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IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SNOW SURROUNDING MTS. Cloudy with areas of snow over the higher elevations with rain and snow mixed with fog in the valleys today, tonight and early Tuesday. Good chances for more precipitation mid to late in the week.

Today Highs 30 to 43 Tonight's Lows 8 to 18 BOISE Rain likely today. Areas of rain and snow showers and fog tonight and early Tuesday. Unsettled all week with good chances for areas for rain and snow showers at times.

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Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 60 at Lewiston. Low: 20 at Ketchum. RS weather key: S=snow; P=partly cloudy; C=clear; M=mostly cloudy; SH=snow showers; SN=snow; R=rain; W=wind; M=missing.

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The scramble for health care workers isn't just a local phenomenon. It's global.

Nurses, medical technicians and pharmacists are in short supply, according to a survey conducted by the First Consulting Group at the request of the American Hospital Association, the Association of American Medical Colleges, the Federation of American Hospitals and the National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems.

Nationwide, there is a 15.4 percent vacancy rate for imaging technicians and a 13 percent vacancy rate for nurses. Even if demand does not increase, the vacancy rate for registered nurses will exceed 15 percent in just two years, according to the study.

By 2020 the nation will be 20 percent short of registered nurses, according to another study by the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Rural hospitals had the worst shortages of imaging technicians, while urban hospitals had the worst shortages of registered nurses.

Wendy Bright, Magic Valley Regional's radiology manager, feels lucky to have only four openings in his department, down from the usual six. He recently hired two radiology technicians from Nampa and Nevada.

"The most frustrating part of my position is dealing with the shortages and training to cover the shifts," Bright said.

Magic Valley Regional works closely with the College of Southern Idaho to assure a continuing stream of nurses and medical technicians. In fact, the hospital's plight prompted CSI to

start a two-year radiology technician program last fall.

Bright calls it "the light at the end of the tunnel."

Still more than a year from graduation, students have already received job offers, said Program Manager Gary Lauer.

Well-paid jobs await them. Fresh out of school, the rookie imaging technician can expect to make almost \$33,000 a year, Lauer said.

The current average wage of imaging technicians at Magic Valley Regional is about \$42,500 a year, Lauer said.

"That's one of the reasons this program is the hottest one on campus right now," Lauer said.

Reasons for the shortages

Nurses are aging and fewer young people are choosing nursing as a profession. And it's happening just as the huge population of baby boomers heads toward the golden years.

"There aren't enough nurses in the pipeline to replace the nurses we know are retiring," said Rick Wade, senior vice president of the American Hospital Association based in Washington, DC. "The average age of nurses is 47."

Hospitals are doing what they can to prevent a crisis. "You have to begin to bring more people into the system," Wade said. "Hospitals are getting into the school system to try to persuade young people to get into health care professions. They used to start in high school. Now they start in elementary school."

Why are fewer young people

choosing nursing as a career? It's certainly not the pay. At Magic Valley Regional, a registered nurse fresh out of school can expect to make a beginning hourly wage of \$17.86 - slightly more than \$37,000 a year.

Nationwide, nurses today make a median annual wage of close to \$46,000, according to the U.S. Labor Department.

The problem, Wade said, is the nature of the job. "When they hear today is that nursing in a hospital is hard work," he said. "So many other professions have been glamorized. Nursing in a hospital setting is not glamorized. You're dealing with pain, suffering, life and death every day."

So the health care field has had to change its recruiting strategy. "The profession of nursing has been attracted on the backs of white women," Wade said. "We want to attract more minorities and more men. We need to recruit in more nontraditional ways - look at people looking for a career change and in areas of work where laws are common."

Nursing shortages in Idaho are worse in some areas than others. "It's becoming more difficult as time goes on," said Steve Millard, president of the Idaho Hospital Association. "There are shortages in pockets around the state."

Millard said Boise has the biggest shortage. Magic Valley still has enough nurses to go around. But hospitals have to keep one-step ahead.

Janet Draney, vice president of patient services, said the hospital uses registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and certified nursing assistants. But all patients receive some of their care from registered nurses.

Draney serves on a state committee brainstorming ways to recruit and retain nurses.

The competition

In addition to sign-on bonuses, Magic Valley Regional also offers employee perks such as shift and weekend differentials. But larger hospitals in Boise offer much more.

"Nurses can go to Boise and work a weekend and make more money than they can make in a week here," said Dee Larter, human resources manager at St. Benedict's Regional Medical Center, a 25 bed hospital in Jerome with just over 200

employees. "We're smaller and older than we can compete as great outside the area with the salary structure. We're a small facility and we really need to hire a well-rounded nurse who can work in more than one area. That makes nurses harder to find."

St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, a 145-bed non-profit hospital in Lewiston, pays a \$2,000 signing bonus and \$2,000 in moving expenses to registered nurses. Technicians and therapists in exchange for a two-year commitment, according to the hospital's Web site.

But sign-on bonuses do have drawbacks, Wade said. "If you're resources into immediate staffing, which uphorns off resources that could have been used to reward staff," Wade said. "You're fighting multiple fires. You have nursing shortages and technician shortages, and it becomes an equity issue. It hurts staff morale when you reward one part of a workforce more than another."

Money isn't everything

Sawtooth Surgery Center, a doctor-owned surgical facility in Idaho Falls, doesn't offer attractive sign-on bonuses, and its 15 nurses don't get perks like shift and weekend differentials.

But they do get other kinds of perks. Like day shifts. Weekends and holidays off. Flexible scheduling. Nurses might be called to work four 10-hour days so they can have three-day weekends.

That's what appeals to Sawtooth nurses, whose average age is mid- to late-40s, said Director of Nursing Linda Trainor.

"They don't want the long hours and the burnout," Trainor said. "They want more flexibility."

And their patients are there for simple procedures, which is less stressful for nurses than working with critically ill patients.

Trainor says she's more than aware of the nursing shortage. Still, Trainor says she's better off than many other cities, Trainor said. At a recent conference, she heard cities of urban hospitals paying \$50,000 sign-on bonuses to specialty surgical nurses who sign on the dotted line.

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Homeland

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INS, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, is to disappear in March when its functions are transferred and split to create the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

"INS will not exist as INS," said Brian Roehrkase, spokesman for DHS, as the department is already calling itself in place of the INS, presumably: BCIS.

Disaster-ready FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency that cleans up after Mother Nature, morphs into the disaster response for "Emergency Preparedness and Response."

Among the names-to-be: the Integrated Hazard Information System in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is supposed to be renamed "FIRESTAT."

Washington parlance is about saving time - for busy bureaucrats, politicians and lobbyists, even if the resulting language does not make sense to anyone else.

But for insiders, why bother saying Federal Law Enforcement Training Center when FLETC will do?

Some acronyms are well known, even legendary. Almost everyone, for example, knows the

FBI and CIA. "Clearly, it's easier to just say these letters than it is to say all these words," said Anthony Roselli, professor of education and languages at Merrimack College in Massachusetts. The CIA and FBI will remain separate agencies.

Less familiar but still recognizable to many outside Washington are HHS, for the Health and Human Services Department, and a crisp DOT, for the Department of Transportation.

In scattered bursts of plain English, the government's reorganization plan says, "Transfer the Coast Guard," and "Transfer the Plum Island Animal Disease Center" of, well, "USDA," for the Agriculture Department.

More common, however, is the make, perhaps enough one to make the citizen cry, EAO.

CIAO is the Critical Infrastructure Assurance Office of the Department of Commerce. It will be transferred into the new department March 1 along with the National Communications System (NCS), the National Infrastructure Protection Center (NIPC), the National Infrastructure Simulation and Analysis Center (NISAC), the Federal Computer Incident Response Center (FedCirc) and many, many others.

Iraq

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medicines. If a war - especially a lengthy one - cuts off supplies or damages Iraq's already decrepit medical infrastructure, then children would see the most suffering, said the report.

"While it is impossible to predict both the nature of any war and the number of expected deaths and injuries ... casualties among children will be in the thousands, probably in the tens of thousands and possibly in the hundreds of thousands," team leader Eric Hoskins said.

The report's findings, read out at a news conference, were based on data collected in three Iraqi cities - Baghdad, Basra and Karbala - and interviews with 200 families. The team did not receive any help from the Iraqi government and hired its own interpreter, said Hoskins, a Canadian.

The United States and Britain are assembling the biggest ground, air and naval force in the Persian Gulf region since the 1991 Gulf War, threatening war against Iraq to disarm it of weapons of mass destruction. On Monday, the chief arms inspectors are to deliver to the U.N. Security Council a crucial report on the progress of two months of searching for biological, chemical and nuclear weapons in Iraq.

"Iraq's 13 million children are

at a grave risk of starvation, disease, death and psychological trauma," Hoskins told reporters, summing up the findings of the survey, conducted Jan. 20-26. "Iraqi children are more vulnerable than ever," he said. Iraq's under-18 population was worse off than other parts of the 1991 war, when a U.S.-led coalition drove Iraq's army out of Kuwait.

Twelve years of economic sanctions, imposed by the United Nations after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990, have left Iraq's economy shattered, although expansion of the oil for food program in recent years have improved conditions somewhat.

The oil for food program, Iraq is allowed to sell unlimited amounts of oil to buy humanitarian goods and pay war reparations.

Figures published in September 2000 by the United Nations and the World Food Program said malnutrition among children in Iraq was very serious outside Baghdad and rural areas, reflecting the effects of drought and poverty.

But it found the nutritional situation in the north "significantly improved." In the north, the oil-for-food program is implemented by the U.N. Inter-Agency Humanitarian Program on behalf of the government of Iraq, the report said.

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Videotape gets officer suspended

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - A police officer who was videotaped kicking a restrained suspect has been suspended with pay pending an investigation.

The Friday morning incident, taped by a television news helicopter, occurred after a high-speed car chase ended with the suspect fleeing on foot.

The officer, whose name has not been released, scuffled with the man in a back yard, according to Oakland Police Chief Richard Word. The suspect ran off but other officers soon subdued him.

# Worm expresses new flaw

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The latest virus-like attack on the Internet exposed a new software flaw. The worm, which spreads by e-mail, is a fast-spreading worm, government and private security experts worried that too many security managers are only fixing problems as they occur, rather than keeping their defenses up to date.

Security experts said Sunday that the problem was largely under control, though some worried that lingering infections could appear when businesses reopen Monday.

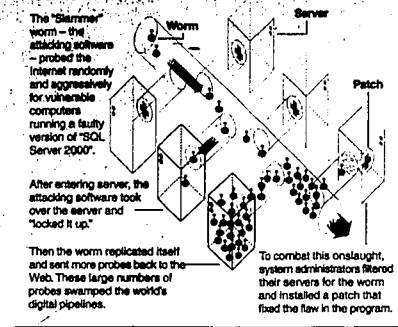
The FBI said Sunday that the attack's origin was still unknown. The worm that crippled tens of thousands of computers worldwide and congested the network for countless others, even disabling Bank of America cash machines, took advantage of a vulnerability in some Microsoft Corp. software that had been discovered in July.

Microsoft had made software updates available to patch the vulnerability in its SQL Server 2000 software — used mostly by businesses and governments — but many system administrators had yet to install them.

"There was a lot that could

## Slammer worm slows Internet traffic

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."



SOURCES: Associated Press; Matrix NetSystems Inc. Cagney/AP

have been done between July and now," said Howard A. Schmidt, President Bush's No. 2 cybersecurity adviser. "We make sure we have air in our tires and brakes get checked. We also need to make sure we keep computers up-to-date."

As the worm infected one computer, it was programmed to seek other victims by sending out thousands of probes a second,

saturation many Internet data pipelines.

Unlike most viruses and worms, it spread directly through network connections and did not need e-mail as a carrier. Thus, only network administrators who run the servers, not end users, could do anything to remedy the situation.

According to Keynote Systems Inc., which measures Internet reliability and speed, network congestion increased download times at the largest U.S. Web sites by an average of 50 percent, and some sites were completely unavailable at times Saturday.

Bruce Schneier, chief technology officer at Counterpane Internet Security, said the attack proves that relying on patches is flawed "not because it's not effective, but many don't do it."

Two of the previous major outbreaks, Code Red and Nimda, also exploited known problems for which patches were available.

But with more than 4,000 new vulnerabilities reported last year, according to the government-funded CERT Coordination Center at Carnegie Mellon University, system administrators can have trouble keeping up.

Patches also take time to install and could disrupt other systems and applications. Schmidt said many network managers delay installing patches to fully test them first.



Maria Rodriguez buys produce from street vendor Antonio Abalos in Oakland, Calif., Thursday. Once predominantly black, the neighborhood is now largely Hispanic. New data from the U.S. Census Bureau indicates that Hispanics have surpassed blacks as the largest minority group in the United States.

# Hispanics, blacks adjust to changing minority population

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Frank Gilbert has watched the nation's demographics shift from his front yard as more and more Hispanics have moved into the neighborhood where the 78-year-old retired postal worker, who is black, raised three daughters.

About five years ago, Hispanics began buying homes that blacks once owned across the street and down the block from Gilbert's one-story house. Now, black and Hispanic neighbors navigate the friendships and tensions that come with living side-by-side.

"We're going to have to learn how to get along because we all live in the same neighborhood," Gilbert said. "Everybody wants the same thing: They want better homes, they want better education for their children, they want work."

Census Bureau estimates revealed this past week show Hispanics outnumber blacks for the first time, making them the largest minority group in the United States.

The Hispanic population rose almost 5 percent between April 2000 and last July, to 37 million. The non-Hispanic black population grew about 2 percent, to 36.1 million.

Black and Hispanic groups such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the National Council of La Raza have seen the changes coming for years, and each has emphasized the importance of working on a common agenda.

Yet some see challenges as Hispanics reach this milestone. They warn of resentment among blacks who, after building a long and proud history of leading the civil rights — may now see signs of interest to Hispanic causes.

"African Americans do feel threatened," said Barry Hinton, chair of the African American

## Anti-war protest hits Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Carrying peace signs and chanting "No Bush, no bombs," thousands of people marched through downtown Pittsburgh Sunday to protest a possible U.S.

# Federal agency records history through sound

WASHINGTON (AP) — Close your eyes and just listen. There's President Theodore Roosevelt denouncing corporate swindlers, Robert Frost reading his poetry, Buffalo Bill Cody urging war with Spain over Cuba.

They are joined by 2.5 million other voices — some famous, some not — and sounds — the humming and puffing of a steam locomotive — one — preserved at the Library of Congress.

On Monday, Librarian of Congress James Billington was announcing the first 50 sounds to be entered in a National Recording Registry. It seeks to ensure even greater protection for some of the most notable songs, speeches and other utterances.

The library is not the only government repository for sounds. The National Archives and Records Administration has tens of thousands of hours of Capitol Hill speeches, committee hearings and various other gatherings.

The library's, though, is the most dynamic and diverse collection. About 100,000 recordings, new and old, arrive in a typical year.

The collection has grown so large that the library's enormous photo archive, will be moved to a new 41-acre complex in Culpeper, Va., about 70 miles southwest of Washington. Storage space is being freed in an old cold war small mountain construction should be complete in three years.

Anything stored in Culpeper will be accessible via computer at the library's Madison Building, on the Supreme Hill a block from the Supreme Court.

In conjunction with the Smithsonian Institution, the library has embarked on a pilot project called "Save Our Sounds" that seeks to preserve recordings such as those made on wax cylinders by inventor Thomas Edison and others done on acetate discs in the early 20th century.

"We have every format you can imagine and every problem with every format," said Michael Taft, who helps run the program. "What we have to do is find a way of taking sound off of all of these different media and storing them as computer files in such a way that they will be readable and accessible not just today, but 100, 200 years from now."

Some of the recordings are so fragile that just playing them can be damaging. Also, techni-



Mountz Chief listens to his voice as recorded by the Smithsonian's Frances Demaree in this 1918 black-and-white film photo.

cians still are learning how best to "digitize" sounds. One obstacle is to find standards to ensure that sounds do not lose their original form when transferred to computer files.

"We don't clean up our recordings in the sense of getting all the pops and clicks and cracks out of them," Taft said. "These recordings are artifacts in themselves. You don't erase part of a painting or a Grecian urn because you didn't like it or it didn't fit what you thought was aesthetic."

Setting priorities on what to save first also is difficult. "We have to make judgments

on what's important," Taft said, "and a hundred years from now some researcher may find we failed to save the one thing he wanted."

Allan McConnell Jr., the library's top sound engineer, said it is tough to find technicians with the expertise to work with old sounds and new technology.

There's plenty of computer whiz kids," McConnell said. "But they don't know the turntables — they don't know how to do a wax cylinder or are even interested, for that matter. I may have six turntables sitting there, but if I can't keep them running, they're no good."

The Library of Congress got its first recording almost a century ago, a short speech by German Emperor Wilhelm II, the "Kaiser Bill" which launched World War I a decade later, in 1914.

Theodore Roosevelt was the first president whose speeches were recorded. The library has samples of every president since, including those by Franklin Roosevelt, architect of the "fire side chats" to rally his countrymen's spirits during the Depression and World War II.

The chats also reside at the library.

Federal law requires that any copyrighted sound must be stored at the library. Those that librarians judge will be in demand are kept easily available. A recent example: man in the street interviews after the Sept. 11 attacks.

The library receives gifts of old collections and buys others. It has been collecting oral histories for years, including 12 hours of reminiscences from the last survivors of slavery.

More recently it has emphasized recollections of war veterans. About 4,500 have been recorded, 2,500 of them from World War II servicemen.

# Gas prices rise more than 1 cent, survey shows

CAMARILLO, Calif. — Gas prices rose nearly one and a half cents per gallon over the past two weeks, an industry analyst said Sunday.

The average weighted price for gas nationwide, including all grades and taxes, was about \$1.52 per gallon Friday, according to the Lundberg Survey of 8,000 stations nationwide. Gas cost just over \$1.50 a gallon on Jan. 3, the date of the last Lundberg Survey.

Contributing to the price rise was the continuing oil production strike in Venezuela, a fear of war against Iraq, the intense cold weather on America's East Coast, which is prompting some refiners to produce more heating oil, and the addition of a costlier gasoline additive in California, Tribly Lundberg said.

California is phasing out the use of methyl tertiary butyl ether, or MTBE, an additive that is blamed for polluting drinking water after it leaked from storage tanks. Some refiners are trying to replace it with ethanol, a corn-based fuel additive that is more expensive but better for the environment,

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**Lundberg said.** That has increased prices in California, which in turn pushed up the nationwide price average, Lundberg said.

Federal law requires gasoline to contain a 2 percent oxygen additive — such as MTBE or ethanol — to cut down on air pollution.

## Gates pledges \$200M for overlooked research

Software billionaire Bill Gates announced Sunday that his charitable foundation will spend \$200 million to pay for promising but overlooked medical research targeted at diseases most prevalent in poor and underdeveloped countries.

The grants are meant to draw attention and brainpower to diseases such as malaria, tuberculosis, bacterial meningitis and childhood diarrhea illness. Those conditions are responsible for much of the global burden of disease but are relatively rare in industrialized countries, where

health problems set the agenda for the most biomedical research. The \$200 million will be disbursed after a committee of scientists from around the world spends about nine months identifying what Gates called the "grand challenges" of global health.

## Israel locks down areas ahead of national election

JERUSALEM — Israel locked down the West Bank and Gaza Strip on Sunday ahead of its national election, after a large-scale military incursion into Gaza and warnings that Palestinians may try to disrupt the voting with violence.

About 26,500 police and soldiers were deploying to guard against Palestinian attacks during the voting Tuesday, police spokesman Gil Kleiman said.

Wrapping up his campaign in Haifa, the home of his main opponent, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said he would try to set up a broad-based government after the election.

With voting two days away, a poll published Sunday indicated that Sharon's Likud Party

remains comfortably ahead, winning 30 seats in the 120-member parliament, compared to 19 for the opposition Labor party. The Georgetown poll survey, among 1,007 voters also said the centrist Shinui party would win 13 seats. It quoted an error margin of 3.1 percentage points.

## Fire in home with barred windows kills five

DETROIT — A kitchen fire spread smoke and flames through a home early Sunday, killing two adults and three children and injuring three others trapped behind the home's barred windows and doors, fire officials said.

Like other houses on the street, the home's windows were blocked by security bars, which may have prevented those inside from easily escaping the smoke and fire, chief arson investigator John Tucker said.

One woman and her 10-year-old daughter managed to get out by climbing to the attic, breaking a window and jumping, Tucker said. Firefighters found the other six inside one of the bedrooms.

Tired of winter? Think of spring flowers that is Wednesday in The TN

## Stewart says stock sale probe has cost her \$400M

NEW YORK — Martha Stewart estimates the federal investigation into her late July stock trade has cost her about \$400 million, according to an interview with The New Yorker magazine, which reaches newstands Monday.

