

Healthy salaries



Ryan Mumford, a radiation technician at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, reads Leann Randolph for a chest X-ray. A national shortage of technicians such as Mumford is pushing paychecks upward.

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - She doesn't have a plush office with a view. She doesn't power lunch. But Patricia Neale, a nuclear medicine technician at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, did make an executive's salary last year.

She earned more than Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney (\$87,348) or Twin Falls School Superintendent Terrell Donich (\$91,886). And she earned just \$720 less than Gov. Dirk Kempthorne (\$98,500) - though Kempthorne also gets perks including a home, a car and expenses.

Neale's base salary in the 2001-2002 fiscal year was a little less than \$52,000. But because of a shortage of skilled technicians, Neale made an additional \$46,000 from an exhausting combination of overtime pay, shift differential and extra pay for being on call.

Her total pay: \$97,780. Though Neale's case is the most notable, extensive overtime is common at Magic Valley Regional, hospital records show. That trend is one of several stories told by records released to

TOP EARNERS

Here are the 10 Magic Valley Regional Medical Center employees with the top gross pay for fiscal year 2002 (which ended in September):

Rank	Name, Title	FY 2002 Gross
1	Michelle Shinnick, CEO (part year)	\$195,208.00
2	Ken, John L., propped to CEO	\$131,666.00
3	John Dransy, vice president for nursing	\$130,388.00
4	Kent Looise, chief operating officer	\$121,770.00
5	R. Lee Mullins, chief information officer	\$108,413.00
6	John Groesbeck, chief financial officer	\$108,190.00
7	Patricia Neale, nuclear med tech	\$97,780.00
8	Anne Erickson, nursing director	\$91,548.00
9	Sharon Fisher, quality resources director	\$89,145.00
10	Kurt Kandenbosch, pharmacy director	\$87,642.00

Source: Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

The Times-News after a November Idaho Supreme Court ruling. The records show a hospital facing a competitive market for health-care employees, and struggling to make its jobs attractive to workers. Recent trends at the hospital include:

- **High pay** - Many hospital employees earn big salaries by Magic Valley standards. Of the hospital's nearly 1,400 employees, more than 160 earned more than \$50,000 in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30.
- **Not surprisingly**, hospital executives top the salary list, with CEO John Ken earning an annual salary of \$195,208.
- **But not the highest** - Magic Valley Regional's executives and managers make less than many of their counterparts at comparably sized hospitals nationwide, according to national surveys.
- **Rapid raises** - Some employees saw substantial salary growth - 48 percent, in one case - between 2000 and 2002. Of those earning more than \$50,000, 20

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Money & Medicine

Medical money
The Times-News won an Idaho Supreme Court case in late November, gaining access to pay records from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for a year. The records provide a unique glimpse into the hospital's financial and executive compensation structure.

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Medical training hangs in balance

Programs aim to boost health care in rural areas

BOISE - Many things make a small rural community like Wendell the kind of place people want to live. A doctor in town is one that most don't even think about until there isn't one. Dr. Mark Spencer is the doctor for the south-central town of 2,300. "He makes a big difference," Wendell Mayor Paul Isaacson says. "It's made a difference in the quality of life. We have a good share of senior citizens, and they definitely need medical care."

Like more than 100 other doctors serving small communities throughout Idaho, the Montana native picked a rural, underserved town over a more lucrative big-city practice because of his experience in state-subsidized medical education programs - programs that are now in the crosshairs of state lawmakers searching for budget cuts to avoid higher taxes. "I certainly could well have been influenced by it... I have been and probably would have been had it not been for these programs," Spencer said. More than 45 percent of the state's existing physicians are in rural areas, already a high concentration.

M.V. economy outshines many in the state

TWIN FALLS - Local leaders are bragging about the Twin Falls area as the hottest economy in the state. Some findings from Dr. Jerry Accardi, fourth quarter's state local economic indicators reported that contention. Despite jobless rates, a hearty market for home sales and new home construction is driving growth in job numbers, albeit a tiny increase. Employment is also up, but not as fast as the local business.

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But other key indicators show some economic strain for Magic Valley. Among them: retail sales, the new automobile market, milk prices and ad rates.

Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding counties are "the most economically vibrant and diverse area in Idaho at this time, and probably in the Pacific Northwest region as well," labor economist Greg Rogers said. "We've never seen this strong of an economy here, particularly in a year like 2002 with so much national and statewide bad news." "It's been an incredible year for the Magic Valley." For the rest of the story, see the Money section in today's edition for Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins' report on fourth quarter economic indicators.

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Heavy metal music: It's here! For a week of hype the Oakland Raiders meet the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for the championship of the NFL. *The Times-News* looks at the big game with a special four-page wraparound section. Pages C1,2,7,8

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Public speaks out on Idaho's budget issues

Focus of meetings goes to sales tax, education

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - There still aren't clear-cut answers on how to fill Idaho's \$160 million hole in the 2004 budget. But at least Magic Valley residents had their chance to voice opinions about it Saturday.

Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, and Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, who co-chair the state Joint Appropriations Finance Committee, held three meetings Saturday to ask for ideas about and solutions to the state's budget woes. More meetings are set for other parts of the state over the next two weekends.

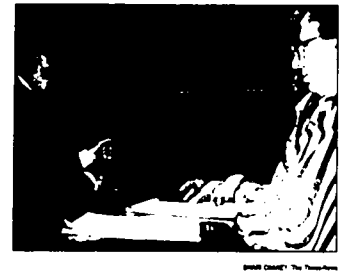
The focus was on sales tax and education, although residents raised concerns

and questions running the entire gamut of state departments. But education represents the largest portion of state expenditures, with public schools allocated 46 percent, higher education taking 11 percent, and other programs such as the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind and professional-technical programs accounting for nearly 7 percent.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is proposing a 21 percent increase in state support for public schools to \$669.4 million. Many educators and others were ready to pay an increase in sales tax to protect education funding.

"Tax more if you have to. We have to pay for what we ask for," Tom Goff said at the Twin Falls meeting.

Cassia County Schools Superintendent Mike Chesley also supported a sales tax increase if education



Rep. Maxine Bell and Sen. Dean Cameron look on as residents give their opinions on what the Legislature should do to alleviate a \$160 million deficit.

7 days, 7 reasons to read

Asthma and heartburn? They have more in common than you think. Monday

Make your move

Wood River Valley takes chess seriously. Tuesday

Tired of winter?

Think spring - spring flowers, that is. Wednesday

Fight time

The new boxing series in Twin Falls begins. Thursday

Jive! talkin'

The Twin Falls High School choral group stages its winter concert. Friday

A long walk

One man is walking across America, for God. Saturday

With this ring...

Read what's new for nuptials in our annual special Brides section. Sunday

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Abundant clouds and spotty showers	Scattered rain showers	Daytime rain then rain and snow showers tonight	Fair to windy, cloudy and mostly dry	Fair to sunny
High 48	Low 35	43/27	40/21	41/28

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Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure
Yesterday's High: 54 Low: 40	Yesterday's Precip: 0.0	Yesterday's Humidity: 67%	Yesterday's Pressure: 30.0
Normal High/Low: 53/34	Normal Precip: 0.0	Normal Humidity: 69%	Normal Pressure: 30.1
Record High: 66 Record Low: 21	Record Precip: 2.2	Record Humidity: 100%	Record Pressure: 29.8

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Boise	45-58	44-56	43-57
Burley	40-53	39-51	38-50
Challis	35-48	34-46	33-45
Idaho Falls	37-50	36-49	35-48
Jerome	32-45	31-44	30-43
Lawton	30-43	29-42	28-41
Shoshone	35-48	34-47	33-46
Stewart	30-43	29-42	28-41
Sutton	30-43	29-42	28-41
Timber Lake	30-43	29-42	28-41
Twin Falls	48-61	47-60	46-59
Wilder	30-43	29-42	28-41
Yellowstone	30-43	29-42	28-41

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Albany, NY	30-45	29-44	28-43
Albuquerque, NM	40-55	39-54	38-53
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WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Atlanta	65-75	64-74	63-73
Bangkok	80-90	79-89	78-88
Bombay	75-85	74-84	73-83
Buenos Aires	55-65	54-64	53-63
Calcutta	80-90	79-89	78-88
Cairo	70-80	69-79	68-78
Chicago	45-55	44-54	43-53
Colon	80-90	79-89	78-88
London	50-60	49-59	48-58
Los Angeles	65-75	64-74	63-73
Manila	80-90	79-89	78-88
Moscow	30-40	29-39	28-38
New York	35-45	34-44	33-43
Osaka	55-65	54-64	53-63
Paris	45-55	44-54	43-53
San Francisco	55-65	54-64	53-63
Singapore	80-90	79-89	78-88
Tokyo	55-65	54-64	53-63
Washington	45-55	44-54	43-53
Yokohama	55-65	54-64	53-63

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cloudy to mostly cloudy skies and increasing chance of showers throughout the day. Highs mid to upper 40s.
 Tonight: Periods of light to moderate rain showers likely. A little snow could mix in with the rain late. Lows middle 30s.
 Tomorrow: Rain and snow showers are likely with most of the precipitation in the form of rain. Highs lower 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cloudy to mostly cloudy skies and mostly dry until late in the day. Highs near 50.
 Tonight: Periods rain showers likely. A little snow could mix in with the rain late. Lows low to mid 30s.
 Tomorrow: Rain and snow showers are likely with most of the precipitation in the form of rain. Highs lower 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 Snow showers will be developing throughout the day. Snow showers are likely for tonight and tomorrow. Higher elevations could see 6 to 12 inches of new snow. A few to several inches possible in the valleys.
 Today Highs 28 to 43. Tonight's Lows 22 to 28.
BOISE
 Rain showers will come and go for today and tonight. Scattered rain showers will linger into Monday. Areas of rain and snow will be possible in the foothills.
 Today Highs 40s to 45s. Tonight's Lows 20s to 26s.
NORTHERN UTAH
 Mostly dry for today with areas of snow developing on Monday. A few to several inches of new snow could fall in the mountains.
 Today Highs 40s to 45s. Tonight's Lows 20s to 26s.

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 Was left unscathed. He noted that Cassia County schools took a \$500,000 hit last year and are seeing a drop in enrollment which means less money for the district. And like many other educators, he noted the federal No Child Left Behind act and other mandates don't all receive public funding.
 Jerome farmer and school board member Steve Marshall said that while he benefited from recent agricultural tax breaks and wouldn't want to give them back, there's something to consider.
 The issue of sales tax was split more evenly. Some people spoke adamantly against any tax increase. Others gave a nod to a 1 percent increase, rather than the governor's proposed 1.5 percent increase. Others wanted a look at sales tax exemptions to see if those exemptions still apply.
 Bell noted the top sales tax exemptions are energy sales, such as electricity and natural gas, along with prescription drugs.
 Most people did not ask the Legislature to be up front and admit that the sales tax increase will be permanent. People did not believe it would end in three years as the governor has said it will.
 In Jerome, Jerry Ridley said all previous sales tax increases had sunset dates, yet only once did they return to lower levels, as promised.
 Sales tax accounts for nearly 55 percent of the state's general fund revenue. Individual income tax accounts for 50 percent.
 Other topics covered at the three public meetings included:

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What Magic Valley residents had to say to their legislators Saturday

"I think we could bring in our own toilet paper if that would help."
Lola Scott, Twin Falls teacher

"I'm doing a good job with education. We're doing it with stress and less each year. Please don't cut us anymore."
Jeff Birch, school principal in Cassia County

"I don't want kids in this state to fall behind kids in other states."
Steve Marshall, Jerome farmer and school board member

"The education community is in a competition with the rest of the state. We are competing with other states for teachers."
George MacDonold, school board member in Minidoka County

"Teachers, you need to love your job. You're going to have to share but I want everyone to pay the taxes."
Madelyn Payer, Rupert resident

"We're making it harder for our low income students to go on to college or technical school. Our dream is to state is that any kid can go on to higher education."
Nick Hallett, school superintendent in Minidoka County

"I don't have a tax problem in Idaho. We have a spending problem."
Jack Miller, Twin Falls resident

"I think we're going to cut, it should be across the board. There should be no sacred cows. It's the only fair way."
Jerry Haney, Jerome resident

"We have state agencies that are just wrecking this country. They stop industry by going through study after study after study after study. If we're going to have any progress, we've got to clean up that mess."
Charles Clark, retired Rupert resident

"No one should go hungry, but I resent welfare recipients that have cell phones and cars that are better than mine."
Madelyn Payer, Rupert resident

"If we raise sales tax a penny and a half, it won't go away. Government will do that."
Robert Luna, Jerome school board member

"We're all Idahoans here. For some reason state employees get lashed as rich people. We're not."
Dennis Jensen, state employee

"It's tax them on stuff they don't need. If you can afford to drink beer, it's tax it heavy."
Lloyd E. Cox, Rupert resident

IDAHO LOTTERY

POPCORN Saturday, Jan. 23
 10 12 18 48 51 PBA: 21

MILKMAID Saturday, Jan. 23
 3 7 21 22 26

WILD CARD Saturday, Jan. 23
 10 12 18 48 51 PBA: 21

5/39 Saturday, Jan. 23
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Doctors

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 ered short of health professionals. That is one of the highest percentages in the nation. Bob Seebush of the Idaho Medical Association said there has been no improvement since the mid-1990s when Idaho ranked 49th among the 50 states in the ratio of primary health care professionals to the overall population.
 There are fewer than 190 doctors for every 100,000 people, and the average age of those physicians is higher than in almost every other state.
 Health care policy makers say the situation would be much worse were it not for state's intervention through:
 • The Washington-Wyoming-Alaska-Montana-Idaho Medical Education program, which turns out 16 Idaho residents as doctors each year.
 • The Family Practice Residency programs in Boise and Pocatello, which provide nationally recognized final on-the-job training to 14 more doctors each year.
 Students pay \$11,000 a year, but the state pumps more than \$4 million annually in subsidies into the programs that emphasize rural family practice.
 "I just can't imagine what our state would look like without them," said Laura Rowen at the Idaho Office of Rural Health and Primary Care.
 Just two years ago, at the end of one of the strongest economic runs the state has seen, lawmakers voted to finance the training for even more doctors. But even that increase left the state short of the level of medical training it was subsidizing before the budget crisis of the early 1980s.
 The medical program took a major hit in erasing that deficit, and Seebush and others fear that this year they will again be "easy targets," Seebush said, as wealthy doctors who ought to pay their own way, "even though they come out of medical school with debt between \$90,000 and \$100,000."
 The leaders of the legislative budget committee are making no promises this time around about protecting the health education programs as they did last year.
 "I don't want to cut education, I

Israeli forces kill Palestinians during raid

The Washington Post
 JERUSALEM, Jan. 26 - Israeli tanks and helicopter gunships swept into central Gaza City late Saturday night, killing at least 12 Palestinians and injuring an estimated 30 others in the deepest incursion into the populous city in 28 months of fighting, according to Palestinian witnesses.
 Palestinian gunmen used anti-tank missiles, explosives and other firepower to fight back against the armored vehicles, according to Israeli military sources. No soldiers were reported killed in the operation, which continued early today.
 Witnesses reported that 30 Israeli tanks, backed by Apache helicopter gunships, participated in the attack, which marked a dramatic escalation of the conflict in Gaza. Israeli troops had attacked a community just outside the entrance to Gaza City on Friday.
 The death toll in Sunday's fighting was the highest in the Gaza Strip since 15 Palestinian were killed when an Israeli helicopter fired a missile into a crowded street during a military operation in the southern Gaza city of Khan Younis on Oct. 8.
 Though the Israeli military has steadily stepped up its attacks in the Gaza Strip in recent months, this was the first time tanks had ventured into the heart of Gaza City, within a few yards of the central square, according to witnesses.
 an effort to keep people out of justifying money in public safety costs.
 • Paperless savings - Neva Tanner presented the legislators with stacks of duplicate forms and mail she received from state agencies, calling for more efficient practices.
 Local economist Greg Rogers said his office has saved costs by using paperless methods in many cases, including e-mail and the Internet.
 • Budget notes - Cameron noted the Legislature creates a budget 18 months in advance and issues projections of tax revenue, not actual numbers.
 In looking at the actual numbers of past years' revenue, sales tax revenue was the only tax revenue that increased. Individual income tax revenue decreased by 18.4 percent and corporate income tax revenue decreased by 46.1 percent.
 Some theories as to why sales tax revenue saw an increase include deals offering 0 percent financing on cars, refinancing home loans and credit card spending, Cameron said. He warned that sales tax revenue might not continue that trend.
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Electronic attack slows Internet

WASHINGTON (AP) — A fast-spreading, virus-like infection dramatically slowed Internet traffic Saturday, overwhelming the world's digital pipelines and interfering with Web browsing and e-mail delivery.

Monitors reported detecting at least 39,000 infected computers, which transmitted floods of spurious signals disrupting hundreds of thousands of other systems worldwide. Sites monitoring the health of the Internet reported significant slowdowns, although recovery efforts appeared to be succeeding.

"Everything is starting to come back online," said Bill Murray, a spokesman for the FBI's National Infrastructure Protection Center. "We know what the issue was and how to mitigate it, and we're just imploring systems administrators to apply the patches that will prevent this from propagating again."

Bank of America Corp., one of the nation's largest banks, said many customers could not withdraw money from its 13,000 ATM machines because of technical problems caused by the attack. A spokeswoman, Lisa Gagnon, said the bank restored service to nearly all ATMs by late Saturday afternoon and that customers' money and personal information had not been at risk.

Millions of Internet users in South Korea were stranded when computers at Korea Telecom (KTF) and SK Telecom failed. Service was restored but remained slow, officials said. In Japan, NHK television reported

heavy data traffic swamped some of the country's Internet connections, and Finnish phone company TeliSonera reported some problems.

"It's not debilitating," said Howard Schmidt, President Bush's No. 2 cybersecurity adviser. "Everybody seems to be getting it under control." Schmidt said the FBI's cybersecurity unit and experts at the federally funded CERT Coordination Center were monitoring the attack and offering technical advice to computer administrators on how to protect against it.

"We as a technical group are getting better at identifying these things and putting filters in place in a timely manner," said Marty Lindner of the CERT Coordination Center.

Tiffany Olson, spokeswoman for the President's Critical Infrastructure Protection Board, said the White House may not determine the scope of damage "for at least a couple of days, and we may not know the full impact of this attack at all." She said companies often don't report such damage to the government.

The virus-like attack, which began about 12:30 a.m. EST, sought out vulnerable computers on the Internet to infect using a known flaw in popular database software from Microsoft Corp. called "SQL Server 2000." The attacking software was scanning for victim computers so randomly and so aggressively, sending out thousands of probes a second, that it saturated many Internet data pipelines.

Official says China will have largest Internet economy

DAVOS, Switzerland (AP) — China will soon become the world's largest Internet and information economy, surpassing the United States, the president of one of the Chinese government's two main telecommunications companies predicted Saturday.

By 2008, China will have between 200 million and 300 million Internet devices and millions more users, said Edward Tian, China Netcom Corp.'s chief executive and a pioneer of the country's Internet revolution.

He spoke at a panel on "China's Rise: Regional and Global Impacts" at the World Economic Forum in this snow-covered Swiss Alpine resort, an annual meeting of top business and government leaders who have singled out China as one of the few economic success stories in the past year.

In China, Internet use has grown from a few thousand seven years ago to more than 60 million today, putting China ahead of Japan and only second to the United States, which has about 200 million users, Tian said.

"China can soon become the world's largest Internet and information economy, in both telecommunications and the traditional IT (information technology) sectors," he said.

Gen. Saadi says Iraq has cooperated

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BAAGHDAD, Iraq — President Saddam Hussein's chief adviser Saturday said Iraq's government is cooperating fully with the United Nations and sees nothing more it can do to stave off war with the United States.

In a wide-ranging interview with a group of Western reporters, Gen. Amir Saadi indicated he believes a war is almost inevitable, but he put the onus on the United States.

He said external factors such as a faltering U.S. economy, peace protests in the United States or behind-the-scenes pressure from U.S. allies might halt the march toward war — but not any action on the part of Iraq.

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Both men are expected to seek more time for inspectors to search at least 350 more sites in Iraq as well as to follow up current investigations. But they also will sharply criticize Iraq for refusing to provide new informa-

tion. Gen. Saadi said Iraq has cooperated fully with the United Nations and sees nothing more it can do to stave off war with the United States.

Such materials "are being moved constantly and hidden," Paul D. Wolfowitz, deputy secretary of Defense, told the Council on Foreign Relations in New York on Thursday. Spy satellites have photographed trucks leaving facilities while inspections were going on, other officials say.

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Bush gives sneak preview of State of Union

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush gave a brief preview Saturday of the list of priorities he will put before Congress this week: overhauling Medicare, cutting taxes, involving religious groups more deeply in government programs and restraining federal spending.

The proposals in the State of the Union address Tuesday night are the president's chance to define what he considers at least the starting point for the year's

legislative work. Bush used his weekly radio address to impart a taste of the speech to be delivered a week beyond the two-year midpoint of his presidency.

The president said he will focus on broad themes such as boosting the economy, making the country safer from attack, giving the elderly greater access to health care, preaching the gospel of compassion. Beyond it all, he said, will be

one overarching message of optimism. "Our nation faces many great challenges all at once," the president said. "We will meet all of them with courage and steady purpose."

The president also plans to announce next week broad outlines of his proposed changes in the nation's health care system, including a plan to modernize Medicare while adding more prescription drug coverage.

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Librarians worry about government monitoring

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A federal law aimed at catching terrorists has raised the hackles of many of the nation's librarians, who say it goes too far by allowing law enforcement agencies to watch what some people are reading.

Some 10,000 librarians from around the world were expected in Philadelphia for the association's midwinter meeting, which began Friday. The group will discuss the USA Patriot Act at a forum today and is likely to draft a resolution condemning sections of the law that open library records to police inspection, American Library Association President Maurice J. Freedman said.

The act, passed after the Sept. 11 attacks, gave the FBI new powers to investigate terrorism, including the ability to look at library records and computer hard drives to see what books patrons have checked out, what Web pages they've visited, and where they've sent e-mails.

The Department of Justice says the new powers are needed to identify terrorist cells.

But some librarians worry that the FBI has returned to routinely checking on the reading habits of intellectuals, civil rights leaders and other Americans. Those tactics, common in the 1950s and 1960s, were occasionally used to brand people as Communists.

"Some of this stuff is pretty scary, and we're very concerned



Natalie Sanel works on a computer hooked up to the internet in the Philadelphia Free Library Friday in Philadelphia. The American Library Association is holding its midwinter meeting in Philadelphia amid concerns that law enforcement is going too far by watching what some people are reading.

that people's privacy is being violated," Freedman said.

Judith Krug, director of the group's Office of Intellectual Freedom, said routine government inquiries into library records could have a chilling effect on patrons. For example, she said, some might be afraid to take out books on Islam out of fear that they might wind up on

an FBI watch list.

Speaking to reporters in Philadelphia last week, FBI Director Robert S. Mueller sought to play down concerns that the bureau would abuse its powers.

Mueller said he couldn't recall a case where agents had sought library records to see what books someone had been reading.

FBI taps campus police in anti-terror operations

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Federal authorities have begun enlisting campus police officers in the domestic war on terror, renewing fears among some faculty and student groups of overzealous FBI spying at colleges and universities that led to scandals in decades past.

Since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the FBI has strengthened or established working relationships with hundreds of campus police departments, in part to gain better access to install communities of Middle Eastern students, government officials said.

On at least a dozen campuses, the FBI has included collegiate police officers as members of local Joint Terrorism Task Forces, the regional entities that oversee counterterrorism investigations nationwide.

Some officers have been given federal security clearance, which

allows them access to classified information. Their supervisors often do not know which cases these officers are working on because details cannot be shared, officials said.

The FBI and many campus police officers view the arrangements as a logical, effective way to help monitor potential terrorist threats and keep better tabs on the more than 200,000 foreign nationals studying in the United States. Several of the Sept. 11 hijackers were enrolled as students at American flight schools, and one entered the country on a student visa but never showed up at the school.

"Campus law enforcement is starting to get a lot more recognition from the FBI and other federal agencies now, because they're realizing we do have police departments and we can play a vital role in stopping terrorism," said H. Scott Diner, police chief at Valdosta State

University in Georgia and president of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators. "Everybody's got to have their eyes and ears open to make sure something doesn't happen again."

But the effort has touched a nerve among some faculty and student groups, as well as Muslim activists, who fear that the government is inching toward the kind of controversial spying tactics it used in the 1950s and 1960s. With few exceptions, the FBI at the time aggressively monitored, and often harassed, political groups, student activists and dissidents.

Faculty leaders and administrators argue that U.S. colleges and universities are unique places devoted to the exchange of ideas, and that even the hint of surveillance by government authorities taints that environment.

GOP hard to alter course

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Rep. Richard W. Pombo, R-Calif., and Sen. James M. Inhofe, R-Okla., walk the corridors of the U.S. Capitol in cowboy boots. Both rail against environmental regulations they consider scientifically dubious and overly burdensome to business.

Now they have the power to do something about it.

Pombo, a rancher who has crusaded to rewrite the Endangered Species Act, is the new chairman of the House Resources Committee. Inhofe, who once called the Environmental Protection Agency a "Gestapo" bureaucracy, is the new chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

Rep. Charles H. Taylor, R-N.C., is the new chairman of the House subcommittee that appropriates money for the Interior Department. A registered farmer, he pushed a bill through the House in the 1990s that temporarily removed environmental protections from certain timber harvests.

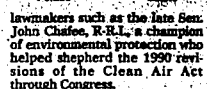
They are among a group of pro-business conservatives with reputations for attacking environmental laws who now control committees charged with managing public lands and regulating pollution. In the new, Republican-controlled Congress, these chairmen will be central figures in advancing President Bush's agenda, which includes opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for oil and gas exploration and allowing more logging in national forests.

They are testing their clout. Sen. Pete V. Domenici, R-N.M., who has taken the gavel of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, hopes to win approval of Arctic oil drilling by using a parliamentary device to overcome a threatened Democratic filibuster.

Environmentalists say the leadership selections signal that Republicans have made a U-turn since the days when they chose



Rep. Richard W. Pombo



Sen. James M. Inhofe

lawmakers such as the late Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., a champion of environmental protection who helped shepherd the 1990 revisions of the Clean Air Act through Congress.

"The Republican leadership has slammed the door on the party's tradition of conservation in order to open for business with corporate polluters who gave money to their campaigns," said Alysa Campaigne, legislative director of the Natural Resources Defense Council, a national environmental group.

The Republicans reject the view that they are despoilers of the environment. "It's just that I come from a business background," Inhofe said. "I know that bureaucracies, if left alone, can become abusive."

Inhofe does not apologize for being the only senator to vote against the \$7.8-billion federal commitment to restore the Florida Everglades, a pet project of the president and his brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush. Inhofe said the project's benefits did not outweigh its massive costs.

"I was right and the other 99 were wrong," he said.

Now Inhofe is more than just one vote in 100 when it comes to the future of the Everglades restoration plan. He is the chairman of the committee that will decide whether parts of the plan are implemented.

Inhofe and his staff outlined an agenda for this Congress that includes exempting the Pentagon from an array of environmental laws and introducing more cost-benefit analysis into

environmental regulations.

"The Bush administration has proposed to cut the federal budget by \$100 billion. That's a lot of money. I don't know how they can do that without cutting programs that protect our young children, was practical."

Inhofe is recognized as a "champion" by the League of Private Property Voters, a coalition of groups that include property rights advocates. He regularly earns perfect scores — zeros — on the legislative report card issued by the league.

In the House, Pombo has the same distinction. An ally of House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, Pombo, 42, jumped over more senior members to win the gavel of the House Resources Committee.

The owner of a 500-acre cattle ranch in California's Central Valley, Pombo has been a longtime critic of the Endangered Species Act, contending that protections for certain species such as the kangaroo rat have ruined lives and livelihoods.

"We have to develop a way so it becomes a positive to have endangered species (on your property) instead of a negative," he said, suggesting that federal grants be offered to "encourage people to do things that attract wildlife and endangered species to their property."

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High insurance rates force some doctors to stop high-risk surgical procedures

ATLANTA (AP) — Nearly one in five Georgia doctors are abandoning high-risk medical procedures, including delivering babies, and hundreds more are leaving the state or retiring because of high medical malpractice insurance rates, according to a study released Saturday.

"Medical liability insurance is a serious problem in Georgia," said Bruce Deighton, executive director of the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce, which released the study. "We're not saying we have an answer to correct that, but it does have an impact on the physician supply in Georgia and it does reduce access to medical care in Georgia."

Doctors in several states have complained about rising malpractice insurance rates, driven at least in part by large jury awards.

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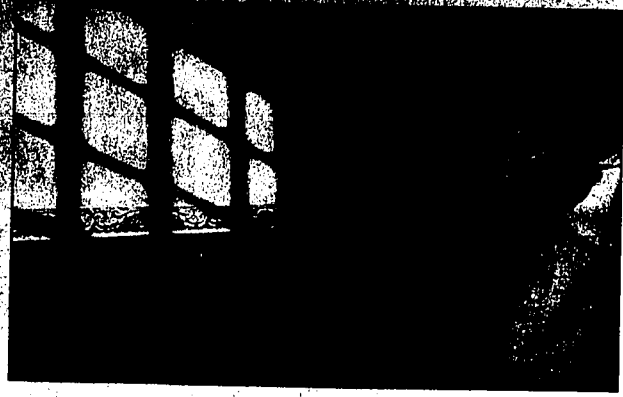
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 (PONTIAC, Ill.) — For 15 years, Denny Edwards has lived alone in an 8-by-13-foot cell where his only neighbors have been men like him, waiting to die. Crimes committed across Illinois:
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Denny Edwards, who has spent the last 15 years in an 8-by-13-foot cell on death row, talks about former Illinois Gov. George Ryan's mass commutation of death row inmate sentences to life in prison at Pontiac Correctional Institution Jan. 21, in Pontiac, Ill. They'll trade private calls on death row for cellmates and the general population at other prisons around the state.

view from death row at the century-old maximum-security prison in Pontiac. "It's no secret. It's a lot different than being here."
 "I'm going to a whole new world," he said.
 That also worries Ronald Klirner, who had faced execution for a 1988 murder-for-hire in Chicago.
 "I'll just keep my faith in God, which I've done for 10 1/2 years," Klirner said. "There's really nothing else you can do."
 The governor's action has already restored some freedoms, such as meeting visitors without handcuffs. Klirner and Edwards both said they hugged their moth-

ers last week for the first time since they were sentenced.
 They say Ryan's ruling also has bought them time they can use to prove their innocence.
 "I know when I'm vindicated and walk out the door, I have to thank Gov. Ryan because if he hadn't done what he did, I could have been executed," Klirner said.
 Pontiac's condemned unit won't be vacant for long. Ryan's order only applied to those already sentenced, and several capital cases are pending.
 New Gov. Rod Blagojevich has said he will continue the moratorium on executions that Ryan set in 2000, but he has no plans to

commute more sentences.
 Despite their worries about life in the general prison population, Klirner and Edwards both urged lawmakers to think seriously about Ryan's parting message and reconsider keeping the death penalty.
 Edwards cited Ryan's argument that 17 death-row inmates had been cleared since capital punishment was reinstated in Illinois in 1977.
 "That's 10 percent. If United Airlines' flights crashed 10 percent of the time, would you fly United Airlines? If the system is wrong 10 percent of the time, do something different," he said.

he began clearing death row by commuting the sentences of all 167 condemned inmates to life in prison, most without a chance of parole. Even Edwards, sentenced to die for the 1987 kidnapping and murder of newspaper publisher Stephen Small, who was Ryan's neighbor in Kankakee, was spared despite his own refusal to request clemency.
 Ryan's announcement has been celebrated on death row, but that optimism has been tempered with weariness as the inmates now prepare to leave the relative security of the condemned unit to join the general population.
 "They will get cellmates, and they will no longer be insulated from the gang activity and violence present inside the state's prisons."
 "You know what the population is like," Edwards said in an inter-

Charleston, S.C., tops list of best-mannered U.S. cities

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Not to be impolite, but so much for New York City.
 Charleston is back on top of the unofficial list of America's best-mannered cities, following a year in which it shared the honor with New York City.
 It's the ninth time Charleston has taken top etiquette honors since expert Marjabelle Young Stewart started compiling her

annual list 26 years ago.
 New York slipped from a tie for first to No. 3 this year behind Charleston and San Diego, the host of today's Super Bowl.
 Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love, came in fourth. San Francisco was next, followed by Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Minneapolis and Seattle.
 The unscientific survey is based on thousands of faxes, phone

calls, emails and letters Stewart received from travelers remarking on how they were treated during their trips.
 "I was in Charleston about a year ago, and I couldn't get over everyone saying 'Excuse me' and 'Thank you' and 'May I help you,'" Stewart said. "Southerners have always been known for their beautiful manners."
 She also noted that many

retirees are flocking to San Diego and "what they like there is the feeling, the emotion, the sweetness," she said.
 The manners in New York aren't quite what they were a year ago, maybe because of the weather.

Florida frees death row inmate after 16 years

RAIFORD, Fla. (AP) — After 16 years on death row, Rudolph Holton stepped out from a prison razor wire fences and stood in the bright sunlight and crisp, cold air.
 "Freedom is like a feeling you really can't describe," said Holton, who became a free man Friday when prosecutors determined they didn't have enough evidence to retry him for the 1986 murder of a Tampa teen.
 "I'm on top of the world. I forgive everybody."
 Holton, 49, was convicted of

raping and killing Katrina Graddy, a 17-year-old prostitute, and then setting her on fire in an abandoned drug house in Tampa. About 10 days before she was murdered, Graddy had told police another man raped her. But Holton's defense attorney was never given that report.
 Because of that error, the state Supreme Court ruled in December that Holton deserved a new trial, upholding a November 2001 order by Circuit Judge Daniel Perry.

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As Navy readies to depart Vieques, it leaves toxic mess in its wake

Knight Rider News Service

VIEQUES, Puerto Rico - Carmen Valencia points to each marker, reads the name, tells a story.

Manolin Portiella owned the little market in town. Varo Comas moved back here after retiring on the mainland. Mirreya Bermudez, just married, was raising two small children.

All are dead now, felled by the cancer that stalks residents of this fishery island at a higher rate than in the rest of Puerto Rico. Each is remembered here with a simple white cross outside the chain-link fence that surrounds the Navy firing range at Camp Garcia.

More than 50 such markers rise from the tall grass along Highway 997. For the deaths, many here blame the heavy metals, solvents, chemicals and other potentially harmful materials introduced during more than five decades of military exercises on this otherwise quiet Caribbean island.

The Navy this month confirmed the end of its higher profile May 1, but plans for the land remain far from resolved. While the carrier battle group USS Theodore Roosevelt conducts what officials say will be the last round of exercises on Vieques, both the Navy and the activists who campaigned against the practice bombing are bracing for the next phase of the dispute: the cleanup.

Under current legislation, the Navy is to turn the land over to the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the agencies are to work together to address environmental contamination. Gov. Sila M. Calderon has appointed a commission to represent Puerto Rico. Activists are demanding a role in the discussions.

"There is a plethora of deadly military toxics here," says Roberto Rabin, a leader of the Committee for the Rescue and Development of Vieques. "If there's no decontamination, even if the Navy didn't drop another bomb, they would go on killing us for decades."

The Navy says periodic exercises at Camp Garcia have not endangered public health on this island of 9,100 mostly poor inhabitants. Studies have indicated that levels of levels of several contaminants in the water, food chain and population and higher than normal rates of cancer, but direct linkages are difficult to prove.

Nonetheless, many here are convinced.

"We are sure these illnesses are the result of the bombs," says the 58-year-old Valencina, a retired schoolteacher who says she had her uterus removed two years ago after doctors diagnosed the beginning of cancer.

"There's no factories here, no industrial development, nothing else that would contaminate us like that. What else could it be?"

Long known the lush green slopes of land as Isla Seta - the "baby island" of lush green mountains and white sand beaches rising from the turquoise waters off the eastern tip of Puerto Rico. Families here raise, raise cattle or cater to tourists. More than a quarter of the workforce is unemployed.

The Navy has been here since World War II, using the eastern end of the island for periodic bombing practice.

Since exercises began in 1947, sailors and Marines have introduced napalm, depleted uranium and a possibly carcinogenic chemical intended to simulate the nerve agent VX into the environment. The USS Killen, a destroyer used as a target ship during nuclear tests in the Marshalls Islands, lies sunk 150 yards from shore.

During the 1990s, the Navy reported levels of the heavy metals arsenic, cadmium, chromium, lead, manganese and mercury sometimes hundreds-of-times above permit limits set by the Environmental Protection Agency in the waters around the island.

Heavy metals - often found in military munitions - can remain in human tissue for years. Some may be associated with asthma and illnesses of the central nervous system, kidneys, lungs, heart and brain. Prolonged exposure to abnormal levels of arsenic, cadmium and chromium has been linked to cancer.

University of Puerto Rico biologist Arturo Mendiola has found levels of cadmium consumed in land crabs on the firing range. The crabs are not eaten on Vieques. Mendiola also has found toxic levels of cobalt, lead, manganese and nickel in edible

plants such as chili pepper, banana, pumpkin, pepper and mango.

Epidemiologist Carmen Ortiz Roque found toxic levels of lead or mercury in 44 percent of the 49 subjects who volunteered for testing in 2000. Some also had toxic levels of cadmium.

Studies by the commonwealth government have indicated a higher-than-normal rate of cancer on Vieques. Islanders say they also suffer abnormally from asthma, skin conditions, neonatal mortality and birth defects. The government is planning more studies.

The Navy did not respond to several requests to address environmental contamination or health problems on Vieques for this report. Navy officials have said in the past that military activities on Vieques have not harmed the environment or the population.

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REWRITING

One man seeks to expose the truth, rewrite history regarding the sinking of the submarine chaser, USS Eagle

By Helen O'Hall
Associated Press writer

BROCKTON, Mass. — Paul Lawton's quest to rewrite history began in a Brockton bar on a cold March night in 1998.

Warned by Budweisers and shots of Yukon Jack, he listened on as his lifelong friends, two brothers, told the tale of a U.S. warship blown to pieces just south of Portland, Maine, late in World War II, and of their father, a 32-year-old seaman who perished in the blast.

Vividly the brothers, Bob and Paul Westerlund, recalled the sadness of the time. And they remembered the Navy explanation: A boiler explosion had split the 200-foot submarine chaser, the USS Eagle PE 56, in two.

"A terrible accident, the Navy said, all the more tragic because it happened just two weeks before Germany surrendered.

But their mother never believed the official version. And so she told her children what survivors told her — that in a moment after the explosion, as they were diving into the frigid water, they glimpsed something dark and sinister. It rose to the surface for an instant, but they would never forget the sight — a submarine conning tower painted with a mchievous red horse trotting on a yellow shield.

