donuts  
 Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy  
 Thursday: French toast  
 Friday: Little Smokies  
 Lunch menu  
 Monday: Bar and milk served every day  
 Tuesday: Chicken sandwich  
 Wednesday: Beef tacos  
 Thursday: Cheeseburgers  
 Friday: Ham and cheese sandwich

## CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu  
 Milk and juice served every day  
 Monday: Donuts  
 Tuesday: Turnovers  
 Wednesday: Pancakes  
 Thursday: Gimmanon rolls  
 Friday: Breakfast muffin  
 Lunch menu  
 Monday: Baked ham and cheese sandwich  
 Tuesday: Beef gravy, mashed potatoes  
 Wednesday: Nachos  
 Thursday: Chicken burgers  
 Friday: Pizza

## CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served every day  
 Monday: Sloppy joes  
 Tuesday: Fried chicken  
 Wednesday: Taco nachos  
 Thursday: Ham sandwich  
 Friday: No school

## FILER SCHOOL

Monday: Sloppy joes  
 Tuesday: Fried chicken  
 Wednesday: Soup and sandwiches  
 Thursday: Idaho haystacks  
 Friday: Deli ham and cheese sandwiches

## HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast menu  
 Milk served every day  
 Monday: Cereal  
 Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy  
 Wednesday: Yogurt  
 Thursday: Cream of wheat  
 Friday: Long johns  
 Lunch menu  
 Milk served every day  
 Monday: Soft taco  
 Tuesday: Hot turkey sandwich  
 Wednesday: Entaladas  
 Thursday: Pizza  
 Friday: Rib-bee

## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day  
 Monday: Hamburger  
 Tuesday: Salad bar  
 Wednesday: Lasagna  
 Thursday: Ham  
 Friday: Hot dog

## KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served every day  
 Monday: Nachos  
 Tuesday: Chicken fillet  
 Wednesday: Baked ham  
 Thursday: Turkey sub  
 Friday: Fettucine

## KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day  
 Monday: Nachos  
 Tuesday: Chicken fillet  
 Wednesday: California club wrap  
 Thursday: Turkey sub  
 Friday: Fettucine

## MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Monday-Friday: Menu not available

## MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served every day  
 Monday: No school  
 Tuesday: No school  
 Wednesday: Grilled chicken sandwich  
 Thursday: Hot Italian sub sandwich  
 Friday: Tuna fish sandwich

## MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day  
 Monday: Soup  
 Tuesday: Spaghetti  
 Wednesday: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes  
 Thursday: Open menu  
 Friday: Ham and cheese sandwich

## ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu  
 Milk served every day  
 Monday: No school  
 Tuesday: No school  
 Wednesday: Cereal  
 Thursday: Egg, cheese and ham breakfast sandwich  
 Friday: Cereal  
 Lunch menu  
 Milk served every day  
 Monday: No school  
 Tuesday: No school  
 Wednesday: Taco bar or pizza  
 Thursday: Bacon burger, potato bar or beef and bean burrito  
 Friday: Deli sandwich, salad bar or corn dog

## ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: No school  
 Tuesday: No school  
 Wednesday: Taco salad  
 Thursday: Ham and cheese burrito  
 Friday: Macaroni and cheese

## TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served every day  
 Monday: No school  
 Tuesday: No school  
 Wednesday: Cereal  
 Thursday: Egg, cheese and ham breakfast sandwich  
 Friday: Cereal  
 Lunch menu  
 Monday: No school  
 Tuesday: No school  
 Wednesday: Rib-bee sandwich  
 Thursday: Taco soup  
 Friday: Turkey and noodles

## VALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served every day  
 Monday: Corn dogs  
 Tuesday: Turkey gravy  
 Wednesday: Pizza  
 Thursday: Chicken burger  
 Friday: Chili

## TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast is served every day  
 Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Mainline menu varies every day.  
 Monday: No school  
 Tuesday: No school  
 Wednesday: Deli sandwich, cheeseburger or taco bar  
 Thursday: Deli sandwich, coyote grill bar or cheese chili  
 Friday: Deli sandwich, potato bar or pizza

## BUSS SCHOOL

Milk served every day  
 Monday: Cheeseburger  
 Tuesday: Sloppy joes  
 Wednesday: Sloppy joes  
 Thursday: Roast turkey  
 Friday: Chicken nuggets

## DIETRICH SCHOOLS

Salad bar, fruit and milk served every day  
 Monday: Hot dogs  
 Tuesday: Ham, scalloped potatoes  
 Wednesday: Burritos  
 Thursday: French dip  
 Friday: Spaghetti

## GLENN'S FERRY

Monday: Barbecue chicken  
 Tuesday: Chicken burger  
 Wednesday: Chili  
 Thursday: Pizza  
 Friday: Grilled ham and cheese sandwich

## GOODING ELEMENTARY

Choice of milk served every day  
 Monday: No school  
 Tuesday: Mini corn dogs, nacho bar or shaker salad

## WEDNESDAY: Chicken roll-ups, chili bar or turkey rice bowl

Thursday: Quesadilla, potato bar, pizza  
 Friday: Chili, chicken rolls

## HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered every day  
 Monday: Chicken  
 Tuesday: Pizza  
 Wednesday: Turkey pot pie  
 Thursday: Corn dog  
 Friday: Soup or chili

## IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Milk served every day  
 Breakfast menu  
 Monday: Link sausage  
 Tuesday: Toasted bagel  
 Wednesday: Blueberry muffin  
 Thursday: Scrambled eggs  
 Friday: French toast, bacon  
 Lunch menu  
 Sallid bar and choice of milk served every day  
 Monday: Tacos  
 Tuesday: Breaded chicken sandwich  
 Wednesday: Nachos  
 Thursday: Hamburger  
 Friday: Scaburger or beef fajita

## JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served every day  
 Monday: No school  
 Tuesday: Hamburgers  
 Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese  
 Thursday: Sub sandwich  
 Friday: Turkey and noodles

## RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu  
 Milk and juice served every day  
 Monday: Cereal  
 Tuesday: Pancakes  
 Wednesday: Cereal  
 Thursday: French toast  
 Friday: Cereal  
 Lunch menu  
 Monday: Chicken nugget  
 Tuesday: Cheese sandwich  
 Wednesday: Soft shell taco  
 Thursday: Cheeseburger  
 Friday: Macaroni and cheese

## SHASHONE SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served every day  
 Monday: No school  
 Tuesday: Chicken nuggets  
 Wednesday: Spaghetti  
 Thursday: Soft taco  
 Friday: Hot tacos

## WENDELL SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served every day  
 Monday: Soup and peanut butter sandwich  
 Tuesday: Ham and chicken chili sandwich  
 Wednesday: Nachos  
 Thursday: Chicken sandwich  
 Friday: No school  
 All schools serve milk with meals

## CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu  
 Monday: Cereal  
 Tuesday: Peanut butter and jelly on toast  
 Wednesday: Breakfast on a stick  
 Thursday: Breakfast burrito  
 Friday: Cereal  
 Lunch menu  
 Monday: Baked potato special  
 Tuesday: Pizza  
 Wednesday: Chicken and noodles  
 Thursday: Taco  
 Friday: School choice

## MINIDOKA COUNTY SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu  
 Monday: Cereal  
 Tuesday: Yogurt, toast  
 Wednesday: Cereal  
 Thursday: Pancakes  
 Friday: Cereal  
 Lunch menu  
 Choice of white or chocolate milk every day. The middle school has a choice of main line and salad bar each day. The high school has main line, salad bar, take out, sandwich line and pizza line every day.  
 Monday: Chicken sandwich  
 Tuesday: Student's choice

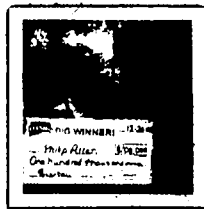
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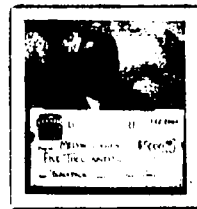
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# Alarm system

# Richfield clubs seek lower insurance costs

**BURLEY** — The new alarm system in the Cassia County Courthouse is only good for one thing: it's a good idea.

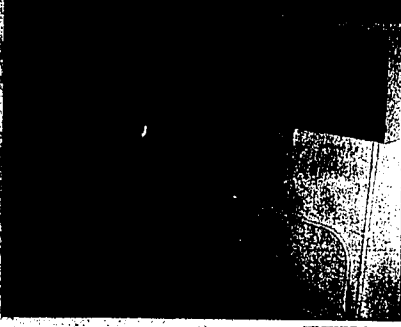
The county commissioners said Simpson Grinnell, the company that Jason Williams, police sergeant, installed the fire alarm system for the wall of the courthouse.

The alarm system is a new fire alarm system with 30 smoke detectors and 30 strobe lights. It's a new system, and it's a good idea.

The county commissioners to the effect of the alarm system have been working for the county for the past several years. Hurst recently installed the glass on one of the alarm buttons. A bell chimed once. After Hurst wound up the fire alarm, the bell rang several times.

It sounded like the bell on an ice cream truck, new County Administrator Kerry McMurtry said.

No one will mistake the horns of the new fire alarm for the Good Humor man, said Burley



Jason Williams, a technician for Simpson Grinnell, the company providing the update for the new Cassia County Courthouse fire alarm, looks in the newly built control room for the fire alarm. The alarm, installed in 1935, must be manually wound up to operate.

Fire Chief Phil Heiner. "Believe me, unless you have had ears you'll hear it," Heiner said. "I mean, you'd have to have really bad ears."

People should also be able to

see the flashing strobes from any commonly occupied room in the courthouse, Williams said.

After seeing the old fire alarm in all its glory, county commissioners moved quickly to install a

new system. They immediately accepted a proposal from Simpson Grinnell to fit the courthouse with a new fire alarm.

Commissioners agreed to pay \$3,300 to Simpson Grinnell for the materials and \$14,260 to Ramsey Heating and Electric to do the electrical work and installation. Since the fire alarm was installed in 1935, commissioners decided it would not be too frivolous to splurge on a new system.

For years the fire alarm was out of sight and out of mind. "It just didn't get handled," McMurtry said. "Finally it got to the point where Tim (Hurst) said, 'We have to deal with this.'"

The International Fire Code did not require the courthouse to have a fire alarm, Heiner said. The commissioners could make the courthouse safer by installing an automatic sprinkler system as well, Heiner said.

"That's what I'd like," he said. "I'm not going to live to see it built, but that's what I'd like."

If all goes well the project will be finished by the end of February.

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By Jeannette Chambers  
Times-News correspondent

**RICHFIELD** — Several local clubs are considering an insurance plan that will lower rates for club members.

Pat Baker of Baker Insurance has explained that clubs need in Gooding, was on hand at the Richfield City Council meeting last week to explain the finer points of insuring public events sponsored by private clubs.

She explained that clubs need to have their own insurance and cannot count on the city to cover them when performing or practicing on city property.

The Idaho Counties Risk Management Program can insure groups and clubs, but the city is only responsible for injuries that occur as a result of negligence on the part of the city.

In the past, these groups have asked to be covered by the city, but, according to Baker, a public entity cannot assume the debts of a private entity.

The Riding Club, Chariot Race and Team Penning groups are considering a way to get a blanket insurance policy to lower rates for club members.

Other city business this week included:

• Sheriff's report — Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy Jay Hansen reported there are a few problems with visibility at some corners. Those intersections include Elmore and Main, Center and Park, and Cassia and Tiger.

Hansen also reported there had been 22 traffic stops, 27 investigations, one burglary, three animal calls, one wreck, one arrest and one abandoned auto last month.

• Junk cars — The council discussed the possibility of researching how other cities handle the issue of junk cars on private property inside city limits.

• Fire hydrant upgrade — Mayor Charles Buttcane announced that city fire hydrants and lines need to be upgraded at about \$12,000 per hydrant.

Some of the hydrants have only a 2-inch water line, and a 6-inch line is considered the minimum size a line should be. The city is looking at upgrading the fire hydrants over the course of two years.

# Lawmakers will mull insurance for unborn

**BOISE (AP)** — Idaho lawmakers will soon consider a bill to classify fetuses as unborn children eligible for coverage under the Children's Health Insurance Program, supporters said at a Saturday rally.

Idaho Chooses Life, the state's leading anti-abortion group, wants lawmakers to adopt the Bush administration's declaration that fetuses are unborn children under the government-financed Children's Health Insurance Program, or CHIP.

"I think we're going to be in strong shape to argue that this is fiscally sound, not just morally right, to help women with crisis pregnancies," said David Ripley, Idaho Chooses Life executive director.

He attended the annual march through Boise in opposition to the landmark Roe v. Wade court decision that legalized abortion in all 50 states. The 30-year anniversary of the ruling is Wednesday.

Ripley said the measure could be ready this week. Kuna Republican Rep. Bill Sali, a staunch anti-abortion activist, said he likely will introduce it.

Abortion rights forces call it an attempt to give a fetus legal status as a person, advancing the campaign to ban abortion.

Rebecca Poedy, president of Planned Parenthood of Idaho, said it is a "choice agenda which establishes personhood, putting the fetus before the mother."

Ripley estimated that for each dollar spent on health care for a fetus, \$3.37 will be saved for



infants which otherwise would have been born with medical problems. Those savings will occur in the same fiscal year as the birth, he said.

"In a nine-month program, we can pay for the baby in month one or wait until month 10 and have three or four times the cost," Ripley said.

He believes the state could easily come up with \$200,000 for the CHIP coverage to match the federal government's \$800,000.

"They're going to raise the boogymen of abortion," Ripley said of his foes. "This has so little to do with abortion, it's going to be pretty silly. Every baby brought into CHIP is a wanted baby. These are women who want the baby and need help. There is no abortion debate in that."

Ripley and his allies have had significant success in the Legislature in just the past three sessions. They secured a ban on Medicaid-funded abortions.

They won a requirement for parental or court approval before minors can get abortions, and the Legislature imposed separate criminal charges of assault or murder of a fetus when a pregnant woman has been attacked.

# Kimberly schools buy terrorist insurance

By Margaret Jones  
Times-News correspondent

**KIMBERLY** — The East Coast terrorist actions of more than year ago have rippled down to the Kimberly School District.

Superintendent John Garner announced during last week's School Board meeting that the school insurance company was required to offer terrorist insurance. The board voted to purchase the insurance.

The risk to the district is low due to Kimberly's location, Garner said. The cost of \$260.82 a year for the coverage is quite reasonable, he said.

Board member Kent Allen said he thought it was an unnecessary expense. However, after some thought he remarked that if something did happen and a great loss could have been pre-

vented for \$260, the board would wish they had invested in the insurance.

In other School Board business last week:

• High school survey — The high school has been selected at random to participate in the 2003 Youth Risk Behavior Survey and the board approved the school's participation.

The school had participated in this program several years ago and some people in the community did not understand the reasons for the survey, Garner said. As a result, there were rumors and negative comments made about the school, staff and students.

Since then, a copy of the survey has been studied for approval by the board. The test is anonymous and the data is used by the State Department of Education and the health depart-

ment to try to reduce destructive behavior in youth, Garner said.

• Leadership conference — Counselor Debbie Klug announced Justin Roberts has been selected to represent Kimberly High School at the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference in Boise. She asked that the board approve \$50 to help with his expenses for the trip, which the board did.

• Class honors — The board discussed the method of scoring a student for valedictorian and salutatorian honors. When approved, this policy will be used for the class of 2004.

• Grant approval — The board approved a grant from the Idaho Juvenile Justice Commission that Kathleen Moh had applied for to assist the after-school program. The grant in the amount of \$17,988 is to be used for salaries

and supplies for the program, which involves about 50 students.

• Test retakes — Summer school dates for high school students wanting to take additional classes or retake classes in which they had received a low grade would be June 2-7. Classes would be held from 8:15-10:15 a.m. and from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Elements and middle school classes would run for 19 days from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. between June 9 and July 3.

• Old high school — Garner discussed the fate of the old high school building. There is a chance the building, which doesn't meet code as a school, could be used as a community learning center for G.E.D. classes, public computers, adult education or other uses. The estimated cost of removing the building is around \$200,000.

# Idaho State University adds geological engineering

**MOSCOW (AP)** — Geological engineering may be on the way out at the University of Idaho, but Idaho State University has added a similar program in Pocatello this semester.

Idaho State officials have filed a notice of intent with the State Board of Education, explaining the addition of an engineering geology emphasis to the existing bachelor's degree in geoscience.

Nine students are already enrolled.

"We have a responsibility to build a nuclear energy institute through the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental

Laboratory," Idaho State Engineering Dean Jay Kunze said.

Officials at Idaho announced last spring the school would begin phasing out its geological engineering program, citing high costs and a stagnant mining industry. It will close after the spring semester of 2004.

"There is an entirely different focus in the geological engineering aspect than what there is at Idaho," Kunze said. "The UI program is primarily focused on mining. We are focusing on putting structures into rock. We have to meet the demands in the nuclear energy and nuclear

reactor siting aspects."

Kunze added that a new method of sinking nuclear reactor foundations into the ground will call for those with an education in engineering geology.

Geological engineering professor Stanley Miller at Idaho State said Kunze's description of the Moscow program.

"Our graduates are trained in the engineering analysis and design of projects that deal with soil, rock and groundwater," he said.

Idaho Engineering Dean David Thompson said he had cut \$1.1 million from his \$11 million budget because of the

slumping state economy. His school cited the struggling industry as a secondary reason.

But Idaho State officials told the state board there is a big need for graduates experienced in engineering geology, as many of the nation's bridges and high ways need replacement.

The graduate is a cross between a geologist and a civil engineer. And while many universities offer degrees in both disciplines, industry officials say it is hard to find qualified job applicants who have experience in both.

Idaho also is closing its mining engineering program

# Therapy

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A pet might get patients talking, said speech therapist Susie Anderson. It's more fun than just looking at cards with the therapist.

In occupational therapy, a dog visit could help with sensory integration or range of motion in petting the dog or extremity function by playing catch, Haugen said.

"Then it's not therapy any more. It's playing with a dog," Haugen said.

The pet therapy program at Cassia is small — Ellie and her handler Lori Fletcher are the two participants. Animals must be certified through the Delta Society, a nonprofit organization with the mission of improving human health through service and therapy animals. Handlers must become hospital volunteers.

Several other dog and handler pairs are working to become certified, Alejandro said, and anyone interested is encouraged to find out more about becoming certified.

Fletcher didn't set out to have a therapy dog but fell in love with a friend's greyhound who also served as a pet therapy dog. When Fletcher's friend started talking about a pet therapy program, her eyes lit up and Fletcher saw that. Patients in the hospital light up too, her friend said.

Fletcher now sees that reaction from patients when she and Ellie walk down the hall at the hospital or visit with patients at Miradoka and Memorial Hospitals' long-term extended care facility.

Ellie makes a great pet therapy dog with her love for people and craving for attention, Fletcher said. Those are important ele-

ments to be a therapy dog. Greyhounds also have great eye contact which helps create a bond between the dog and the patients.

"The patient really wants the dog to notice them," Fletcher said.

Ellie was born in a "puppy mill," Fletcher said. The first 18 months of her life were spent in a crate, getting out to relieve herself two times a day and running on the track. Either Ellie herself fast enough or she decided she didn't want to run after a stuffed rabbit, but Ellie was placed in a greyhound rescue program and eventually into Fletcher's home.

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# Pets

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"She never looked. She never talked, but she was smiling," Sharkey said.

Just putting a smile on someone's face is worth the work. "That's all it takes," Sharkey said.

There is clinical proof that when animals come in to facilities, the breathing of patients steadies and blood pressures drop, Sharkey said. In a therapy session, it's not about actually doing the therapy and not know it," she added.

Residents at the Minidoka

Memorial Hospital Long Term Care Facility look forward to visits from Fletcher and Ellie the greyhound, said nurse Angel Bethke.

Some patients had pets and seeing the dog reminds them of their own pets, Bethke said. All of them enjoy seeing Ellie and asking her name and if she's a greyhound.

Most residents want to pet the dog, Bethke said. Some physical benefit comes from stretching down to pet an animal.

Health facilities aren't the only places dogs are well-

received. At the reading center, dogs provide a non-judgmental ear for children to read to.

The Intermountain Therapy Animals Twin Falls Chapter has six members, along with Fletcher in Burley. The ideal number of participants is as many as possible, Sharkey said. Requests for visits are continuously coming in.

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# Response

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material and waste is moved along Interstate 84, Paulus said. Some of that material includes waste from manufacturing and specialized equipment and material used by construction companies, he said.

Such material or waste is carried in clearly marked containers that emergency personnel can quickly recognize on sight, Alfred said. At such an accident scene, a perimeter of several hundred

feet would probably have to be established to keep any bystanders from being exposed to radiation, he said. Prompt removal of contamination and thorough cleaning of exposed people at the accident site would probably be sufficient in a situation involving low-grade material, he said.

Saturday's drill wasn't geared toward responding to a spill of high-grade radioactive material, such as depleted fuel rods from a

nuclear power plant, Paulus said. INEEL does on occasion have to move such material along roads and rails in Idaho, he said. An accident involving high-grade material would require a completely different level of response, probably from federal and perhaps even military agencies, Paulus said.