Stewart told New Yorker writer Jeffrey Tobin that the losses have been mostly in the decline in value of her more than 30 million shares in her multimillion-dollar company, but also in legal fees and lost business opportunities.

It was her first lengthy media interview on the subject since news broke last June that federal prosecutors were investigating Stewart's side of the InCoSystem Inc. share.

Stewart noted that her image has suffered and said she's "puzzled by the public's delight" in her troubles.

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BEYOND BASE PAY

Many hospital paychecks include base pay plus substantial overtime, shift differentials and on-call pay. Here are the names of those who collected the most extra pay in Fiscal Year 2002, which ended in September.

Name	Job Title	Base	Overtime	Shift	On-Call	Total
Neckles, Patricia A.	Med Tech	\$8,704	\$4,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$14,704
Pennington, James	Paramedic	\$8,704	\$4,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$14,704
Wilson, Brian P.	Paramedic	\$8,704	\$4,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$14,704
Foster, Bruce	Team Leader, Radiology	\$39,536	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$42,536
Messie, James	Paramedic Field Supv	\$20,908	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$24,908
Wolfe, Jeffrey M.	Paramedic	\$20,908	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$24,908
Federico Drake, Sharon	Registered Nurse BSN	\$24,908	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$28,908
Cook, Dan N.	Imaging Specialist II	\$24,908	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$28,908
Hills, Dennis	Paramedic Field Supv	\$24,908	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$28,908
Gustavson, Mary J.	Paramedic	\$24,908	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$28,908
Overton, Sally J.	Registered Nurse BSN	\$24,908	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$28,908
Mitchell, Loreta	Registered Nurse	\$51,774	\$2,106	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$55,880
Weimer, Michael K.	Paramedic Field Supv	\$54,478	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$58,478
Hatch, Michael T.	Team Leader, Cardiology	\$50,154	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$55,154
Hawkins, Renee A.	Imaging Specialist I	\$28,392	\$2,174	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$32,566
Turner, Bret S.	Paramedic	\$32,480	\$2,074	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$37,554
Stathem, Judy Joanne	Imaging Specialist I	\$52,811	\$2,177	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$57,988
Bywater, Brent D.	Nuc Med Tech	\$46,186	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$50,186
Sutzman, Gordon R.	Non Invasive Card Tech	\$52,291	\$2,688	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$57,979

Source: Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Pay

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2001-2002 through overtime, shift differential and on-call pay. Several others nearly hit the paramedic earning the most extra pay, James Pennington, grossed close to \$70,000, on a base pay of less than \$20,000.

Medical technicians, paramedics and nurses led in overtime last year. The hospital spent \$37.1 million on salaries last year, and \$1.4 million of it (3.8 percent) was overtime, said Human Resources Director Samantha Lopez. That's up from \$11.2 million, or 3.8 percent of the \$31.6 million the hospital spent on salaries the previous year.

So how did paramedics end up doubling their paychecks? First, they work 24-hour shifts. They're also on call for 24-hour periods, receiving \$2.75 an hour just waiting for the phone to ring.

Overtime pays time and a half. They receive additional dollars for working late shifts and weekends.

Shift differential pays an extra 12 percent of the pay grade minimum, or \$1.75 extra an hour, whichever is greater, Lopez said. Weekend pay is an extra 8 percent of the pay grade minimum, or an additional 75 cents an hour, Lopez said.

No perks for deputies

Overtime and differentials make for a stark imbalance between two sets of Twin Falls police employees. If you crash your car in Twin Falls County, the sheriff's deputy who comes to your aid may have earned \$30,000 last year. The paramedic working beside him — a county sheriff's employee — may have earned twice as much.

Though deputies and paramedics both work odd hours providing emergency services, the similarities stop there.

First of all, the county can't afford to match hospital pay.

A beginning paramedic makes \$12.24 an hour, a dollar more than the sheriff's deputy who makes \$11.22 an hour. A deputy gets 110 percent of his hourly rate for working overtime. But under the Fair Labor Standards Act, law officers and firefighters

have to work 171 hours a month before they qualify for overtime. As a result, deputies get the privilege of carrying a cell phone with him wherever he goes — but no on-call pay. And there's no extra money for working the night shift.

"We don't have the money to pay shift differential," said Sheriff Wayne Tousey. "The hospital has \$17 million in the bank."

On the other hand, deputies and paramedics have far different training levels. Deputies go through a 10-week police academy; paramedics need at least two years of formal training.

Tousey would like to pay his deputies more, especially since their jobs put them at risk.

"We make the area secure before the paramedics come in there," he said. "The citizens of this county are getting a bargain on law enforcement services, because they're not being paid enough."

Overtime at a price

The hospital's purchase of the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital last year brought more employees, but it also increased the patient load considerably.

"It's definitely increased our business at the hospital," said Radiology Team Leader Wesley Bright. "There's not much down time anymore. The techs have really felt the impact."

Hospitals aren't the only places with overworked employees. At Bill Ruud, professor of strategy, policy and organizational behavior and the former dean of Boise State University's College of Business. In today's shaky economy, overtime is an issue in the private sector as well.

"As the economy gets tougher, it's easier for employers to ask employees to work overtime so they don't have to create new spots they might have to get rid of," Ruud said.

Ruud said businesses are reluctant to hire more employees because of the additional benefit costs.

But Ruud said sooner or later overtime becomes counterproductive.

"People can only absorb long hours and remain effective for a certain amount of time. It affects efficiency and effectiveness in a corporation. A hospital can call in professionals to work overtime, but eventually the hospital will realize employees were only designed to work at such a level for a certain amount of time."

He said hospitals need to partner with each other to find enough nurses and technologists to fill the need.

"Which is better — to pay one employee who works 65 hours a week \$100,000 a year or to have two employees working 45 hours a week making \$50,000 or \$60,000 a year? You're still spending the same amount of money, but you have better coverage, people can take vacations and it improves morale."

Exhausting schedules

Ruud said perks such as overtime pay and shift differential definitely have their appeal, but there's always a trade-off.

"Is the extra money worth missing your kid's play?"

Patricia Neale, a nuclear medicine technician at Magic Valley Regional, earned more overtime and shift differentials last year than any other hospital employee — more than \$46,000 on top of her \$52,000 base salary. Her broad training in several fields put her skills in heavy demand.

"I was on call three out of every four days," she said. "It's really grueling. You have to give up a lot of private time, family time."

"On the other hand, I love what I do or I wouldn't be doing it. You can't say to a patient at 6 o'clock that you'll be back tomorrow at 8. You can't just turn someone away. You have to care about sick people."

Neale is finally getting a break from 65-hour weeks. Bright, cross-trained other technicians in his department to give Neale a little more time off.

"The future looks better," she said.

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Privacy vs. right to know  
Hospitals' lobby seeks to make salaries secret

By Sandy Miller  
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TWIN FALLS — An Idaho Supreme Court ruling concluded Act I of the hospital pay record drama. But Act II is warming up in Boise.

In late November, the state's top court ruled in favor of the Times-News, requiring Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to hand over a document the newspaper had requested a year and a half earlier — a list of names, job titles and salaries of employees earning more than \$50,000 a year.

Disappointed in court, the Idaho Hospital Association plans to ask state legislators to change the law. This will be the second year the association has asked for hospital pay records to be exempted from Idaho's Public Records Law.

"We knew it wouldn't go anywhere last year, because we didn't introduce it until the last two weeks of the session," said IHA President Steve Millard. "It is our intent to bring it back this year."

Millard told the Senate Health and Welfare Committee last spring the lobbying effort was inspired by records requests from north Idaho newspapers during the 1980s and The Times-News in 2001.

"It came out of the situation down there, but Magic Valley (Regional) didn't lead the charge," Millard said.

"Because of what happened in Twin Falls County and some other counties, it was just felt it was time to make the language so not all employees of public hospitals are deemed public officials," Millard said. "We don't think the housekeeper at Magic Valley Regional is a public official."

Millard said public hospitals are different from cities, counties and other public entities.

"Funding comes from patient revenue, just like the private hospitals they compete with," Millard said. Magic Valley Regional hasn't received tax dollars since 1979.

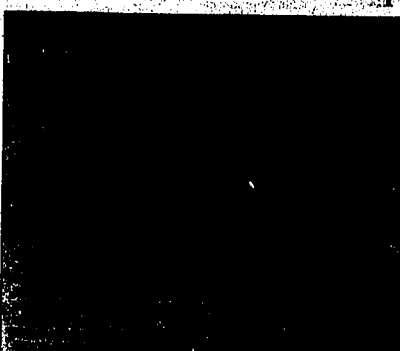
But Boise attorney Roy Eiguren, a lobbyist representing Idaho's 14 daily newspapers, says that doesn't matter.

"Public hospitals are created pursuant to statute and they're public entities," Eiguren said. "Even if they're not using tax dollars, the still have the capability to impose taxes" — through methods such as bond issues.

"Every year, the Legislature considers 10 to 12 pieces of new legislation to allow further exemption from public disclosure," Eiguren said. "We oppose that. The public's right to know is the fundamental issue. The salaries of all public employees should be open to the public. It's been the law of the state of Idaho since its statehood and was recently confirmed by the Supreme Court."

The court case

The legal road to the Idaho Supreme Court began in May 2001, when The Times-News requested the names, job titles



and salaries of Magic Valley Regional employees earning more than \$50,000 a year. The hospital provided job titles and salaries, but with the exception of the names of three top executives, the names were blacked out.

Hospital officials said providing the names would violate employees' privacy, which officials said outweighed the public's right to know.

In August 2001, 5th District Judge Roger Burdick ruled that employees of the county-owned hospital are subject to Idaho's Public Records Law just as any other public employees. Magic Valley Regional appealed to the Idaho Supreme Court, which heard the case in November.

Tansen Leachman, the Boise attorney representing Magic Valley Regional, said if names of public hospital employees are indeed public record, then anyone could request the information, including former employees or competing hospitals.

Leachman said if employees knew one another's salaries, the resulting morale problems "could impact patient care." Leachman said public employees shouldn't be expected to check their rights at the door.

But Times-News lawyer Rich Bevan of Twin Falls said county hospital workers are public employees and therefore subject to public records laws.

"The newspaper has every right to see the information," Bevan argued.

"The basic principle here is that the people who own an enterprise have the right to know how the enterprise spends its money," said Clark Walworth, Times-News managing editor. "If this hospital were owned by stockholders, the stockholders would have the right to know. In a public hospital, the citizens are the stockholders."

Contrasting views

One public official who supports the newspaper's position is Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousey. The sheriff, who owns employees are paid less than many workers at the county-owned hospital, said public hospital

salaries should be open for review.

"It's still a county entity," Tousey said. "I think the paper was right for taking them to task. Salaries are public information."

The hospital's fight to hold back the records gratified Patricia Neale, a nuclear medicine technician. Neale's \$46,000 in overtime, shift differentials and on-call pay brought her gross pay for fiscal year 2002 to almost \$98,000. She's concerned about how some co-workers will greet that news.

"They're just going to care that we made more than \$50,000," Neale said. "They're not going to care about how much sleep you lost. They'll just say, 'Look at how much money you made.' But it's not like we're fat cats, making that in 40 hours a week."

Magic Valley Regional CEO John Kee said publishing the salaries of public hospital employees gives an unfair edge to private institutions competing for hard-to-find workers. Kee, on the mend after knee surgery, responded in a written statement.

"I believe that in the long run, the desire of the media to routinely publish names and salaries will impair our ability to recruit and retain employees," Kee wrote. "Private not-for-profit facilities offer similar wages and benefits, with the added respect for privacy their employees deserve."

Kee acknowledged that publishing the salaries of selected employees "increases public accountability, and therefore benefits the community." But the hospital opposes disclosure of "rank and file" employee salaries, he said.

In addition to supporting legislation to change the Public Records Law, the hospital is studying the possibility of transforming its management structure. One option to be considered is a "community-based non-profit," formally known as a 501(c)3. Such a structure would exempt the hospital's salaries from the Public Records Law.

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Bush

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ators gave their assessments. Many of Saddam's compliance during the first 60 days of inspections.

Bush has many incentives to buy time, including resistance from crucial potential allies, rising skepticism in polls, and the assessment of defense and analysts that the military force needed for an invasion might not be in place until late February or early March.

Officials suggested Bush's speech will include no new evidence of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons stocks in Iraq, or linking Saddam to the al-Qaida terrorist network or the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. "This is not a place for a slide show," Bartlett said Sunday on ABC's "This Week."

Another official, repeating the administration's contention that the burden of proof is on Saddam, said Bush's speech "doesn't need to convince anybody that Iraq hasn't done what they said they would do."

"He only needs to convince people of what the consequences should be," the official said.

White House chief of staff Andrew Card said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that the administration "should anticipate that the United States will use whatever means necessary to protect us and the world from a holo-

caust." Asked if that includes the possible use of nuclear weapons, Card said, "I'm not going to put anything on the table or off the table, but we have a responsibility to make sure Saddam Hussein and his generals do not use weapons of mass destruction."

Officials said that during the domestic portion of the speech, Bush will try to put the onus on Democrats by calling on them to support his plans for a new tax act and a reorganization of Medicare, and he will cite the president of Democrats joining Republicans to pass his first tax cut and his education plan, along with creating a Department of Homeland Security and giving the administration greater trade negotiating power.

Officials said Bush's Medicare plan would cost nearly \$400 billion over 10 years, and would help senior citizens pay for prescription drugs by allowing them to choose to join a managed-care plan. To defuse expected criticism that the proposal is an effort to privatize some Medicare benefits, the administration plans to argue the system will allow senior citizens to have choices that are very similar to those now enjoyed by federal employees.

The speech includes a restatement of Bush's commitment to what aides call his "compassion agenda," and he is to announce

new initiatives to help religious organizations provide federally funded social services.

One official said Bush will emphasize "priorities, not a litany or laundry list or series of microbursts."

Aides said Bush met with his speechwriters in mid-December to begin discussing the goal and tone of the address. Bush's chief speechwriter, Michael Gerson, prepared the early drafts in consultation with Bartlett. Bush was given a draft to mark up two Fridays ago, then held his first formal rehearsal — complete with TelePrompTer, last Friday. He held another run-through Sunday.

Karen Hughes, who left the White House staff in July but has remained a significant presence as a consultant to the Republican National Committee, was a sounding board for Bush and the speechwriters and helped determine the order of elements within the speech, officials said.

Democrats began their rebuttals Friday, with the Democratic National Committee releasing a 78-page research report accusing Bush of "misplace priorities, missed opportunities and the myth of leadership."

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., will give a "pre-buttal" Monday at the National Press Club.

might not

in the black

NAMPA (AP) — Only three months into the fiscal year and the Center for the Arctic has already spent nearly half its budget.

Now officials are wondering if the center can finish the year in the black.

William J. Moore, the center's executive director, said Nampa Urban

Shelby Agency board member Shirley Dean.

The center spent \$332,846 of its \$322,000 budget for operations, advertising and promotion, capital projects and equipment in October, November and December — the first three months of its fiscal year.

Center staff said expenses that have been canceled, pressed or moved to a later date are the reason the center exceeded its budget. Center Director Rod Orrison said that it is hard to estimate income and expenses for future months.

In fiscal year 2002, the board belatedly cut the center after it exceeded its \$668,000 budget by \$143,365, or 21 percent, citing higher electric bills, a downturn in the economy and expenses for additional security.

After the Idaho Center opened early in 1997, hopes were high that the arena would turn a profit by the next year.

Board members now say that the center probably will never be self-supporting.

Avenues the center is pursuing to improve its financial situation include increased sales of advertising signs, higher charges for building in the arena, installation of a center-owned ATM machine and renegotiating newspaper advertising expenses. Those strategies could save between \$68,000 and \$88,000, officials said.

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Recent activity in 5th District Court in the city of Twin Falls included the following:

Drunk-driving sentences

Louise Lee Warren, 20, 2176 Falls Ave. E., Twin Falls, one count driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine with 90 days in jail, credit for 18 suspended, driving privileges suspended for 90 days, 12 months probation, \$15 per month probation fee, shall not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present, submit to alcohol/drug testing, attend court-ordered treatment, complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer, one count possession of driver's license, dismissed by prosecutor, Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

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expansion plan gets chilly reception

technology to be tested this spring may be possible for oil companies to extend operations in the tundra while having little impact on the local environment.

The winter-only season for exploratory drilling allows heavy equipment to be shipped over roads that are frozen or made into temporary roads that adapt to the underlying tundra. But Anadarko Petroleum Corp. aims to free itself from such restrictions with a new design for platforms and towers.

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Traditional drilling methods dictate construction of costly ice-road and platform that protect the tundra but the local weather conditions. The new design's lightweight aluminum modules can be transported using helicopter and approved tundra travel vehicles with special tires designed to reduce impact on the local environment.

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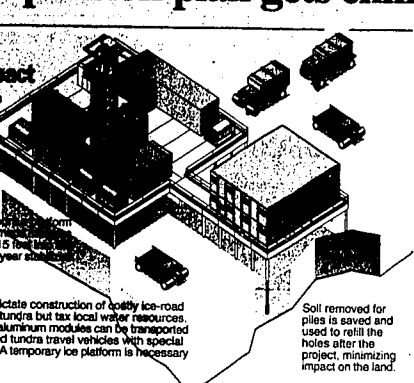
Currently, drilling in Alaska is centered in the northeastern part of the state's North Slope, with Prudhoe Bay serving as a mecca. Portable platform technology could provide drilling access to more remote areas to the south and west, while its environmental advantages could convince lawmakers to allow drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

"If it grabs hold and extends the season, that would be ideal for the oil companies and less than ideal for most of the species that use the region for breeding," App said.

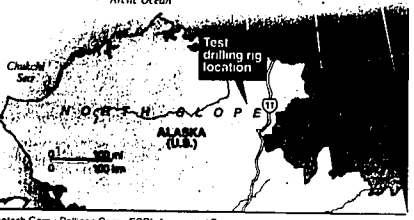
To be sure, Anadarko's patented design is innovative and does offer some environmental and friendly changes to existing industry practices.

For example, the Arctic platform doubles as a production unit and stands about 12 feet above the tundra. That eliminates the need to build permanent production facilities on top of widely used gravel pads, which can leave long-lasting scars on the land and are expensive to clear up.

"The less gravel the industry puts on the tundra, the more favorable state looks on (proposed) projects," said Anne Vincent,



Soil removed for piles is saved and used to refill the holes after the project, minimizing impact on the land.



SOURCES: Anadarko Petroleum Corp.; Dynatech Corp.; Poligon Corp.; ESRI, Associated Press

manager of communications for Houston-based Anadarko. There are economic incentives as well. Under traditional methods, a permanent gravel pad and production platform are built when an exploratory well is drilled successfully — that is, when oil or gas flows as planned. Unlike exploration, oil production is a perennial activity.

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"As soon as it starts getting out there, how much it might riggs out even if we're not finished," Anadarko's Vincent said. "That's a pretty expensive way to do business."

By roads, which replaced gravel roads in the 1980s, cost roughly tenfold environmental laws, cost an estimated \$100,000 per mile to build. They give companies roughly three months to get in and out before the spring thaw, or just enough time to drill one exploratory well per site.

But the industry is finding its window of opportunity increasingly constrained by shorter winters, as well as some environmentalists' point to as evidence of global climate change caused by the burning of fossil fuels.

While Anadarko would not discuss the cost of the Arctic platform or estimate how much it might reduce expenses, the company said it will enable exploratory drilling to occur nearly year-round, improving the efficiency of operations and creating more job opportunities for Alaska.

Another catalyst for the Arctic platform is Anadarko's intent to pursue natural gas in the foothills of the Brooks Range, where foothill construction is made difficult by the steep gradient of the land.

Anadarko said removal of the Arctic platform is relatively easy compared with gravel pads and leaves little mess. Holes dug in the ground for piles can be back filled, allowing the tundra to heal naturally.

While environmentalists concede that reducing the industrial footprint at abandoned drilling sites is a good thing, they are more worried that the Arctic platform merely would help spread industrial activity on Alaska's North Slope — now concentrated in the northeast — further south and west.

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## OTHER VIEWS

### Libya turns into U.N.'s human rights fiasco

Chicago Tribune

If you're looking for human rights abuses, you can't find many better places than Libya. It is to human rights what tornadoes are to trailer homes. The human rights group Freedom House ranks it as one of the nine most repressive countries on the planet, among such company as Iraq and North Korea.

Human Rights Watch says Libya's record has been "appalling," based on the government's habit of assassinating political opponents, imprisoning people without charge, arresting dissidents and torturing prisoners. For those with long memories, there is also the minor matter of its involvement in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland — an act of terrorism that took 270 lives.