Lawton, a lawyer and military historian, is obsessed by submarines. As a child he spent hours drawing intricate replicas of U-boats and battleships. He has taught courses in U-boat history. He can recite every detail of every battle and loss in the Atlantic.

But he had never heard this story before.

Lawton knew the trotting horse was the insignia of a German U-boat, the U-853, which the records said had sunk just one ship in New England waters — a coal tanker called the Black Point. But the brothers insisted that the U-853 also sank the USS Eagle.

Lawton's mind was reeling. Forty-nine men died in the Eagle disaster. If they had died in enemy action, they were entitled to Purple Hearts. They were entitled to more than being simply written off as victims of a freak accident.

Back at his apartment, Lawton pulled out his U-boat "bible," a two-inch thick book by German historian Jurgen Rohwer. A footnote contained a reference to the USS Eagle and to its probable sinking by the U-853.

"I just couldn't believe it," Lawton said. "Why would the Navy say it was a boiler explosion?"

Lawton started digging through the archives, calling military historians, writing letters to various branches of the Navy. He requested the report from the court of inquiry into the sinking, witness statements, deck logs.

Sorry, the replies said, the files were missing, presumed lost.

Lawton requested the records of other ships operating in the area at the time, including the USS Selfridge, a destroyer which had rescued 13 men from the sinking Eagle. Buried in the military jargon of its deck logs he found references to sonar detections, and to a hunter-killer task force of destroyers and bombers assembled to track down a sub immediately after the sinking.

Inspired by Lawton, the Westerlunds placed a small notice in The Boston Globe, saying they were looking for survivors of the USS Eagle.

Two people contacted them immediately. John Breeze, a former naval engineer and USS Eagle survivor vividly recalled the sinking, the rescue, the dark silhouette of the submarine. Alice

Huligren, a former WAVE member, remembered taking notes at the hastily convened court of inquiry at a naval dispensary where the survivors were treated.

Both were shocked when Lawton told him the official Navy explanation.

"Boiler explosion!" Breeze exclaimed over the phone. "We all knew it was a sub. How could the Navy deny it?"

"The fellows all said there had been a sub," Huligren said.

Their testimony filled 18 pages. Still, Lawton's letters to the Navy continued to be dismissed.

"The cause of the sinking has been determined to be the result of a boiler explosion," was the reply he received, over and over.

Lawton fell by the wayside. And then one morning in October 1999, a package arrived, a 76-page document dated June 1, 1945. The Court of Inquiry report, the formal record that the Navy insisted was missing.

Lawton would never know for sure who sent it. He didn't need to.

In page after page, survivors stated they had seen a sub.

As telling as the eyewitness accounts was the convoluted conclusion — "was the result of a boiler explosion, the cause of which could not be determined."

To Lawton, it was clear. Top Naval officials knew the Eagle had been sunk by a German submarine. They just couldn't bring themselves to publicly admit it.

Lawton was elated. Surely now the Navy would listen to him.

But nothing changed. A year passed. Lawton continued writing letters to everyone he could think of — the Navy, the Secretary of Defense, the White House. And he continued to be told that nothing could be done.

Lawton's father, a retired judge and former state representative, became so incensed at the way his son was being ignored that he called his old friend, Congressman Joseph Moakley.

Just read the research, he asked. See what you can do.

In late fall 2000, Lawton petitioned the Navy to reopen the Eagle investigation. Though the Navy didn't agree to Moakley's request, it did forward Lawton's research to the Naval Historical Center.

There, it landed on the desk of Bernard Cavalcante, an archivist who had spent 10 years working with German historian Jurgen Rohwer piecing together a detailed list of all military activity on the Eastern Seaboard.

The USS Eagle was on that list, along with its sinking by the U-853.

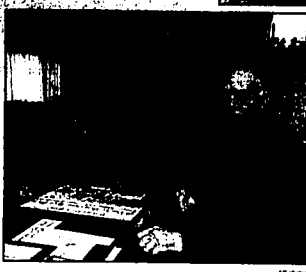
Cavalcante read Lawton's work in shock, marveling at the research, appalled by the Navy's response. Whatever the justification in wartime, Cavalcante thought, it was time to set the record straight.

"Cal made me believe that we could rewrite history," Lawton said.

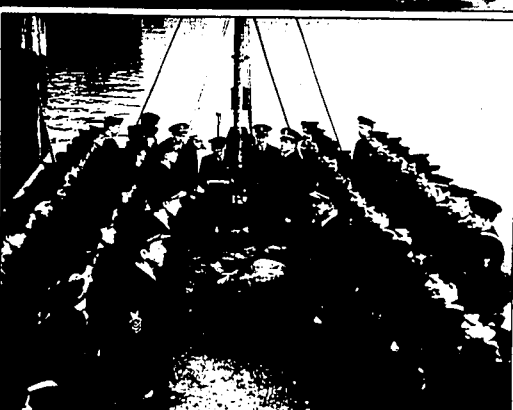
For the next few months, that is what they tried to do. Cavalcante dug up personal notes from his research with Rohwer as well as declassified war records that Lawton hadn't been able to find — records that documented the U-853 operating off the coast of Maine at the time the Eagle went down.

Lawton tracked down two more Eagle survivors, Harold Petersen of Rochester, N.Y., and John Scagnelli of Morris Plains, N.J. Like Breeze, both remembered being torpedoed by a sub.

In May 2001, Cavalcante's sent a letter to Navy Secretary Gordon England, enclosing a synopsis of



Top, an undated photograph shows the USS Eagle PE 56, a submarine chaser sunk by a German U-boat April 23, 1945. Right, the crew of the USS Eagle taken about one month before the boat was destroyed. Above, the Westerlund brothers, from left, Fred, 83, Bob, 84, and Paul, 59, all of Brockton, Mass., look over a scrap book on Dec. 23, 2002, put together in memory of their father, who was one of 49 sailors killed in attack.



Lawton's research and documents backing up the case. And he enclosed a rare recommendation — that the historical record be changed to state that the USS Eagle was sunk as a result of enemy action.

The ceremony was simple and solemn, tinged with sadness and with triumph. Aboard a naval museum ship in Quincy on a

steamy day last June, the families of the men of the Eagle gathered for a final tribute.

The top navy brass was there, sitting next to widows and sisters and brothers of the men who had died. The Westerlund brothers were there, along with their mother, Phyllis, 87, nervous and full of memories, especially when she met the three survivors — the

last men to have seen her husband alive.

One by one, the names of the dead were read aloud as family members stepped forward and accepted Purple Hearts.

And when the ceremony was over and the speeches were done, three old men wearing USS EAGLE caps approached Lawton.

Tears in their eyes, they handed him a plaque, chert wood with a gold trim. It was engraved with a picture of a warship exploding and included a brief description of the "fortuitous disaster" and one man's quest to set the record straight.

It ended with the words: "We thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

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2003

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Each year the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce recognizes community residents who have made significant contributions to our quality of life in the Magic Valley. Please help us select our 2003 *Person of the Year* by returning this nomination form to your Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce.

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Execs' Mgmt grow

Restructuring at MVRMC brings more executives

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's management team expanded in recent years, increasing the number of people who bear the titles of manager, director, coordinator and team leader.

In 2000, the county-owned hospital had 952 employees, with 29 of them in management. Two of those held executive titles.



Today, the hospital has 1,398 employees, with 62 in management. Six hold executive titles.

And the new titles brought raises with them.

"Most of the changes took place during former Chief Executive Officer Jerry Hart's five-year tenure, which began in the fall of 1998. Hart restructured his leadership team, bringing more managers to the leadership table. Then he raised a couple more salaries to bring his executives' pay more in line with one another, said Human Resources Director Samantha Lopez.

There were also "market" raises for employees making less than employees at most other hospitals, Lopez said.

Magic Valley Regional's management team used to consist of just the CEO, a vice president and department managers. Too much responsibility for too few people, Lopez said.

The span of control was too wide, she said.

Today, hospital management consists of the CEO, vice presidents, directors, managers and team leaders.

Team leaders are on the front lines, dealing with employees' issues firsthand instead of taking the problems to upper management, Lopez said.

"Now we're able to address concerns in a much quicker fashion," she said.

Hospital Board Chairwoman Vesta Maughan agreed.

"As the organization grows, so must its infrastructure," Maughan said. "There's no magic formula, but certainly in this industry there is clear guidance about how many people should be working for you. We're informed on a regular basis on what the market research has revealed. We just looked at directors and above and found ourselves very consistent with other hospitals. On balance, are we comfortable? Yes."

Most businesses today are trimming management, not increasing it, said Dr. Jim Wanek, a human resources management professor at Boise State University's College of Business. At the same time, though, there is a trend to have more leaders on the ground floor, as Magic Valley Regional is doing, he said.

"The buzz word is empowerment," Wanek said. "When you have people at the lower levels taking care of the decision-making, you don't need as many middle managers."

It also saves money if you replace some middle and top managers with managers at the lower end of the salary scale, Wanek said.

Steve Millard, president of

Year 2000 and 2002

Salary comparison table with columns: Position, 2000 Salary, 2002 Salary, % Change, and Why.

Position	2000 Salary	2002 Salary	% Change	Why
Chief Executive Officer	\$110,000	\$120,000	46.8%	P,R
Executive Director	\$70,000	\$75,000	41.7%	P,R
Executive Director	\$60,000	\$65,000	36.7%	P,R
Executive Director	\$50,000	\$55,000	34.0%	P,R
Executive Director	\$40,000	\$45,000	33.6%	P,R
Executive Director	\$30,000	\$35,000	31.1%	P,R
Executive Director	\$20,000	\$25,000	30.8%	P,R
Executive Director	\$15,000	\$20,000	29.3%	P,R
Executive Director	\$10,000	\$15,000	29.2%	P,R
Executive Director	\$8,000	\$10,000	27.5%	P,R
Executive Director	\$6,000	\$8,000	27.1%	P,R
Executive Director	\$4,000	\$5,000	26.3%	P,R

Source: Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Leadership changes

Here are some of the changes in hospital leadership that occurred between 1999 and 2002:

- Samantha Lopez** joined the leadership team as human resources director in 2000, replacing Dennis Cockrell.
- Janie Draney**, vice president of patient services, moved into the second top spot on the salary list, because of hospital restructuring and an equity raise.
- Though her title didn't change, Draney's job expanded considerably. She went from being in charge of nursing to overseeing all aspects of patient care. The increase also included a bonus for reaching patient care goals.
- R'Nee Mullen**, formerly management information systems director, moved into the newly created job of chief information officer. She oversees the hospital's information systems and technology.
- John Kee**, former chief operations officer, moved into a newly created position of senior vice president to focus on the hospital's purchase of the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital. He became chief executive officer — the top boss — last summer after Jerry Hart retired.
- Judy Ashby** went from director

of marketing and business development to marketing manager. She became part of the leadership team, and her duties expanded to include marketing, strategic planning and public relations.

- Jody Tremblay** was interim administrator of the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital when Magic Valley bought the smaller hospital. She joined Magic Valley Regional as the director of business development, a job that formerly had been part of Judy Ashby's job description. She serves as a member of the hospital's leadership team and works in strategic planning, service line development, facility planning and community and business relations.
- Anita Burdick**, one of multiple nursing directors, holds the record for the fastest salary growth between 2000 and 2003. But with more money came more responsibilities. Burdick formerly oversaw the hospital's transition all care unit. Now she also oversees Home Health and Hospice, rehabilitation services and the hospital's surgical unit. More than 200 full-time employees report to her.

Source: Samantha Lopez

the Idaho Hospital Association, said most hospitals are trimming their management staffs, but he "wouldn't call it a trend."

Wanek said hospitals might have a few more managers than other businesses because they're open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Still, most hospitals are trimming management in order to use their resources to fill shortages of health-care professionals, said Rick Wade, vice president of the American Hospital Association.

And for most hospitals, there's not enough money to go around.

"A third of hospitals are operating in the red today, both rural and urban institutions," Wade said.

That's even as health care costs continue to rise. The rates that Magic Valley Regional charges its patients increased 6 percent per year in 2000, 2001 and 2002 and 4.5 percent in 2003. The national average is 12 percent, said

Chief Financial Officer John Groesbeck.

Wade said hospital management practices have changed over the years. There was a time when all hospitals had the same management structure, and it was strictly top-down from the chief executive officer down to the director of Four North. Today, hospitals reflect the communities they serve.

Wade said it's not unusual to see widespread management changes after a merger or acquisition, such as when the hospital purchased the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital last year.

"During the period right after a merger, there are a whole series of issues when blending two different organizations," Wade said. "One of the keys to a successful transition is management."

In 2000, a group of hospital employees took the issue of salaries to the Hospital Board, Lopez said.

Some of them were even

January proves luckless in missing woman case

MODESTO, Calif. (AP)—In her typical American hometown, she was the girl next door, the high school cheerleader and softball player who went off to college and returned years later in a sassy romance and marriage.

Now Laci Rocha Peterson, 27, is that familiar expectant mother and extrovert who smiles from thousands of fliers, posters and television screens around the world.

More than a month after the substitute school teacher's Christmas Eve disappearance, a multitude of bizarre twists have fueled relentless speculation and innuendo inside a superheated media frenzy.

But none — including Friday's surprise appearance of a woman alleging she had an affair with Laci Peterson's husband, Scott — have produced answers or arrests.



Laci Peterson, 27, of Modesto, Calif., is shown in this July 2002 family photo. She vanished from her California hometown more than a month ago.

Asked late Friday if his department had gotten closer to solving the case, Modesto Police Chief Roy Warden said, "I don't believe there's a significant change we can articulate. Are we closer? I hope so."

For family, friends and a police department that has already spent more than \$100,000 in overtime pay to search and investigate, January is proving lucky and cruel. Meanwhile an emotionally charged date is approaching: the Feb. 10 due date for Laci Peterson's baby boy — already given the name Connor.

"I miss listening to the excitement in her voice when she talks to me about her baby," said Laci Peterson's mother, Sharon Rocha.

Roche, making an exhausted, tearful media appearance Friday with her other daughter and son, begged for an anonymous tip to police and for Scott Peterson to tell investigators everything he knows.

"There are no words that can possibly describe the ache in my heart or the emptiness in my life," she said.

Laci Peterson vanished hours before she had planned to spend Christmas Eve with her husband and family members in Modesto. Scott Peterson told police he last saw her about 9:30 a.m. when he left to go fishing for the day at Berkeley Marina. He said she called the family dog, McKenzie,

for a walk at nearby La Loma Park.

Laci Peterson's family and friends initially stood by Scott Peterson, but his story quickly attracted suspicion and scrutiny.

"Eight-lipped police, who impounded Scott Peterson's pickup truck and boat, say they do not consider him a suspect but have not ruled him out. The specialty fertilizer salesman was reportedly in San Diego this weekend to pass out missing person flier."

Laci Peterson's relatives publicly withdrew their support for her husband Friday. Hours later, Amber Frey stood shaken before dozens of cameras and reporters to confess to having a "romantic relationship" with the man, whom she met in November.

Scott Peterson has denied having an affair.

Frey, 28, of nearby Fresno, expressed sorrow for "the pain this has caused" and said Scott Peterson told her he was single. The single mother of a 24-month-old child said she called Modesto police six days after Laci Peterson's disappearance, when she learned Scott Peterson was the missing woman's husband.

Police said they have ruled Frey out as a suspect.

German officials says terrorism threat is as high as before 9/11

Chicago Tribune — Al Qaeda's leadership has regrouped, is communicating with members world wide and poses a threat to the United States and Europe as great as that posed before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, says one of the leading architects of Germany's war on terror.

"With all that we now know, the threat from Al Qaeda is at least as high as it was before the Sept. 11 attacks," at least that is, German Interior Minister Otto Schily said during an interview Friday night with a small group of American journalists in Washington.

His comments echoed similar statements from U.S. officials, including CIA chief George Tenet.

Schily, who held a post similar to that of Attorney General John Ashcroft, also said his nation's security services are upgrading their policies that a U.S. led war on Iraq could spark further terrorist attacks.

Although he declined to provide specifics of name individuals, Schily said al Qaeda leaders had "effective coordination" with terrorist cells around the world, he said unspecified areas.

working "along the network is working" shows the network is still active.

Schily compared al Qaeda's command to the Hydrus command that grew mostly by word of mouth that took two new heads last time (one was a spy).

Terrorist destinations for so-called suicide bombers was a nightclub in Bali, Indonesia, the night in relation to the Sept. 12, 2002, train highly attractive to al Qaeda, Schily said.

"This is not a happy situation," he said.

Schily, who said he remains in agreement with the Bush administration to do it in a personal invasion of Iraq, said he heard U.S. security officials had heard of attacks inside Germany. Foreign agents affiliated to terrorist groups sympathetic extremists.

"I could provide an analysis and incentive to counter terrorist attacks," Schily said. He also said security officials in Germany held similar concerns to be made after military action in Afghanistan in 2001, though there were no such reprisals.

Still, Schily said, "I think the military actions planned for Iraq are very different."

Klan leader, wife face murder charges

CLINTON, N.C. (AP)—The grand dragon of a Ku Klux Klan group and the wife of a Klan leader in federal custody were among four people charged with murder in the killing of an unidentified man two years ago, authorities said Saturday.

The decomposed body was uncovered in a field earlier this month after a witness called authorities.

Sampson County Sheriff Jim Thomson said Saturday the fatal shooting appeared to be tied to a plot to bomb government offices in Johnston County at July, but he declined further details.

"We've got some witnesses and children and all get would really prefer not to get too deep in it," Thomson said.

Sharon Ruffin, 51, Brown was arrested Friday, and Marvin Galt Gantner, 50, of Benson, and Michael Anthony Brewer, 49, the grand dragon of a group based in Robeson County, were charged Wednesday. Thomson said. A fourth person who has not been identified was also arrested Friday, Thomson said.

All were being held without bond in the Sampson County jail Saturday. It was not immediately clear if they had attorneys who could comment.

Ruffin's husband, Charles, the grand dragon of a group based in Benson, is in federal custody awaiting sentencing and has not been charged in the attack. He pleaded guilty Wednesday to weapons charges.

The over-\$50K group

Along with managers and supervisors here is a summary of other Magic Valley Regional Medical Center employees, who either grossed more than \$50,000 in the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, or whose base pay for the current fiscal year exceeds \$50,000.

- 62 registered nurses, ranging from \$50,000 to \$83,800
- 56 paramedics, ranging from \$50,200 to \$69,300

Pay-raise history

- In 2000, employees received major pay raises for Magic Valley Regional's 1,398 employees have varied over the past few years.
- In 2002, all employees received 3 percent raises across the board.

and 11 pharmacists, ranging from \$53,800 to \$86,300.

- 13 assorted healthcare specialists ranging from \$50,800 to \$82,700
- 38 technicians and therapists, ranging from \$50,500 to \$97,800

In 2001, employees received \$1 million in raises. Their gross raises 45 percent went to the top and 45 percent went to the bottom. Other employees received raises between 1 percent and 19 percent, depending on their positions.

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An Iraqi man, center, shouts as he is dragged away from a United Nations vehicle outside the U.N. headquarters in Baghdad. The man entered a U.N. vehicle and refused to leave until he was pulled away.

More Iraqi scientists refuse private interviews

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Three Iraqi scientists rejected a request by U.N. weapons inspectors to undergo private interviews to aid the U.N. search for evidence of forbidden arms programs, a senior Iraqi official said Saturday.

Both the United Nations and the United States have pressed Iraq to persuade its scientists to speak privately to the inspectors, arguing the absence of Iraqi officials would encourage them to be more candid about the nature of their work.

Iraq's government maintains it's doing everything it can to "encourage" the scientists but says they are refusing because of fears their information could be distorted.

In other developments Saturday:

• Two men — one carrying three knives and the other shouting "Save me!" — were detained after trying separately to enter the U.S. inspectors' Baghdad compound.

• Secretary of State Colin Powell urged other countries to not shrink from the effort to disarm Iraq, by force if necessary.

Iraq says it has cooperated enough — A3

just because "the going is getting tough."

• Iraq's parliament speaker warned that his country would use "every method" to defend itself against an attack.

• For the second time in 24 hours, U.S. warplanes attacked an Iraqi military target inside the no-fly zone in southern Iraq, the U.S. Central Command said.

The Iraqi Foreign Ministry had said late Friday that three scientists the U.N. inspectors wanted to question in private Saturday were "encouraged" to do so. But in the end all three refused, insisting government officials must be present, said a senior Iraqi official, who spoke to the Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

He said the inspectors interviewed one of the three Saturday, but with Iraqi officials sitting in on the meeting. The identities of the three scientists were not revealed.

Nuclear agency puts off meeting to discuss N. Korea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The U.N. nuclear agency indefinitely postponed a meeting to discuss North Korea's nuclear dispute with the United States, a spokeswoman said Saturday.

South Korea had warned a meeting could disrupt efforts to solve the standoff peacefully.

The International Atomic Energy Agency's Executive Board of directors had debated holding an emergency meeting to consider putting the North Korea issue before the U.N. Security Council, possibly paving the way for sanctions against the isolated country.

The spokeswoman for the International Atomic Energy Agency, Melissa Fleming, would not say whether Friday's decision was a response to the South Korean request. But she said diplomatic efforts needed a chance to succeed.

It's important to take into consideration the views of the key players who are working toward a diplomatic solution and who have serious diplomatic initiatives underway," Fleming said.

The U.S., South Korea, the North and the U.N. Security Council, the North's foreign minister said.

The United States had pushed to bring the nuclear crisis before the U.N. Security Council, but the North says its dispute is with the United States only.

North Korea "is strongly opposed to any attempt to interfere with the nuclear issue on the Korean peninsula and will not participate in any form of multiparty talks related to the issue," an unidentified Foreign Ministry official was quoted as saying in a report by KCNA, the North's foreign news outlet.

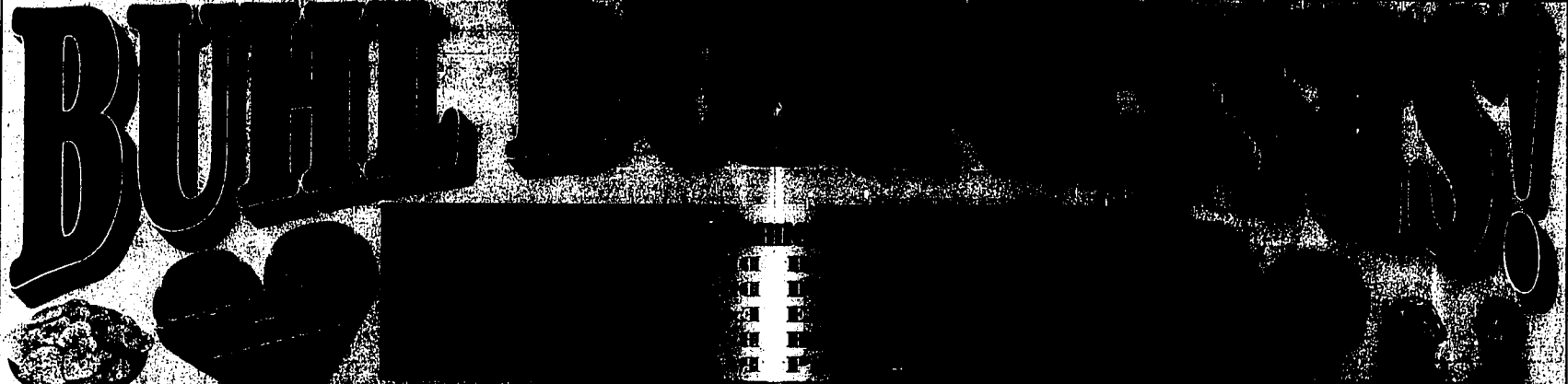
Frighers from the National Liberation Army or ELN, announced two days later they were holding the journalists, but didn't say when they would be released. The journalists' hired driver, who has been identified as the rebel's commando, turned the hostages over to the Red Cross along with a message for the international community.

On Friday, an American writer and two hikers emerged from the Colombian jungle after nearly a week in the custody of 100 ELN militaries.

Journalist Felton, a freelance writer and TV reporter, said he and his companions, Megan Smaker and Mark Wedeven, were not mistreated.

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- 25 Rotary Spaghetti Feed
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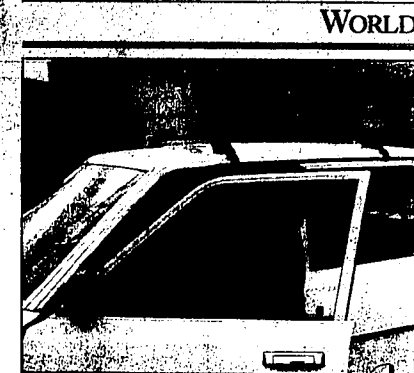
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Humaira, 20, giggles after taking the practical portion of the driving test Saturday in Kabul, Afghanistan. Humaira was part of a group of 12 women who took the first driver's license test in more than a decade.

Women take driver's test in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Zai Kakal leapt out of the beat-up Toyota flashing a Cadillac-size smile.

Under the watchful eyes of a traffic officer, she had just completed her road test, the final step toward earning what few women in Afghanistan have had in more than a decade: a driver's license.

"I feel very great today," said Kakal, 48. "It was like a dream for me, and now my dream has become true."

Kakal, an accountant at the Women's Affairs Ministry, was the first of 12 women Saturday to take the test. They had to steer a yellow Toyota Corolla about 25 yards along an L-shaped course near Kabul Stadium, then repeat the course in reverse. Those who passed will get their licenses in six days.

The driving program started informally in April, with Wareham's own driver taking some applicants out for a spin at night. When they were stopped by disapproving men, the driver fled and said the women in the car were his relatives.

The effort is well worth it, said another hopeful, Omira. Having a license is a type of liberation, she said.

"We won't have to wait any more for a man to come by," said Omira, 20, who goes by just one name.

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But their small-scale operations have nonetheless been persistent, involving a wide range of weapons, and show no sign of diminishing, according to U.S. and Afghan sources. Most have been carried out in southeastern Afghanistan, where the Pashtun ethnic group that formed the core of the Taliban is numerous on both sides of the border.

A U.S. soldier was shot and wounded as he neared the border post at Angur Hada, and an E-16 was called in to level the nearby building where the shooter had hidden.

"Someone is distributing violent propaganda against Americans, urging the people here to do us harm," Mike said as practice rounds from some large American weapons were fired into the countryside from a sand-bagged bunker at the base of the fortress. "We take all this very, very seriously."

At a time when many U.S. officials in Washington and Afghanistan are eager to shift the focus of the U.S. military mission here from combat to the reconstruction of the country, soldiers at isolated U.S. fire bases like the one here at Shikhan know firsthand why that has not yet happened.

Fifteen months after the start of their campaign to topple the Taliban and destroy al-Qaida, they still face an invisible but determined enemy capable of slipping into Afghanistan from apparent havens in Pakistan to attack those they see as infidels

interim government.

The driving program is sponsored by the German private aid group Medica Mondiale, dedicated to helping women in war-torn countries. It provided classroom materials and paid the salaries of two Afghan men from the Traffic Authority who taught the classes.

Rachel Wareham, a program manager with the group, said several Afghan women first approached her agency in the spring for help learning to drive. Her office now gets 10 requests a day, she said.

"For some, it's very practical. It's about mobility. It is very difficult for women to move around in Kabul," she said. "For some women, it's about having a skill, and I think psychologically it is very important for women to have something for themselves."

The Washington Post

SHIKHAN, Afghanistan — Mike walked down from the high, mud-walled fortress that he commands and described his situation soberly.

This is an extremely hostile environment," said Mike, who like all U.S. Special Forces soldiers, would not give his last name. He turned toward the east and the Pakistan border. "That's where the rockets come from," he said, nodding toward the craggy tops of the nearby mountains.

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EDITORIAL

Public has legal right to observe hospital pay

Wise mamas let their babies grow up to be X-ray technicians.

Also nurses and paramedics and such.

That's the main conclusion from an extensive examination of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center salary records.

Thanks to fierce national competition for health-care workers, combined with a rich local revenue stream, the publicly owned hospital pays some of our community's juiciest salaries.

An extensive package of stories and charts appearing today and Monday in *The Times-News* provides a fascinating glimpse into the key community institution.

It's a glimpse the hospital's leaders didn't want you to see.

If you're a resident of Twin Falls County, Magic Valley Regional belongs to you. A county-owned institution, it reports to a county-appointed board. It does business in a county-owned building, for which it pays neither rent nor property taxes. It's every bit as much a public agency as the fire department or the school districts.

Yet in 2001, when this newspaper asked for a list of employees earning more than \$50,000, hospital leaders turned us down. We asked again, and then sued under a clear state law. Fifth District Judge Roger Burdick ruled in our favor. The hospital appealed, but when the Idaho Supreme Court finally heard the case, the justices rapidly and unanimously affirmed the wisdom of Burdick's decision.

In doing so, the high court also affirmed an important democratic principle: Citizens deserve to know how government agencies spend their money.

We're not really sure why Magic Valley Regional leaders thought so hard to keep these records secret. Their explanation seemed to vary, depending on who was listening.

They told their employees — and continue to tell them — that they were fighting to protect the workers' privacy.

But when the hospital's lawyer got in front of the Supreme Court, she told a different story. She said it would

be bad for the hospital if employees could learn one another's salaries. She warned of the consequences if other hospitals could learn the employees' salaries and offer them higher pay to leave.

So much for the hospital's concern about its employees.

In our experience, when public officials want to keep records secret, it's usually because secrecy is convenient for them. The rest of the rhetoric is just window dressing.

Some hospital officials have argued that the hospital isn't really a public agency, because it doesn't currently collect tax money. But so what? Taxpayers own the hospital. Tax money built it and helped it

achieve its highly lucrative monopoly of the Twin Falls hospital market.

Furthermore, you and your neighbors continue paying for the hospital. The fact that you pay via medical bills instead of tax bills make no legal difference. It's your hospital.

What might make a difference is the Idaho Hospital Association's drive to amend Idaho's Public Records Law. Guided by Magic Valley Regional and other public hospitals, the hospital association will introduce a bill this session (for the second time) to close hospital pay records.

Another threat to public accountability is the continuing push to turn Magic Valley Regional over to a private, not-for-profit corporation, free from public records laws.

Citizens and elected officials should resist both attempts to shield the hospital operation from public eyes.

We've heard criticism that *The Times-News* pursued this issue "to sell newspapers." That's a load of baloney. We spent \$10,000 on legal fees, and we lost a few subscribers because of hard feelings. If we were aiming to make money, we missed our target.

In fact, our intent was this: The citizens of Twin Falls County own this hospital. And the owners of any enterprise have a right to know how the enterprise spends its owners' money.

Hospital leaders will try to convince you it's a right you don't need. Don't believe them.

Our view: Twin Falls

County citizens, as hospital patients and taxpayers own Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and have a right to know how that enterprise is spending money on salaries.

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



Bush shows guts on quota policy

While I am not privy to Oval Office conversations, President Bush has with his staff, I would guess that the president's decision to challenge the University of Michigan's affirmative-action policy was a minority view.

Aides probably said, "Mr. President, this is a hornet's nest; you don't want to get stung. Let it play out without your involvement." Yet the president chose to be involved in an act of unadorned political courage.

The president announced that this administration would urge the Supreme Court to overturn University of Michigan admission standards that give preference to minority students. He noted such preferences are "divisive, unfair and impossible to square with the Constitution."

Bush endorsed the idea of racial diversity on college campuses, noting that no campus should be satisfied with the number of minorities enrolled. However, the Michigan program a "quota system" based on race and contended that a contemporary wrong cannot redress a historical wrong.

The Michigan case takes on great importance because the Supreme Court hasn't made a significant ruling on affirmative action in university admissions since the 1979 Bakke opinion that outlawed racial quotas, yet the Bakke decision also noted that race could be one of several factors in admission decisions.

President Bush and the court that limits affirmative action will not affect the enrollment of

HERBERT LONDON

minorities. However, considering the competition for seats at elite schools, such a decision will have an immediate effect on those institutions.

California referendum that eliminated affirmative action did not influence minority enrollment in the higher education state system, but it did reduce the enrollment of black students at the University of California in Berkeley — the elite institution in the system.

The University of Michigan case was brought because white students were rejected for admission to the university or its law school in the 1990s even though their SAT and LSAT scores were higher than counterparts in the minority population who were accepted.

University officials readily admitted that preferential treatment to minority students was given in order to promote an educational environment in which racially mixed classes existed.

Yet the university could not demonstrate that this diversity had an educational outcome, nor could it maintain that racial mixing on campus had actually occurred. All that could be argued is that the attraction of pluralistic involvement was desirable in this democratic society.

While the president made it clear his remarks were restricted to the University of Michigan case, there is little doubt that the court decision will have reverberations throughout higher education.

THOMAS W. LIPPMAN

into the administration's thinking, it is a specious argument that cannot justify sending American forces into combat.

First, if the United States felt compelled to increase its access to oil from Iraq, it could do so by getting the U.N. Security Council to lift the economic sanctions that restrict Iraq's output — no blood shed necessary. Iraq's oil would flow freely into the global market, contracts already signed with Russian and European companies would increase Iraqi production and, as a beneficial side effect, prices would decline as supplies increased.

Then assume the worst in Saudi Arabia: Militant anti-American extremists seize control of the government. Such rulers might refuse to sell oil directly to the American customers, but it's highly unlikely they would refuse to sell to anyone, because the country's other source of income are negligible. Because the worldwide oil flow — about 67 million barrels a day — is fungible in a global market, the effect of such a move by Saudi Arabia against the United States would be minimal. To the extent that the Saudis shifted oil sales to customers in Europe or Asia, those customers would stop buying oil from wherever they get it now, and the United States could shift its Saudi purchases to those other suppliers.

It might be necessary to modify refinery rules to account for variations in oil quality, and shipping

costs might increase with distance, but the overall impact would be tolerable.

Moreover, the record shows that even countries whose rulers are hostile to us are willing to sell us oil because they need the money. Saddam Hussein's Iraq itself sells oil to American consumers under the "oil for food" program. If the United States buys no oil from Iran or from Muammar Gaddafi's Libya, it is because we cut them off — not because they cut us off. Libya would welcome the return of a petroleum relationship with the United States.

Finally, an American takeover of Iraq would not, in the long run, give the United States guaranteed access to Iraqi oil. A democratic Iraq might well decide that its prosperity would be best served by a supply relationship with, say, China, now an importer of oil with rapidly growing demand. The days when industrialized countries acquired ownership of oil in producing countries are decades in the past. Conversely, a fragmented Iraq, breaking up along ethnic lines, might produce less oil than currently, rather than more.

As the U.S. military buildup around Iraq's perimeter accelerates, the Bush administration is obliged to make a persuasive case for war. It should also make clear what its motives are not.

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What makes Super Bowl so super?

Q Professor Stone, why is the Super Bowl the most watched event in sports? How many people watch it each year?

A: Momentum. It intensifies over the five-month NFL season, until tens of millions of us, including people who don't normally watch, plump ourselves down in front of the tube, beverages and snacks at our elbows, to be part of a mass ritual.

Of course, it doesn't hurt that billions of dollars are bet on the game and that in most parts of the country there is nothing else to do on the last Sunday in January.

Football and TV were made for each other. Most TV shows air on once a week. Football teams play once a week. Major League Baseball, the NBA and the NHL schedule too many games on too many days to encourage regular viewing.

With the enthusiastic collaboration of the media (newspapers, sports magazines and radio, broadcast and cable TV), pro football generates a relentless week-by-week buildup.

A football game's rhythm is right for TV. There is a burst of action, then a pause, then another burst of action. In baseball, the pauses seem to last forever.

In football, every play counts. In pro basketball, only the last few minutes count. Why watch the rest of the game?

As for hockey, you can't follow the puck on TV (even when it is digitally enhanced), and what is "icing" anyway? Soccer on TV Baseball is positively thrilling by comparison.

Football became even better TV when the late Roone Arledge took over ABC Sports in 1968. He enhanced the coverage with instant replay, freeze frames and slow motion and made "Monday Night Football" a prime-time blockbuster. It wasn't so important whether your home team was playing on Monday night. You just wanted to watch football.

But even with all this going for it, pro football would not be the phenomenal TV success it has become without parity, which means all 32 teams compete as equals.

At the beginning of the season, every team has a shot of going to the Super Bowl. On any given Sunday (or Monday), any team can win. Even at the end of December, 19 teams still had a chance of making the playoff.

Your team did losing this year? Wait till next year.

Parity — which was pushed on the owners by Pete Rozelle when he was NFL commissioner and has been championed by Paul Tagliabue, his successor — is maintained by strict league control of every team's spending and revenues. On the spending side, a cap is put on how much any team can pay its players as a group.

But even more important, the NFL equally divides almost two-thirds of league revenues among all teams. Most of this money is from selling radio, TV and cable rights. The Green Bay Packers, in the smallest market, receive the same amount as the Giants, in the biggest market.

Parity means that no owner can build a dynasty simply by being in a large market, collecting fat fees from local radio, TV and cable and outbidding other owners for the best players. I wonder how George Steinbrenner of the Yankees would fare in the NFL.

Speaking in support of parity, Baltimore Ravens owner Art Modell was quoted by Business Week as saying, "We're 32 fat-cat Republicans who vote socialist."

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LETTERS

Leaving pets behind amounts to crime

To Miss or Mrs. "Low Life": I don't know if you're just plain stupid or totally inhumane to abandon a kitten with an injured back leg in the parking lot by my shop and the business.

"Serendipity" next door. This parking lot behind West Main Street has beer trucks, tow trucks, garbage trucks and car traffic. You might as well have left her on the freeway during rush hour.

People like you are disgusting. Instead of making more of an effort to find the kitten a home, you dump it on animal lovers. Well, I got news for you. We animal lovers have already taken in all the unwanted pets we can. All of you animal dumpers need to

be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law and then some!

KAREN KRAMER
Jerome
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We are all entitled to our own opinions

In the last few months, I'm finding that it is necessary to remind people that everyone is entitled to their own opinion and that one person's opinion doesn't always represent another person's opinion. And just because names are the same, opinions might differ. This is one of the blessings that we are thankful for living in America.

JOHN GENESA
Wendell

U.S. military rules as Iraq waiting game drags on

American troops were ordered by Gen. Tommy Franks in the New York Times to "leave our sanctuaries" and "leave the Iraqis in the lurch" and "diplomacy should resolve Korean Crisis." Powell says.

Assuming that diplomacy, as the article in *GlobalPost* says, is to do as they say, the United States is on track, at the moment. The United States is determined, one way or the other, to rid the world of Saddam Hussein, but cannot do so if deterred by North Korea's Kim Jong Il. So while we move closer to blasting Saddam from his perch, we "engage" North Korea in order to buy time. This Iraq may be more than just a waiting game. It may not pose weapons of mass destruction, we know that the North Koreans have missiles and nuclear warheads - but alternatives are limited.