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# Crump

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Maybe there are even farmers who stay up past Letterman and Leno. Interesting, isn't it, how many of these fellas can tell you what Dave said last night even when Dave didn't come on the TV until 4:52?

The farm community doesn't like to admit that there may be Night People in their ranks, folks who watch infomercials into the small hours and then have to nap in the afternoon. It smacks of indolence, lack of morals and alligator-skin boots.

But you know they're out there, peacefully inspecting the insides of their eyelids, knowing full well that the coffee's been on for hours.

There's an unstated understanding among early risers that if one of them has to get up, they all do. And an unspoken fear, always, that somebody is cheating.

My dad solved this dilemma by cranking up the wood stove in the afternoon. It smacked of the cab of the tractor for a moment, but the sun came up. It wasn't as

cozy as staying in bed, but it does provide a non-judgmental ear for children to read to.

And I guess he actually got more done during the day, though that's a tough case to make among the before-sunrise crowd.

Most of which, on a winter's day, doesn't seem to disappear from the coffee-shop by day.

Who's to say they don't go back to bed?

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# Water managers worry about subpar snow accumulation in the

**TWIN FALLS** — Water managers who are watching the winter skies are finding little to be optimistic about. With about half the winter snow accumulation period behind Idaho, snowpacks are behind average and even behind last year's slow pace.

Ron Abramovich was in the Magic Valley this week to give irrigators his early forecasts for the 2003 season. He spoke at the annual stockholder meetings for the Salmon River, Twin Falls and North Side canal companies, and he didn't have good news for any of them.

"It's hard to be optimistic," said the forest hydrologist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Boise.

The 65 percent of average streamflow predicted in the Jan. 1 Water Supply Outlook is one of the lowest Jan. 1 forecasts on record for Salmon Falls Creek. As bad as that sounds, Abramovich told stockholders on the Salmon tract, south of Twin Falls, to be prepared for even lower streamflows. That's because the forecast is based on the most likely outcome.

The picture isn't much better for irrigators who rely on the Snake River for their irrigation water. Abramovich is forecasting streamflow to be 81 percent of average this season but an 80 to 90 percent of average snowpack is needed to make that forecast a reality.

## Speaker: Ag must turn up the volume

**LEBANON, IND.** — Hey, this is America, land of the free, home of the brave. In theory, everyone has a voice. But in practice, some may have to turn up the volume to be heard.

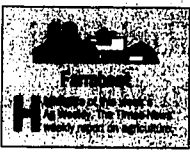
Turning up the volume is the message Michele Payn-Knoper, professional speaker and spokeswoman for agriculture, delivers to her audiences across the nation.

"Agriculture is fast approaching a crossroads," she said. "Only 1.5 percent of our national population resides on a farm today. That means fewer and fewer people are in touch with the agriculture lifestyle."

Communicating the positives of agriculture is where many in the industry fall short. Too often, agriculturalists take a back seat to activists who speak up loud and clear against agriculture, Payn-Knoper said.

## T.F. Canal Co. honors stewards of water quality

**TWIN FALLS** — Four families were honored for the commitment to water quality stewardship during the Twin Falls Canal Camp annual meeting on Jan. 14.



The awards are presented on behalf of the Twin Falls Canal Co. and the Balanced Rock and Snake River conservation districts. The Water Quality Stewardship Award recognizes

those who are committed to protecting soil and water resources. Pat Keeney of Buhl; Jay Moyle and Dean Meigs of Twin Falls; George Coiner (deceased) of Hansen; Shelby Williams of Buhl was awarded the year's Pioneer in Water Quality Award winner is also a long-time pond advocate.

## Dry bean prices steady; Growers watch wheat

With the New Year come thoughts of spring planting as far away as it may seem at the moment. But current trends are

worth watching as the season draws increasingly closer. The price of dry beans has held steady for the most part, despite a bit of a drop this fall.

As of this week, prices for dry beans are hovering between a low of \$18 per cwt. on the green level for Idaho's pinto beans and a high of \$20 for small white, pink, and small red beans. Dealers are getting between \$26 and \$30 depending on the bean, according to the Bean Market News published by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Wheat prices are also steady and are expected to remain flat through the winter. The price of wheat has been flat for several years, but it is expected to rise in the next few years. The price of wheat is currently around \$2.20 per bushel.

According to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service, an estimated 975,000 acres of Idaho cropland was planted to winter wheat. That's up 4 percent from 730,000 acres in 2002. Nationally, winter wheat acres are up 6 percent to 42.5 million.

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“Sometimes it's just time. I'm not going for 50 years just for the sake of making 50. That's just a number. It just means I'm terribly old.”

—Jim Phelan, Mount St. Mary's basketball coach, who will retire after this season, following a 49-year career in which he amassed more than 800 wins

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who holds the Super Bowl record for consecutive completions in a game?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

Jerome boys hoops camp opens Monday

JEROME — The Jerome High School boys basketball program will host a hoops camp for boys grades 1-3 from 10 a.m. to noon Monday and another camp for boys grades 4-6 from 1 to 3 p.m. Registration for the first camp is at 9:30 a.m. at the high school gym and 12:30 for the older boys. The cost is \$15 for each child, including a T-shirt and admission to Tuesday's Twin Falls High Jerome boys varsity basketball game at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 837-6497 and leave a message.

Knights of Columbus plans free throw contest

TWIN FALLS — The annual Knights of Columbus free throw contest will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Feb. 1 at the St. Edward's Catholic Church parish hall, at the corner of 7th Avenue East and Second Street East. The hall is across the street from the church.

The event, which is free, is open to boys and girls ages 10-14. Registration is at noon. There will be prizes for the top finishers in each age and gender division.

Jerome cross-country runner needs help for trip

JEROME — Kimberly Traugher, a senior at Jerome High School, has been invited to represent Idaho at the Down Under Bowl in Sydney, Australia for cross country running. Her 13-day trip involves a three-day stay in Australia, a week at Surfers Paradise and three days in Hawaii.

She will participate in two cross country meets, one with fellow runners from the United States and one with runners from 40 nations. Traugher is currently soliciting funds to pay for the trip. Send donations to Kimberly Traugher c/o D.L. Evans Bank, 980 South Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83438.

Mnico hosts dinner before Burley game

RUPERT — The Minico boys basketball team will be sponsoring a dinner in the Minico lunchroom prior to the Burley/Minico basketball game Jan. 28 from 5-7 p.m. The menu will include ham, beef or barbecue pork, baked potato, Great Harvest bread, salad, dessert and drink. Cost is \$5 per person or \$5 for a child under 8 years old. Advance tickets may be purchased from any of the Spartan basketball team or purchased that night at the door. For more information, Lisa Cole at 436-9539 or Alice Bank at 438-5562.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

JVIA ANSWER:

Joe Montana of the San Francisco 49ers, with 13 consecutive completions, against Denver in 1990.

# Bruins down Pocatello in 2OT thriller

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. And try, try again is exactly what the Lady Bruins had to do to defeat the Pocatello Indians 52-49 in a double overtime Saturday in Region III girls basketball Saturday in Twin Falls. Both teams entered Saturday's contest with a 4-1 record in

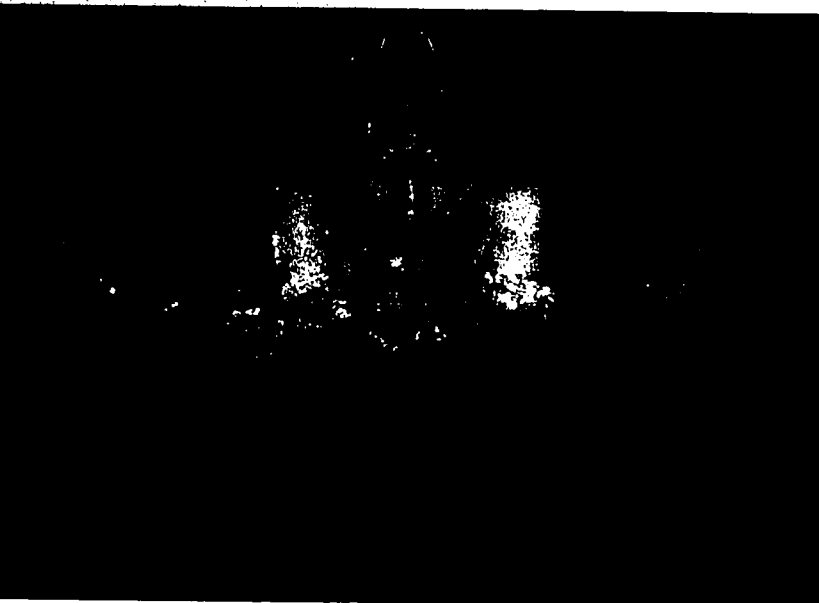
## Twin Falls gains edge in battle for home-court advantage

Region III and yearning for the win to secure the home-court advantage for districts later this month. After trailing the Twin Falls Lady Bruins most of the game, Pocatello's Katie Arnold hit a 3-pointer, making the score 40-41, and sending both teams into overtime. "When you lead for the whole game, it is kind of a let down when they hit a three and tie it up," Twin Falls coach Joe Shepard said. The Indians jumped out

ahead, scoring first in overtime. Twin Falls (13-3, 5-1 Region III) responded with Amanda Hovey hitting a "big three" to tie the game back up. The first overtime ended 45-41. This time Pocatello felt the let-down of a win smothered by an

opponent's shot. In the second overtime, Bruin Danielle Maloney, who scored 15 points, took charge by netting a 3-point goal to take the first lead of extra time. Tami Hagen hit her two free-throws and Maloney wrapped up the game with an outside shot for two points, finishing the game at 52. Please see BRUINS, Page C2

# Marlins make waves



Magic Valley Marlins swimmer Hayley Smith competes in the second heat of the age 13-14, 100-yard breaststroke division on Saturday. The meet, held at Twin Falls City Pool, drew nearly 200 athletes competing in age brackets ranging from eight and under to 15 and over.

## Nearly 200 swimmers compete at Igloo Pentathlon

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — To many of the Magic Valley YMCA Marlins swimmers, Saturday's Igloo Pentathlon meant a chance to bring home a trophy, a chance to swim a personal best time or a chance to meet someone new.

To those who have stuck with the Marlins through a myriad of changes, Saturday's meet meant much more. In just five months, the Marlin swim team has increased its numbers from 17 to 54 swimmers. The biggest reason is head coach

John Twiss. He has increased participation on the swim team, created more programs at the YMCA City Pool and has brought an enthusiasm for swimming back to the Magic Valley.

The numbers for Saturday's swim meet increased too. In just its third year, the Igloo Pentathlon hosted nearly 200 competitors from Southern and Eastern Idaho as well as Ontario, Ore., and Elko, Nev. Last year, the meet brought 146 swimmers and the year before 120. And while winning every race she entered was her goal, Marlin

swimmer Amanda Blastock said this meet was fun because of all the new swimmers.

"We (the older kids) are more focused on helping them out, getting them to races and cheering for them that we don't have time to worry about ourselves," said Blastock, who has competed on the Marlins for nine years. "And when you have more fun, you do better."

That doesn't mean that Blastock wasn't focused on lowering some of her times. After a disappointing finish in the opening 100-yard butterfly, she battled

back to take time off of her 100 yard backstroke, 100 yard breaststroke and 200 IM. Blastock ended the meet second overall in the girls 10-year old division.

"I expected to do better on my fly, and I think I did better on the breast because I was so angry about the fly," Blastock said.

Teammate Michael Shea O'Donnell of Rupert, also was focused on improving her times.

"I've made all the Y regional times and now I'm trying to qualify for zones," O'Donnell said. The 10-year old has qualified. Please see SWIM, Page C2

## Brown seeks his first Super Bowl

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Rarely hurt, always effective, Tim Brown is the consummate NFL professional.

He has been in the league 15 years. He has been to the Pro Bowl nine times. He has 14,167 yards receiving, second most in NFL history behind Jerry Rice.

But he has never played in the Super Bowl.

Game time  
Tennessee at Oakland  
4:30 p.m., CBS

people are going to remember me for that," Brown said.

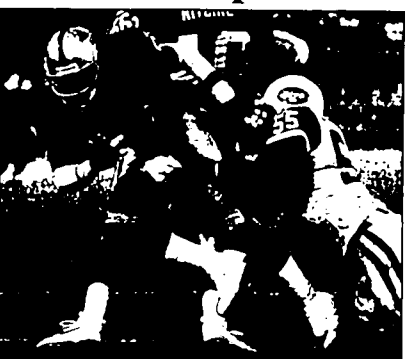
His next, best and maybe last chance to make it comes Sunday, when the Oakland Raiders play in the AFC title game against the Tennessee Titans.

The Raiders (12-5) are the most seasoned team in the league, a group put together to win a championship — now.

For the most part, their top veterans have no Super Bowl regrets.

Rice won three championships with the 49ers. Linebacker Bill Romanowski won four — two with San Francisco and two with Denver. Rod Woodson won one.

Brown, meanwhile, has never been to the show.



After catching his 1001st pass, Oakland Raiders' Tim Brown tries to evade New York Jets' Marvin Jones on Dec. 2, 2002, in Oakland, Calif.

He is getting caught in a debate normally reserved for great quarterbacks, a question John Elway finally stopped having to answer and Dan Marino always will.

"Does it take a Super Bowl ring to make a great career complete?" "A lot of people out there could say, 'You've never won the big game,'" Brown said. "But I've

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## Bucs battle their own history in Philadelphia

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Jon Gruden doesn't want to hear about the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' pathetic history in Philadelphia or their odd wealth or failures.

"It's like it's 24-0 and we haven't even gotten off the plane yet," the Bucs' coach said as his team prepared for Sunday's NFC championship game.

That's no surprise considering what's happened to the Bucs at Veterans Stadium, where Tampa Bay and Philadelphia met Sunday in the NFC title game, the final NFL game at the stadium.

Two years ago, Philadelphia won 21-3 in the wild-card round. Last year, it was 31-9 in Tony Dungy's last game as the team's coach.

Gruden did no better in his only foray here, losing 20-10 on Oct. 20 in his first game as head coach in the city where he was offensive coordinator from 1997-99. Add that Tampa Bay had

### Game time

Tampa Bay at Philadelphia 1 p.m.

Fox

never won in temperatures under 40 degrees until beating the Bears 15-0 in Champagn, Ill. last month, and you have what some believe is a severe problem — psychobically as much as physically — for the Bucs.

Gruden continued to knock down that idea after arriving in Philadelphia on Friday night.

"We are undefeated in cold weather, we are 1-0," he said. "We played one game in cold weather this year and won it decisively. We are going to go out and play just as if we were playing in Florida and playing in great weather. We will not use it as an excuse."

But these teams on a neutral field with perfect weather and they're pretty even.

Each finished 12-4 and won its division. The Eagles earned the right to stay home with a 11-5

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# It's all one to Highland, 46-45

That's when they started shooting. Graefe said, "I don't think we made the adjustment to that, and I don't think the officials made the adjustment to that. But that's a physical team and that's how they're going to play."

Cole joined Noble in double-figure scoring for Minico with 10 points, while Greg Long did the same for Highland in support of Clarke.

The Rams were also able to finally get Noble under way as the junior guard didn't hit from the field until knocking in a 3 at the buzzer.

"I think that was a little fatigued, and I think we were getting hit on the arms when we

43-38 after Jurgensmeier's bucket to start the fourth quarter.

"We were able to spread them out some, so that we could get away from their help," Frost said. "And I really think that's the difference."

Minico coach Mike Graefe isn't so sure.

"Do you think we're going to shoot twice as many free throws at their house, like they did at ours?" he asked.

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SPORTS

# Veterans Stadium hosts last NFL game

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Mike Hook remembers two guys who carried a Dallas Cowboys banner around the upper deck of Philadelphia's Veterans Stadium at a game in the early 1990s, yelling "Cowboys! Cowboys!"

By mistake. Hook, an Eagles season ticket-holder, recalls that the Dallas fans got about two-thirds of the way around the big concrete bowl when three enraged Philadelphia fans clambered over the railing for cheap seats of the 700 level, jumped on them, and started fighting.

"You don't want to be going up there unless you got a purpose in mind, unless you're rooting for the team wearing green," said Hook, 34, co-proprietor of 700level.com, an Internet site for Eagles fans.

Philadelphia Eagles fans and Veterans Stadium both have a certain reputation. Up in the 700 level, the fans fight, urinate in public and throw beer on those cheering for the other team. They pelt opposing players with snowballs.

The rest of the stadium isn't a picnic, either.

That's why visiting NFL teams drooled playing at the Vet.

After Sunday, they won't have to worry anymore.

The stadium, which opened in 1971, will be demolished after the upcoming baseball season.

San Francisco's Oracle and the Phillies and Eagles are rising nearby in South Philadelphia.

Before it comes down, though, there will be one last NFL game, one last chance for the fans to go crazy in the place that the Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie calls a dump.

The Eagles play the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Sunday for the NFC championship and the right to go to the Super Bowl.

"I'll miss it, because it was like another home for me for 25 seasons. It was like an old shoe. You don't want to throw it out because it feels good on you," said former Eagles publicist Jim Gallagher, who worked for the team from 1974 to 1997.

"It has a certain mystique," said defensive end N.D. Kala. "I wish they could've refurbished it."

These are minority views. The Vet's unimpaired architecture, lush playing surface, dingy amenities, and unsavory atmosphere — not the Eagles and Phillies, but gigantic rats and stray cats — made it an object of ridicule.

The fans took the Vet's bad reputation and made it their own, gaining infamy as among the NFL's rowdiest, rudest and most passionate. The cacophony of 65,000 screaming voices disrupted many an opposing effort.

They'll be at their most frenzied Monday, and hundreds of police on motorcycles, horses and bicycles will try to maintain control — and prevent fans from ripping out seats or souvenirs.

The nasty character of the stadium and its fans prompted some Tampa tour operators to recommend that Buc fans avoid going to the game.

Season ticket-holder Rob Senior, 23, was there for two of the most infamous moments in Vet history: When Eagles fans pelted Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson with snowballs on Dec. 10, 1989, and when they cheered the career-ending injury of Dallas wide receiver Michael Irvin in 1999.

Senior admits to cheering the Irvin injury, but he won't throw snowballs — he said his mother would have a fit.

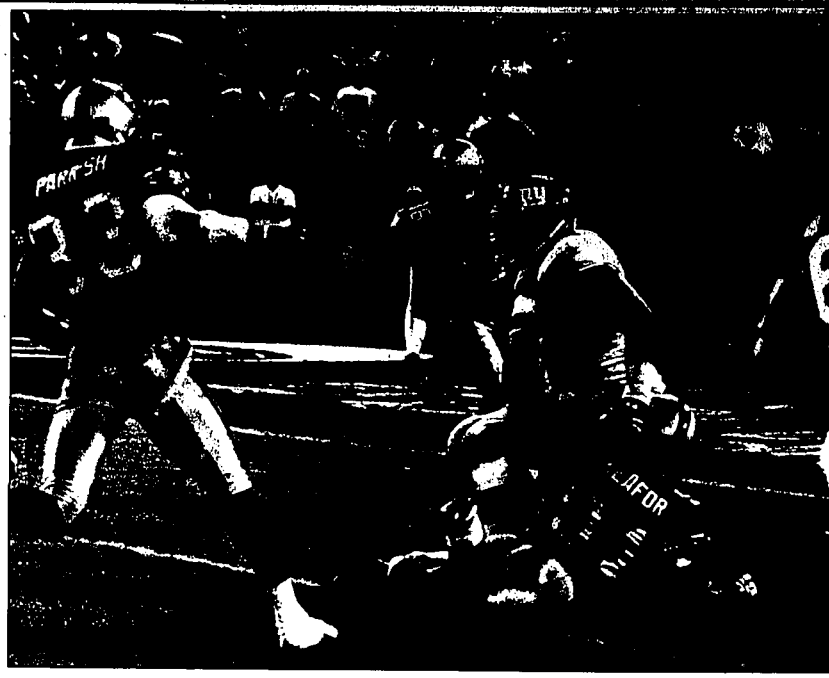
Fan misbehavior was at an all-time high at a Monday night game against the San Francisco 49ers in 1997. There were more than 60 fights, and one fan even shot a flare gun into some empty seats.

That nationally televised episode prompted the city to set up "Eagles Court" in the bowls of the stadium to arrest, try and convict rowdy fans on the spot.

"Anonymity and alcohol. You combine the two, and people start acting totally out of character," said Judge Seamus P. Mc Caffery, who founded and presides over Eagles Court.

Despite its lowly reputation, the Vet hosted some of the most exciting moments in Eagles history. They went to their only Super Bowl after beating the hated Dallas Cowboys 20-17 in the NFC championship game at a frigid Vet on Jan. 11, 1991.

"It's a dump, it's a toilet and the field is horrible, but it was our own, our dump and our toilet. And we had to do it the best we could with it," said former Eagles linebacker Bill Bertay, part of the 1980 squad that went to the Super Bowl.