It seems that the commission has a practice of rotating the chair's job among different regions, and this is Africa's turn to be in charge. Though there are several countries on that continent with good records on human rights, the African nations chose to nominate Libyan ambassador Najat Al-Hajjaji for the presidency.

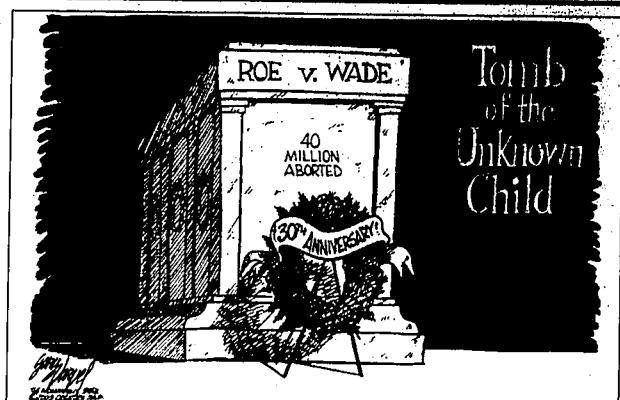
**Their view:** This guest editorial by the Chicago Tribune says the United Nations has lost credibility by making Libya in charge of the Commission on Human Rights.

Why they would do that is no real mystery. Gadhafi has been using his oil wealth to buy influence with the African Union, doing things like sending troops to save the government of the Central African Republic, offering training to soldiers in Mozambique and providing money to the embattled dictatorship of Zimbabwe. His strategy appears to be working.

The UNCHR has also been hijacked by repressive governments that don't like the world body poking its snout into matters like freedom and democracy. "They're dedicated to protecting themselves from scrutiny rather than upholding human rights," Rory Mungeron, advocacy director of Human Rights Watch, said last year, after the commission turned a blind eye to abuses in Russia, China, Iran and Zimbabwe. Gadhafi can be trusted not to rock that boat.

The commission is accustomed to looking bad, having gotten lots of unfavorable publicity for excluding the United States from membership back in 2001 (though it relented last year). But putting Libya in charge of a body that regarded the United States as unfit for membership is bound to reduce its credibility from slim to none.

The UNCHR could be a powerful tool for exposing human rights violations and shaming governments into ending them. But right now, it's more intent on shaming itself.



### Women deserve facts on abortion

KATHLEEN M. GALLAGHER

It was 30 years ago last Wednesday that seven U.S. Supreme Court Justices ruled in *Roe vs. Wade* that abortion was a fundamental constitutional right.

We all know what that has meant for the babies. Oh, all right. Even if you don't believe they're babies, you've got to admit they are at least potential babies. And they're not here now. So abortion can't really be said to be a positive for them.

But what about the women who've had abortions? Has abortion been good for them? Has it brought them the empowerment, freedom and progress that was envisioned three decades ago? Has it improved their health and well-being? Let's examine the evidence.

Thanks to the well-funded campaigns of organized women's groups, New York State has some of the most liberal abortion policies in the nation: The law requires no waiting period or informed consent for pregnant women, it discourages parental involvement in minors' abortions, and it forces taxpayers to fund the procedure.

Abortion is readily available in clinics, where women can choose either pills or surgery to end their pregnancies. Pro-choice groups even persuaded our Legislature to enact a law protecting women entering those clinics from harassment and obstructed access.

But once inside, are women protected?

History reveals that women have been tendered infertile, oth- erwise maimed and sometimes killed through legal abortion. Unlicensed butchers continue to practice in large urban areas, and even licensed abortion clinics don't seem dependable. In 2000, the "Choices Women's Medical Center" in Long Island City was ordered to cease all operating

room procedures for three weeks after New York State Health Department investigators found "serious systemic problems that pose a significant risk to vulnerable women." Their findings included hasty abortions (one every five minutes), inadequate nursing staff, faulty equipment and inadequate employee screening.

Yet the pro-choice women's groups continue to call abortion "safe." They oppose laws requiring that pregnant women be given medically accurate information and informed of the possible risks associated with abortion.

Rather than supporting the state licensing of abortion clinics in the same manner as other medical clinics, these activists will more readily challenge such regulations, even though they are designed to ensure minimal health and safety standards for women. They claim they "unduly burden" a woman's right.

Instead of working to increase the standard of care for pregnant women, pro-choice groups press to allow less qualified medical personnel to perform abortion making. In September, the governor of California signed a first in the nation law allowing midlevel practitioners (physician assistants, nurses and nurse midwives) to dispense the RU-486 abortion pill.

Abortion advocates deny any relationship between abortion and breast cancer, despite the fact that studies worldwide and in the United States indicate increased risk of breast cancer for women who have undergone abortions. Shouldn't organized women's groups be seeking to increase pub-

lic awareness of this risk factor, to enable more women known to be at risk to be screened with mammograms?

The psychological effects of abortion on women have been seen first-hand by the many church counselors and support groups which provide help and healing. Substance abuse, self-destructive behavior, eating disorders and other emotional problems have all been documented. Medical studies confirm that women who abort an unintended pregnancy are at greater risk of subsequent long-term clinical depression compared with women who carry that pregnancy to term. Yet we don't see the abortion advocacy crowd rushing in to offer assistance.

On the contrary, they are out and about campaigning for "greater access" to abortion services. Can someone explain to me why the pro-choice groups, who have always claimed to want to make abortion "rare," are now running an Abortion Access Project to increase abortion services and train new providers?

Women deserve better than 30 years of legal abortion. At the very least, women deserve safety and honesty. Women cannot truly possess the "freedom to choose" if they are not given all the information needed for decision making.

Above all, women deserve the financial aid, material assistance and emotional support to enable them to make true choices, including the choice to bear their children and raise families with dignity.

Women do not need to sacrifice their rights or the lives of their children in order to achieve equality, progress and freedom.

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## LETTERS

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**Save money and send the legislators home**

Seems that most everyone is taking a cut at proposing the means to fix the Idaho revenue shortfall, i.e., the Gov, the Blue Ribbon Panel and the legislators who facilitated the shortfall by agreeing to the tax refund. Haven't heard much from the latter folk, the plain citizens, the segment that has to take up the slack when state government falters.

I wish to offer my solution and concurrently alleviate other short-sighted legislation. My solution is simple and direct: just cancel the legislative sessions for the next three years. Think of the savings in salaries for assistants and aides, costs of hearings and base-level ball printings, the per diem for legislative room and board,

transportation and parking fees. Should help to still the legislative lobbyists for a while, too. Maybe the legislators could return in three years with a few proposals meaningful to all of us rather than favoring special interests.

I would challenge you readers to propose a piece of legislation that had the attention of the Boise playground crowd and became law last year. The legisla- tive session a party time, from breakfast to late night. Most of the day time action is just posturing for the home folks. For an 100 or so "dedicated persons" spend 90 days developing trivia and violating basic rights of fellow Idahoans? Maybe the purchase, lease and personal use of state vehicles could likewise be canceled for three years along with the Gov's asserted plethora of "special assistants" for further savings. Can't you just hear the squalor from the Boise merchants? If you think canceling the ses-

sion is frivolous, maybe you should look back to the days when the Idaho Legislature met by annals — that's every other year. The sky didn't fall, and strangely, there weren't gross tax revenue short falls, but this was before the lobbyists came to Boise.

If three years of sales tax increases can cause the present predicament, then three years lapse in legislative sessions has the potential for wondrous happenings. If you buy the Legislature turning loose of the increase in the sales tax after three years, you have to believe in the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy. Fake it, state government is self destructing from its own weight and excess. The people are not responsible, so why should they pay to fix it? Let state government bail itself out. For now, I like the three year respite from legislative sessions.  
**JACK WENDLING**  
Filer

### Hollywood is to blame for our bad image

Public opinion surveys around the world consistently show that many people overseas find Americans overbearing, aggressive and domineering. Often this is ascribed to American foreign policy, that is said to have caused so many. As it turns out, the problem may not be in Washington at all. Instead, think Hollywood. Hollywood, if nothing else, is

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profiling, churning out films and television programs that often appear on screens large and small around the world, these shows frequently present the only perspective that international viewers get of what Americans are like.

A new study demonstrates that, thanks to Tony Soprano, "Sex and the City" and young pop divas, Hollywood has given us our unflattering image.

As reported in "The Next Generation's Image of Americans," Boston University communication professors Melvin and Margaret DeFleur surveyed 1,259 teenagers from 25 countries about their attitudes toward Americans. What they found is astounding.

Few of those surveyed had any direct contact with Americans; only 12 percent had visited their United States. But they did have access to American television programs, movies and pop music, and based on that exposure, most of these teens considered Americans to be violent, prone to criminal activity and sexually immoral.

The study found that the more access countries had to American programs, the higher their negative attitudes toward Americans, tended to be.

Our popular culture, far from endearing people to us, is actually severely hurting our standing. For example, a much higher percentage of Mexican and South Korean teenagers agreed with the statement "Americans are very materialistic" than did teens from Nigeria, China and Pakistan.

When the statement was made that "many American women are sexually immoral," teens in Taiwan, Mexico, the Dominican Republic and South Korea agreed much more frequently than teens in China and Pakistan.

"These results suggest that pop culture, rather than foreign policy, is the true culprit in our high school 'America-hatred,'" Melvin DeFleur says. "Why should we worry about what our foreign teenagers think about us? Aside from the fact that these young people will soon be adults and influence politics in their countries, the DeFleurs point out that teens 'are the ones who are trained and equipped to conduct terrorist acts."

Yet we shouldn't expect much self-reflection or change from Hollywood. The major studios and record companies make big money selling their products to the world. And, of course, they exercise their First Amendment right to produce what they want. But to paraphrase the old saying, entertainment has consequences. Hollywood should at least be asked by our public leaders to accept responsibility for the damage it is doing.

What the Bush administration can do is re-examine American public diplomacy efforts overseas. The recent launching of Radio Sawa, which will bring British speakers to the Middle East, is a nice step to enhance our reputation in the region — quite the contrary. Instead of a quick fix, we need to rethink our public diplomacy campaign entirely. We need public diplomacy programs that put the world in touch with real Americans, not celebrities. Americans don't represent us; we largely undeservedly make up the world's image.

*Newt Gingrich is a past speaker of the House of Representatives, and Peter Schweizer is author of "Rogue Wars."*

### Arguments for dairy overproduction don't wash

In her most recent letter, Merle Schindler makes the case for why dairy farmers are the cause of low milk prices because of over production. If that were the statement, she would be in error in blaming only dairy farmers since all milk produced by all contribute to the overproduction, not just the milk from dairy farms that don't like.

Aside from that, anyone who blames overproduction for the current low milk price is simply ignoring one very important bit of information: The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports in its weekly publication, Dairy Market News, that from January through September 2002, the dollar value of dairy imports was \$1,187.7 million, compared to an export value of \$2,734 million. In other words, \$1.5 billion more in exports than imports nearly double the dairy

products that we exported during those nine months. In light of that, it would seem that over production isn't the problem at all, but rather over importation.

And though her "greeds dairy men" remark deserves no response, I'll point out that many dairy families (famously support their churches and other charities, just like everyone else does. In addition, through the United Boardmen of Idaho, dairy families have supported the Idaho High School Activities Association for the past 19 years. The money contributed to this program is used to fund state tournaments for athletics, drama, debate and music, and also the Inter-Scholastic Star Scholarship Student and the Distinguished Student program. So far, about \$2.4 million has been contributed, benefiting kids throughout the state of Idaho.

Whether the're dairy affiliated or not, people who contribute time and money to such programs are

By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tasker

LETTER

Idahoans were misled

on gaming initiative

Once again, I feel that I must put my 2 cents in the pot (old family saying) about some of the things that have happened in the last few years.

My father, in his teen-age years, herded sheep in the Teton Valley. He used to say sheep were the stupidest animal. When one led off, the others would follow. Even if it meant right over a cliff. Then I recall him remarking "It's too bad some people are like sheep." I didn't really understand his saying until the term limits proposition came up. On the surface, it seemed like a good thing. If a person didn't stop to think a little and realize what the consequences would be. With term limits, it basically takes away my rights, and everyone has the right to vote as they want. You just have to use your vote.

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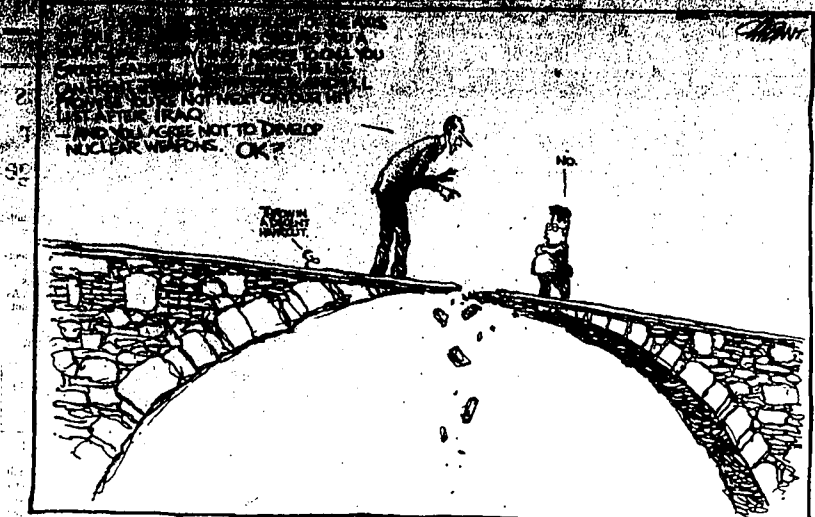
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# Bush reaps what he sowed

George W. Bush may well choose to repeat the phrase "axis of evil" in his State of the Union address Tuesday. He's a proud man, after all, who hates to admit a mistake.

But the policy that grew out of those ringing words has already been negated. Unfortunately, the backlash from that phrase can't be negated so readily.

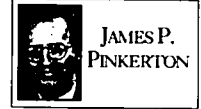
In creating that memorable sound bite, Bush was mostly wrapping rhetoric around a policy that key advisers had long supported - "regime change" in Iraq.

On Jan. 26, 1998, a core cadre of 18 neoconservative policy thinkers signed an open letter to President Bill Clinton, arguing for "the removal of Saddam Hussein's regime from power."

No fewer than nine of those signatories - including Donald Rumsfeld, now secretary of Defense - currently hold top national-security posts in the government.

Yet for all their enthusiasm, these war hawks lacked a "smoking gun." That smokescreen changed, at least in their eyes, after 9/11. In the months that followed, the administration lost interest in al-Qaida, shifting instead to a war on Iraq.

Indeed, some in the administration wanted to target even more enemies. For that story, we can turn to a new memoir by ex-Bush speech writer David Frum, "The Right Man: The Surprise Presidency of George W. Bush." As Frum records, his then boss, chief speech writer Mike Gerson, came to him in December 2001 and asked, "Can you sum up in a



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sentence or two our best case for going after Iraq?" Frum went to work, but National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice "wanted to take on Iran as well." And at the last minute, North Korea was added. Bush gave the "axis of evil" address on Jan. 29, 2002.

Today, Frum's place in history - and in bookstores - is secure, but the country must live with the consequences of "axis of evil."

The first consequence is that the United States looks guilty of inconsistency, if not hypocrisy. By lumping those three countries together so tightly, Bush gave the world no reason to think any of them would be treated differently. Yet the differentiation in treatment became glaring in October, when the North Koreans admitted - "bragged" might be a better word - that they had nuclear weapons. In other words, North Korea is today what Iraq might be tomorrow. But our priorities are backward. As we pile up forces to remove Saddam, we pile up promises to Kim Jong Il - resumption of talks, food aid, and other kinds of aid - if only he'll be nice.

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Which is to say, after all the speechifying has fallen silent, U.S. policy today looks a lot like what Rumsfeld & Co. had in mind five years ago: the removal of Saddam.

A second consequence of white-hat-vs.-black-hat thinking is that the rhetoric has spread - to other Americans, to the world. In May, Undersecretary of State John Bolton delivered a speech, "Beyond the Axis of Evil," in which he listed three more countries - Cuba, Libya and Syria - as serious threats to America. And in October, Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., chairman of the House International Relations Committee, declared that Cuba, Venezuela and Brazil were emerging as yet another "axis of evil."

How does such tough talk affect the countries in question? Are other nations fearful? They might be labeled next? And what about yet other nations - such as France, now threatening to veto U.S. war plans in the

U.N. Security Council - that bridle at American "arrogance"? To answer such questions, one must ask: Does human nature matter? If the answer is yes, then other countries, and their leaders, also have interests, emotions, pride. Maybe that's one reason the Brazilian government is making noises about developing its own nuclear weapons. After all, as the North Koreans have demonstrated, possessing an atomic arsenal is a sure-fire way to avoid being fired upon.

So Bush's words to the world, and his policy toward Iraq, are boom-tangling, provoking other countries to think about developing their own weapons of mass destruction for self-protection, for self-defense. But don't expect Bush to get into that Tuesday. He'll say whatever he wishes, confident that most Americans will cheer.

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# Tax bracket envy

Maybe you can agree with Tom Daschle that the fiscal agenda being prepared by the White House is "a stimulus plan for the rich." Since the wealthy pay most of the taxes, you could say almost any tax-cut scheme helps the rich.

What we can't agree on is who are these despised, elite rich people? And how can we join them? You, of course, are not rich. If a person didn't stop to think a little and realize what the consequences would be, it basically takes away my rights, and everyone has the right to vote as they want. You just have to use your vote.

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of income into assets that tower over liabilities. Any mortgage broker or private banker can tell you of people who have \$100,000 or \$400,000 but can't save a cent. Are they rich?

One mark of wealth might be qualifying for the "high net worth" category of clients sought by bankers and other money managers. Definitions vary, but generally you must own at least \$500,000 or so in assets, not counting your house.

You're probably rich if you have enough money to live well off the interest of income alone, without having to work for a salary. Given today's low stock and bond yields, this might take a board of at least \$8 million. Would you admit you were rich with \$8 million? Maybe not.

The secret of human aspiration is that people are eternally happy with what they have, no matter how adroitly or mouthily their station. By much of the world's standards, even minimum wage U.S. workers are wealthy beyond hope, as they do not feel rich.

Members of the rich are rich, but to be richer than other men is an invidious goal. They should have a million times that of other men and women whose lifestyles can be observed close at hand, including on TV.

Some books on human resources provide a list of the top 100 wealthiest families in the world, but not keeping up with it is a sign of the satisfaction of the few tiers that are actually in particular amounts of the top.

Numbers of the top 100 wealthiest families in the world are not necessarily the same as the number of the top 100 wealthiest individuals. The number of the top 100 wealthiest individuals is about 100 times that of the top 100 wealthiest families.

How does the above mentioned Gallup Poll respondents feel about the American economy? According to the poll, 51 percent of the respondents are "satisfied" with the economy. But the poll also shows that 49 percent of the respondents are "dissatisfied" with the economy.

How about the top 100 wealthiest families in the world? Few would admit that the satisfaction of the few tiers that are actually in particular amounts of the top.

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# France protects its own Iraqi interests

Full Bush administration officials, Colin Powell is the one held in highest esteem in Europe. It's not hard to see why.

Just like the Europeans, he doesn't want the United States to disarm Saddam Hussein without the backing of the United Nations. The secretary of State even managed to convince President Bush to seek U.N. support back in August.

Thereafter he spent two months heroically haggling - mainly with French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin - over the text of a resolution that would win the assent of the entire Security Council.

So how does De Villepin repay his negotiating partner? With a kick in the teeth.

On Monday, De Villepin all but threatened to veto France's Security Council veto to block any resolution authorizing military action against Iraq. So much for Powell's assurances within the administration that he could work constructively with our can-tankerous European allies.

De Villepin doesn't even want to wait for the weapons inspectors' report next Monday. "Already we know for a fact," he asserted with breathtaking gall (insouciance), "that Iraq's weapons of mass destruction programs are being largely blocked, even frozen."

Well, that's a relief. We can all sleep soundly at night, protected by French reassurance.

It may even be that Iraq's programs are temporarily stymied by international scrutiny,

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which will be sure to fade over time. But Resolution 1441 - which France, along with the rest of the Security Council, endorsed Nov. 8 - doesn't call for Iraq to block or even freeze its weapons of mass destruction. It calls for Iraq to give up those arms completely.

To be exact, Resolution 1441 offers Iraq "a final opportunity to comply with its disarmament obligations."

The last chance has come and gone. Has Saddam turned over any of the tons of chemical and biological agents that he is believed to own? No. He hasn't given up so much as an aerosol can.

In the process, Saddam has committed at least three clear violations of Resolution 1441.