Contrary to the politics accounts in the press, which tended to describe mass war protests as gatherings of grandmothers, clergymen, students and veteran peace

PHILIP TERZIAN

activists, the rally in Washington may have been disorienting to opponents of war. The turnout was comparatively unimpressive, and the speakers were not necessarily concerned with Iraq, but represented particular interest areas - Al Sharpton's presidential campaign, Colombian narco-terrorists, Native Americans angry at the Bureau of Indian Affairs - and others compared Washington unfavorably with Baghdad. "In no other country on the planet," said former Rep. Cynthia McKinney, D-Ga., "do so many people have so little as they do in this country."

Criticism of any potential war does not seem to be gathering strength in the United States, and it is fair to say that positions are frozen in place. The opposition is largely composed of traditional anti-Bush partisans and activists who were similarly disturbed by the Persian Gulf War. A significant majority of

Americans not only support "regime change" in Iraq but are willing to countenance war to achieve that aim.

What is growing, however, is public impatience. This can be seen in the shake-ups of financial markets, and in the modest decline in President Bush's approval ratings. That should not be taken as a sudden loss of confidence in Saddam Hussein; at the same juncture a decade ago, the approval ratings for George Bush the Elder faltered as well. The interval between the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait (August 1990) and the American air and ground war (January/February 1991) was a period of political uncertainty, coupled with dire predictions about combat and American casualties. The public applauded the president's "line in the sand," but expected the line to be drawn sooner rather than later.

Something of the same mood now prevails in Washington. There is a sense that some kind of psychological juncture is at hand. If the Bush administration intends to follow the Security Council instead of

leading the United Nations, the prelude to any action against Saddam could be intractable. But at the same time, the White House is not quite prepared to sound the bugles. There is still debate about how to demonstrate that Saddam Hussein really does possess doomsday weapons, and there is a certain nervousness about the depth of resolve among our allies.

Something of this mood was captured by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's assertion this past weekend that the United States would be satisfied if Saddam Hussein disappeared into comfortable exile. We are ready for war, as it were, but will happily accept some alternative means of achieving victory.

For it is postwar Iraq that looms as the greatest challenge. There is little doubt that any war against Iraq would be swiftly won by the United States, and that the long-suffering people of Iraq would welcome the fall of Saddam Hussein. Nor is there likely to be an explosive reaction in the Muslim world: George W. Bush has gone to great lengths to explain that our

differences are with Saddam Hussein and his regime, and terrorists, not with Muslims. And there was no revolt in the "Arab street" when we last engaged Saddam in combat.

But the Arab and Muslim worlds would monitor the aftermath of victory, and the value of that victory would depend on their reaction. Having supported the Israelis in opposing the Palestinians, would the United States exercise its leverage to create a just settlement, or give Israel a free hand to exploit American success? More pertinent still, would we tighten the screws on neighboring Arab governments (as some would prefer) or turn to address the clear and present danger of North Korea? If our primary concern is assuring global stability, and putting some teeth into U.N. resolutions, then diplomacy consists of patience, smart priorities, and wielding power to solve genuine problems.

Philip Terzian is the associate editor of the Providence Journal.

LETTERS

King holiday provides strength, compassion

For Martin Luther King Jr. Day, I watched a documentary about Harriet Tubman. I admired her courage. After all she suffered as a slave at the hands of white men, she put her fate in the hands of other white strangers who sought to free America from her greatest shame. She said, "I'll be free, I'll be free." After gaining her own freedom, she swore to free others. She helped free more than 300, including her own family. She even returned to the South as a Union spy and led a raid behind Confederate lines. Fighting against oppression led her to support women's right to vote some years later. She is an amazing American hero. Harriet put a strong hand on the steering wheel of this nation and helped turn it away from injustice more than once.

None of us, regardless of the color of our skin, should think of Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a "black holiday." It is an American holiday! It is a day that overcomes majority injustice with minority courage and says freedom is worth its cost. It is a day that declares some things are absolutely wrong and must be corrected. It is a day that tells us to ignore philosophers that excuse injustice as cultural preferences. It is a day that values human life and freedom above economic gain or personal safety! The world should take an important part in what this holiday stands for. Both sides of the abortion issue have legitimate concerns. We should meet those concerns with wisdom and compassion. The protestors and abusers of our environment have both gone too far. We can stand for conservation without oppressing people. There are debates over race, labor, economic and health issues that could use a dose of Romans 13:10, which concludes that, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love works no ill to his neighbor. Therefore, love in the fulfilling of the law."

What oppression shall we oppose? We may help Community Action or the Salvation Army to fight against poverty. Call 678-3514 to offer your help. We may help the Women's Shelter to deliver the abused. Call the Ministerial Association (436-3593) to learn of other opportunities to help your neighbors. We have the hard task of changing ourselves from being spectators into players. We can make America a better place to live for generations to come!

MICHAEL L. GILL
Rupert

(Editor's note: Michael Gill is the associate pastor at the First Baptist Church and an president of the Min-Casita Ministerial Association.)

Bush's ambition for war is tied to Israel

What is George Bush after - the giant gas field that lies wholly in Palestinian lands or ocean floor rights (discovered by Navy officer Dr. Bob Ballard in the eastern Mediterranean) or is he just after Iraqi oil?

What the administration puts out to the news media is that they only want to replace the government in Iraq with a "democratic" government. Unless I am grossly misinformed, a democratic government is one chosen by the citizens being governed. If this definition is true, how can the Bush administration justify the "interim" government it is trying to assemble in London among the mishmash of Mideast exiles that have taken refuge there? How can the Bush administration guarantee the post-war perpetuation of existing "petroleum development and marketing" rights of China and Russia, in Iraq, which the media reports the administration has done, because if there is a new "democratic" government in Iraq, those treaties would clearly be the prerogatives of that government.

My personal opinion is that the "Bush" mindless rush to war with Iraq is geared entirely to the election in Israel on Jan. 27. If there is no war prior to that date, Ariel Sharon will probably lose the election. If Sharon loses the election, there probably is no need for Iraqi war. If Iraq can maintain its self-control for another week or so, during the provocative and insulting "Bus" inspections under the guise of U.N. inspections, the crisis will solve itself.

If anyone wants to learn where "terrorism" was born, all you need to do is check the weekly "On the Spot" coverage by Life magazine, 1945 through 1948, monitoring the creation of Israel (May 14, 1948). If the atrocities committed by the Jews in Palestine during that period doesn't curl your hair, you are beyond help.

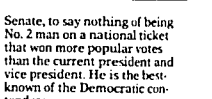
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RICHARD F. BYRD
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Al and Joe: The Democratic Odd Couple

Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut and civil rights activist Al Sharpton are the two latest entrants in the Democratic presidential field, in many respects, the Ying and Yang of the competition.

Lieberman has won two elections to the state Senate, two elections as state attorney general and three elections to the U.S.



DAVID S. BRODER

Senate, to say nothing of being No. 2 man on a national ticket that won more popular votes than the current president and vice president. He is the best-known of the Democratic contenders.

Sharpton, by contrast, has never won an election for anything, and most observers think him a purely symbolic candidate.

The two are also at opposite ends of the Democratic ideological spectrum, with Lieberman running as a pro-business Democrat and Sharpton describing himself as an advocate for the down-and-out.

Yet, in an odd way that neither of them wishes to acknowledge, they face similar challenges, and have similar strategies for enhancing their chances.

They are, for one thing, the most urban, ethnic characters in a Democratic field that features such white bread contenders as John Kerry, Howard Dean, Dick Gephardt and John Edwards. Lieberman and Sharpton were first elected from the suburbs of St. Louis and Boston and fit comfortably into the conventional mold of suburban politics.

Sharpton, an African American, is a product of New York City's tribal political warfare. Lieberman, an Orthodox Jew, cut his political teeth in New Haven and worked for years in Hartford.

They face a common problem: the absence of the kind of con-



situations with which they are most familiar and comfortable in the leadoff delegate-selection contests in Iowa and New Hampshire. Des Moines and Manchester are the "big cities" of those states, but New York City and Hartford, they are not.

How they fuse these opening round battles is the immediate challenge facing Sharpton and Lieberman. Some of the strategists in the Connecticut senator's campaign suggest that he may bypass the Iowa caucus, as Sen. John McCain did in 2000. But that would put heavy pressure on him to win eight days later in New Hampshire, where Dean has been camped for months and where Kerry is well known, thanks to Boston television.

As for Sharpton, he will find few other blacks in either Iowa or New Hampshire, making South Carolina the first place where he may really try to plant his flag.

And that brings up the other thing they have in common - a one against many strategy.

Sharpton would love to be the one black candidate facing five or more white contenders in South Carolina, a state where 40 percent

of the Democratic primary voters may be African American.

Sharpton may not be the only black former Sen. Carol Mosley-Braun of Illinois is talking of a candidacy. And his electoral appeal to fellow blacks is unproved, and may be much smaller than that displayed in his earlier runs by South Carolina born Jesse Jackson. But to the extent that Sharpton has leverage in the contest, it rests on his ability to winify the African American vote against a field of rival white opponents.

Lieberman is counting on a similar fracturing of the vote - but on ideological, not racial or religious lines. He is the designated favorite of the centrist Democratic Leadership Council, representing the most pro-free trade, business-friendly wing of the party. The DLC was home base for Bill Clinton and Al Gore, but its leaders, like Lieberman himself, dissented vocally from the populist "pe-ple vs. the powerful" rhetoric Gore adopted in his campaign against Bush.

Variations on populist themes can already be heard in the rhetoric of Gephardt, Edwards, Kerry and Dean - to say nothing

of Sharpton. If the active split support from the party's African minority is limited, Lieberman could win plurality victories in early contests, as the only strongly religious, economically centrist and culturally conservative candidate, without airtight victory in a near majority of the vote.

That is exactly how it played out for Jimmie Carter in the 1976 Democratic primary. He lost to the Iowa caucus, but he finished second to "miserable" but reputedly massive publicity by winning a plurality of the votes of the delegates. He received an almost identical fraction of the vote in New Hampshire, lost to the field and established a foothold as the favorite for the nomination, as four more liberal candidates divided the bulk of the support.

In the end, Carter's triumph, even though he lost, may have won the votes in early caucuses. The Democrats benefited with an early created calendar in 2004 that could happen again as the Democrats hope to sustain the interest in candidates to join the Democratic field.

David S. Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

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WORLD



Officials exhumed the bodies of infants at the cemetery in Comitán in the Mexican state of Chiapas Thursday.

Mexican babies' deaths stir health care worries

COMITAN, Mexico (AP) — Alberto Perez was devastated when his baby boy died at Comitán's hospital. He soon found out he was not alone.

"Your baby died too?" someone in the waiting room asked. "Did you hear about the twins?" another parent piped in. Before long, 13 families were united in grief and anger over the deaths of infants at the small hospital. And when they went as a group to the prosecutor's office to see about filing charges, they found 12 more families doing the same.

Inadequate health care has long been a fact of life in the neediest regions of Mexico and other developing countries, a condition stochastically accepted by the poor. But the anger that boiled over in Comitán has touched a nerve in Mexico, setting off a national media furor, an official investigation and demands for better care across the country.

Health officials say the 26 infant deaths in December were twice the usual number for the hospital in this southern town. Officials removed the top two administrators, have exhumed almost all the babies' bodies for tests, and are not ruling out criminal charges.

"We want the truth," Perez said about the death of his son Jose and the others. "We want an explanation that is clear and makes sense."

A preliminary investigation found no signs of an epidemic or virus — only desperate poverty and a rudimentary health system. Located 40 miles from the border with Guatemala, Comitán's hospital has fewer than 500 employees while serving nearly a half million people, mostly rural Indians who have to travel hours by foot or bus to get even basic care.

The region is one of Mexico's poorest, and has always suffered

from a higher infant mortality rate than the national rate of 3 percent. Residents rely on herbal medicine, midwives and even witchcraft in trying to stay healthy.

Infant deaths are even worse in Africa and parts of Asia. In the southern African nation of Mozambique, for example, 13 percent of all infants died at birth in 1999, four times Mexico's rate.

But the deaths in Comitán have shaken many Mexicans into speaking out.

In the central city of Queretaro, lawmaker Enrique Becerra is denouncing the deaths of 24 babies in October at a maternity hospital there.

On Tuesday, Indians in the mountain town of Las Margaritas, 25 miles east of Comitán, seized their local clinic and demanded better access to doctors and medicine.

"If a baby is born here, it is born sick," Carmelina Aguilar said and dozens of others agreed to leave the clinic in return for talks with authorities. "The same thing that happened in Comitán is going to happen here."

For Irma Cruz, it already has. Nine months into her pregnancy, she went to the clinic in Las Margaritas complaining of sharp pains, but was told to go home. When the contractions didn't stop, she was sent to Comitán, where she gave birth to a little girl. The baby died three days later, on Dec. 17.

Sitting in her wooden shack wall-papered with newspapers to keep out the cold, Cruz complained that the hospital staff treated her poorly, serving her breakfast with a cockroach in the food.

"I asked for a glass of water, but they just ignored me," she said. "I asked for a clean gown because the one I had was dirty, but they told me to wait for the next shift."

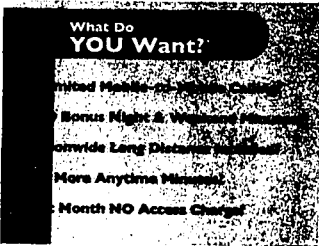
Underground train derails in London; 32 suffer injuries

LONDON (AP) — A train on London's Underground hit a tunnel wall and derailed Sunday, slightly injuring 32 people and creating a frightening scene beneath the center of the capital, police and passengers said.

Fifty cars on the eight-car westbound Central Line train had derailed. But all remained upright. Simon Lupton of the transport police said the British Broadcasting Corp. "Five injuries and ambulances

and fire engines were sent to the scene. The train was not immediately stopped. The train was not immediately stopped. The train was not immediately stopped.

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Theater opens again three months after hostage crisis

MOSCOW (AP) — The Moscow theater where Chechen militants took hundreds of people hostage in a deadly raid last October officially reopened Saturday after three months of repairs.

Meanwhile, Russian police detained three Chechens suspected of involvement in the attack, a news agency reported.

Chechen gunmen seized the theater on Oct. 23 during a performance of the musical "Nord-Ost" and took about 800 people hostage. Three days later, Russian special forces troops stormed the building, killing all 41 hostage takers. In the end, 129 hostages died, the vast majority killed by a narcotic gas used to incapacitate the militants.

The theater was renovated with \$2.5 million from the Moscow city government and a new security system with metal detectors and a refurbished interior, including a new audio system and orchestra pit.

"Nothing in this hall will remind us of those terrible days," said "Nord-Ost" producer Georgy Vashlyev at the ribbon-cutting ceremony, attended by actors and Moscow city officials. "Even former hostages who have visited can't find their seats" because of the extensive renovations, he said.

An influential business association, the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs, has pledged \$317,000 to revive the musical. A new production is scheduled for Feb. 6, but it remains unclear whether the public will embrace it, Vashlyev said.



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Someday, she'll head the corporate office. As for today, she's working on her big disarming skills, with a little help from the Idaho Lottery. These new classroom desks in Glenns Ferry are only a small example of how Idaho schools benefit from lottery funds, with over \$220 million contributed since 1989. The Idaho Lottery — Benefiting Idaho's Public Schools and Buildings.

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Centennial Commission displays progress

By Loraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — People can get a virtual view of the Magic Valley this week in a presentation of scenes depicting the valley's past.

As part of a continuing quest to raise funds to help pay for the Twin Falls centennial's lasting legacy, the centennial commission is using the PowerPoint presentation to give viewers an idea about how donations can be used for the upcoming celebration.

Designed by commission Executive Director Bonnie Lesamis and Chairman Ken Edmunds, the overview is a virtual proposal of possible lookout sites for centennial art projects to be built along the Snake River canyon rim.

In hopes of promoting a special lasting art project, the scenic pictures are taken in an area that includes a proposed trail that will run from Shoshone Falls to the Ezel Knives jump site — a project that also needs sponsorship for completion. The cost of building the trail would be about \$400,000, a figure that includes the construction of two overlooks, Edmunds said.

Additional large overlooks will start at \$10,000 to \$12,000 with the figures graduating with the size of the overlook.

The presentation is part of what the public can expect to see when they attend the commission's public meeting at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

According to a press release by CSI Public Information Director Doug Maughan, the centennial commission is inviting anyone who is interested in taking part in next year's centennial celebration to attend the meeting.

Although in recent months the commission discontinued large, public meetings to move toward more specific meetings for volunteers associated with the various committees, that is no longer the case.

"Quite a few people have been associated briefly with the Twin Falls centennial over the past few years — and in some cases those

people may have had time conflicts or grown impatient with the process," Lesamis said in the release.

"We would like them to see where we are right now, how we are organized, and give them a chance to get involved," Lesamis said in the release.

Plans to kick off the 100th-year celebration will begin with a big New Year's Eve party at the Magic Valley Mall, followed by the traditional community events throughout 2004. Each event will include a centennial theme.

For more information, people may contact Lesamis at 736-0800 or visit the commission's Web site at www.twinfallscen.com.

We got trouble with two capital K's

I was sitting in the newspaper office a couple of Saturdays ago, working away and listening to the police scanner:

"Unit 34, what's your 20?"

"I'm at the station."

"You got any cash on you?"

"Yeah, I think I got me some. Why?"

"Why don't you run over and pick me up some of them Krispy Kreme donuts?"

"10-4. How many you want?"

"How much you got?"

It's ever thus across the length and breadth of south-central Idaho these days. The Magic Valley is developing a nasty Krispy Kreme addiction.

This would not be so alarming if not for the fact that every single Krispy Kreme donut consumed in these parts comes from Orem, Utah, 260 miles — and a four-hour drive — from Twin Falls.

Krispy Kreme-runners are stuffing mini-vans full of pastry and scaling through the night to feed out burgeoning appetite for boutique pastry.

True, it's all for charity — Krispy Kreme doesn't permit commercial resale of its products — but let's be candid: Too many of us are spending our Saturday mornings prowling parking lots in search of bigger butts and tighter jeans.

Compounded, of course, by the fact that the news that the planned January opening of Idaho's first Krispy Kreme store — in Meridian — has been delayed.

"We're in danger of losing whole generations here, all walking around with that glazed look. At the same time we're devastating our local maple-bar and bear-claw industries."

All for a donut that loses much of its considerable charm between the time it springs to life in a Utah bakery and the time its fetches up in the back seat of some police squad car in the Magic Valley, 19 hours and seven coffee breaks later.

Krispy Kremes, you see, are heavenly when they first pop out of a fryer and are glazed to within an inch of their lives. But by the time they're old and cold and all by themselves in the corner of a web-world, well-traveled donut box, they're astonishingly ordinary.

Which goes unnoticed among the Krispy Kreme addicts, of course, hopped up as they are on sugar and willing to dunk in root beer, if that's all that's available.

"What kind of message, I wonder, is this sending to our children?"

"(Mom, will Dad be at my baseball game this afternoon?)"

"(I'm sorry, Bobby, but no. He has, um, business in Utah.)"

And nobody stops to think about the long-term consequences. Four out of five Krispy Kremers are being crumb-cake within six months. Half are on Ho-Ho's within a year.

There is no happy outcome for this, as southern Idaho's experience with Dr. Pepper in the '60s so vividly demonstrated.

Dr. Pepper, long a niche product

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Steve Crump

DON'T ASK ME

Steve Crump

FIGHTING CABIN FEVER



Christopher Nottingham, 6, puts on a fierce face during his first Kung-Fu lesson at the Keith Owen's American Self Defense school in Twin Falls. Nottingham was participating in the annual Cabin Fever Day hosted by the Twin Falls Department of Parks and Recreation. There were free activities all over Twin Falls, from socializing your pet to arts and crafts projects.

Former white supremacist speaks in Buhl

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times News correspondent

BUHL — Former white supremacist Floyd Cochran challenged a Buhl audience last week to take a stand against racism.

"Fearing other people because they are different is wrong," said Cochran, founder of the Education and Vigilance Network, which exposes white supremacy organizations.

"We need to teach responsibility," he said. "You can't blame others for your mistakes. We would like to challenge people to take that extra stand so racism won't grow."

Friday night's presentation by Cochran and the one-woman performance "La Causa" — the story about the farm workers move

On the Web
 F or those who want to learn more about hate groups, visit the Education and Vigilance Network at www.onenetwork.net

ment led by Cesar Chavez — was sponsored in part by the Association of Idaho Cities and Carr Foundation. Cochran's human rights tour through Idaho included a stop in Twin Falls Wednesday.

Recruited by the Aryan Nations as a teen, Cochran has since fled the Aryan Idaho compound and abandoned the group's philosophy, and is even working to make amends for his racism activities.

"I need to redeem myself, to give something back," he said.

There are currently 10 hate groups in Idaho, he said. "But the overwhelming number of people in Idaho are not racist. Idaho has set an example. It will stand up to these people."

"People think in Idaho, we don't have things like this but we do," said Chuck Geska, Buhl councilman and a member of the Association of Idaho Cities executive committee. "If you are going to have a community, you have to invite everyone in it. We don't really well at including the Hispanics. We need to find new ways to bring them into the community. Because they could be very big asset."

Buhl resident Bill Chosholm, who grew up in Buhl during a time when the Hispanics and Indians came into the area for the harvest, recalls that "the

Hispanic youth carried guns and we carried guns, although our parents didn't know that. They came, lived in labor camps and then left. You didn't know them. There was no interaction. They were different. On Sunday morning, you picked up the paper and wondered who got shot. Once the Hispanic population started staying full time, became inter-active, I think that kind of died away."

Juan McKenzie of Gooding recently growing up in Buhl, when there was no association with the Hispanics who came to the community as seasonal workers.

"I remember feeling uncomfortable, as a young girl, walking past a group of Mexicans," McKenzie said. "But I think that is changing. I think we're becoming more integrated."

Volunteers try to save dogs from Oregon home

The Times-News and The Associated Press

FRUITLAND — A team of volunteers, including an animal adoption group from Filer, is spending the weekend trying to save more than 500 dogs rescued Thursday from an eastern Oregon home.

Barbara Erickson, 76, was jailed on charges of misdemeanor animal neglect Friday morning, said Malheur County Sheriff Andrew Bents. Her husband, Robert Erickson, 64, was cited on animal neglect charges Thursday night.

Authorities described conditions at the Harper home as deplorable, and said dogs were covered in feces and mud. Two hundred of the animals lived inside the Erickson house, and about 300 lived outside, Bents said.

The dogs were taken to a three-room animal shelter in Fruitland

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that was designed to hold just 60 animals.

Many of the more than 500 volunteers at the 2nd Chance Animal Shelter in Fruitland were masks to block the powerful stench of ammonia, urine and feces. They built crates and pens for the dogs, held the animals and bathed them.

Many of the dogs suffer from disease, malnutrition and severe neglect. Veterinarians worked through the night treating the animals, and shelter workers estimated six dogs were euthanized Friday. A pen was filled with 20

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Getting ready for war

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Shoshone voters will vote on bond issue

By Loraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — The superintendent of Shoshone schools said he believes local taxpayers will support Tuesday's \$250,000 bond issue.

"I'm confident from what people have told us that it will pass," Max Eccell said Saturday. The election will be held from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the district office, 409 N. Apple St. in Shoshone.

Shoshone School District taxpayers are currently paying \$91 per \$100,000 of property value on a \$3.1 million bond issue that passed in 1990. If Tuesday's bond passes, a

taxpayer would pay \$267 on \$100,000 worth of property, an increase of about \$70.

The money from the new bonds would go toward four new classrooms at Shoshone Elementary School and a permanent foundation for its modular building, Eccell said.

The school was built about 10 years ago. However, the district for 500 students has spent less than \$500,000 on maintenance. This year the school crossed its budget, now having a \$90,000 deficit.

Wendell H. Johnson, Lincoln County tax assessor, explained what is the likely result of that deficit.

"We've averaged about a 10 percent increase over since 1990," Johnson said.

The new homes are averaging from 2,000,000 maintenance dollars to \$200,000 maintenance dollars, he said.

"We're a new town, and we're a people who work in Blaine County that live in Lincoln County because it's not in Blaine County is to expect less."

Another factor in building up in Lincoln County is the logging industry.

Since 1999, damies have spent \$7 million in new construction in Lincoln County, Johnson said.

While Johnson is not in favor of bond issues, he said he believes voters could draw their own conclusions from the construction growth industry.

Four people attended hearings were held regarding the new bond issue, Eccell said. However, only the negative comment the majority of comments were in favor of building the additional schools, he said.

The school district has set aside \$135,000 for the project, which has been estimated to cost about \$375,000, he said.

"We have been very fortunate," Eccell said. "Part of the emergency levy has been set aside for growth."

Snowpack levels

Waterhead	% of Avg.	Waterhead	% of Avg.
Upper Snake River	73	41	38
Salmon Falls	82	38	47
Big Lost	84	30	30
Old Wood	83	30	34
Little Wood	116	34	34
Haystack Park/Ocean	73	40	40
Haystack	102	36	36
Little Lost	70	36	36

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BURLEY



Giselle M. 'Gill' Carson

Giselle Marie 'Gill' Carson, 49, of Burley, died Thursday, January 23, 2003, at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, after a long fight with an extraordinary illness.

She was born December 25, 1953, in Ogden, Utah, the daughter of Frank Eugene Booth, Jr. and Alma Mae Huddleston. She received her education in Twin Falls, graduating from Twin Falls High School in 1973. She married Parke Edward Carson on January 10, 1974, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. They had in Twin Falls, for a short time, and then moved to Burley, where she has resided for the past 20 years.

Giselle was a wonderful and loving person. She was dedicated to her family and took great care in showing her affection for her parents, her two sons, sisters and her church family. She enjoyed crafts, reading, and the outdoors.

She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and served in the Primary, Sunday of the Road, Relief Society and in her church home.

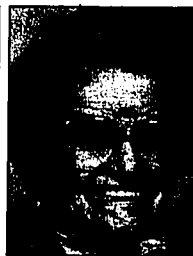
She is survived by her three sons, Lynn (Bobbie) Gardner of Cincinnati, Ohio; Rex (Leah) Gardner of Hazelton, Idaho; and Reid (Germyne) Gardner of Reno, Nev. She is also survived by her two sisters, Mabel Watson of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Elaine Gardner of Silerburg, Idaho. Her grandchildren are: Andrew, Ryan and Jordan Gardner; and her great-grandchildren are: Matthew, Ryan and Andrew Gardner.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2003, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Burial will be in the Shoshone Cemetery in Twin Falls. The officiating minister will be Dr. William M. Murray, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Contributions may be made to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 221 E. Main St., Twin Falls, ID 83301. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

For more information, please call 733-0931. The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is a state-owned facility that provides a wide range of medical services to the Magic Valley region.

HAZELTON



Mary H. Gardner

Mary H. Gardner, age 97, of Hazelton, Idaho, passed away Thursday, January 23, 2003, at her home.

She was born October 23, 1905, at Tolona, Idaho, the daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann Amanda Swenson Hanson. Mary started school in Parker, Idaho, and walked 1 1/2 miles to school with her sister Mabel until moving to Rupert, Ariz. After moving to Rupert, Mary attended Pioneer school for the first year and then graduated from Rupert High School in fall of 1925. She worked as a weaver mistress for the Paul Sugar factory. In 1928, she was called on a mission to California for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints returning in 1928. She was active in the church her whole life and loved teaching the gospel. On October 7, 1929, she married J.O. Gardner in the Salt Lake Temple. She lived with her husband until his death in 1966 in Hazelton Area and then moved into the town of Hazelton, where she sold Avon for several years. She loved people and not only served their cosmetic needs but lifted them up by her wonderful positive attitude and spiritual insight.

She is survived by her three sons, Lynn (Bobbie) Gardner of Cincinnati, Ohio; Rex (Leah) Gardner of Hazelton, Idaho; and Reid (Germyne) Gardner of Reno, Nev. She is also survived by her two sisters, Mabel Watson of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Elaine Gardner of Silerburg, Idaho. Her grandchildren are: Andrew, Ryan and Jordan Gardner; and her great-grandchildren are: Matthew, Ryan and Andrew Gardner.

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ing is what I always really liked best.

I have some real nice colts to ride here and they brand calves all the time I go ELK hunting and fishing anytime I want. You all take care of my grandkids, Kyle, Cole, Lano, Kendall, Samuel, Courtney Paige and Jarrett.

I wanted to bring all you guys along with me so you could see this place because it's the best place I've ever been on. The "Cow Boss" said I could send for you one at a time, but it will be awhile before I get to do that. Take care of each other and I'll see you before you know it. Well, I've got to go to work and the family is here waiting on me! Love all of you (WELL...BYE!)

Services will be held at West End Cemetery, Buhl, Id., Monday, January 27th, at 11 a.m.

SHOSHONE



Carlos Berriochos Jr.

Carlos Berriochos Jr., age 65, of Shoshone, died Friday, January 24, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Carlos was born on September 18, 1937, in Shoshone, Idaho, the son of Carlos Berriochos Sr. and Ramona Carpaneda. He was raised in Shoshone and Dietrich and graduated from Shoshone High School. He worked in the 41st Infantry Division on February 25, 1943.

His education was completed in Fort Lewis, Washington. During the war he worked in New Guinea and Borneo. He also enjoyed his time working in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. He received an honorable discharge on July 30, 1945. He married Anna Patricia on June 30, 1946. He worked for St. Peter's Hospital in Boise for 20 years. He was a member of the Shoshone Tribe and the Shoshone Tribe of Idaho. He was a member of the Shoshone Tribe of Idaho.

He is survived by his wife, Anna Patricia, and his children: Carlos Berriochos Sr., and his grandchildren: Ryan, Andrew, and Jordan. He is also survived by his great-grandchildren: Matthew, Ryan, and Andrew.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2003, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Burial will be in the Shoshone Cemetery in Twin Falls. The officiating minister will be Dr. William M. Murray, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Contributions may be made to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 221 E. Main St., Twin Falls, ID 83301. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

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Bonner sheriff pats himself on back

SANDPOINT (AP) — Bonner County Sheriff Phil Jarvis placed himself on administrative leave for the past week and a half while state police investigated criminal allegations of assault and battery against him. Jarvis stepped down following a Jan. 15 confrontation, which happened while he was off duty. Undersheriff Elaine Savage and Bonner County Prosecutor Phil Robinson asked the Idaho State Police to investigate the allegations after they were reported, Robinson said. Robinson received the late report on Friday, but has released few details about the incident which involved Jarvis, Robinson's wife and a woman who lives near Sandpoint. Robinson would not identify the woman. During the prosecution, Jarvis allegedly attempted to hit Robinson's wife and the woman, Robinson said. It is undisputed, however, that one of the parties struck Jarvis, Robinson said. Robinson said Jarvis, however, is not the two are greatly disgruntled. The woman in the incident brought her finger. She told investigators she was unsure how it was fractured.

Robinson said he has read nothing in the report, so far, that indicates alcohol was a factor. No one has signed a complaint against Jarvis.

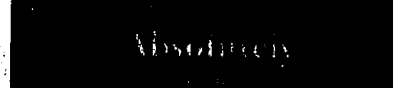
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SERVICES

Melba Johnson Sanders of Richfield, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Richfield Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; interment will be in Richfield Cemetery; friends may call from 3-5 p.m. today at Demary's Shoshone Chapel and from 10-11 a.m. Monday at the church.

Johnny F. Bradshaw of Winnemucca, Nev., service at 2 p.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel; burial will follow in the Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today and one hour before the service Monday at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 221 E. Main St.

Edmund 'Ed' Carl Sheer of Winnemucca, Nev., service at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Demary's Shoshone Chapel; burial will follow at the Shoshone Cemetery; viewing for family and friends from 5-7 p.m. Monday at Demary's Shoshone Chapel.



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NOTICES

Helen L. Lighter — Helen L. Lighter, 85, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Jan. 24, 2003, at Twin Falls Care Center. Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Arnie Jo Goin — BURLEY — Arnie Jo Goin, 26, of Burley, died Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003, at her home. Arrangements will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

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Louise E. Davis, 85, of Burley, died Friday, January 24, 2003, at her home. She was born in Burley, Idaho, and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She is survived by her husband, William E. Davis, and her children: William E. Davis, Jr., and Louise E. Davis. She is also survived by her grandchildren: William E. Davis, III, and Louise E. Davis. She is also survived by her great-grandchildren: William E. Davis, IV, and Louise E. Davis. She is also survived by her great-great-grandchildren: William E. Davis, V, and Louise E. Davis.

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RENO, NEV.



Mark E. Bailey

Mark E. Bailey, 65, of Reno, Nev., died Friday, January 24, 2003, at his home. He was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is survived by his wife, Mary E. Bailey, and his children: Mark E. Bailey, Jr., and Mary E. Bailey. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Mark E. Bailey, III, and Mary E. Bailey. He is also survived by his great-grandchildren: Mark E. Bailey, IV, and Mary E. Bailey.

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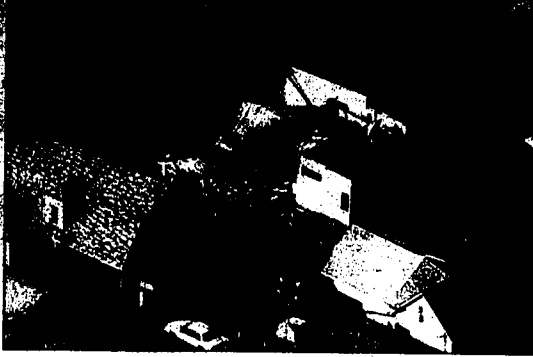
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Piper Denver

Advocate: Idaho did nothing about burning



A demolished Piper Cheyenne aircraft in northwest Idaho is shown Saturday after a single-engine airplane crashed into it Friday night when two small aircraft collided over the residential neighborhood.

The plane was seen flying over the street here before it crashed into the back of her house.

She said her son and his wife and two of the street here were in the house before the plane crashed and blew the house apart.

"I just can't believe we're alive," Nappelle-Olson, 53, said Saturday, sitting on the corner near her demolished home in northwest Idaho.

She said that the Piper Cheyenne had collided with a twin-engine Piper Cheyenne during the afternoon crash. All five people on the two planes were killed, and seven people on the ground, including Nappelle-Olson's family, were injured. None of the injuries was serious.

The Cessna just missed a 12-story senior citizens' apartment building before it crashed into Nappelle-Olson's home.

"I feel lucky and terrible all at once," she said. "It's horrible to think people died there."

The other plane spiraled into a yard back away, just missing a house and garage.

"Dannette Parsley found that plane in her back yard when she returned home."

"It's inches from my door,"

she said.

Shards of airplane metal and house siding littered the streets over an eight-block area. National Transportation Safety Board investigators on the scene Saturday were examining the wreckage and trying to determine what caused the planes to crash.

"We have recovered 99 percent of both airplanes," NTSB

investigator Arnold Scott said.

Both pilots were in contact with air traffic control, Scott said. Investigators planned to review radar and voice recordings and interview air traffic controllers.

"I talked to one witness today who said he looked up and saw the airplanes come together, and he said at the very last second he saw the Cheyenne make a steep or sharp bank to the left."

Whether that's true or not, I don't know," Scott said.

Aviation officials said the Cessna was bound for Cheyenne, Wyo., from Centennial Airport in suburban southeast Denver. The Piper took off from Jefferson County Airport northwest of Denver and was bound for Centennial Airport. The victims' names were not immediately released.

LEWISTON (AP) — A clean-air advocate says the Idaho Department of Agriculture made no attempt to investigate farmers who broke the state's voluntary rules for burning bluegrass fields last fall.

Fatti Gora, director of Sandpoint-based Safe Air For Everyone, said she recently requested copies of enforcement letters the agency sent to farmers who burned illegally in Boundary County.

She also asked for the names of farmers the department suspected of illegal burning. She requested notes on any letters of reprimand for illegal burning in the Grangeville area Sept. 14.

"The reply was very brief," Gora said. "No such documents have been produced. This clearly means that there was never any investigation, nor is one intended. I think, to find out what the heck happened."

"The department continues to tell the public that it has an effective program of voluntary compliance with burn regulations and when the rules are flagrantly violated, the agency doesn't even make a reasonable attempt to find out what went wrong."

Farmers torch their field stubble to shock the bluegrass into producing more seed. For two years, they have been under voluntary rules which limit burning to weekdays and require them to register their fields with the state before burning.

The rules allow burning only on days when air monitors indicate the smoke will dissipate.

Although department officials concede there continue to be some violations, a committee that studied the situation said compliance has improved.

"The first year there were quite a few people who did not know the program existed, but this year there weren't quite as

many. I think guys are really getting on board and trying," said Moscow farmer Gary Esser, committee chairman.

But the agency has no way to penalize farmers who break the voluntary rules. If a complaint comes in, the department sends a certified letter to the violator and contacts the growers, said Agriculture spokeswoman Julie Pippal.

Micron chairman: Misstep left undesirable product

BOISE (AP) — Micron Technology's attempt to manufacture a new-generation computer chip backfired, but the failure won't affect the company's viability, Chairman Steve Appletton says.

He left the company with an undesirable product through the second half of 2002, Appletton told analysts Friday during an annual conference.

"We were caught off guard,"

Appletton told the Sun Valley gathering. "We were trying to adjust our product mix, and once we were through that period, it took longer to recover than we expected."

Sales of the company's memory products were lower than competitors.

But after the second year of losses in a row and more expected for 2003, analysts on Friday expressed some doubts about

Micron's expectations.

"Are there questions we have to ask? Sure," said Joseph Osha with Merrill Lynch in San Francisco. "But this is a big company with not high levels of debt. It's not an issue of whether this company can survive."

He added it appears Micron spends up to \$400 million a quarter and the need for capital is imminent.

Micron Vice President Bill

Stover replied Osha's numbers seemed high and said planned capital expenditures of \$1 billion in the firm's fiscal 2003 were more than half completed already.

David Wu, vice president for Wedbush Morgan Securities, shrugged off the issue, saying he believes 2003 will be a rebound year for the industry and make the financing debate a moot point.

Judge upholds state's unborn child law

ERIE, Pa. (AP) — A judge has upheld a state law allowing prosecutors to seek charges in the deaths of fetuses, turning away arguments that the law doesn't consider whether the fetus would survive outside the womb and creates an unconstitutional double standard with abortion law.

Pennsylvania is one of 27 states that have fetal homicide laws, widely promoted by anti-abortion groups to back up their argument that fetuses should be recognized as living human beings.

Attorneys say that Pennsylvania's fetal homicide law has been rarely used or challenged since it went into effect in 1999.

In the latest case, Corinne

Wilcott, 22, charged with killing the 15-week-old fetus of a romantic rival in a fight, challenged the law, saying that it complicated what the state considered to be a person.

Wilcott's attorney, Tim Lucas, argued that prosecutors couldn't charge Wilcott with murder if the state didn't consider the fetus to be a person.

Citing rulings from other states, Erie County Judge John Trucella ruled Friday that whether a fetus would live outside the womb was irrelevant under the law.

He also said there was no contradiction between the two laws because a woman makes a choice in the case of an abortion and not

in a crime.

Wilcott "claims the act penalizes her for destroying a nonviable fetus, yet allows the pregnant woman to abort that same fetus ... this claim, however, fails because the defendant and pregnant women are not similarly situated," Trucella said.