San Francisco's Chike Okefor (91) interferes with New York's Rich Seubert, second from right, on a pass from Giants' holder Matt Allen (not shown) in the final minutes of the NFC Wild Card playoff game in San Francisco Jan. 5. The 49ers beat the Giants 39-30. The NFL said Jan. 6 that pass interference should have been called against Okefor creating offsetting penalties. Thus, the game would have been extended by one untimed down.

# Longtime ref defends officials

By Hal Block Associated Press writer

For 31 years, Jim Tunney pulled on a striped shirt, stuffed a penalty flag in his pocket and officiated NFL games. He might have missed a call or two along the way, but there weren't many complaints, certainly nothing like the uproar created in the first two weeks of the playoffs.

Tunney watched from home as back judge Scott Green blew a call at the end of the San Francisco-New York Giants game and referee Ron Blum followed him on the hot seat in the Pittsburgh-Tennessee game the following week.

"It's a lot easier to officiate from my couch than standing in the middle of all those maniacs yelling at me," the ex-ref said. The yelling is understandable. These are the playoffs. Losses are aggravating in any situation, but they are particularly galling when it's one and done, and the outcome turns on an official's call.

So there was Pittsburgh halfback Bill Cowher, running halfway

across the field at Tennessee with veins and eyes bulging, making a beeline for Blum. It was not to win the ref a pleasant offseason.

Tunney wasn't about to sharpshoot Green and Blum. He knows firsthand just how tough a situation they were in, forced to react instantly to plays that then get shown over and over from a variety of angles in super slow motion on TV.

So he tried to be gentle about a volatile issue. "These guys have a 96, maybe 97 percent rate of getting calls right," he said. "That's pretty good."

"There have been some mistakes in communication. There was confusion, and they didn't take the time to sort it out. I think huddles help. You go man-by-man and say, 'Tell me what you saw.' I don't think any dialogue went on there. That's the key. They have to talk to each other."

"When the Giants' No. 69 (guard Rich Seubert) reported as an eligible receiver, everybody has to know. You go around the horn, all the officials and the

defensive captain, too. That's where it broke down. Why, I don't know. It's a system that needs to be revisited and improved."

The league agreed, issuing a rare public apology to the Giants for the missed call and ordering all field officials to confer on controversial, game-deciding calls.

In the game at Tennessee, Blum got in trouble twice. First, he admitted to a stadium full of people and national TV audience that he didn't know if a play was reviewable. Then he gave Titans kicker Joe Nedney a third chance at the winning field goal by calling the Steelers for running into the kicker on a missed attempt.

Tunney thought Blum did the right thing on the review call. "It was honest for him to say, 'I don't know but I'll find out,'" he said. "That was courageous. The bottom line is he got it right. That's the essence of officiating."

The Steelers' penalty for running into Nedney sent Cowher sprinting after Blum. Two days later, the coach had cooled off. "I think the officiating is for the most part very, very solid,"

he said. "I have nothing but the utmost respect for the guys that are out there doing a very difficult job. I think there has been too much emphasis and publicity being put on the negative part of it."

In both cases, the Steelers and Giants lost games they might have won. And although those calls at the end struck out, the fact is that plenty went on before that in both games that led to those losses.

The best officials are invisible. Dick Hantak ended a distinguished 25-year officiating career with the playoff game last week between the Oakland Raiders and New York Jets. There was some pregame trash talk but no other controversy and no screaming for his scalp at the end.

Tunney once was asked about fans and the abuse they heap on officials. "I'll scream from the 60th row of bleachers that you missed a marginal call in the center of the interior line," the ex-ref said of a kicker. "And then he won't be able to find his car in the parking lot."

# Gruden face off again

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A few years ago, Andy Reid and Jon Gruden competed for Mike Holmgren's approval in Green Bay. On Sunday, they'll compete for a bigger reward: a Super Bowl berth.

Reid, the AP's NFL Coach of the Year, leads the Philadelphia Eagles against Gruden's Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the NFC championship game at Veterans Stadium.

While both coaches are disciples of Holmgren and the West Coast offense, they are complete opposites in many ways.

Gruden, 39, is strategically intense on the sidelines, throws tantrums and glares at players and officials. Reid, 44, is stoic, methodical and laid-back.

"Jon has more energy than anyone I think I've ever met and he sustains it every day of the year and he's fun to be around," said Eagles tight end Chad Lewis, a rookie during Gruden's final season as Philadelphia's offensive coordinator in 1997. "Andy is totally organized and totally confident. He runs a tight ship and he does a great job."

Reid began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Brigham Young in 1982, and moved to four other colleges. Both are first-year pro jobs as the tight ends coach and assistant offensive line coach for Holmgren's Packers in 1992.

Gruden started as a graduate assistant at Tennessee in 1986, and spent time at four other colleges and one season with the San Francisco 49ers, before joining the Packers as the wide receivers coach in 1992.

"Though they have different personalities, Reid and Gruden have a similar work ethic. Both are first-year coaches, who spend more time in the office during the season than they do on the field."

"Jon loves his work," Reid said. "There are not a lot of things outside of football that he spends his time on. He enjoys the game."

Gruden has fond memories of the times he and Reid spent with the Packers, and the ways they competed for Holmgren's attention.

"We were very ambitious," he said. "We used to try to outwork each other and get a play in from top of Mike Holmgren that he would approve and he would put in a game plan. When it got called and it worked, we were like peacocks. Our wings were spread pretty good."

Gruden left Green Bay after the 1994 season, becoming the youngest offensive coordinator in the NFL at the age of 31 when Eagles head coach Tom Donahoe hired him. In his three seasons in Philadelphia, the Eagles' offense finished fourth, first and third in the NFC.

Gruden then spent four seasons as the coach of the Oakland Raiders, compiling a 40-28 record, including consecutive playoff appearances in 2000-01. The Buccaneers gave up four high draft picks and \$8 million over three years to pry Gruden away from the Raiders in late offseason, and it has paid off.

"He's a competitor, a fiery guy," said Eagles cornerback Bobby Taylor, a rookie in Gruden's first season in Philadelphia. "I remember the looks on his face. You hear about his work ethic now. We saw it then."

Taylor remembers a time during training camp when Gruden didn't like the way the Eagles' receivers were running pass routes.

With a clipboard tucked in his shorts, and his cap on backward, Gruden ran onto the field, lined up at the receiver spot and ran the route exactly the way he wanted it done.

You won't see the 300-pound Reid doing that. He has other methods to motivate his players. Reid inherited a 3-13 team in 1999, drafted Donovan McNabb with the No. 2 overall pick in that year's draft, and quickly turned the franchise from laughingstock into a championship contender. The Eagles are 38-16 since Reid's first season.

Reid's most impressive coaching performance came this season. After McNabb went down with a broken ankle, he led the Eagles to a 5-1 record, including four wins behind third-string quarterback A.J. Feeley, and the No. 1 seed in the NFC playoffs.

# AFL mavericks Davis, Adams return to the top

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Walking through the Raiders' locker room after another victory, Al Davis stopped next to offensive tackle Langston Walker and tight end Doug Jolley — two fresh-faced rookies who became key members of the venerated owner's latest winning team.

"My second-rounders," Davis said in his distinctive sandpaper rasp. "Everybody wondered what I was doing with you guys. I said, 'Just watch them play.'"

For more than four decades, nobody has been able to tell Davis what to do. He has navigated professional football with a style as unique as his satiny, custom-made jogging suits. The Raiders' owner is a stubborn iconoclast, a bold innovator and a tireless litigant — and those are just a few of the printable descriptions from friends and enemies alike.

Tennessee Titans owner Bud Adams shares Davis' maverick roots in the upstairs American Football League. Both men are well-known eccentrics, both made controversial decisions to move their teams and both prize the value of a dollar.

Both are beloved icons for their franchise's most faithful fans, but both are despised in other quarters — Adams in Houston, where a Bud pilnata was smashed open before a game last month, and Davis in Los Angeles, the offices of Oakland government and throughout the NFL's power structure.

They've got one more thing in common — a professed disinterest in what anyone else thinks about them.



Al Davis, Oakland Raiders owner



Bud Adams, Tennessee Titans owner

"I am not about winning friends and influencing people," Davis said earlier this year. "I am what I am. I don't think I'm vindictive. It's a vicious struggle to be No. 1. It really is. We fight it every day."

But the differences between two of the NFL's longest-tenured owners are sharp as well. While Adams mostly has been a company man during his four decades in football, Davis has become the NFL's biggest detractor from within.

Davis, a former coach, is intimately involved in every part of the Raiders' operation, from the draft room to his usual spot on the sideline at practices. Adams, a wealthy businessman with his Fortune 500 oil company, mostly stays out of the mix — except for the occasional well-placed verbal jab, such as the one that just

might have spurred Tennessee to success this season.

The Titans face the Raiders on Sunday in the AFC title game. Davis built the veteran Raiders for one more run at their first championship in 19 years, while Adams still is hoping after 43 years in pro football without a title.

When Adams and Lamar Hunt were unable to get NFL franchises until 1959, they found a more optimistic businessman who put down \$100,000 each to form the AFL. Davis joined the party shortly afterward, leaving USC to become an assistant coach with the Los Angeles Chargers.

Three years later, Davis became coach and general manager of the Raiders. He also served as the AFL's commissioner before the merger, when he seized control of the franchise and guided it to

three Super Bowl titles. Adams shepherded his Houston Oilers through the AFL-NFL transition, keeping the team's management largely within his family, while his business interests prospered.

Both have fielded competitive, contending teams in the NFL and both have endured years of disappointments. Both moved their franchises — Davis twice — to make more money, but both alienated their new cities with mercurial business decisions.

The similarities mostly stop there, however. Davis' mutual antipathy with the NFL is the most visible aspect of his organization, despite its stability and more-or-less consistent success for four decades. His \$1.2 billion conspiracy lawsuit against the league is still pending.

Davis hasn't lost his maverick vision on the field, either. This fall, he built a veteran team against the conventional wisdom of salary-cap management, even if it leaves him \$50 million over the cap for next season, as some believe it will.

"Al Davis has never been one to go young," said receiver Tim Brown. "Fifty million over the cap is no problem. It's a matter of redoing 10 contracts."

Adams remains one of the most hated men in Houston for relocating the Oilers to Tennessee in 1997 after threatening to leave for years. When he returned for the first meeting between the old and new Houston franchises, a record crowd showed up to boo while fans batted pinatas with Adams' likeness.

MATCHUPS FOR NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Wide receiver Romanowski and tight end Lincoln Kennedy are Philadelphia's biggest match-ups in the NFC championship game.

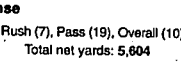
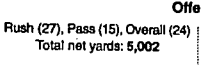
NFC CHAMPIONSHIP

Bucs are on a mission

Tampa Bay has been eliminated by Philadelphia in the first round of the playoffs the last two years. While the Bucs looked dominant against San Francisco last week, the Philadelphia Eagles will provide a stiffer test for them than the banged-up 48ers did at the raucous Vet.

Veterans Stadium  
Sun., 1 p.m. (MST), FOX

Tampa Bay Buccaneers Record (playoffs) 12-4 (1-0) Philadelphia Eagles Record (playoffs) 12-4 (1-0)



Rush (27), Pass (15), Overall (24)  
Total net yards: 5,002

Rush (7), Pass (19), Overall (10)  
Total net yards: 5,604

Passing (1,557) Rushing (3,445)

Passing (1,220) Rushing (3,084)

Rush (5), Pass (1), Overall (1)  
Net yards allowed: 4,044

Rush (9), Pass (7), Overall (4)  
Net yards allowed: 4,754

Passing (1,554) Rushing (2,490)

Passing (1,660) Rushing (3,094)

Regular season

Regular season

Buccaneers	Yards	Eagles
Brad Johnson	3,049	2,289
Michael Pittman	718	1,029
Keyshawn Johnson	1,088	798
Donovan McNabb		3,084
Duce Staley		1,660
Todd Pinkston		3,094

SOURCES: National Football League, Associated Press, Ed DeGaetano/AP

good receivers, and Westbrook provides outside speed when the Eagles need it.

James Thrash (80) is the main deep threat, and Todd Pinkston (87) is coming on, leading the team with 60 catches. Veteran Antonio Freeman (86) and tight end Chad Lewis (89) are solid possession receivers.

But they'll be working against a tough secondary. Ronde Barber (20) led the league last season with 10 interceptions, so teams started throwing at Brian Kelly (25) on the other side, who had tied for the NFL lead with eight interceptions.

The pressure exerted by Rice outside and Sapp inside will make McNabb hurry. Rice, Ellis (59) and Greg Spikes (94) will rush at full speed, depending on Brooks, middle linebacker Shelton Quarles (53) and AlShermond Singleton (51) to contain any scrambles.

Gruden has left defense to Monte Kiffin, who had been the coordinator for Tony Dunny and provided continuity by staying. The Bucs allowed the fewest yards and the fewest points (196) in the NFL. The Eagles were second in points allowed (241) and fourth in yards allowed.

The Bucs have been eliminated from the playoffs 21-3 and 31-9 at Veterans Stadium the last two seasons and lost their 20 'til 1-21. And despite a win in Atlanta on December, they're still in Oct. 1 in cold weather, which is what they'll see on Sunday - forecasts are in the 20s. The loss and the weather are as much a mental factor as a physical one. Gruden has been trying to defend them by preaching for a month that his team is good enough to win anywhere.

It works the other way, too. The Eagles are supremely confident about playing at home. Not only do they seem to have the Bucs' number at the Vet, which is hosting its last NFL game. But they know their teams worry about the turf of noise in a game in a play-off year like this, which has featured scores like 34-31, 36-33 and 39-38. The Eagles scored just one offensive touchdown against the Falcons, and the Bucs picked on Philadelphia's San Francisco secondary that had safeties playing cornerback.

Other than McNabb, most of the stars are on defense. "The defense that plays the best on Sunday will win this game," Eagles' cornerback Troy Aikman said. "It won't come down to offense."

Moreover, the only touchdown

When the Buccaneers have the ball

This is where Tampa Bay has had problems at Veterans Stadium, with no offensive touchdowns in five consecutive losses. The offense has come as loosely as long as Brad Johnson (14) has been at quarterback, although it still ranked 24th in yardage in a 32-team league.

Johnson sacked six times when the teams played Oct. 20, a 20-10 Philadelphia win in which the Bucs' only TD came on a fumble return by linebacker Derrick Brooks (55). The Tampa Bay offensive line has improved since then. Left tackle Roman Oben (72) held down Hugh Douglas (53), the Eagles' Pro Bowl defensive end, in the first game, but the relatively immobile Johnson had trouble escaping the blitz. LB Carlos Emmons (51) got to him twice.

The main problem for Tampa Bay could be against the secondary. Three of the Eagles' four starters are Pro Bowlers: cornerback Greg Vinters (23) and Bobby Taylor (21), and free safety Brian Dawkins (20). The fourth DB, strong safety Blaine Bishop (24), is a savvy 10-year veteran.

The receivers, on the other hand, are big, but lack separation speed. The best (and loudest) is 6-foot-4 Keyshawn Johnson (19), with 6-1 Keenan McCardell (87) and 6-5 Joe Jurevics (83) the other tall targets. The tight ends, including great Vinters (23) and Bobby Taylor (21), and free safety Dudley (88), could play major roles, especially Dudley, a talented receiver whose career has been hampered by drops.

Tampa Bay's running game has speed with the departure of Warrick Dunn as a free agent. Mike Alstott (40) is a Pro Bowl fullback, but is really a tailback, often used in a single-back set. Alstott remains one of the NFL's better power runners. He's rarely out of the field at the same time as Michael Pittman (32), who replaced Dunn, but averaged just 3.5 yards a carry in leading the team with 718 yards rushing. He often runs behind FB Jameel Cook.

End Brandon Whiting (98), tackles Corey Simon (90) and Duran Walker (97), and 300-pound middle linebacker Levon Kirkland (93) are solid run-stoppers and good blockers. LB and end (94) is one of the NFL's better pass-rushing specialists. LB Shawn Barber (56) is an underrated defender against the run and as a blocker.

One thing to watch: Alstott has a tendency to fumble.

When the Eagles have the ball

Quarterback Donovan McNabb (51) will make his second start since missing eight weeks with a broken right ankle. He ran for 19 yards on his second play against Atlanta last week, demonstrating his mobility, but will probably have less scrambling luck against the NFL's best and one of its quickest defenses.

Tackle Warren Sapp (99) is the anchor of the line, but end Corey Simon (97) led the NFL in sacks with 15.5. Brooks was voted the league's defensive player of the year and scored four touchdowns, including the only TD against the Eagles on a fumble return. Strong safety John Lynch (47) is another perennial Pro Bowl player and is like a fourth linebacker against the run.

Even so, teams that have beaten the Eagles have done so, especially with Sapp's injury partner, Anthony McFarland, hurt for most of the season. Chartric Darby (91), a second-year undrafted free agent, has replaced him. Duce Staley (122) ran for 152 yards against the Bucs in the first meeting and had 102 for the season after being limited by injuries for two years.

Staley, Dorsey Levens (36) are rookie Brian Westbrook (25) are

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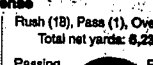
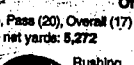
Continued from C1 record against NFC teams, while the Bucs were 3-1 in conference games. They were 1-2 in points allowed - Tampa Bay leading the league at 12.3 per game, the Eagles second at 15.1. Those inclined to place a wager don't think too much of Tampa Bay's problems up north - the Eagles are favored by four points, one more than the usual home-field edge. The relatively small spread might be the result of questions about Philadelphia's quarterback Donovan McNabb, who played his first game last week after missing eight weeks with a broken right ankle and led the Eagles to a 20-6 win over Atlanta.

Looking for respect

The Bucs' job got away from them in the divisional round on Joe Nedney's six-yard field goal in overtime. Are they in for the second straight home game? Raiders seem and Tampa Bay.

National Football League  
Sun., 8:30 p.m. (MST), CBS

Tennessee Titans Record (playoffs) 11-6 (1-0) Oakland Raiders Record (playoffs) 11-5 (1-0)



Rush (11), Pass (20), Overall (17)  
Total net yards: 5,272

Rush (18), Pass (1), Overall (1)  
Total net yards: 6,237

Passing (2,070) Rushing (2,772)

Passing (2,237) Rushing (2,237)

Rush (2), Pass (25), Overall (10)  
Net yards allowed: 4,964

Rush (3), Pass (23), Overall (11)  
Net yards allowed: 4,979

Passing (2,070) Rushing (2,772)

Passing (2,237) Rushing (2,237)

Regular season

Titans	Yards	Raiders
Steve McNair	3,387	Passing 4,689
Eddie George	1,185	Rushing 962
Derrick Mason	1,012	Receiving 1,211
		Jerry Rice

SOURCES: National Football League, Associated Press, Ed DeGaetano/AP

ing to make five or six plays Sunday could be a key. Then again, it's difficult to get to Gannon with the big number of three-step drops and quick throws he makes.

LB Keith Bulluck (53) leads the team in tackles, forced fumbles and fumble recoveries. S Lance Schulters (31), who called Brown a "crybaby" this week, has six interceptions. The CBs, Samari Rolle (21) and Andre Byers (22), are solid but not beatable, and they'll have their hands full.

Special teams

This pair of field-goal kickers have had their share of the spotlight, for both good and bad. Joe Nedney (6) of Tennessee could have won an Oscar for his flailing flip after being grazed by Dewayne Washington of Pittsburgh in overtime last week. Nedney drew a flag for running into the kicker and got another chance to kick the game-winner. He missed with his acing exploits, then came out Monday and apologized for making light of the controversial ending. If kicking karma is a factor here, then...

Of course, Sebastian Janowski (1) is no angel. He's had numerous run-ins with the law, including a drunken-driving charge this season. But he has a huge leg. For as much as that helps the Raiders in field-goal situations, it's even better on kickoffs. He led the NFL in touchbacks with 22.

Coaching

Bill Callahan replaced Jon Gruden as Oakland's coach this year, and prospered. The players took a liking to his even-tempered, consistent approach.

After a 4-0 start, the Raiders lost four straight, and a team of veterans could have easily tuned out a rookie coach. But Callahan kept the team on track, and he's

face, because it's quite an obstacle to overcome."

The Raiders aren't 7.5-point favorites for nothing. They are an all-star team of sorts.

Their stars include league MVP Rich Gannon, who surpassed 300 yards in 10 games this season.

Rice had another Pro Bowl year - his 13th - with 92 catches for 1,211 yards.

Protecting Gannon are offensive linemen Lincoln Kennedy and Frank Middleton, who have a reputation for being massive, mean and a little dirty. They have Romanowski, who knew exactly who to call when he was given no chance at Jacksonville and wound up with a 33-14 victory, a trip to the Super Bowl and a spot among the NFL elite that they've held to this day.

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Steve McNair (9) plays a controlled passing game that got better... Derrick Mason (15), who led the team with 79... Tight end Frank... and running back... also catch a lot of passes.

The injury of the week for McNair is the thumb on his... he's expected to play, just as he always has... through a series of ailments that... and that's just this season.

George has established himself as one of the most versatile running backs in the league. He can... and he can run inside or outside of tackles Brad... (72) and Fred Miller (71). He's a star, even though his 1,165 yards... weren't enough to get him to the Pro Bowl this year. George left the... week but says he'll be fine for the title game.