Violation No. 1. On Dec. 8, he filed a 12,000-page "full and complete" weapons declaration that, as chief weapons inspector Hans Blix said, "failed to answer a great many questions."

Violation No. 2. U.N. weapons inspectors have discovered that Iraq has bought engines for ballistic missiles and raw material for their fuel.

Violation No. 3. The inspectors last week discovered 12 war heads designed for chemical weapons. Iraq then coughed up four more. Like the missile parts, they had not been declared.

And although he insists there's no evidence of a "smoking gun," even Blix admits that Saddam hasn't provided "proactive sup-

port" to the disarmament process. Being a good international bureaucrat, however, Blix won't certify a "material breach" because he believes that no problem is untractable to be solved by endless negotiations.

The French are not prey to the same delusion. They are quite ready to use force when their interests are threatened. They recently dispatched 2,500 soldiers to the coast, for instance, and they didn't bother to ask for the U.N.'s permission.

So why is France pressing for endless U.N. palaver in the case of Iraq? Its first motive is crassly commercial. France has about \$1 billion in contracts with the current Iraqi government and doesn't want it overturned for fear that a more democratic regime might take its business elsewhere. Its second motive is essentially wounded national pride. France, a noted poet recently wrote, "used to have the ability to inspire princes and kings" but now "comes the time

when no one listens to her any more and the universe turns with out her, except when it judges her with spite or commiseration."

This writer suggested that the solution was for France to adopt "a humble and global approach." Those sentiments are found in a best-selling French book called "The Cry of the Gargoise." Its author is now foreign minister of the republic.

It is hard to see anything but the about-face of Villepin's grand standing Monday, but it was certainly "global." France is taking advantage of Franklin Roosevelt's dispensation - a permanent seat on the U.N. Security Council - to maximize its influence at the expense of the "hyperpower."

The bad news for Paris is that it can get away with this game only as long as Washington lets it. After Monday, even Powell's patience may wear thin.

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### MORNING LINE

#### SPORTSQUOTE

“These are the days that define us as Americans: Independence Day, Mother’s Day, Thanksgiving Day. And, of course, Super Bowl Sunday.”

—Washington Post columnist Michael Doris

#### TRIVIA

**QUESTION:** Besides Jerry Rice, who also caught 11 passes in one Super Bowl game?

Answer below

#### TODAY’S SCHEDULE

- High school boys hoops**  
Bliss at M.V. Christian, 7:30 p.m.  
TFCA at Dietrich, 7:30 p.m.  
Glenns Ferry at Rimrock, 7:30 p.m.
- High school girls basketball**  
ISDB at Shoshone JV, 6 p.m.  
Castelof at Raft River, 7:30 p.m.  
Hagerman at Oakley, 7:30 p.m.  
Hansen at Murtaugh, 7:30 p.m.

#### IN BRIEF

### T.F. Legion meeting slated for today

**TWIN FALLS** — A meeting for American Legion Baseball parents and board members will be held at 7 p.m. tonight in Room C2 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 Mikessell and Ken Steelman, vice presidents; Denise Turner, secretary; and Randy Bernhard, treasurer. For more information, call Stone at 733-2721.

### Minico hosting dinner before Burley game

**RUPERT** — The Minico boys basketball team will be sponsoring a fund-raising 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. For more information call Lisa Cole at 436-9539 or Alice Schenk at 438-5562.

### High schools announce basketball changes

**TWIN FALLS** — Two girls basketball games dates were changed. First, the Burley at Twin Falls game originally set for Tuesday has been moved to Wednesday, Jan. 29. Second, Minico’s game at Century has switched from Feb. 1 to Thursday, Jan. 30.

### T.F. Cal Ripken league holds sign-ups Tuesday

**TWIN FALLS** — The Twin Falls Cal Ripken Baseball League has extended registration for the 2003 season. All interested parties (children aged 9-12) should sign up at the Harmon Park Recreation Building on Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. All players must have a birth certificate on file. Cost is \$50. For more information, call Scott Berlett at 733-6973.

#### TRIVIA ANSWER:

Dan Ross

## SUPER BOWL XXXVII TAMPA BAY 48; OAKLAND 21

# Bucs bury Raiders

### Tampa Bay defense shuts down Oakland’s high-octane offense in Super Bowl rout

The Associated Press

**SAN DIEGO** — Just defense, baby!

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers didn’t need much more — for most of the Super Bowl, anyway. Coach Jon Gruden and his Bucs won their first NFL championship on Sunday, routing the Oakland Raiders 48-21 in the first matchup of best offense vs. best defense.

The Tampa Bay defense won by a mile, returning three of a record five interceptions for touchdowns and shutting down any hope the Raiders had of a late comeback.

It was the first Super Bowl victory for the former NFL laughingstock, a team that lost its first 26 games after it started playing in 1976 in those garish orange uniforms.

“I want to thank Coach Gruden for what he did,” said Bucs owner Malcolm Glazer, who a year ago was the butt of jokes for his revolving coach search that finally brought Gruden from the Raiders.

“He came from heaven and he brought us to heaven. We were waiting for the right man and the right man came — Jon Gruden.”

Gruden, who at 39 became the youngest coach ever to win a Super Bowl, is known as an offensive guru.

This win was with a defense run by Monte Kiffin and other holdovers from former coach Tony Dungy.

Super Bowl MVP Dexter Jackson had two interceptions, as did Dwight Smith, who returned both of his picks for touchdowns, including a 30-yarder to finish off the scoring with 2 seconds left in the game. Derrick Brooks also returned an interception for a touchdown.

Simeon Rice had two of the Bucs’ five sacks as Tampa Bay Please see BUCS, Page B2



Oakland Raiders quarterback Rich Gannon is sacked by Tampa Bay lineman Ellis Wymys during the second half of Super Bowl XXXVII. The Buccaneers pressure helped force the league’s MVP into a Super Bowl record five interceptions.

## Gruden’s knowledge sank Raiders

The Associated Press

**SAN DIEGO** — Jon Gruden wanted his story to be a sidebar buried in the sports section. Guess what, Coach? You were the Super Bowl headliner.

Gruden knew so much about his former team that he designed a perfect game plan that his Tampa Bay Buccaneers used to rout the Oakland Raiders 48-21 in the Super Bowl on Sunday.

After coaching the Raiders for four seasons, Gruden was effectively traded by Al Davis to the Buccaneers’ last Feb. 27 for two first-round draft picks, two second-round picks and \$8 million.

The deal proved to be worth every penny — and pickoff — to the Bucs.

Because when the Raiders and Buccaneers made it to the Super Bowl, it was advantage, Gruden. The best practices on the field were the ones dressed in red and pewter, not silver and black.

NFL MVP Rich Gannon, one of Gruden’s best friends on the Raiders, was intercepted off a season-high five times. And Gruden’s bunch returned three of those picks for touchdowns.

“Every play they’ve run, we’ve run in practice,” Tampa Bay strong safety John Lynch, who was miked for TV, said on the sideline before halftime.

Gruden’s knowledge of the Raiders

was probably best illustrated when cornerback Dwight Smith stepped in front of Jerry Rice for a 44-yard interception return and a 34-3 lead with 4:47 left in the third quarter.

As Smith raced toward the end zone, Gruden was a few feet out on the field, running along behind the play, pumping his right fist and then thrusting both arms in the air, a huge smile on his face.

In the closing seconds of the first half, he also pumped his fist and ran onto the field after Keenan McCardell caught a 5-yard touchdown pass from Brad Johnson, capping a 78-yard, 10-play drive that gave the Bucs a 20-3 halftime lead.

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Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden is held aloft Sunday.

## Els loses on final hole bogey Andre Agassi faces new tennis challenge

The Associated Press

**SINGAPORE** — Ernie Els lost the lead with a bogey on the last hole, and China’s Zhang Lian-Wu made a 3-foot birdie putt at No. 18 to win the Singapore Masters on Sunday.

Els, coming off consecutive PGA Tour victories in Hawaii and a win at last year’s season-ending Nedbank Challenge in South Africa, had three bogeys on the back nine in a round of 1-over 73 and finished at 9-under 279 at Laguna National Golf and Country Club.

Zhang, a self-taught golfer, shot a 7-under 70 for a 10-under 278 total and the biggest win of his career.

Els held a one-stroke lead heading to the 386-yard, par-4 18th. He pushed his tee shot into the rough, and his approach landed short of the green. He chipped to within 5 feet, but missed the Please see ELS, Page B2



China’s Zhang Lian-wu kisses his trophy after winning the Singapore Masters Golf tournament Sunday.

The Associated Press

**MELBOURNE, Australia** — Andre Agassi was ranked 141st in the world in 1997 before he began his remarkable career resurgence.

Agassi has won five of his last 15 major tournaments, the latest triumph coming in the Australian Open. Agassi needed only 76 minutes to beat Germany’s Rainer Schuettler 6-2, 6-2, 6-1 early Sunday.

Now comes another challenge for Agassi: Coaxing his wife, Steffi, out of retirement. Graf, who won 22 Grand Slam titles — 14 more than her husband — said she would play mixed doubles with him at the French Open if he won the Aussie.

Graf hasn’t played since retiring in July 1999, weeks after finishing her sixth French Open title.

She and Agassi married in 2001, and they have a 15-month-old son, Jaden Gai.

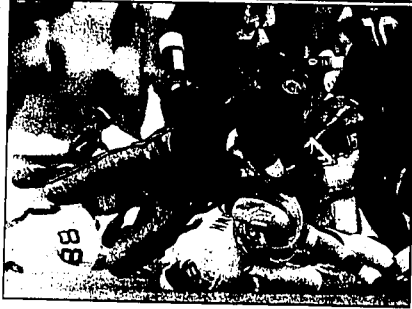
“I don’t think anybody appreciates how hard this is going to be for me to get her out there,” Agassi said.

Agassi, 32, held up his end of the deal by carving through the competition at Melbourne Park, even before the final. He won 13 straight games in a 6-1, 6-0, 6-0 second-round win over South Korea’s Lee Hyung-taik, and he lost just 48 games in all seven of his matches.

The 26-year-old Schuettler, seeded 31st and playing in his first Grand Slam quarterfinal, was outmatched from the start. Agassi won the first eight points before hitting a backhand long, prompting Schuettler to raise his arms in mock triumph. Schuettler Please see AGASSI, Page B2

SPORTS

'Overlooked' Jackson wins MVP award



Tampa Bay free safety Dexter Jackson falls over Oakland Raiders receiver Tim Brown after intercepting a Rich Gannon pass in the second quarter Sunday.

SAN DIEGO (AP) - When Dexter Jackson played high school football he was a highly recruited all-state quarterback. He became defensive back in college at Florida State and that led to him being the MVP of Sunday's Super Bowl.

Jackson had two of Tampa Bay's five interceptions in the Buccaneers' 48-21 rout of the Oakland Raiders.

He was only the eighth defensive player to win the MVP award in the 37-year history of this game.

Jackson began Oakland's downfall when he intercepted Rich Gannon's pass on the last play of the first quarter. That



started Tampa Bay on the way to a 27-10 victory in Gramatica's 43-yard field goal early in the second quarter that gave the Bucs the lead for good at 6-3.

On the next possession, Jackson picked off Gannon again, this time at the Oakland 45. The Bucs did not score on the ensuing possession but got the field position that led to Mike Alstott's touchdown that made it 13-3. When the Bucs scored again

before halftime, the rout was on. Jackson is in his fourth year in the NFL and his three interceptions this season were a career high. He also had 67 unassisted tackles during the season and was a key component of the No. 1 defense in the NFL, providing stability at free safety.

His best game came against New Orleans early in the season when he made 10 tackles. His first interception of the season came in a Monday night game against St. Louis. The Bucs had five interceptions Sunday, returning three for touchdowns.

Jackson earned first-team honors on Florida's Class AA all-state high school squad with over

1,000 yards passing and rushing last year. He passed for a total of 2,000 yards in his last two high school seasons. He also was a track star in high school and averaged 16.8 points per game for the basketball team.

But when he got to Florida State, he became a defensive starter in the secondary and led it for four years with 154 tackles and seven interceptions.

But in the NFL, on a team dominated by defensive stars like Warren Sapp, Derrick Brooks and John Lynch, Jackson was largely overlooked.

On Sunday, he was overlooked again, this time by Gannon, and it led him to the MVP award.

Carter jumpstarts Raptors

TORONTO (AP) - Vince Carter returned and the Toronto Raptors won.

Carter, playing for the first time since Dec. 10, scored 22 points to lead the Raptors to a 101-97 victory over the Sacramento Kings on Sunday, snapping their five-game losing streak.

Carter, who missed 23 games because of a strained right knee, scored Toronto's last six points on his 26th birthday.

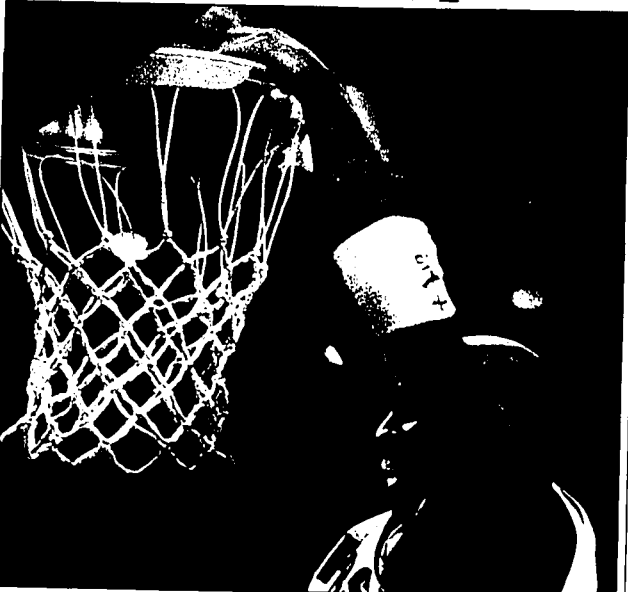
His fadeaway jumper gave the Raptors a 97-91 lead with 1:36 left, and his two free throws made it 99-94 with 17.7 seconds remaining.

Sacramento's Jim Jackson followed with a 3-pointer, but Carter made two free throws with 7.9 seconds left to give Toronto a four-point lead.

Mc Bibby scored 30 points and Chris Webber had 24 points, 19 rebounds and 10 assists for the Kings, who shot 39 percent from the field in losing for the second straight game.

Carter looked tentative in the opening minutes, but scored 15 points in the second half. He finished 8-for-16 from the field.

Carter's 3-pointer, fadeaway jumper and short jumper gave Toronto a nine-point lead early in the third quarter.



Toronto Raptors forward Vince Carter slam dunks during first half NBA action against the Sacramento Kings in Toronto on Sunday. Carter, who celebrated his 26th birthday, was sidelined with a knee injury. He was recently cleared for play in the upcoming All-Star Game where he was voted in as a starter on Thursday.

who were making the fourth stop on a five-game road trip.

Celtics 91, Magic 83

BOSTON - Paul Pierce had the first triple-double of his career with 27 points, 13 rebounds and a career-high 13 assists to lead the Boston Celtics past the Orlando Magic 91-83 Sunday.

The Magic were without NBA scoring leader Tracy McGrady, who was stayed with his fiancée after she gave birth to a daughter Saturday night at an Orlando-area hospital.

Orlando cut a 57-46 deficit to 59-58 with 10:41 left in the game. Pierce then hit two free throws for a three-point lead.

Bulls 100, Rockets 98

CHICAGO - Marcus Fizer

grabbed a loose ball in the lane and scored the 100th of a second left Sunday, a Chicago Bulls beat Houston 100-98 and extended the Rockets' losing streak to four games.

Jalen Rose scored 29 points, including 11 in the final quarter, and then batted away a final Houston layup to secure the Bulls' victory.

Steve Francis led the Rockets with 26 points, Cuttino Mobley had 19, and Yao Ming added 14 points and eight rebounds, two weeks before he will start for the Western

Trail Blazers 100, Mavericks 93

DALLAS - Zach Randolph typified Portland's inside success in the second half by scoring all 16 of his points in the final two quarters to lead the Trail Blazers past the Dallas Mavericks 100-93 Sunday.

Portland erased an early 14-point deficit by working the ball low and pounding away. The Trail Blazers scored 52 points in the paint and had 16 more rebounds than Dallas.

Ernie Els had two wins in Hawaii this year.

Singh finished at 23 under 261, three strokes ahead of runner-up John Huston. Singh also won this event in 1995.

This was the 12th victory on the PGA Tour for Singh, a native of Fiji who lives in Florida. The 2000 Masters champion also has 21 international victories.

It was the fifth straight win on the PGA Tour by an international player. Luke Donald and Singh started the string on the same weekend last season at the Southern Farm Bureau Classic and the Tour Championship

Gruden

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Tampa Bay had another long scoring drive early in the third quarter, with McCardell catching Johnson's 8-yard pass for a 27-3 lead.

Gruden's twisted smile has earned him the nickname "Chucky," a reference to his striking resemblance to a blood-thirsty doll from a horror movie.

He's incredibly intense, showing up for work just after 3 a.m. NFL Defensive Player of the Year, and 50 yards by Sunday.

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Bucs

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romped to a 20-3 halftime lead then scored two quick third-quarter touchdowns.

That rendered futile a late comeback by the Raiders that included a touchdown on a blocked punt and 48-yard TD pass from league MVP Rich Gannon to Jerry Rice.

"Right now, I wouldn't care if they put Mount Everest in front of me," said Simeon Rice, who was playing against a line of all 300 pounders. "I just wanted to be a world champion."

The Tampa Bay offense did its part, too, led by Michael Pittman, who ran for 124 yards on 29 carries.

Mike Alstott had a 2-yard TD run and Brad Johnson added two TD passes to Keenan McCardell, the second an 11-yard after an 89-yard drive that ate up almost eight minutes of the third quarter.

Just 43 seconds later, Smith grabbed the ball away from Jerry Rice and took it to the end zone to make it 34-3.

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these supposedly mighty Raiders as overwhelmed as a kid trying to rob a bank with a squirt gun.

Yes, the Raiders managed a small spark late. Their final memory will be Dwight Smith returning Tampa's fifth interception of the night for a coffin-jumping touchdown, making it 48-21.

That's what happens when a defense is faster than an offense. The Oakland offensive line couldn't hold the rushing tide of Bucs defenders, and the Raider punting machine sputtered, spit and went up in smoke.

From the start it was clear that all those AFC defenses they peppered with dinky passes were no match for the swift smash of Tampa Bay, Rich Gannon, for most of the game, couldn't do anything. I mean nothing. He was chased and erased. All season long, he tacked pinball-like numbers on the opposition.

On Sunday, he went "tilt." How can you describe the total domination? Think of Oakland as a mosquito and Tampa as a big can of Raid. Press the sprayer.

That was the Super Bowl. Consider this Oakland's first five possessions ended with a sack, a sack, a deflected pass and two interceptions. By halftime, the No. 1 offense had three points and 62 total yards. If that's a job resume, it gets you the mail room.

What Tampa did was much like what the Baltimore Ravens did in winning the Super Bowl two years ago - its defense was so good, it seeped into the offense. Here we quarterback Brad Johnson on the money and receiver Joe Jurevics catching big passes, and Michael Pittman,

Tampa Bay has the NFL's most dominating defense, and it handled the Raiders so thoroughly that red-clad Bucs' fans chanted "BOR-ING, BOR-ING" as Gannon broke out of the huddle to begin a drive late in the third quarter.

Dexter Jackson made the first two interceptions against Gannon. The last two picks were returned for touchdowns - 44 yards by Derrick Brooks, the NFL Defensive Player of the Year, and 50 yards by Jerry Rice.

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Oakland owner Al Davis' slogan "Just win, baby!" wasn't going to work this time.

How good was the Tampa Bay defense?

Oakland had just 62 total yards in the first half, second-lowest total in Super Bowl history. And the five interceptions of Gannon were the most he had in any game this season. He finished 24-of-44 for 272 yards and two touchdowns.

Credit the win also to Gruden, who led Oakland a year ago for Tampa Bay in what seemed like the time far too much in draft picks and cash - \$8 million to be exact.

This was a victory for one of the NFL's longtime sad sacks.

Oakland's aging warriors did a little or worse, Jerry Rice and Tim Brown, the 40- and 36-year-old wide receivers, were all but invisible for most of the game.

Tampa Bay started badly, but it soon took control and led 20-3 at halftime on a 2-yard touchdown run by Alstott and a 5-yard TD pass to McCardell.

maybe the next name on an unknown offense, gaining over 100 yards - the first running back to end all Super Bowl games - and look for Marcus Allen than any of the Raiders.

Heaven help us all.