Other states' fetal homicide laws have been upheld in the face of similar challenges.

In January 2001, a Utah judge upheld that state's 1983 law, rebuffing defense attorneys who argued that the fetus — about 14 weeks old when its mother was killed — was not a person because it could not have survived outside the womb.

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BLM requires high-level approval of land swaps

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bureau of Land Management is ordering its state directors to protect the public interest when reviewing federal land exchanges after the program drew fire last year over a questionable Utah land swap.

"Because the integrity of the program had been so severely challenged ... we had to show the public that we took these seriously," said BLM Deputy Director Jim Hughes in an interview.

A BLM memorandum Hughes sent earlier this month reinforces an earlier directive requiring all proposed

exchanges of BLM land to be approved by him.

"State directors are responsible for ensuring the integrity of the land exchange and appraisal programs," said the memo sent to BLM state directors this month.

"Before recommending a land exchange for further consideration or approval, you must ensure the public interest will be served and that statutory, regulatory, policy and other requirements are met."

Last year, BLM appraisers protested a proposed land swap with Utah that would have cleared the way for the creation

of a national monument in the San Rafael Swell, a series of steep canyons in eastern Utah.

Utah officials wanted 117,000 acres of federal land in several chunks in exchange for 108,264 acres of state parcels owned by San Rafael Swell.

One BLM document cited by one appraiser said the exchange could cost federal taxpayers \$117 million.

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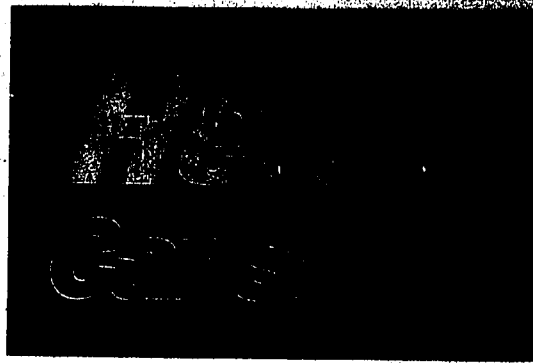
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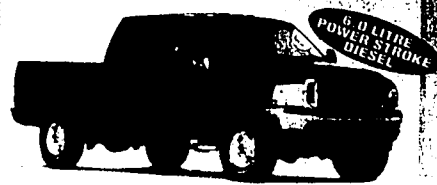
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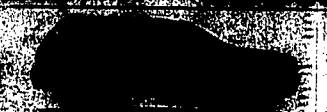
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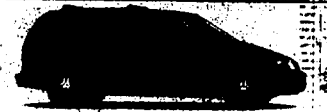
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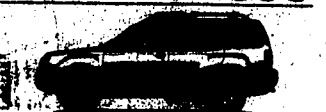
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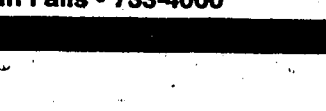
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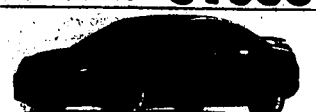
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 Milk served every day
 Monday: Chicken patty
 Tuesday: Finger steaks
 Wednesday: Bologna sandwich
 Thursday: Sloppy joes
 Friday: Hamburgers

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day
 Monday: Chicken nuggets
 Tuesday: Spaghetti
 Wednesday: Soft flour taco
 Thursday: Oven fried chicken
 Friday: Sandwich

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served every day
 Monday: Beef patty
 Tuesday: Deli sandwich or beef wrap
 Wednesday: Chicken and noodles
 Thursday: Sloppy joes
 Friday: Roast turkey

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day
 Monday: Ham and cheese pocket
 Tuesday: Beef wrap
 Wednesday: Burrito
 Thursday: Cheeseburger
 Friday: Potato bar

MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Monday-Friday Menu not available

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served every day
 Monday: Lunch wrap

Tuesday: Finger steaks
 Wednesday: Ravioli
 Thursday: Rib-bone sandwich
 Friday: Teriyaki chicken dippers

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day
 Monday: Chicken burgers
 Tuesday: Chili
 Wednesday: Hamburgers
 Thursday: Chicken noodles
 Friday: Potato bar

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu
 Milk served every day
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Scrambled egg, ham
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Pancake on a stick
 Lunch menu
 Milk served every day
 Monday: Chicken nuggets, salad bar, spicy chicken sandwich
 Tuesday: Egg roll, soup and sandwich bar or baked potato
 Wednesday: Taco bar or pizza
 Thursday: Popcorn chicken, potato bar or ham and cheese sandwich
 Friday: Taco soup, nachos supreme or salad bar

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: Sloppy joes
 Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
 Wednesday: Idaho nachos
 Thursday: Italian dunkers
 Friday: Rainbow treasures

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served every day
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Scrambled egg, ham
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Cereal
 Friday: Pancake on a stick
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Chicken sandwich
 Tuesday: Pig in a blanket
 Wednesday: Chili
 Thursday: Breakfast for lunch
 Friday: Beef and bean burrito

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served every day
 Monday: Chicken and noodles
 Tuesday: Nachos
 Wednesday: Soft shell taco
 Thursday: Barbecued beef sand which
 Friday: Potato soup

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast is served every day
 Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies every day
 Monday: Salad bar, deli sandwich or chicken sandwich
 Tuesday: Coyote grill bar, deli sandwich or pizza bar
 Wednesday: Taco bar, deli sandwich or cheeseburger
 Thursday: Deli sandwich, coyote grill bar or hot Italian sub sandwich
 Friday: Deli sandwich, potato bar or pizza

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served every day
 Monday: Burrito
 Tuesday: Pizza
 Wednesday: Hot dog
 Thursday: Taco
 Friday: No school

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

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

GLENN'S FERRY

Monday: Hot dogs
 Tuesday: Ham and beans
 Wednesday: Turkey and noodles
 Thursday: Soft shell taco

Friday: Chef salad

GOODING ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Choice of milk served every day
 Monday: Soup and sandwich, salad bar or chili corn dogs
 Tuesday: Pigs in a blanket, deli bar or pizza
 Wednesday: Cheeseburger, nacho bar or spicy chicken sandwich
 Thursday: Walking tacos, potato bar or burrito
 Friday: Chicken burger

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Milk offered every day
 Monday: Taco
 Tuesday: Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes
 Wednesday: Hot dog
 Thursday: Chicken sandwich
 Friday: Nachos

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Milk served every day
 Breakfast menu
 Monday: Pancakes
 Tuesday: Ham, cereal
 Wednesday: Scopes, cereal
 Thursday: Sausage sandwich
 Friday: Cinnamon rice, hash browns
 Lunch menu
 Salad bar and choice of milk served every day
 Monday: Hula sandwich or

cheese ravioli

Tuesday: Italian spaghetti
 Wednesday: Cheese or sausage pizza
 Thursday: French bread dip or peanut butter and jelly
 Friday: Hamburger

JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served every day
 Monday: Spaghetti
 Tuesday: Tacos
 Wednesday: Rib-bone sandwich
 Thursday: Pizza
 Friday: Chili

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
 Milk and juice served every day
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Pancakes
 Friday: Cereal
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Pigs in a blanket
 Tuesday: Chili
 Wednesday: Cheese pizza
 Thursday: Beef and chicken fajita
 Friday: Chili

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served every day
 Monday: Burrito
 Tuesday: Chili
 Wednesday: Roast turkey
 Thursday: Deli sandwich

Friday: French dip

WENDELL SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily
 Monday: Hamburger
 Tuesday: Soft taco
 Wednesday: Corn dog
 Thursday: Pizza
 Friday: Sub sandwich

CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

All schools serve milk with meals
 Breakfast menu
 Monday: Oatmeal
 Tuesday: French toast sticks
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Cheese toast
 Friday: Cereal
 Lunch menu
 Monday: Sloppy joes
 Tuesday: Cinnamon
 Wednesday: Chili
 Thursday: Breakfast for lunch
 Friday: Lasagna

MINIDOKA COUNTY SCHOOLS

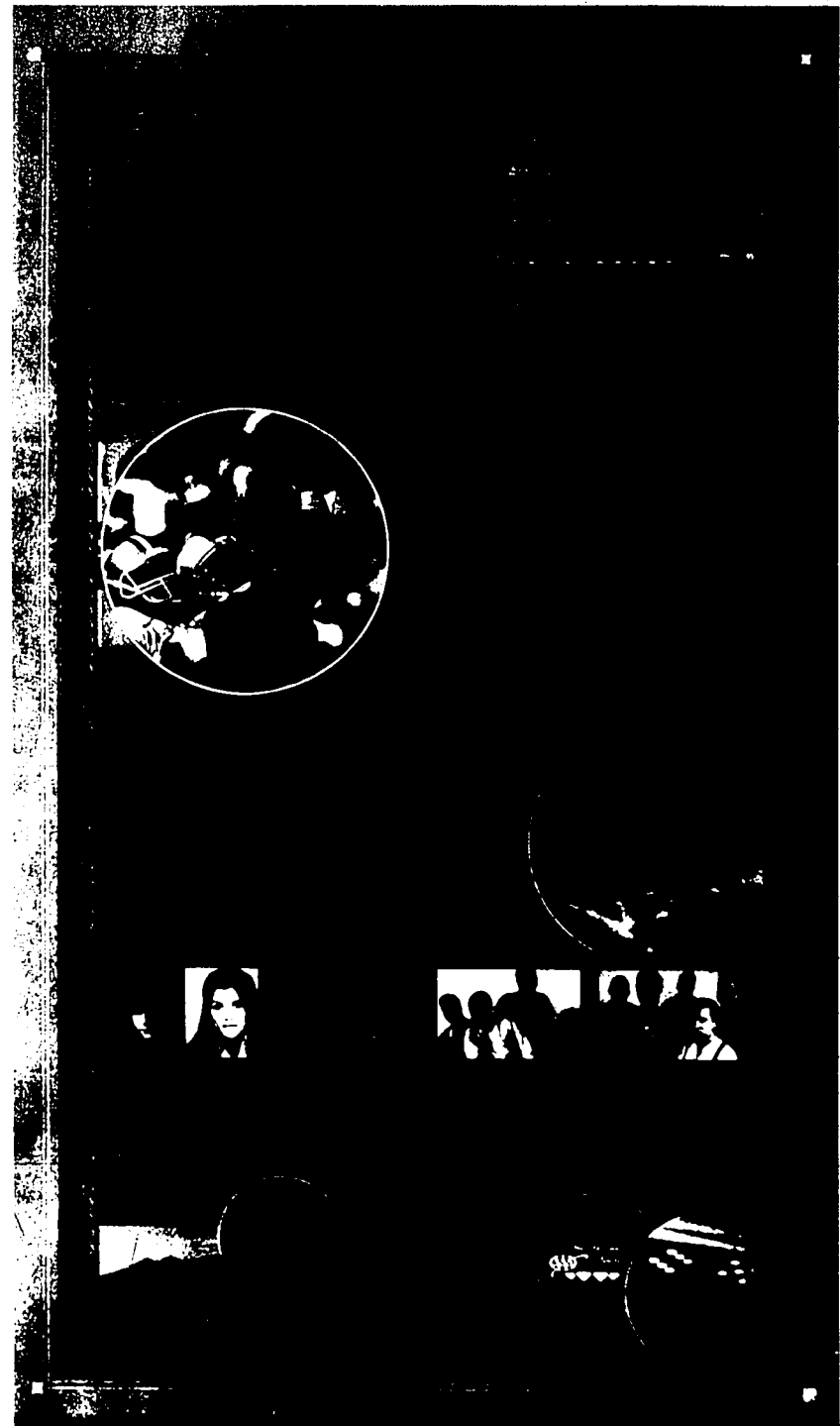
Breakfast menu
 Monday: Cheese toast
 Tuesday: Cereal
 Wednesday: Granola bar
 Thursday: Cereal
 Friday: Breakfast burrito

Lunch menu
 Monday: Chicken and noodles
 Tuesday: Chili
 Wednesday: Chili
 Thursday: Chili
 Friday: Spaghetti

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast: Juice and fruit served every day
 Choice of salad bar with sandwich or soup or sandwich bar every day
 Chocolate milk served every day
 Monday: Pizza, chocolate liqueur or milk corn dogs
 Tuesday: Ham and cheese or turkey and cheese sandwich or chicken-fried steak
 Wednesday: Hot Pocket or chicken nuggets
 Thursday: Cinnamon or baked potato
 Friday: Fajitas, hamburger, burrito or cheeseburger

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HELLED OUT

Mimicry earned caterpillar world's attention with scientific paper

By Kate Johnson
Times-Herald writer

RUPERT — Mimicry alumnus Taylor Maxwell left the crowded track at Brigham Young University to study evolutionary biology because he was fascinated by the science, not to gain fame.

But scientific celebrity status was thrust upon Maxwell when a paper he co-authored made the cover of *Nature*, a top science journal. The paper's findings made headlines across the United States. Michael Whiting, the principle author of the paper, spoke on National Public Radio, *Newspapers* in England, India and Australia picked up the story.

The study found a group of insects had evolved wings, lost them, then 50 million years later, developed wings that looked remarkably similar to their ancestors' pinions. This suggests that instead of evolving the wings anew the insects carried latent wing-building genes for millennia.

The findings of the research are exciting, Maxwell said. But he modestly credits luck for the attention given to the paper.

"We were really very fortunate," he said. "We did have a cute bug and a nice story most people could understand."

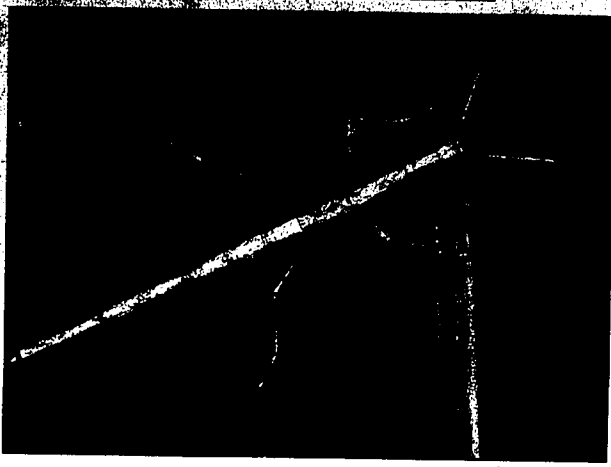
Maxwell was charting the family tree of phasids, which include leaf insects and walking sticks — bugs whose camouflage makes them look like twigs. The eye-catching frog photos probably gave the story more prominence than Maxwell's current research in the less-visually-interesting field of cancer drugs could achieve, he said.

Maxwell was also lucky to start doing research with Whiting, who is well respected in his field.

"It really makes a difference if you find a professor who knows how to do good research and is well funded," Maxwell said.

While some writers sensationalized the findings, saying they challenged the tenets of evolutionary theory, the research was exciting enough for what it really was, Maxwell said.

Whiting set out to draw a phylum family tree using DNA sequences to determine how closely species were related. Scientists had traditionally grouped the insects by physical



Phasma gigas, one of the phasids without wings. For some of the insects, like Phasma gigas, wings would be a disadvantage because they would interfere with the bug's stick-like camouflage.

similarity. When Whiting and Maxwell saw in one branch of the family tree insects lost their wings, then farther down the line regained them, they assumed something was wrong.

"We just don't have good enough sampling, we thought," Maxwell said.

The finding is surprising because there is no obvious benefit for a species to preserve an inactive blueprint for future generations. When the researchers tracked down more species, the new information only bolstered their initial findings.

The study raises new questions: Can genes be switched off and preserved? Could the dormant wing genes be linked to other phasid characteristics that do increase their likelihood of survival?

Maxwell is now studying human response to cancer drugs at Washington University in Saint Louis. Specifically, Maxwell is looking at the way genes determine response to the drugs. As he has tracked the evolution of these genes through populations, he has found his work with stick insects is relevant.

"It sounds weird, but the walking stick research truly is very much related to the stuff I'm doing now," he said.



Taylor Maxwell goes face to thorax with the subject of his research. Maxwell studied the lineage of stick insects with professor Michael Whiting at Brigham Young University.

Maxwell is looking at the way complex characteristics change, disappear, and pop back up as they move down through generations.

He is also looking for DNA patterns related to heart disease. Today Maxwell is coming up with questions no one has ever thought to ask and looking for the answers. While it's a far cry from learning chemistry at

Mimico, Maxwell says his first 12 years of school gave him a good base.

"I liked Mimico and I had some very good teachers there, some good role models," he said.

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Disputed land's future remains uncertain

By Shari Chaney
Times-Herald writer

HEYBURN — Ultimately the fate of a disputed area of impact could come down to a vote of the people who live there.

But it may never get to that point. Burley Mayor Jon Anderson said putting the disputed land, which sits near exit 208 on Interstate 84, in the city of Heyburn's area of impact would preclude a Burley city project from being developed there.

"We can't do what we want to do it's in Heyburn's area of impact," Anderson said.

Anderson said Burley city officials want the property to stay out of anyone's area of impact for at least another year or two.

"We think we might have a use for it," he said.

City leaders will know if the project they have in mind — which Anderson acknowledged is somewhat of a pipe dream — is a go or not within a year or possibly two. The project will benefit the entire area, Anderson said.

"This is not a selfish thing for Burley. I promise you that," Anderson said.

The disputed land sits between 650 and 750 West and 250 and 350 South. The city of Heyburn included the square mile in its ordinance which establishes the Heyburn area of impact. That ordinance was approved by the Heyburn City Council in September 2001.

Mindokka County Director of Community Development Paul Aston explained the Mindokka County Planning and Zoning Commission recommended the approval of Heyburn's area of impact, but county commissioners never officially acted on that recommendation.

The delay came when Burley city officials said they were interested in having part of the area in Burley's area of impact because of a possible public development project.

If the project happens, the area in question, or at least the southern half from 300 South to the interstate, would need to be

annexed into the Burley city limits.

But Anderson said it would be a spot annexation encompassing just that land.

Aston said Burley is interested in the bottom half of the square mile, not necessarily all of it.

Mindokka County commissioners will ultimately decide what happens to the property, Aston said.

Commissioner Chairman Dave Teeter said commissioners don't have an absolute plan of action.

Commissioners could wait to see if either Heyburn or Burley comes up with a plan for development, Mindokka County Clerk Duane Smith said. Whatever commissioners decide they should respond to Heyburn Mayor Cleo Cheney's request of why the land is not included in the city's area of impact.

If the commissioners approve Heyburn's ordinance and the area is officially included in Heyburn's area of impact, Anderson said, the Burley City Council could also adopt an ordinance naming it within Burley's impact area and then the area would be overlapping.

Overlapping areas of impact, according to state statute, are put to a vote of residents in the area. If only the south half was overlapped — 300 to 350 South between 650 and 750 West — there is just one resident who could vote on the matter.

If the whole mile is disputed, there are more people. The vote would be of residents, not property owners.

The land is currently zoned agricultural low and is currently farmland with a few homes, mostly north of 300 South.

Anderson said he wondered why such large areas of impact were needed, the areas of impact in Mindokka County stretch for miles in some areas. The county maintains control of the area of impact, Anderson added.

Aston said he sees the large impact area as allowing for potential future development.

The county does control the area of impact and therefore the size of impact an assessor can

Utah governor appoints two to Supreme Court

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Bill N. Parrish and 3rd District Judge Ronald L. Nehring were appointed to the Utah Supreme Court Saturday by Gov. Mike Leavitt.

The Utah Senate has 90 days to confirm the appointments. Leavitt chose the two from 14 candidates submitted by the Judicial Nominating Commission. Parrish and Nehring replaced departing justices Richard C. Howe and Les and H. Riveson. Parrish and Nehring are two

days that are not expected to go away.

"It's a real honor to be named to the Shafter District of Utah State Court," Parrish said.

"I'm excited to be part of the team that will continue to serve the people of Utah," Nehring said.

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Dogs

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Shoshone

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Shoshone officials have said there is not enough classroom space, and I've reported that the convention stand has been turned into a make-shift classroom. Another class is being held in the hall, he said.

Sharon Kermer, school district clerk, said she thinks the bond

is necessary.

"We need the extra room in the school," she said. "It will raise barely a little, but it makes it look like the good will, so we can get the bond."

If the bond issue passes, I will send construction would begin as soon as possible to have the classrooms ready for the fall 2003 semester.

Toys R Us finds place on Albertson's shelves in test

BOISE (AP) — A Partnership between the Albertsons and Toys R Us has given new meaning to one stop shopping.

Customers in six of the Boise-based grocery chain's Jewel-Osco stores in Chicago can now pick up a few toys along with their bread and milk.

In November, Albertsons Inc. and Toys R Us Inc. made a deal to launch a test market in Chicago

to see whether grocery shoppers and toy shoppers would be willing to gather under one roof.

In the Chicago stores, a selection of Toys R Us toys has been set up in designated aisles. The special sections are dubbed a Toys R Us "Toy Box," complete with Toys R Us signs.

So far, Albertsons officials said, the "Toy Box" concept is working.

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Idaho State Bar Association doesn't want attorney reinstated

SANDPOINT (AP) — The Idaho State Bar Association wants attorney Jeffrey Smith to stop practicing law after his license was temporarily suspended last month.

The Idaho Supreme Court temporarily pulled the Sandpoint lawyer's license last month at the request of the Idaho State Bar.

Smith had failed to respond to the association's counsel regarding complaints it received from Smith's clients, said Julia Crowland, assistant bar counsel.

"He never responded to us. This is sort of a last resort," she said.

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The Idaho State Bar had received complaints from five different clients of Smith's who

had concerns regarding lack of communication and neglect, Crowland said.

Smith is in private practice and is a court-appointed defense attorney in Boundary County.

The Idaho Supreme Court order suspending his license was issued on Dec. 12 that gave Smith 14 days to wind up his practice.

Smith responded by providing the information the bar had requested, and it filed a notice of compliance with the state court on Dec. 23.

Smith was supposed to cease practicing law as of Dec. 26, but

and everywhere.

Don, who wore a ducktail haircut at the time, had his hair styled in a place for months. Squads of honey bees and wasps followed him everywhere he went that fall.

It's only a matter of time until something equally unpleasant comes of our current obsession with importing pasta. Sooner or later, there's gonna be an accident along I-84, and some body's gonna get Kremed.

Crump

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So he'd drive to Reno on a Thursday night, fill up the back of his car with cases of Dr. Pepper, and get back in time to deal most of it in the parking lot of the Idaho State University football games on Saturday afternoon — for a tidy mark up.

Until that hot Friday afternoon in September when he got stopped speeding outside the tiny northern Nevada town of Lovelock.

Don got nailed going 85 in a 35 mph zone, and the deputy gave him a choice: Don could go to jail, or he could turn his Cutlass around, drive to the western end of Pershing

County, and then retrace his path at the posted speed limit.

It was a no-brainer for Don, but what Don didn't realize is that Pershing County is about the size of Michigan.

He had to double back almost 100 miles to reach its western boundary, and then drive back again.

Then, hours later, just at sunset, he was rear ended by a pickup truck in Elko.

Forty-seven cases of Dr. Pepper, heated by the sun baking through Don's rear window and under pressure, exploded like Old Faithful, spraying gallons of carbonated, sugary liq-

WEST

'American Splendor' wins at Sundance

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — "American Splendor," a wily film biography that stars Paul Giamatti as churlish underground comic-book writer Harvey Pekar, won the grand jury prize, the top dramatic honor at the Sundance Film Festival.

Sundance jurors gave the documentary grand prize to "Capturing the Friedmans," which traces the disintegration of a family after the father and youngest son are arrested for child molestation.

Awards were presented Saturday night, with top winners screening one last time on Sunday as the 11-day independent-film showcase ended.

Written and directed by Shari Springer Berman and Robert Pulcini, "American Splendor" cleverly incorporates animation, archival video and interludes with the real Pekar, whose comic books caustically document his dreary life as a file clerk in Cleveland.

The audience award for dramatic films, chosen in voting by Sundance film-goers, went to "The Station Agent," a droll comic portrait of friendship among a misanthropic dwarf (Peter Dinklage), a grieving woman (Patricia Clarkson) and a motor-mouthed coffee peddler (Bobby Cannavale).

"The Station Agent" earned the Waldo Salt screenwriting prize for Tom McCarthy, who also directed. Clarkson received a special jury prize for outstanding performance for "The Station Agent" and two other Sundance films in which she co-starred, "Pieces of April" and "All the Real Girls."

The cross-dressing Charles Busch also won a special jury prize for outstanding performance for "The Mommie Die!", in which he plays an ex-diva who



Hope Davis appears in a scene in the 2002 film 'American Splendor,' which premiered during the January 2003 Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah.

plots to kill her husband with a poisoned suppository. Busch also wrote the screenplay.

"My Flesh and Blood," a documentary that follows a year in the life of a woman who adopted 11 special-needs children including legless girls and terminally ill boys, won the documentary audience award. It also earned the documentary directing prize for Jonathan Karsh.

The dramatic directing award went to Catherine Hardwicke for "Thirteen," a tale of a bright teen (Evan Rachel Wood) whose loving relationship with her mother (Holly Hunter) crumbles from the bad influence of a new school chum.

Among other Sundance winners:

- "Whale Rider," a New Zealand film about a girl who aspires to lead her Maori village, won the world-cinema audience award.
- Dana Kupper, Gordon Quinn and Peter Gilbert won the documentary cinematography honor for "Stevie," from "Hoop

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Dreams" director Steve James, about a troubled youth to whom he was a "big brother."

Derek Cianfrance received the dramatic cinematography award for the street-racing tale "Quattro Noze."

"What I Want My Worls to Do to You," about female prison inmates coming to grips with their deeds in a writing workshop, won the festival's freedom of expression award.

Special jury prizes for emotional truth went to the dramatic features "All the Real Girls," a painfully authentic examination of young love, and "What Alice Found," a road movie about a girl who falls in with a retired couple who cover their RV expenses through prostitution.

"Terminal Bar," a 23-minute exploration of the ever-changing clientele at a New York City bar, won the prize for short films.

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Utah governor names retired professor state's poet laureate

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A retired Utah State University professor known for books that connect groups of poems around a central theme has been named Utah's new poet laureate.

Kenneth W. Brewer, 61, will serve until January 2008 as Utah's leading ambassador for literature.

Gov. Mike Leavitt made the appointment Friday.

"Ken is well respected throughout Utah, the Western region and the nation for his accomplishments as a poet, as a writer and as a teacher," Leavitt said in a brief ceremony.

Brewer, who taught creative writing at Utah State for 32 years, succeeds Utah's first poet laureate, longtime Southern Utah University professor David Lee.

The job carries no official duties, although poet laureates are expected to help expose Utah residents to literature through public readings, workshops and other projects.

Brewer will not receive a

stipend, although the Utah Arts Council will cover his travel expenses.

Brewer said he plans to use his new post to establish a video archive of Utah writers. He hopes to travel the state with a video camera, documenting poets and writers reading their work or scribbling in their studies. The resulting library of tapes would then be available for use by literary scholars.

Brewer writes in a variety of poetic styles. In his books, he favors loosely connected poems that stand alone or, when read together, tell a larger narrative.

Brewer retired from teaching in 2000. He lives in Logan with his wife, Bobbie Stearman, who has taught English at Utah State University for nearly 40 years.

Brewer's appointment came a day after some state leaders in New Jersey voted to eliminate the poet laureate position after the title holder refused to return after writing a poem characterized as anti-Semitic.

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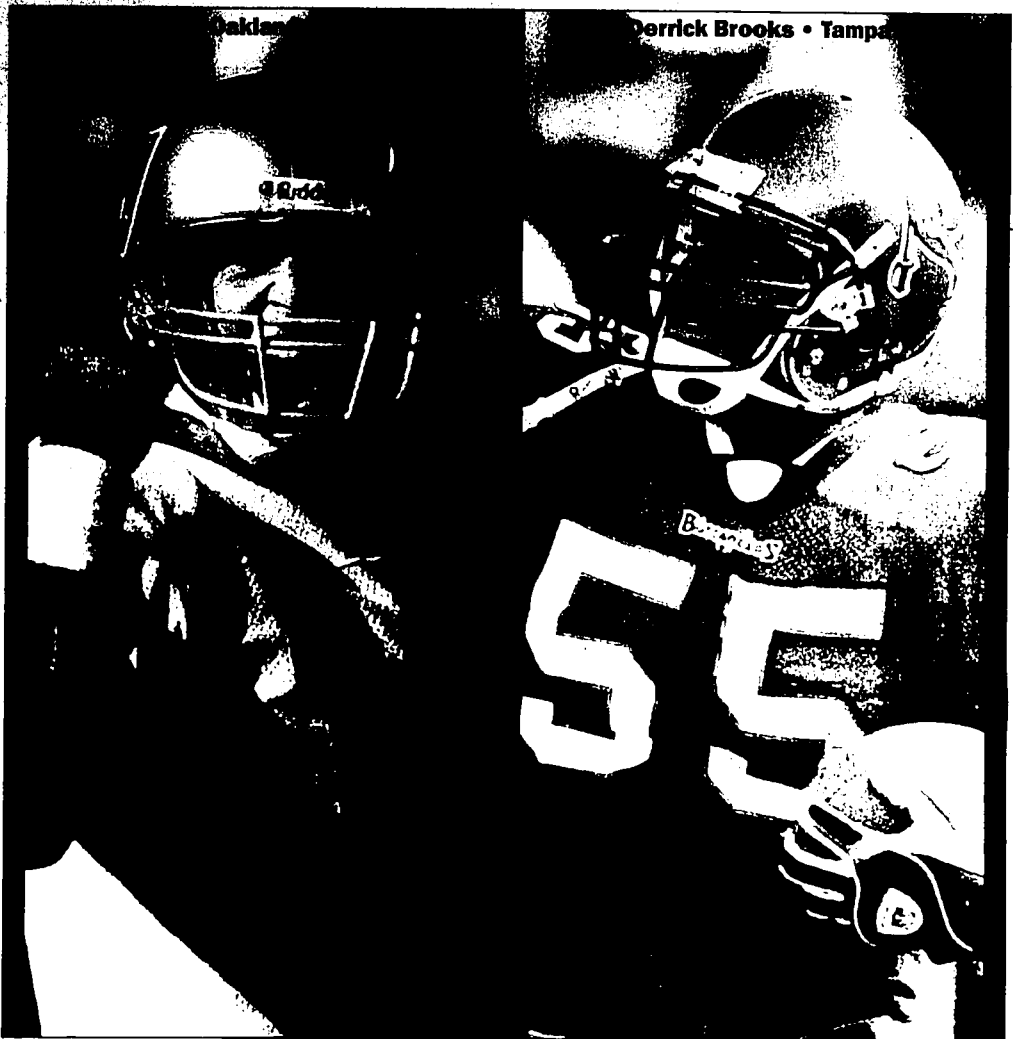
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When: Today, 4:30 p.m. (ABC)
Broadcast team: Al Michaels and John Madden

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Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Head coach: Jon Gruden, first season

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Oakland Raider receiver Tim Brown once thought championships would come in bunches, that he would have so many Super Bowl rings he could barely lift his hands. The years passed, the Team of the Decades dated to look more like the Team of the Decayed, and Brown went from the hunter to the haunted. He would get his ring one day, friends promised, but one thought kept bouncing around in his head:

Just when, baby?

Fifteen years after his rookie season – and 19 years after the Raiders' last Super Bowl appearance – Brown stands four quarters from every NFL player's dream. Somehow, he can't quite believe it.

"When we drove up and saw the Raider emblem on the Super Bowl banner, I told (running back) Randy Jordan, 'I'm tripping a little bit,'" said Brown, 36, whose team faces Tampa Bay Sunday in Super Bowl XXXVII at Qualcomm Stadium. "I shook my head and smiled. I don't know how to explain it. I come to the Super Bowl every year and see the Ravens' banner, the Patriots' banner, see the Broncos' banner, and all of a sudden to see the Raiders' banner up there, it was very special."

It certainly didn't look like a banner year for Oakland when, after a 4-0 start, the Raiders lost four in a row. They are the first team in NFL history to weather a four-game slide and make it to the Super Bowl. First-year coach Bill Callahan has earned a truckload of respect for pulling his team out of that tailspin.

But the coach who poured the foundation for this Raider team will be standing on the opposite sideline Sunday. Jon Gruden, who bolted for the Buccaneers after last season, returned the Raiders to respectability after taking over as their coach in 1998. He signed quarterback Rich Gannon, the NFL's most valuable player this season, and legendary receiver Jerry Rice, implemented a cutting-edge offensive system, rid the locker room of malcontents, and in 2000 took the franchise back to the playoffs for the first time since the 1993 season.

Gruden is Tampa Bay's coach now, though, and feels not an ounce of ambivalence about sticking it to his former team and Raider owner Al Davis. The Buccaneers, who joined the league in 1976, have waited an even longer time to get here and plan to make the most of

their first Super Bowl appearance. They are powered by the league's No. 1 defense, a unit some people consider among the best in league history, and an offense more steady than spectacular.

Even as they prepared for the first Super Bowl in club history, longtime Buccaneers paid homage to the suffering souls who endured the worst years when the franchise was synonymous with losing.

"We were the laughingstock of the league for a long time and we had to turn it around," defensive tackle Warren Sapp said. "We had to turn around years and years of bad football. That takes a whole makeover. It's just a great feeling to share this with the guys who played in the middle orange and the power before us. They helped keep this thing standing."

To get to this point, the Buccaneers had to lay to rest the notion they couldn't win a playoff game on the road, especially in cold weather. They put a 27-30 thumping on Philadelphia in the NFC Championship Game last week, a showdown that marked the end of Veterans Stadium for football and the end of an Eagle team angling for the franchise's first Super Bowl appearance since the 1980 season.

Despite all the losing seasons throughout their history, the Buccaneers have been building toward this moment for some time. They are 42-22 since the start of the 1999 season, the league's third-best winning percentage (.656) during that stretch. What Tony Dungy started, Gruden is finishing.

"Don't give us any credit; we haven't done anything yet," Pro Bowl fullback Mike Alstott said.

Whereas Tampa Bay has a ringless res-

ter, the Raiders have infused their with Super Bowl veterans Rice, who won three with San Francisco, linembacker Bill Romanowski, who won a combined five with the 49ers and Broncos, and safety Rod Woodson, who won one with Baltimore. Not only are those great players, but the theory goes, their wounds, ways are infectious. Sometimes that works, sometimes it doesn't.

The Raiders will counter Tampa Bay's top-ranked defense with the league's No. 1 offense. Oakland, which routinely led the NFL in rushing under Gruden, now passes on almost every down. Even at 37, Gannon is mobile and accurate. His stable of receivers includes future Hall of Famers Rice and Brown, a rising star in Jerry Porter and a sure-handed, ultra-quick running back in Charlie Garner.

That group will try to make a dent in a defense that includes linembacker Derrick Brooks, the NFL's defensive player of the year, and Pro Bowl players John Lynch, Simons Rice and Sapp. The Buccaneers pass defense ranked last in the league this season, allowing 155 yards per game and intercepting a league-high 31 passes. Brooks scored four touchdowns on turnovers – three on interceptions, one on a fumble return – the most ever by an NFL linembacker in a single season.

"We've been shutting down some pretty high-powered offenses and putting them away," said cornerback Brian Kelly. "The challenge was set out against San Francisco. Could we stop them? We answered that question. The challenge with Philly, we answered that question. Just to prove a lot of doubters wrong is very special. We all gain a lot of confidence off that."

On the sidelines

Same differences

Both teams are 1-1 against common opponents. Bucs beat the Rams but lost to Steelers. Raiders won in Pittsburgh but lost at St. Louis.

Postseason paths

Buccaneers are 5-7 in postseason, while Raiders are 25-17 (including 3-1 in Super Bowls).

Dominant defense

Tampa Bay led NFL in total defense and allowed a league-low 196 points, fifth lowest since 16-game schedule was instituted in 1978.

Awesome offense

Raiders led the league in total offense (389.8 yards per game), yards passing (279.7) and scored 450 points, second most in NFL.

Same differences II

Raiders' offense allowed 36 sacks in regular season, while Bucs allowed 41. Both Bucs' and Raiders' defenses recorded 43 sacks in regular season - tied for sixth best.

Tampa Bay takeaway

Bucs led league with 31 INTs and led for first in turnover differential at plus-17.

Rice's receiving records

Raiders WR Jerry Rice led NFL's No. 1 offense in receptions (92) and yards receiving (1,211), along with seven TDs. Rice also owns Super Bowl record with 7 career TDs.

Try a pass

Raiders' defense ranked No. 3 in NFL vs. rush (90.8 yards per game). The Bucs were tied for fifth (97.1).

Glad for Brad

Bucs QB Brad Johnson, 54-31 as starter, set franchise single-season records with 22 TD passes, 62.3 completion percentage (291-of-451), His 1.3 INT percentage (451 attempts, six INTs) is club record and best in NFL.

Another pass?

Raiders called exactly one running play over the first three quarters of AFC Championship game.

Opposite ends

Bucs started playing in 1976 and lost all 14 games the same season. Raiders won their first Super Bowl.

San Diego's third

This is the third Super Bowl to be played in San Diego and marks seventh time with only one week between conference championship games and Super Bowl.

Coaches corner Though they have worked together a lot in the past, head coaches Gruden and Callahan have different motivational styles.



Jon Gruden - Tampa Bay
Nicknamed "Chucky" for his fiery demeanor and tactical contortions, he is the NFL's youngest coach at 39. The Bucs snagged Gruden from Raiders for hefty sum of four draft picks and \$8 million back in February. Has the top-ranked defense in the NFL.
Regular season 50-30 Playoffs 4-2

Bill Callahan - Oakland
Callahan, who had served as Gruden's assistant for seven years with Eagles and Raiders, was promoted from offensive coordinator to head coach for the 2002 season. Studious and laid-back, he is the mastermind behind the NFL's most potent, wide-open offense.
Regular season 11-5 Playoffs 2-0

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Buccaneers 14-4

Oakland
Raiders 13-5

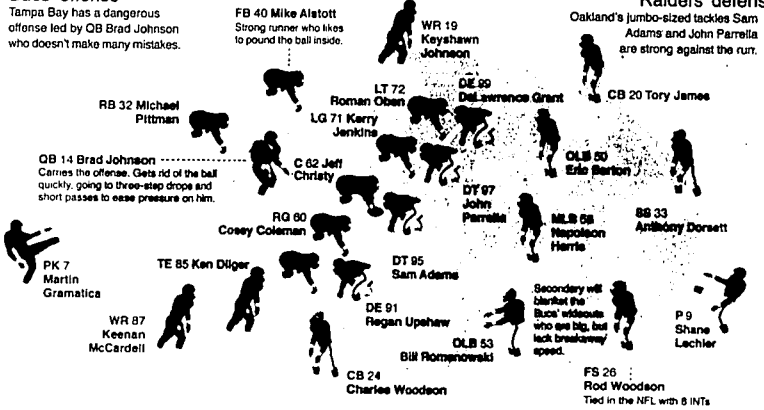


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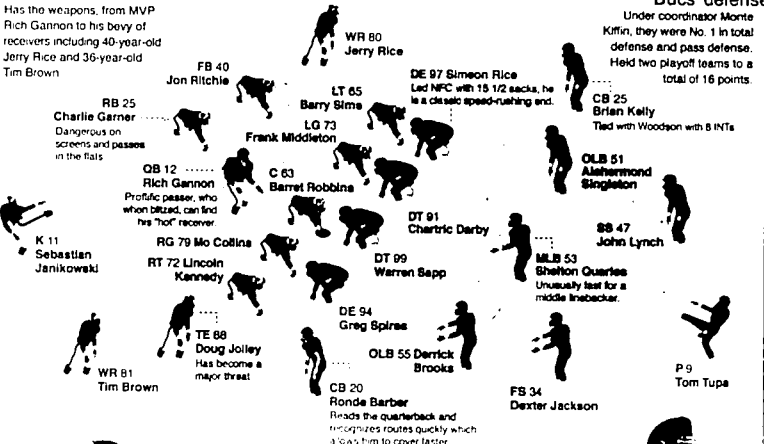
Bucs' offense

Tampa Bay has a dangerous offense led by QB Brad Johnson who doesn't make many mistakes.



