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Dr. Marilyn Righetti, a surgeon at the Sawtooth Surgery Center in Twin Falls, is outraged at the cost of malpractice insurance, which she said drives up the costs of health care for everyone. Righetti says most states in the nation have or are looking at tort reform, and she is amazed that Republican-dominated Idaho hasn't done more.

Industry: Malpractice insurance premiums hurt doctors, patients

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Practicing medicine is getting expensive. Skyrocketing malpractice insurance premiums, coupled with shrinking Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements, are pushing some physicians out of the profession altogether. It trickles down to consumers in higher health care costs and fewer doctors accepting Medicare and Medicaid patients, said Bob Seehusen, chief executive officer of the Idaho Medical Association.

"As (insurance) costs go up and Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements continue to go down, you start to say, 'I can't see those people,'" Seehusen said. "Many

doctors see Medicare and Medicaid patients now at a loss. This issue has a big effect on our ability to recruit doctors. As rates continue to go up and we have more and more problems, they're (patients) going to pay more out of their pockets to get the care."

The situation has reached crisis levels in some states, prompting doctors to stage walkouts and take leaves of absence to draw the public's attention to the problem. Some family practitioners in rural areas have stopped delivering babies because they can't afford hikes in insurance premiums that come with practicing obstetrics, which along with

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The cost to practice medicine

Idaho physicians have seen their malpractice insurance premiums climb, and they think tort reform is the answer.

House Bill 82, now making its way through the Legislature, would put a \$250,000 cap on noneconomic damages - damages other than medical expenses, lost wages and other measurable costs.

Here's how things look around the rest of the country:

- In recent weeks, doctors in Florida, Mississippi and West Virginia temporarily stopped some patient services. In New Jersey, doctors are threatening a boycott of non-emergency services starting Monday.

- Last fall, a study found up to one-fourth of obstetrician-gynecologists in some states had stopped delivering babies or planned to do so because of unaffordable premiums. Other doctors in crisis states are retiring early or moving where premiums are lower.

- In West Virginia, about two dozen surgeons staged a nine-day walkout over premiums a few weeks ago.

- In Florida, more than 800 doctors in the Palm Beach area stayed off the job for two days last week.

- Last summer in Nevada, doctors temporarily closed the top-level trauma center in Las Vegas, forcing critically injured patients to be transferred. The Legislature adopted some reforms, including a \$350,000 cap on awards in malpractice suits, but now doctors are complaining of loopholes.

- President Bush has called for cracking down on frivolous lawsuits and setting a \$250,000 cap on awards for pain-and-suffering damages.

- Most states, as well as the U.S. Congress, are turning to tort reform as a way to keep costs down, modeling their legislation on California's Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act. California was a frontrunner in tort reform, passing a law in 1975 that put a \$250,000 cap on noneconomic - pain and suffering - damages. And while malpractice insurance costs have gone up 167 percent in California since then, they've gone up 506 percent in states without caps.

Sources: The Associated Press and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Bathrooms show how much U.S. homes have changed

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - To understand how much the typical American home has changed in 60 years, just look in the bathroom. It's hard to find one that doesn't have hot water, a toilet and a bathtub.

In 1940, barely half of U.S. homes had all three features.

Likewise, a telephone was a luxury item for many Americans

when World War II began. Now they're ubiquitous, with some families placing them in every room, including the bathroom.

The size of new homes increased by over 50 percent between 1970 and 2000. Formal living rooms have been replaced by more livable family rooms and dens. Kitchens have expanded to include eating areas, and bathrooms have proliferated.

"Americans put homeowner-

ship on a pedestal," said Howard Decker, chief curator of the National Building Museum in Washington.

"When you understand how central the single-family home is to the American dream and American mythology, you can understand why a bigger version of the home is better."

The Census Bureau has since 1940 collected detailed data on how Americans live. Some results

from the 2000 census still are being tabulated, but what already has been released shows dramatic changes in the evolution of the American home.

In 1940, only 55 percent of homes with plumbing had what the government considers a "complete system" - hot and cold running water, a flush toilet and a tub or shower. Sixty years later, 99 percent of all homes had all those features.

While world debates, U.S., British forces in and over Iraq take first steps of war

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - American bombers are hitting hard inside Iraq, getting a head start toward disabling Saddam Hussein's defenses in the south, while other U.S. forces are on the ground in the north preparing for war.

U.S. and British warplanes bombed three dozen sites in January, most associated with air defense communications in the southeast. That's the route invading U.S. ground troops probably would take if war should come. The Pentagon also has acknowledged it has inserted a small number of troops into the north, although it

refuses to describe their mission.

Meanwhile, pilots have nearly doubled the supplies of leaflets dropped over the south to undermine the rule of Iraqi President Saddam, to 3 million this month.

"We're kind of getting a head start," Lexington Institute military analyst Loren Thompson said, speak-

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- Loren Thompson, military analyst

ing of the increasing airstrikes. "We're taking advantage of the situation to reduce Iraqi defenses so we can use the full weight of our air power when the war does come."

The situation he speaks of is the dominance the allies have over a large portion of Iraq's skies. For more than a decade, the U.S.-British coalition has enforced flight-interdiction zones over the north and south in the name of keeping Iraqi forces from harassing Kurdish and Shiite Muslim populations in those regions.

Patrols over the zones have benefited the coalition by facilitating the

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Study: We're less toxic

Impurity levels drop in humans; measure in kids worries some

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - There has been a sharp reduction in the levels of lead and nicotine-related chemicals in humans over the past decade, even as Americans were exposed to an unprecedented array of toxic and potentially health threatening chemicals, according to a government study released Friday.

But in a surprising twist, researchers for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that levels of tobacco-related cotinine in young children were more than twice the levels found in nonsmoking adults.

Levels of tobacco-related chemicals in nonsmoking adults dropped by 75 percent from the early to the late 1990s, but decreased by only 58 percent in children and 55 percent in adolescents, the study showed. The survey was not designed to determine whether the presence of these or other chemicals had harmful health effects.

Experts said the discrepancy is due to physiological differences in adults and children and the fact that anti-tobacco campaigns were largely geared to adults in the workplace or in restaurants, and that far less was done to try to discourage parents from smoking at home around their children.

"What we are looking at now is that we have a group we need to specifically target and think of new things to do to reduce their exposure," to secondhand smoke, said Jim Pirkle, deputy director of science for the CDC's National Center for Environmental Health.

Cattlemen also gear up for new EPA mandates

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - By early spring many cattlemen - along with some dairymen - will be have to apply for permits with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Beef producers who must meet the requirements are those whose businesses fit the definition of concentrated animal feeding operations.

1,000 or more animals - or those who confine or feed within a 45-day period or more within a 12-month period. In addition, cattlemen who have fewer than 1,000 head must comply if their operations are located in places where they might discharge animal waste into some body of water.

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President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair said Friday at the White House that Saddam Hussein is not disarming and that time is running out. For more, see page A8.

Lab investigators gain some vindication

Agency calls firings at Los Alamos facility 'incomprehensible'

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Two Los Alamos National Laboratory investigators who were forced out under armed guard last fall after they found financial laxity and abuses at the lab that built the atomic bomb are getting some vindication.