How strange is this? Tampa Bay, Super Bowl champs? Remember, this was the expansion team to end all expansion teams. This was a franchise that lost its first 26 games, a franchise that saw Bo Jackson, its No. 1 pick, say "No thanks, I'd rather play baseball," a franchise that was known for years as "The Yuccateers."

Heck, as late as last February, Tampa Bay was still embarrassing itself with a vacant head coaching office, having fired Tony Dungy, only to see one candidate after another sink by circumstance. In the end, the Bucs owners had pay \$8 million and four draft picks just to GET a coach.

Jon Gruden, Oakland's ex. did what Dungy couldn't - namely, get the team to score some points - and the combination of a fresh face and fresh fire lifted this club over the final hurdle.

And there they were, hoisting the cup. The Creamsicle was Dreamside. The world was on its axis.

So that's it. We can quit now. We've seen it all. Dogs can talk, ice cream has calories, and for the next 12 months we'll be watching "The World Champion Tampa Bay Bucs." Could anything in this world be stranger?

Well, I take that back. "World Champion Detroit Lions."

But I said this world.

Mitch Albom is a columnist for the Detroit Free Press.

Els

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Zhang's 9-iron from 136 yards narrowly missed the hole for an eagle before stopping 3 feet from the cup. He made the putt to seal the victory.

Zhang bypassed the 202-yard, par-3 17th, giving Els a one-stroke lead.

Even Zhang seemed surprised with the two-stroke swing on the final hole and his victory.

Els swept the PGA Tour's Hawaii events the last two weeks to become the first player since

Steve Jones in 1989 to win the tour's first two tournaments of the year.

Thailand's Prayad Marngeang finished third, one stroke behind Els.

Singh wins Phoenix Open again with strong start

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. - Vijay Singh buried five of the first six holes and shot an 8 under par 63 Sunday to win the Phoenix Open for the second time.

For major tournaments, he is not interested in "zipping through a lot of different circumstances and difficulties" to pursue the No. 1 ranking again, he said.

"No 1 will be a result of a lot of things going right, and it's a long year," said Agassi, who is ranked second behind 21-year-old Lleyton Hewitt.

Besides, Agassi said, "the year is a complete success for me now. I'm over the moon with it."

Receiving his trophy, he told the center court audience,

"There's not a single day that's guaranteed or promised to us, and certainly days like this are very rare."

Agassi said he now regrets not playing more often in the Australian Open, where he has won four titles - 1995, 2000, 2001 and 2003 - in seven outings.

"He is one of those guys that is looking to push the standard of tennis," Agassi said. "To beat him in a big match is a great result."

Schettler said there was one positive aspect to getting beaten

by Agassi: "I think everyone's looking forward to the French Open," Schettler said at the trophy ceremony, drawing laughs from Agassi, Graf and the fans.

Graf isn't as thrilled about playing at Roland Garros, Agassi said later. "Hopefully, I'll have 50 years with her to be mad at me about more things," he said.

Agassi said he and his wife have little chance of winning the mixed doubles in Paris, "but I guarantee you, you would see a big smile on my face."

# Conchar playmaker lifts Caps past Rangers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sergei Gonchar had a goal and three assists and Jarome Iginla added a goal and two assists as the Washington Capitals beat the New York Rangers 4-2 Sunday.

Robert Lang scored twice and Calle Johansson, Kip Miller and Peter Bondra also scored for the Capitals, who are 2-0-2 in their last four games.

Washington scored six power-play goals and has recorded two or more power-play goals in five of its last nine games.

Janis Landmark scored twice for the Rangers, who have lost two straight.

The Rangers wasted a five-

minute power play awarded them 51 seconds into the game. Then they left Washington take a 1-0 lead on a power-play goal by Lang, who tipped Gonchar's center-point shot across a backhander.

Washington's Jarome Iginla past a screener Mike Dunham past a right circle at 12:23, making it 2-0.

New York's Matthew Barnaby was penalized for tripping 18 seconds into the second period, and the Capitals needed only 32 seconds of the power play to go up 3-

0 when Miller scored from the right side.

Presented two 5-on-3 power plays early in the third period, Washington converted on both, with Conchar scoring 3:50 into the period and Iginla scoring 1:15 later for a 5-1 lead.

**Canadiens 4, Blackhawks 3**

**MONTREAL** — Jan Bulis scored midway through the third period to lead the Montreal Canadiens to a 4-3 win over the Chicago Blackhawks on Sunday.

Chicago rookie Tyler Aronson tied the game at 3-all early in the third period. Bulls restored

Montreal's lead with 11 minutes left when he took a pass from Doug Gilmour and fired the puck over Jocelyn Thibault.

The Blackhawks charged to a 2-0 lead in the first on goals by Chris Simon and Alexei Zhemtsov.

The Canadiens rallied with three second-period power plays by newcomer Niklas Sundstrom, Andrei Markov and Richard Zedlacher.

Aronson drew Chicago even 4-4 into the third with a backhanded shot from the slot that went just inside the right post for his 13th goal of the season.

**Raiders All-Pro center Robbins hospitalized**

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — All-Pro center Barrett Robbins was hospitalized on Sunday, hours after the Oakland Raiders sent him home from the Super Bowl for an unauthorized absence from the team, football sources told The Associated Press.

Two sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Robbins was expected to spend the night in a hospital after he left the team for nearly 24 hours during the weekend.

Robbins missed the Raiders' curfew on Friday, then didn't turn up at the team hotel until early Saturday night. Four Raiders sources, all speaking on condition of anonymity, said Robbins missed scheduled team events on Saturday, and turned up only shortly before their final evening meeting.

"He's been sent home," Raiders spokesman Craig Long said.

Robbins, who had what the team called a "chemical imbalance" during the 1996 season, was hospitalized in the San Diego area Sunday, the sources close to Robbins said.

The Raiders declared Robbins inactive one hour before the game.

Raiders owner Al Davis declined comment, saying, "Let's play the game."

Robbins was replaced by Adam Trep, the Raiders' long snapper and an experienced veteran. Trep started 14 games last season, but he said he was not sure when Robbins will have a right knee injury.

tried a long 3-point attempt at the buzzer but the ball bounced off the top of the backboard.

Scott Henry paced Idaho State with 16 points and eight rebounds.

**Russian high jumper Valery Brumel dead at 60**

**MOSCOW** — Valery Brumel, an Olympic champion and world record holder in the high jump for the Soviet Union, died Sunday at 60.

Brumel died at a Moscow hospital after a protracted illness, the ITAR-Tass news agency said.

He won the silver medal at the 1960 Rome Olympics and the gold at the 1964 Tokyo Games in which he beat John Thomas, his American friend and rival.

In Tokyo, Brumel and Thomas each jumped 7-foot-1.75, an Olympic record at the time, but Brumel was awarded the gold because of fewer misses.

Brumel was the Soviet champion from 1961-63 and the world record holder from 1961-71. He set six world records from 1961 to 1962. In 1963, he cleared 7-5.75, a record that stood until 1971.

## SCORES AND STATS

### FOOTBALL

**NFL Playoffs**

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• College, Texas at Kansas, ESPN, 7 p.m.

• College, UNLV at New Mexico, ESPN, 10 p.m.

**Hockey**

• Predators at Sabres, ESPN2, 8 p.m.

### Area ski report

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### Baseball

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### T.F. City Council will mull animal shelter

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls City Council tonight will consider renewing an \$11,000-per-month contract with People for Pets to run the city's animal shelter.

The council meets at 5 p.m. in the council chamber at 304 Third Ave. E.

In a related item, the council will consider simplifying the process by which the shelter gets money from dog license fees.

In other business, the council will:

- Hear from representatives of the South Central Idaho Tourism and Recreation Development Association about the group's request for a waiver of building fees.
- Also consider the South Central Community Action Agency's request to have building fees waived.
- Consider a \$500,000 contract with the Idaho Department of Commerce for the preparation of reports and documents.
- Hear Gary A. Maneford's request for a one-year extension of the final plan of a section in the Birch Creek Subdivision.
- Get a preliminary review of a water conservation plan for the city.
- Consider a land and water consultation bond proposal.
- Consider supporting efforts to get federal aid for an upgrade to the area's master street plan.

### City accepts applications for animal shelter panel

**TWIN FALLS** - People interested in serving on the city's new Animal Shelter Advisory Commission have until the end of the month to apply.

The City Council plans to appoint a seven-member commission to help guide operation of the city's animal shelter.

To obtain an application, call 733-2228 or visit the city Web site at [www.tffalls.org](http://www.tffalls.org) and select the "citizen participation" link.

Deadline for applications is Jan. 31.

One of the new committee's first jobs will probably be to help plan a bid for a new animal shelter.

### Mindoka commissioners hear more about exit 208

**RUPERT** - Two people are on the agenda to speak to Mindoka County commissioners about exit 208 today at a meeting that starts at 8:30 a.m. at the courthouse.

Public input is to meet with commissioners at 11 a.m. and Bruce Peterson will present the board at 1 p.m. Peterson has said they have heard a lot of how to use county property at exit 208.

The public hearing meeting is at 11 a.m.

The hearing is open to the public.

### Cassia holds hearing on building fee increase

**BURLEY** - The Cassia County commissioner will hold a public hearing on the proposed increase in building fees for permits and building permits. Commissioners will hear about the increase at 11:30 a.m. The meeting is open to the public except for a closed executive session at 11 a.m. when commissioners will consider an indictment.

Compiled from staff reports

### Snowpack levels

Location	Jan 27	Jan 26
Upper Snake River	73%	41%
Salmon Falls	62%	35%
Salmon	86%	47%
Oakley	54%	30%
Big Wood	93%	54%
Little Wood	114%	54%
Henry's Fork/Teton	72%	40%
Big Lost	101%	55%
Little Lost	69%	39%

As of Jan. 26  
This comparison of basin snowpack, on this day with a 30-year average, is a reliable indicator of snow prospects for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.

## FROM CHALK DUST TO DIGITAL



Filer third-graders Jeremiah Wilson, Wendy Anderson and Andrew Peterson, from right, play the rounding game on the SMART board in their classroom at Filer Elementary. The new electronic slate has been a boon for teachers, allowing them to switch from a spelling list, to word problems, to interactive, animated math games all at the push of a button.

## Filer students, teachers like SMART boards

By Robert Mayer  
Times-News writer

**FILER** - Third-grader Wendy Anderson doesn't like the chalkboard. After all, it leaves chalk dust everywhere, writing on the green slate is a chore, and it's just, well, so primitive.

"Plus, you can't watch movies," said the 9-year-old student at Filer Elementary School.

She says that because now that she's in Matt Mahannah's third-grade class, she has quickly grown to appreciate the SMART board.

At first glance, the SMART board appears to be nothing more than a projection screen.

But it's sensitive to the touch, allowing students to walk up to the board and press buttons to interact with the lessons.

With it hooked up to the Internet, the board can display Web sites and show movies, in



First in a continuing series chronicling the best of Magic Valley by Robert Mayer

addition to displaying class assignments.

"It's really neat because you can do all that stuff," Anderson said.

And it's slowly replacing the chalkboard and dry-erase board in an increasing number of classrooms regionwide.

The Filer School bought two of the \$4,000 SMART boards two years ago. Since then four more have been added, two portable and two stationary. A state grant paid for a portion, and the local Parent-Teacher Association matched half the cost.

The annual student walkathon, which raises around \$20,000 a year for technical equipment, also contributed to the purchase of the boards.

"We'd like to have one in every classroom," Principal E.S. "Rob" Robinson said.

Thurman Pratt, 8, said using the SMART board in the third grade is a large improvement from his low-tech days in second grade.

"It seems pretty fun. When I first saw it, I thought, 'Whoa! I didn't even know what it was!'"

Mahannah ends up using the board for half of the day's lessons.

One exercise involves correcting the errors in the following sentence: "my boy said you cant have no more paper today."

Thurman Pratt, 8, noticed that the word "cant" needed an apostrophe.

"Why?" Mahannah asked. "That's a contraction - it's two words that are hooked together,"

Mahannah added the apostrophe to the word using a special pen that functions like a real thing.

After that sentence and a few others were corrected completely, Mahannah pressed a button which instantly changed the screen to the next lesson. On the board appeared 20 words that were going to be on the spelling test coming up in 5 minutes.

Most of the words had the "oo" sound, such as "boots" and "shook." Some were a little more difficult, like "appointment" and "comfortable."

The spelling test, however, was still carried out with the time-honored pencil and paper.

Once the 5-minute test was over, it was another quick press of the button, and on the screen appeared a math lesson.

The topic was rounding numbers. To help ingrain the procedure, on the SMART board was a game.

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## The Hansens of Rock Creek: A marriage in 'land of sunshine'

It was the promise of "a land of eternal sunshine," and the opportunity for all in a healthy, growing climate,



TALES OF THE TRACT James Varley

The half brothers had emigrated from Denmark to Indianapolis a few years earlier.



Lawrence and Marie Hansen with their children Hedvig and Laura, circa 1873.

Lawrence was nine years older than John and a cabinet maker by trade. Lawrence was also a

widower with two young girls to raise, so he lost little time in

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The Lawrence Hansen cabin.

## Highway commission will consider the fate of Rupert's Jackson Bridge

By Nate Johnson  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** - Now that highway commissioners have an inspection report on the state of the rotting Jackson bridge, they will try to decide if they should invest money to keep it open or close the bridge down.

Commissioners from the Mindoka and Burley highway districts meet at noon today at the Mindoka Highway District office, 50 S. 225 W. in Rupert.

"We'll go into that meeting

and lay everything on the table," said Burley Highway District Commissioner Galen Smyer.

A bridge inspection report from September shows the bridge has deteriorated significantly since it was inspected two years earlier. The foundation is in danger of imminent failure, Idaho Transportation Department inspectors reported. A third of the 152 wooden columns holding up the bridge are rotting from the inside out, and have hollow cores. A few of

the columns have rotted and split. They no longer bear any weight.

Looking down the bridge from one side to the other reveals spots where the timbers bulge out. These are the places where the worst of the columns have failed, said Mindoka County Highway District Superintendent Jess Miller.

Engineers estimated it would cost \$700,000 to replace 38 of the most rotten columns, Miller said. The estimate would be higher now that inspectors have

identified more dangerously weakened columns.

All of the bridge pilings are probably somewhat rotten, Miller said.

"Some you can slam with a hammer and knock holes in them," he said.

The engineer's estimate was based on driving new pilings, a costly process which requires a barge. By using new technology the districts might find a less costly way to repair the bridge, Smyer said. Engineers could wrap the pilings with water acti-

## CSI board will hear updates

By Robert Mayer  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Enrollment at the College of Southern Idaho is up ever so slightly compared to this time last year.

The official figures won't be available until Feb. 4, but in the meantime, school officials need to juggle around classes, combining some of the more sparsely attended ones while expanding those that are popular.

Jerry Beck, chief academic officer, will share that information with CSI board members tonight at their monthly meeting at 5:30 in the Taylor Building, Room 258.

Also tonight, President Jeri Meyerhoeffer, who spoke last week to members of the Legislature's 20-member budget committee, will focus on Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's proposed budget and its effect on the college.

Kempthorne made allowances for student growth this time around, something that was ignored in last year's budget, Meyerhoeffer said. Moreover, the governor's budget calls for accommodating the increased costs in health insurance.

"That's a step in the right direction," Meyerhoeffer said.

He also will clarify the governor's building bonding proposal, which, if approved, will allow the CSI Fine Arts Building expansion to move forward.

"There's a lot of miscommunication about that," Meyerhoeffer said.

Also on the board's agenda tonight:

- The Herrett Center for Arts and Science has been forced to buy a different brand of telescope for its new observatory after the company with the winning bid was unable to be bonded.

- The company sought half of the \$302,440 from CSI before sending the telescope for which CSI requested that company obtain bonding from a bank.

- "He can't seem to put one together," said Mike Mason, vice president of finance. "We couldn't just send \$150,000 to the guy on faith."

- Mason said the replacement telescope is comparable to the original order.

- The Idaho Office on Aging revolving account will likely see its limit upped to \$20,000 from \$10,000.

- A large piece of radiographic equipment valued at \$86,276 for the radiological technician program is up for approval.

- There will be a report on the Student Union building project, which Mason said is right on schedule.

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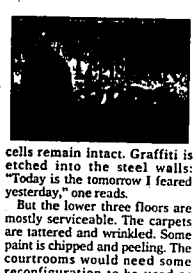
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Lawmakers may reconsider Ada Courthouse expansion

BOISE (AP) - For nearly a year, state officials have held the keys to the old Ada County Courthouse, a safe but dreary edifice built in the Roosevelt era next to the state Capitol.



said clearly there's no money for extensive renovations in the immediate future. It may be time to think about minimally refurbishing the building and moving in some state employees.

And, at the same time, some state officials are considering an offer by the U.S. Government to acquire the old federal building to the west of the Capitol, as well as a potential \$64 million purchase of the MK Plaza on the outskirts of downtown.

The hearing and air conditioning systems, while antiquated, are functional. The Legislature has had heated debate over whether to tear down the existing building and build a new one or remodel and expand the existing structure.

The 25-acre MK Plaza, about a mile southeast of the Statehouse, is on the market for \$64 million and has 551,000 square feet of office space. Some of the space already is leased by state agencies.

ON THE AGENDA

Today
Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse
Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse

Monday
Burley Public Library Board, 5:30 p.m., library conference room

Monday
Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 305 Third Ave. E.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse

Conference focuses on elk herds

LEWISTON (AP) - About 200 people packed into a conference room over the weekend to discuss the best management strategies to stop the decline of elk herds in the Upper Clear water Region.

The problem is reflected in state data. In 1980, about 30,000 elk were in the Clearwater region. By 2002, the elk population had slipped to about 27,000 head.

including anadromous fish. "The fact is, as much concern for saving fish as there is for elk," he said, "contending some management practices might not be best for both."

SERVICES

Mary H. Gardner of Hazelton, service at 10 a.m. today at the Hazelton 1st Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; burial will follow at the Hazelton Cemetery; friends may call one hour before the service today at the ward building (White Mortuary, Kimberly Funeral Chapel).

Louise E. Davis of Filer, graveside service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Filer Cemetery; friends and family may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Gielle M. Gill Carson of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Burley Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2050 Normal Ave.; burial will be at Pleasant View Cemetery; viewing for family and friends from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

DEATH NOTICES

Mark E. Bailey of Reno, Nev., service at 11 a.m. today at the West End Cemetery in Buhl.

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

Funeral services are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Official search ends for missing man

CASTLE ROCK, Wash. (AP) - The official search for Brian Millward was called off this weekend, but friends and family will continue to search for the missing Pocatello native.

But Brian is still missing despite a massive search of his neighborhood.

Washington border, was the first time using it.

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Some names are omitted at patients' requests.

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Carlos Berriochos Jr.
Carlos Berriochos Jr. was born on February 14, 1948, in Pocatello, Idaho. He was the son of Carlos and Dolores Berriochos. He graduated from Pocatello High School in 1966 and attended the University of Idaho where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 1970. He worked for several years for the Idaho State Police before starting his own business, Berriochos & Sons, in 1972. He was a member of the Pocatello Chamber of Commerce and the Pocatello Rotary Club. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Dolores, who died in 1998. He is survived by his son, Carlos, and his daughter, Dolores. He was buried in the Pocatello Cemetery.

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Charter school gives parents another option

By Shari Chaney Times-News writer

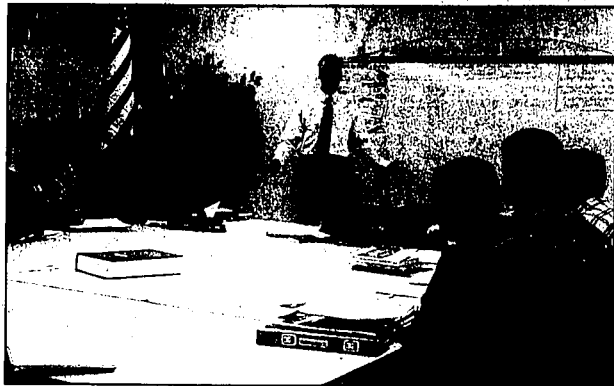
BURLEY - Students graduating from the Idaho Leadership Academy will receive a regular high school diploma, school officials say.

"We're a regular public high school," mentor Craig Simmerman said.

But the school is far from regular. Class size is limited to 15 students; one subject is taught each trimester and students learn straight from the classics, rather than textbooks.

Parents and students seem to be appreciative of the additional education option.

There are not many places in the state where students have so many options, parent Cory Smith said. He listed the charter school, Cassia Regional Technical Center and traditional public school along with private and home schooling.



Mentor Craig Simmerman goes over a five-paragraph essay with the high school class at Idaho Leadership Academy, a charter school located in Burley.