Raiders' offense

Has the weapons, from MVP Rich Gannon to his bevy of receivers including 40-year-old Jerry Rice and 36-year-old Tim Brown.

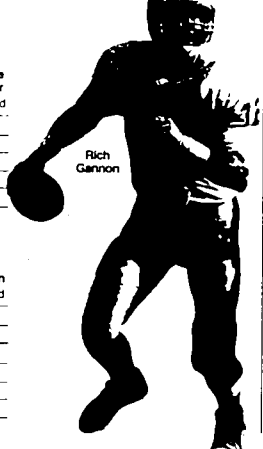


Running backs

Michael Pittman Tampa Bay	Charlie Garner Oakland
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718	962
1	7
59	91
477	941

Quarterbacks

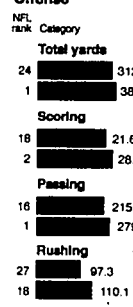
Brad Johnson Tampa Bay	Rich Gannon Oakland
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281	418
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22	26
6	10
92.9	97.3



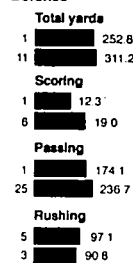
Best vs. Best

The Buccaneers will send out the league's best defense Sunday to try and stop the Raiders' NFL best offense.

Offense

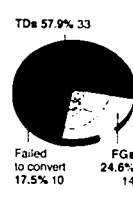
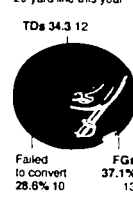


Defense



In the zones

Tampa Bay's defense has had more success against the opposition inside the 20-yard line this year.



Team leaders

Buccaneers	Raiders
B. Johnson	Passing R. Gannon
M. Pittman	Rushing C. Garner
K. Johnson	Receiving J. Rice

The road to San Diego

Both teams in this year's Super Bowl won their divisions, their divisional playoff and their conference games on route to San Diego.



MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“This is what downhill is all about, going straight down and hanging on.”

—*Californian Daron Rabke, who won at Austria's Hahnenbamm, alpine skiing's equivalent to the Super Bowl on Saturday*

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who won the first Winter Nationals drag race at Pomona, Calif., in 1961?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

Twin Falls Legion will meet Monday

TWIN FALLS — A meeting for American Legion Baseball parents and board members will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday in Room G2 at Twin Falls High School.

The group will discuss the summer season and plans for its April fund-raising auction. Board members selected at the Jan. 12 meeting were: Laird Stone, president; Rick Miksell and Ken Steelman, vice presidents; Denise Turner, secretary; and Randy Bernhard, treasurer.

For more information, call Stone at 733-2721.

Minico will host dinner before Burley game

RUPERT — The Minico boys basketball team will be sponsoring a fundraising dinner from 5-7 p.m. in the Minico lunch room prior to the Burley vs. Minico game on Tuesday.

Menu items include baron of beef or barbecue pork, baked potato, Great Harvest bread, salad, dessert and drink. Cost is \$10 per person or \$5 for a child under 8 years old. Advance tickets may be purchased from any Spartan basketball player or at the door.

For more information call Lisa Cole at 436-9539 or Alice Schenk at 438-5562.

Parks and Rec signs up for adult soccer

TWIN FALLS — Registration is under way for adult indoor soccer through the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department.

Leagues begin on Monday and will run through March 5 with games held every Monday and Wednesday.

Cost is \$18 for players within city limits and \$28 for out-of-town. Register at 136 Maxwell Ave. or call 736-2265.

Boise jump rope champs come to CSI

TWIN FALLS — Boise's Summerwind Skippers, a national champion jump rope performance group will hold a clinic and put on several performances next Friday and Saturday in Twin Falls.

The troupe, with jump ropers aged 8-17, will perform two shows at Morningside Elementary on Friday at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. and again during the halftime of the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball game on Saturday.

Their clinic will run Saturday from 9-11 a.m. with registration from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Cost is \$10, which includes a rope.

For more information, call Kary Hay at (208) 376-6317.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Jack Chrisman, in a 2-Chevy dragster, won with a 170.13 mph speed.

Agassi annihilates Schuettler for Aussie title



Andre Agassi hits a return during his 6-2, 6-2, 6-1 win over Rainer Schuettler in the final of the Australian Open Sunday in Melbourne. Agassi's win was the most lopsided win in a men's major final since 1984.

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andre Agassi just keeps getting better with age.

The 32-year-old Agassi over-whelmed Rainer Schuettler right from the start and breezed to his fourth Australian Open title 6-2, 6-2, 6-1 Sunday, becoming the oldest man to win a Grand Slam singles crown in 31 years.

“There’s not a single day that’s guaranteed or promised to, and certainly days like this are very rare,” Agassi said.

Agassi won his eighth Grand Slam championship. And the victory might also have been enough to lure his wife, Steffi

Graf, out of retirement.

Agassi had said earlier that if he won this tournament, Graf would be his partner for mixed doubles in the French Open. After the final point, Agassi gave a quick wink into the stands at Graf, who won 22 Grand Slam singles titles before she stopped playing three years ago.

“There’s one positive thing: I think everyone’s looking forward to the French Open,” Schuettler said, said drawing laughs from Agassi, Graf and the fans.

Agassi was the oldest man to win a Grand Slam singles title since Ken Rosewall won the Australian Open in 1972 at 37.

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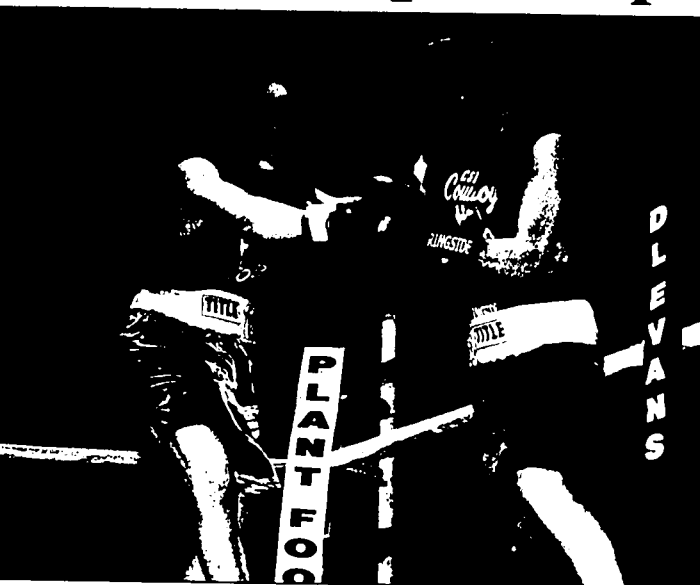
—Andre Agassi

your last, but I’ll never forget being here,” Agassi told the crowd at the trophy ceremony. “I’ll never forget playing for you. I’ll never forget the love and support here. I feel like I’m half Australian.”

It was a mismatch from the

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Cheerleader packs a punch



Thomas 'Terrible' Sanchez (in red) lands a jab on 'Shufflin' Shawn Sparrin during the seventh fight of the 27th Annual CSI Boxing Smoker at the Eldon Evans Expo Center Saturday night. Sanchez won the three-round fight by unanimous decision.

Rodeo smoker thrills capacity crowd

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Anyone who says cheerleaders aren't athletes never took a right hook from "Dancing" NaRae Wojcik.

Wojcik won a split decision over "Buckaroo" Becky Lavelly in one of the more interesting fights of the night at the 27th Annual College of Southern Idaho Cowboy/Cowgirl Boxing Smoker held Saturday at the Eldon Evans Expo Center.

Wojcik almost didn't fight after a friend she was expecting to duke it out with pulled out Wednesday. Wojcik only had one minute of boxing experience, punching a heavy bag on Friday.

"She chickened out," Wojcik explained.

That might have been a wise choice. Although neither of the 120-pound women landed any really hard blows, they certainly

"It's amazing what picturing my ex-boyfriend would do. I'm normally a happy person, but all my anger came out. I guess."

—"Dancing" NaRae Wojcik, after her first boxing match

spent a ton of energy chasing each other around the ring.

"Cheerleading keeps me in better shape than I thought," she said, still breathing heavy from the three 3-minute rounds.

She unfocused the energy from an unexpected though not that unusual source.

"It's amazing what picturing my ex-boyfriend would do," Wojcik said. "I'm normally a happy person, but all my anger came out. I guess."

Another who admitted using some anger to prevail was also another female fighter, CSI breakaway roper and barrel racer Chantell Davis, who prevailed over Macy "Little Mac"

Hack in an unanimous decision.

Davis won her second ever smoker bout by being the aggressor since fighter, initiating the action.

She joined brother Jess "Wild Man" Davis as a winner Saturday. He improved to 3-1 all time when he dropped Billy Painter from Reno, who said "no ma" early in the second round.

"I was really surprised," Davis said of his sudden victory. "When I started, I hit him hard once in the first 15 seconds and right away he quit fighting."

Both siblings plan to call it quits on their boxing careers after last night.

"I hope so," said a winded Chantell. Whether Chantell lets

Jess ever forget who went undefeated in their smoker careers is more in question than retirement for the two sophomores.

The capacity crowd certainly had fun, judging from the cheers.

But regardless, the point was to have fun, win or draw. Those who lost weren't so convinced it was fun.

Ben Kimball drew with Kendall Lofley of Bone Cracker. Boxing in one of the better fights of the night. Both disregarded defense to spend most of the time swinging in hard roundhouse punches.

The punches hurt then and certainly will this morning. Most fighters were so pumped up on adrenaline, many got sick after ward from the nerves.

"It's fun as heck's though," said Desera Downing of Western Montana College.

Either way, Wojcik knew she'd leave the expo center a winner.

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Panthers take home Halverson title



Minoce 175-pounder Joey Vail was one of three Magic Valley wrestlers — along with Twin Falls' Ryan Robinson (125) and Burley's Gerardo Vega (160) — to claim individual championships at the Red Halverson Memorial Tournament at Minico High School Saturday. Snake River won the team title.

3A Snake River wrestlers show bigger schools who's boss

By Scott Thompson Times-News writer

RUPERT — Call Snake River the little school that could.

The Class 3A Panthers wrestling team beat a field of 17 larger schools to win the annual Red Halverson Memorial Tournament at Minico High School Saturday. Snake River crowned three individual champions — 103-pounder Race Bowman, Todd Turpin (119) and Cody Plant (135).

"We've never won this tournament before," Panther coach Jeff

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Top-ranked Wildcats rally past No. 6 Kansas

The Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Salim Stoudamire got embarrassed then he got motivated.

Stoudamire, benched Wednesday night for poor play, scored a career-high 42 points Saturday as No. 1 Arizona came storming back from a 20-point deficit and stunned No. 6 Kansas 91-74.

Against Arizona State on Wednesday, the 6-1 Stoudamire scored only three points and played just 20 minutes. Against the Jayhawks, in a game featuring the two highest-rated teams to face each other all year, he was 12-of-18 and connected on 6 of 9 3-pointers.

Top 25 college basketball

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"He shot the ball and he played hard," Arizona coach Lute Olson said. "I benched him on Wednesday and it helped him. I think we got the point across."

Stoudamire had two buckets in a momentum-changing 10-0 run by Arizona (15) that started the second half and ignited the comeback.

"I was just playing my game," he said.

Kansas (13), which shot a scorching 56 percent in the first half

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SCORES AND STATS

FOOTBALL

Football scores and stats for various teams including Boise State, Idaho State, and others.

WHAT'S ON TV

TV listings for sports events including Super Bowl XXXV, NCAA basketball, and college football.

Football

Super Bowl XXXV, Raiders vs. Buccaneers, ABC, 8 p.m.

Basketball

College, Michigan State at Michigan, CBS, 11 a.m.

Golf

PGA, Phoenix Open, final round, CBS, 1 p.m.



Area ski report: Beaver Falls - Set 3:30 to 5:45, Aspen Mountain - Set 9:15 to 11:15, etc.

Baseball

Baseball scores and stats for various teams including Tampa Bay, Boston, and others.

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Baseball scores and stats for various teams including New York, Los Angeles, and others.

Baseball

Baseball scores and stats for various teams including Detroit, Cleveland, and others.

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Baseball scores and stats for various teams including Chicago, St. Louis, and others.

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Baseball scores and stats for various teams including Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and others.

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Baseball scores and stats for various teams including San Diego, San Francisco, and others.

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Oakland head coach Bill Callahan gestures from the bench during the AFC Championship against Tennessee Jan. 19.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Yes, that was a big, blue tackle box Bill Romanowski carried into the room. And no, that was not fishing bait inside the box.

Those were the dozens of vitamins, minerals, herbs and supplements the Oakland Raiders line-backer takes to keep his finely tuned, 36-year-old body humming.

"If only you knew how much went into staying healthy," Romanowski said Thursday, three days before he goes for his fifth Super Bowl ring when the Raiders play the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

For the record, Romo estimates he spends \$150,000 a year on massages, personal trainers and physical therapy specialists. And, as might be expected from a person who pays such meticulous attention to detail, his offseason move to the Raiders and their subsequent rise to the Super Bowl, were anything but happenstance.

"I came here for one thing: to win a championship," he said.

Last February, Romanowski emerged from a meeting with Broncos coach Mike Shanahan, who let him know he planned to give Romanowski's backup, Ian Gold, every chance to win the job.

Romanowski asked for his release. Within five minutes, he was on the phone with the secretary for Raiders owner Al Davis.

"I said, 'Please tell Mr. Davis I want to help him win the Super Bowl,'" Romanowski said.

Thirty minutes later, Romanowski had a message on his voice mail from the secretary: "Mr. Davis thinks you'd look good in silver and black."

And really, it seems strange it took Romo and the Raiders this long to get together. He is, after all, the ultimate bad boy.

He has been called a racist for, among other things, spitting on 49ers receiver J.J. Stokes during a game in 1987. He has been called a headhunter for his vicious helmet-to-helmet hit on Kerry Collins. He was fined \$42,500 in 1999 alone. Three years ago, he was accused of illegally obtaining prescription diet drugs, charges on which he was later acquitted.

Some viewed the on-field episodes as a sign of rampant enthusiasm run amok. Others thought Romanowski was simply another out-of-control cheap-shot artist.

"I just look at him as another very strong competitor," said Bucs receiver Keenan McCardell, who probably will meet Romo over the middle on Sunday. "You know what you're going to get."

A different level of intensity

Opposing coaches vary in approach



Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden yells from the sideline during an AFC divisional playoff game against San Francisco Jan. 12.

By Eddie Peña
Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO — They call Jon Gruden "Chucky," a reference to his striking resemblance to a bloodthirsty doll from a horror movie.

Of course, there's nothing nearly that sinister about the Tampa Bay Buccaneers head coach. But intense? Yes, there is a certain maniacal pace the coach has taken on in his 17 years in the business.

"He stared me down in his office," Bucs linebacker Derrick Brooks said of his first meeting with Gruden. "I walked in and sat down in front of him. He stared at me for about 30 seconds before he said anything. I was like, 'What's up with this dude?'"

He dissects film in a room he calls his "football laboratory." He gets to work at, oh, "around 3:16 or 3:17 every morning," Tampa Bay general manager Rich McKay joked — or was it a joke? Part of his plan to improve the Bucs' staggering offense was to promote, yes promote, fights on the practice field between the offense and defense.

"It really became personal. It put things in a whole different mindset and light," Warren Sapp said.

When Gruden's Bucs play his former team, the Oakland Raiders, in the Super Bowl on Sunday, he will be matching wits with the guy who replaced him when he left last offseason.

That's Bill Callahan, whose quiet intensity will never land him in the spotlight the way Gruden is, but who is getting results with the Raiders that Gruden never did.

"Cally's one of us," Raiders guard Frank Middleton said. "He can take a stake and stab you in the heart, but you respect him because he went straight to the source."

The coaches met in 1992, when Gruden was a quality control coach for the Green Bay Packers and Callahan was coaching offensive line at University of Wisconsin.

They had mutual friends. They set up a meeting.

"We became friends," Gruden said. "We spent a lot of time looking at film together. There's not a lot to do in the wintertime in Wisconsin."

A few years later, they were in the same staff in Philadelphia. And when Gruden, 38, was hired as coach of the Raiders, he knew exactly who to turn to find his offensive coordinator.

That was Callahan, a self-deprecating, unimposing guy who described himself this week as an

"obscure, 46-year-old line coach locked up in a film room somewhere."

He grew up on the South Side of Chicago, a working-class neighborhood where the lessons about life were learned as much at the nearby steel mill as on the Catholic League football fields.

"The epitome of success was to become a coach in the Catholic League," Callahan said.

It appears he aimed low. With a victory Sunday, he would join George Seifert as just the second coach to win a Super Bowl in his rookie year.

He sticks by the assertion, however, that he does not win the season, this team, these accomplishments to be about him.

"I've focused my career on the team," Callahan said. "Helping the team get to where it wants to go—that's what I do."

That's what Gruden does, too. He just does it differently.

His dad has been in the coaching and scouting business ever since Gruden was a kid. He recalled having trouble seeing as a child, and when he went to the doctor for help, the doctor told him he had to find a place to channel his energy.

"So I set up a little laboratory and I started studying film," he said. "It was something I really liked to do."

His strange offseason move from the Raiders to the Bucs has been the story of this Super Bowl week. The Bucs gave up two draft picks and \$5 million to get their guy, a blockbuster of a deal that put Gruden squarely in the spotlight. It makes him more formidable.

"I realize this compensation thing is something you've got to talk about," Gruden said. "But you're going to be judged whether you were brought in as a part of a turf-shove or a draft pick, on your ability to win the game."

He has won and he has done it with style.

Whether intentionally or not, he has joined that very small group of coaches — Steve Spurrier, Bill Cowher, Bill Parcells — who are often more interesting to watch on the sideline than the product they're coaching on the field.

When the eyes open and the jaw juts and the spit starts when he talks, the resemblance to Chucky is eerie.

"You get the whole personality — the cock, the attitude, the quick, snaky, snarling, snarl, snarl back, snarl back, snarl back, snarl back," says Steve Spurrier, Bill Cowher, Bill Parcells — who are often more interesting to watch on the sideline than the product they're coaching on the field. "When the eyes open and the jaw juts and the spit starts when he talks, the resemblance to Chucky is eerie."

Long-suffering Bucs fans finally enjoy some success

By Hal Bock
Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO — Somewhere, "Bucco brace" may be smiling. Bruce didn't make the trip to San Diego, where Tampa Bay will play Oakland in the Buccaneers' first Super Bowl. That's because he is hidden away in the recesses of the Bucs' history, a remnant of their sorry past.

He was Tampa Bay's first mascot, a winking pirate wearing a plumed hat with a dagger gripped in his teeth. He looked like a dandy, more comical than cut-throat, a vision in orange and white, uniform colors that made the players look like Creamsicles.

Come to think of it, they played like Creamsicles, too. The Bucs were 0-14 their first year and 0-12 their second year. After losing the first 26 games, Tampa Bay beat New Orleans and St. Louis in consecutive weeks at the end of the 1977 season. The losers were so embarrassed they fired coaches Hank Stram and Don Coryell shortly after that.

Tampa Bay has its own Hall of Famer. Defensive end Lee Roy Selmon was the team's very first draft pick and labored gamely through the bad times.

"Losing gets to you," said Selmon, now an athletic director at the University of South Florida.

"You have to fight off discouragement. You make your best effort to win, and it just doesn't come together. You have to draw strength from each other."

"We were positive and optimistic in that first training camp," he said. "To be part of an expansion team was very exciting. We may not have won, but we had a lot of fun, and we learned a lot. We all had goals. We wanted to get that first victory."

Those Bucs were so bad they even tested the patience of jocular coach John McKay, who had been imported from USC to build the franchise. Once, at the height of the bad times, McKay was asked about the execution of the team.

"Execution of the team," he said. "That's not a bad idea."

Instead, the Bucs pressed on, even making it to the AFC championship game in 1979, where they were shut out by the Los Angeles Rams and promptly returned to the doldrums. From 1983 through 1994, they lost 10 games or more every year. They missed that plateau by going 7-9 in 1995 and then returned to the comfort zone at 6-10 the next year.

They were the Cincinnati Bengals of their time, perennial losers, trudging along on the road to nowhere.

Raiders fans take cake among Super Bowl pirates

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — They're a menace to society, an armor-plated horde in silver and black. They're loud and lewd. And they're devoted to the Oakland Raiders, win or lose.

They're the Raider Nation, fans with a reputation as brutish as their team, long considered the NFL's renegade franchise. Come Sunday, they can't wait to do their part to intimidate the Tampa Bay Buccaneers during the Super Bowl in San Diego.

"Our fans are absolutely unique," Oakland receiver Tim Brown said. "That can be good and bad."

The official mascots of both teams are pirates, but that's where the similarities end — the Bucs' fans aren't nearly as vociferous or notorious as their counterparts.

A quick visit to Tampa's Buccaneer Heaven makes that clear. The shopping mall memorabilia store has been the epicenter for Bucs fans' frenzy this week. They waited in orderly lines for an hour to buy team gear, and some offered to pay the difference when strangers came up short.

"Everyone," store manager Brad Cohen said, "has been so nice."

Compare that to Oakland, where police will have hundreds of officers in the streets Sunday. Hooligans trashed several city blocks after the Raiders advanced to the NFL's title game by winning last weekend.



Oakland fans celebrate a Raiders touchdown against the New York Jets in their AFC Divisional Playoff game in Oakland, Calif., Jan. 12.

Of course, only a small minority of Raiders fans actually break the law. But their bad-boy image has made the team's jerseys, hats and other gear — adopted by gang members and wannabes around the country — the NFL's No. 1 seller.

Like any true mob, Oakland fans export their mayhem, and San Diego is preparing for an invasion.

For security reasons, the league nixed tailgate parties near the stadium, and might even ban the spiked headgear and other metal-

studded costumes that are fixtures at Raiders games. All that silver and black face paint will be OK, though.

San Diego residents already know all about Oakland's team, which plays in the same division as their Chargers. A Raiders fan bit off the ear of a Chargers fan at a sports bar. And two years ago, a Raiders fan stabbed a Chargers fan at a game.

The Raiders' management cultivates the outlaw image, allowing fans to bring fake swords to home games. In Tampa Bay, Bucs fans

would have a hard time smiling in plastic outfits.

The Raiders have a "Just win baby" tradition that spans decades — and this Super Bowl triples. The Buccaneers have been in a stall of sorts for most of their 27 years and are playing in their first league championship game.

The taunting scene before a Raiders game looks like a gulf of Mad Max under a haze of fork-cue smoke, replete with two-point, flag and banners.

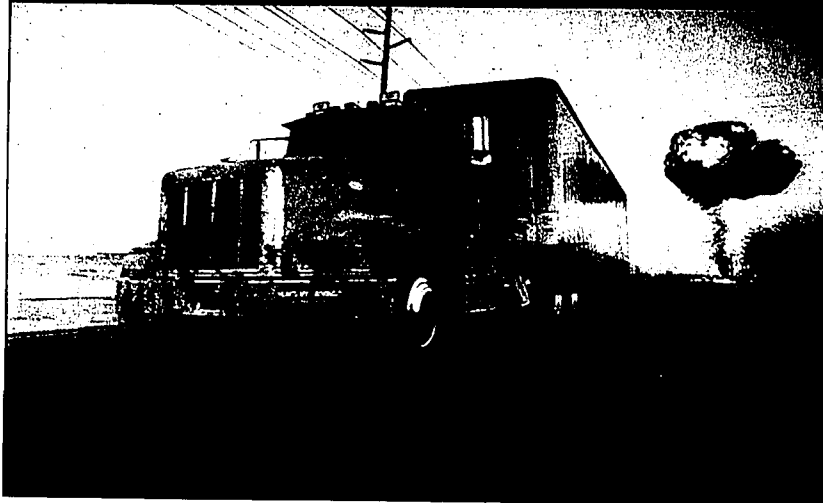
Oakland's Coliseum is known for the Black Hole, the tangled thousands of hardcore fans who build an arena — not to mention the occasional batter — at the opposing team.

The Bucs' stadium has a big pirate ship that fires a take on the NFL when the team books ready to sail.

Fans nicknamed "Vulders" and "Darth Raider" lead other denizens of the Raider Nation in taunting 300-pound linemen. The Buccaneers have a 65-year-old fan named Jackie Rules, who's known as the Tampa "Pillow Lady," because she crochets presents for players.

"If you're a veteran player who's played in our stadium before, you know it's tough to see all these people in the stands and hear all of the things they say," Raiders defensive tackle Sam Adams said. "They don't say nice things."

Super Bowl XXXVII



This is a still image from the Monster.com Super Bowl TV ad to be broadcast during the Super Bowl today. The scene shows a driverless truck going down the highway as a gas station it smashed through explodes in the background.

It's the biggest day in advertising

Carmakers plan Super Bowl ad blitz

Knight Ridder News Service

DETROIT — Mark LaNeve still thinks the Pittsburgh Steelers should be in the Super Bowl. But since the Pennsylvania native and General Motors Corp. executive won't get that wish, he's got another one: a close game with a dramatic finish that keeps viewers glued to their seats through the postgame.

LaNeve, general manager of Cadillac, has more than rooting interest riding on the Tampa Bay-Oakland matchup. Cadillac has its TV commercials running during and after the game, including a 90-second spot early in the third quarter. At roughly \$2.2 million for 30 seconds of ad time in the Super Bowl — a rate GM insists it got lowered to — the 90-second spot called "17th Street" is a high-profile move.

Cadillac is also the sponsor of the two-minute warning, the post-game show and the game's MVP will win a new Cadillac XLR, GM's \$75,000 sports car that goes on sale later this year.

"The perfect scenario would be an overtime game," said LaNeve, who's in San Diego, where GM is also honoring its top 300 Cadillac dealerships with tickets to the game and a two-day sales and product training session.

"We've got (ABC announcer) Al Michaels saying the two-minute warning is brought to you by Cadillac and then the post-



A frame shot of a scene from the Budweiser ad, to be broadcast after kickoff of the Super Bowl today, shows the Clydesdale horses playing football, but having to stop to watch an instant replay.

game, so I'd really like to see something go down to the wire," said LaNeve.

Cadillac will be GM's only player in the Super Bowl ad game and by far the biggest of the domestic automakers.

The Chrysler Group will run two ads during the game's first quarter. A 30-second Dodge Ram heavy-duty truck ad and a 30-second ad for the Chrysler Crossfire sports car featuring singer Celine Dion.

The Dodge Ram ad, called "Beef Jerky," hasn't run before, while the Dion ad premiered Sunday during the Golden Globes.

Ford Motor Co. won't run any ads during the Super Bowl, but will roll out a new TV ad campaign Sunday night during the ABC show "Alias," which starts after the post-game.

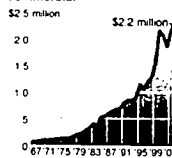
The national campaign, called "If You Haven't Looked at Ford Lately, Look Again," features an original song by recording artist Randy Newman. The new ad line will feature one 60-second spot.

Other big-name companies running high-profile spots include tax preparer H&R Block with singer Willie Nelson, Hanes underwear with basketball player Michael Jordan and actor

Thirty seconds of fame

With the Super Bowl being the most widely watched event on television, the average cost for a 30-second commercial spot carries a hefty price tag.

Average rate for a 30-second commercial



SOURCE: Associated Press AP

Jackie Chan and sport-drink company Gatorade, which is also using Jordan in a spot.

Between the ads and sponsorships for the game — and even spots on "Alias" — running higher than they would otherwise — Sunday night will feature a lot of automaker money spent to grab attention and eventually buyers.

GM has the most riding on the game, with some advertising experts estimating the automaker spending between \$8 million to \$10 million. "It's such a great stage, but we need to remember our goal is different than what Pepsi or Budweiser's might be," said C.J. Fraleigh, GM executive director of advertising and a former Pepsi executive.

- VI — Who is the only player to rush for over 400 yards in an average over 10 years of NFL Super Bowl games? (5 points)
 - a) Tim Smith
 - b) Marcus Allen
 - c) Tom Matte
 - d) John Riggins
- VII — Tampa Bay will make its first Super Bowl appearance. Named five of the seven teams that have played in one Super Bowl (1 point each).
 - a) Tampa Bay Buccaneers
 - b) Pittsburgh Steelers
 - c) Dallas Cowboys
 - d) New York Giants
- VIII — True or False: No punt has ever been returned for a touchdown. (5 points).
- IX — The winning team receives the Vince Lombardi Trophy. What is the name of the trophy presented to the MVP? (5 points).
- XI — Only one player has won the MVP while playing on the losing team. Who is he? (20 points).
- XII — Houston will host the 2004 Super Bowl. True or false. This will be the first Super Bowl held in Texas. (5 points).
- XIII — Two players have rushed for 100 yards for the losing team. Who are they? (5 points).
- XIV — Only one Super Bowl has been tied in overtime. Which one? (5 points).
- XV — Jerry Rice tied the record for most receptions (11) in the 1989 Super Bowl. Who set the record? (5 points).
- XVI — Who has the longest run from scrimmage in Super Bowl history? (5 points).
 - a) Marcus Allen
 - b) Eddie George
 - c) John Riggins
 - d) Roger Craig
- XVII — Jerry Rice holds the record

Scoring
 95 or more — MVP
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 85-89 — Second Team All-Pro
 80-84 — Honorable Mention All-Pro
 75-79 — Starter
 40-64 — Benchwarmer
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Hosting a Super Bowl party holds many risks

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — Some of us get more excited about Arbor Day. Some of us would rather attend a Longaberger basket party. And some of us, believe it or not, couldn't care less about the commercials.

But there is no denying it. The Super Bowl party has become a ritual, accepted in American mainstream like one of those counter-holiday the florist industry dreamed up. No sporting event has been more publicized, analyzed and romanticized. No audience has become so hypnotized, paralyzed and anesthetized with hype.

There might even come a time when you find yourself playing host to a Super Bowl party. God forbid that should happen, but if it does, here are some simple "dos" and "don'ts" to help you survive the experience.

First and foremost, do not, under any circumstances, have a Super Bowl party. If you're thinking about throwing a Super Bowl party, take a deep breath, visit your happy place and think again. There's way too much housecleaning, grocery shopping and invitation extending involved. The game now lumbers into the evening hours. And, while it is often obscured by all the merrymaking, remember one thing — it's Sunday.

You have to get up in the morning, feed the dog, make lunches, get kids off to school, go to work. The half-drunk beers, the spilled salsa, the unemployed brother-in-law will sit there for days.

Bottom line: Do unto others rather than have them do unto you.

If you are stupid enough to have a Super Bowl party, do not make watching the game a focal point. Precious few Super Bowl games have been entertaining. What's more, many of the people at the party don't actually care about the game, or they would be at home watching in the sanctity of their own living room. Plan party games and other activities, but know your crowd. Nose-hit contests aren't for everyone.

Bottom line: Don't run out of beer.

As the game draws near conclu-

son, it is critical you get people to leave promptly. There are a number of tactical ways to hasten your friends' departure. As the fourth quarter begins, try nudging off in your chair, if you can feign a little snoring all the better. When the two-minute warning is given, start vacuuming the carpet, making sure to pass in front of the television and drown out the audio. Ask tougher cases to lift their feet so you can get under their chair. Remind guests where their coats are and ask a few if they could move their cars so someone can get out, even if no one needs to get out. Excuse yourself for a moment, then return wearing pajamas and brushing your teeth. If that doesn't work, start cleaning your toenails and scraping the dry skin off the heels of your feet. That should get people moving.

Bottom Line: Run out of beer.

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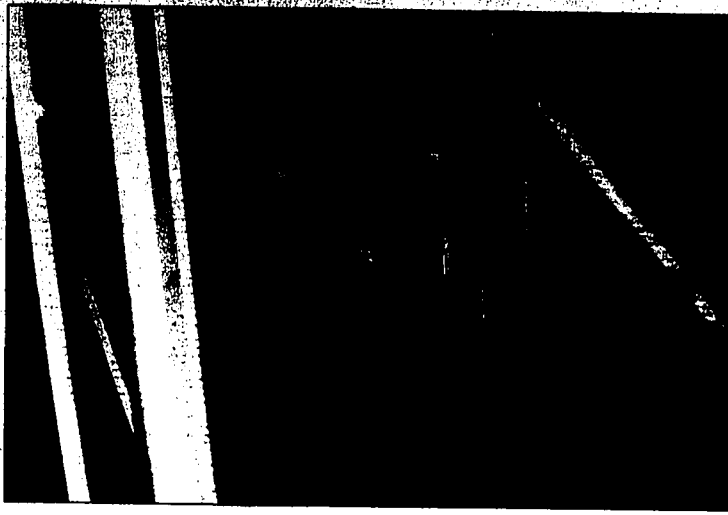
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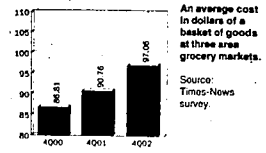
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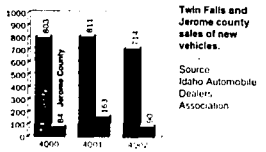


Jim Smith looks over the home he is having built in Twin Falls after his shift at Solo Cup Co. Smith lives in Mountain Home — commuting to the Twin Falls plastics plant each week — and hopes to move into his new house in March or April.

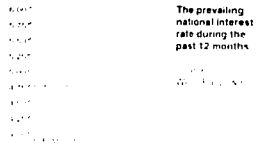
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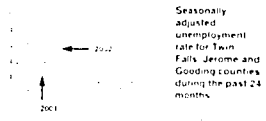
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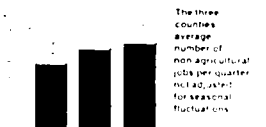
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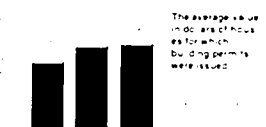
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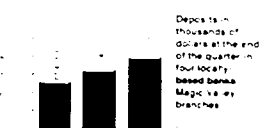
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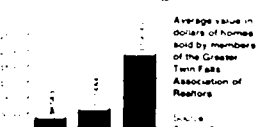
Building permits, average value



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Home sales, average value



LOOKING PRETTY GOOD

Home building, low jobless rates brighten Twin Falls economy

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When his shift as a Solo Cup maintenance mechanic ends, Jim Smith checks up on progress at a house-construction site on O'Leary Way.

Smith hopes to settle there by spring.

The Mountain Home resident, who started work at the expanding Twin Falls plastics plant in late May, is among the incoming job seekers and retirees who are fueling much of Twin Falls' home-building frenzy, keeping real estate offices humming, taking advantage of low jobless rates and boosting the valley's economic activity.

More results from fourth quarter 2002 - Q3-5

"Twin Falls is just a nice community. One of the big things I liked about Twin is I think there's a potential for growth, and it also has a community college. That's the two big draws for me. The third draw, of course, is the family," said Smith, 43. "It's a good place to retire, too."

Smith's folks homesteaded in 1954 on the north side of Rupert. While living with them later in Hagerman, Smith joined the Air Force. His 24-year military career took him to England and to many U.S. states, including three stints in Mountain Home, where he retired from the Air Force in July 2001.

Smith still has family members scattered throughout Magic Valley. And he said he had no trouble finding a job that would put him nearer to them.

He interviewed for three jobs in Twin Falls over a four-month period while working as civilian on the air base. The third was Solo Cup, and Smith was hired.

"I just wanted to get down to Magic Valley," he said. "I thought four months was reasonable."

Builders started work on a new Twin Falls house for Smith last month, and he and his wife sold their Mountain Home house the day after Christmas. His wife lives temporarily in a Mountain Home apartment and works in a school there, while Smith commutes to Magic Valley each week and stays with his mother in Kimberly.

The couple hopes to see the last sawdust swept up and the last nail applied in time for an early-April move to the Twin Falls house.

If the current pace of construction activity is any indication, the building crew will have plenty to do after leaving 908 O'Leary Way. As the fourth quarter ended, key indicators of the Twin Falls-area economy — with some exceptions — pointed toward continued growth.

Consider these results from *The Times-News* quarterly survey:



LOOKING AHEAD

Here's what some economists foresee for Idaho:

"Idaho's 2003 economic growth is expected to be positive, but disappointing, slow. By midyear, some job gains are likely, but the activity in the construction industry may be down slightly."

"Idaho's 2003 economic outlook points to a transition year as companies evaluate demand in relation to creating new job opportunities. Micro-technology's ongoing ability to hold its Boise labor force state is a critical factor impacting the outlook. Idaho's agricultural and tourism industries are again hoping for heavy snow events with grim forecasts and a dip for planting. Tourism may manage and recreation will be strong."

"Kelly A. Matthews, executive vice president and economist for Wells Fargo's Intermountain Region, said:

"Most of the state's economic growth will continue to come from the services sector."

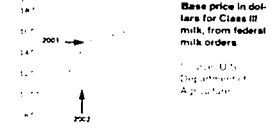
"As the economy evolves, services-based industries are becoming less dependent on other industries. Instead of being driven by local economic activity, they have been clients. An example of this trend is the growing number of call centers in Idaho. These companies have flourished in Idaho because new technology frees companies from being located near their markets. Instead, they are drawn to Idaho because of its high-quality labor force. This has created opportunities in the Gem State that a few years ago would have seemed

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

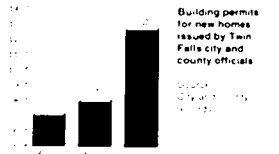
The price for manufacturing grade milk is a new feature of *The Times-News* quarterly economic survey. Home building in the city of Twin Falls had a second consecutive record-setting year, and county activity accelerated, as well.

Residential real estate sales were plentiful in the fourth quarter, with agents reporting a tight market through the holidays.

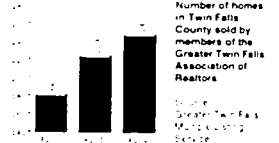
Milk prices



Building permits



Home sales



It's possible to forecast a bit. De Computer recently opened a new service center in Twin Falls, although the company is based in Texas.