The pair exposed a scandal that has since claimed five top managers at the lab-entrusted with some of America's most sensitive defense secrets.

On Thursday, Energy Department Inspector General Gregory Friedman called the decision to fire the two investigators "incomprehensible," said it discouraged other employees from coming forward, and questioned the timing of the move.

The report came amid a growing threat that the University of California might lose its 60-year-old contract to run the lab. University officials spent the week in Washington, defending it.

Glenn Walp and Steve Doran were fired in November after reporting on \$2.7 million in missing computers and property and the misuse of lab-issued charge cards — including one employee who tried to use a lab charge card to buy a souped-up Ford Mustang.

The Energy Department report said reasons given for the firings, "do not withstand scrutiny," and the timing was suspect. It mentioned a series of memos urging



Glenn Walp, right, and Steven Doran discuss their former jobs as Los Alamos National Laboratory investigators during a Jan. 23 interview in Santa Fe, N.M. The two were fired by the lab last November but have since been rehired.

employees to "resist the temptation to 'spill your guts.'" "They pretty much have said everything we've been saying," Doran said.

While Friedman's report corroborated a number of the concerns expressed by Walp and Doran about weak internal controls and property management, it said it "did not substantiate the allegation that laboratory management deliberately hid criminal activity."

However, it suggested lab

actions had the same effect as a cover-up in hiding the wrongdoing, "whether intended as a cover-up or not."

Danielle Brian, executive director of the Washington, D.C.-based Project on Government Oversight, said the group was "shocked" the inspector general "apparently ignored evidence that LANL management deliberately hid potential criminal activity."

Lab spokesman Jim Danneskiold said lab officials

were pleased the inspector general "has affirmed our long-held position that there was no attempted cover-up by laboratory management."

Walp said he and Doran found "blatant acts of criminality" in their investigation and that both, plus others before them, were subjected to pressures and intimidation to be quiet about activities that would embarrass the lab and jeopardize the UIC contract, which he called "the golden calf."

U.S. believes N. Korea plans six nuclear weapons

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Bush administration officials increasingly believe North Korea is moving rapidly to produce a half dozen nuclear weapons, potentially tilting the nuclear balance in Asia, but they privately say they have few options to thwart the threat.

In official statements Friday, the administration reacted calmly to the disclosure that U.S. intelligence satellites have observed covered trucks taking off cargo at the nuclear storage facility at Yongbyon. Some 8,000 spent nuclear fuel rods are stored there, and the activity is a sign that the government in Pyongyang is preparing to reprocess the rods into weapons-grade plutonium.

"Any movement of the spent fuel rods at Yongbyon would be a very serious development for the international community," said State Department spokesman Richard Boucher.

But administration officials have been blunter in private congressional briefings, saying the intelligence shows the North Koreans are clearly committed to building a nuclear stockpile, congressional sources said. The administration, which is preparing to go to war with Iraq over its banned weapons, has ruled out a military strike against North Korea and is sticking firm to its position that North Korea must verifiably halt or dismantle its programs before the United States agrees to a meeting.

"The ball's in their court," an official said. "We are looking for a fundamental change in North Korea's behavior."

Still, in the first indication that

the Pentagon may be adjusting its plans to keep its military options open, the U.S. commander in the Pacific has requested that two dozen long-range bombers be positioned in Guam and eight F-15E fighter bombers and a number of reconnaissance aircraft be added to forces in Japan and South Korea, Pentagon officials said the request was prompted by concern that the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk might be sent from the Pacific to the Persian Gulf. The additional Air Force aircraft would compensate for the loss in carrier strike power.

The commander's request, which was first reported Friday night by CBS News, was not made in response to the latest intelligence, defense officials said.

Over the past two months, the administration believes, Pyongyang has taken steps to take a plutonium separation plant out of mothballs and prepare it for operation. The plant produces weapons-grade material in small batches and by one estimate could produce enough plutonium for a bomb by the end of February. The administration has told lawmakers that within three to six months, the North Koreans would have enough material for three to five new nuclear weapons.

Some administration officials have asserted that North Korea already has one or two nuclear bombs. The CIA, in a report to Congress this month, said that as of the end of 2001, North Korea "probably has produced enough plutonium for at least one, and possibly two, nuclear weapons." But not all analysts are convinced that North Korea has weaponized the material.

Wayward sailor gets rescued — again

DANA POINT, Calif. (AP) — A man who was rescued from his crippled sailboat off Central America last year was plucked to safety from his new sailboat this week.

A Coast Guard cutter found Richard Van Pham on Wednesday 20 miles west of Orange County in Southern California. The 62-year-old sailor had no communications or navigation equipment. Coast Guard spokesman Lance Jones said Thursday.

"He was lost and disoriented,"

Jones said. "He told us he left Long Beach three days ago and was in the process of trying to make his way back."

When the Navy rescued Pham last September nearly 300 miles southwest of Costa Rica, he told them the mast and motor on his boat had been destroyed by a storm and he'd spent three months adrift, surviving by collecting rainwater in a bucket and roasting seabirds on a small grill.

Pham has no known address and could not be reached for comment.

FDA approves new psoriasis drug

WASHINGTON (AP) — A unique drug that targets renewable immune cells to control hard-to-treat psoriasis won Food and Drug Administration approval Friday, offering a long-awaited new option to patients covered in the itchy skin disease.

Called Amevive, the drug has been eagerly awaited by physicians because it works differently than the many other psoriasis treatments on the market.

Amevive has not yet been compared to any other treatments so there's no way to know if it will

prove a better option for patients, the FDA cautioned.

Still, about 1.5 million Americans have moderate to severe psoriasis. While it's not yet curable, many are searching for new options to control the stubborn disease that can cover much of the skin in red, scaly, itchy patches.

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Does Title IX discriminate against male athletes?

Yes

Quotas subvert statute's goal

CHARLOTTE HAYS

One recent headline about Title IX posed the question, "Why fix it if it ain't broke?" But it is broke. The Commission on Opportunity in Athletics, which is currently reviewing federal regulations for implementing Title IX, has an important opportunity to fix serious injustices that have arisen in the implementation of the Title IX statute.

While Title IX has achieved many laudable goals, including the advancement of women athletes on campus, it has also caused institutions of higher learning to eliminate more than 80,000 slots for male athletes on intercollegiate teams in less than a decade. This was not the original intent of the statute.

In 1972, Congress passed Title IX as a simple, straightforward law to prohibit sex discrimination in educational programs. But the federal guidelines for achieving this noble goal have created a rigid quota system, subverting the statute's original mandate of banning discrimination.

Now, Title IX discriminates

against young men. In order to avoid lawsuits and loss of federal funds, schools work hard to balance the ratio of male and female athletes to precisely reflect the ratio of male and female students enrolled. This has caused many successful male teams to be kicked off campus.

At Providence College in Rhode Island, 59 percent of the student body was female in 1998, but female athletes made up only 48 percent of the varsity teams. That meant that Providence College didn't meet the ratio quota.