Learning from the classics

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One subject at a time

Students study a different subject each trimester, Simmerman said. Students studied early American history up to 1790 in the first trimester; there was also a three-week Spanish language immersion course. The second trimester will focus on writing; the third trimester will be math and science. A focus on literature continues all year.

Students enjoy the focus on one subject at a time. Having one focus, student Melissa Wadsworth said, helps the topic sink in more.

"It gets impounded into your brain," she added.

Arton Luker said when students move from class to class they lose information.

"When you stick with one thing, a lot more sinks in it," Luker said.

All together

In such a small class setting, many academic levels are in one room. The high school class encompasses students in grades nine through 12; the junior high class has students in sixth through eighth grades.

However, there is less emphasis on grade level and more on ability level.

"We make distinctions where

it matters," Simmerman said.

Wadsworth said grades and ages don't make much of a difference in the classroom - students are on equal footing.

Student work is evaluated according to capabilities, Earl said. Different work is expected from younger students. At the junior high level students are still developing their skills and less analysis is required.

Skill levels vary widely, Simmerman said. Each student is challenged in weak areas. Simmerman also noted the individual attention each student receives. Students meet with a mentor once a week. The mentor knows what the student understands and doesn't understand.

The academic level is not hard to handle with so many different levels in one class, but maturity levels can be, student Kristi Toner said.

No matter what level a student is at, extra work is expected, Simmerman said. Students who do all items listed on the syllabus and receive 100 percent earn a B. Students must find extra projects if they want an A.

Parent Jay Bench said his son set up reading 10 books each week. In the past week, he made it through nine - one short.

Interested?

Facts about Idaho Leadership Academy and charter schools

The Idaho Leadership Academy opened in Burley in September.

The Burley campus is a distance learning center of the home campus in Pingree. The academy is chartered through the Snake River School District in Pingree.

Current enrollment at Burley is 28 students; 21 attend classes at the school. Others are home-based.

Students have the option to stay at home and receive lessons there, said high school mentor Craig Simmerman. But students may benefit from the interaction of other students. They get to learn from each other. They get to learn from us," Simmerman said.

Simmerman and junior high mentor Richard Earl are not certified teachers; students address them as mentors.

Teachers in Pingree develop assignments and review work and grades, Simmerman said. Pingree personnel plan to visit the Burley facility twice a month.

In Idaho, charter schools are public schools, funded in the same manner as other public schools. Enrollment is open, although students must earn a certain score on state-approved tests and participate in an interview with academy officials to be admitted.

Several parents noted learning taking place throughout the family. Bench has picked up speed reading techniques from his son and Smith is beginning to use writing as a tool for thinking, a practice from the academy.

"What can you teach to someone who knows it all - and here I am learning from my 15-year old," Smith said with a smile.

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Transportation Department gets to work on Highway 95

COBUR D'ALENE (AP) - The state Transportation Department is getting down to work to make one of Idaho's deadliest stretches of roads safer.

Several projects are planned this year for sections of Highway 95 in northern Idaho.

More than 100 people died on Highway 95 between 1999 and 2002. Last year, 24 fatalities occurred along the winding, 538-mile road connecting southern and northern Idaho.

Causes include weather, driving too fast for conditions, crossing over the center line and passing on the mostly two-lane road.

Idaho Transportation Department projects include continued work on the accident-prone Mica-to-Coeur d'Alene stretch south of Coeur d'Alene, adding more lanes to the two-lane stretch and building two bridges.

This summer, construction crews will add a passing lane for about two miles through Plummer for northbound traffic. The cost for that project is estimated at \$1 million.

In Boundary County, crews will begin work on the first phase of the Copeland junction to the Canadian border. The \$15 million to \$20 million project will widen and grade the highway for 17 miles.

"There's a lot of curves and the road is a bit narrow," transportation department spokeswoman Barbara Babic said. "For trucks, there's a lot of grades and a lot of curves."

The first phase is expected to last two years.

Review: Driver error causes many crashes

SALI LAKE CITY (AP) - In 2002, 334 people perished in automobile crashes in Utah.

Motorists usually worry about being hit by a drunken driver or crashing in bad weather. But most of last year's fatalities were caused by basic mistakes: not paying attention, going too fast or not wearing a seat belt.

"They might sound corny or trite - they are things we have heard all our lives - but as you look at the statistics, it's the same old things that contribute to fatal crashes," said Dave Beach, director of the Utah Highway Safety Office.

A Salt Lake Tribune review of all available fatal accident reports filed in 2002 found that a majority of automobile accident victims died in single-vehicle crashes on clear roads. The newspaper reported in a copyright story Sunday that the lead-

ing cause of fatal accidents was driver error, followed by speeding, fatigue and then alcohol.

Driver error can mean ignoring the road to eat, to talk to passengers or to search for objects in the back seat. These errors accounted for 36.5 percent of fatal accidents in 2002, or more than one in three.

Inattention - another example of driver error - also was a leading factor in the deaths of 26 pedestrians and 16 motorcyclists and bicyclists last year.

Weather played no part in at least 90 percent of the fatal crashes. Of those who died, 60 percent failed to wear a seat belt. Safety officials estimate drivers are up to 17 times more likely to die in the event of a crash if they don't buckle up. Still, a proposal by Rep. Chad Benning, R-Murray, to eliminate seat belt require-

ments for Utah residents 18 or older passed the House Judiciary Committee last week and is headed to the full House.

Out-of-state visitors accounted for 26 percent, or one in four, of those who lost their lives, many of them vacationers driving long miles on highways through empty landscapes.

All 29 counties in Utah saw road deaths in 2002, but almost 60 percent of fatalities happened outside the Wasatch Front in rural areas where troopers say people are more likely to speed and fall asleep.

Overreacting to an emergency with a strong yank on the steering wheel caused more than half of last year's fatal auto accidents. Drivers tend to overcorrect after drifting off the road because of inattention or jolting awake after drifting off.

Classroom

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As groups of four or five students gathered in front of the board, it flashed three-digit numbers quickly in succession, to which the students had to press a button that featured the correctly rounded answer.

For instance, if Pratt saw the number 672, he'd quickly push the button for 700.

And how does he know that? "Because I look at the second number and it's five or higher, then it's going to go to the next 100, and if it's four or lower, then it's going to go to the same number it says," he said.

It's just a matter of doing that analysis as quickly as possible on the SMART board game.

There are plenty of other inter-

active games to teach whatever lesson is at hand.

"Things move a lot faster," said Mahannah, now in his second year of using the SMART board. "I give the kids more time to study the spelling or prepare for a test because I don't have to erase the board - all I have to do is click the button."

There's a seemingly endless list of teaching aids at his finger tips. Take, for instance, a lesson on multiplication tables.

"I can draw from five or six different sites and choose the best to teach multiplication tables," he said. "It's a huge variety, and it teaches to all the learning styles that I might have in my room."

Of course, the bounty of teach-

ing Web sites can be overwhelming.

"Having such a large variety, I spend so much time looking around and researching," he said.

Mahannah said that everything chosen off the Internet does align with the state standards.

"I don't find a Web site and say, 'Oh, wow, here we are; this looks like fun.' You have to make sure it fits what you're teaching and go from there," he said. "There's lots of fantastic games on the Internet, but that doesn't mean they teach to the standards."

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Bridge

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If commissioners decide against repairing the bridge they will have to decide what to do with it.

Sooner or later the bridge will collapse and the districts would have to clean up the debris. A company might volunteer to dis-

assemble the bridge in exchange for the huge upper timber beams, which are untouched by rot, Miller said.

If highway district officials decide to leave the bridge up without repairs there is always the chance it will collapse while someone is standing on it.

Commissioners may consider putting up barriers to keep people and livestock off the bridge.

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History

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finding them a mother. At a meeting of a Danish singing society he and John met two sisters, Anna and Marie Peterson. Lawrence married Marie in 1874, and John became engaged to Anna about the same time.

Twenty-two-year-old John, asthmatic and sickly, made the trip to Rock Creek in August 1876, and Lawrence arrived nine months later. At Lawrence's urging, John gave up the placer mining he had been engaged in, and helped Lawrence prepare for the coming of their women.

Lawrence had laid claim to a parcel on Rock Creek, and near that stream they built a log cabin with a dirt floor and floor, and iron bars in place of glass in the windows.

The women and children - Anna, Marie, 9-year-old Hedvig and 7-year-old Laura - came to Idaho in August, 1877. They rode for nine uncomfortable days in a railroad car from Indianapolis to Kelton, Utah, cooking for themselves and sleeping on wooden seats cushioned only by the blankets they had brought. Opening windows to relieve the summer heat only brought in clouds of dust, cinders and flies. But, as Anna would later admit, it certainly beat traveling by covered wagon.

John - sun-bronzed and healthy after a year in Idaho - met the women in Kelton with a wagon. After a three-day trip they arrived at Rock Creek, which, to Anna, seemed a strange, wild place, beset with dangers, but, as she said, "holding, nevertheless, a glad promise of sweet contentment in a home of her own making."

Within a week of her arrival, on Sept. 2, Anna married John in what was likely the first white wedding in what we now call Twin Falls County. Judge William Tranner performed the ceremony at Lawrence's cabin, with Charles Walgamott and Lettie Dunn - themselves soon to be married - as witnesses. Readers of this column may



John F. Hansen in 1872.

Two lives of service

The Hansen brothers had a deep sense of civic duty. Both served for years on the Abon Normal School Board, and both were Rock Creek precinct justices of the peace.

John helped create Twin Falls County and was appointed as one of its first commissioners. Lawrence was elected to the state Legislature and, in 1917, helped obtain funding for the Hansen and Mullaney bridges.

recall that Walgamott would a few weeks later gun down "Old Dowdle Bill."

The Hansen cabin door had to be removed for use as a table to accommodate the many guests. Since the cabin had only an open fire for cooking, roast beef and other food for a feast was brought from the Stricker store, some three miles away. The wedding cake was baked in Lars Larsen's oven, at his ranch, a mile distant.

That fall, the newlyweds left the homestead of Lawrence and Marie and moved to Oakley Meadows stage station, east of Rock Creek. Here, John taught school to 11 students of various ages.

There weren't enough books, and the children had nothing to write with except some sheets of wrapping paper and two pencils

owned by Hansen.

In the spring John and Anna bought some cows and tried to establish a cheese-making business on some land John had staked out in Cottonwood Canyon near Rock Creek. But Bannock Indians spoiled these plans.

That spring, Chief Buffalo Horn, leading a large war party during the Bannock War of 1878, burned a stage station and killed at least one man near Glens Ferry.

Expecting these marauders to come their way, the Hansens and other families in the Rock Creek area took what possessions they could, turned loose their animals and fled eastward about 40 miles. A few weeks later, after the threat had passed, the Hansens returned to find their cattle gone and the cheese factory destroyed.

Subsequently, John worked about 10 years for Herman Stricker as a storekeeper and ranch hand. From 1892 through 1900 he and his family lived in Albion, where he served variously as probate judge, Cassia County superintendent of schools and county recorder.

Then, in 1900, he bought the Rock Creek general store from Joseph F. Tatro, who had built it in 1894. Originally, the community known as "Rock Creek" was at the site of the stage station and Stricker store, but in May 1899, or earlier, the post office there had been moved two miles upstream.

Real prosperity came to "Uncle John" Hansen, as he was affectionately known, with the arrival of the engineers and crews who built Milner dam and the canals. His was the only store for miles, and he became the principal supplier to the men. Later, he built a store in Hansen, the town had been named in his honor.

James Varley, a retired Navy officer and 27-year Twin Falls resident, has written four historical books about the West.

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## ART AND FUNCTION

### Jackpot students get their turn at potter's wheel

By Sam Pattman  
Times-News writer

**JACKPOT, Nev.** - Jackpot students are mixing art form and function in a pottery class. "These are usable," said Nancy Tucker, Jackpot Combined School art teacher for 16 years, about the art pieces. "One of the things I stress is functionalism."

For example, she had everyone make a mug before the holidays. At their class Christmas party, they drank hot chocolate, using the mugs they made.

Sonya Pelaez has made several bowls that her mom uses in food preparation. The students explained that there are several methods of working with clay. They can use the wheel, shape the clay over another object or make a rope out of the clay and wrap it around and around. The class is divided according to which method is their favorite. Richard Garcia likes the method where he shaped the clay because of the designs he can create.

"My mom always wanted a red bowl," he said. "I made it for my mom."

Students say they enjoy the class and are proud of what they have created.

"This is a good class. We have the challenge of trying to break



Left, Justin Martinez at the potter's wheel during a pottery class at the Jackpot Combined School.



Below left, Curtis Walker and Alfredo Gonzalez work on their projects.



Below right, McKinsey Rodriguez hopes to beat the record for creating the largest pot on the wheel.

Photos by SAM PATTMAN/The Times-News

the record for the biggest pot formed on the wheel," Tucker said. The record established in 1994 by student Chris Trujillo still stands. McKinsey Rodriguez said he is going to try to break that record.

"I like working with my hands," Rodriguez said. And, he

knows what his next project will be. "It was kind of thinking of a flower pot for my mom because I broke the one she bought in Mexico."

## SCHOOL NEWS

### School baseball team sells raffle tickets for ATV

**BURLEY** - The Burley High School baseball team is selling raffle tickets for an all-terrain vehicle.

For more information, call Coach Walker at the school at 878-6606 or contact one of the baseball players.

### Twin Falls Rotary Club offers scholarships

**TWIN FALLS** - Rotary District 5400 of Rotary International and the Twin Falls Rotary Club have announced scholarship opportunities for international study in 2004.

One Ambassadorial Scholarship and one three-month Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship are available to study in communities where Rotary Clubs are located. The Ambassadorial Scholarship is for study in almost any field at an institution assigned by the Rotary Foundation. The maximum award is \$25,000, including travel.

The Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship is for intensive language training and cultural immersion at an institution also assigned by the foundation. The maximum award is \$12,000, including travel in-kind.

One nominee chosen from the district will be considered for 20 worldwide Rotary World Peace Scholarships, which is a two-year graduate level scholarship offered to people committed to peace and cooperation in the opportunity to pursue a two-year

master's level degree in international studies, peace studies and conflict resolution at one of seven institutions designated as Rotary Centers for Peace Studies.

Applications are due March 1. For more information, call Jennifer Ruprecht at 736-8648.

### Kimberly PTSO, WinCo hold annual potato chili supper

**KIMBERLY** - WinCo Foods and the Kimberly Parent Teacher Student Organization will hold the annual potato chili supper from 4:30-7:15 p.m. Feb. 8 in the Kimberly High School commons area, 141 Center St. W.

The meal will include baked potatoes, chili and cinnamon rolls for \$3 per person or \$15 per family. Children under age 5 eat free. Proceeds will go towards school programs. There will be a drawing for prizes, and cookbooks will be for sale. For more information, call the school at 423-4170.

### Wood River High School will hold talent show

**HAILEY** - The Wood River High School Drama Department will hold a talent show for ages 17 and older at 8 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Stage Theatre in Ketchikan.

Registration forms to be in the show are available at the theater or at the school, 1050 Fox Acres Road in Hailey or at the Web site at www.covincemental.com/entshow. For more information, call the school at 788-4811.

## JHS freshmen take the ISAT

This week, all freshmen at Jerome High School took the ISAT, Idaho State Achievement Test, for the second time this year.

Most are feeling more comfortable with the test format, know their fall scores, and have set annual goals for improvement.

Each week, all JHS teachers include mini-lessons over one math and two language arts skills that are tested. This week, the skills in math are coordinating graphing and number. They had an additional year to measure and improve our learning and teaching. The staff and students at JHS were given the ISAT challenge and the opportunity to have an additional year to measure and improve our learning and teaching.

The JHS wrestlers are getting ready for district. The results from the American Falls Tournament are: Varsity: Cody McAnally, second; Tyler Thiessen, second; Jose Treilles, fourth; Em Powell, fifth; and Tanner Peterson, fifth. For JV: Ryan Charles, first; Ryan Musgrave, first; Keith Blane, first; Cary Livingston, first; Tyler Traugher, first; Tyler Larsen, first; Patrick Fleming, first; Brian



Sharon Kester, consumer education specialist, was chosen as Jerome High School's teacher of the month for January by the High School Motivation Committee. Bill Bubak presents Kester with a JHS sweatshirt in appreciation for her outstanding work.

Greenwald, first; Shane Humphries, first; Britt Thuesen, first; Cody Luper, second; Tom Callen, second; Brady Black, second; Logan LaMothe, second; and Jordan Jackson, second. Way to go wrestlers!

Congratulations to Sharon Kester on being selected as the January teacher of the month. Ms. Kester is our family and consumer sciences teacher extraordinaire. She oversees our student-

run restaurant, the Tiger Den, where staff and students can enjoy wonderful lunches each Wednesday.

JHS is proud to have been accredited as an Exemplary School for the third year in a row. Thanks to the efforts of our dedicated staff and great student body. You make the Tiger roar!

Patti O'Dell is Jerome High School principal.

## Burley BPA members earn wins

**BURLEY** - Burley High School Business Professionals of America members earned honors at a regional BPA competition at the school on Jan. 17.

A total of eight schools participated. The first two places in team events and judged events, such as extemporaneous speaking, will go to the state competition in March in Boise, said DeAnn Campbell, Burley BPA advisor. The top three places in other categories also will go to state.

Burley winners were: Graphic design, Adam Bickell, first; Alex Bushman, second and Sabrina Gillette, third.

Computerized accounting, Mirella Chavez, fourth. Medical office procedures, Jalyan Morris, first; Shawna Urgan, second; Jesus Tellez, fourth and Macaela Ross, sixth.

Basic office systems, Abram Jones, first; Josh Alvey, second; Samantha Harper, third and Sabrina Gillette, fifth.

Interview skills, Kalli Rasmussen, third and Ryan Rasmussen, fifth. Database applications, Katie Gunderson, first and Tyler Walton, second.

C-plus programmer, Drew Johnson, first. Visual bases, Justin Baker, first and Drew Johnson, second.

Spreadsheet applications, Dane Gonzales, second, Rachel Evans, third and Kathryn Redder, fourth.

Parliamentary procedure team, Mandi Bowen, Ryan Funk, Erika Phillips, Meghan Milton, Scott Bowen, Deirdra Parish and Andrew McMurran, first place.

Desktop publishing, Amy Thomas, third and Scott Bowen, fifth.

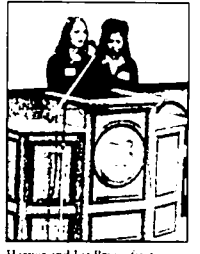
Human resource management, Mandi Bowen, first. Parliamentary procedure, Deirdra Parish, first; Scott Bowen, second; Meghan Milton, third and Erika Phillips, fourth.

Financial analyst team, Vanessa Castro, Samantha



Above, Burley's BPA parliamentary procedure team shows its excitement after placing first in the team event, and taking first, second and fourth in the individual event at a recent regional competition. From left are Meghan Milton, Erika Phillips, Andrew McMurran, Mandi Bowen, Ryan Funk and Deirdra Parish; and bottom center: Scott Bowen.

Below, state BPA Vice President and Burley Chapter President Katie Gunderson, left, and Regional Vice President Lindsey Abo preside at the opening session.



Advanced accounting, Katie Gunderson, first and Lindsey Abo, fifth. Prepared speech, Felicia Horsley, second. Advanced word skills, Katie Hanks, first and Tom Preston, third.

Financial math and analysis, Drew Johnson, fourth and Katie Gunderson, sixth.

Advanced office, Taylor Walton, first; Wendy Seale, second; Bekah Heimer, third; Tom Preston, fourth.

Extemporaneous speech, Felicia Horsley, first and Ryan Funk, second. Information technology, Drew Johnson, first. Administrative support, Drew Johnson, third and Dane Gonzales, sixth.

Management marketing, human resources, Drew Johnson, first. Advanced interview, Tanya Shockey, first.

## T.F. High School kicks off new semester

A week of school spirit and competitions was the perfect way to kick off the new semester.

Last week was Bruin Week at Twin Falls High School - three days of dressing up, being goofy and showing off school pride.

"Bruin Week is a week where we all come together as one. Unity, strength and loyalty - they're what bring us together," Senior Class President Andrew Miller said.

One of the best aspects of Bruin Week is being allowed to dress up. Wednesday was pajama day, Thursday was twins and movie star day and Friday was blue and white day. On Friday, students came to school with their hair dyed bright blue, and blue war paint streaked across their faces. One of the most hilarious and inventive costumes was worn by a boy who had wrapped his entire



body in blue cellophane.

School spirit was definitely high throughout Bruin Week, and almost everyone participated. "Our school spirit could be better, but during Bruin Week everyone really has school pride," junior cheerleader Haley Charlton said.