The Idaho Division of Financial Management economists in the "Idaho Economic Forecast" publication

"The Idaho economy is expected to return to a modest growth path in a year, following 18 months of substantial deterioration. The activity in the U.S. recession of 2001 hit Idaho almost as hard as the rest of the Western States and in contrast, Idaho and its neighbors largely escaped the impact of the previous recession in 1990-91."

"We expect overall Idaho employment to grow roughly 1.0 percent in 2003, followed by stronger job gains in 2004."

Idaho Economic Forecast, published by the Idaho Department of Commerce.

Falls Multiple Listing Service overhauled its computerized record keeping and said earlier tallies aren't comparable.

The number of building permits for new single-family homes made a dramatic leap, propelled by record-low mortgage interest rates, local job creation, incoming retirees and some

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

CSI center offers career planning course

TWIN FALLS — The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering "WorkSmart: Career/Educational Planning Skills."

The class is for people who want to identify their personal values, interests and existing skills. Information will direct participants toward education or job options. Whether currently employed or not, students can take the first step in developing personal and career goals and make a plan of action, class organizers said.

Class will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 6-20. Registration deadline is Feb. 3. One credit is offered. Cost is \$77.50; scholarships and financial aid are available. A class packet will cost an additional \$2.25.

For information, call 732-6680 or (800) 680-0274, Ext. 6680.

Executives will attend business ethics conference

NAMPA — Executives from several companies with Magic Valley operations are on the agenda for a Nampa event next month.

Northwest Nazarene University's School of Business and Economics will host an all-day conference, "The New World of Business Ethics," from noon to 8 p.m. Feb. 10 in NNU's new Helstrom Business Center.

The conference will address business ethics and the challenges present in today's business environment, especially in the wake of recent scandals involving Enron, WorldCom and others, the school said.

Keynote speech by outgoing Idaho Attorney General Alan C. Lance will address the evolving role of government in the enforcement of ethical requirements in Idaho's business community. Many business executives from Idaho employers are also scheduled to participate, including Dennis L. Johnson, chief executive of United Heritage Financial Group; Guy Hurlbutt, vice president of Boise Cascade Corp.; and Annette Elg, chief financial officer of J.R. Simplot Co.

The registration fee for the conference includes lunch and dinner on campus, and those who register by Feb. 3 pay \$45 for the conference and meals. The fee for registering after Feb. 3 is \$55. Continuing education credits are available for an additional \$45.

Contact the NNU School of Business and Economics at 467-8410 or 1-877-NUU-4-BIZ, or at nnu4biz@nu.edu. Or visit the NNU Web site at www.nnu.edu/business.

Ameristar Casinos names chief information officer

JACKPOT, Nev. — Las Vegas-based Ameristar Casinos Inc. — a major Magic Valley employer at its Jackpot, Nev., casinos — appointed Ursula Conway to chief information officer.

In the newly created role, she will work with corporate executives to align technology efforts with business objectives, monitor advances in technology that can improve Ameristar's financial and operating performance. She will also have responsibility for all of Ameristar's information technology functions, including development of new capabilities, system implementation, contract management and property support.

Conway joined Ameristar in 2000 as vice president of information technology, responsible for information technology companywide. She led the conversion of Ameristar Casino Hotel Kansas City and Ameristar Casino St. Charles to the company's information technology systems following the acquisition of Missouri properties in 2000.

During her 16-year career in information technology management, Conway has been a consultant for Resources Connection and was chief technology officer for Manage Resources.

— compiled from staff reports

YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

Interior redesign firm opens in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS—Then, Now and Again—A Redesign Company, owned by Susan Mason, has opened for business in Twin Falls.

The business is the artful arrangement of existing furnishings, artwork, and accessories. Other services offered by Then, Now and Again include real estate staging, move-in design and arrangement, color consulting, accents and accessories, personal shopping, seasonal decorating, party planning and garden/patio makeover.

The business can be reached at 735-1535.

New Burley business sells groceries, Mexican items

BURLEY—Novedades Dulia is open for business at 1226 Overland Ave. in Burley.

The new store can be reached at 878-1722.

Business hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. The business is closed Monday. The owner is Rick Ellis, and manager is Alex Hurtado.

The business has stores in Jerome and Shoshone also.

The store is a groceries, bakery items, beer, Mexican pop, blankets, curtains, rugs and bath mats, as well as other Mexican items. The business sends money to Mexico. It also features specials each week.

Down town Twin Falls shop sells clothing

TWIN FALLS—A new shop in downtown Twin Falls opened for business Dec. 26.

My Closet's Secret, owned by Deborah Gibson and managed by Anna Hansen, is at 235 Main Ave. W.

The new, independently owned store said it offers designer clothing at resale prices. Most clothing is new; some is "gently used," My Closet's Secret said.

Kimberly Nurseries Inc. gets membership award

TWIN FALLS—The Idaho



Associated General Contractors recently honored Kimberly Nurseries Inc. of Twin Falls for its longtime membership in the association.

The recognition award was presented for more than 25 years as a continuous member of the Idaho AGC.

Buhl hardware store gets a new name

BUHL—When you drive through Buhl on Main Street, you will no longer see the Western Auto store from the hardware store. The storefront has a new awning and a new name, Jones Hardware.

Gary and Kim Smith and Ken and Connie McDonald have purchased the store from the women's "A" Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

The store is basically the same, Gary Smith said, and the name was changed because the store became more diversified and does not carry much Western Auto merchandise anymore.

The store had been Western Auto for about 50 years.

"The location is the same, and that's what people remember the most," Smith said.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday. The store is closed Sunday.

The Home Depot earns patriotism award

TWIN FALLS—Home improvement retailer The Home Depot received the American Veteran Awards Corporate Patriotism Award.

The Academy of American Veteran Awards recognized Home Depot for supporting the military by providing benefits to employees and their families serving in the armed forces and launching a corporate policy to employ service members when they exit the military. The award was presented to Bob Nardelli, chairman, president and chief executive.

"As the world's largest home improvement retailer, Home Depot strongly supports our armed forces and proudly employs thousands of active duty, reserve, National Guard and veteran associates," Nardelli said. "We are committed to taking care of our associates in uniform who are called up for active duty."

Department of Defense honors Wells Fargo

TWIN FALLS—Wells Fargo & Co. said the Department of Defense recognized it as a "patriotic employer" for personnel policies that go beyond The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act to support employee participation in the National Guard and Reserve.

Six Wells Fargo managers were recognized for the "My Boss is a Patriot" award by the National "A" Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, an agency of the Defense Department whose mission is to gain support for the men and women who serve in the Guard and Reserve.

"Wells Fargo clearly goes above and beyond its duty in serving its military members and their families with differential and extended benefits," Ken Wilson, chairman of Northern California Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, said in a Wells Fargo statement. "By providing encouragement and support for Wells Fargo members in the armed forces, Wells Fargo sets an outstanding example for other companies."

The nomination also makes Wells Fargo eligible for the 2003 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, to be announced in June. That award recognizes employers that provide the highest standard of civic responsibility and support to National Guard and Reserve employees.

Two Burley businesses change locations

BURLEY—Two Burley businesses will relocate, with one taking over the other's spot.

Recollections, currently at 1238 Overland Ave., will move to 1214 Oakley Ave.

Business hours will be 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.



Marianne Welch

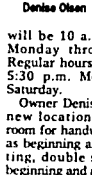
Marianne Welch has owned the business for almost eight years, and the store has been open for 10 years. The gift shop, with home decor and gourmet coffee, also offers free gift wrapping and United Parcel Service shipping.

Recollections will close its Overland Avenue location Monday and will re-open at its new location Feb. 3. An open house will be held later in the spring.

Meanwhile, Hem-stitching Etc. will move from 132 W. 13th St. to the Recollections building on Overland Avenue.

The store will be closed Feb. 1-10 for the move and plans to re-visit plaques given to the new location Feb. 11.

Winter hours will be 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Regular hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.



Denise Olsen

Owner Denise Olsen said the new location will provide a room for handwork classes such as beginning and advanced tatting, double shuttle tatting, beginning and advanced crocheting and rag quilts. There will also be a "gathering corner" for those who want to share and learn from each other. The store will add pearl cotton and other threads and yarns to its current selection and plans increase its needlework selection.

The business plans a grand opening in March.

TWIN FALLS—An agreement continues for a 10-year plan to improve the Idaho-Australia trade relationship.

The Idaho-Australia trade groups are aiming both parties at the office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

"We've got our eyes on the prize for us to make our trade groups as strong as possible," said Chris Galen, president of communications for the National Milk Producers' Federation. He added that the Bush administration has the agreement to a "fairly fast track" pushing for a vote in as early as 14 months.

Groups representing Idaho-grown commodities—the likes of milk, beef and sugar—predict a one-way trade route, with the U.S. as the only winners if the deal goes through. Those organizations, and other ag. industries, have come out adamantly opposed to inclusion of their commodities in the free trade agreement. Australia and doing away with U.S. tariff rate quotas, which limit imports, will leave U.S. markets wide open and have a devastating effect on American agriculture.

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Wheeling change hits A&B hard

BOISE—A change in how electricity delivery charges are calculated is affecting irrigation districts across southern Idaho and eastern Oregon, but none more than the A & B Irrigation District in Idaho.

Nine irrigation districts in the region provide part or all of their irrigation water by pumping water to the tract. The problem is that, although these irrigation districts were developed by the Bureau of Reclamation, about 70 percent of the land cannot be served directly by BuRec or Bonneville Power Administration transmission facilities. In the past, the electricity has been carried over Idaho Power Co. lines through a wheeling contract that pays Idaho Power for the use of the lines.

For the past 13 years, Idaho Power has charged a flat fee for the distribution and transmission services it provided to A & B Irrigation District and the other eight districts. But the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission now requires that the transmission and distribution costs be separated.

The result is a 276 percent increase in wheeling charges for the A & B Irrigation District, a nearly \$9 an acre increase in power costs, said manager Dan Temple. That pushed the district's operating and maintenance assessment to \$54 an acre for 2003. A & B was hit hardest because of its size and the fact that it uses Idaho Power lines for distribution, rather than transmission.

Idaho milk drops back to sixth place

TWIN FALLS—It's only a statistical comparison, but milk in Idaho suffered a minor setback in December as Minnesota regained the No. 5 spot in the nation for total monthly production.

Idaho had held the fifth spot since taking Minnesota in July 2002. Idaho's production during December 2002 totaled

679 million pounds, a 3 percent jump from the previous month, according to recently released data from Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service.

December 2002 milk production totaled 703 million pounds in Minnesota, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service.

Some switching back and forth in the rankings by the two states was anticipated by industry watchers.

"We pulled ahead for one more month," said Chris Enger, agricultural statistician with the Minnesota agency. "We guessing that (2002) is the last year that Minnesota will be the No. 5 state."

Number of cattle at Idaho feedlots plummets

MURTAUGH—Cattle feeders in Idaho were hammered in 2002.

The dent made in the industry here is seen in recently released data from Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service.

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on Jan. 1 were down 11 percent from Jan. 1, 2001.

The 35,000-head drop is "unprecedented at least if you look at the last seven years," said Bob Tratz, agricultural statistician with the Statistics Service.

The 11 percent drop in placements in Idaho is not surprising, said Kelly Munsee of Magic Valley Feeders.

"People have had their heads tore off. We have lost money two years in a row," Munsee said.

He saw big losses—\$110 to \$150 per head during the past 19 months.

"We just started making money at the end of November," he said.

Weather changes normal protocol at Paul factory

PAUL—Topsy-turvy winter weather conditions have changed the destination of some sugar beets piled at Mini-Cassia area beet dumps.

For the past week, several trucks carrying locally grown sugar beets have been rerouted each day to Amalgamated Sugar Co.'s processing plant in Twin Falls, said John Schorr, agricultural manager for the company's plant in Paul.

Naturally-occurring chemical process in taking place inside some sugar beets have caused filtering problems at the Paul plant. However, the affected sugar beets pose no problem at the Twin Falls plant.

"We have a different filtering system than the Paul plant, so we don't have any problem handling the beets," said Jerry Dickard, a fieldman in the sugar company's Twin Falls district.

The problem has affected only a small portion of the sugar beets originally destined for the Paul plant.

CAREER MOVES

Shana West

BUHL—Black Rock Clothiers announced the hiring of Shana West.

West has experience in merchandising and color analysis.

Black Rock Clothiers can be reached from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 543-2500.

Tonya Backus

TWIN FALLS—Tonya Backus recently became a co-owner of Magic Valley Realty.

President and designated broker Steve Kohntopp announced Backus was elected vice president at an annual corporate board meeting.

She also has been appointed to the board of directors for the South Central Idaho Regional Multiple Listing Service.

Backus has been a real estate

associate for more than five years and holds the Graduate Realtor Institute designation. Magic Valley Realty has sold continuously in the valley since 1950.

Bill Long

TWIN FALLS—Bill Long was named the Frigo-Lay Route Sales Representative for 2002 for the Twin Falls, Jerome and Burley districts.

Over the past year, Long achieved the highest sales growth over the previous year and was under budget on his expense plan. He maintained 100 percent compliance with service standards to all of his customers for the year.

Long has been a member of the Frigo-Lay team for 10 years. He and his wife, Linda, and their four children live in Twin Falls.

Mitch Watkins

TWIN FALLS—The National Beer Wholesalers Association announced Mitch Watkins president of Watkins Distributing in Twin Falls, as a member of its board of directors for 2003.

Watkins Distributing was founded in 1998 and is a family-owned and operated wholesaler, distributing Anheuser-Busch products. The company supports local organizations such as the Twin Falls Library Foundation, Twin Falls County Cal Ripken Baseball and the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, among others.

As an NBWA board director, Watkins will play a role in many of the industry's initiatives. Each board member will help establish the association's policies and procedures, advocate its government and public affairs initiatives, mobilize grassroots communications from beer wholesaler members within the state and approve the association's annual budget.

Watkins and his wife, Linda, and their four children live in Twin Falls.

Chamber honoree

BUHL—"Idahoans help one another," said Steve Crump, the recent banquet speaker for the Buhl Chamber of Commerce.

Crump's words held true as the chamber honored Alta Gannon as Volunteer of the Year.

"Gannon spends at least three days a week at the chamber office, calling everyone to remind them of upcoming events," said the chamber's outgoing president, Steve Kaatz.

Gannon received a plaque and gift for her volunteer work.

Gregg Middlekauff was not present at the banquet to accept a plaque with all the chamber's Extra Mile Award winners on it. Middlekauff sponsors the individual plaques given to the honorees each month by the chamber. Thayne Ketterling accepted the plaque for Middlekauff.

Incoming Buhl chamber President Rick Hill presented Kaatz with a plaque and gavel.

Susan Mason

TWIN FALLS—Susan Mason, owner of Then, Now and Again—A Redesign Company, received membership to Interior



Susan Mason

Redesign and Industry Specialist, an organization that she said is frequently spotlighted on Home & Garden Television.

Mason also completed a training course for interior redesign and real estate staging, held in Southern California. Interior redesign is the artful arrangement of existing furnishings, artwork and accessories.

Mason can be reached at 735-1535.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Santon Metals and Recycling in Burley has been accepting donated items on behalf of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Idaho.

In 2002 the business also matched the community donated 50 pounds of aluminum cans and 104 12 pounds of pull tabs, for a total of \$45.51. Santon Metals matched that amount

and sent Ronald McDonald House a check for \$47.02.

CableONE of the Magic Valley was recently awarded the 2003 Gem State Award by the Idaho Cable Television Association for its CableONE 2002 Salvation Army Donation Campaign.

CableONE and its customers raised over \$4,000 in food and toy donations to the Salvation Army during the 2002 holiday season.

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Activity in real estate strong

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Taxable sales in four local counties beat state

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News Writer

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls County businesses apparently rang up less in fourth-quarter taxable sales than a year earlier. But it's hard to gauge the severity of the decline.

Certain sales in Twin Falls County - including taxable and non-taxable - totaled \$347.08 million from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, compared with \$379.96 million in fourth quarter 2001, according to Idaho State Tax Commission reports. On paper, that's just a 9 percent decrease, compared with the statewide 10 percent increase.

In reality, the downward trend was more pronounced, said Saul Cohen, a tax policy specialist for the tax commission.

The tax commission's gradual shift to a new computer system periodically interrupted processing of sales tax returns between mid-2001 and January 2002. The delays artificially inflated sales totals for some periods and depressed others, Cohen said.

"You can't really pinpoint much," he said. As a result, fourth-quarter 2001's reported sales totals for each county were distorted by up to a month's worth of actual sales (or a third of a quarter's), he said. Those December 2001 returns which were processed late showed up instead in January 2002's totals.

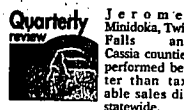
If that approximation is correct, none of the counties in Magic Valley actually posted year-over-year sales growth in the most recent fourth quarter.

The tax commission's old and new computer systems process sales data differently, and their results aren't truly comparable. So local economic watchers can't depend on seeing apples-to-apples comparisons from one year to the next until February 2003, when the tax commission will have operated normally with the new computer system for a full year.

Even then, the county-by-county sales numbers always come with a set of disclaimers. They exclude sales by businesses that have locations in more than one county (if those companies each file just one sales tax return, they aren't included in county-by-county numbers). Also excluded from county totals are sales by businesses headquartered outside of Idaho - including many major retailers with local stores.

Also, sales numbers jump around from time to time as businesses change their reporting habits. The tax commission asks businesses to disclose non-taxable sales, but because no tax is due there are no penalties if they don't.

Amidst all the disclaimers is one piece of handy news for Magic Valley: Taxable sales in



Twin Falls County's taxable sales rose 17 percent from \$110.08 million in the artificially shortened fourth quarter 2001 to \$128.64 million in the most recent fourth quarter. Again, with the adjustment of about a month's worth in 2001, the trend is actually down.

It's better than the statewide taxable-sales trend, an 8 percent increase before the adjustment.

Here are other Magic Valley sales for the fourth quarter, reported by the tax commission:

Blaine County
• Total Sales - \$149.17 million, up 3 percent from the artificially shortened fourth quarter 2001.
• Taxable Sales - \$84.68 million, up 5 percent.

Carnas County
• Total Sales - \$16.67 million, down 3 percent from the artificially shortened fourth quarter 2001.
• Taxable Sales - \$896,805, down 8 percent.

Cassia County
• Total Sales - \$98.65 million, up 8 percent from the artificially shortened fourth quarter 2001.
• Taxable Sales - \$12.11 million, up 16 percent.

Gooding County
• Total Sales - \$29.43 million, nearly unchanged from the artificially shortened fourth quarter 2001.
• Taxable Sales - \$8.16 million, nearly unchanged.

Jerome County
• Total Sales - \$82.46 million, up 11 percent from the artificially shortened fourth quarter 2001.
• Taxable Sales - \$12.92 million, up 23 percent.

Lincoln County
• Total Sales - \$14.32 million, down 13 percent from the artificially shortened fourth quarter 2001.
• Taxable Sales - \$1.29 million, down 19 percent.

Minidoka County
• Total Sales - \$25.84 million, up 4 percent from the artificially shortened fourth quarter 2001.
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...and 347 in 2001. In 2002, however, the number of units sold rose to 412, a 18 percent increase over the previous year. The increase was due to a combination of factors, including a strong economy, low mortgage rates, and a high level of new construction. The number of units sold in 2002 was the highest since 1997, when 408 units were sold.

more important index of lending in the consumer side of the market (such as credit cards and some home equity loans) than in business lending, where other indexes became more popular as competition intensified, said Kelly K. Matthews, a Wells Fargo economist.

October jobless rates in Magic Valley's central labor market have never been this low in the 13 years the newspaper has tracked them. And November's and December's rates were among the lowest for that time of year.

That market is Jerome, Gooding and Twin Falls counties combined, where unemployment ended the quarter at 3.9 percent for December.

The Idaho Department of Labor estimates annual average unemployment for the three-county market at a seasonally adjusted 3.9 percent - one-tenth of a percentage point lower than 2001's 4 percent. And below the state and national average.

Idaho's annual average unemployment rate in 2002 is forecast at 5.4 percent - up four-tenths of a percentage point from 2001's annual average rate and the highest annual joblessness in Idaho since 1995, department economists said. The nation's preliminary 2002 average unemployment rate is 5.8 percent, compared with 5.2 percent in 2001.

The three-county labor market gained a slight 195 non-farm jobs compared with the final three months of 2001.

That's a paltry gain, but it's an improvement over the third quarter's year-over-year decline, which was the first loss for years.

"We've never seen this kind of activity in my history, and we don't see a lot of signs of it letting up. There's an awful lot of people who are moving into Twin Falls."

-C. Alan Horner, president of First Federal Savings Bank

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Tax returns feature more charitable checkoffs

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — There are child abuse funds and wildlife preservation funds. There are funds that benefit the homeless. There are others that raise research dollars for cancer and Alzheimer's disease.

All of them rely on bighearted taxpayers willing to donate a little portion of their income tax returns to charity.

Income tax checkoffs raised \$27.3 million in 41 states in 2000, according to the Federation of Tax Administrators. While that was up about \$2 million over 1999, fund directors this year — in a time when private and corporate giving has dropped sharply — are trying to remind the public that a checkoff donation can go a long way.

Checkoff Colorado, a new 10-group coalition, began an advertising blitz last week. Posters and commercials by Gov. Bill Owens will remind taxpayers to give.

"This year it's perhaps more important than it's been in the past because I think the other sources of revenue that we've had have either been cut or reduced," said Checkoff Colorado spokesman Jon Pushkin.

Tax checkoff programs have been growing, from 103 in 1989 to 179 in 2000, according to Ron Alt of the Federation of Tax Administrators. All 41 states with a broad-based program have at least one checkoff. Some might have too many.

"The problem tends to be the more you get, it starts to get difficult to do on the tax return, and it makes it more complicated,"



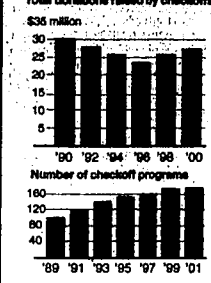
Bonnie Squires, vice president of the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition, right, and Pat Halpin-Murphy, president of the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition, left, discuss the income tax checkoff program Tuesday in Harrisburg, Pa.

Alt said. Virginia has 21 checkoffs on its tax return, from the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund to the James Earl Ray, York to York in Foundation. California and

Alabama have 11 each. Pennsylvania has five checkoff funds. In 20 years, the Wild Resource Conservation fund has generated \$5.2 million. The Korean/Vietnam Memorial fund

has collected \$215,000 in five years. In Philadelphia last week, the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition kicked off a public awareness campaign. The \$8

Checking off taxes
Taxpayers can designate part of their income tax refund to a charitable cause. In 2000, taxpayers gave \$27.3 million to causes through checkoffs. Total donations raised by checkoffs



SOURCE: Federation of Tax Administrators AP

On the issue
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1977 Colorado started the first state checkoff program to use refund money. In Vermont, the Nongame Wildlife Fund is the most successful of the state's three checkoffs, collecting about \$100,000 a year.

"Vermont people, I think, feel that fish and nongame wildlife adds to the quality of life here," said Lilla Lumbra of the Nongame Natural Heritage Program.

The average taxpayer who checks off gives \$10, the Federation of Tax Administrators found. States put the average participation rate of eligible taxpayers between 2 percent and 5 percent.

Not all state programs are successful. None of Arkansas' four checkoffs has ever generated more than \$13,000, said Tim Leathers, deputy revenue director.

To boost giving, Philadelphia will soon insert reminders about the breast cancer program, in 31,000 city paychecks.

"This is a painless way for people to get involved," Squires said. "If they designate \$8 from a refund, they didn't ever have it in their hands, so they won't miss it."

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BOSI — Following is the list of businesses filed during December 2002 with the Idaho State Board of Business Regulation, including new and existing ones that had been filed with counties and had to be related with the state.

- Businesses are listed by name, agent, address, phone, fax, e-mail, and website.
- New Trucking, Charles R. Dyer, P.O. Box 727, Hayden, ID 83413.
- North Star LLC, 1111 N. Main St., 221 N. Main St., North Star, 1070, Ketchikan, ID 83413.

- DMK Invest, Stephen J. Dwyer, 107 E. 7th, Boise, ID 83721.
- Don Enterprises Inc., Don Wilkins, 1154 Northwood Way, Ketchikan, ID 83410.
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- Down Wind Designs, Steven Hines, 1921 Pleasant Ave., Burley, ID 83419.
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Indicator is healthy

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Customers of Milk-based Farmers National Bank here are "strong" in agriculture, said Ron Brown, the bank's president and chief executive.

One indicator is the ability of borrowers to control costs where they can, he said. "They're limiting expansion, and they're really cognizant of what they have to do to make a profit or, at the worst, break even," Brown said.

"Overall, I think that we've had a fairly decent year. There are certainly some operations that have suffered some downturns, but I am somewhat optimistic," he said, acknowledging that optimism is a requirement in the lending business.

"The thing that is depressed now is dairy prices, but I don't think that is a long-term thing," Brown said.

The base price for Class III milk - manufacturing-grade milk - destined mostly for cheese - edged down from \$10.72 per hundredweight in October to \$9.84 in November and \$9.74 in December, according to federal milk orders. Those prices were down a few dollars from year-ago prices: \$14.60, \$11.31 and \$11.80 per hundredweight, respectively, in the final three months of 2001.

That squeezes Magic Valley dairymen and the economic sectors that depend on them.

The Class III price is an important economic indicator for the valley because most Magic Valley milk gets turned into cheese and related products, said Jeff Williams, executive vice president of Twin Falls-based dairy processor Glanbia Foods Inc.

More than 95 percent of the milk is taken into manufacturing products other than fluid milk, he said.

Processors differ slightly in how closely they follow the

Quarterly review

Monthly Class III price: In paying their milk producers, Williams said.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service receives cheese makers' weekly reports about the prices they receive for their cheeses. From that, NAAS kicks out a Class III milk price based on the market for the end product - but with a lag of about two weeks.

Dairymen typically receive more money than the Class III base, Williams said. In this marketplace, premiums of 20-25 cents per hundredweight over the Class III price are competitive, he said. Also, producers receive money for the value of extra milk components (butterfat and protein) above base standards. And each processing company pays quality bonuses, too.

Here's how other ag sectors performed in the fourth quarter: October-to-December prices for the wheat category used for The Times-News' farm-price index were significantly above 2001's fourth-quarter prices, while sugar was up a little from a year ago. Spuds, butter, cattle and beans showed declines.

The overall index fell by 14 percent from a year ago.

Here's how fourth-quarter index prices compared with year-earlier ones:

- Wheat, up 19 percent (in Magic Valley prices).
- Sugar, up 3 percent.
- Beans, down 2 percent (in local prices).
- Cattle, down 4 percent (in local prices).
- Butter, down 16 percent.
- Potatoes, down 57 percent (in local prices).

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Candace Talmadge sits in her home office at her Lancaster, Texas, home Jan. 17. Talmadge refuses to get a cell phone, saying it is too much work to research a ceiling plan and a phone and find service that works best in her neighborhood.

Technology moves faster than boomers

NEW YORK (AP) - It's not that Candace Talmadge is a technophobe. Sure, Talmadge refuses to get a cell phone and a personal digital assistant. But it's not the technology that puts her off. It's the work involved. First you have to research these gadgets. Then you have to learn how to use them.

There's a huge learning curve in these products," said Talmadge, 48, a freelance writer who lives in Lancaster, Texas, near Dallas. "If you grow up with it, it's not that strange."

Talmadge, like many other members of the baby boom generation - those born after 1946 and 1964 - is slow to buy shiny new electronic gadgets if there isn't an overwhelming benefit, or if they require long hours squinting at a how-to manual.

Analysts say the trend is most pronounced these days when it comes to the slick new handsets and PDAs with games, text messaging, cameras and Internet browsing - as far as boomers are concerned, those are the accessories of younger generations.

"That's a little far-fetched. It's outside their comfort level," said Tom Edwards, consumer electron-

ics analyst with the NPJ Group, said of boomers. "They want a cell phone to be a cell phone, not a PDA or a camera."

Since boomers are into work-related productivity, they're about as likely to own a PDA as anyone, said Jed Kolko, who researches consumer attitudes toward such devices at Forrester Research. But PDAs are still pretty rare overall, with only 10 percent of U.S. adults having them, Kolko said.

"What baby boomers are much less likely to do, is use any wireless data services" like text messaging, Internet browsing or e-mailing on their cell phones or PDAs, Kolko said.

"That's very skewed toward the young," he said. "Those are social applications. Baby boomers, if they're still working, are more focused on work."

For some boomers, the pace of technology is just too quick. Before they get used to one gadget, it's eclipsed by another.

Elaine Haney, 39, of Ashland, Mass., is not one of them. Haney, an executive at the online directory service Switchboard.com, has already purchased a gadget that has attracted few others - the PDA phone.

She bought a Handspring Treo, the lauded cross between a Palm-based organizer and a cell phone. But she's dissatisfied with the Treo and PDA phones in general.

"They're still not as good as I want as far as I'm concerned," Haney said, chatting from her car on a separate cell phone, because the T-Mobile service on the Handspring doesn't yet serve her commuting area.

Haney, an early adopter of tech, bought and discarded a few earlier Palm's before buying the Treo. She wanted the Treo for what it's supposed to be able to do: organize her daily calendar, make phone calls, send instant messages and e-mail and browse the Web. By doing all this, she figured the Treo would save her time

her purse.

"It's still not completely functional," she said. "I spent hours trying to configure this thing. I have a computer science degree. I can't imagine a layman trying to do this."

Margery Rothenburg, 45, a self-employed marketing consultant from Southern, N.Y., says she'd like to see what works for others before she buys. She bought a Palm organizer after figuring that wasn't going away.

"Hard" No, they're easy to use. I read the instructions, and had someone show me. It's pretty easy to pick up."

But Talmadge apparently plans to stay low-tech. A cell phone might be nice, she said, but it wouldn't be much work to get a calling plan and a phone and find a service that works best in her neighborhood.

As for a PDA, "You have to learn how to use all the various functions. And you have to figure all the names and addresses. It takes a lot of time," she said. "A lot of time for me. That's why I don't use it."

There's a huge learning curve in these products. If you grow up with it, it's not that strange.

- Candace Talmadge

Job market gets glowing reviews from local leaders

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Despite the strain evident in the most recent round of Twin Falls statistics, economic-development leaders are bragging on the valley's job market.

"This is the hottest economy in the state," said Jan Rogers, executive director of Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization. "If someone is looking for a job, the Magic Valley is the place to look."

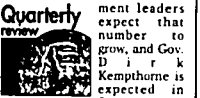
Indeed, Twin Falls and Jerome enjoyed some nice pieces of job-growth news in 2002. Most notably, Dell Computer Corp. in Twin Falls continued hiring for both technical support and customer-service jobs, ending its first year in Twin Falls with a staff of 727.

Several canyon retail stores and restaurants also opened in north Twin Falls, adding retail and service jobs.

Magic Valley's growing milk supply helped land the \$40 million investment and 25 new jobs that WestFarm Foods celebrated in September. The Seattle-based dairy processor completed a milk-dehydration facility that can turn up to 3.3 million pounds of whole milk per day into cream and non-fat milk powder. It's a 70,000-square-foot expansion of the south-Jerome facility that opened in September 1999 as a cream and milk-condensing plant.

With a new culinary contract in hand, state's labor economy for Magic Valley. "We've never seen this strong of an economy here particularly in a year like 2002 with so much national and statewide bad news."

It's been an incredible year for the Magic Valley."



Thursday to help the city celebrate WOW Logistics' grand opening.

But Twin Falls' neighbors had their share of layoffs in 2002, too. TSI Contact Center Solutions eliminated the 60 jobs at its Jerome call center in early October.

About 168 of J.R. Simplot Co.'s Heyburn employees worked their last day at the spud plant at the end of October, and the rest are on notice that the plant will close in April 2004.

Kmart's Foods North America cut about 50 jobs at its Rupert plant in the final months of the year.

Kmart closed its Burley store in May, putting about 75 people out of work.

With all those entrances and exits, the west side of Magic Valley enjoyed the largest share of new jobs last year - eking out a little improvement overall and enjoying continued low jobless rates - while the heaviest losses hit Mini-Cassia.

Falls, Jerome and Gooding counties are "the most economically vibrant and diverse area in Idaho at this time and probably in the Pacific Northwest region as well," said Greg Rogers, the state's labor economist for Magic Valley. "We've never seen this strong of an economy here particularly in a year like 2002 with so much national and statewide bad news."

It's been an incredible year for the Magic Valley."

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It can be tough to get back in the job market

Getting back into the job market after even a short hiatus can be difficult. The problems are multiplied for mothers looking for employment after staying home for years.

Q. If you have a gap in your employment history for six to eight years because of having a baby and choosing to be a stay-at-home mother, how do you handle it on your resume? I'm 42 and just started looking again. I worked for several years as an administrative assistant before I became a mother. I kept up with my computer skills and took classes to learn new skills. However, it's been very difficult to land a good job. I've sent out a lot of resumes but haven't received much response.



ON THE JOB
Kenneth Bredemeler

A. This is a situation that millions of women face with trepidation. Debra Ness, executive vice president of the National Partnership for Women & Families in Washington, said this worker should deal with the issue head-on.

"My first reaction is that she should not be defensive," Ness said. "She should be very upfront. A lot of employers are accus-

tomed to workers at some point in their careers taking some time off to deal with family matters," she said.

Ness noted that more than 35 million workers, 42 percent of them men, have used the Family Medical and Leave Act in its 10-year existence. The law guarantees most workers 12 weeks of unpaid leave to take care of close relatives, babies, adopted children or themselves. It requires that their jobs, or comparable positions, be held for them.

This working mother "did the right thing in keeping up-to-date in her skills," Ness said. "That is critical, and she should talk about that in her job search, she added.

"She has a lot of energy and a

great perspective in being able to correct any bias that may exist, commit and well prepared to do so."

Ness said new mothers returning to the workplace have skills that are important in the work place, such as being able to count, manage time and be on well-organized and good communication.

On the resume, Ness said, the woman should list the time off as exactly what it was, a maternity leave from the workplace.

"That's definitely preferable to having an unexplained time on your resume," she said.

Kenneth Bredemeler writes on workplace issues for The Washington Post.

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City networks fight corporations

The Associated Press

If you ever wince after opening your cable bill, you're not alone to like this: The good folks in Glasgow, Ky., pay \$19 a month for 70 cable channels, and for an additional \$25 they can get blazing fast Internet access.

How do they get their prices nearly half the national average? Because the city-owned electric utility provides cable TV and Internet access over wires that run on power lines in the town of 14,000. The utility isn't trying to profit from the service—just recover its costs.

Utility superintendent William Ray estimates that since Glasgow began offering cable in 1989, \$32 million of residents' money has been left in town that otherwise might have been vacuumed by giant telecommunications companies. "I've often don't offer advanced services in rural areas like Glasgow anyway."

"It's like an armored car wrecking in the streets once a year and spreading money in the streets for people to grab for themselves," Ray says.

Frustrated with the high cost and slow pace of broadband deployment in much of the country, 511 publicly owned utilities now provide telecom services for residents, schools, city agencies and their internal operations, up nearly 14 percent from a year ago, according to the American Public Power Association.

Community-built networks grow from scratch. Others extended infrastructure they already had, such as fiber-optic lines and networking equipment needed to monitor power flow or remote substations.

Not surprisingly, big phone and cable companies hate this, and have fought with some success to block public gas, water and electric utilities from providing telecom services. Eleven states bar or restrict the practice, sometimes by imposing artificial costs on municipal telecoms so the prices they charge end up closer to what private companies offer.

Some utilities are looking up for municipal telecoms—thanks to recent favorable court rulings, weakness in the private telecom industry and a technological breakthrough that lets data be carried over power lines.

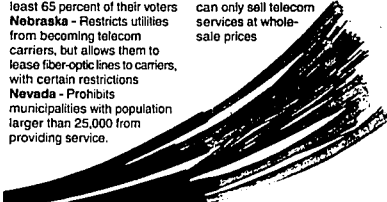
"A very large number of communities across the country are beginning to realize this is like the history of electrification all

Clamping down on public broadband

Some city-owned utilities are using their fiber-optic network to offer low-priced cable and Internet services. Eleven states prohibit or restrict public utilities from providing retail telecommunication services.

- Arkansas** - Heavy taxes on publicly provided telecom services are being challenged in court
- Missouri** - Municipalities must obtain approval from at least 65 percent of their voters
- Nebraska** - Restricts utilities from becoming telecom carriers, but allows them to lease fiber-optic lines to carriers, with certain restrictions
- Nevada** - Prohibits municipalities with population larger than 25,000 from providing service.

- South Carolina**
- Tennessee** - Public disclosure and voter requirements
- Texas**
- Utah** - Stringent procedural and accounting requirements apply
- Washington** - Utilities can only sell telecom services at wholesale prices



SOURCE: American Public Power Association

over again, and if they don't help themselves, they're not going to get advanced communications services any time in the foreseeable future," said Jim Baller, an attorney who has represented municipal telecoms in several cases. "Recognition of that is forcing legislatures to take a second look—even ones that have erected barriers."

City-owned utilities— which generally buy their cable programming from a cooperative in Kansas and connect to the Internet by leasing facilities from big data carriers—don't have to be rivals of telecom companies. For example, in Washington state, which prohibits utilities from selling retail telecom services, several public power providers are becoming "carrier" carriers—building fiber networks that private Internet and phone providers can lease.

But generally, private companies sue municipal telecoms create unfair competition because they have no building fiber networks that private Internet and phone providers can lease. But generally, private companies sue municipal telecoms create unfair competition because they have no building fiber networks that private Internet and phone providers can lease.

"The mere existence of the competition is not really an issue for us," said Rob Stoddard,

spokesman for the National Cable & Telecommunications Association. "The issue is more that the competitive playing field seems tilted in favor of municipalities."

The industry's arguments also stray into other realms. In Palo Alto, Calif., where the public utility is considering spending \$50 million building fiber-optic connections to every home, a SBC Pacific Bell executive gave officials "MuniToons," a memo describing municipal telecoms as "folly."

Among its contentions: Municipal telecoms hurt a town's tax base and may violate the First Amendment by placing the distribution of media content under government ownership. Baller, the utilities lawyer, believes nearly every sentence in MuniToons is "incorrect or misleading or a half-truth." Even SBC spokesman Kevin Belgrade said the document doesn't exactly reflect the company's position.

Richard Carlson, chairman of Palo Alto's utility advisory committee, wasn't swayed by MuniToons. Nevertheless, he worries that a civic fiber network might lose out to private competition or become obsolete in a few years.

Ultimately, the municipal telecom fight boils down to two

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—William Ray, Glasgow, Ky., utility superintendent

words: "any" and "entity." The 1996 Telecommunications Act—meant to usher the nation into the digital age—said no state or city could prohibit "any entity" from providing "any" telecom service.