On defense, the Raiders will miss DT Trace Armstrong, who has placed on injured reserve... will go DeLawrence... (90) and Regan Upshaw (91), and the Raiders will use some 3-4 formations, too.

OLB Bill Romanowski (53) has had a fairly calm year by his standards... one interception and no wildly embarrassing outbursts. He's still a road warrior.

Pro Woodson (26) had eight interceptions and is regarded as one of the best defensive backs in the game. Tory James (20) had four picks and is solid in coverage. James and Charles Woodson (24) are both successfully overcoming recent injuries.

When the Raiders have the ball

How to stop the league's top-ranked offense? It's one of the biggest mysteries of the year in the NFL. MVP Rich Gannon (12) will pick teams apart across the middle, and when defenses start squeezing, he'll go long.

Any time you're off receivers to throw. There's Jerry Rice (80), the most prolific receiver in NFL history. There's Tim Brown (81), who is No. 2 all-time in yardage behind Rice and is lacking only a Super Bowl ring. Jerry Porter (84) has 51 catches on a third receiver. He'd be a starter on most teams.

The Raiders have turned to the pass more as the playoffs have approached, but ignoring their running game could be dangerous. Just ask the New York Jets, who got gashed for 42 yards per carry last week against Charlie Garner (25) and Tyrone Wheatley (47) in their 30-10 loss to the Raiders.

Oakland also has a massive line, anchored by 335-pound right tackle Lincoln Kennedy (72) and 330-pound left tackle Frank Middleton (73).

Middleton... overweights... by about 70 pounds. Whether Kearse, who is still rounding into shape from a foot injury, can withstand the pound-

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Continued from C1 never played for other people. I've played for myself. I have to be comfortable with what I've done. I could walk away from the game today and say, "I wish I could help the Oakland Raiders win a championship."

But, yes, he concedes, the championship would be very, very nice.

Of course, he's not the only one with a sense of unfinished business heading into this game. Three years ago, the Titans (12-5) were driving for the tying touchdown in the Super Bowl over the St. Louis Rams. As the clock struck zero, receiver Kevin Devon made a catch and was stopped one yard short of the goal line.

"So close - it showed this really... of inches, and why... to Oakland on Friday, odd... enough, the highlight film of that season was playing on the TV in their locker room.

SPORTS

Venus advances easily at Aussie Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Venus Williams had her latest opponent sprawling and sighing, and she stayed on course for a fourth straight Grand Slam final against her sister Serena.

Venus surged into the Australian Open quarterfinals Sunday by defeating Nicole Pratt 6-3, 6-2 in 1 hour, 17 minutes.

Venus had to save 11 break points and committed 33 errors, but she offset them with 35 winners.

Serena, the world's top-ranked player and winner of the last three majors, plays her 18th-round match Monday against 16th-seeded Eleni Daniilidou of Greece. Serena missed last year's Australian with an ankle injury before beating Venus in the title matches at the French Open, Wimbledon and U.S. Open.

Pratt, an Aussie ranked 54th, had the center court crowd behind her as she strained to reach every ball against Venus.

In the fourth game, Williams caught her sitting back on her heels with a forehand blast right at her as Pratt charged the net. In the seventh game, Pratt sprawled wide to return a serve and scrambled up too late to reach Williams' next shot.

Several times when Pratt thought she had a point, Williams hit a winner past her on an all-out sprint.

Heading into the tournament's second week, Williams said that "maybe the first week is harder." "Players come out against me, feel loose and relaxed and play good tennis. At least in the second week, I know what's coming."

She said Pratt scrambled well and returned some balls she didn't expect, but that she had anticipated a tough match from the Australian.

"It was her first appearance in a (Grand Slam) round of 16. She's thinking, 'Why not go farther?' I was thinking the same thing," Williams said.

Williams also said one of her goals this year is to attack the net more often.

"I think I'm most successful when I'm on the net when I take advantage of my reach," she said.

Next up is No. 7 Daniela Hantuchova, who reached her third consecutive Grand Slam event quarterfinal with a victory over No. 12 Patty Schnyder.

Hantuchova also went all out,



Venus Williams prepares to serve against Nicole Pratt at the Australian Open Tennis Tournament in Melbourne, Australia, early Sunday.

spraying 39 errors while hitting 27 winners. She was helped by 27 misses by Schnyder, who had won three of their five previous meetings.

On the men's side, No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt routed Raik Stefanek of the Czech Republic 6-3, 6-2, 6-0 Saturday to move into the fourth round. Hewitt lost two of the first three matches then dropped only three others the

rest of the way.

A year ago, the Australian was recovering from chicken pox and was beaten in the first round. He had arrived as the new No. 1, and the quick ouster stung.

He is intent on setting things straight. After Saturday's match, he saluted the crowd and walked to his court-side seat, not with a smile but with gritted teeth. "It's a big relief," he said.

"Nothing went right last year, obviously, and there was obviously a lot of pressure and expectation coming into it again this year, being No. 1 and being fitter and healthier as well."

"The last few Grand Slams, I've been able to play some of my better tennis toward the end, rather than at the start. I feel like I'm getting better and better with each match."

Handrus' Flyers over Bruins

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Michael Handrus scored the tiebreaking goal with 7:23 left as the Philadelphia Flyers beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 3-2 Saturday.

Mark Recchi and Kim Johnsson each had a goal and an assist, and Robert Esche had 12 saves for the Flyers, who held Tampa Bay to a season-low 14 shots.

Handrus has a team-high five game-winning goals for Philadelphia, which won for the eighth time in nine games.

Tampa Bay's Vincent Lecavalier, who is 22 years, 9 months, became the youngest active player to reach 100 goals.

Florida beat Pittsburgh.

The Penguins were up 1-0. Mario Lemieux scored the fifth goal in six games. Pittsburgh's Nick Leung scored, in overtime, to give the Devils a 2-1 victory.

Devils 6, Hurricanes 2  
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Patrik Elias scored twice, and streaking New Jersey matched its season high with three power-play goals.

Michael Rupp, John Madden and Turner Stewart also scored, as the Devils extended their season-high unbeaten streak to seven games (6-0-1).

Bruins 4, Blackhawks 2  
ST. LOUIS — Eric Boguniecki set up two goals in a 44-second span of the third period for Louis.

From Martin Rucinsky's benchkick, Boguniecki's forecheck and beat rookie goalie Mike Leighton at 4:17 of the third period for a 1-1 tie. Alexander Kwiatkowski scored on a one-timer off Boguniecki's setup from behind the net at 5:01.

Predators 3, Oilers 2  
EDMONTON, Alberta — Andy Delmore scored 3:35 into overtime as Nashville rallied to beat Edmonton.

Delmore beat Jussi Markkanen from the slot for his 15th goal, to lift the Predators to their fourth straight victory over the Oilers.

Mighty Ducks 1, Wild 0  
ST. PAUL, Minn. — Jean Sebastian Giguere made 33 saves in his league-leading sixth shutout and Paul Kariya scored the only goal for Anaheim.

Giguere, who posted his 14th career shutout, is tied with Chicago's Jocelyn Thibault with six this season.

Sabres 1, Coyotes 0  
PHOENIX — Curtis Brown scored a short-handed goal early in the third period for a surging Buffalo beat slumping Phoenix.

Martin Biron had 30 saves for his second shutout of the season and 13th of his four-year career.

Iverson leads Philadelphia past Jordan, Wizards

WASHINGTON (AP) — Allen Iverson scored 26 points and the Philadelphia 76ers held off a late rally led by Michael Jordan to beat the Washington Wizards 88-80 Saturday night.

Eric Snow matched his season-high with 19 points, and Keith Van Horn had 17 points and 11 rebounds for the 76ers, who won for only the second time in nine games.

Jordan scored 25 points on 10-of-25 shooting, and he had seven points and two assists among constant double teams in the final five minutes as the Wizards cut a 12-point deficit to two.

Knicks 95, Hawks 92  
ATLANTA — Clarence Weatherston scored a season-high 18 off the bench and Allan Houston added 24 as the New York Knicks won for the second

time in five games. Jason Terry missed a 3-pointer with a couple of seconds left that would've tied it.

Glenn Robinson finished with 27 for the Hawks, who lost their fourth straight. They had won two in a row at home.

Trailing 94-92 with 18 seconds left, Atlanta had a chance to take the lead. But Shareef Abdur-Rahim shot an airball from about 10 feet, and New York point guard Charlie Ward corralled the rebound.

Pacers 88, Pistons 86  
INDIANAPOLIS — Jermaine O'Neal scored 17 points and hit the winning jumper as time expired, a shot that officials reviewed for about 15 minutes before ruling O'Neal had gotten it off on time.

Officials Joe DeRosa, Jess Kersey and Courtney Kirkland studied the replay, talked with the coaches and then headed to

midcourt for more discussion before making their decision.

The NBA added instant replay this year, permitting officials to review plays in the final few seconds of any quarter.

Heat 102, Bulls 101, 2 OT  
MIAMI — Jason Grant's layup with 7.6 seconds left in the second overtime gave the Miami Heat a win over the Chicago Bulls, who have now lost 19 straight on the road.

The Bulls had a chance win at the buzzer, but Jalen Rose's 22-foot jumper rolled off the rim. Eddie Jones assisted on the decisive basket following a wild sequence of events after Grant missed two free throws with 16.6 seconds remaining and the Heat down 101-100.

The rebound from the second missed free throw was batted beyond midcourt, but Miami's Mike James made an over-the-head save, and the ball ended up

in Jones' hands. While driving to the basket, Jones found Grant for the open layup.

Celtics 97, Bucks 95  
MILWAUKEE — Antoine Walker scored 25 points and Paul Pierce made a key jumper with 35.9 seconds left as the Boston Celtics won their third straight.

Kedrick Brown added a career-high 14 points and 10 rebounds in his first start for the Celtics, who had lost eight of 10 before their modest winning streak.

Jazz 95, Cavaliers 78  
SALT LAKE CITY — Matt Harpring scored 22 points as the Utah Jazz won their fourth straight.

Calbert Cheaney, who hadn't reached double figures in five games, added 13 points for the Jazz, who needed a big second half to send the Cavs to their fourth consecutive loss.

Aussie Baddeley takes control at Sony Open

HONOLULU (AP) — Aaron Baddeley took three years to reach the PGA Tour. He looked like he was in a hurry Saturday to win his first event at the Sony Open.

The 21-year-old Golf Aussie quickly built a five-stroke lead over a collection of world-class players and finished with a 5-under 65 to knock his distance over Ernie Els.

Baddeley, who won back-to-back Australian Open titles as a teenager, kept his cool when his swing deserted him down the stretch, making four par saves on the 15th and 16th holes as the Big Easy was making a run. Baddeley was at 15 under 195 and was two strokes clear of Els, who had a 66. Robert Gomez, who hasn't won since his rookie

season 12 years ago, had a 65 and joined Chris DiMarco (69) and Bryn Baird (67) at 10 under 200.

Els is coming off an eight-stroke victory in the Mercedes Championships, where he set a PGA Tour record at 11 under par. He is trying to become the first player since Steve Jones in 1981 to win the first two tournaments of the year.

play in the third round of the Dunhill Championship, with Wales' Bradley Dredge and South Africa's Bradford Vaughan sharing the lead.

Dredge and Vaughan were 13 under on the Houghton course. Vaughan was 5 under for the round through 12 holes, while Dredge was 2 under through nine holes.

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The third-ranked Huskies got 27 points from All-American Mike Dineen. The rest of the team had a poor first-half shooting performance in a 72-49 win over Georgetown for their 55th straight win, surpassing the mark of 54 wins set by Louisiana Tech from 1990-92.

With 30 seconds remaining, the crowd of 16,294 at the Hartford Civic Center began a standing ovation.

"We're the program ever to do it," Thomas said. "I think it feels great, and now we can put it behind us. I think we set a new standard of play."

For a program that has dominated the sport for the last five years, it seemed like breaking the Lady Techsters' record would be only a matter of time.

UConn holds the Division I men's record with an 88-game winning streak from 1971-74. In the past three seasons, the Huskies have a 123-4 record under coach Geno Auriemma, now in his 18th year. Auriemma, who has had a migraine headache since Friday, left immediately after the game and did not attend the postgame news conference.

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From left, Connecticut's Am Strother, Morgan Valley, Maria Conlon and Stacey Maron were to the crowd at the Hartford Civic Center, after making NCAA Division I history with their 55th consecutive win Saturday.

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EPA and USDA leadership together announced last month that all confined feeding animal operations will be required to obtain permits to ensure these operations protect the integrity of America's waterways from wastewater and manure by controlling runoff.

Nationally, this new regulation means that all CAFOs will be required to develop nutrient management plans and will have to address water quality issues.

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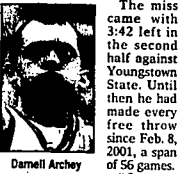
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**SPORTS**

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**NCAA consecutive free throw record ends at 85**

**INDIANAPOLIS** — Darnell Archey of Butler missed a foul shot Saturday, ending his NCAA Division I record of 85 consecutive free throws.



The miss came with 3:42 left in the second half against Youngstown State. Until then he had made every free throw since Feb. 8, 2001, a span of 56 games.

"Once I missed, it kind of hurt," Archey said after a 64-60 win. "I wanted to get 100. I kind of didn't react to it for a while, for 10 or 15 seconds. Then I looked up and thought, 'It's over. We've got a game to win,'" he said. "So I just tried to pick up the pressure on defense, and I think we responded very pretty well."

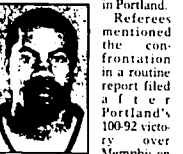
Archey hit his first 44 foul shots this season, including the first on a two-point foul Saturday. His second shot bounced off the right side of the rim.

Immediately after the game, at the urging of teammate Joel Cornette, Archey came back on the court and hit a ceremonial free throw as players from both teams applauded and the Hinkle Fieldhouse crowd of 7,268 chanted, "Ar-hey, Ar-hey."

Two weeks ago, he broke the previous Division I record of 73 in a row set in 2000-01 by Villanova's Gary Buchanan. The all-division record is 94 by Paul Claxton of Division II Northern Kentucky in 1996-97.

**NBA suspends Wallace for seven games**

**NEW YORK** — Trail Blazers forward Rasheed Wallace was suspended Saturday for seven games without pay for confronting and threatening a referee outside the Rose Garden in Portland.



Referees mentioned the confrontation in a routine report filed after the Portland's 100-92 victory over Memphis on Wednesday night.

"He accosted a referee and threatened him," NBA senior vice president Stu Jackson said during a conference call Saturday.

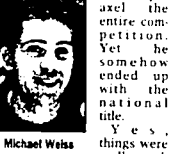
Jackson refused to elaborate on the confrontation, which happened after the game in the arena's loading dock, where players and other game personnel park their cars.

Jackson said there was no physical contact between Wallace and referee Tim Donahue.

The Trail Blazers had no immediate comment.

**Weiss wins third U.S. title on ugly afternoon**

**DALLAS** — Michael Weiss splatted on a quadruple lutz and didn't do a triple axel the entire competition. Yet he somehow ended fourth with the national title.



Yes, things were really really ugly at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships on Saturday.

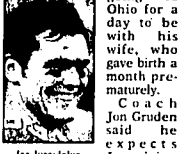
In an afternoon filled with splits, splats and technical difficulties, Weiss won his third title, "Quad King" Tim Goebel couldn't land a quad, and the rankings got so shook up the judges' heads are still spinning.

Goebel, the Olympic bronze medalist, led after the short program, yet dropped to second overall after an ugly free skate that included zero-count em, zero-clean quadruple jumps. He finished third in the free skate.

The weirdness didn't stop there. Little-known Ryan Janicki vaulted all the way from sixth to third, getting help from Johnny Weir and Matt Savoie, who rounded out the top three after the short.

**Bucs expect Jurevicius to play Sunday vs. Philly**

**PHILADELPHIA** — Tampa Bay wide receiver Joe Jurevicius "rejoined the Buccaneers on Saturday after going to Ohio to be with his wife, who gave birth a month prematurely."



Coach Jon Gruden said he expects Jurevicius to play Sunday when the Bucs face the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFC championship game.

Jurevicius, signed as a free agent from the New York Giants in the offseason, was Tampa Bay's fourth-leading receiver in the regular season with 37 catches for 423 yards and four touchdowns. He had a 20-yard TD catch in last week's 31-26 playoff win over San Francisco.

**Defending champs knock off No. 1 Duke**

**COLLEGE PARK, Md.** — Maryland made its new arena feel more like home by knocking off No. 1 Duke, the last undefeated team in the country.

Drew Nicholas scored 24 points, and newcomers John Gilchrist and Jamar Smith scored all the points during a 100-second-half run that helped the 17th-ranked Terrapins knock off the Blue Devils 87-72 Saturday.

It was the second straight year Maryland prevailed at home when Duke was No. 1, and it came at the new Comcast Center, which sounded a lot like Cole Field House when the final buzzer sounded and the students rushed the floor.

Cole, which opened in 1955 and had a capacity of 14,500, was the place where Maryland beat six No. 1 teams. The 17,950-seat Comcast Center, which opened in November, got its first taste of the Terrapins beating a top-ranked team.

**San Diego State edges Utah 58-56**

**SAN DIEGO** — Mike Mackell and Tony Bland each scored 13 points as San Diego State topped Utah 58-56 on Saturday to end a 14-game losing streak to the Utes in the Mountain West Conference.

Down 56-54, Utah had a chance to tie the game coming out of a timeout with 19.6 seconds left. But Nick Jacobson missed a 15-foot jumper, and the Arcey Arcey State focused on the rebound with 5.4 seconds left.

Sanders made two free throws to seal San Diego State's first victory over the Utes since Jan. 22, 1994, when the Arcey prevented 76-73 at home.

Compiled from wire reports



The North squad's Larry Johnson (5) of Penn State is pushed by the South's Andre Woolfolk (17) of Oklahoma in the first half of the Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala., on Saturday. The North beat the South 17-0. Johnson was named the game's Most Valuable Player.

**North stars acclaimed**

**Penn St.'s Johnson earns Senior Bowl MVP**

**MOBILE, Ala. (AP)** — Notre Dame's big-play specialist Shane Walton returned a fourth-quarter interception 95 yards for a touchdown as the North won 17-0 in Saturday's Senior Bowl.

Walton outshined some of college football's biggest offensive names, picking off Texas star Chris Simms at the goal line and racing untouched down the left sideline with 9:13 left in the game.

It was the longest return in Senior Bowl history, topping Fred Weary's 57-yarder in the 1998 game. The game is a showcase for top senior NFL prospects.

Penn State's Larry Johnson carried 10 times for a game-high 73 yards for the North and was named the game's MVP.

The South's star-studded offense was mostly done in by mistakes, with three turnovers and a missed field goal keeping the North shut out.

The defense, led by Walton and Penn State's Michael Haynes, did what nobody could during the regular season: contain Slims, Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer of Southern California and Texas Tech's Cliff Kingsbury, the nation's leading passer.

Slims took over at the North 21-yard line after TCU's

Lamarion McDougle recovered a botched snap. The South advanced to the 8 before Walton stepped in front of a pass intended for Talmage Green of Florida State.

Walton picked off seven passes for Notre Dame, returning a pair for touchdowns, and made huge special teams plays against Nebraska and USC.

Colorado State's Cecil Sapp rushed for an 8-yard touchdown and Brooks Barnard of Maryland kicked a 22-yard field goal for the North. Barnard's kick against Nebraska was a 45-yard drive that lasted nearly eight minutes, ending with 2:43 left in the third.

Palmer led the South into North territory on the first three series, coming up empty each time. He underthrew a pass at the end zone on fourth down on a missed 45-yard Damon Duval field goal on the second.

Then, on fourth-and-inches, Gardner couldn't handle the ball on an end around from the North 40 to end the next try and Palmer's day.

The South blew another first-half drive when Malacou MacKenzie of USC fumbled on his first carry late at the North 36.

**Yao-Shaq shows NBA's past, present and future**

By Chris Sheridan Associated Press writer

**HOUSTON** — The greatest centers of two previous generations, Moses Malone and Hakeem Olajuwon, had front row seats to see the NBA's present meet its future.

And when the final buzzer sounded on a night when Yao Ming played his first game against Shaquille O'Neal, the old arena along Highway 59 rocked the way it did back in the Rockets' championship seasons in the early '80s and mid '90s.

"I've seen it on TV enough for 20 years to know that was an atmosphere like the finals," Houston's Steve Francis said. "It was thick. It was intense."

It was a night to remember for the NBA, a league that for decades was defined by its most dominant big men: George Mikan, Bill Russell, Wilt Chamberlain, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Shaq.

Soon, it could be Yao.

The 7-foot-6 rookie center from China did not disappoint any of the hundreds of millions of viewers who tuned in for the beginning or the end of Houston's 108-104 overtime victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Friday night.

Moments after walking onto the floor smiling and grinning, Yao was rejecting O'Neal's first three shots and making three of his own.

Yao capped his night with the game's most decisive bucket — a dunk off a pass from Francis with 10.2 seconds left that gave Houston a four-point lead.