The events of the week came to a climax at a pep assembly. At the assembly, the TFHS cheerleaders and the Bruinets dance team each gave spectacular perfor-

mances. Several competitions were held among the sophomore, junior and senior classes, as well.

In the tower building contest, teams of students raced to see who could stack giant boxes the highest. Over and over, the boxes tumbled to the ground. The juniors ended up with the tallest tower. They had great team work and cooperation.

At the end of the assembly, when all the points had been totaled for the contests and games held throughout the week, the junior class was declared the Bruin Week 2003 Champions.

The title of Ms. Bruin, the female student with the most school spirit, went to sophomore Chelsea Lewis.

Patti O'Dell is a staff writer with the Twin Falls High School News.

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## Students qualify as finalists in automotive contest

*The contest features more than \$50,000 worth of prizes for competing students and their high school automotive programs, Weber State officials report.*

OGDEN, Utah - Area students have qualified as finalists for the championship round at the Weber State University Automotive Contest.

Those who qualified include students Jacob Brown, Colt Robinson and Tyson Wrayley from the Cassia Regional Technical Center in Burley. Their automotive teacher is Randy Daniel. Also qualifying are Buhl High School students Chris Wolf, Matt Busby and Chris Odgesbee. Their automotive teacher is Justin Tate.

The contest features more than \$50,000 worth of prizes for competing students and their high school automotive programs, Weber State officials report. The championship round of the

competition will be held at Weber State on Thursday, and the winners will be announced that evening at half time of the Weber State vs Portland State basketball game.

Seventy-five senior automotive students from 24 high schools in five states will compete at the full day of hands-on troubleshooting competition, designed and administered by experts from the automotive industry, the college reported. Scholarships and tools are awarded to the winning students, and the winning schools receive plaques and new vehicles for their automotive programs.

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## Why can't they lose the ring in the sink?

I finally saw the new "Lord of the Rings" movie, which is entitled "Lord of the Rings II: A Lot of Stuff Happens." It's a tad on the long side (three days) but not complaining. My eyelids were literally convulsed to the moon, by literal rivets, from the moment I sat down until the moment I lost all sensation in my rear body.

### SIMPLIFIED SCREENPLAY OF "LORD OF THE RINGS II" (Scene 1)

**FRODO:** Darn! I still have this darned ring that I got in the first movie. **SAMWISE:** The ring with the terrible power that causes everyone who comes near it to overact?

**FRODO:** Yes! And to destroy it, we must walk slowly, in real time, all the way across New Zealand!

**SAMWISE:** But who will guide us?

**FRODO:** How about a reptilian computer-generated creature with a bad eyebrow?

**SAMWISE:** Dick Cheney's in this movie?

**GOLLUM:** Very funny, Hobbit-breath.

**LORD ARAGORN:** Well, my two trusty companions - Legolas, the Strangely Tall Elf, and Gimli, the Comic Relief Dwarf - in our subplot, we are pursuing Merry and Pippin, who have been captured by Orcs, and now we find ourselves in the Kingdom of Rohan, ruled by King Theoden, whose daughter, Eowyn, will become my second in command once the king is released from the spell cast by his trusted counselor, Grima Wormtongue, who is secretly in league with the evil wizard Saruman.

**LEGOLAS:** I have no idea what you're talking about.

**LORD ARAGORN:** Me either. I'm just reading the script.

**GIMLI:** Well, I'm really short; my height is a problem.

**LORD ARAGORN:** But enough explanatory dialogue. It's time for one of the estimated 17 big sword-clanging battles we have in this movie with hideous computer-generated monsters who are always outnumbered us by the thousands, although we defeat them every time, because we are courageous heroes!

**LEGOLAS:** Also, they have the hand-to-hand-combat skills of alfalfa.

**MONSTERS:** Arrrrrrr.  
**SWORDS:** CLANG! CLANG! CLANG! CLANG!

**MERRY:** Well, Pippin, we escaped the Orcs, and now we're being carried around by talking trees!

**PIPPIN:** Apparently, the audience will swallow anything!

**TREE:** It gets worse! Later on, we engage in branch-to-hand combat! (Scene 4)

**MONSTERS:** Arrrrrrr.  
**SWORDS:** CLANG! CLANG! CLANG! CLANG!

**FRODO:** How come, if I'm the protagonist, Lord Aragorn has TWO love interests, and I'm stuck in a subplot with Dick Cheney?

**GOLLUM:** Maybe it's because your big hairy feet make you look like you're wearing a pair of bird weasels.

**LORD ARAGORN:** Well, Legolas and Gimli, with the help of Gandalf the White, formerly Gandalf the Grey, also known as Gandalf the Belfry, we have defeated the Uruk-hai in a giant computer-generated battle. Now we must make haste to the pretty Big Rock of Kargambodor, where the forest of Be Zoot, led by the evil King Wargrimple, cooer the Mollions of Onseep and stain the Remotes Control Unit Dooms!

**LEGOLAS:** Now you're just Please see BARRY, Page D2

# Breathing fire

## If you're breathless, chronic heartburn might be to blame

By Joan Bean  
Times News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - Asthma and heartburn: Two chronic health problems as alike as popcorn and pepper, right?

You'd be surprised.

Celeste Milner has suffered from both for as long as she can remember, but when she was a sophomore in high school her symptoms got worse.

"I was having trouble breathing and trouble eating anything and I basically couldn't eat anything but milk and bread without taking pills," she said. "I had a burning sensation in my throat, burning sensation in my way down into my stomach anytime I ate anything and mostly at night."

Milner is among just 3-5 percent of chronic asthmatics whose problem is caused by gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), but the link between chronic heartburn and respiratory symptoms is extensive.

In 1995, she underwent surgery for her reflux problem. The procedure, called Nissen fundoplication, wrapped the upper portion of her stomach around the lower section of her esophagus. This created a valve that acts like the lower esophagus sphincter to prevent stomach acid from backing up into the esophagus.

Within months, her asthma symptoms greatly improved, along with the reflux.

"A lot of these people are seen because they have severe asthma and are refractory to medication, and we find out that they have acid reflux," said Dr. Ted Rea, a Twin Falls gastroenterologist.

"You get the acid reflux fixed, it dramatically reduces their medication to treat asthma."

Milner, now 27, says before surgery she had been taking a lot of pills. Ever since, she's been able to cut down.

"I just think it was worth it, instead of having to take all those pills all the time," she said.

Dr. Allen Sinclair, another Twin Falls gastroenterologist, says for a person who feels his asthma is being made worse by stomach acid backing up into the esophagus, it's not likely that changing lifestyle will make the problem go away.

"Usually they're going to need to see a doctor and get a medicine," he said.

The problem is this: The lower esophagus sphincter muscle relaxes,

- Acid reflux can be treated**
- Avoid very large meals
  - Space out food over meals
  - Avoid food two or three - and preferably six - hours before bed time
  - Avoid chocolate
  - Avoid carbonated beverages
  - Some people have a problem with spicy food
  - Tobacco and alcohol increase acid reflux
  - Peppermint also increases it
  - Elevate the head of the bed 6 inches using bricks or blocks, so that gravity will keep the acid down in the stomach

es, decreasing the barrier to reflux. The contents of the stomach then can either back up into esophagus and touch off bronchospasm in the muscles of the airways, or they will actually slip into the lungs and as an irritant cause asthma, according to Rea.

Doctors suspect an asthmatic's problem is caused by reflux when the bronchospasms don't vary from season to season. They also consider it in people who have episodes of wheezing or coughing after meals or at night when they are lying down.

Sinclair says this is not only true in adults. Many childhood asthmatics have reflux.

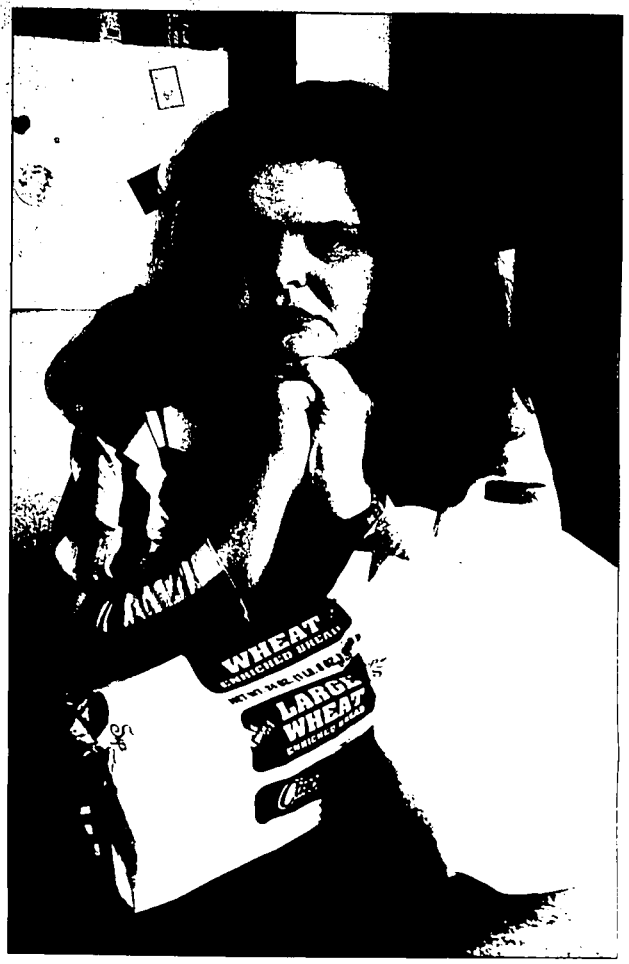
GERD and asthma are widespread, "so you have to be a little careful about saying that one causes the other," Sinclair said. "Yet there are some people that even think that maybe asthma itself may increase acid reflux."

Dr. Ronald Fullmer, a Twin Falls lung specialist, says a study demonstrated that half of the patients whose acid reflux caused their chronic coughs didn't actually have heartburn symptoms.

"Sometimes treating the acid reflux will help the asthma do better," Fullmer said.

Trying medicine can be preferable to doing elaborate tests, Sinclair says.

"And if there is any question they are likely to send them to a gastroenterologist," he said.



Before Celeste Milner's surgery, her chronic heartburn was so bad the only thing she could eat was bread and milk. Since the surgery to repair the valve at the top of her stomach, not only is her heartburn cured, but her asthma has improved radically.

## Can those holey jeans be saved?

Knight Rider News Service

Everybody has his or her favorite pair of jeans, you know, the ones you wear on Monday and sneak back around your hips on Friday.

Then, the unthinkable happens: a stain, a rip, a few pounds, a washing machine incident.

Your jeans are dead, and finding another pair so perfect is impossible. So you throw them in the back of the closet to rest in the fashion graveyard.

But it's time to resurrect that denim.

Here are a few ideas to show you how to bring dead jeans back to life.

**Problem:** The jeans fit around the waist perfectly, but your ankles seem to be eating them up.

**Solution:** Go easy and free with the capri. If the jeans aren't too short, you can cuff them and add iron-on patches to the front or back of the jeans to your desired length, throw them in the washer and dryer and end up with a frayed look.

**Add-on:** Just take some beads, ribbon or rhinestones and hot glue them around the ankles for a bohemian look.

**Problem:** Those jeans you ended up wearing in the garden or to paint the living room are stained beyond a washing machine fix.

**Solution:** Make those jeans into personalized shorts for your outdoor vacations. Get some clis-



Distressed jeans are worn with a white shirt and long coat the Dolce & Gabbana fall-winter men's fashion show in Milan, Italy, earlier this month.

## Assess your make-up and skin-care products

**DEAR READERS:** January is a time to close out last year's ledger and start a new one. That is a basic for every taxpayer. What should also go along with the year's financial assessment should be a makeup and skin-care version.



Paula Begoun

I'm not talking about the need to throw out old products and buy all new ones or to try that new anti-wrinkle cream your friends insist all the celebrities are using these days, rather, I'm referring to reviewing what you currently use, what you should probably throw away, and what you should consider doing better.

If being beautiful is the goal, ignoring the basics won't get you what you want.

Here's a new year beauty checklist that may help get you started.

1. When was the last time you checked your makeup in the day light? Take a mirror and walk outside. Look closely at your jaw and hairline. Can you see a difference in skin color between the skin on your neck, ears and hairline that don't have foundation on? If you can, then it's probably time to go shopping for a new foundation. If the foundation looks too heavy and noticeable or streaky and uneven, that can be a faulty blending technique. Be sure you are using a flat, synthetic sponge to remove any excess and to smooth the foundation evenly over your face.
2. While you're out there in good daylight with the mirror, take the time to notice if you're overpowdering your face. Does it look heavy and caked when it

should be barely there at all. This is a common problem caused by the powder being used. Heavy powder tends to often than not have a caking consistency. It is a common problem caused by poor application techniques. It is a common problem with which you can do something about. Use a light touch and a better dusting tool. It should take a few minutes to do this.

3. Does your mascara and pencil look smudged and streaky under your eye in multiple directions? The end of the day? You could be rubbing your eyes and causing the problem, which is not an attractive look. It is a common problem with which you can do something about. Use a gentle eye makeup remover and avoid rubbing with petroleum jelly or other products under the eyes.

4. Does your skin have dry patches and red irritated areas? There are lots of things that could be happening. It could be using drying cleansers, harsh toners, overly abrasive scrubs, or too many products that are known for causing irritation such as

# HEALTH & FASHION

## Cancer support group meets today

Breast Cancer Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. today in the reception area of St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute Twin Falls Cancer Center, 655 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The ongoing group is open to breast cancer survivors or patients (male or female) and their families and friends.

For more information, call Lydia Gilman at 737-2979 or Mary Howard at 734-1766.

### Water exercise program

Squeaky Joints class, the Arthritis Foundation aquatic program, will be offered from 9-10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the YMCA City Pool, 756 Locust St. N., Twin Falls. The class is designed for individuals with arthritis and related conditions.

The program is sponsored by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Physical Therapy Services and YMCA City Pool. Instructor will be Tanya Spinner, Arthritis Foundation-certified occupational therapist. Cost is \$3 per session. For more information, call 737-2870.

### 'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer Baby and Me classes from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic will be "Story Telling."

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years.

The class is free. For more information, call 324-7262.

### CPR class

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday in the doctors' meeting room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class will include emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking for adults

### To do for you

and infants. The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice.

Cost is \$25. Preregistration is required. To register, call 737-2547 or 737-2007.

### Childbirth classes

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Wednesday through Feb. 26, in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class will include classroom instruction on wellness of the mother, labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the postpartum mother, care of the newborn including breast and bottle feeding, and a tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Cost is \$50. Preregistration is required, call 737-2900.

### CPR for babies

Infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class is offered as part of the prepared childbirth course. New parents, grandparents and children are encouraged to attend to learn about infant CPR, choking, child safety and prevention of injury.

The class is free. Preregistration is not required. For more information, call 737-2900.

### Childbirth classes

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Feb. 4 through March 11, at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The sessions, taught by a reg-

istered nurse, emphasize preparation for labor and birth, changes during pregnancy and newborn care. Participants are asked to bring two pillows and a blanket to each class.

The classes are free for those who will be delivering at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. To register, call 324-4301.

### Diabetes workshops

University of Idaho Extension Service will offer a four-class series of workshops in two locations. The program is designed for people with diabetes and their families.

The first workshop will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Feb. 5 through Feb. 26, at the Cassia County Extension Office, 113 W. 16th St., Burley. Cost is \$20 per person or \$35 per couple, and covers class materials and food samples. Class size is limited to 20 participants. Registration deadline is Wednesday or until the class is full. For more information or to pre-register, call 878-9461.

The second workshop will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 7 through Feb. 28, in the Jerome County Courthouse basement meeting room. Cost is \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. Class size is limited to 20 participants. Registration deadline is Friday or until the class is full. For more information or to pre-register, call 324-7578.

The workshops will be taught by extension educators, registered dietitians and a certified diabetes educator.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403, or deliver to our office at 133 Third St. W.

# Researchers say insomniacs wake up to breathing problems

Los Angeles Times

Sometimes there's a clear reason we're wired, tired and desperate at 3 a.m. Work pressure. A broken relationship. Threats of terror. But very often people with chronic insomnia have no idea why they're waking up at night.

"That's why they come and ask for help," said Dr. Barry Krakow, director of the Sleep and Human Health Institute, a research clinic in Albuquerque, N.M., that specializes in the treatment of insomnia due to trauma-related stress. "They think, 'I must be stressed about something,' but they don't know what. They don't have an answer."

Krakow and other sleep researchers believe they do. In an article published in the current issue of the journal Sleep and Breathing, they contend that chronic insomniacs' increasingly fragmented sleep can cause a change in nighttime breathing, periodically through the night, that then slows down just enough to make the body stir but not awaken. The condition, called sleep-disordered breathing — similar to the better-known sleep apnea — has long been associated with severe insomnia. But these doctors say the disorder is more common than previously thought, and makes chronic insomnia nearly impossible to treat with standard behavioral therapies, such as setting regular sleep routines.

*By opening airways in the nose and mouth, researchers say, doctors should be able to spare chronic insomniacs the mental and physical ravages of sleeplessness, whether due to work stress or violent trauma.*

By opening airways in the nose and mouth, they say, doctors should be able to spare chronic insomniacs the mental and physical ravages of sleeplessness, whether due originally to work stress or violent trauma. "The bottom line is that this is a subtle, vastly under-diagnosed condition that gives us an opportunity to help perhaps millions of people suffering from a variety of problems related to chronic insomnia," Krakow said.

Other researchers caution there's still debate about the definition of sleep-disordered breathing and no one knows how widespread it is. After all, experts only recently have come to understand the seriousness of sleep apnea, a condition affecting about 2 percent of adults in which breathing stops periodically during sleep, leaving people half-awake by night and

exhausted by day.

Yet researchers who study nighttime breathing increasingly agree that sleep-disordered breathing plays an enormous role in sleep complaints, said Dr. Christian Guilleminault of Stanford University School of Medicine, a leading authority on the disorder.

In two recent studies, more than 80 percent of chronic insomniacs reported symptoms of sleep-disordered breathing. In one, Krakow used measuring devices to show that 40 of 44 victims of violent crime visiting his clinic had the disorder. Its symptoms disturbed their sleep 40 times an hour, on average. In another, Guilleminault reported in July that 327 of 394 post-menopausal women seeking treatment at Stanford had symptoms.

Dr. Avram Gold, medical director of the sleep disorders center at the State University of New York in Stony Brook, said most patients at the clinic have breathing trouble at night, whether they snore or not. "For years we've been so focused on the extreme — severe apnea — that I think we've been missing the more subtle problems," he said. In a paper published in May, Gold argued that most nighttime breathing problems fall somewhere between normal apnea, and go undiagnosed in millions of people. "I believe apnea is just the tip of the iceberg."

## Cosmetics

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AHA's, retinoids (Renova, Retin-A, Tazorac), or clay facial masks, you could be causing the problem. Assess the ingredient lists and consider cutting back or changing some of these things (especially the drying cleansers and harsh toners).

5. If you dye your hair, check the roots. Two-tone hair (gray or dark roots against blond or different color hair) is a glamour don't be so sure. Some women wait too long between colorings, and end up with noticeable roots showing that should have been touched up weeks ago. Don't let it go too long. Everyone notices, and it just looks wrong. Hair mascara can help and can be essential when you don't have that extra hour at home or at the salon to get it done. But even hair mascara can't work more than a week or two when those roots get really long.

6. Notice whether your lipstick is smearing and bleeding into the lines around your mouth by the end of the day or even worse, before lunch. With so many cream lipsticks and greasy glosses being sold, this is almost inevitable. Consider changing to a matte lipstick and wearing a gloss over it. It also helps to use your liner all over your mouth and then apply the color over it.

7. Are you still getting a tan (even a small amount of tan) when you are on vacation during the summer season? Any sun or color change, no matter how insignificant, is a sign that significant sun damage is taking place. Use the time to make a sun screen assessment. Are you wearing sunscreen 365 days a year? Are you applying a sunscreen with an SPF 15 or greater and that contains the UVA protecting agents of a benzene, titanium dioxide, or zinc oxide? Are you applying it liberally? Are you applying it before you leave the house? Are you reapplying sunscreen on your hands after you wash your face? Are you reapplying every 90 minutes when you've been perspiring or swimming? If the answer to any of these is no

or maybe, you are heading down the road to wrinkles, skin discolorations, and possibly skin cancer.

8. Healthy white teeth are a mainstay of a beautiful appearance. Next time you're looking at a fashion magazine or watching a movie, notice how perfectly white the models' and actors' teeth are. This is the perfect time to be sure you are taking good care of your teeth and consult your dentist about some of the new over-the-counter whitening products that offer subtle, but perceptible improvements in the color of your teeth. While you're at it, make an appointment for a teeth cleaning too!