With that in mind, officials in Abilene, Texas, asked the Federal Communications Commission to let them wire their own broadband network despite a 1995 Texas law banning municipal telecoms.

But the FCC agreed with phone and cable companies that Congress wasn't absolutely clear whether it meant for utilities to be "entities" protected by the law. The agency declined to overrule Texas.

A federal appeals court in Washington, D.C., let the decision stand.

Since then, a federal district court in Virginia and the Nebraska Supreme Court have seen things differently, ruling in favor of municipal telecoms. Most importantly, so has a federal appeals court in Missouri.

In hopes of getting clarity on the issue, Missouri's attorney general plans to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. In the meantime, municipal telecoms are finding new ways to offer broadband—such as wireless antennas recently installed on water towers in Carthage, Mo.—and soon could have another method.

Private electric companies are experimenting with a new technology that delivers data over existing power lines. So is the city-owned electric utility in Manassas, Va., which provides broadband to city departments but not residents.

"The interest in that is very high," said Ron Lunt, the American Public Power Association's telecom director. "It is a natural fit."

Follow these tips to avoid problems with taxes

WASHINGTON (AP)—Last-minute headaches, missed deductions, possible tax penalties—all are potential hazards at tax time. Here are some tips from the Internal Revenue Service on how to avoid those problems.

• Don't procrastinate. Don't put off doing your taxes until the last minute. Start working on them the week before the deadline. You may overlook potential sources of tax savings or make errors.

• Organize your tax records. Group your records and receipts into categories. Start with income, deduction and tax credits that were on last year's return.

• Use the IRS online at www.irs.gov. Anyone with limited access can download tax forms, instructions and publications, as well as tax law information and answers to frequently asked tax questions.

• Frequently used forms are also available at many libraries and post offices. Or order forms from IRS by calling (800) 829-8278 or (1-800-LAXFORM).

• Get IRS Publication 17, "Your Federal Income Tax," the best starting point for most taxpayers. Download it from the IRS Web site or order it by calling the number above. Specialized IRS publications on retirement benefits, mortgage

Always check for errors

Before filing your tax return, make this final review:

- Is the name, address and Social Security number correct?
- Have you checked for any missing or double-dipped Social Security numbers for each dependent?
- Did you use the correct tax table for your filing status and the interest and other topics can be ordered the same way.

• Take advantage of free assistance. Pre-recorded messages on 150 tax topics are available through IRS TeleTax service at 1 (800) 829-4477. The IRS staffs a tax help line at 1 (800) 829-1040, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays from Jan. 25 through April 15. • Use IRS walk-in sites. Forms, publications and tax help are available at 400 IRS offices nationwide on a walk-in or appointment basis. For more information, call the IRS help line at 1 (800) 829-1040.

• Consider using a volunteer program. IRS-trained volunteers will provide free tax assistance at community locations through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program for people who cannot

afford to pay for professional assistance. Don't speak English or are disabled or elderly.

IRS Tax Counseling for the Elderly program offers help to people 60 or older, particularly those confined to their homes or living in retirement communities. Hundreds of organizations across the country receive funds from IRS to participate in this program. The largest participant is AARP. For more information, visit AARP's Web site at www.aarp.org/itax.

• Make a final error check. Before you file, recheck your math. Make sure that names and identification numbers for yourself, spouse and dependents are correct and legible.

• File electronically. This is the fastest and most accurate way to file a tax return. If you're due a

refund, the wait time for e-filers is half that for paper filers.

• Direct deposit refunds. Having IRS deposit your refund directly into your bank account gets your money to you faster and reduces the chance of theft. You'll need to know your bank account number and the bank's routing number.

• Don't panic if you can't pay. You can apply for an IRS installment agreement, which sets a monthly payment amount and due date. You can also charge your payment on a credit card. Electronic filers with a balance due can file early and have the money taken directly from their bank account on the due date.

• Request an extension of time to file. You can get an automatic four-month filing extension to Aug. 15. Call 1 (888) 766-1074, e-file a form 4868 from your tax preparation software, or send a paper form 4868 to the IRS. To request an extension by computer or phone, you will need to know the adjusted gross income and total tax amounts from your 2001 return.

Important: Extending your filing deadline doesn't give you an extension of time to pay. You will owe interest on any tax not paid by the April 15 deadline, plus a late penalty if you have not paid at least 90 percent of your total tax by that date.

electronically, the refund could take three weeks, at little as two weeks if you chose direct deposit.

Can your refund be accidentally deposited into someone else's account? IRA says no. The account has to be in your name for the deposit to be successful.

If you lose your tax refund check call the IRS at 1 (800) 829-1040 for a replacement.

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Most taxpayers won't face audits this year

WASHINGTON (AP)—For most taxpayers, the chances of being audited for 2002 are low. But for those who use offshore credit cards, tax shelters or trusts to hide income or for wealthy taxpayers who understate income, the odds may be considerably greater.

Last year the Internal Revenue Service shifted its audit priorities to focus on promoters of abusive tax shelter schemes, tax shelters and trusts, as well as participants in such tax-avoidance schemes.

IRS estimates the nation's "tax gap," the difference between income taxes that should be paid and what is actually collected, to be about \$207 billion a year. Not all lost revenue is due to cheating, but evaders do make up a significant portion.

Traditional audit "flags" include large itemized deductions—especially for charitable contributions—and meals, travel and entertainment expenses for taxpayers who are self-employed. IRS is also targeting promoters of nonresident alien investments, those who make frivolous arguments to avoid filing returns, and employment schemes such as paying in cash and filing false payroll tax returns.

People who have credit cards from non-U.S. banks or financial institutions also may find themselves audited. While it's not illegal to have such cards, they can provide easy access to offshore funds and accounts in tax haven countries that allow income to be hidden. (U.S. citizens must pay tax on their worldwide income.)

In recent years, the odds of being audited have been very low—1 in 202 for 1998 returns, 1 in 174 for 1999 returns. IRS has yet released audit figures for 2000 or 2001 tax returns. The agency is increasing its tax-enforcement budget, though it's still less than what former IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti said was needed to catch tax cheats.

Three-fourths of audits—"examinations" in IRS parlance—are done by mail. The agency sends a letter to a taxpayer inquiring about a return, a possible error or documentation for certain deductions or items. Often, the taxpayer simply sends in the requested documentation or explanation and, if tax is owed, IRS checks it.

If the agency requests an interview, a taxpayer has the right to have a tax preparer or attorney present during the interview. If the tax return is for a taxpayer's

business, IRS agents may visit the company's office.

Denise Sposato, a spokeswoman for tax preparation giant H&R Block, said that most tax errors are unintentional, not efforts to evade taxes. Even so, taxpayers who underpay taxes must, besides paying the owed tax, pay interest on the unpaid amount. Penalties also may be assessed.

While many preparers, Block will pay a tax penalty or interest owed if the preparer caused the error. For \$27, firms also may purchase a "Peace of Mind" warranty guaranteeing that Block will pay up to \$5,000 in back taxes owed as a result of Block's error.

During an IRS interview, taxpayers should, while being honest, answer only questions that are asked and "don't volunteer more," Sposato said.

According to Block, taxpayers facing an audit make these common mistakes:

- Ignoring an IRS letter.
- Not responding to the letter quickly.
- Answering an IRS inquiry without addressing all the issues IRS raised.
- Signing an IRS agreement without consulting a tax professional.
- Going to an audit unprepared.
- Failing to double-check IRS figures or conclusions.

Generally, IRS may audit your tax return anytime within three years of the due date of the return. In cases where IRS believes income has been underreported by 25 percent or more, the agency can examine returns up to six years old.

If you fail to file a return or if fraud is suspected, there is no statute of limitations, however. In other words, IRS can examine your tax returns from any previous year. There may be severe financial and penalties for such fraud.

How long should you keep tax records? For at least three years after the date you filed the return, and probably longer.

Records to keep indefinitely are those that establish the basis of any property or asset you own. When you dispose of the asset you'll need to compute the gain or loss of the asset (its value at time of disposal compared with its value when you originally purchased it).

Depreciating an asset reduces its tax basis, so if you have depreciated an asset over a period of time you should keep records proving the deduction over the period of depreciation, plus three years.

Tax-Aide opens Twin Falls site

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — To launch their 35th year of providing free federal and state income tax service to low- and middle-income Americans, AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will formally open their main Magic Valley tax-counseling site in Fred Meyer One Stop Shopping, 705 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony is set for 3:30 p.m. Friday. Participating will be Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow, Fred Meyer Manager Sharon Shane, whose company partnered with AARP Tax-Aide representatives of the AARP Foundation, which administers the program in cooperation with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, and officials from the IRS and the Idaho State Tax Commission.

From the opening day through April 15, the Fred Meyer site will provide tax-counseling and preparation services from 3:30 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday and Sunday.

Other Magic Valley AARP Tax-Aide sites to offer free tax services starting the week of Feb. 3:

- Twin Falls Senior Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.
- Twin Falls Valley Vista Village, 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday.
- Buhl West End Senior Center, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday.
- Filer Senior Haven, 8 to 11 a.m. Thursday.
- Kimberly Ageless Senior Center, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, and Thursday as needed.
- Jackpot Recreation Center, 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday.
- St. Jerome's Catholic Church, Jerome, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday.
- Jerome Senior Center, on call.
- Glenns Ferry Three Island Senior Center, 1 to 4 p.m. Monday.
- Rupert Senior Center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.
- Burley Golden Heritage Senior Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday.
- Blaine County Senior Center, Hailey, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday.
- Hagerman Senior Center, 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday.
- Wendell United Methodist Church, 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday.
- Gooding County Senior Center, 9 a.m. to noon Monday and Wednesday.
- Fairfield Senior Center, 9 a.m. to noon first Tuesday of each month.
- Golden Years Senior Center, Shoshone, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday.

IRS offers service to track the path of your refund check

WASHINGTON (AP)—Already spent that refund? Wondering when you'll see the money? All you need is a computer or telephone to find out.

From your home computer, go to www.irs.gov and type "Where's My Refund?" into the search box. You'll be directed to a secure Web page, where you'll need to type in your Social Security number, filing status and refund amount. Click on the "requirements" link to see if there are any special technical requirements for your Internet browser or server.

If you prefer a lower-tech approach, call the IRS'

Automated Refund Service at 1 (800) 829-4477. Have a copy of your return and you'll need to know the first Social Security number listed on your return, filing status and refund amount to the nearest whole dollar. The system operates 24 hours a day and is updated every seven days.

Refund information isn't available until about six weeks after you file a paper tax return, three weeks if you filed electronically.

Several problems can delay a refund. You changed your address after filing the return, a name listed on your tax return doesn't match the name on the government's Social Security records, you failed to sign the return or attach the correct attachments such as Form W-2 or other schedules, your return has math or data entry errors.

If you have questions after receiving your refund, wait two weeks and call 1 (800) 829-1040.

Generally, a refund check is issued within six to eight weeks of filing a paper return, a week less if you told IRS to deposit the refund directly to your bank account. If you filed your return

electronically, the refund could take three weeks, at little as two weeks if you chose direct deposit.

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If you lose your tax refund check call the IRS at 1 (800) 829-1040 for a replacement.

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SWAGGING THE WAY

Schwabs urge families to talk about money

NEW YORK (AP) — Carrie Schwab-Pomerantz believes families could do a lot more to secure their financial future if they just sit down and talk about money.

Unfortunately, most families don't do that.

One of our research findings is that fewer than 10 percent of families have frequent conversations about money," Schwab said. "It falls between sex and drugs in terms of the least talked about topics."

So Schwab-Pomerantz has decided to try to get people talking.

Along with her father, Charles Schwab, founder of the Charles Schwab & Co. brokerage, she's published "It Pays to Talk: How to Have the Essential Conversations with Your Family About Money and Investing."

Schwab acknowledges that getting conversations going can be difficult, especially if you're dealing with an elderly parent. He admits he found it almost impossible to broach the subject of money with his own father.

The father and daughter discussed their new book in a recent interview with The Associated Press.

AP: When you were growing up, was money something you discussed at home?

CARRIE SCHWAB-POMERANTZ: We were a pretty typical family. My dad was what I would call a struggling businessman. I don't know if he likes to remember those days. It wasn't until I was in my early 20s that Schwab became a successful business. I think he taught us a strong work ethic. I had a paper route when I was about 12 years old, delivering The Oakland Tribune. ... I started working at Schwab when I was 16, and here's when I had my first real office job. And he taught me the discipline of saving. I started saving when I was 9 years old.

AP: Don't you think people are more willing to talk more about money these days?

CHARLES SCHWAB: I think there's more conversation generally speaking today about investing. The 401(k) (retirement account) has become so popular with families. Certainly the down market has increased the conversation to some degree.

CARRIE: There is definitely what we call "stock market chatter." But it's not really personal, candid conversations about your priorities, your goals, your values, where you're ultimately trying to go with your life. Talking about the hot stock is not the same as really understanding your whole financial picture. As we saw through the Enron case, there is a big, big need for education. And it's not happening in schools, so it has to happen in the family.

AP: How do you get those money conversations going?

CHARLES: With my father, it was so difficult. It was taboo. He never talked about it. He was a successful lawyer in a small town. He saved and invested through his lifetime, but he lived longer than he ever expected. He was just about 70, and he was also falling into a medical situation, a severe depression situation. I think it was related to his whole insecurity about money. He was just longer. His wife lived till she was older, a daughter who needed help, and it was depressing him so much. Finally I said, Dad, can we talk about this? Can I help you with my sister? I didn't talk to him about his income tax or any of that stuff. The relief that came to him when I finally had the conversation, and the agreement that I would do a number of things to help out, it was such a nice gift to him.

AP: Do you think that baby boomers, who have been better off than previous generations, are going to be more difficult to talk to about money?

CARRIE: It's going to be difficult, but it's never too late. We've talked about how Americans are so underserved for retirement. So we hope this book gives them the financial tools, the knowledge about what it's going to cost to live, but how much money you have but how much time you have to save. Those younger baby boomers will have more time to let their money grow. People 50 and older can take advantage of



Charles Schwab and his daughter Carrie Schwab-Pomerantz wrote the book "It Pays to Talk." Carrie Schwab-Pomerantz believes that families could do a lot more to secure their financial futures if they'd just sit down sometimes and talk about money. Unfortunately, most families don't do that.

About the authors

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FAMILY: Schwab and his wife Helen have five children and 10 grandchildren
QUOTE: With stocks, the perfect diversification to me is buying index funds

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the IRA catchup laws. For those who haven't taken advantage of the time, it's going to be tougher to help out themselves let alone their parents and their kids.

AP: After three years of down markets, how should people invest and how do they stay diversified?

CHARLES: With stocks, the perfect diversification to me is buying index funds. If you're in the S&P 500 or the Schwab 1000, you're in 500 to 1,000 companies, representing 70 different industries. You're investing in the backbone of America. That is perfect diversification. Now if you have one stock, you have one-five-hundredth of a chance, like buying a lottery ticket. ... If you've just gone through three years of down markets, that's all you can see. You have to learn to look a lot longer. What if you had five tech stocks and they all went down? You've got to move toward a position of diversification in terms of restructuring your portfolio. You can't just wish and hope upon hope that those are going to come back to what they were in the past. It's not going to happen. It's the lottery that approach to investment, which is the wrong approach.

CARRIE: Given the uncertain

times, there's no more important time to have these conversations about what's important to you and having a plan to achieve those goals.

AP: Say you've got a young couple that's investing in 401(k) retirement accounts and has accumulated \$5,000 to \$7,000 in savings. Should they be in stocks?

CHARLES: They should definitely be in stocks in their 401(k)s and IRAs (Individual Retirement Accounts). That \$5,000 to \$7,000 should be a backup for emergency purposes or the start of building for a downpayment on an apartment. It could be in a money market account.

CARRIE: Where you invest your money depends on your risk tolerance, your goals and your time frame. So with a 401(k), a young couple — they've got 40 years to save — should definitely consider stock mutual funds. But if they want to buy a house, that's a short-term goal and the money should be more liquid. When they have children, they're not going to be paying for college for 18 years, so certainly stock funds are a great tool there as well.

AP: When is it time for families to seek outside help from financial planners or advisers?

California Berkeley, MBA from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

CAREER EXPERIENCE: The eldest of Schwab's five children, she started working for her father's company in 1976. She advised clients and sold marketable securities. Schwab ran all local investment centers, offices in California, Georgia, Maryland and Washington, D.C.

FAMILY: Husband, Gus M. Pomerantz is a publicist and author. They have three children, ages 6, 12, 13.

QUOTE: There's a lot of talk about stock market chatter. But that's not really personal, candid conversations about your priorities, your goals, your values, where you're ultimately trying to go with your life.

CARRIE: If they're at loggerheads and can't come to a consensus, there are sometimes situations where one is a lot more risk averse than the other. And simple things, like when you don't have the time or you feel you don't have the knowledge — that takes time and commitment. Or when your financial life gets more complicated.

CHARLES: I'd say four out of five people should seek good investment advice, professional advice. I think it's absolutely essential.

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Washington tax expert finds happiness at home

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Six years ago, Rick J. Taylor was at the pinnacle of his profession as a Washington, D.C.-based partner in the national tax practice of KPMG Peat Marwick.

Not yet 40, the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay graduate jetted around the country helping top-level business executives and entertainers keep one step ahead of the Internal Revenue Service.

Business Week and The Wall Street Journal quoted him in articles explaining such things as charitable remainder trusts. For the American Bar Association's Journal, he wrote about grantor retained unitrusts, among other things.

While exploring arcane details of the tax code glazes the eyes of most people, to Taylor "it was a lot of fun. You were working with the best clients and on their biggest issues. That is very intoxicating."

Not anymore.

Today, Taylor is partner in the Wauwatosa, Wis., office of Clifton Gunderson, an accounting firm based in Peoria, Ill. His has a corner office, but it overlooks a parking lot and railroad tracks.

And he is a much happier man. What was the catalyst for this transformation?

"Something more basic than even taxes—death."

"Just as I turned 40, my dearest friend in Washington died of a heart attack," Taylor said. "He was 42."

John Freeman Blake was a lawyer and the editor of the Financial Planning Service for the Bureau of National Affairs.

His death was a watershed event for Taylor. It caused the young accountant to examine more closely what he was doing.

"There is a lot of pressure in that city," he said of Washington. "You can't make a mistake and apologize. The business had become cutthroat and unethical."

In large part, his job consisted of financial engineering — combing through the Internal Revenue Code looking for contradictions and unintended consequences.

It was very creative work. "Congress doesn't understand Wall Street," he said. "Once you write a rule, there are 10 ways to get around it."

"You look for some little thing that you can use to game the system, to make the Code do something even though it was never designed to do that," he said. "You find a solution and then you look for someone with the problem. I had) become a loophole finder and a loophole seller."

But the more stones Taylor turned over in the nation's capital, the less he liked what he found underneath, especially after the death of his friend provided a new perspective.

What I was doing was all an outgrowth of a society where you have got too many smart people with too much time on their hands," Taylor said.

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Technical education changes with job market

Placement rates are high, CSI officials say

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — News reports laden with the state's and nation's economic troubles will bring a surge of students to the College of Southern Idaho's technical programs, one instructor predicts.

"It's already here," said Jim Schlund, coordinator of CSI's diesel mechanics training program. "It's going to go higher."

The reason? Seeing mass layoffs and rising unemployment stimulates young people to make themselves more competitive in the job-seeking pool.

"Our young people are really sharp about knowing what they need to do," Schlund said. "They're smart. They know what's going on out there; that's why they come to school."

Schlund has no trouble lining up students for the college's diesel mechanics training program. In fact, there's a backlog, with 10 or 12 students already registered for next year.

For the past five years, he said, the program has placed 97 to 100 percent of its successful students in jobs — with tractor or trucking companies, in construction, or on dairies or other agricultural operations. Others simply return to their own farms, more knowledgeable about their equipment.

About a hundred local and regional companies regularly hire CSI-trained diesel mechanics.

Part of the credit goes to sponsorship from Freightliner, which pumps money and guest instructors into CSI's diesel program. So the instruction and equipment students experience are the "greatest, latest, right off the hot plate," Schlund said.

"We're really tied with industry really tight," he said.

CSI's other technical instructors are tuned into the demands of industry, too. A state law with teeth ensures that they are.

Idaho requires any college program in technical education to place at least 80 percent of those who complete the training into jobs, said DeVere Burton, CSI's instructional dean. Any technical program that consistently drops below that mark — and can't be fixed — has to be shut down and its resources reallocated, he said.

"That's the critical piece of this," Burton said.

"We know the job market changes, it doesn't stay the same. This keeps you fast on the trail of the job market," he said. Technical educators must tune into what's happening in the market and what they think will happen.

"If a program fails to change with the times, it doesn't last," he said.

The result is technical education that's a nearly certain ticket into the ranks of the employed.

"We typically place about 91-93 percent coming right out of school," Burton said.

CSI shut down its small-engine mechanics and manufacturing technology programs something like a decade ago, he said. In recent years, the college hasn't closed any technical offerings, but it has modified some to suit changes in the marketplace.

In agriculture, for example, the college has shifted away from farm production to management of natural resources, including soil and water, Burton said. And it created a high-end program for veterinary technicians, in which 100 percent of students so far have passed the certifying examination and most of all have found jobs right away.

CSI's information technology courses took the spotlight last year with the arrival of Dell Computer Corp's new technical support operation in Twin Falls.

Now with more than 500 tech-support employees here, Dell should keep demand strong for IT graduates — both among its own ranks and at other local employers who lost technical employees to the new Dell jobs, said CSI Vice President of Instruction Jerry Beck.

Another worker shortage that has become a refrain is in nursing.

Practical nursing graduates head to



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Daniel Fawcett, Amy Darrington, Anna Martin, Erica Olson and Lois Glenn, from left, work on a high-tech mock patient during their advanced paramedic class at the College of Southern Idaho. Last year the new paramedic program had 100 percent job placement for its graduates.

hospitals, nursing homes, home health operations, doctors' offices and the like.

"They always have jobs," CSI data analyst Kathleen Drown said.

"There's never, ever any problem with nursing students," she said. "It's also that way with the medical assistant students. There seem to be openings for them at all times."

Jobs are plentiful for graduates in computer graphics design, computer support technician and computerized bookkeeping, though "they're not as high-paying as the health-related fields," Drown said.

In auto body technology and automotive technology, most students come

from outside the Magic Valley and already have jobs lined up, she said.

Graduates from some technical programs are likely to leave the valley. Equine students, for example, might head for out-of-state dude ranches or horse racing hot spots.

Welding — which usually boasts 100 percent job placement — often entails travel, Beck said. For example, a graduate might take a job with a company building a pipeline across the United States.

"You're going to be moving with the pipeline," he said.

Drafting a new career

CSI drafting instructor Pat Ferrell

sees 80 percent of his students go to work in Boise or the Wood River Valley.

His program's job placement rate always tops 95 percent, with some architectural and civil engineering firms hiring almost exclusively out of CSI. Employers clamor for each graduating class, such as the 15 second-year drafting students who will graduate in July ready to be drafters or engineering technicians.

"I get a ton of calls. CSI's got a great rep," Ferrell said.

The drawback? The jobs aren't generally local ones.

Ferrell places just two or three graduates in Twin Falls positions every year.

"And that's been pretty consistent," he said.

Out-of-state firms starting paying attention to CSI's drafting program a couple of years ago, and Ferrell began receiving calls from Wyoming and Utah. For that phenomenon, he credits the quality of training that is evident in past graduates who are now in the work force.

Graduates in demand

Police and sheriff's departments around Idaho call Tim Miller, assistant professor in law enforcement training, once or twice a week looking for officer candidates.

"It's a crazy market," said Miller, whose programs boast about 97 percent job placement.

"All over Idaho we're hurting for quality applicants to go into law enforcement because it seems like everybody's hailing out of state" for more pay elsewhere, he said.

Small agencies, in particular, need to fill their openings quickly — without the time and expense of sending a new hire through a police academy. That makes CSI's graduates attractive.

Right now, 45 people are in CSI's one-year and two-year law enforcement programs, and most are likely to begin their careers in Idaho, Miller said. But not all. Law enforcement departments in Utah, Arizona, Washington, Texas and Oregon have sent recruiters to the college.

And CSI aims to turn out a quality stream of new officers.

"We reject about half the (training program) applicants because of background problems," Miller said.

To the rescue

A new addition to CSI's stable of technical degrees is one that plunks freshly minted paramedics into a particularly hot market.

"There's a shortage of paramedics across the country," said Gordy Kokx, CSI's paramedic program manager. "The job market looks excellent in the next 10 years."

The approximately two-year degree (three semesters of paramedic studies after a one-semester emergency medical technician course and other prerequisites) so far has been granted to just one class of three people. Ten more will graduate in May, Kokx said.

Idaho doesn't have a huge number of jobs for them.

"But throughout the U.S. there's openings everywhere," he said. "If a person's willing to move, they can be employed tomorrow."

Some students who finish the one-semester EMT course opt to jump right away into jobs with ambulance operators, in hospital emergency rooms or in industry as safety personnel. Eleven people from the EMT program are working for the ambulance service that covers Twin Falls and Jerome counties, said Dennis Patterson, CSI's EMT program manager.

Others volunteer in quick response units or go into nursing student. But now, EMT students can also stay in school to become full-fledged paramedics at CSI.

One of the first three paramedic graduates has a job in Ketchum. The other two work out

of state, Patterson said. He's confident those who follow will find jobs quickly, too.

"I don't know any out-of-work paramedics who want to work," Patterson said.

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The 10 Most Common Interview Questions

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What are your weaknesses?

Why should we hire you?

Why do you want to work here?

What are your goals?

Why did you leave (are you leaving) your job?

When were you the most satisfied in your job?

What can you do for us that other candidates can't?

What are three positive things your last boss would say about you?

What salary are you seeking?

If you were an animal, which one would you want to be?

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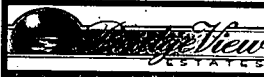
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If this sounds like you, maybe it's time for a new approach. Try working both in and on your career.

This concept is easiest to illustrate with a self-employed person. If you have just opened a consulting practice, working on his business means carrying out the consulting work he has contracted for. Working on his business includes all the things up to the point he is being compensated for his time, such as marketing, bookkeeping, being active in civic organizations, buying office supplies. Working on the business also means looking for ways to do things better and smarter, like hiring help and delegating time-consuming detail work or developing professional partnerships with other consultants.

Most people only work in their careers. That's all most of us have known about. Our work time is filled with the "what" of our work and the business of accomplishing our job duties, especially when we take them seriously.

Working on your career takes an attitude shift. It has you stepping back and looking at your work more objectively. Instead of paying attention only to the "what" of your work, you ask yourself "What's in it for me?" At the same time that you work on behalf of your employer, you may also be thinking "How can this benefit me?" and "Why should I do this?"

Here are some ideas to help you work on your career:

- Take time out on a regular basis to reflect on your career on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis, whichever suits you, but do it.
- Develop a written career review.
- Nothing fancy, but tell yourself why you are working, what you would like to achieve in your work life, and how you would like to grow.
- Take a few assessments to re-evaluate yourself. As a coach, I have found that people consistently underestimate themselves. Learn to appreciate yourself more fully.
- Pay attention to your personal integrity. Keep your word, honor your commitments, avoid overpromising and under-delivering, be on time or early, treat others with respect and dignity.

Working on your career as well as working in your career doesn't mean more work. It is your mean looking at work differently and coming from a different place when faced with choices. As Edwin H. Cialdini said, "The minute you make up your mind that what you do makes a difference, it will make a difference in what you do."

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Quarrelsome, 48, 150lbs, enjoys all outdoor activities. To be a man with a dynamic, affectionate nature. (9750927)

SHADE BENEATH
Adventurous SWF 27, rural, non-smoker, enjoys outdoor activities, water, hiking, sunbathing, reading, seeking serious relationship with similar interests. (9750440)

NEW TO THE AREA
Newly arriving from CA, enjoys SWF 25-40, who can give me a good time. Seeking a man who is looking for a possible relationship with LTR. (9751205)

SHADE WITH ME
Whipped WF 60, originally from Georgia enjoys golf, the desert and mountains. Seeking a man, 50-60, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9751213)

A NEW START
Attractive DF 21-27, blond, nurse, who loves spending time with my dog, but missing time please. Seeking a man, 20-25, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9751213)

VOLUNTEER
SWF 35-55, 5'2", nurse, blonde, non-smoker, enjoys water activities, horseback riding, tennis, golf, swimming, and more. Seeking a man, 30-40, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9751214)

IN SEARCH OF
A charming, intelligent, NYS, who is looking for a possible relationship. Seeking a man, 40-48, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9751214)

FLY-BOYING GUY
Fun-loving, outgoing, professional, tall, dark, hairy, NYS, 33, enjoys all outdoor activities. Seeking a man, 30-40, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9751214)

LOOKING IN THE NET?
SWF 28, serious humor, 5'6", 160-180, for friendship, relationship, companionship, possible LTR. (9750188)

SEEKING JOY
DF from 18, wants to make out with a man, 18-25, who has a sense of humor, and occasionally going out. (9751222)

A GOOD GIRL
SWF 27, 5'7", 130lbs, mother of one, enjoys camping, hiking and fishing. Seeking SWF 20-30, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9751222)

GIVE US A CHANCE
SWF 40, enjoys dining, fishing, outdoor, hiking, and more. Seeking a man, 40-47, for LTR. (9750522)

FAMILY-ORIENTED
SWF 27, 120lbs, blonde, blue, music, dancing, time with children, cooking, outdoors, movie. Seeking honest man, 30-35, to develop a real relationship. (9750160)

LET'S MAKE A DATE
SWF 26, NYS, 5'10", blonde, blue, music, dancing, time with children, cooking, outdoors, movie. Seeking honest man, 30-35, to develop a real relationship. (9750160)

ILL BE LOVING YOU FOREVER
SWF 28, blonde, NYS, blonde, music, dancing, time with children, cooking, outdoors, movie. Seeking honest man, 30-35, to develop a real relationship. (9750160)

SOMETHING NEW
SWF 38, blonde, NYS, blonde, music, dancing, time with children, cooking, outdoors, movie. Seeking honest man, 30-35, to develop a real relationship. (9750160)

TREAT ME RIGHT
SWF 30, 5'11", 120lbs, would like to meet a gentleman for dating and friendship. I enjoy movies, dancing, playing pool and more. (9750160)

SOMETHING NEW
SWF 26, student, looking for new friend to share time with. Seeking a man, 30-40, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9750160)

WAITING FOR YOU
SWF 20, 5'4", blonde, blue, music, dancing, time with children, cooking, outdoors, movie. Seeking a man, 30-35, to develop a real relationship. (9750160)

GIVE ME A CALL
Attractive 120, 5'7", NYS, love life, enjoys almost everything, music, dining out, animals, and kids. Seeking a man, 30-40, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9750160)

QUESTHORN AND MOTHER
WF 26, blonde, NYS, blonde, music, dancing, time with children, cooking, outdoors, movie. Seeking a man, 30-35, to develop a real relationship. (9750160)

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR
Outgoing, friendly SWF 61, Virgo, smoker, enjoys hiking, outdoor, dining, and more. Seeking a man, 30-40, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9750160)

A FINE LAY
SWF 31, 5'7", black hair, no camping, but if you are looking for a possible relationship. Seeking a man, 30-40, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9750160)

GREAT OUTDOORS
Friendly, outgoing SWF 21-27, average build, enjoys camping, hiking, fishing, and more. Seeking a man, 30-40, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9750160)

GIVE ME A CALL
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SINGLE MOMMA
SWF 27, mother, enjoys going out, movies, hiking, fishing, and more. Seeking a man, 30-40, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9750160)

DO YOU HAVE AN OPINION?
Nurse SWF 51, enjoys conversation, movies, music, and more. Seeking a man, 40-48, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9750160)

ONE OF A KIND
SWF 19, mother, seeks the love of a man, 20-25, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9750160)

ACCEPT THE TRAILS
SWF 32, enjoys the outdoors, cooking, hiking, and more. Seeking a man, 40-47, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9750160)

SWF 24, enjoys hiking, fishing, boating, and working with children. Seeking an honest, hard-working SWF, 24-30, who would like to have a family and someone to grow old with. (9750188)

IT'S TIME
Outgoing, laid-back SWF 50s, 5'9", dark, blonde, average, 300-350, great sense of humor, seeks someone, 50-65, to share fun times and dating life. (9750188)

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP
SWF 26, NYS, enjoys camping, fishing, hiking, and more. Seeking a man, 30-35, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9750188)

LOVING THE EARLY LIFE
SWF 63, enjoys camping, fishing, dining, hiking, and more. Seeking a man, 30-35, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9750188)

LET'S PLAY BALL
SWF 30, blonde, blonde, blue, enjoys dining, fishing, reading, and more. Seeking a man, 30-35, for a relationship based on mutual respect. (9750188)

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SEEKING A FRIEND
Mature SWF 30, enjoys camping, live music, movies, beaches. Seeking honest, fun-loving, single, 50-65, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9750188)

DO YOU LIKE HORSEST?
SWF 21, blonde, blue, loves working with horses, camping, driving, anything outdoors. Seeking a woman with the same passion. (9750188)

EVERYTHING WITH YOU
SWF 30, blonde, blonde, blue, enjoys dining, going to movies, long walks, watching 'City of Angels' and more with you. Seeking a woman, 30-35, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9750188)

BECKY SMILE
DM 24, NYS, 5'10", blonde, blonde, brown, enjoys sports, working out. Seeking a man, 20-30, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9750188)

GIVE IT A CHANCE
SWF 34, 5'11", 160lbs, blonde, blonde, blue, enjoys working with horses, camping, driving, anything outdoors. Seeking a woman with the same passion. (9750188)

DON'T PASS ME BY
SWF 42, blonde, blonde, blue, enjoys working with horses, camping, driving, anything outdoors. Seeking a woman with the same passion. (9750188)

WANT TO QUET
SWF 26, enjoys camping, hiking, fishing, and more. Seeking a man, 30-35, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9750188)

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL
SWF 42, blonde, blonde, blue, enjoys dining, going to movies, long walks, watching 'City of Angels' and more with you. Seeking a woman, 30-35, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9750188)

COUNTRY MAN
SWF 52, 6'7", 200lbs, enjoys camping, hiking, fishing, and more. Seeking a man, 30-35, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9750188)

NATURE BOY
SWF 43, enjoys camping, hiking, fishing, and more. Seeking a woman, 30-35, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9750188)

GOING TO GOLF
and having to a lady, who shares the same passion for golf. Seeking a woman, 30-35, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9750188)

ADVENTUROUS PERSON
SWF 22, 5'11", blonde, blonde, blue, enjoys camping, hiking, fishing, and more. Seeking a man, 30-35, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9750188)

SEEK MOUNTAIN LADY
Male 22, enjoys outdoors, fishing, and more. Seeking a woman, 40-45, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9750188)

OUTGOING GUY
Male 41, 5'11", 170lbs, blonde, blonde, blue, enjoys camping, hiking, fishing, and more. Seeking a woman, 30-35, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9750188)

SEEKING MY RIGHT
Male 22, enjoys camping, hiking, fishing, and more. Seeking a woman, 30-35, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9750188)

LIFE'S HAVING FUN
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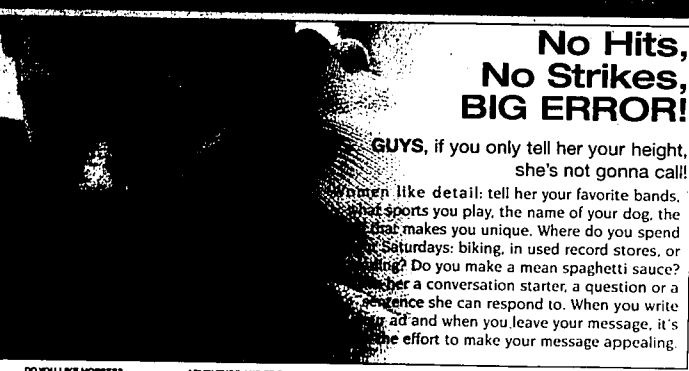
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DO YOU LOVE ME?
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WAITING FOR YOU
SWF 21, enjoys camping, hiking, fishing, and more. Seeking a man, 30-35, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9750188)

LIGHT MY FIRE
Male 22, enjoys camping, hiking, fishing, and more. Seeking a woman, 30-35, who is looking for a possible relationship. (9750188)

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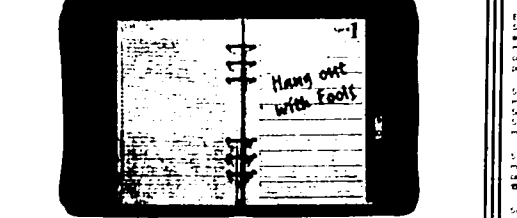
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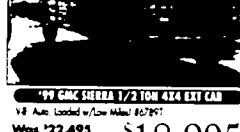
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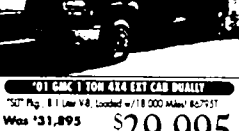
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Remember: Erasable equals irascible

People who use purple pens at work often pitch in to help their bosses, but people who use red ink are most likely to get the raises.

Yes, there's a new survey, conducted by the Opinion Research Corp., linking the color of pen ink used by American workers to job performance.

According to a Fort Worth Star-Telegram article by Jessie Milligan, no one seems quite sure exactly what the survey results mean, but the Pillsbury Pen Corp. has combined some speculation with the study's hard facts:

Workers who prefer erasable pens are the most irascible, because they are the least likely to pitch in and help their bosses and also least likely to work extra hours for no pay—and red-ink users are likely to be the kind of people who have positive attitudes about their bosses.

Of course, the red-ink users are also the ones who are getting those raises.

Other tidbits from the survey: Men who prefer green-ink pens are most likely to intentionally steal pens from co-workers, while women who prefer green-ink pens are often bored with their jobs. And black ink is still the power ink of the workplace, much more so than blue.

But here's a significant finding: One in seven American workers don't use a pen at all, because they are so busy working at computer keyboards.

So the whole study might soon become obsolete.

But the issue of color in the world in general is likely to remain a red-hot topic.

Psychologists have long said that color has a big impact in society, providing insight into people's personalities and their methods of relating to others.

Alfred Munzert even wrote a book titled "Analyze Your Personality Through Color." Many fast-food restaurants decorate with orange, Munzert writes, because it is an appetite stimulant. Last week, the Magic Valley Reads committee, meeting at the Twin Falls library, distributed bright orange lapel buttons to everyone to advertise "Across Open Country," the book club choice for the community to read. At the next meeting, I think I'll tell everyone that the buttons are likely to make people devour this year's book. I'll bet no one even knew that.

Alfred Munzert also noted that some police stations put their violator's names in pink ink on warrants, because pink conveys a feeling of love and comfort. Hence, we dress our baby girls in pink.

Perhaps for similar reasons, we dress our baby boys in blue, which, according to Munzert, is a color that symbolizes loyalty, trustworthiness. He also says that people who like red are extroverted and aggressive, whereas people who prefer brown put the emphasis on security and a well-kept home.