There were 49 minutes of mediocrity in between Yao's fantastic start and his flourish of a finish, but that will not be the reason why this game is remembered.

Instead, it'll go down as the night the league's Next Big Thing met its Big Everything and proudly held his own.

Some of the snapshot moments between the two giants were priceless.

Yao hunched over in exhaustion a few minutes after his fast start, the enormity of his task and the intensity of the moment so dramatically visible on his face.

O'Neal, in overtime, wearing the same look of determination he usually saves for the finals, dunking so powerfully over Yao that the basket support and the



Houston center Yao Ming, of China, meets Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal at the start of the game Friday in Houston.

shot clock above it shook violently.

The two centers met after the final buzzer for a respectful handshake and hug, each having done so much to further their mutual admiration.

"Yao Ming is my brother. The

Asian people are like my brothers," said O'Neal, whose presence drew protesters angry over a mock Chinese accent he used when referring to Yao in an interview last summer. "I grew up, an Army kid. I grew up around Asians, around whites, around browns. It was a bad joke. Don't try to make a racial war out of it."

"Because of what I suspect, 500 million people saw this game. You ought to thank me for my marketing skills," O'Neal said.

Yao's final line of 10 points, 10 rebounds and six blocks did not exactly measure up to O'Neal's 23 points, 13 rebounds and four assists.

But no one really expected Yao to outproduce O'Neal.

The curiosity factor centered on whether he could match up against the most dominant and powerful player in the game.

"He got some credibility tonight," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said.

To say this game was on Yao's racket for a while would be a vast understatement.

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# SEASON again

## Volunteers get ready to launch into tax-counseling

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Without the free help of tax-return volunteers, 81-year-old Gertrude Ellis and her husband would be paying a professional to prepare their tax returns.

But for two or three years, the Ellises have turned to AARP Tax-Aide volunteers at tax time.

"It just solved our problem. We had no difficulties at all," the Twin Falls woman said. The service, she said, was simple and didn't cost a cent. "Everything just went fine with us."

Ellis and her husband had tax issues related to their recent marriage and to the sale of property, she said. No problem for the volunteers who completed their returns.

"We couldn't have done it," Ellis said.

The Ellises plan another AARP Tax-Aide appointment this year. And they'll be able to make that appointment soon.

More than 40 AARP Tax-Aide volunteers completed a two-week training course in Twin Falls Friday in preparation for the February launch of the program's 35th year of providing free federal, state and local tax assistance to low- and middle-income taxpayers, said Bob Parrish, who handles communications for the program in Magic Valley.

The nonprofit AARP Foundation administers the program in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service.

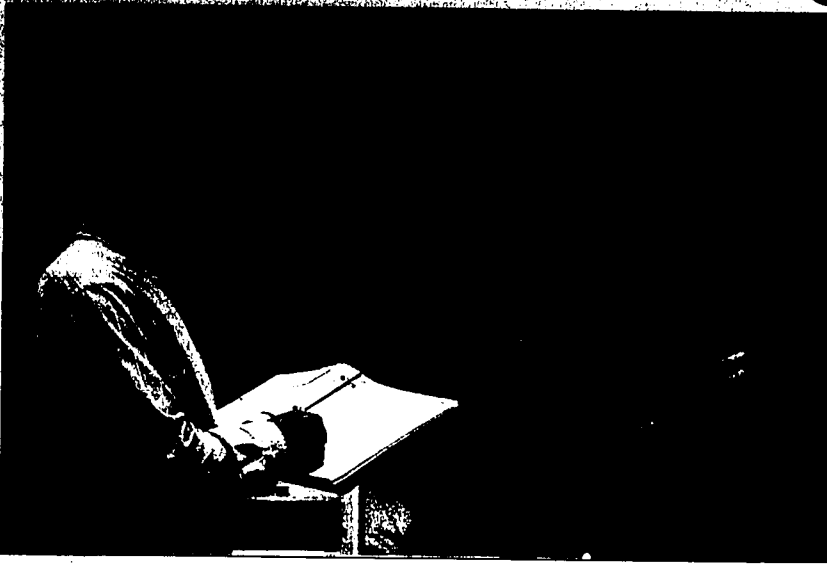
The volunteers can prepare basic tax forms (1040, 1040X and 1040EZ) and help folks figure out their filing status, dependent eligibility and the like. They can help determine whether income—such as wages, tips, interest, lottery winnings and such—is taxable or not. They can complete forms for simple capital gain distributions and a few investment transactions if the client has current records.

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers can also prepare simple schedules for self-employed taxpayers whose businesses carry no inventory of depreciable assets, determine whether standard or itemized deductions will be most beneficial, compute certain tax credits, and do some other tax-related tasks.

But the volunteers can't do everything.

They aren't allowed to prepare tax returns involving nonreimbursed employee business expenses, casualty, and their loss or computation of tax using more than 10 years of averaging in lump-sum distributions, or complex capital gain or loss transactions. They can't prepare complex business or farm returns. They can't prepare employment tax returns. And they can't prepare returns

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Val Clements, a tax auditor with the Idaho State Tax Commission, teaches a group of volunteers the finer points of state tax code during a training session for the AARP Tax-Aide program. Volunteers are trained to prepare taxes for low- and middle-income taxpayers.

## IRS makes help available in T.F. beginning Jan. 28

**The Times-News**  
TWIN FALLS - Puzzled by your tax forms? Let the pros help. Taxpayers can get tax help from the Internal Revenue Service at 1038 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Suite C (that's in the Idaho State Tax Commission office, behind the Big 5 Sporting Goods store) every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from Jan. 28 through Feb. 27.

Hours of service:  
• Tuesdays - 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
• Wednesdays - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
• Thursdays - 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
"Taxpayers want convenient services," IRS spokeswoman Shawn George said. "That is what we are trying to offer - in-person service in a convenient location."

Help includes tax forms, answers to tax questions, assistance solving federal tax problems, and courtesy basic return preparation for lower-income taxpayers, generally those with incomes of \$35,000 and less. George encourages those intending to take advantage of the courtesy return preparation to bring all relevant information, including Social Security cards

for each person listed on the tax return; their tax booklets; all wage and earnings statements (Forms W-2); interest and dividend statements (Forms 1099); copies of last year's tax returns; and any other information concerning income and expenses for 2002.

If filing jointly, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms for e-filing.

## Law changes affect how you calculate education benefits

**The Associated Press**  
WASHINGTON - Taxpayers will find a new deduction for 2002 college expenses and tax law changes that make it easier to save for education and to manage state tuition savings plans known as 529s. There's also a pair of education tax credits that can be subtracted from your tax bill. But it's not easy to navigate the thicker of changes that went into effect last year for education expenses. Income ceilings usually apply, and you may wish to look ahead to 2003's education costs or consult a tax professional to see what tax benefits are best to take in 2002.

At the top of the list of new benefits: a deduction of up to \$3,000 for last year's college or post-secondary tuition and fees for a taxpayer, spouse or dependent. But only taxpayers with incomes of up to \$65,000 for single filers or \$130,000 for couples filing jointly can claim the deduction. Another cut that can be deducted: Up to \$2,500 of interest paid on an education loan. Before 2002, only the first 60 months of interest on a loan repayment could be deducted. That limit was removed for 2002. Here, too, income limits apply. See Publication 970.

## Study guide for education tax benefits

Here are some of the credits and deductions that can be claimed for education expenses. Comprehensive descriptions can be found at the Web site of the Internal Revenue Service.

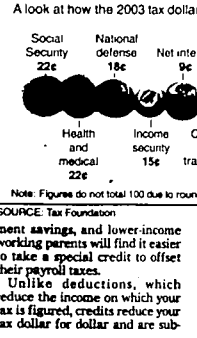
Type	Amount	Notes
Hope credit	Up to \$1,500 per student	Only applicable for students in the first two years of college or other post-secondary program. Must be enrolled for at least half the school's normal workload.
Lifetime Learning credit	Up to \$1,000 credit per family	No enrollment requirement, so it can be claimed for a single course.
Student Loan Interest deduction	Up to \$2,500	Qualifying expenses other than tuition include books, supplies, transportation, room and board.
Tuition and Fees deduction	Up to \$3,000	Does not apply if income is more than \$65,000 (\$130,000 for joint returns).
Coverdell Education Savings Account	Contribution increased this year from \$500 to \$2,000	Qualified expenses expanded to include accredited elementary or secondary public, private or religious schools.

SOURCE: Internal Revenue Service. AP

## Taxpayers see changes based on \$1.35 trillion tax cut

**The Associated Press**  
WASHINGTON - The big news for taxpayers preparing their 2002 tax returns this spring is a bevy of new incentives - to save for college and retirement, to file returns electronically and to plan for a more secure financial future. Many Americans will see changes this filing season as a result of the complex, \$1.35 trillion tax cut that went into effect in 2001. In fact, change will be the rule for the decade as the law's 441 tax provisions are phased in each year through 2010 and Congress considers new proposals to stimulate the economy by further tinkering with the tax code.

## The 2003 tax dollar



But those who held on to losing mutual fund shares may be shocked to learn that they might nevertheless owe capital gains taxes on those losses. And home owners who took advantage of 2002's record-low interest rates to refinance mortgages need to be careful as they deduct mortgage costs. Guides to the new tax provisions include IRS Publication 17, "Your Federal Income Tax 2002," and Publication 553, "Highlights of 2002 Tax Changes," available online at www.irs.gov or by calling 1 (800) 829-3676 (1-800-TAX-FORM). Failure to keep up with each year's available tax deductions comes at a steep price. Last year, for example, the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm, estimated that 2.2 million taxpayers overpaid their 1998 taxes an average of \$438 per return - a total of \$945 million - because they took the

standard deduction instead of itemizing real estate taxes, charitable contributions, personal property taxes, mortgage interest and state and local income taxes. Not only should taxpayers educate themselves on the new provisions for 2002 taxes, they may also wish to look ahead to 2003 or consult a tax professional to see what tax benefits might be best to take on this year's returns. "Tax and financial planning does not end on April 15," said Mark Ernst, chairman and chief executive of tax preparation giant H&R Block. "Taxpayers should seek the advice of tax and financial professionals who team all year for the annual tax Olympics." Last year, many taxpayers received bigger-than-usual refunds on their 2001 taxes, mostly due to a lowering of tax rates and expanded child tax credits.

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For more information about the 2003 filing season, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

**First Senior Care Help**  
Bismarck, 705 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls - 83307 p.m.  
Monday, Friday, and 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; including counseling in Spanish; e-filing available; wait-ins welcome; for appointments in English call 733-8542; in Spanish call 736-7087.

**Senior Citizens Center**, 616 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; including Basque on Tuesday; e-filing available; appointments available at 734-5094.

**Valley Vista Village**, 653 Rose St. N., Twin Falls - 1-4 p.m. Thursday; e-filing available; appointments available at 733-3500.

**West End Senior Center**, 1010 Main St., Duni - 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday; e-filing available; appointments preferred; call 543-4577.

**First Senior Home**, 222 Main St., Filer - 8-11 a.m. Thursday; e-filing available; appointments preferred; call 326-4608.

**Agape Senior Center**, 310 Main St. N., Kimberly - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday; Thursday if needed; e-filing available; appointments preferred; call 423-4338.

**Judicial Recreation Center**, 2395 Progressive Road, Jackpot, Nev. - 3-5 p.m. Thursday; including Spanish; e-filing available; appointments available at (775) 755-2653.

**St. Jerome's Catholic Church**, 216 Second Ave. E., Jerome - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday; including Spanish; no e-filing; walk-ins only.

**Jerome Senior Center**, 212 First Ave. E., Jerome - appointments required; call 324-5162; no e-filing.

**Three Island Senior Center**, 510 E. Cleveland, Glenns Ferry - 1-4 p.m. Monday; e-filing available; appointments preferred; call 306-2051.

**Robert Senior Citizen Center**, 1022 W. St., Rupert - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday; e-filing available; appointments preferred; call 436-6679.

**Golden Heritage Senior Center**, 2421 Overland, Burley - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday; e-filing available; appointments preferred; call 876-8648.

**Blaine County Senior Center**, 721 Third Ave. S., Halsey - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday; e-filing available; appointments preferred; call 788-3468.

**Hagerman Senior Center**, 140 Lake Ave. E., Hagerman - 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday; including Spanish; e-filing available; appointments preferred; call 837-9178.

**United Methodist Church**, 175 E. Main, Wendell - 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday; e-filing available; appointments required; call 536-6561.

**Gooding Senior Center**, 308 Senior Ave., Gooding - 9 a.m. to noon Monday and Wednesday; e-filing available; appointments preferred; call 534-5504.

**Fairfield Senior Center**, 127 Willow, Fairfield - 9 a.m. to noon first Tuesday each month; e-filing available; appointments preferred; call 784-2226.

**Golden Years Senior Center**, 218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday; e-filing available; appointments preferred; call 880-7399.

For more information about AARP Tax-Aide, contact local coordinator Bob Wunderle at 837-9178 or by e-mail at [taxhelp@prn.org](mailto:taxhelp@prn.org).

# YOUR BUSINESS

## United Heritage Mutual signs deal with Sublimity

TWIN FALLS — United Heritage Mutual Holding Co., which has agents in Twin Falls, Gooding and Jerome — said it has signed a "mutual holding company merger agreement" with Sublimity Insurance Co.

By affiliating with the Oregon-based company, United Heritage of Boise said it will expand its integrated financial services networks as one of the largest insurance providers in the Northwest.

According to Dennis Johnson, president and chief executive of United Heritage, the affiliation will more than double the size of United Heritage's property and casualty insurance business and will add auto insurance to its P&C product line.

The affiliation is an agreement that will both strengthen United Heritage's presence in Oregon and give Sublimity's customers access to new insurance and financial services products, United Heritage said.

## Jaker's Restaurants move to nonsmoking

TWIN FALLS — Jaker's Restaurants, based in Missoula, Mont., is one of the converting its restaurant and bar facilities to nonsmoking.

The first to go nonsmoking was Great Falls, Mont. The Twin Falls restaurant and bar went nonsmoking in September, as did the Red Robin in Billings, Mont. The Missoula restaurant will do so at the end of February. Jaker's of Boise and Idaho Falls will go with smoke-free facilities soon.

Jack Jones, principal owner, said he is pleased with the results so far.

"Many of our regular customers have thanked me for going nonsmoking because they enjoy dining in our lounge areas without the smoke, and I'm especially pleased about our Twin Falls restaurant," Jones said.

## Subway earns No. 1 spot in Franchise 500 list

TWIN FALLS — For the 11th

## year, Subway ranks No. 1 in Entrepreneur magazine's annual Franchise 500 as reported in the January edition.



Nationally, Subway ranked No. 1 in 2002 with sales reaching record levels, franchise growth exceeding that of any franchise company — with more than 4,000 franchises sold in one year — and franchisee profitability at the highest level ever, Subway said.

Entrepreneur's criteria for ranking franchises include the financial strength and stability of the business, its growth rate, number of years in business and length of time franchising, among others.

Subway, a submarine sandwich franchise, has more than 17,000 locations in 74 countries. Ten Subway stores are in the Twin Falls region.

## Wells Fargo customers can receive e-mail statements

TWIN FALLS — Wells Fargo

announced that its savings, checking and brokerage account customers can now choose to replace the paper statements they receive in the mail with e-mail statements they can receive online.

Customers who choose the free option will receive monthly e-mail notifications that their latest online statement is available. They can then download the online versions and save or print them. In addition, trade confirmations are now available online.

In a customer survey, Wells Fargo conducted last month, 90 percent said they would like to view their statements online, the company said. Wells Fargo previously offered the service strictly to mortgage and student loan customers.

## Auto and tire repair service is open in Shoshone

SHOSHONE — Wells Fargo Automotive and Tire Repair — at 106 S. Birch, across from Wells Fargo Bank and next to the old Napa Auto Parts store — is owned and operated by Gene Lee.

## Verizon Wireless in 2002 awarded more than \$400,000 in HopeLine program grants to agencies addressing domestic violence in Idaho and 11 other Western states.

HopeLine is an initiative to raise awareness and aid in prevention of domestic violence through grants, product and service donations, education, events and partnerships with non-profit organizations.

Grants awarded in 2002 support a variety of services including playing therapy for abused children, bilingual counseling for victims, legal advocacy, counseling for abusers and community outreach and education.

## CONTRIBUTION

HopeLine wireless phones with one year of prepaid air time to domestic violence agencies in the 12 states distributed hundreds of free posters to businesses to help raise awareness of the impact of domestic violence on employees; and collected thousands of used phones to benefit victims of domestic violence.

In addition to the grants, the company has committed 2,000 HopeLine wireless phones with one year of prepaid air time to domestic violence agencies in the 12 states distributed hundreds of free posters to businesses to help raise awareness of the impact of domestic violence on employees; and collected thousands of used phones to benefit victims of domestic violence.

The very recent introductory rate is available through Feb. 28. Individuals can apply on the Internet at usbank.com or by visiting a U.S. Bank branch.

## CAREER MOVES

### School employees

PAUL — Paul Elementary School announced its employees of the year for classified and certified positions. Each will receive flowers and a monetary bonus.

Ralph Walquist was certified employee of the year. Walquist teaches fifth grade at Paul Elementary, where he has taught for 19 years. He has been a teacher since 1973. In resource, first-grade, fourth-grade and junior-high classes.

He is also the school's coin paper specialist, spending many nights and weekends working out problems and computer glitches.

Walquist's wife is a kindergarten teacher at Dworshak Elementary School in Burley.

Debbie Christensen was classified employee of the year. She is head custodian at Paul Elementary and has been at the school for three years. She has

been employed with the Minidoka County School District for 17 years, previously working at West Minico Junior High School and Big Valley Elementary School.

Christensen has three children and one grandchild.

Glenn Simmons was U.S. Cellular appointed Glenn Simmons director of sales in southeastern Idaho.

Simmons will maintain customer satisfaction over sales operations and distribution and manage the company's 60 local associates in its 12 retail and 35 agent locations.

Simmons joins the Idaho U.S. Cellular team from Wichita Falls, Texas, where he was area sales manager for U.S. Cellular since 1998. During his career at U.S. Cellular, Simmons has been district sales manager and agent manager in Wichita Falls and retail sales manager in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Simmons lives in Idaho Falls.

Tammy Broadhead was chosen certified employee of the year at Big Valley Elementary School in Rupert.

Broadhead teaches fifth grade at Big Valley, where she has worked for two years. She has been employed by Minidoka County School District for 16 years, teaching kindergarten, first, second and third grades, as

well as the Discovery financial program for gifted and talented children.

Broadhead is involved in the Invent Idaho competition and has organized the Invention Convention for the district for the past three years. She serves on the district Accelerated Reading committee and the district language arts adoption committee. Broadhead organized a "Stomp-A-Thon" at Big Valley to raise money for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life last spring and plans the event again this year.

Broadhead is also the staff representative with the Parents and Children Together organization at Big Valley.

Broadhead and her husband, Glen, have three children.

Jesse Torres was chosen classified employee of the year at Big Valley Elementary School.

Torres is in his fourth year at Big Valley. RUPERT — Jesse Torres was chosen classified employee of the year at Big Valley Elementary School. Torres is in his fourth year at Big Valley.

where he works as a teacher's aide. He works with students who are in the new-arrivals program along with migrant and Title I students. He makes numerous calls to parents making sure they are informed of the needs their children have at school. He also serves as a translator, helping parents who don't speak English, as well as translating documents into Spanish when needed.

Previously he worked as a custodian for Minidoka County School District.

Torres is also on the board of the Idaho Migrant Council and is a member of Idaho Community Action Center. He has taught English-as-a-second-language classes at the College of Southern Idaho's Mini-Cassia center.

Torres and his wife, Adriana, have four children.

## NYSE executive will speak at Idaho college

The Times-News

CALDWELL — William R. Johnston, former president and chief operating officer of the New York Stock Exchange and current senior adviser to the chairman of the NYSE, will give a public presentation at 7 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Kathryn Albertson International Center on the Albertson College of Idaho campus.

Johnston, who was president of the NYSE from 1996 to 2002, will discuss the future structure of the securities market and how securities will be traded in the future. The title of his presentation is "What's New at the NYSE."

The presentation is free and open to the public.

Prior to his positions with the

NYSE, Johnston was senior managing director of LaBranche & Co., chairman of the board and chief executive of Agora Securities Inc., and senior vice president and director of Investment, Jones & Tempton Inc.

A member of the Exchange since 1964, Johnston has served on the Market Performance Committee, the Personnel Policy and Compensation Committee, and the Financial & Operational Surveillance Committee, as well

as the Exchange's Executive Committee and the Quality of Markets Committee. Johnston has also chaired the subcommittee on floor facilities and was a director of the NYSE Foundation.

Johnston is currently president of the Floor Member Outreach Committee, a member of the National Organization of Investment Professionals, and treasurer and director of the Cancer Research and Treatment Fund. He is on the advisory board of the Lubin Business School of Pace University and a trustee emeritus of Washington and Lee University.

For more information, call Eric Cardenas, Albertson College director of communication, at 459-5811.