9. If you have bad beauty habits, consider stopping them. Biting your nails, picking at blemishes, pulling at cuticles, constantly pulling and fluffing your

hair, or not washing your makeup off every night are all beauty problems. Ask a friend or family member to gently and lovingly help you create new behaviors that are healthier and far more attractive.

10. Smoking? Don't!

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## Attitude

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sos, stencils, fabric paint, fabric markers, hot glue and rhinestones.

- Cut the jeans to your desired length.
- Lay the stencil of your choice on the denim, even over the small stains, and use a fabric marker to trace the stencil. Lift the stencil and paint your design. Or just paint within the stencil.

- Sprinkle a few rhinestones on to enhance making them stick with hot glue or using a gem setter such as Putting on the Glitz or BeDazzler.
- Lay the shorts flat and let them dry overnight. Only do one side at a time.

- Problem: The jeans are either too tight, too short or a little too long.
- Solution: Skirt it. Have scissors, fabric and a sewing kit ready.

- Lay the jeans flat and cut along the inside seams of both legs.
- Put the jeans on. Decide what you want to cut more and how much fabric you need.
- Flip the jeans inside out and lay them flat.

- The space between the legs should be wide as comfortable.
- Like the fabric, cut it to the desired length and pin it to the inside of the shorts, matching the waistband.
- Sew the fabric along the front triangle, do it again with

the back.

Problem: Your favorite pair of jeans are two days past worn and on their way to the dump.

Solution: Bikini jeans. Survivors, the washing machine and dryer are all you need. (You could add some patches.)

- Cut the waistband off your jeans.
- Cut long slits up the legs.
- Wherever there are holes, make them bigger or add slits.
- Throw them in the washer and dryer.

- When you're done, every where you cut will be frayed.
- If the holes are too big, use some iron-on patches or fabric to cover them.
- You'll end up with a pair of jeans that will look great with a swimsuit.

Problem: The only place you can get your jeans repaired is at the store.

Solution: Make a tube top. You'll need your sewing machine and a tube top pattern. You'll also need a pair of jeans that you want to repair.

- Lay the jeans flat and cut out the waistband.
- If the jeans are too long, cut them to the desired length and pin them to the inside of the shorts, matching the waistband.
- Sew the fabric along the front triangle, do it again with

- Add some iron-on letters or a simple patch to the front piece.
- Depending on the style you want, you can cut the waistband off the back piece to serve as the strap that will hold your top together.
- Take the waistband and sew one side of it to the front piece and add a button to the other side of the front piece.
- Your finished product should be a tube top with a one-button strap across the back.

Problem: One of your favorite jeans is a little too tight in the back.

Solution: Make a purse. Get some scissors, stencils, fabric paint, headed ribbon, patches, rhinestones, a gem setter, fabric marker, hot glue, safety pins and a sewing kit.

- Cut the jeans. The 2-inch slits in the zipper. They should be 1/2 inch apart.
- Sew the slits. You will want to use them to hold the strap.
- Flip the zipper inside out and sew it to the new hole in the back.
- Cut the waistband off the jeans and lay them flat.
- Glue a hot glue patch and personalize it with your name with fabric paint. Use hot glue to hold patches in place. Use a gem setter to set rhinestones.
- Lay the purse flat and allow the hot glue to dry. Only do one side at a time.

Source: The Kansas City Star

## Barry

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making stuff up.

LORD ARAGORN: Well, it's not as stupid as the king's letters.

GIMI: I'm still short, Frodo.

NEMO: Frodo? Uh-huh. The more you over, and I will have that dated

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# Artificial discs show promise

The Los Angeles Times

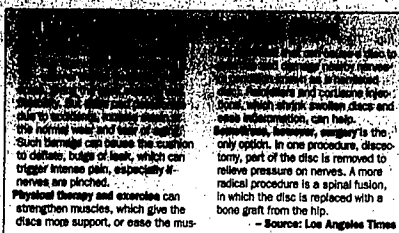
Millions of Americans suffer with chronic low-back pain, often caused by ruptured, herniated or deteriorating discs. Although painkillers and exercise help most people, about 200,000 a year must resort to spinal fusion, a complicated procedure with a lengthy recovery.

Even then, some spines become stiff, causing the patient to lose mobility. But some Americans with severe pain may have an alternative: an artificial disc.

First devised in 1984 by two German orthopedic surgeons, the prosthesis, known as the SB Charite Artificial Disc, has been available in Canada, Europe, Asia and Latin America for more than a decade and implanted in more than 5,000 patients.

Tests of 364 patients in the United States were completed in December 2001. Before granting approval for sale here, however, the Food and Drug Administration requires that the patients be followed for two years to see if the devices hold up and if there are any complications. Once those data are compiled, the prosthesis could be available here in 2004.

"This is a significant advance," says Dr. John J. Regan, an orthopedic surgeon at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center



In Los Angeles who has implanted the experimental device in 45 patients. "Recovery is quick, and it restores motion to the part of the spine that would otherwise be fused."

The disc consists of a polyethylene core that slides between two metal plates attached to the vertebrae of the spine. The core functions on a ball-and-socket principle that mimics the action of healthy discs, permitting motion and flexibility; the plates keep the spine stable. Because the prosthesis is made of the same materials used for more than 30 years in other orthopedic devices, such as hip and knee replacements, infection is unlikely.

Insertion of the device is performed through a small incision in the abdomen. Surgeons push

the stomach and intestines aside to expose the spine, remove the damaged disc and insert the implant. Rehabilitation begins after hospital discharge, which is usually two days after the procedure. Patients are urged to move the joint normally as soon as possible.

Still, spinal fusions won't become obsolete any time soon. People with more than one damaged disc or who suffer from osteoporosis aren't good candidates for disc implants. But for otherwise healthy people, artificial discs are "a real breakthrough," says Dr. Scott Blumenthal, an orthopedic surgeon who tested the device at the Texas Back Institute in Plano, "because they can restore normal functioning."

# Binge eating has many different causes

The results of it are uniformly bad

The Dallas Morning News

We were good all day. You ate light meals and snacked sensibly.

But by late evening, you give in — that ice cream or bag of chips was calling to you as your stomach bubbles. Or maybe you were just feeling bored or restless, and you turned to food for comfort.

Nocturnal bingeing can signify many things, from a situation as simple as skipping breakfast because of a busy schedule, to subconsciously coping with depression.

"Bingeing on high-carbohydrate foods can be self-medicating, just like drinking Prozac, cutting, starving, drugs, alcohol," says Jessica Setnick, a registered dietitian in Dallas who specializes in eating disorders. "Even excessive chewing of gum or chewing ice changes brain chemistry."

The bingeing resembles bulimia, except that there's no purging — vomiting or use of laxatives — after eating. So, unlike bulimics, binge eaters tend to gain weight.

"Because they're so hungry, they eat fast," says Betty Armstrong, a clinical psychologist in Dallas who deals with obesity issues. "Satiety doesn't kick in."

There are no good statistics about whether nocturnal binge eating is on the rise, but Setnick says she is seeing more patients, particularly among teens.

"I've seen a lot of kids stop

bingeing just by eating breakfast and lunch," Setnick says.

In addition, "it may actually be a reflection of difficulties in relationships," Armstrong says. "They're kind of shy people, kind of lonely people. They may want to have relationships with other people, but they don't quite know how. Particularly with anxiety, (eating) kind of slows you down. You just can't be as agitated."

Armstrong says that almost all of her clients have some sort of eating mismanagement, if not outright eating disorders, such as anorexia or bulimia.

"All of them, to some degree, are interested in weight loss," she says. "They come to me for help with weight loss, and that's not my job. My job is to help them understand what happens when they do what they do. I try to understand what it is in their history that may have led them to this."

She gives her clients "homework assignments" in which they write down what was happening right before the binge, and what their feelings were before and afterward.

"They're very uncomfortable with these, and they're very uncomfortable with their eating habit, but they're more uncomfortable without it. Food becomes their best pal."

"I have some 350-pound adults who'll say, 'When I was in high school, I wanted to lose 10 pounds,'" Setnick says. "They've gained 200 pounds just going through the dieting process."

# Americans bite for teeth whiteners

The Hartford Courant

They're out there. They're working in the next cubicle, attending classes with you, shopping at your supermarket, working out at your gym. You've always been a tad suspicious of them. They're a little too eager, a tad too chipper.

But mostly it's that strange glow. That pulsing blue-white light thrown like a lighthouse beacon from their heads.

They came from beyond? No, they just came from the dentist.

They're your neighbors, friends and family members with impossibly white smiles courtesy of bleaching kits and trips to Dr. Brite Smile, the ones whose teeth are so blinding, you want to shout, "Turn them off!"

Obviously, we're not talking about natural Pepsodent smiles. No, these are teeth that sport shades not found in nature's plans for bipusids.

Still, you've got to admit, those teeth are pretty darn nice. They also happen to be the country's hottest fashion accessory.

The tooth-whitening industry has erupted over the past five years, with Americans spending billions of dollars annually to obtain titanium-white chompers. According to the American

Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, the consumer demand for tooth-whitening procedures in doctor's offices has increased 308 percent between 1996 and 2000.

"Tooth whitening is the No. 1 requested and performed cosmetic dental procedure," said Eric Nelson, spokesman for the AACD.

The trend toward whiter teeth shows no sign of slowing down. Every week, it seems, a new product promises a brighter smile.

Toothpaste, toothbrushes, paint-on gels, whitening strips and even dental floss promise to turn your yellowed fangs into radioactive Chickets that can refract light or be seen from the space station.

"There's a saying out there that you can't be too rich or too thin. Now it's: You can't be too rich, too thin or have teeth that white," said Bette Light, a spokeswoman for Rembrandt dental products. "It has become

a standard of beauty. People want white smiles. Look at all the models and movie stars and VIPs of the world. They're beautiful, and they have beautiful smiles. What's a consumer to do?"

Go out and get whiter teeth! And that's exactly what millions of Americans are doing: visiting their dentists for a peroxide job or buying over-the-counter kits (with significantly lower doses of peroxide) to do their bleach jobs at home.

"It's out there, and it's huge," said Dr. Michael Kraus, who has been practicing general and cosmetic dentistry for 17 years in New York. "It's part of the trend that people who are starting to age, especially the boomers, don't want to. Fifty is the new 60; 40 is the new 50. People just won't accept the aging process sitting down. They all want to look younger."

Whiter teeth are perceived as younger teeth, Kraus said.

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# Stroke experts call for alertness to risk factors

Los Angeles Times

Ten years ago, health authorities called for a sweeping change in the way Americans view stroke, asking them to learn stroke symptoms and to treat these signs as an emergency — much like a heart attack.

A new study shows that many Americans have received the message. More people now recognize a stroke and are prepared to act. But people still are not very knowledgeable about the risk factors that can lead to a stroke.

The study, published last week in the Journal of the American Medical Association, compared results of telephone surveys taken in 1995 and 2000 in Cleveland. While 77 percent of respondents had received the stroke warning sign in 1995, 70 percent were able to do so five years later. More than 2,100 people were surveyed in 2000 and 1,800 in 1995.

Stroke affects about 600,000 Americans a year, according to the American Heart Association, killing about 167,000 people. Although strokes are a leading cause of long-term disability, neurological damage can be dramatically limited by administering a drug called tissue plasminogen activator, or tPA, within hours of a stroke.



# MORNING BREAK

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# 'Lawrence of Arabia' star finally gets Oscar

LOS ANGELES — Peter O'Toole, nominated seven times for an Oscar for films as diverse as the epic "Lawrence of Arabia" and the nostalgic comedy "My Favorite Year," will receive an honorary Academy Award this year.

O'Toole's performances have ignited the screen for more than four decades," Frank Pierson, President of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, said Friday in announcing the award.

It will be presented during the 75th annual Oscars ceremony March 23 at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood. Its citation will read "Peter O'Toole — whose remarkable talents have provided cinema history with some of its most memorable characters."

O'Toole, 70, made his stage debut at 17 before attending the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts. He made his film debut 10 years later with a bit part in the 1959

**People in the news**

**film "The Savage Innocents"**

The Irish-born actor shot to international fame three years later, portraying legendary British adventurer T.E. Lawrence in David Lean's landmark film "Lawrence of Arabia." The performance brought him the first of his seven best actor Oscar nominations.

The others were for "Becket" (1964), "Goodbye, Mr. Chips" (1969), "The Killing Class" (1972), "The Stunt Man" (1980) and "My Favorite Year" (1982).

The movie he was arrested by FBI agent Carl Hanratty, played by Tom Hanks, Abagnale had written \$2.5 million in bad checks and had successfully passed himself off as an airline pilot, a doctor and a lawyer.

"He is a professional actor," said DiCaprio, who met Abagnale

"Acting is all about being an impostor," the 28-year-old DiCaprio told reporters Sunday in Berlin. The movie opens in Germany on Thursday.

The movie chronicles the early years of real-life grifter Frank Abagnale, who pursued conventional success and respectability through the unconventional methods of counterfeiting checks and falsifying identities.

Leonardo DiCaprio

to prepare for the role. "I was immediately disarmed by his charm."

**Model donates money**

to help fight hunger in Brazil

SAO PAULO, Brazil — Model Gisela Bündchen is donating \$150,000 to help fight hunger in her native Brazil.

Bündchen will hand over the money — her fee for one show in Sao Paulo Fashion Week — to Brazil's first lady Marina Silva, a Globo newspaper reporter Sunday.

The fashion week starts Monday and Bündchen's appearance will be in a show by designer Ricardo Almeida, who also dresses President Luis Inacio Lula of Silva.

Silva is initiating a "zero hunger" program that is expected to cost at least \$700 million annually.

— compiled from wire reports

**Saturday's Puzzle Solver**

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# Scorpio finds outlet for creative energy

**IF JANUARY 27TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY...** You are generous, creative and passionate. You will find when cause is right. Being in love for you is natural, life without love for you is life at all. Aries, Libra natives play star roles in your activities, could change residence, married life. You will have a great deal of freedom because you'll be in love and give love in return.

**AHLIS (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** You don't want to embarrass a guest by accusations of stealing the spotlight. Yet, you are compelled to do so, so that the so quiet, to meet them.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):** Get priorities in order, find out where you are going and with whom. You'll find your absolute ideal partner is the "right person." Cancer natives, Capricorn are presented.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Emphasize what you start, maintain high standards and don't make excuses for foolish behavior on the part of "special" friends.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** To include vibrations of creativity and sex appeal. Make fresh decisions to direction, refuse to be lulled by "special" friends.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Don't let your cap and giraffe. Don't let your cap and giraffe. Don't let your cap and giraffe.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You'll find out that you are very

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close to being fulfilled emotionally and financially. You can be happy.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You will be told that you are hard to pin down. Keep it that way, maintain aura of mystery, intrigue. Broken relationship can be mended if you so desire. Scorpio is involved.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You find an outlet for creative energy, mainly through written word. You will be in love, appreciate it and don't make same mistake twice. Gemini, Virgo and Sagittarius play roles.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Be kind, generous and diplomatic, but do know when to say, "Enough is enough." You will receive gift of luxury item, it could be the start of something big. Aries represented.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** Define terms, get commitments in writing. People you helped locate housing will want to return the favor. Comments will be made on your aura of glamour. Pisces featured.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You will come down to earth with practical plans for creative invention. Some people will fall in love with you, despite themselves. Others rely upon you for emotional financial welfare.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** Recognition, long overdue comes your way tonight. You could be "madly in love." You deserve admiration, don't shy away from it. Aries, Libra play outstanding roles, letters L, R in names.

# Parents aren't sure what to say about son's girlfriend

**DEAR ABBY:** Last evening, our 20-year-old son, "Roger," brought a young lady home for us to meet. Her name is "Sally"; they met in a class at the local college.

I know as well as I know my own name that our son is going to ask his dad and me, "Well, what do you think of her?" — and therein lies my problem. My husband and I aren't sure if we should be honest with Roger about our first impression of Sally.

Perhaps we should tell him to let us get better acquainted before passing judgment. We have even considered staying completely neutral. After all, if Roger ends up marrying her and it doesn't work out, we could be accused of trying to influence him.

This is the first time our son has ever brought a female friend home for us to meet. Roger and Sally seem happy together, and that's all that counts. However, his dad and I also know our son is looking for our approval — especially mine.

— MICHIGAN MOM



**DEAR MICHIGAN MOM:** Level with your son in a nonconfrontational way. Tell him what you and your husband observed. But make it clear that because first impressions can sometimes be deceiving, you and your husband would like to see more of Sally before making a determination.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband has a serious problem with alcohol and drugs, and I don't know what to do to get him some help. He's tried to stop on his own, but he just can't fight it. It's really gotten bad, Abby. I want to save our marriage, but don't know where to begin.

— NEW JERSEY WIFE

**DEAR WIFE:** Nothing will change until your husband can admit the seriousness of his problem and accept help. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is a fine organization of men and women who have walked in his shoes, and can be instrumental in your husband's recovery. My readers have told me that AA works.

My advice to you is to discuss your husband's addiction with your family physician. He or she will be able to guide you to appropriate treatment for your husband's recovery. If he makes a commitment to stop his substance abuse, AA-Anon could be helpful for you. It provides information and support to family and friends of alcoholics. AA and AA-Anon are as close as your phone book.

**DEAR ABBY:** Now that the holidays have come and gone, I am once again wondering about the proper etiquette for thanking people for gifts. When I was growing up, my mother insisted that after each Christmas and birthday I write detailed thank-you notes. Of course, notes are in order for gifts received in the mail, but what about presents opened in front of the giver?

When I have children, I imag-

ine Mom will expect thank-you notes from her grandkids. On the other hand, I have friends who say that a sincere, verbal thank-you is sufficient, and sending notes to people who have already been thanked is overkill. Please tell me if a handwritten note is necessary, I don't want to be rude. Thanks, Abby.

— UNSURE IN DALLASTOWN, PA.

**DEAR UNSURE:** A verbal thank-you is very nice, but it's not enough. The art of writing a thank-you note is a social grace that every wise parent should pass along to his or her child. The note need not be lengthy or complicated as long as it is sincere.

# Relaxed hands tend to indicate a good husband

**Item No. 5336A** in our Love and War man's file is a psychiatrist's contention: "The man, who unconsciously leaves his hands relaxed in his lap, on a chair arm or atop a table, is usually a good husband."

Rent an automatic dishwasher for three months, and odds run nine to one you'll buy it. Go with a romantic partner for three months, and odds run two to five you'll marry said intimate. Statistically, dishwashers do better than lovers.

**Q. I know Ben Franklin invented bifocals. Did lots of people wear them then?**

A. No, sir, he told his optician how to make them. But it wasn't until almost a century later that a Philadelphia named George Meibum Grant found an efficient way to put such lenses together.

A tree doesn't always grow another ring on its trunk each year. If thought and cold use all of its non-essentials, said tree will check the ber until next year or longer you want to save it.

Not all Mainlanders know that Hawaii's state fish called the humuhumunukunapua'a — am I close? — grants like a pig



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when you take it out of the water.

In 1905, C.H. Laevig of St. Louis found a hot-water tank with a glass gauge. Eureka! He turned it upside down to create the first gasoline dispenser. Not good enough, said Sylvanus F. Blosser. He added a pump. Most of Man's inventions are men's inventions.

You've read that the human ear is a miniature piano. But did you know said piano has the equivalent of 10,000 strings and 3,000 hammers?

Do your knees bend backward? A bat might think so. Its knees bend the other way.

Among Golden Gate Bridge jumpers, men outnumber women three to one.

**Q. If the dinnerware is "open stock," doesn't that mean you'll always be able to get it?**

A. No, m'lady, it means you can buy any number of dishes in the pattern.

Smoky Joe Wood ended up as one of big-league baseball's great pitchers. At first, though, nobody paid any attention to him. So he put on a long blonde wig with appropriate attire to pitch for a women's team called the Kansas City Bloomer Girls. Sensational! Everybody noticed. Next year he went to the majors.

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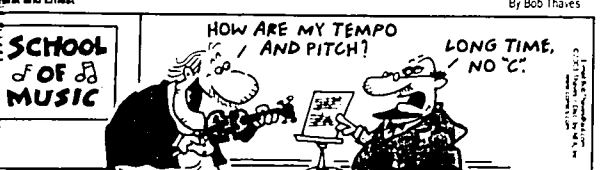
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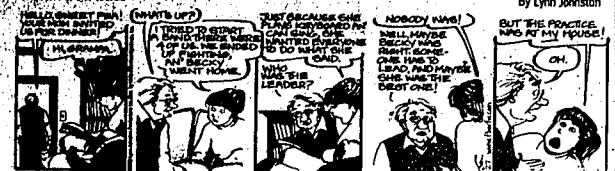
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