Afraid of the feds, Providence eliminated its male baseball team. Even when schools strive to be fair, they can get into trouble. In one famous case, Brown University landed in hot water when, as a cost-cutting measure, it tried to cut four athletic teams, two for women and two for men. Though Brown offered more women's teams than any other university in the country, female athletes claimed that the university was in violation of Title IX. The university tried unsuccessfully to defend itself against a costly lawsuit by arguing that Title IX only required that schools provide men

and women equal access to sports, not equal numbers of athletes.

The proportionality system fails to recognize a simple fact: guys tend to be more interested in going out for sports than women. And Title IX fails to accord sports status to some athletic enterprises that traditionally have appealed to women—dance and cheerleading, for example.

Often female varsity sports are hard to fill because of the lack of interest. At girls' schools only 16 percent of women even participate in sports. No wonder it is hard for co-educational schools to equalize gender participation.

A 1997 study by the National Collegiate Athletic Association found that an average of 3.6 male athletes were cut for every woman athlete added. Some famous teams, including the UCLA water polo, gymnastics and swimming teams that dominated the 1984 Summer Olympics now no longer exist—thanks to the way Title IX is implemented.

Nobody wants to repeal Title IX. But the commission should end the current quota system that has traded one form of discrimination for another.

Charlotte Hays is editor of *The Women's Quarterly*, a journal of the Independent Women's Forum.

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Rules help level playing fields

AMY ISAACS

When Hawaii congresswoman and former ADA President Patsy T. Mink died on Sept. 28, 2002, millions of American women who play college, high school and professional sports—as well as many women who may never know her name—lost a champion.

Just three months before her death, the 30th anniversary of the enactment of Title IX of the Education Amendments was celebrated.

Title IX is the federal law that prohibits discrimination based on gender at educational institutions receiving federal funds. For Mink, dedication to these issues was borne out of her own bitter experience. Denied entry into medical school because she was a woman, she entered law school. The picture of her University of Chicago class standing—she is the only woman in a sea of male faces. It was those memories that drove her.

Her original target was educational opportunity, and the ris-

ing number of women now in medical, law and other graduate schools are a tribute to her vision. It is in the field of college athletics, however, where Title IX has had the greatest impact and generated the most controversy.

Since 1971, girls' participation in high school sports has risen from approximately 300,000 to 2.8 million today. The United States now has professional women basketball players, has produced a World Cup Champion Soccer team and numbers of Olympic athletes.

Women's athletics have become a rich part of our landscape—none of which would have happened without Title IX. In addition, studies have shown that participation in sports can help young women to get better grades, gain confidence and lead a healthier life style.

Critics of Title IX point to the dissolution of men's sports teams at many universities forced to fund women's sports. What they fail to note, however, is that the problem is often a result of pure economic decisions made by university administrators far more

concerned about big-ticket sports such as men's football and basketball than in providing equal opportunities for all. And, even today disparities exist. Men's sports programs still provide \$146-million more than women's programs in college athletic scholarship money and 84 percent of the athletic directors remain men.

Yet, despite its obvious benefit and continuing need, Title IX is firmly in the sights of the Bush administration and others in Congress.

How sad it is that a program with such a successful track record should potentially fall prey to those who lack the vision to ensure that each of America's citizens is granted a full range of educational opportunities.

And how shameful it will be if federal funds once again become the source of discrimination against more than half of our nation's population. Women deserve better and our nation deserves far more from its political leaders.

Amy Isaacs is national director of *Americans for Democratic Action*, the nation's oldest independent liberal political organization.

Bush's resolve could motivate other nations in spite of criticism

Soon after Sept. 11, it was clear President Bush would probably confront the same question faced by both his father and Bill Clinton: What to do about Saddam Hussein.

But now Bush also faces the real prospect of acting without the support of the United Nations. Last week, the French threatened to veto any Security Council resolution declaring Iraq in "material breach" of U.N. resolutions—language that would trigger a war.

It wasn't supposed to happen this way.

Under the U.N. Security Council resolution adopted last November, Iraq would be given a "final opportunity" to give up its forbidden weapons and comply with U.N. resolutions dating back to the end of the Persian Gulf War.

Weapons inspectors were never supposed to ferret out what Saddam Hussein was trying to hide. They were supposed to verify what he revealed. The whole debate over whether or not the inspectors had or had not discovered a "smoking gun" simply doesn't mesh with what was envisioned under the "final opportunity" resolution, No. 1441.

Under the resolution, Saddam would reveal the weapons he still had and the weapons programs he was still operating.

E. THOMAS MCCLANAHAN

The inspectors would go in and verify what he disclosed. They would supervise the process of disarmament.

Instead, Saddam submitted a 12,000-page "disclosure" document that revealed virtually nothing. And now, once again—as if the clock had been turned back to the 1990s—U.N. inspectors are rooting around in Iraq, trying to find evidence of Saddam's chemical, biological and nuclear stocks. Once again, the inspectors are speaking of their mission as if it were open-ended.

The last time U.N. inspectors were in Iraq, they documented large stores of chemical and biological weapons and associated material, VX nerve gas, "growth media" for making anthrax and thousands of chemical-capable munitions. What happened to these stockpiles? We don't know. Even U.N. chief inspector Hans Blix, addressing the Security Council on Monday, said Iraq had not fully accepted the demand that it disarm. Most of Iraq's "disclosure statement," said Blix, was previously submitted material.

Under Resolution 1441, Saddam was supposed to provide



a full and complete declaration. Any false statement or omission would be treated as a material breach of the resolution.

But now France, and its like-minded partner, Germany, seek to repeat the farce of the 1990s inspection regime: Give the inspectors more time... The smoking gun is bound to be out there, somewhere.

Last week, French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin argued that the inspectors have "largely belied" Saddam's weapons programs. In other words: Hey, what's the problem? With inspectors in Iraq, Saddam is no threat.

I'm not sure he thought through

that statement because it conceded the existence of banned weapons programs, which weren't disclosed, in violation of Resolution 1441. This raises the question: On what basis is France quibbling and threatening to exercise its Security Council veto? The resolution, which France supported, called on Iraq to cooperate or

face "serious consequences," meaning war.

We've heard a lot of talk about the costs and risks of war. No one can predict how any attack would turn out. But there are also considerable risks in failing to act.

Saddam may share—may already be sharing—chemical or biological weapons with terrorists. Given enough time, he will gain possession of nuclear weapons. The president of the United States is aware of all this. He also knows the diplomatic situation remains fluid. Clear leadership from the White House will influence the thinking in other capitals.

Bush knows that if he orders an attack that results in disaster, he will pay a heavy political price with or without U.N. support. Conversely, if he backs down, Saddam's position will be greatly enhanced; terrorists around the world will be emboldened.

But if and when it's clear Bush has decided on war, that display of resolve will carry others along as well. Very soon, members of the U.N. Security Council will face a decision of their own: Support the liberation of the Iraqi people from a brutal regime or consign the United Nations to irrelevance.