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# Changes

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The \$500 per-child credit went to \$600, and many parents were able to take an additional refundable child tax credit that decreased as income rose.

But the Treasury Department said more than 600,000 taxpayers who appeared eligible for the refundable credit didn't take it, perhaps because of confusion over whether they qualified. The IRS notified these taxpayers of their possible eligibility for the credit last year, and advised them to file an amended 2001 return if they qualified.

For 2002 returns it's easier for working parents to qualify for the earned income credit, which reduces some, all or even more than the taxes taken out of paychecks of lower-income workers during the year. New rules allow taxpayers to subtract tax-exempt income from the figure on which the credit is calculated.

Americans who took advantage of lower mortgage interest rates to refinance their homes will have to be careful in taking deductions for mortgage costs.

Though mortgage interest is generally deductible in the year paid, only those "points" — a point is a lender's fee equal to 1 percent of the loan principal — for the portion of the refinancing that funded home improvements can be fully deducted for 2002. Mortgage closing costs aren't deductible.

For taxpayers faced with college costs, there's a new \$3,000 deduction for higher education tuition and fees, two tax credits that apply to education costs, and new provisions that allow distributions from qualified tuition programs like section 529s to be tax-free if used for qualifying education expenses. Also, a 529 can be rolled over to another qualified tuition plan once in a 12-month period without incurring a tax obligation.

Educators also get a new tax break: Teachers in public and private elementary and secondary schools can subtract up to \$250 of qualified classroom expenses when figuring their 2002 adjusted gross income.

Retirees with an eye to retirement will find it's not too late to take advantage of several new tax provisions for retirement savings.

The limit on tax-deferred contributions to Individual Retirement Accounts has increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000, and 2002 contributions for eligible IRAs can be made as late as April 15, 2003, when tax returns are due. People 50 and older can make additional "catch-up" contributions of 5000 to \$1,000, depending on the type of retirement plan.

There's less paperwork this year for reporting interest and dividend income. Previously, taxpayers with interest or dividend income of more than \$400 had to file Schedule B or Schedule 1 with their 1040 or 1040A tax returns. For 2002, taxpayers with more than \$1,500 of interest

or dividend income need to file those schedules. That will mean less paperwork for about 15 million taxpayers, according to the IRS.

Tax rates dropped for 2001, and the top four income tax rates fell again for 2002 — to 38.6 percent, 35 percent, 30 percent and 27 percent. The new 10 percent tax rate for 2001 is reflected in the 2002 tax tables, so there's no need to make a separate computation — as there was for 2001 — to get that benefit.

Taxpayers who weathered the stock market's downward spiral last year might not expect to pay a capital gains tax on stock or mutual funds, since those assets probably lost value. But a loss can only be claimed on an asset if the taxpayer disposed of the asset during 2002 for less than its cost.

Even then, the amount of net capital loss that may be subtracted on line 13 of form 1040 is limited to \$3,000 for the year. Excess loss must be carried over to future tax years.

Taxpayers who held on to losing mutual funds might even have to pay capital gains tax on those losses if the fund's portfolio manager sold some of a fund's holdings during the year at a profit.

If you've got a portfolio that's taken on a check of a slide this year, you don't have a loss until you sell it," said Don Roberts, an IRS spokesman. "All the ups and downs that occurred during the year don't affect your taxes."

Taxpayers who itemize deductions should keep careful records. For example, for any single charitable contribution of \$250 or more, you must have a receipt from the charity.

Retirees may also claim a deduction for medical and dental expenses that exceed 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income. Here, too, it pays to keep good records, especially for expenses many taxpayers overlook: birth control pills, eyeglasses, hearing aids and batteries, transportation to obtain medical care, weight loss programs for obesity.

Over the next few years, a number of tax changes are scheduled to be implemented, as a result of the sweeping 2001 tax cut.

For instance, the top federal estate tax rate decreased for 2002 from 55 percent to 50 percent and is being phased out gradually until 2010, when it is to be eliminated. Income tax rates are slated to drop again, beginning in 2004. Child tax credits will increase, as will children's tax credits. Contribution ceilings on retirement savings also will rise, further encouraging Americans to save for the future.

Such changes suggest taxpayers should look down the road, but figure out how best to take advantage of tax provisions that affect their financial future. "They've got to sit down and discipline themselves to do some planning," said Roberts. "There's a whole lot of stuff to take a look at."

## Electronic Tax Returns

Why file a return if you're not sure you'll owe taxes, but where you live you don't know how much you pay? The tax burden is a measurement expressed as the percentage of income that is spent on taxes. It doesn't just include income tax, but all other taxes such as sales tax and property tax.

2002 Rank/State	State	and local All	2002 Rank/State	State	and local All
	tax rate	tax rate		tax rate	tax rate
1. Maine	12.8%	32.7%	26. North Dakota	10.2%	29.5%
2. New York	12.9%	34.7	27. Delaware	10.2	31.7
3. Wisconsin	12.0	33.2	28. Arizona	10.1	31.7
4. Hawaii	11.8	30.9	29. North Carolina	10.1	30.4
5. Minnesota	11.3	32.8	30. South Carolina	10.0	30.2
6. Rhode Island	11.3	32.5	31. Illinois	10.0	32.8
7. Utah	11.2	31.2	32. Montana	10.0	29.8
8. Ohio	11.2	31.6	33. Oklahoma	9.9	29.0
9. Vermont	11.0	32.1	34. Indiana	9.9	30.9
10. Connecticut	10.9	36.7	35. Pennsylvania	9.9	31.1
11. New Mexico	10.9	30.4	36. Wyoming	9.8	34.1
12. Nebraska	10.8	31.8	37. Maryland	9.7	31.1
13. Michigan	10.7	32.8	38. Missouri	9.7	30.2
14. Mississippi	10.7	29.8	39. Massachusetts	9.5	32.6
15. Louisiana	10.5	30.1	40. Virginia	9.4	31.3
16. Idaho	10.5	30.3	41. Oregon	9.4	30.5
17. Kentucky	10.5	30.2	42. Florida	9.3	32.2
18. West Virginia	10.5	29.1	43. Nevada	9.2	32.3
19. Washington	10.5	35.6	44. South Dakota	9.1	29.7
20. Kansas	10.4	31.4	45. Colorado	9.1	31.3
21. Iowa	10.4	30.8	46. Alabama	9.1	29.1
22. New Jersey	10.3	34.3	47. Texas	9.0	30.4
23. California	10.3	32.7	48. New Hampshire	8.6	31.6
— Average	10.2	32.1	49. Tennessee	8.4	29.2
24. Arkansas	10.2	30.0	50. Alaska	8.3	27.0
25. Georgia	10.2	31.4	— Washington, DC	13.9	37.6

SOURCE: Tax Foundation

## IRS

The agreement stipulates that the IRS will not offer its own free electronic tax services — a relief for those in the tax filing industry.

Eligible taxpayers can link directly to a participating company's free service Web site and prepare returns using the proprietary software. Completed returns will be sent electronically from the company to the IRS through secure phone lines. Taxpayers then will receive a confirmation that the file was received or rejected.

Electronic tax filing started at the IRS in 1996 — well before the Internet was the universally popular communications tool it is today.

Tax professionals were the group who filed the first tax simply because, "who else had computers" in 1986, said Terry Lutes, director of the IRS' Electronic Tax Administration.

That year, just 25,000 returns were electronically filed out of almost 102 million. The program went nationwide a few years later, but still, only tax specialists had access.

"Virtually every country in the world had the ability for taxpayers to go online to file taxes. We didn't," said Mark Forman, associate director of e-government and information technology in the White House budget office.

## Free Filing

Free Filing is a government partnership with 17 private tax software companies that now lets 50 percent of taxpayers — or 78 million, file returns for free.

The IRS provided nearly 25 million paper returns last year and 46 million electronic returns. Officials estimate 54 million will file electronically this year.

"E-file is quicker. E-file is more accurate," said Robert Wenzel, acting IRS commissioner. "E-file is the best way to confirm the IRS received your return and it's the fastest route to a refund."

The IRS says electronic filing reduces errors, speeds processing time, is cheaper and provides better security for private information.

"We have less paper coming in these days, so we've needed fewer people processing those returns," spokesman Terry Lemons said. "It's allowed us to free up resources for other resources, particularly customer service."

Eligibility requirements are generally based on factors such as age, adjusted gross income, state residence, military status or ability to file an Earned Income Tax Credit. Taxpayers can complete an online questionnaire to determine if they qualify.

Refunds generally are received

## Education

reduce the income on which your tax is figured, credits reduce your dollar-for-dollar tax and are subtracted directly from tax owed. But you can't take both the \$3,000 deduction and credits; you'll have to choose what's best for your tax situation.

The Hope tax credit allows taxpayers to claim up to \$1,500 for tuition and related expenses (\$1,000 for the first \$1,000 of expenses and \$500 for the next \$1,000 of expenses). But the credit is only available for students in their first two years of college or other post-secondary education. A student must have been enrolled in a degree or certificate program for at least one academic year beginning in 2002 and must have carried at least half of what the school considers a normal academic workload.

The Lifetime Learning credit can be taken at a rate of 20 percent of the first \$5,000 of qualified expenses, up to a maximum credit of \$1,000 per tax return (not per student) for 2002. There is no limit on the number of years this credit may be taken, and there is no enrollment requirement for the lifetime learning credit — it may be claimed for a single course. For the 2003 tax year, the credit goes to \$2,000 on \$10,000 of qualified expenses.

You cannot claim both the Hope and Lifetime Learning credits in the same year for the same student. So if a student is in the first two years of college, you may wish to use the Hope credit for that student this year and consider taking the Lifetime Learning credit in a subsequent year. For both credits, income ceilings apply.

Before the credit or deduction is taken, eligible education expenses must be reduced by the amount of tax-free benefits. For example, if a taxpayer had \$10,000 of qualified tuition expenses in 2002, but \$9,000 of those expenses were covered by a nontaxable scholarship, only \$1,000 is available for the education credits.

Other tax news for 2002: The limit on contributions to a child's Coverdell Education Savings Account, formerly known as an education IRA, increased from \$500 to \$2,000, making such accounts more attractive education savings vehicles.

Earnings on ESAs are tax-deferred and can be tax-free — along with distributions — if used for qualified education expenses. For 2002, qualified education expenses were expanded to include those for accredited elementary or secondary public, private or religious schools.

Also new this year: Contributions can be made as late as April 15, 2003, and still count for 2002. You can contribute to ESAs only for children under the age of 18, unless the child has a disability or other special needs.

Many people save for college by participating in what IRS calls "qualified tuition programs," the prepaid tuition and savings plans known as Section 529s, which are set up through states or eligible private institutions.

Earnings on the state accounts, along with distributions, are tax-free if used for qualifying education expenses. Distributions for 529s set up by private institutions must be tax-free for qualified expenses until the 2004 tax year, however.

Contributions to qualified tuition programs aren't deductible from a taxpayer's federal taxes, although many states grant deductions on state income taxes for contributions to their own 529 plans.

New this year: You no longer have to stay with a particular 529 plan if a better one comes along. A 529 can be rolled over to another qualified tuition plan once in a 12-month period without incurring a tax obligation. A 529 also can be rolled over to another beneficiary, as long as that person is

a close relative of the current beneficiary. (A handy Internet guide to Section 529 plans is available at <http://www.savingforcollege.com>.)

A taxpayer can exclude from taxable income up to \$5,250 of employer-provided assistance for education expenses, which in 2002 can include expenses for graduate courses as well as undergraduate courses.

Interest on qualifying U.S. government savings bonds (series EE and series I) continue to be excluded from taxable income if used for education expenses, though there are income limitations. Education scholarships and fellowships received by a degree candidate are not taxed. Also, distributions from regular IRAs and Roth IRAs are not subject to early withdrawal penalties if the distribution is used to pay qualifying education expenses for you, your children or grandchildren.

One caution for do-it-yourselfers: Don't use the same education expenses as a basis for claiming multiple education tax benefits. For example: You purchased textbooks for \$1,000 using a distribution from an ESA. You can't use that same \$1,000 expense as the basis for a \$1,000 tax deduction for education expenses.

## Volunteers

With farm income/loss schedules, income earned abroad, a foreign tax credit over \$300, tax-sheltered annuities, bad debts, exempt organization rules, gift or estate tax, rental income/loss schedules, self-employment retirement plans, Social Security tax for clergy, installment sales, investment interest expense, alternative minimum tax or trust income tax.

The program recommends taxpayers go to the paid tax preparer for those returns.

But for the relatively simple situations, volunteers are standing by. In AARP Tax-Aide's Idaho District 5 — Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls counties, plus Glenns Ferry and Jackpot, Nev. — the volunteers will staff at least 18 tax counseling sites from about Feb. 1 through the tax season's April 15 ending.

Volunteers at several of the sites will include Spanish or Basque speakers.

All but two of the locations will be equipped this year to help taxpayers file state and federal returns electronically. Bob Wunderle, District 5 coordinator, said in a statement.

Wunderle touted the advantages of e-filing: Each client still receives a hard copy of his or her tax returns. But the IRS and the Idaho State Tax Commission both find that returns filed electronically are more accurate than paper returns, reduce processing time and speed up tax refund checks for people who have overpaid.

The IRS aims to achieve an 80 percent e-filing rate for all federal tax returns by 2007. AARP Tax-Aide, which assisted about 2 million taxpayers in more than 9,500 sites nationwide last year, nearly doubled the number of returns its counselors e-filed, program leaders say.

And Idaho participants are bracing the e-filing drum. In Idaho, they say, 208 volunteers working at 66 sites accounted for 4,727 e-filed returns — an increase of 194 percent over the previous year, according to James Todd of Blackfoot. AARP Tax-Aide state coordinator.

He expects more gains on the electronic front during the coming tax season.

Wunderle — whose jurisdiction led all seven Tax-Aide districts in Idaho last year in total returns filed — said he anticipates at least

doubling the number of returns that will be e-filed at his district's main site, Fred Meyer One Stop Shopping in Twin Falls, during the 10-week season.

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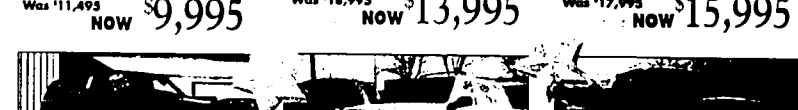
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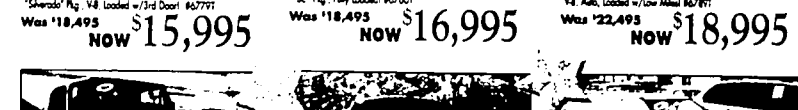
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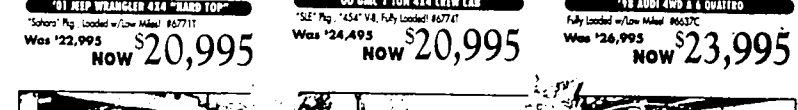
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# LIFE Cool Buhl

## Krispies that talk back? Be afraid

The other day, I was standing in line at Wendy's when a nice-looking, middle-aged woman came through the door, pushed in front of me and motioned for her friends to join her at the front of the line. And it wasn't like she didn't know what she was doing. She actually looked right at me, with a defiant expression of victory. All for a hamburger.



LIFE AND TIMES  
 Denise Turner

It reminded me of the day when Bobby Ray White pushed me out of the lunch line in first grade. But everyone knew Bobby Ray was a bully, and he was the only one who ever ate the school's tuna surprise anyway. This was different. This was big-time lack of manners, by someone old enough to know better.

I hope this isn't a trend, because eating out certainly is. And I'm not swearing off restaurants. I'm a Baby Boomer, and I deserve a little pampering.

Besides, I'm no gourmet cook. Sometimes I feel guilty about that, but I get over it quickly. I think I spent too many years making dinner for kids, who say nonsensical things like, "I hate bread, but I love sandwiches," or, "I can't eat those potatoes because they are touching that chicken."

I guess I am not alone. Even at today's church potlucks, it's not uncommon to dine on Kentucky Fried Chicken and deli salads. It wasn't always that way. I remember my early childhood potlucks carefully for class at the school's blackberry pies and hand-rolled noodles. It was either homemade or don't bother to run for church office.

Even in the late 1970s, I remember one woman suggesting that our church sponsor a "pot party." Yes, the 1970s, and the woman had no clue that the word "pot" had more than one meaning. In a pot party was a dinner where you put out a big pot and people bring in their favorite chili ingredients. "A pot party is a fabulous idea," said the other church women, completely oblivious to the mind-blowing, hippie connotations.

Today, that kind of thinking, along with the home-cooked dishes that fed it, are nothing more than a faint memory - somewhere there below in the wind.

This year in the supermarket, Consumer Tastes and Trends says, expect to see food in shocking colors - sparkling-bright yogurt, neon-pink margarine - because kids want fun, and parents want happy kids. Also big will be frozen fix-it-for-me kits featuring meat loaves and steaks, and described as "home cooking meets takeout."

But a January wire story from the Detroit Free Press moves us even closer to a brave new culinary world. It suggests that tomorrow's food front could include doctors prescribing Lipitor spread for high cholesterol patients to slather on toast. Or hormone-laden bread to provide his/hush relief for menopausal women.

The story refers to a study titled "FoodService 2010: America's Appetite Matures," which reminds us that Baby Boomers and their succeeding generations are forever redefining American culture. Think specifically genetically modified organisms (GMOs), and food technologists tinkering with farmers' plans and seeds.

Food Processing Magazine's annual survey predicts that the hottest food category in the next five years will be nutraceuticals, or wellness foods, which promise to cure diseases or prevent them.

But wait. There's more: Computer chips and automated devices could give products virtual brains, the story says. For instance, a depleted supply of Rice Krispies would alert the host to reorder.

Now I'm getting scared. There's no way I'm going to eat food that's smarter than me.



El Dunlap leads the power yoga class at the Studio Evolve on North Broadway in Buhl. Access to a yoga studio is just one of the amenities that makes Buhl a trendy place to live.

## This small town has culture - and counter-culture

By Steve Crump  
 Times-News writer

**BUHL** - Before she goes to work in the mornings managing this valley-of-the-earth town of 4,000, Barbara Gietzen makes a stop.

"I get my ready for my day," said Gietzen, mayor since 1998. "I've discovered muscles I didn't know I had."

She's joined there by retirees, urban refugees, farmers and homemakers - an unlikely mix of New Age and Main Street Republican.

"It's people from every kind of background just looking for some peace and relaxation," said Paul Olsen, who opened Studio Evolve last year. "And everybody's comfortable."

Olsen's Broadway Avenue business, along with the three-year-old Eighth Street Center and the Cosmic Jolt Cafe, which opened in 1994, are emblematic of a diversity unheard of in many farm towns in southern Idaho. Buhl has culture. And counter-culture.

So how did Buhl get cool?

"If people here see that you're hard working and honest, they accept you," said Bill Chisholm, a social activist who's lived in Buhl

from more than 20 years. "It doesn't matter what your politics are."

"Maybe it's geography," he continued. "The West End (of Twin Falls County) is kind of an elevated place."

What's remarkable is that Buhl has no particular natural constituency for diversity and the arts. Economically and demographically, it looks very much like the rest of Twin Falls County.

But because of Seneca Foods, Clear Springs Foods and Rangen Inc., Buhl has more factory-type jobs - and hence more steady paychecks - than many Idaho towns its size and, since the late 1970s, a growing number of folks who move in at retirement - or mid-career - to the lifestyle.

Gietzen among them. She grew up in Buhl, left for 13 years and returned nearly 30 years ago to open an electrical contracting business with her husband.

"We looked at Boise, we looked at Twin Falls," she said. "Finally, we decided, why not Buhl? If you're going to have to drive to work anyway, why not live someplace you like?"

Many of the catalysts for the

diversification of Buhl, like Gietzen, grew up here. Olsen did, so did Kathy Ruvis, who opened the Eighth Street Center, a venue for the performing and visual arts, three years ago.

"There has been a strong interest in the arts here for as long as I can remember," Ruvis said.

*"You'd go in there in the morning, and then you'd be hippies, farmers and the Catholic priest, sitting there talking and drinking coffee. Nobody left out of place."*

- Bill Chisholm, Buhl resident

"Right back to Drach Bowler."

It there's a founding father of cool in Buhl, it's Bowler, an 80-year-old Renaissance man who lives down the road in Bliss.

He taught drama for a time at Buhl High School, owned the local movie theater - the Ramona - and organized the Antique Festival Theater, a moveable feast of culture remembered fondly by babies of Gietzen's generation.

That tradition never disappeared, according to David

Blaskiewicz, who now teaches drama in Buhl's secondary schools.

"I have 38 students in one of my classes and 25 in another," he said. "That's outstanding for a community this size."

Still, Bowler didn't compare up culture in a vacuum. Chisholm points out the hot springs west of Buhl have traditionally been a magnet for the contemplative and the unconventional, and near by Hagerman - with its year-round mild weather and spectacular scenery - has attracted the artistic. It included all the way back to novelist Vardis Fisher.

They're felt welcome.

Chisholm says, because of the forbearance of the West End's silent majority - mostly conservative folks who make their living off irrigated agriculture, or sell stuff to those who do.