Color even determined rules of etiquette, sometimes. People wear black to funerals, for example, and avoid wearing white to weddings. Brides, however, are expected to wear white. And yet, I remember one wedding at which a minister friend of mine officiated where the bride wore black chiffon to the ceremony. But I don't think that counts, because she also wore flip-up sunglasses.

So what's your color preference? Yellow? Intelligent and imaginative. Purple? Sensitive and temperamental.

Especially when you're talking about ink color, I guess.

I think I'll go for yellow. I like the qualities tied to that one, and I've always liked sunshine. But I really like aqua better. I'm just not sure.

And before I decide to buy too far into the color code, however, I want to know what color is preferred by people who are pesky compulsive perfectionists.

I'm afraid it just might be aqua.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

Electronics connections

Family Websites are cheap, easy and unparalleled for staying in touch

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If you're still mailing snapshots of the kids to Aunt Sadie, you're living in the 20th century.

It's faster, better, and in the long run, maybe cheaper to set up your own family Website.

Who, me, you say? The original techno-ninny?

"It's easier than you think," said Edit Szanto, director of the Information Technology Center at the College of Southern Idaho. "If you have a computer and if you're online, that's basically all you need."

Szanto teaches a class through CSI's Community Education Center on how to get it done. The next session starts Feb. 21.

But you can have your own Website up and running today, by the time the Super Bowl starts this afternoon.

"There are two commercial Websites, FamilyBuzz.com and MyFamily.com, that will take you through it step-by-step," Szanto said.

The sites offer a limited amount of memory — 5 megabytes in the case of MyFamily.com — for free.

The hundred MB costs \$29.95 a year and 500 MB \$109.95 annually.

"You can get enough (memory) for free to get you started," Szanto said. "Words — messages — take up very little memory; but doing photos and videos take up a lot of memory, so if you're doing that, or adding sophisticated graphics, you may need more."

Alternatively, you can register for your own domain name and set up your own Website without the "FamilyBuzz.com" or the "MyFamily.com" prefixes. It's a slightly more involved process, and it costs about \$40,



College of Southern Idaho Information Technology Center director Edit Szanto has helped dozens of folks set up their own family Websites.

To learn more ...
The College of Southern Idaho Community Education will offer a class on family Websites on Friday, Feb. 21, and Friday, Feb. 28, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Cost is \$40, and registration is limited to 16 people. For information on how to register, call 732-6288.

Szanto said. "If you have a 56k (modem), adding a family Website isn't going to slow you down," she said. "But obviously, cable (modem) will make it faster."

Szanto's class teaches a few of the basics of image processing and how to find and create graphics (software and online programs are readily available).

For the more advanced, CSI Community Ed offers classes in both advanced image processing and Web design.

"I've had a lot of people in the family Website classes who were beginners," Szanto said. "And those who have many years of experience on computers."

You can create a fairly sophisticated Website without any knowledge of html, the lingua franca of the Internet.

"The important thing, I think, if you set up a family Website is not to make it static," Szanto said. "It needs to be updated regularly. It should contain news."

The advantages of a family Website over letters — or even e-mail — are striking:

- In addition to sharing photos,

you can swap video — without sending a tape through the mail — and create voice clips.

- You can set up a family address book on a Website, accessible to anyone with a password.

- You can establish a system to remind everyone of important family occasions — birthdays, anniversaries — and reunions.

- On a family Website, you can practice family genealogy, with family members contributing information about long-lost aunts, cousins and grandparents. You can even set up a family tree online.

- You can post messages to many different family members, without e-mailing each of them, and save money on your

long-distance phone bill. "It's really the ideal solution for families that are separated by hundreds and thousands of miles," Szanto said. "You can keep in touch much better than you could communicating directly."

In addition to a PC and a modem, you'll need a scanner if you're posting photographs, or better still, a digital camera — still or video — that you can connect and upload directly into the computer.

"You can spend as much as you want," Szanto said. "But to get started, it's very inexpensive."

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Portrait pizzazz: Skip dark suits and have fun

For years, the formal portrait was a burdensome family obligation, right up there with family reunions and kisses from Great-Aunt Edna. At some point, we've probably all donned our least comfortable clothes and smiled stiffly in front of a fake-looking backdrop.

But it doesn't have to be that way. More and more, families are moving away from the stuffy standard and trying new tactics to make a lasting family image.

Here are some portrait ideas — from the elegant to the eccentric — to get you started:

- **Loss the color.** Black-and-white photos aren't just artsy — they can be perfect for portraits. Without the distraction of color, a photograph can be more honest, more interesting, even more timeless.

- **Believe that if you're over 30 you should never be photographed in color,** says Jean Ann Bybee, a Dallas commercial photographer who also does portraits. With black-and-white, you can tweak the light, you can play with the light, you can show off the good parts of someone's face and usually hide the flaws. Besides that, black-and-white photos are often more artistic and mysterious.

Plenty of studios will shoot portraits in black and white. You can also ask a family friend to take the photos, but remember that good black-and-white photography is harder than color photography — you have to

Etc...

think much more about lighting and composition if you want a dramatic effect.

- **Here's an option that's cheap and doesn't require a lot of sitting still.** Find a photo booth that still produces real photo proofs, not a computer printout. Take pictures of each individual, then see how many family members can cram into the tiny booth together. Get both silly and serious shots. When you have a good mix, use a good color copier — or your own computer software — to enlarge the ones you want. Use some creativity to arrange them, then take the collage to a copy center and turn it into a poster.

- **Forget about saying "cheese."** A portrait can look unnatural — how often does your entire family really sit in one place and smile? For a more comfortable portrait, have a photographer come to your house and take some action shots of family members spending time together. Think of it: The family making dinner together. Or working in the back yard. Or having breakfast on a Saturday morning, pajamas and all. Doesn't that sound like

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the sort of memory you want to capture in a portrait?

Choral group will give winter concert Saturday

Twice, the Twin Falls High School choir will give its 10th annual Winter Showcase at 7:30 p.m. in Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$5, are available at Crowley's Soda Foundation and Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark in Twin Falls, at Arlene's Flowers and at Sax/Moore Drug in Burley, or from any cast member.

Feb. 7-8
The Junior Musical Playhouse will present "Disney Magic," 7:30 p.m. in Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$5, are available at Crowley's Soda Foundation and Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark in Twin Falls, at Arlene's Flowers and at Sax/Moore Drug in Burley, or from any cast member.

Feb. 18
The 14th annual Freeze Frame, a fund-raising revue by the southern-central Idaho chapter of the Idaho Dance Arts Alliance, will be held at 7 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center Auditorium. Tickets, which are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens, and \$15 per family, are available at OnStage in Twin Falls and Dance Addiction in Burley, or at the door.

Every week, To Do for Families lists family-oriented events in our central Idaho. To get an item listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83401. Deadline is noon on Wednesdays.

Does birth order stack deck for life?

The Orlando Sentinel

Hillary Clinton and Rush Limbaugh, Cher and Jeffrey Dahmer.

Oh, yeah, and half of all U.S. presidents.

Are they or hate them, they all have one thing in common: All were firstborn children.

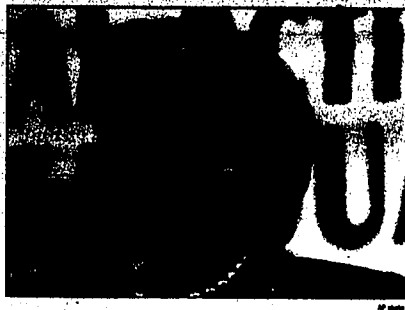
And according to Orlando, Fla., author Tom Connellan, that's a big deal.

Connellan, a business consultant, insists that firstborn children and only children are given an edge in society. If managers, teachers and parents treat everyone as firstborns, more people will succeed, he says.

In his forthcoming book "Bringing the Best in Others" (\$19.95, Bard Press), Connellan outlines the three ways firstborns are treated differently from other kids: Parents often set higher expectations, demand greater accountability and provide more feedback than other children.

Those factors are the keys, he says, to helping others succeed. Firstborns are often expected to behave more maturely. Sometimes they even become surrogate parents. For example, when their older siblings take their younger siblings to a movie, they are most likely to be responsible for the money and the cash phone.

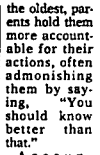
Children tend to live up to their parents' expectations, Connellan says. Because firstborn children are



U.S. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., speaks in front of supporters at National Action Network in New York Monday.



Rush Limbaugh



Jeffery Dahmer

the oldest, parents hold them more accountable for their actions, often admonishing them by saying, "You should know better than that."

"practice" on their firstborns, thus providing them with more constructive and consistent feedback. "Some evidence from research supports Connellan's premise. Studies over the years have shown that firstborns are natural leaders.

Finally, new parents tend to

But not everyone buys into birth order theory. In the early 80s, Swiss researchers Cecile Ernst and Jules Angst compared birth order theory with astrology, refuting it as a "sheer waste of time and money."

Connellan, though, is undeterred. On a broad scale, Connellan hopes his book will "shift the way things are in this country," he says. "You do that one person at a time."

Playtime does not need any 'structure'



PARENTING
John Rosemond

Q: I have two toddlers, 20 and 32 months. Beyond 30 minutes of reading and snuggling before bed, how much time each day should I spend involved in activities with them? Also, does it matter how they play? They chase one another around the house a lot, roughhouse, and sometimes ride their riding toys, but they hardly ever play with developmental toys like blocks and puzzles. Is there some way to stimulate interest in these things?

A: Keep in mind that the most important thing parents can do with young children is read to them, which you are already doing. The notion that parents need to get down on the floor and play with toddlers a certain amount of time each day (and that the best parent is the one who spends the most time on the floor) is very modern - and without substance.

If you feel like getting down on the floor and making a block castle with one of your children, do it. If you don't feel like it, then don't.

Your children should not learn that you are an on-call antidote for boredom - a playmate. Don't try to fill some speak-with-the-kids quota and when you do play with them, and don't conduct "activities" (another example of modern parenting thought). Just play. Have fun. Then, when you've had enough, simply excuse yourself and go do your own thing.

In the long run, it is best that they learn to play by themselves. If you feel the need to be involved with them several times a day, then read to them two or three times a day for 30 minutes per session. In addition to developing their imaginations, reading will also calm them down for a while - a benefit to you, I assume.

At this age, a child's play is not very organized, nor should someone try to turn it into a specific "learning experience." The play of a toddler is spontaneous, active, and generally not goal directed.

In short, the reigning, chaotic, and jumping that your boys are

doing is very toddler-like and in their own boisterous way, they're learning a lot. Another way of bringing some peace into your life is to mandate several quiet-time periods a day during which the children are separated and must play quietly for, say, 15 minutes.

Use a timer to define the period of quiet. When they are able to handle 15 minutes, extend it to 20, and so on. If you persist, you just might get to an hour by the time the older child is 3.

I recommend that you remove the toys they aren't playing with. As I've said elsewhere, most of the manufactured toys on the shelves today should remain on the shelves. They're worthless.

The packaging and bright colors attract a child's attention, but once the toy is in his/her hands, it might have a play life of less than 15 minutes, and sometimes that's a stretch. The toys they aren't playing with should disappear quietly, one or two at a time, and be replaced with boxes and pots and pans and wooden spoons and so on.

Give the junk to charity. Once you find five or 10 toys that your children will play with, start a toy library. Store the toys in a closet and only let each child have one toy at a time. When he's finished with the one he has, he can turn it in to another one. This will slowly help their play become more focused and organized. It will also dramatically reduce toy clutter around the house.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions or general interest may be sent to him at Apprentice@Parenting.com, 1020 East 8th Street, Suite 208, Indianapolis, Ind. 46204 and at his Web site <http://www.jrosem.com>.

It doesn't take long for a first impression to form

Knight Ridder News Service

In the time it takes you to read this sentence, a stranger can size you up. How smart you are, how much money you make, your social status, your personality, your physical fitness.

Eight to 30 seconds.

That's all the precious time you have to make a good first impression and forget about second chances.

"As kids we're always taught 'don't judge a book by its cover.' But unfortunately, that's human nature. We have a tendency to judge by first impressions," says Kansas City, Mo., management consultant Marlyk A. Arnold.

"In the first 30 seconds, or even less, we're being evaluated. Often, someone has evaluated you as you've walked into a room, before you even speak."

Polishing your personal imprint is much more involved than checking for spinach between your teeth. Strangers will judge you by your clothes, facial expressions, handshake, voice. All in 30 seconds.

Tell them you exercise, and they'll think you're more confi-

dent, hard-working and intelligent than your sedentary friends. Wear your hair short and high-lighted, and they'll think you're smarter than the woman with long, curly dark hair. Research bears out that these snap judgments really happen.

"What I always try to teach people is that you're not trying to create a false image," Arnold says. "But what you want to do is manage your image to send the kind that you want to be sending."

Let that image be one of confidence, counsels Ann Mah of Topeka, Kan., the past national president of the American Business Women's Association.

Mah makes a living teaching women to hone their skills in the business world, an arena where a bad first impression can be a deal breaker.

"Your personal style is the whole package," Mah says. "It's how you look, it's what you say and how you say it."

"Attitude is first on the list - knowing who you are and being comfortable with that. That really shines through wherever you go. The first look that people get

at you demonstrates how confident you are, or not, and your personal power. And that translates directly into competence."

Little surprise, really, that researchers contend that appearance matters most when it comes to making a strong first impression.

Studies reveal that what we say and how we say it accounts for less than half of that initial impression. Most of it depends on how we look.

"I think that's probably the first thing people will notice, and likely the thing that will be remembered the longest, either positively or negatively," Arnold says.

"Your first impression is going to be he's a slob" if he's not dressed well. And that may be speaking to you so loudly that you're not hearing what this person is saying."

Like it or not, your clothes speak volumes about you, Mah says. So make sure they fit the situation, whether it's a job interview or meeting in the laws. "At work we always say dress for the job you want, not the job you have," Mah says. "When in

doubt, go more conservatively."

Are your clothes too tight? Are they wrinkled or stained? Invest in a full-length mirror to check yourself top-to-bottom before you leave home. A run in your hose, something weird going on with your hair, something dangling - any little detail can trip you up.

"If you're wearing big, dangly earrings, that may be all someone notices about you," she says. "If you have some outlandish hair style, or purple streaks, that may be what they focus on."

January is the high season for divorce

The Hartford Courant

By a few weeks into the new year, many resolutions have already gone out with the Christmas tree. But other life decisions are more binding, especially when they include legal action. Lawyers of family law say that more marriages end in the season of fresh starts than most other times of the year.

"It's very seasonal," said John Heffernan, an attorney with Connecticut Divorce Associates in Hartford, Conn. "You don't hear anything from Thanksgiving to the first of January. The next day, the calls come in from people who have put up with all they're going to over the holidays, and now they're ready to go."

Heffernan said he got about 15 calls on Jan. 2, compared with the two or three that trickle in on normal days.

"I call it the Idea of January," said Susan Smith, a Hartford divorce attorney and mediator. "To me, it's the crush of people that want things to get done after the first of the year. If there's a divorce in progress, they want to see things happen. If they don't have one in progress, they decide to start one."

Though it may be the new year that moves some dissatisfied spouses to action, there are other practical reasons for such timing. Because taxes depend on one's filing status at the end of the year, couples who are all but legally broken up Dec. 31 can file jointly in April to their

advantage.

Year-end finances may also affect the decision to stay or go. "I'm an attorney," said attorney Hilary Miller. "A typical call will be, 'My husband's bonus from Morgan Stanley wasn't the million dollars they've accustomed to, only \$250,000. Should I wait?'"

"Of course, there are more down-to-earth circumstances. People out of work can't afford to get divorced."

Marriages rarely get steered impulsively into the rocks. It's a course that gets set over time.

"If they're anxious, I certainly remind them that picking a date has a profound effect," said attorney Arnold Rutkin of Westport,

who's been orchestrating splits for 35 years. He discourages dissolution near holidays, birthdays and anniversaries. "Otherwise they'll remember the date of the divorce better than the original marriage."

Lawyers say spouses usually look for the most relaxing days on the calendar to fly out after the holidays, at least if it's at the close of summer vacation. This softens the parting contest that final vacation they'd be seeking may be for.

In terms of endangered marriages, a fresh start in January more often means adjustment to single life rather than a joint effort to share up the bond.

The Times-News will be publishing "With This Ring", a special bridal section, in the Sunday, February 2 edition of the paper. It will feature local and national information on weddings along with stories on the following subjects:

- How to propose.
- Flowers on a budget.
- How to find a ring in your budget.
- How to disaster-proof your outdoors wedding.
- Getting married far from home: how to arrange it.
- Wedding etiquette for divorced parents who aren't speaking to each other.
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Sara Walker, right, spoke before a legislative committee on children's mental health needs and learning disabilities.

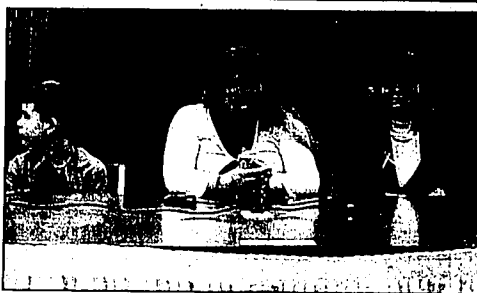


Photo courtesy of SALLY WALKER

Gooding student tells legislative committee about needed services

BOISE - Sara Walker, a junior at the Gooding Accelerated Learning Center, spoke to a legislative committee on children's mental health at the Capital in Boise on Jan. 14.

Along with two other young people, she was invited to speak by the Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health about what's working with the health care system and what's not, reported her mother, Sally Walker of Gooding. The purpose of the federation is to educate the public about children's mental health needs.

Speaking from her own experience and on behalf of people she knows, Sara Walker told the committee that education was the

Want more information?
Call Sally Walker at 934-4844 or e-mail her at spwalker@fieri.com or Claire Wiener or Sue Riem at the Idaho Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health at 1-800-905-3346 or (208) 433-8845 or

key to understanding those needs. After transferring to the Gooding Accelerated Learning Center at the beginning of this year and experiencing the kind of learning environment that has proven beneficial for her, she believes that teachers need better education about mental illness and learning disabilities.

More understanding about what students experience can

help relationships between them and teachers, and ultimately, help students achieve their potential, she told lawmakers. Too many students fall through the cracks because teachers, who interact with hundreds of students every day, are not aware of the causes, symptoms or help that they can give students with special needs.

Smaller class sizes and individual attention, along with the positive, caring attitudes of teachers at the Gooding Accelerated Learning Center has helped many students become successful citizens, Walker told the committee. The students might have otherwise dropped out and given up on education.

GIVING A HELPING HAND



Photo courtesy of DEN ALLAMANO

The human resources team at Cascade Regional Medical Center donated personal hygiene items that they collected to the Helping Hands Mission in Barley. The mission will make the items available to those who are in need, said Cody Thornton with the mission. From left are Thornton and Karl Portigot, Heather Anderson and Cindy Hansen of the hospital human-resources team. Human resources teams throughout the Utah-based Intermountain Health Care, which operates the Barley hospital, participated in the collection of personal hygiene items, which were donated to a charity selected by local hospital teams.

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Tallina Marie Hendricksen, daughter of Telisha Marie Hendricksen of Eden, was born Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2003.
Chance Christopher Gaskill, son of Charmaine Marie and Douglas Charles Gaskill of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Jan. 16, 2003.
Casie Ann Madsen, daughter of Charity Ann and Joshua John Madsen of Wendell, was born Thursday, Jan. 16, 2003.
Emma Renee Thompson, daughter of Jamee Rachelle and Timothy Adams Thompson of

Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Jan. 16, 2003.
Dallon Gregg Ruffing, son of Audra Gnette and Blake Edward Ruffing of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Jan. 17, 2003.
Ayla Estelle Geer, daughter of Morgan Lynne and Richard Eugene Geer of Gooding, was born Friday, Jan. 17, 2003.
Cade Cailin Chisum, son of Rose Love and Christopher Duane Chisum of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Jan. 17, 2003.
Sadie Rhys Lea Preila Allers and Malcom Damian Jose Allers, twin daughter and son of Jessica and Rico Allers of Hansen, were born Friday, Jan. 17, 2003.

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 Monday's paper.
More information?
Call Melissa at 735-3278

Zayne Isaac Wilkinson, son of Tresa Ann and Jason Roy Wilkinson of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Jan. 18, 2003.

SERVICE NEWS

Hess graduates from Basic Hospital Corps School

Navy Hospitalman Apprentice James L. Hess, daughter of Jana L. and Kim K. Hess of Jerome, has graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at the Naval Hospital Corps School in Great Lakes, Ill.

During the 14-week course, Hess learned a wide range of

medical procedures used to provide first aid and assist Navy doctors and nurses. Hess also received an introductory instruction for service in a variety of medical environments, from fleet hospitals and shipboard medical departments to fleet Marine forces and medical administration offices.

Graduates' newly-acquired skills and knowledge will enable

them to help provide quality health care to Navy and Marine Corps personnel and their families. Hess can work in several areas, including first aid and assisting with minor surgery, pharmacy and laboratory analysis, patient transportation, and food service inspections.

Hess is a 2000 graduate of Jerome High School, and joined the Navy in February 2002.

CSI North Side Center classes include drawing

GOODING - The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center is offering a variety of courses starting in February.

The center is located at 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding. For registration or other information, call 934-8678.

"Introduction to PowerPoint" will teach students how to use basic tools available in PowerPoint to develop and show a presentation, modify an existing presentation, change fonts, insert objects, and use color. The class will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 5 to March 5 at Gooding High School. The fee is \$99.50 plus the book.

"Internet Made Simple" will show how to book a vacation, investigate a family tree, shop, research and more, all online. Instructor Marie Klingler will show how to browse more effectively, use more advanced e-mail features and download software. The fee is \$50. It will meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 4-20 at Gooding Elementary School.

"Writing Memorable Memoirs" instructor Bridgit Arskow will help students determine which of their stories would interest an audience, learn to organize material to facilitate writing, and explore and practice techniques for improving writing skills. The course will meet from 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 12 to March 5 at the CSI center. The fee is \$25.

"Pen and Ink Drawing with Watercolor Wash" will be instructed by Don Gill, an illustrator of more than 30 books. The class will meet from 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 6-27 at the CSI center. The fee is \$25 plus supplies.

"Practical Parenting," held in conjunction with the University of Idaho Gooding County Extension office, is instructed by Diana Christensen, Extension educator. It is geared to the single parents, but can be beneficial to all parents. The focus is on understanding the behavior of children, reducing the stress of parenting, and learning to enjoy your children. The topics include

personal growth and enrichment, resource management, family management, building relationships with children and dealing with conflict. Participants may attend one or all. The free sessions meet from 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 6 to March 13 at the Gooding County Extension office, 203 Lucy Lane in Gooding.

"Quilting Potpourri" instructor Pat Eisinger will guide students in improving technique or in learning a new method, such as watercolor, applique, paper piecing or patchwork. Students can bring their own pattern or choose from the instructor's selection. The fee is \$35 plus supplies. It will meet from 7-9 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 3 to March 17 at the CSI center.

"Yoga" will show students about flexibility, inner strength and self-awareness. Instructed by Victoria Roper, the course will meet from 7-8:15 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 3 through April 7 at the CSI center. The cost is \$30. Beginning and intermediate students are welcome.

FOR THE PENTAGON TREE

Students at Robert Stuart Junior High in Twin Falls helped adorn a holiday tree for the Pentagon with handmade ornaments. An evergreen tree from a national forest in Idaho was transported to the Pentagon. Its first-ever holiday tree. The Idaho Forest Products Commission collected the students' ornaments, and sent them to the Pentagon to be displayed on the tree.



Photo courtesy of Robert Stuart Junior High

Actor speaks at Lions convention in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Lions Club, under the direction of Joe Shaw, will host a mid-winter convention for Idaho and Oregon Lions Clubs on Saturday at the Fine Arts Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

Tom Sullivan, a blind actor, author and athlete, will be the

guest speaker. He has had roles in "Airport 77," "Black Sunday" and "Love's Dark Rude," as well as guest appearances on "Designing Women," "Highway to Heaven," "Fame," "M.A.S.H.," "Mork and Mandy," and "WKRP in Cincinnati." His books include, "If You See What I Hear,"

"Common Sense" and "Special Parent, Special Child."

His presentation will be held in the morning session of the convention, which will be held from 8 a.m. to noon.

Any seats not reserved by Lions members can be reserved by the public at no charge by calling Mary at 733-4522 or 736-4430.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Lion's Club collects glasses at flea market

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Lion's Club will have a drop box for eyeglasses at the monthly Indoor Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 2 in the "Merchant Building" at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds. Admission is 50 cents, and preschoolers get in free. New vendors are welcome.

For more information, call 532-4439 or 431-9939.

CSI offers workshop on posture for women

TWIN FALLS - The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer "Posture and Confidence - Women" from 6-8 p.m. Feb. 6 in Desert Room 113 on the CSI campus.

The cost is \$25.

The workshop is the third in a series designed especially for women. Students will learn spe-

cific exercises to improve health and a sense of well-being. Students are instructed to wear comfortable clothing, and be prepared to take their shoes off.

The instructor is Morgan Jensen. Follow-up workshops include "Skin Care and Cosmetics," "Hair Design" and "Clothes and Style."

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6258.

Wishing Star Foundation fund-raiser benefits children

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Chapter of the Wishing Star Foundation is holding its first "Be a Sweetheart. Have a Heart. Make a Dream Come True" fund-raiser through Feb. 14.

Donations will be accepted at The Pocket, Magic Bowl, Stutman's, Time, Shake Out and Muggers Brewpub in Twin Falls. Each donor will receive a heart to write a message on. The hearts will be displayed through Valentine's Day at the business

where it was purchased.

Donations go towards the Wishing Star Foundation, which is raising money for eight wishes for local children who are suffering from life-threatening illnesses.

For more information, call Diana Jones at 734-6955.

Relay for Life holds kick-off rally at Heyburn Elementary

HEYBURN - The American Cancer Society Relay for Life kick-off rally will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Heyburn Elementary School.

The theme for this year's Relay is "Operation Seek and Destroy Cancer, Leave No One Behind." The purpose of the rally is to organize teams, distribute packets, and discuss the upcoming Relay Teams can be made up of businesses, co-workers, service clubs, school groups and clubs or any other group or organization. Team captains and anyone interested in forming a team is invited to attend.

For more information, call Tara Carlson at 678-4973 or Gail Gargos at 678-2291 or 678-8599.

Rose Society hosts rose propagation workshop

FILER - The Filer Rose Society will host a workshop on rose propagation at 9 a.m. Saturdays in the main office at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds.

The workshop will be conducted by Grace Slater of Filer.

Anyone interested in roses or becoming a new member is welcome and encouraged to attend. Roses are still available for purchase for placement in the Memorial Rose Garden at the fairgrounds.

For more information, call Barbara at 326-5636 or Shari Hart at 326-4087.

Do your homework, and check out School Days on Mondays.



Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities

Are you an adult with a developmental disability or the parent of a child with a disability?

Do you want to experience successful new ways of advocating? Would you like to learn more about disability issues and solutions? Are you ready to help create positive changes in Idaho for people with disabilities and their families? Then apply today to participate in the sixth class of Idaho Partners in Policy Making!

Who Should Apply?

Highly motivated adults with developmental disabilities and parents of children who have disabilities. What is Involved? Selected participants will attend eight 2-day training sessions, one each month from April through November 2003. Attendance at all sessions is mandatory. The Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities covers all costs of the program.

Applications must be post marked on or before Saturday, February 1, 2003. For additional information contact: The Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities 1-800-544-2433 or check out our web site where you may download an application at: <http://IdahoPartners.state.id.us>

WORDWATCH

New column
"Wordwatch" is prepared by the editors of the Collegiate Dictionary, Tenth Edition, and will be published in every Sunday's Family Life section. Readers may send questions to the editor, Wordwatch, P.O. Box 281, 47 Federal St., Springfield, Mass. 01102.

DEAR EDITOR: You sometimes describe words as coming into use from "folk etymology." Can you please explain what this means?
J.R. ROCKFORD, ILL.
DEAR J.R.: Etymology is familiar with the term, the history of a word or other linguistic form we show by tracing its development since its earliest recorded occurrence in the language where it is found, by tracing its transmission from one language to another, by analyzing it into its component parts, by identifying related words in other languages, or by tracing the word and such related words to a common ancestral form in an ancestral language. As you can guess, determining etymology is a very long and involved process.
 "Folk etymology," also known as "popular etymology," is a very different matter from etymology just described. It is the process by which a word is altered so as to resemble at least partially a more familiar word or words. Thus the Spanish word "cucaracha" entered English as "cockroach," under the influence of the already familiar words "cock" and "roach."
 Sometimes the process seems intended to "make sense" of a borrowed foreign word using native resources. For example, the Late Latin "hebrugiis," the name of a plant with medicinal properties, etymologically means "fever expeller," is nicely Anglicized as "feverfew."
 In most cases, however, the product of folk etymology may be more confusing than helpful. To go back to our earlier example, a cockroach resembles neither a "cock," a male bird, nor a "roach," a kind of fish.
 The term "folk etymology" can give a somewhat misleading impression, particularly when it is illustrated with examples like the dialectal "sparrow grass" for "asparagus," suggesting that folk etymology is the work of witless. This is not necessarily the case. "Sovereign," which was spelled "sovereyn" in Middle English, goes back to a popular Latin form we reconstruct as "super" meaning "over." "Sovereign" got its "r" by association with the etymologically unrelated "reign." Here we have a distinctly logical influence.

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DEAR EDITOR: Could you please find out how the word "tussie-mussie" originated? It is an heraldic term for a bouquet of flowers or a nosegay. Its probable from the 1800s.
K.B. GRAND BLANC, MICH.
DEAR K.B.: "Tussie-mussie" (sometimes spelled "tuzuz muzz") is much older than you suspect. Its heyday was actually in the period from 1785 to 1700. By the early part of the 19th century it was almost extinct in standard English in the "honnig" sense you mention. It survived in various dialects, however, both as an

adjective meaning "disheveled, ragged" and as a popular name for a particular plant, the plant so designated varying from region to region of England. In the 20th century "tussie-mussie" sprang back into life in mainstream English, perhaps because of the appeal of its rhyming sound. This revival began at least as far back as 1937 and continues today, although the word remains relatively rare.
 Before there was "tussie-mussie," there was in the 15th century "tussemose." Scholars take this to be most likely a form deliberately created for its jingling effect from an earlier "tus" or "tusse," having the same meaning, "bouquet." Unfortunately these postulated early forms are not recorded at all, though we do have one example of "tusse" a hundred years later. On the basis of meaning, a connection to "tuft" might also seem possible, but in the absence of clearer evidence, the question of origin beyond "tussemose" remains mysterious.

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Golden Heritage Senior Center: 2421 Overland, Burley
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Tuesday: Chili, cinnamon rolls, green salad, peaches, ice cream.
Wednesday: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, broccoli, Clara's salad, roll, apple pie.
Thursday: Meat loaf cheddar potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, strawberry Jell-O, caramel brownie.
Friday: Oven fried chicken, potatoes, gravy, roll, Jell-O, peas, strawberry shortcake.
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Jerome Senior Center: 212 First Ave. E.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.
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Tuesday: Turkey, potatoes, gravy, spinach, fruit salad, carrot cake
Wednesday: Swedish meatballs, oven noodles, scalloped corn, Jell-O
Monday: Parmesan chicken, rosemary potatoes, carrots, three bean salad, coconut bars, fruit, juice
Friday: Spaghetti, garlic bread, green beans, tossed salad, cinnamon rolls, fruit, juice
Activities:
Monday: Aerobics at 11 a.m.; Zora's Band
Tuesday: Pinocle at 1 p.m.; Snack bar at 6 p.m.; Early bird bingo at 6:45 p.m.; Bingo at 7 p.m.
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Richfield Senior Center:
Monday: Baked turkey breast, baked beans, carrot sticks, potato salad, birthday cake, ice cream, orange juice, milk, coffee
Thursday: Beef vegetable soup, turkey salad, sandwich, coconut cream pie, orange juice, milk, coffee
Shoshone Senior Center: 218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
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Paul and Elaine White

THE WHITES
RUPERT - Mr. and Mrs. Paul White celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 27, 2002, with family.
White and Elaine Burns were married Nov. 27, 1952, in Boise. Their children are Diana (Denise) Warburton of Rupert, Kathi (Randy) Bosh of Pocatello and the late Gary White. The couple has seven grandchildren.

ENCE-MEINERS

RUPERT - Dr. and Mrs. L.E. Ence of Santa Clara, Utah, announce the marriage of their daughter, Allison Ence, to Phillip Meiners, son of Walter and Vicki Meiners of Rupert.

The bride is a graduate of Snow Canyon High School and Dixie State College. She is employed at Ence and Tobler Dentistry in St. George, Utah.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Minico High School. He is currently attending the College of Southern Idaho and will be attending Idaho State University in the fall. He is employed by Nature's Best in Rupert.
The wedding was held Jan. 25 at the St. George LDS Temple.



Phillip and Allison Meiners

An open house to honor the couple will be held from 7-9 p.m. Saturday at the Rupert LDS Stake Center, 324 E. 18th St.

NEALY-WALKER

RUPERT - Donna J. Nealy, formerly of Greeley, Colo., and Wallace O. Walker of Rupert, were married Dec. 28, 2002, at the Sweetheart Manor in Burley. The Rev. Rick Walker, the groom's nephew, officiated at the ceremony.

Music included "Endless Love," a duet sung by the groom and his daughter, Melanee Walters of Rupert. Viola selections were played by the groom's granddaughter, Colleen Fox of Rupert.

Guests came from Colorado, Oregon and Nevada, and included Patrick M. Nealy, the bride's son who escorted his mother to the altar, and Rebecca A. Nealy who served as her grandmother's maid of honor.

Attendants were all grandchildren of the groom. Bridesmaids were Britney Walker of Rupert and Ariel Perley of Twin Falls, and junior bridesmaid was Stacia Walker of Rupert. Arianne Walters and Shaylee Walker were flower girls.

Wally D. Walker of Rupert, son of the groom, and Dean Hawk of Boise, friend of the couple, were the best men. Groomsmen were Mike and Ben Walker of Rupert, grandsons of the groom; and



Donna and Wallace Walker

grandson, Kurtis Walters of Rupert, was the ringbearer.

Hostesses for the dance-reception were Charlene Nealy of Colorado, daughter-in-law of the bride, and Debra Gochmour of Malta, niece of the bride.

The groom owns WOW Electric in Rupert with his son and is now semi-retired.

The bride is a former English teacher, daily newspaper reporter and career consultant. The couple will reside north of Paul, where they own a kennel and raise and train dogs that they show throughout the United States. They also plan to travel, including throughout Europe.

THE BARRS

MURRAY - Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barr celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 18.

Barr and Dolores Gianunzio were married Jan. 18, 1953, in Halls. They lived in Buhl for more than 30 years, where he worked for American Can Company and she was employed by Sav-Mor Drug.

THE ALEXANDERS

RUPERT - Mr. and Mrs. Jack Alexander of Rupert were honored at a family dinner Jan. 11 for their 60th wedding anniversary.

Alexander and Lela Denton were married Jan. 16, 1943, in Miami, Okla. They lived in Barter Springs, Kan., until 1948 when they moved to Murtaugh. They moved to Rupert in 1953.

THE BARRS

They were active in the Masons and Eastern Star, and were past grandmasters of the Buhl and Halls Lodges.

They have lived in Murray, Utah, for 16 years. They have two children, Patrick (Annie) Barr of Buhl, Utah, and Jay Barr of Johnson, Minn. The couple has three grandchildren. Friends may send well wishes to rdbcanmurf@velocis.com.

THE ALEXANDERS

He operated his own well drilling business for 35 years before retiring in 1982. She worked as a housekeeper.

They are active members of the First Christian Church in Rupert. Their children are Jackie (Valerie) Alexander of Rupert, Michael (Annette) Alexander of Idaho Falls and Susan Oleksi of Orofino. The couple has 16 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



Lela and Jack Alexander

THE VANDEN BOSCHS

JEROME - Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Vanden Bosch of Jerome will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 1-4 p.m. in the Oak Room at the WestCoast Twin Falls Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls. The couple requests no gifts.

Vanden Bosch and Jeannette Reitsma were married Feb. 4, 1953, in Chandler, Minn. They lived in Washington after their marriage, where he was stationed at Ft. Lewis while in the Army. After his discharge, they returned to Minnesota to farm. In 1963, they moved to California, where he milked cows for several years before starting a milk testing business. She was a home-maker and also worked as execu-



Jeannette and Marvin Vanden Bosch

tive office manager/secretary for the milk testing lab.

In 1980, they moved their family to Idaho to start a dairy. They went out of the dairy business in 1986. He became a dairy feed salesman/nutritionist and currently operates his own feed supplement business. She continues to offer her cleaning services to several people in the community. The couple was actively involved in Ontario Christian Reformed Church in Ontario, Calif., where he was a Boys Club leader and she was in Ladies Aid. They enjoyed square dancing with the Oxbows in California and the Buttons and Bows Square Dance Club in Jerome. They are currently attending the United Reformed Church of the Magic Valley. The event is hosted by their children, Marlene (Andy) Zylstra of Modesto, Calif., Gary (Agnes) Vanden Bosch, Diane (Al) Bels and LaVonne (Ron) Bolt, all of Twin Falls, Donna (Bernie) Strub of Ontario, Calif., Dave (Julie) Vanden Bosch, Darwin (Linda) Vanden Bosch, Danny Vanden Bosch and Marvin (Tammy) Vanden Bosch, all of Jerome, Doug (Juli) Vanden Bosch of Nampa, Glenda (Gary) Bremer of Hauser and Trudy (Vince) Zimmer of Sioux Falls, S.D. The couple has 32 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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by Dan Aspell

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omended, but choose low-fat yogurt and skim rather than whole milk. Above all, follow the most important advice for all ages: drink at least eight glasses of water throughout the day.

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HEALTHY CHEF
Poached Salmon with Horseradish Dill Sauce

INGREDIENTS:
1 Salmon fillet (1 lb.) with skin attached
4 cups water
1 lemon, thinly sliced
1 small leek, white part only, thinly sliced
1 stalk celery, thinly sliced
2 teaspoons peppercorns

Sauce:
1/2 cup low-fat sour cream
1/2 cup nonfat plain yogurt
2 scallions, minced
1 tbsp prepared horseradish
1 tbsp fresh dill

Place the salmon in a large no-stick skillet. Add the water, lemon, leeks, celery, and peppercorns. Bring to simmer over high heat - do not boil. Reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer 10 minutes. Remove and let stand 8 minutes. Place salmon on paper towels - pat dry. Carefully remove skin from salmon with a sharp knife and divide into four servings. While salmon is cooking, prepare dill sauce by combining all five ingredients and mixing well. Serve sauce over or on the side of the salmon. Serves 4

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