E. Thomas McClanahan is Sunday Opinion editor for *The Kansas City Star*.

LETTERS

Avoid jail overcrowding by observing the law

As a former resident of the Magic Valley, I enjoy keeping connected by accessing *The Times-News* online.

I have noticed many letters being published with suggestions to alleviate jail overcrowding. Predictably, many of these letters are sent from inside the jails. Most recently, I have enjoyed the solution sent by Jeremy Bastian, who felt awarding shorter sentences for good behavior could lessen the pressure on our jails. I could not agree more.

However, I would suggest that if someone's good behavior could occur before you are sent to jail, one might be able to

avoid the sentence altogether. It seems Jeremy has invested some interest in the laws that might shorten his stay in Bonneville County Jail. He has even cited Idaho's Law Code. This is very encouraging. Jeremy, as well as others, is showing interest in the law. Again, however, I might suggest interest in respect for those other laws that put you there in the first place.

Jeremy has stated that it is the choice of the sheriff's department to keep the jails overcrowded by not awarding shorter sentences for what he considers good behavior. I would again suggest to Jeremy, you could have lessened the load on our jails (by one) by having made different choices in your own life. Please do not blame

those in law enforcement for doing their jobs.

MATT MORRILL
Long Beach, Calif.

Auger Falls purchase is a visionary decision

Dear Mr. Mayor and city of Twin Falls council members: On behalf of the Board of Directors for the South Central Idaho Tourism & Recreation Development Association, we commend and congratulate you on your visionary decision to purchase the Auger Falls property. We also applaud City Manager Tom Courtney and Planning and Zoning Director Lamar Orton for their dedication to this successful outcome. This acquisition means that

one of the few remaining free-flowing falls on the Snake River will be in capable hands to be held in trust for many future generations to enjoy and behold.

We firmly believe that Auger Falls will someday join as one of our many world-class sites that will foster tourism, recreation and economic development.

Thank you once again for your bold initiative. If there is anything that SCITRDA can do to facilitate the future success of Auger Falls, please do not hesitate to contact us.

DEBBIE DANE
DENNIS L. MAUGHAN
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Debbie Dane is the executive director of the South Central Idaho Tourism and Recreation Development Association; Dennis Maughan is the chairman of the SCITRDA Board of Directors.)

Deserting puppies is equal to dumping garbage

I think it's really sad that people dump their puppies to defend for themselves. They dump them just like they dump their garbage. The people need to get their dogs spayed.

Last year, there was about 10 pups dumped south of Murtaugh.

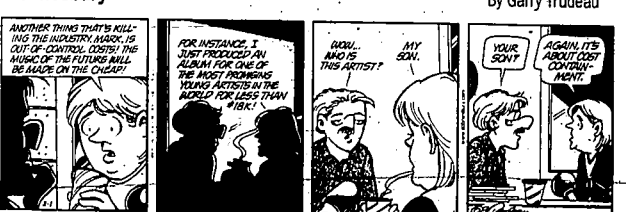
We try to find good homes for them. If not, I have to take them to the animal shelter. In fact, I just took another one in on Jan. 22.

Please take care of your animals because they can't take care of themselves.
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NATION



U.S. soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division attack a mock village Friday as they train for urban warfare at a camp in the Kuwaiti desert 10 miles south of Iraq. About 150 soldiers from the division participated in the drills.

Gulf War vets prepare inexperienced troops

ABOARD THE USS AUSTIN (AP) — Gulf War veterans have some advice for the untried troops who may face combat for the first time: Stick to your training. It's OK to be scared.

"We tell them it's OK to be scared," said Lt. Col. Wes Weston of Cedar Point, N.C., a Marine commander aboard the USS Austin in the Persian Gulf. "But with your training and your ability to do things you can combat that fear."

Military training is meant to prepare troops for combat — how to fire a weapon accurately, move under fire, protect against counterattacks. But when conflict appears imminent, that training takes on new meaning, greater relevance. Insecurity comes to the fore.

Weston and some of the other men in the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit fought in the 1991

Gulf War to liberate Kuwait following an Iraqi invasion. The veterans know first hand that coming under fire is frightening.

"When you're getting shot at, the first thing is that you get scared. Then you're going to get an adrenaline rush. But you have to keep your head," said Sgt. Felix Nole-Ortiz, a mortarmen from Houston, Texas. "If you lose your head, you're done."

The veterans all said they believe Saddam poses a threat to the United States and needs to be disarmed, but they reject the stereotype that Marines are warmongers.

"Some people think that we're out here biting at the bit to kill someone," Bailey said. "It's not like that. If it comes to that, I'm trained to do it. But if everyone could go home (without a war), I'd be fine with that."

Polls show divisions between Europe and U.S. on Iraq

LONDON (AP) — A global survey published Friday found that on average just over half of the European public is opposed to war with Iraq, compared with less than a quarter of Americans.

An average of 50 percent of people polled in 10 of the European Union member states said there were "no circumstances" under which they favored military action. An average of 54 percent of people polled in other European countries agreed.

The survey was conducted between Jan. 15 and 25 by members of Gallup International, an association of independent polling organizations.

People were asked if they favored military action against Iraq and offered four answers: under no circumstances; only if sanctioned by the United Nations; unilaterally by the U.S. and its allies; don't know/no answer.

In the United States, 20 percent of respondents said no to war under any circumstances, 34 percent said they favored military action with U.N. sanction and 33 percent agreed with unilateral action.

In Britain, Bush's strongest ally



Ken O'Keefe, an ex-U.S. Marine who fought in the Gulf War, speaks to media in Milan, Italy, Friday, before heading to Iraq with other volunteers who vow to act as human shields in the advent of war.

In the campaign against Iraq, 41 percent said no under any circumstances, 39 percent would support U.N.-sanctioned action and only 10 percent agreed with unilateral action.

Iraq

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gathering of intelligence, getting practice in dealing with Iraqi forces and becoming familiar with the territory.

On Wednesday, 11 of the 15 U.N. Security Council members advocated more weapons inspections and peaceful disarmament of Iraq rather than a rush to war. But a Bush administration impatient with Saddam has steadily continued the deployment to the region of tens of thousands of troops for a possible military campaign.

Inside Iraq, meanwhile, the Defense Department has accelerated bombing and dropping propaganda in the decade-old southern flight-interdiction zone. It also has sent the troops into the north, where the CIA has been checking out airstrips and working with opposition groups.

Degrading air defenses in southern Iraq helps clear the way for sending in not only U.S. bombers but helicopter special operations forces and material for the campaign, Thompson said.

Officials say pilots in the U.S.-British coalition strike only in response to Iraqi activity. Thus, increased bombings in recent months result from an increase in such Iraqi actions as firings on coalition planes or flying Iraqi planes into the zone, they say.