"I grew up in Burley," he said. "It could never have happened there."

"I always thought that Buhl was a little chipshut," Gietzen said. "But people here are accepting."

To understand why, look back a century to the pastiche of Germans, Czechs, Russians,

Anglo Saxons, Dutch, Scandinavians, Basques and Hispanics - Catholics, Protestants and Mormons who settled the West End.

"Buhl always was a little more diverse than most small towns, I think," Gietzen said. "People learned to get along with those who were different from them."

Chisholm remembers the same at the Cosmic Jolt, a Broadway Avenue coffee house that Kathy Sutley and Trudier Jackson opened nine years ago.

"You'd go in there in the morning, and there would be hippies, farmers and the Catholic priest, sitting there talking and drinking coffee. Nobody left out of place."

But Buhl is still a small Idaho town, plenty of filmmaker Jeff Zinn, a 19-year-old New York University senior and 1999 Buhl High School graduate.

"I don't think I'd want to live here all the time at this point in my life," he said. "But I do enjoy coming back."

"Jeff told me when I was in high school that he was going to come home make a movie about Buhl," Gietzen said. "And he did."

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## Pediatrician discusses depression in kids

Saturday

**TWIN FALLS** - A LifeLines Ministry Winter Seminar will be held on depression and anxiety in children from 9-11 a.m. at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N.

Dr. Jack Trotter, a Twin Falls pediatrician, will discuss the history and medical information of depression and anxiety, and Jane Krumm, a Twin Falls counselor, will discuss general and practical information. The presentations will be followed by an open discussion and a question and answer session.

For more information, call the church at 733-6128.

Every Sunday, To Do for Families list family oriented events in south-central Idaho. To get an item listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline in noon on Wednesday.

## How to de-clutter your kid's room

Organization experts offer these tips for de-cluttering kid's rooms:

- Rotate toys. "Then kids aren't overwhelmed by choices," explains Debbie Williams, author of "Home Management 101." "It teaches them to respect what they do have." For example, if children have both a play farm and play house, leave one out and switch the other in a storage box. In a month, put the other back.

- With older children, the rotation concept could work more like an internal toy swap, with kids choosing two items to take out of a reserved box of toys and picking which two go in.

- Store out-of-season clothes in suitcases or in marked boxes in extra closets or the garage. Donate outgrown or disliked clothes or keep them in boxes marked by size so they are easy to pass on or consign.

- Closet ideas: Take the doors off and keep the child's chest of drawers in the closet. Or install a second rod lower to

## Etc...

- Use large plastic dish pans (which can be purchased inexpensively at a restaurant supply store) to store toys. Used for husing tables, four or five of the sturdy pans can fit under a single bed, said Cynthia Tomley Ewer, editor of OrganizedHome.com.

- Store toys by them (Barbie, Legos, cars, etc.) in see-through plastic boxes. Williams prefers containers with handles so children can move toys to another room - and easily take them back.

- Ewer recommends throwing away the cardboard boxes games come in and keeping all the pieces in a labeled plastic freezer storage bag instead. File the

boxes and accompanying board in an open container with other games.

- Use over-the-door shoe holders to store such items as Hot Wheels, Barbies, action figures or arts and crafts materials.

- Storing toys on shelves or bookcases keeps them in a child's view, as opposed to forgotten at the bottom of a toy box.

- Be creative when it comes to containers. Williams has found many kids really like fishing tackle boxes for storing collectibles such as rocks, trading cards or "any of the stuff boys have in their pockets at the end of the day." Or put collections on display in shadow boxes or on shelves.

- Some teens have a hard time letting go of childhood favorites. Morgenstern suggests teens pick out a few treasured dolls, books, toys and clothes from when they were little to store in a trunk or big bin. "It's a capsule of their childhood," she said. "Then give the rest away."

-Source: Seattle Times

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FAMILY LIFE

# Blame adults for kid crime waves

It has long been my contention that children who grew up in the 1950s and '60s were much better behaved than today's kids. Don't misunderstand me, we were far from perfect. We misbehaved, of course, but most of the bad stuff we did was nothing more than mischief, especially when we argued with what kids are doing today.

It is significant to note the teen crime rate, across the socioeconomic spectrum, has soared since the '60s and that today's teen criminals are committing what were once considered adult-only crimes: rape, murder, assault with a deadly weapon, armed robbery, drug peddling and so on.

Like I said, we were mischievous and over. We tried to get away with misbehavior when adults weren't looking and hopefully wouldn't find out. School administrators and teachers tell me today's kids don't really seem to care if they're caught. This is because I'm told, they have no fear of adults or consequences, I suppose this is because adults no longer give children reason to fear them or what they might do.

We also knew when we had misbehaved. Take cheating, for example. If a kid in 1965 - the year I graduated from high school - cheated on a test, he knew what he had done was wrong, wrong, wrong. If caught, he wouldn't have any more teachers. I cheat because that's what my son would do if you want to get into a good college.

Believe it or not, that's what today's kids often say when students caught cheating a recent study conducted by the University of McCabe, the founding president of the Center for Academic Integrity at Rutgers University, found that almost three out of four of the United States report having cheated on a major test and/or plagiarized.

McCabe found that few of these kids have any shame or regret. You do what it takes to succeed in life, he wrote, one cheater. Another who plagiarized would search for a paper on "Macbeth," said, "Remember just show you say." That's more than a bit scary.

Today's chatter also note that when others are caught, when I was in school - 400 years ago, it seems - if you cheated in a class, you probably flunked the class.



PARENTING  
John Rosemond

Your parents wouldn't have hired lawyers to defend your "rights." If you cheated on a final exam, you might have been expelled.

Today, kids who cheat are often simply made to take another form of the test or rewrite the plagiarized paper. The worst that usually happens to a student who cheats is he/she receives a zero on the assignment in question.

I didn't cheat because I was afraid - petrified is more like it - of what would happen if I was caught. Today, what's to fear? In fact, a teacher who has the nerve to give a cheater a failing grade might wind up in trouble.

Noono, you say. Yes. That's what happened in Kansas during school year 2001-02. When a high school English teacher failed nearly two dozen students for plagiarizing from the Internet, their parents complained. The superintendent forced the teacher to give the kids good grades. She resigned.

The problem really isn't kids. Kids have always tried to get away with what they could. The problem is adults who are having a problem saying cheating is just plain wrong, that there is no excuse for it. For example, in a Washington Post article on cheating, a reporter wrote that today's students "haven't become moral reprobates in a generation."

Right. The problem is that the Internet makes it too easy to cheat. "Who could resist?" she concludes.

That's insane. The fact is, one out of four students resists, which goes to prove, the problem is not the Internet. The problem is that an awful lot of today's kids are indeed moral reprobates who think, as do all criminals, that the end justifies the means. And, an awful lot of today's adults are equally immoral. This is the link up to America's epidemic of kid crime.

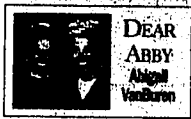
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# Shop owner doesn't need family

DEAR ABBY: Last year I opened my own business. It's a small clothing store for men and women. My problem is I am unable to get through to my family. They don't seem to care where I am. I love the store, but my shop is a place of business - not a second home for them.

My husband is unemployed. He is constantly at the store. He'll sit on a chair near the entrance, holding his chair. Sometimes he falls asleep and starts snoring in his chair. He's the first thing customers see when they walk in. It is very unprofessional.

My daughter drops in daily with her two young children. She brings their lunch, which she sets up on the counter next to the cash register. In no time the kids are running around the store making messes and throwing merchandise off the shelves onto the floor. My daughter yells at them and then an argument ensues. Time after time, it ends up with me snapping at them to go home, my daughter becoming upset and the kids bursting in and out. Customers sometimes turn around and walk out when they



see the commotion. I have lost sales because of this, and I can't afford for it to continue.

How can I make it clear to my family that they can't make messes and messes at my store? I feel like a broken record.

EXASPERATED SHOP OWNER IN PHOENIX  
DEAR SHOP OWNER: Since your husband and daughter do not seem to get the message that they cannot just "drop in," you must be more assertive and draw the line for them. Get some books

on retail merchandising and customer service. Read them. They tell what they're doing is hurting your business. If they persist, stop them at the door and say, "It's nice to see you, but you cannot come in here. Love you all - and I'll see you when you visit me."

Please be firm - your economic situation depends on it.

DEAR ABBY: I am a married Jewish woman just shy of 30. For the past year I've been searching for a better job. Without fail at almost every interview, I'm asked some outrageously illegal questions.

"Are you married? How long have you been married? Do you have children? Are you planning on getting pregnant? Exactly when are you planning to start a family? Will you want to stay home until your children are young? What's your biggest health concern? How religious are you? Are you willing to work Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur?" (The most religious days on the Jewish calendar).

What's the best way to avoid answering these questions?

The next time it happens, don't press charges. Thank you for your advice.

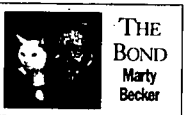
STRESS MANAGEMENT CANDIDATE  
DEAR ABBY: I'm a candidate for a job. I'm sure you're interviewing other applicants, and I wouldn't want you to get in trouble with the EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission).

If the questioning persists, the EEOC should be notified because the questions are discriminatory.

QUOTE FOR THE DAY:  
Abraham Lincoln said: "If you cannot forgo the conflict of your fellow citizens, you can never regain their respect and esteem. It is true that you may fool all of the people some of the time; you may fool some of the people all of the time; but you can't fool all of the people all of the time." (Submitted by Andrew W. Hanley)

Dear Abby is written by Jeanne Phillips.

# Cleaning up messes from the new holiday pet



THE BOND  
Marty Becker

Cleaning up pet accidents successfully is all about the three "C's." Beat the clock, deep clean, and know the chemistry.

The longer it sits, the more permanent the stain becomes, so you should beat the clock by deep cleaning the accident as soon as possible.

Even if the spot is removed, the smell may linger (if not for you, the pet).

This is where knowing the chemistry comes in. It is very important to remove the odor completely; otherwise your pet may hit the same spot again, and again, and again thinking it is their new toilet. Get the smelly pet out.

Dogs and cats have supersensitive noses, so you'll want to be wary of products that mask smells, rather than eliminate them chemically.

Close to home, it seems our wirehaired terrier, Scooter, had found a spot on an expensive oriental rug in our bedroom that was easier to pee on than going outside in freezing weather. No matter how fast or deep we cleaned the clock and the clean scent continued to come back to that spot.

We had ignored the chemistry. Luckily, I found a powerful new weapon to help in the house soiling/house cleaning wars. Called Petrotech Odor Eliminator, this all-natural, non-toxic spray revolutionizes the science of odor removal. Petrotech's patented process encapsulates the odor source and continues working until the odor is completely eliminated. It's available at local pet stores, online at [www.sev.com](http://www.sev.com), or it can also be purchased by calling 1-877-854-6624.

Other products include Nature's Miracle and a product with the delightful name of Antyler Poo ([www.misternax.com](http://www.misternax.com)). Rather than masking the odor, these products use enzymes to break down the chemicals in pet eliminations.

Of course, there's still the issue of cleaning up spots and preventing stains. For urine spots, dilute the area with water and then put down an absorbent layer like paper towels and step on it several times to make sure you've soaked up the entire mess. Another beneficial product is OxyClean.

To prevent fecal stains, it's important to scoop up the poop, without spreading it any further than necessary. Use a spatula or piece of cardboard.

If you use a spatula, you should have a designated poop-scooper spatula in the house, which you don't keep with kitchen implements for sanitary reasons. Even older pets can sometimes

have accidents, particularly if they become ill, so having designated clean up tools can be handy. Then use warm water and the cleaner of your choice to remove the spot.

The clean up challenge you face also depends on the kind of rug you have.

Different fabrics react differently to various stains, and cleaners. Make sure you test a section of carpet with a particular cleaner, before pouring it on.

When it comes to pet stains that have set awhile, it can be nearly impossible to remove them completely. Try mixing one cup of vinegar to a gallon of warm water. If all else fails, you can cut out the stained section of rug and replace it with a patch from the closet or under the couch. But, of course, you should wait until the pet is completely broken, so you don't end up with a patchwork quilt underfoot!

The Goodie family is taking Emily's mess in stride. Jeff says: "We knew this was part of owning a new puppy. It will take some time to get her into this situation. In the meantime, we'll be following our pooch around the house with a sponge."

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# Make a fresh start, Pisces

IF JANUARY 19TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY - you are independent, creative and romantic. As a water boy, your own may fall, you usually travel your senses before it is too late. You evade vibrations of persons and so-called "stars." As a water boy, individuals plan major acts in your life, could see these letters in names A, S, J. Despite delays and disappointments, you will end this year with a strong, healthy, and very most memorable month.

CAPIRORN (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): If you don't know the facts, extrapolate. There is a relationship is hot and heavy, it's serious, and the other party expects legal partnership marriage.

FAIRUS (Apr. 20-May 20): There will be completed retail, sale or purchase of property. I wish you who start, despite messages. Open lines of communication. You will play to role.

CELESTINE (May 21-June 20): Answer to question. Love fresh start, go into business. Love relationship is serious, a combination of love and lust. Leo, Aquarius play outstanding roles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Gather your bases, obtain estimate of value of property. Attention to your financial position. If you meditate, answers will come from within. Capricorn involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Circumstances that you will not get powerful licks beat. Elements of timing, luck ride with you. At the track. Choose number 3 post position and 10.

VRIGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Overcome fear of the unknown. Be

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analytical, get stars behind the story. Relationship that had been broken will be mended if you so desire. Laurus, Leo and Scorpio represented.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be ready for change, travel and variety of beauty. Start of new ideas, edges, read, write and teach. Flirtation or serious, could be the start of something big. Gemini in picture.

SERPENT (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Domestic animal, married, you could change residence or marital status. You will hear music, find your rhythm, dance to your own tune. Libra will play intriguing role.

SARTRIS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Define terms, find out where you stand and where you are going. Take charge of your destiny, ride with the tide, make decisions, set your standards. Feeling of sadness is temporary.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Others will rely upon you for their emotional financial stability. You asked for responsibility, and now you have it, including added pressure. Cancerians involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Attention revolves around cooperative efforts, decisions related to marriage. Look beyond the immediate, decide how high you want to go. Project completed. Libra is involved.

SCORPIO (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You had a narrow escape in divorce with superior. It is time to make fresh start in new direction. Avoid heavy lifting, conserve creative energy. Leo represented.

# We must recognize the fallacy of self-projection

Psychologists have a phrase that describes a state that most of us can say, "I'm guilty. I've done it." The phrase is "the fallacy of self-projection." They are keeping this construct from us, only limiting us to recognize and admit it.

What is "the fallacy of self-projection?" It occurs when we take an experience, belief or assumption that we believe to be accurate, and we generalize our belief to think that everyone feels or believes the same as we do. I can project that, since I enjoy fishing, everyone would, or (in extreme cases) should enjoy it also. If I believe it is wrong to lie or bend the truth, everyone must feel that way or they are not good persons.

Depending on the situation, the impact of this attitude of self-projection can range from harmless to lethal. Well-meaning, non-violent people have incorrectly assumed at times that all a violent person needs is love and understanding, and they will change. Trying to prove a point, some have died at the hands of those they wanted to help.

The fallacy of self-projection causes much of the misunderstanding between cultures. One group has their belief system and moral code. Another group, usually geographically distant, has a different code and set of beliefs. Problems occur when one group feels the other group would be fine if they just adopted their way of living.



STRESS  
Tim O'Brien

Have you ever watched two people who speak different languages progressively raise their voices as they spoke? It appears they feel if the other just heard them better they would somehow suddenly understand a foreign language? That is an interesting experience to watch.

Here are some possible causes of the fallacy of self-projection:

1. One group feels superior to another.
2. A lack of exposure to, or ignorance of, differing points of view due either to voluntary or involuntary isolation to a broad range of differences, cultures and opinions.
3. A strict adherence to a system of beliefs that dictates and tolerates no deviation.
4. A viewpoint that allows no consideration of other explanations or systems as equals.

Everyone likes to feel they are right, that they know how to live correctly, and that they are moral, tolerant, and inclusive. However, wanting to feel and believe something doesn't make it accurate or true. We all need to examine and test our beliefs and expectations across a wide swath of life. It is possible, and probable there are conflicts within our belief system.

As much as I personally like to believe I have a consistent, integrated system of living, I don't always. Sometimes I find areas of contradictory beliefs. I become entrapped by opposing views. However, every once in a while your computer locks up, or you get the dreaded "fatal error" message on your screen. That means there is a problem in the

code. We usually can't do anything about the problem in the software. However, we can do something about the inconsistencies in our life, if we choose to.

Whenever you deal with others, ask yourself, "Have I projected my beliefs on this situation? Does my viewpoint restrict my ability to get the most out of this experience?" Remember, each of the 6 billion of us who inhabit the earth has a unique perspective. Accept this fact. Also accept that we have neither the right nor ability to coerce anyone to align with our perspective.

Self-examination, awareness of differences, and acceptance of others as they are should help us reduce the impact of "the fallacy of self-projection." And that is a good goal.

P.S. As I've matured, I've come to accept the possibility that some people might not like fishing.

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# Advocacy group seeks dollar amount for caregivers' work

A mother's work is never done. It's invisible when it comes to the gross domestic product.

The women's advocacy group Social Agenda wants not only mothering, but also taking care of the elderly and dying, to count in the GDP, according to a report in *Women's magazine*. Until this happens, the group says, caregivers will continue to be underpaid in the marketplace.

According to the group's research, about 43 percent of caregivers report incomes less than

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\$30,000. The estimated value of family care for adults alone is more than \$200 billion a year.

**Connect with kids**

As part of its ongoing efforts to encourage parents to make a difference in children's lives, the Kansas Health Foundation is offering free calendars.

The large, full-color calendars

list hundreds of ideas for making stronger connections with children, from laughing at their jokes to complimenting them. Free copies are available while supplies last at [www.kanhealth.org](http://www.kanhealth.org). Requests are limited to one per person.

**Kmart recall**

Kmart is voluntarily recalling about 50,000 wooden vehicles filled with candy, which were sold nationwide from November through December for about \$5.

The wheels on the wooden toys may break off into small parts, which may pose a choking hazard to young children.

The vehicles include a red wagon, a train and train and were packed up with candy. The following UPC codes are on the bottom of the vehicles: 694405900012 (wagon), 694405900029 (truck), and 694405900036 (train).

Consumers should take them away from children immediately and return them to any Kmart store for a full refund.

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Q: I'm 55 years old and have...

A: Instead of waiting for a...

File now because disability...

Q: My mother gets a Social...

A: No it's not. Your neighbor...

Q: How do I get a Social...

A: To get an original or replacement...

Q: My friend tells me that I...

A: Yes, if a business or other...

Q: I understand my Social...

A: Employers report earnings to...

Q: I receive Social Security...

A: No. When you turn age 65...

Q: Will my monthly Social...

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# COMMUNITY

## A PRIZE OF EDUCATION



Jackie Jensen of Twin Falls, a College of Southern Idaho surgical technology student, reacts to winning a semester of free tuition in a raffle sponsored by the CSI Surgical Technology Club. Dean Egbert of Preston holds the container of raffle tickets. The winning ticket was picked by CSI President Jerry Meyerhoeffer. Jensen said the prize, which saves her \$775 for spring semester tuition, is extremely welcome to her family budget. For more information about the CSI Surgical Technology Program, call instructor Janet Milligan at 732-6706.

## ON THE JOB LEARNING



Alfonso Ramirez, a Jerome High School student, works on a car stereo at The Buzz Shop in Twin Falls. He is doing a work-based learning internship at the business and works between 2-3 p.m. each day. Under the work-based learning program, students can choose from a variety of job sites during their senior year. Along with the hands-on internship, they study work-place dress and etiquette, writing resumes and more job-related issues. There are 87 students in the program this trimester. For more information, call Linda Arroya at Jerome High School at 324-8137.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Students of the week during November in Declo Junior High School's Renaissance Excellence in Education Program were, from left, back row: Brady Anderson, seventh-grader; Stephanie Sanderson, sixth-grader; Jared Boyer, eighth-grader; Morgan Stoker, eighth-grader; Eliza Christensen, seventh-grader; and Thomas Koyle, sixth-grader. They were selected by the faculty for outstanding achievement, and each received a gift certificate for Jake's. Kathy Bennet, front, a sixth-grade teacher, also was selected staff member of the month for November.



## MOUNTAIN VIEW HONORS

Students of the month for November in the Positive Action Program at Mountain View Elementary School in Burley were Brooke Bowers, second grade, and Kennedy Schow, first grade. Ben Robins, third grade, is not pictured. Selected at the end of the month from weekly winners, they decided where to have lunch with their principal and school secretary, and were kept busy helping in the school office during the month.