Developments in the Iraq crisis:

- After a White House meeting, President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair said Iraq is not disarming and the world must hold it to account. Bush said a second U.N. Security Council resolution would be "welcome if it is yet another signal that we're intent upon clearing Saddam Hussein."
- Vice President Dick Cheney told GOP activists that the administration's aggressive policy toward Iraq is crucial to waging the war on terror.
- The United Nations' two chief weapons inspectors said they will accept a new invitation by Baghdad to visit only if Iraq meets certain conditions.
- Iraq said the United States could try to plant evidence that the country had buried weapons.
- Iraq began expelling families from a 20-mile-long strip of land between the southern Marshes and the Persian Gulf, the United Nations said.
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• CSI's Dante Sawyer isn't just playing basketball for himself - anymore.

The Times-News

Saturday, February 1, 2003

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

I played in the Pebble Beach

tournament for 18 years with Jack Lemmon, for heavens sake. We'd have 160 yards and he would say, 'What do you think?' I would say, 'Jack, it's a 9-iron, or 4-wood, it doesn't matter. You hit all of them the same distance anyway.'

"

- Peter Jacobson, who says he enjoys playing with amateurs at pro-am

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Men's college basketball

Dixie State at CSI, 8 p.m.

Women's college basketball

Dixie State at CSI, 6 p.m.

High school boys basketball

Glenns Ferry at Valley, 7:30 p.m.

Gooding at Hagerman, 7:30 p.m.

Hillcrest at Minico, 7:30 p.m.

Western States Basketball Classic, at Tucson, Ariz.

ISDB vs. Oregon, 9:45 a.m., fourth-place game

High school girls basketball

Northside Conference

Tournament, at Shoshone HS

Dietrich vs. Shoshone, 4:30 p.m. IV championship

Richfield vs. Carey, 6 p.m., loser-out

Comm. School vs. Bliss, 7:30 p.m., loser-out

Magic Valley Conference

Tournament, at Murtaugh HS

Hansen vs. Oakley, 6 p.m.

Murtaugh vs. Hagerman, 7:30 p.m.

Western States Basketball Classic, at Tucson, Ariz.

ISDB vs. Fremont, Calif., 6:30 p.m., championship

High school wrestling

Burley Duals, 10 a.m.

Gooding Invitational, 10 a.m.

IN BRIEF

Burley's Roper

accepts Vallivue job

CALDWELL - Vallivue High School athletic director Mike Bowers announced Friday the hiring of Burley football coach Art Roper to replace Nate Borchert as the Falcons' new football coach.

Bowers said Roper was unanimously approved Friday by the Vallivue School Board.

The 31-year-old Roper has spent the last six seasons as head coach at Burley, including a 54 record last season. A call to Roper's house on Friday wasn't returned.

Borchert left Vallivue to head up the football program at Meridian's Mountain View High School, which will open in the fall. Bowers said a nine-person panel selected four finalists from 25 to 30 applications for the position.

"There was lots of good football knowledge in our pool of candidates," Bowers said. "There were some quality people and I think we could've been happy with any of those guys, but Art was just our guy."

Bowers expects to have Roper on campus next Friday to meet with players.

Jump rope champions

perform today

TWIN FALLS - Boise's Shoshone Skippers, a national champion jump rope performance group will hold two clinics today and perform at halftime of the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball game.

The troupe, which jump ropers aged 8-17, will hold a clinic from 9-11 a.m. at CSI and again from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Buhl High School. Cost for either clinic is \$10, which includes a rope.

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

Compiled from staff reports

Ohio rules LeBron James out for rest of year

High school athletic association hands down punishment for accepting free clothing

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND - LeBron James was ruled ineligible to play for the rest of the season because he accepted free sports jerseys, bringing a sudden end to the basketball star's celebrated high school career.

The decision Friday by Ohio High School Athletic Association commissioner Clair Muscaro came four days after James, a senior at Akron's St. Vincent-St. Mary, was cleared for accepting a \$50,000 Hummer from his mother.

Last Saturday, James was given two retro sports jerseys - valued at \$845 - for

free from a clothing store, the OHSAA said. The trendy jerseys were replicas of those worn by former Chicago Bears running back Gale Sayers and Washington Bullets center Wes Unseld.

Muscaro's ruling means St. Vincent-St. Mary, must forfeit Sunday's win over Akron Buchtel, dropping its record to 13-1. The Fighting Irish, ranked No. 1 by USA Today, have five games left in the season, plus state playoff games.

James can appeal the decision in writing. Gloria James said through attorney Fred Vance that the family was "deeply disappointed" with the ruling and was evaluating its options.

ing its options.

"We're going to abide by the ruling," said coach Dru Joyce, who said he could not comment on a possible appeal. "We think that maybe there are some facts, that I don't know what they are, that could change things. But the bottom line is, that we're moving on as a team."

Even if James doesn't play another high school game, the ruling has no bearing on his future as a professional. The 6-foot-8, 240-pound player is considered the best high school player in the country and is expected to be the No. 1 selection in June's NBA draft.

Although he hasn't officially declared himself eligible for the draft, Friday's ruling might prohibit him from playing in college because of NCAA rules.

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High school basketball star LeBron James attends the greater Cleveland Sports Awards Thursday in Cleveland.

Declo takes driver's seat

Win over Filer puts Hornets in control

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

DECLO - Call it a split decision.

The Declo Hornets earned a regular-season split with Filer, downing the Wildcats 63-45 at Declo High School Friday in their Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference boys' basketball game.

The victory, spurred on by a pesky, swarming defense, swung the momentum back in favor of the Hornets, who now control their own destiny for the top seed going into the District Four tournament since the Wildcats (11-3 overall, 5-2 SCIC) fell to Buhl last week.

"That kept me giggling all week," Declo coach Loyd Garey said.

It was senior post Jordan Bagwell's defense on Filer star Luke Gerrish that paved the way for the Hornets' victory. In the first meeting, Gerrish notched 15 points and the game-clinching free throws at the end.

Bagwell wasn't about to let that happen again.

"It was my job to just basically surround him around," Bagwell said.

"And that's what I did. I wasn't going to let him get open."

Gerrish finished with just five points, three coming on late free throws well after the game was decided.

"I thought Bagwell's defense was the key to the game," Garey said. "And he only scored two points as far as I'm concerned."

Filer coach Jim Annala thought Bagwell's defense was also outstanding.

"Bagwell was out on him, they were definitely trying to take Gerrish out," he said. "But we also didn't do a good job of attacking seams."

Declo senior guard Spencer Glenn had 13 points to pace Declo, followed by Trea Jones' 12 points and Billy Allphin's 10 points. Bagwell had nine points to go along with his stellar defense.

And he wasn't the only one contributing on the defensive end for the Hornets (13-2, 7-1 SCIC), especially after intermission when things fell apart for them in the first meeting - a 51-48 Filer victory.

"We talked about coming out aggressive in the second half and

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Declo's Spencer Glenn takes an elbow to the nose from Filer's Luke Gerrish Friday. Declo won, 63-45, but still needs to win their last two conference games to secure the No. 1 seed in the Class 3A District Four tournament.

Young stars rule Pro Bowl rosters

The Associated Press

KAPOLEI, Hawaii - After the AFC's Pro Bowlers posed for the big team picture and the smaller group shots with two Hawaiian dancers on Friday, LaDainian Tomlinson wanted another photo.

"Let's get all the rookies," the San Diego Chargers running back said, referring to the dozen first-time AFC stars enjoying their first trips to the Pro Bowl.

But as Tomlinson gathered Chargers teammate Donnie Edwards, Buffalo running back Travis Henry, Pittsburgh line-backer Joey Porter and New England's Adam Vinatieri, he realized a problem.

"There's not enough room to fit everybody," Tomlinson said with a laugh. "OK, forget about it."

Tomlinson won't need photographic proof to remember how much of the NFL's best young tal-

Pro Bowl

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ent will be on display Sunday at Aloha Stadium, where first-time Pro Bowlers make up nearly one-third of the rosters. In addition to the AFC's 12 rookies, there are 13 first-timers on the NFC roster.

From Miami running back Ricky Williams to Carolina defensive tackle Kris Jenkins, many of football's brightest young stars got their first chance this week to spend time with their peers and enjoy the perks of NFL stardom. Even the absence of Atlanta quarterback Michael Vick, who dropped out last week with a foot injury, hasn't dimmed the importance of this gathering.

"There's a lot of young guys

here who are going to come back for many years to come," said Kansas City tight end Tony Gonzalez, who's in his fourth Pro Bowl. "The first time you come here, it's an incredible motivation to keep working hard and striving to get back here. It really fuels you."

"If you can't win the Super Bowl, this is the reward for all of your hard work. It's a great feeling to know you're one of the best, and these young guys are starting to appreciate that."

Most of the newcomers aren't new to the league: New York Giants tight end Jeremy Shockey is the only actual rookie at the game. But an inordinate number of players under 25 took important roles on their teams this season - something that's partly the result of the salary cap's thinning of most teams' veteran depth.

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SWAC official declines to comment on referee

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - An irate Cal Jones refused to say Friday whether he has formally suspended or reassigned Scenic West Athletic Conference referee Lewm Baker, whose questionable call cost the College of Southern Idaho men a potential victory last Friday against Snow College.

CSI athletic director and men's Region 18 director Jeff Duggan told The Times-News that Baker was initially assigned to officiate Thursday's game with Utah Valley State College, but didn't show up.

"Leon was supposed to do our game last night and he wasn't, so why wasn't he?" Duggan asked.

Reached on his cell phone,

Jones refused to comment on why Baker didn't officiate Thursday's game or if he would work another CSI game.

Jones, in his first year as supervisor of officials for the SWAC, said he has discussed the game with Baker, but would not comment further on the matter.

"I'm not going to say a thing," Jones said.

Last Friday, Baker called an offensive foul on CSI's Yakhouba Diawara before CSI inbounded the ball with four seconds left and leading 74-72. Duggan said the foul should've resulted in a change of possession. Instead, Baker awarded Snow guard Jeff Schroeder two free throws, which he made to send the game into overtime.

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The Associated Press

KIRKLAND, Wash. - Hall of Fame receiver and former U.S. Rep. Steve Largent met with Seahawks president Bob Whittitt this week and is considering a return to the team as general manager.

"If they offered me the job, I'd take it," Largent told The Associated Press in an interview from his home in Tulsa, Okla.

Seahawks spokesman Lane Gammel said Largent visited the team's headquarters on Thursday, but said he could not immediately confirm whether Largent was interviewed for the GM job.

"I wouldn't call it a formal interview, although I think in many ways it looks like that," Largent said in his 25-hour discussion with Whittitt.

The 48-year-old Largent was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1994. The former Oklahoma congressman stepped down last year to run for governor. He won 43 percent of the vote in November, but lost a tight race to Democrat Brad Henry.

He said the idea of returning to the Seahawks came while pondering his next career move.

"I approached them, and it really spun from sitting in a tree stand hunting deer and thinking about ... if I had a range of opportunities open, what would be the things I think I could do well and have a passion for," he said.

Of all the options, Largent said the Seahawks job is at the top of his list: "I see it as the most natural step."

Largent played for the Seattle Seahawks from 1976-89 and ranks in the top 10 in the NFL's career lists with 819 receptions, 13,089 yards receiving and 100 touchdown receptions. A seven-time Pro Bowl selection, Largent was inducted into the Football Hall of Fame in 1995.



Steve Largent

SPORTS

ISDB girls play for jersey title

The Times-News

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind girls basketball team beat No. 1 seed California-Riverside, 42-34, to advance to the championship of the annual Western States Basketball Classic in Tucson, Ariz. on Friday.

It is the first time since 1995 that ISDB will play for the championship. They meet a team from Fremont, Calif. in the final, which tips off at 6:30 p.m.

Lady Raptors coach Beth Price said her team made its free throws and rebounded the ball for the win.

"It was real close the whole way. We were either tied or up by two to four points and we kept control of the ball and the other team kept making little mistakes," she said.

The ISDB boys beat New Mexico, 59-36, Friday, advancing to face Oregon for fourth-place today at 9:45 a.m.

Jerome 40, Declo 31
JEROME — Jennifer Pond scored 16 points and Whitney Clark added 10 to lead Jerome past Declo 40-31 in girls nonconference basketball on Friday.

Jerome rallied after trailing 12-1 in one point, said coach Michelle Skyles.

Whitney Anderson matched Pond with 16 points to lead the Hornets.

Jerome (18-2) hosts Burley to open the District Four-Five-Six Tournament on Tuesday.

Valley 35, Glenns Ferry 27
GLENN'S FERRY — Valley sewed up hosting rights throughout the girls Class 3A District Four Tournament with a 35-27 road defeat of Glenns Ferry on Friday.

The Pilots (6-9, 1-3 Canyon Conference) experienced the double whammy by losing a coin flip to Wendell, which will host Glenns Ferry in the first round of the district tourney on Monday.

Jessica Kitchin and Mindy Malone scored eight points

apiece to lead Valley while Kenzie King had a game-high nine points for the hosts.

Valley 35, Glenns Ferry 27
Valley (11-12, 1-3 Canyon Conference) defeated Glenns Ferry (10-13, 1-3 Canyon Conference) 35-27 on Friday. Valley's record is 11-12, 1-3 Canyon Conference. Glenns Ferry's record is 10-13, 1-3 Canyon Conference.

Boys basketball
Kimberly 53, Buhl 50

BUHL — Aaron Osborne scored 20 points and Ricky Zordow and Chance Askew added 12 apiece as Kimberly rallied past Buhl 53-50 in boys Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference basketball in Buhl on Friday.

Tim Bourne led all scorers with 23, which included four 3-pointers. Rylee Van Zante had 11 points for the Tribe (2-13, 1-7 SCIC), who led 47-41 with just over two minutes to go.

Buhl plays at Gooding on Thursday.

Kimberly 53, Buhl 50
Kimberly (11-12, 1-7 SCIC) defeated Buhl (10-13, 1-7 SCIC) 53-50 on Friday. Kimberly's record is 11-12, 1-7 SCIC. Buhl's record is 10-13, 1-7 SCIC.

Gooding 57, Wood River 47
GOODING — Jake Garcia scored a game-high 25 points to lead Gooding past Wood River 57-47 in boys Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference basketball in Gooding on Friday.