## STORK REPORT

### Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Elisabeth Brynne Draper, daughter of Holly Ann and Jacob True Draper of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003.  
Aaron James Windes, son of Samantha and Benjamin Windes of Wendell, was born Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003.  
Ethan Lee Dickson, son of Cindy Marie and Joshua Lee Dickson of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Jan. 9, 2003.  
Venessa Lee Hurvey, daughter of Shauna Lee and Sam Wyatt of Harvery of Buhl, was born Friday, Jan. 10, 2003.  
Alex Martinez Hernandez, son of Inocencia Hernandez and

Sergio Martinez of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Jan. 11, 2003.  
Blitiam Villa Lopez, son of Blanca Estelade Villa and Rafael Villa Ruiz of Jerome, was born Saturday, Jan. 11, 2003.  
Stryder Cole Lombard, son of Deanna Mae Snyder and Dennis Wayne Lombard Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Jan. 11, 2003.

### St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Brayden Michael Caerepes, son of Tom and Sara Caerepes of Jerome, was born Saturday, Jan. 4, 2003.  
James Preston Nebeker, son of

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to:  
Melissa Morgan  
The Times-News  
P.O. Box 548  
Twin Falls, ID 83303  
Or fax to: 734-5538  
Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper.  
More information? Call Melissa at 735-3278

Kolby and Melissa Nebeker of Gooding, was born Sunday, Jan. 5, 2003.  
Gabriel Perez, son of Dura and Miguel Perez of Wendell, was born Monday, Jan. 6, 2003.

## Quilt history is among UI Extension classes

RUPERT - Quilt history, inheritance of family heirlooms, quick and easy meal preparation and family activities are topics of classes offered in Rupert and Jerome this month by local University of Idaho Extension Family and Consumer Science educators.

The free events are sponsored by Farm Times Inc. of Rupert, in conjunction with the University of Idaho. Sessions will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., and lunch will be provided.  
The Rupert session will be held Jan. 30 at the McGregor Center at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds in Rupert. The Jerome session will be held Jan. 31 in the meeting room of the Jerome County Courthouse in Jerome.  
Jan Parr, Cassia County Extension educator, will present "People Aren't Difficult - Just Different." This will include a short personality assessment survey and review of scenarios from everyday life.

**Want to participate?**  
Anyone interested in attending should pre-register before Jan. 24. For the Rupert event, call the Minidoka County Extension office at 436-7184. Pre-register for the Jerome event by calling the Jerome County Extension office at 324-7578.

"Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?" is a designed to help families begin the process of transferring non-titled property, such as tools, furniture, dishes and photographs. Marsha Hawkins, Jerome County Extension educator, will talk about estate planning and the importance of discussing personal items.  
Hawkins also will present "Piecing Together Quilt History," a historical look at the development of quilt making and pattern designs. Examples of historic and popular patterns will be shown.  
"A Healthy Guide for What's

for Dinner in 30 Minutes or Less" will be presented by Rhea Lanting, Twin Falls County Extension educator. Participants will learn time-saving strategies to prepare 20-30 minute meals, make healthier substitutions and recipe make overs. Handouts will be provided.  
"Why Don't They Hear What I Say?" will be presented by Diane Christensen, Gooding County Extension educator. She will share tips to help understand the different communication styles of men and women, and discuss how to talk and listen to children and keep an audience listening.  
"Family Fun Night" will offer fun and inexpensive activity ideas. Donna R. Gillespie, Minidoka County Extension educator, will lead activities about family folklore. Family stories and traditions will be explored so people can learn how to appreciate their family's unique history. This workshop will include a hands-on activity to take home.

## SERVICE NEWS

### Griggs completes Marine basic training

Marine Corps Pfc. Aaron L. Griggs, son of Cheryl K. and Fred L. Griggs of Filer, has completed basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif.

Griggs successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new recruits both physically and mentally.  
He spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat

water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.  
He also performed close order drill, and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.  
Griggs is a 2002 graduate of Filer High School.

### Velasquez heads out with deployment to Gulf

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael R. Velasquez, son of Badi and Larry Velasquez of Twin Falls, has departed on a six-month deployment to the Arabian Gulf while assigned to

the guided missile destroyer USS Milvus with its home port in San Diego, Calif.

Velasquez is one of more than 8,000 Pacific Fleet Sailors aboard the ships of the USS Constellation Carrier Battle Group ready to participate in Operation Enduring Freedom.

USS Milvus includes the computer-based AEGIS weapons system and radar that enables the crew to detect, track and fire on more than 100 targets at a time.  
Velasquez is a 1998 graduate of Twin Falls High School, and joined the Navy in September, 2001.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Desert Sage Quilt Guild meets Thursday

TWIN FALLS - The Desert Sage Quilt Guild will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the KMTV Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.  
All quilters and anyone interested in quilting is invited to attend.  
For more information, call President Sheri Wills at 743-1934.

### CSI offers 'Peak Performance' workshop

TWIN FALLS - The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer the class, "Peak Performance - Women" from 6-8 p.m. Jan. 30 in Taylor Room 277 on the CSI campus. The cost is \$35.  
Students will learn what it takes to get to their highest level of performance, about self-talk and how people limit themselves

and about the characteristics of people who perform well and how they can achieve the same results. The class is geared towards finding self-confidence and discovering uniqueness.

The instructor is Morgan Jensen. The workshop is the second in a series designed for women. Follow up workshops include "Posture and Confidence," "Skin Care and Cosmetics," "Hair Design" and "Clothes and Style."  
For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6285.

### Multi Cultural Patriotic Food Fair will be held Friday

JEROME - The parents, students and faculty of Central Elementary will host the fourth annual Multi Cultural Patriotic Food Fair on Friday in the Jerome High School cafeteria, 104 N. Tiger Drive.  
Girl Scouts from Jerome will start the night with a flag ceremony at 5 p.m. Central Elementary

students will sing at 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., and the sixth-grade band will perform at 6:15 p.m. The menu will include baked potato, chili, tortilla chips, salsa, salad, assorted breads, cookies and soda. Donations will be accepted at the door.  
Suggested donations are \$15 per family, \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12.  
For more information, call the school at 324-4396.

### Hagerman Masonic Lodge serves wild game dinner

HAGERMAN - The Hagerman Masonic Lodge 78 will serve a wild game buffet dinner from 5-7 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion Hall, 281 N. State St. in Hagerman.  
The menu will feature buffalo and salmon, and will be prepared by chef Kirt Martins of the Snake River Grill.  
The Barber Shop Quartet and Linda Norris of Singations will perform at the event.  
The cost is a \$10 donation per person with all proceeds going towards local Masonic charities.

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### Sons of Norway group installs new officers

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Viking Lodge of the Sons of Norway will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E. in Twin Falls.  
A Norwegian language game, New Amigos, will be installed. Plans for the new year also will be discussed.  
For more information, call 324-4085.

### Snake River Elks lodge holds 'oyster feed,' dance

JEROME - The Snake River Elks Lodge will host a "Rocky Mountain Oyster Feed" from 6-9 p.m. Friday at the lodge, 406 E.

200 S. Jerome.  
Live music will be provided by The Echos from 8-12 p.m.  
A \$5 donation is suggested. The public is invited.  
For more information, call 324-0200.

### Knights of Columbus holds free throw championship

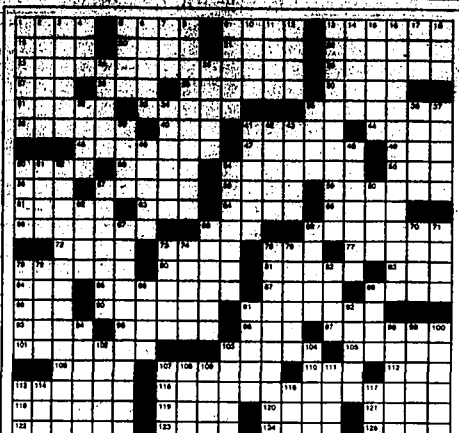
BUHL - The Buhl Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a youth free throw championship for boys and girls ages 10-14 at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Buhl Middle School, 217 Seventh St. N.  
The championship is sponsored annually with winners progressing through local, district and state competition. International champions are announced by the Knights of Columbus international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions.  
Last year, more than 200 local shooters participated in 4,017 local competitions.  
All contestants on the local

level are recognized for their participation. Participants are required to provide proof of age and written parental consent.  
The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with more than 1.6 million members and more than 12,000 local councils.

**Jerome Historical Society meets early area residents. Tuesday In Community**

# THE Sunday Crossword

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## WEDDING

CLARK-MILLER



Amanda and Jeremy Miller

**BUHL** — Amanda Clark and Jeremy Miller were married Dec. 14, 2002, in Las Vegas, Nev. She is a graduate of Buhl High School.

The bridegroom is the son of Wade and Kristine Miller of Filer. He is a graduate of Filer High School.

A reception to honor the couple will be held in February at the First Assembly of God Church in Buhl.

The newlyweds reside in Buhl.

## ENGAGEMENT

HALE-BROWN



Catherine Hale and Jason Brown

**OAKLEY** — Fielding and Norma Hale of Oakley announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Hale, to Jason Brown, son of Joel and Sharon Brown of Caldwell.

Hale is a graduate of the University of Alaska. She is employed by Lawn Co. in Boise.

Brown is attending Boise State University.

The wedding is planned for Saturday in the Boise LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held Feb. 1 at the Hale residence in Oakley.

## Bad air

Winter is temperature-inversion time in southern Idaho, which causes some of your neighbors to hold their breath.

In Monday's **Health & Fashion** section in *The Times-News*

### Anniversary or wedding planned? Let us know soon

**The Times-News** welcomes wedding, engagement and anniversary announcements. Deadline to get them into Sunday's Family Life section is 5 p.m. on Tuesdays. Questions? Call Ramona Jones at 733-3262.

### Time to liquidate? Use

**The Times-News Marketplace** classifieds to turn possessions into cash. Call 733-0931.

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**Across the generations**  
Kimberly teens and seniors share lunch, friendship. Watch for **School Days** Monday in *The Times-News*.

# Your Perfect Wedding

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

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**Boyer Jewelry**  
1838 Addison Ave. E.  
Twin Falls 731-5552

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415 River View Dr.  
Burley 677-4707

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610 Poleline Road  
Twin Falls 731-4900

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FAMILY LIFE

# SURVIVING JANUARY

## Celebrate the small stuff

The Baltimore Sun

The holidays are long gone, and winter seems like it will last forever. What we need, right this very minute, is something to get us through January, the darkest, gloomiest, coldest month on the year. Folks need some little comforts — some warm, snuggly things to soothe our bodies and cheer our souls.

Here are some suggestions for some cozy ways to fight the winter blues:

- **Man's best friend.** Filled with a mixture of lavender and buckwheat, a Warm Whiskers pet takes care of you, not the other way round. Pop it in the microwave for 90 seconds, drape the soft, furry animal around a sore neck, and it delivers gentle heat and the healing fragrance of lavender that lasts up to two hours. Choose from a golden retriever, black and white kitty, black lab, plush pig and more. Warm Whiskers can be used to warm your bed, for a sore back or cramps and to ease an ear ache.

- **Food of the gods.** Dreaming about summer pleasures helps. Starting to make them a reality helps even more. Go to [www.naturalgardening.com](http://www.naturalgardening.com) and order a Slice of Tomato Heaven for \$25 plus shipping. Come spring you will get 12 of the most beautiful organically grown heirloom tomato seedlings you've ever seen. Just looking at the color photos of these big, juicy beauties on the California-based Natural Gardening Company Web site will make you happy. You choose the varieties you want from Brandywine, Costoluto Genovese, Striped Marvel and many more.

- **Not a latte.** This is no time for sophisticated coffee drinks made with espresso and exotic flavored syrups. March right up to the counter of your favorite trendy coffee bar and order a grande hot chocolate. And get a



Smile: It's just 61 days until spring.

big dollop of whipped cream on top. The reason you go to a coffee bar is that you can get your coffee big, frothy with hot, foamy steamed milk. Sure, it will cost you, but it will be worth it.

- **Wrap stars.** The house is a little chilly. Instead of setting the heater higher, snuggle up with a good book and a cozy afghan. These soft acrylic and chenille ones from Kennebec Weavers are fringed and come in gentle colors like butter yellow, sage green and blue denim.

- **Udderly divine.** OK, the

name is strange. And the tongue-in-cheek directions warn you not to use it on parts infected with cow pox. But Udderly Smooth Udder Cream in cheerful cow print jars and tubes is actually a soothing hand cream with a light, pleasant fragrance. It's greaseless and stainless and softens winter-chapped hands wonderfully. Call 800-345-7339 for locations.

- **Baby, it's cold outside.** But you won't be with this Penobscot parka from L.L. Bean, which offers lots of warmth for its light

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weight. It's not the most glamorous look, but the goose down insulation is so cozy you won't ever want to take it off. Find the parka online at [lbean.com](http://lbean.com) or place your order at 800-221-4221 (\$159).

- **It's a hoodie, but it's comfy.** True, a hoodie isn't exactly sexy. But imagine walking into your bedroom and feeling like you're in a tropical rain forest. Shut your eyes and breathe in the warm, moist air. Now isn't that comforting? The 3-gallon Honeywell Warm Mist Humidifier is easy to fill, easy to clean and shuts off automatically when the tank is empty. It helps prevent dry throats and chapped lips, and keeps houseplants happy.

- **The cat's pajamas.** There comes a day — and it's usually January — when you're willing to spend more on pajamas than on a dress. And why not? You're spending more time in them. Verena's soft cotton knit pj's in pastel colors are warm and cuddly, with elastic waist and full-length pants (none of these fashion-forward cropped lengths). The handmade lace on the button front placket is durable, and the pajamas themselves are preshrunk and machine washable.

## Is it time for the 'parent alarm'

Knight Ridder News Service

Pediatrician Kenneth Ginsburg calls it the "parent alarm" and it goes like this:

This naive parent sees the beginning of problems, potentially troubling from preteen or teen, they stop listening and start lecturing. Instead of seeing the chance for a thoughtful conversation about the issue at hand, parents interrupt their child and jump in with what they think are the answers.

For instance, if a teen-age girl says, "Mom, I met this guy," the parent in alarm mode, will cut her off with "You're too young to date," and then proceed with a litany of reasons why dating can be dangerous.

The end result, Ginsburg says, is that instead of an "A-ha!" moment — what the parent intended — the adolescent hears "Blah, blah, blah."

"I think the parent alarm is a disaster," says Ginsburg, a specialist in adolescent medicine at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. "The parent alarm goes (for you) the opportunity to have an honest discussion with your child."

In his just-released book, "But I'm Almost 13" (it was originally published last September but was largely ignored in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks), Ginsburg lays out an action plan for parents of children about to enter their teens. The goal, he says, is to get them — parents — to "listen in a really active way."

Ginsburg believes parents who embrace an active listening style — learning "how to lecture without lecturing" — while their children are 9, 10, 11, 12 years old, will be better positioned when it comes to the sometimes-turbulent teens.

"This is the age at which kids are experimenting with experimenting," he says, "but they are still interested in knowing what your values are."

Ginsburg, 40, draws from the experience he has gained from

seeing his own patients. From the high schooler who comes in with alcohol, depression and homelessness.

The more time he spends with children, he says, he has realized that most adolescent health problems weren't there but stemmed from distressed behaviors such as drinking, reckless driving and emotional problems such as depression and anxiety.

He now gives talks around the country on talking and communicating with adolescents.

"While parents in this challenging world cannot guarantee that their children will not engage in worrisome behavior," Ginsburg says, "they can at least have a tremendous influence over whether their children will get stuck in those negative behaviors."

All adolescents, he says, need certain things from their parents and other significant adults: trust, support, involvement, active guidance, and gradually increasing freedom and responsibility.

"Kids love being parented," says Ginsburg, father of 7-year-old twin girls. The problem is that many parents fall into the trap of always telling their offspring "what not to do" instead of focusing on what they "do."

In his book, written with author Martha Jablow, Ginsburg is clear that parents should set expectations and limitations for their pre-teens and teens. He just stresses more emphasis on doing out assignments and having more attention paid to the true meaning of the word "discipline."

"Discipline means to teach," he says. "You want to oil the 'positive wheels' to get kids thinking for themselves about the consequences of what they do."

"But I'm Almost 13: An Action Plan for Raising a Responsible Adolescent," by Dr. Kenneth E. Ginsburg, with Martha M. Jablow, Contemporary Books (240 pages, \$14.95).

## Look, out on the sea! It's the Green Flash

A prime example of one of nature's rare visual gifts is the green flash. This rarely seen phenomenon occurs just as the sun is disappearing below a flat, unobstructed horizon. In the final thrust of sunset, the last sliver of sunlight takes on a brilliant green color, in startling contrast to the familiar red. Having spent a few days in Puerto Rico last month, I had hoped to report on the green flash by e-mail, but my coauthor didn't cooperate. Even on otherwise clear evenings, the light is cut by haze or cloud to the west was enough to spoil the show.

The reason for the green flash is basic physics. When light from one substance to another — from water to air, or glass, etc. — its path is refracted (bent). The color of the light (which corresponds to its wavelength) determines how much it refracts. Think of a prism, sunlight, which consists of all the colors of light combined, passes into the glass. Red, being a long wavelength, light is refracted less than orange light, which is refracted less than yellow



light, green light, blue light, and purple (the shortest wavelength light, respectively). From clear glass emerges a rainbow. As the sun passes below the horizon, the atmosphere, like a prism, refracts red sunlight the least. Thus, as is about to disappear from view, its red light can't bend over the horizon to our eyes, while shorter wavelengths can. We'd see a purple or blue flash if not for the fact that the atmosphere strongly scatters short wavelength light (that's why the sky is blue). Green is the last color to bend over the horizon and still escape atmospheric scattering.

Next time you take a trip to the west coast, try to find a place with a good view of the sea at day's end. If you pay close attention in the final moments of sun-

## Sky calendar (through Saturday)

**Planets**  
 One hour before sunrise  
 Venus: SE, low  
 Mars: SSE, low  
 Jupiter: W, low  
 One hour after sunset  
 Saturn: E

**Moon**  
 Third quarter Saturday, 1:33 a.m.  
 Near Jupiter this morning

**Other**  
 Comet Kudo-Furukawa: Look very low in ESE 7:15 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

set, you might catch the elusive green flash.

Next week, bright constellations run deep. Chris Anderson is a planetary protection specialist at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Write to him at [anderson@csid.edu](mailto:anderson@csid.edu).

## FINDING THE INNER MUTT

### Pet psychics are growing in popularity

Knight Ridder News Service

What if Rover could talk? He can't, but it takes a pet psychic to hear him.

Professional interspecific telepathic communicators, as they prefer to be called, are becoming ever popular with folks who don't speak to their four-legged tracks. And, like the canine charismatics say, they can help put an end to a pup's chewing, barking or baying. At the least, they'll be able to tell you your pet's pet peeves.

The skills are limited to dogs, these. Don't bother, say, they can chat with your cat and relay messages straight from the feline's mouth.

But unlike Mister D, the communication is not verbal. It's telepathic.

"It's a gift. I bring people and animals together," Bebe Daniel said. Although she recently moved from South Florida to Charlotte, N.C., Daniel can still keep in touch with her Miami-area clients by phone — for about \$1 an hour.

"Telepaths know no distance. They can be in the room, or they can be in Japan," said Daniel, who gets up to 25 calls a week

and claims to reach the animals by locating their energy.

The pets, the interspecific communicators say, send their mental pictures, emotions and sometimes even use words.

"Sound ridiculous?"

It's not, said Robert Ferran, a holistic veterinarian in South Miami.

"It's becoming more and more common. Many of us clients use them," he said. "There are some people out there who have the ability to speak without using their lips. It's a talent. I call them intuitive."

Dog who calls them crazy.

Dog who calls them crazy, says Nicholas Dodman, director of the animal behavior clinic at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine in North Grafton, Mass., and author of "If Only They Could Speak," a book about people and their pets.

"I really have no time for people who believe in thought talk," Dodman said. He agrees that dogs do communicate — through body language, such as wagging a tail, not brain waves. "These are people capitalizing on the fact that they know how to spin a good yarn and tell a good story. Dogs don't do sentences."

Yes, they do, said Daniel, the dial-a-communicator, who alleges she often talks insect squatters — palmetto bugs and sugar ants — into moving out.

"I haven't had a problem with bugs — at least not since I've been actively speaking to them," Daniel said.

Included among her following is North Miami's Joyce Dickerson — mother of two mastiffs, Captain Morgan and Stormy.

"She told me a bunch of remarkable things about my dog that were absolutely true. She knew he had been abused. She knew where he slept," Dickerson said. "I was very startled."

When Captain Morgan got cancer, Dickerson used Daniel to tell the dog he was sick.

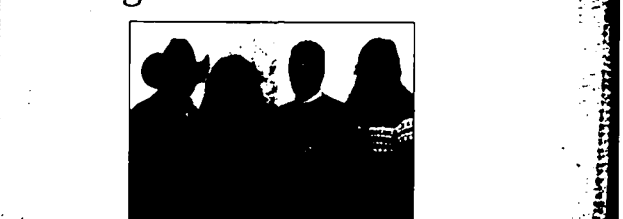
"She talked to him about what was happening to him so he would know what to expect," Dickerson said. "It has really helped him."

Tasa Berman Shaw, an English teacher at Miami-Dade Community College, is an animal communicator on the side.

"Most people who love animals know there is a nonverbal communication," Shaw said.

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