"Jake Garcia hit some big shots... He is pretty much unstoppable," said Senators coach Joe Messick. "Eric Gushue did a great job inside. It was an overall team effort."

Refugio Regalado led the Wolverines with 18 points.

Gooding (5-11, 3-5 SCIC) plays at Hagerman tonight.

Castleford 73, Hansen 55
HANSEN — Benji Graybeal scored 20. Elvis Medina had 15 and Robert Comer added 12 to lead Castleford over Hansen, 73-55, in boys Magic Valley

Conference basketball in Hansen on Friday.

Chase Funk led the Huskies (5-10, 3-6 MVC) with 15 points and Ryan Verway added 10. Hansen travels to Hagerman on Tuesday.

Castleford 73, Hansen 55
Castleford (5-10, 3-6 MVC) defeated Hansen (5-10, 3-6 MVC) 73-55 on Friday. Castleford's record is 5-10, 3-6 MVC. Hansen's record is 5-10, 3-6 MVC.

Oakley 47, Murtaugh 40
MURTAUGH — Bryce Adams netted 17 points and Ammon McBride added 12 to lead Oakley over Murtaugh, 47-40, in boys Magic Valley Conference basketball at Hulse Gymnasium on Friday.

The hot-shooting Hornets netted 47 points, including four to open the final quarter that had the Red Devils reeling. "That put us on our heels," Murtaugh coach Darren Garey said. "We fought back to make it close."

Ben Roseborough scored a game-high 19 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for Murtaugh (10-5, 4-4 MVC), which visits Raft River on Tuesday.

Oakley 47, Murtaugh 40
Oakley (10-5, 4-4 MVC) defeated Murtaugh (10-5, 4-4 MVC) 47-40 on Friday. Oakley's record is 10-5, 4-4 MVC. Murtaugh's record is 10-5, 4-4 MVC.

Shoshone 35, Wendell JV 25
SHOSHONE — Tony Pereira scored 14 points, including 10 in a decisive 16-4 fourth quarter, that lifted Shoshone over the Wendell junior varsity, 35-25, in boys nonconference basketball in Shoshone on Friday.

Mike Fitzgerald added eight points for the Indians (11-6, 8-1 Northside Conference), who host Camas County on Tuesday.

Shoshone 35, Wendell JV 25
Shoshone (11-6, 8-1 Northside Conference) defeated Wendell JV (11-6, 8-1 Northside Conference) 35-25 on Friday. Shoshone's record is 11-6, 8-1 Northside Conference. Wendell JV's record is 11-6, 8-1 Northside Conference.

Community School 71, T.F. Christian 58
TWIN FALLS — Ray Miller's game-high 25 weren't enough to push Twin Falls Christian

Academy past The Community School, as the Cutthroats downed the Conquerors, 71-58, behind the 24 points of John Hayes and 17 of Jim Fairchild. Dylan McInerney added 16 for the visitors.

"Ketchum played a real strong game and we just didn't have our 'A' game," said TFCA coach Brent Walker.

TFCA (9-5) travels to Jackpot, Nev. on Tuesday.

Comm. School 71, TFCA 58
Comm. School (9-5) defeated TFCA (9-5) 71-58 on Friday. Comm. School's record is 9-5. TFCA's record is 9-5.

Raft River 76, Magic Valley Christian 56
TWIN FALLS — Bryce Greenwood had 22 points and Alex Nelson 21 to lead Raft River over Magic Valley Christian, 76-56, in Twin Falls on Friday.

John Jarvis had 17, Cody Griffith 16 and James Jarvis 13 in a losing cause for the Warriors (5-11 overall, 1-9 Magic Valley Conference), who visit Castleford on Tuesday.

Raft River 76, M.V. Christian 56
Raft River (5-11 overall, 1-9 Magic Valley Conference) defeated Magic Valley Christian (5-11 overall, 1-9 Magic Valley Conference) 76-56 on Friday. Raft River's record is 5-11 overall, 1-9 Magic Valley Conference. Magic Valley Christian's record is 5-11 overall, 1-9 Magic Valley Conference.

Wrestling
Kimberly 48, Wendell 27

WENDELL — Winning nine of a possible 14 matches, Kimberly handed Wendell a 48-27 dual loss in wrestling at Wendell Friday. The Bulldogs scored five pins to four for the Trojans. Kimberly also took forfeit wins at 145 and 152 pounds. The quickest pin of the night went to 215-pound Bulldog Jason Miller, who scored a one-count over Zach Rieckirch in 30 seconds.

Kimberly 48, Wendell 27
Kimberly (11-12, 1-7 SCIC) defeated Wendell (10-13, 1-7 SCIC) 48-27 on Friday. Kimberly's record is 11-12, 1-7 SCIC. Wendell's record is 10-13, 1-7 SCIC.

Bowling
• Minico at Jerome, no report

Burley Duals will feature strong field

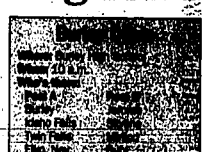
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BURLEY — For the third year in a row, the Burley wrestling team will host the Burley Duals wrestling tournament. But this time it will be bigger and most likely better, with a strong eight-team field.

Wrestling gets under way at 10 a.m., with final matches beginning between 4:30 and 5 p.m., Burley athletic director Gary Hoxsey said.

The field will be divided into two four-team pools, with each school wrestling the other three teams in their pool. At the end of each pool, the No. 1 teams from each pool will wrestle for the championship. The No. 2 teams will wrestle for third, the No. 3 squads for fifth and the No. 4 squads for seventh.

In the past, there have been only seven teams in the field, with extra wrestlers from the schools coming together to form another team. The field appears quite competitive, with defend-



Burley Duals championing Burley, Skyline, Buhl and Elko, Nev., all fielding strong teams.

"It should be a really good field, and really good wrestling," Hoxsey said.

Pool A is comprised of Burley, Idaho Falls, Twin Falls and Elko, while Pool B is made up of Jerome, Skyline, Minico and Buhl.

There will be four mats and all eight teams going at all times. The duals format means that all wrestlers will have the opportunity to get four matches in.

"There are a lot of coaches who really like that format," Hoxsey said.

Bruin scoring barrage sinks Highland, 75-70

By Joe Paisley

Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Doing the little things added up to a big win. A sudden Twin Falls scoring barrage from long range in the third quarter sparked a second-half comeback and a 75-70 Region III boys basketball win over visiting Highland Friday night at Baun Gymnasium.

It was the Rams first conference loss of the season. Three straight 3-pointers mimicked the Highland lead from 43-38 to 48-47 with 1:29 left in the third.

Twin Falls had managed only 2-of-14 shooting from 3-point range in the first half (14.3 percent) before answering with 7-of-12 from downtown, for 58.3 percent. It was unusual for a team that shoots well from long range, especially in its home gym.

Head coach Matt Harr knew it. "That was the turning point," Harr said. "I knew we wouldn't shoot like that in the second half."

And that turning point came about because the Bruins did the little things — moving better with-out the ball, setting good screens and hard picks — that opened up the Twin Falls shooters. It was a matter of discipline.

"The first half we were just going through the motions," said senior Brett Miller. "Coach got after us and told us to keep shooting the 3's."

Miller found his range for his first 3-point shot of the game before Brent Stokes hit two straight, the first off an inbound pass and the next off a good screen by Chris Herzinger, that made 48-47.

Twin Falls took its first lead since 7-6 with 5:37 left in the first quarter on a transition bucket by senior Andy Coats with 1:03 left in the third, 49-48. Highland's Greg Long answered at the other end before Miller drained a 3-pointer with two defenders' hands in

his face with 17.6 seconds remaining.

"I was mad because I was 0-6 in the first half," Miller said. "Once I hit one, it gave me the confidence I needed."

Stokes, who finished with a team-high 19 points, drained a 3 at the buzzer to give Twin Falls a 55-50 lead going into the fourth. Twin Falls had considerable balance on offense with nine points apiece from Miller, Luc Martin, Andy Coats and Cory Albertson and eight from Cole Easter.

The Bruins shut down Highland's offense for a key stretch after Cody Cranor tied the game at 62 with 3:58 remaining. Cranor finished with a game-high 21 points.

Two turnovers in a row set up a free throw and a key layup by Albertson for a 68-62 lead.

"They did a good job on defense," said Highland coach Chris Frost. "They got a turnover off that looked like a kicked ball and got a lay in (by Albertson) that turned the game."

Twin Falls (12-5, 3-2 Region III) called timeout after going 70-62 and played keepaway from them on, forcing Highland to foul. The Bruins hit just enough free throws to keep Highland at arm's length until two buckets in the final 14 seconds trimmed a 9-point lead to the final margin, 75-70.

Jon Winn and Steve Clark added 10 points apiece for the Rams (8-8, 4-1 Region III).

Next Saturday's scheduled home game against Pocatello was moved to Friday with the junior varsity playing at 6 p.m. followed by the varsity game.

Twin Falls 75, Highland 70
Twin Falls (12-5, 3-2 Region III) defeated Highland (8-8, 4-1 Region III) 75-70 on Friday. Twin Falls' record is 12-5, 3-2 Region III. Highland's record is 8-8, 4-1 Region III.

ATP Tour grind finally wears down Chang

2003 will be final year for 1989 French Open champ

By Janie McCauley
Associated Press writer

Michael Chang's childhood rivals Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras still are winning Grand Slam tournaments late in their careers. Chang hasn't won a major since capturing the tennis world with his 1989 French Open victory at age 17 — a big reason why he's decided to retire following this season, his 16th on the ATP circuit.

His final event will be this year's U.S. Open. Chang kicks off his farewell tour in the Siebel Open starting Feb. 10 in San Jose, Calif., and he spoke about the decision to retire for the first time Friday.

"It's been a great ride, and I still have the

last part of the ride to go, and that's something I'm very excited about," said Chang, speaking from his home in Mercer Island, Wash.

Chang said his inability to maintain a high level on the court led to his decision. Plus, playing 15 years on the pro tour has taken its toll on him.

But the 30-year-old Chang isn't ruling out winning another Grand Slam before he's done.

"If it's going to happen, it's going to be something miraculous," he said. "If it doesn't happen, I can walk away with no regrets."

Chang said he gave retirement plenty of thought — noting he's not one to make spur-of-the-moment decisions. When he's done with tennis, he plans to dedicate more time to the Chang Family Foundation, a Christian outreach organization, and possibly take some seminary classes.

Becoming the youngest to win in Paris in his

Declo

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forcing turnovers." Garey said. "And we did a really good job of that."

The Hornets forced nine Wildcat turnovers in the third quarter and 10 in the game.

All week, we practiced bringing the ball down the middle of the court," Annala said. "And tonight, we brought the ball up the sidelines and stopped over half court. My guards could have played a much better third quarter."

Declo committed just 10

turnovers.

Still, Filter stayed in the game, trailing 29-23 going into the second half and 43-30 to begin the fourth quarter.

"I thought we played awfully well," Annala said. "Now, we have to get them on a neutral court. They're a great team and this was a good game to be part of."

Garey thought the Wildcats played well also.

"They're a really good team," he said. "We had to work to get every shot we got. I thought this

was a great team win for us."

The Hornets have now avenged both of their losses after beating Filter and reigning state champion Snake River at home. The senior-laden Hornets lost to Snake River in the Class 3A title game a year ago. Now they have to avoid a letdown similar to the one Filter experienced against Buhl.

"We have to take care of business against Kimberly and Buhl," Bagwell said. "But it feels good to get even with them."

Jason Garner had 14 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Wildcats.

Declo 63, Filter 45

Declo (11-12, 4-5) defeated Filter (10-13, 1-7 SCIC) 63-45 on Friday. Declo's record is 11-12, 4-5. Filter's record is 10-13, 1-7 SCIC.

LeBron

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"There could be possible eligibility ramifications with his participation in an NCAA school," said Bill Saum, a director in the NCAA's enforcement department. "The broad scope is, an athlete may not receive a benefit because of his athletic talent. We would have to see in our investigation if that's why he received these jerseys."

Muscare reviewed a report that James received the jerseys at "Next Urban Gear and Music" in exchange for posing for pictures to be hung on the store's walls.

The association's rules say an

athlete forfeits amateur status by "capitalizing on athletic fame by receiving money or gifts of monetary value."

"In talking with the store's personnel, I was able to confirm that on Jan. 25, the merchant gave clothing directly to LeBron at a discount," Muscare said. "This is a direct violation of the OSAA bylaws on amateurism, because, in fact, LeBron did capitalize on athletic fame by receiving these gifts."

Robert Rosenthal, the store's owner, declined comment.

James was featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated as a junior, dubbed "The Chosen

One" by the magazine. James' popularity forced school officials to move his home games from the school to the 5,900-seat Rhodes Arena at Akron University.

The school also scheduled games around the country, so James and his teammates could face quality opponents in NBA-sized arenas in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Los Angeles and Greensboro, N.C. James attracted near sellouts in those venues.

Nike and Adidas have been waging a soft-court war for James, who was projected to earn up to \$20 million for an endorsement deal. OSAA

spokesman Bob Goldring said that because James is no longer an amateur, he would be free to sign deals.

James refused to comment about the jerseys Thursday night at the Greater Cleveland Sports Awards. However, he did allude to "all the controversy that's going on with me" during his acceptance speech after being named the area's top high school athlete for the second straight year.

"I'd like to thank my teammates for helping me through all this," he said. "It will be a great memory, but remember I'm on the honor roll with a 3.5 grade-point average."

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SPORTS

Malone leads Jazz past Warriors

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Karl Malone had 26 points and 12 rebounds and the Utah Jazz shot 55 percent to improve to 2-0 under acting coach Phil Johnson with a 102-94 victory over Golden State on Friday night.

Matt Harrington and Calbert Cheaney, who was 8-for-9 from the floor, each scored 16 and Andre Kirilenko added 14 points as Utah shot 48-for-78 and extended its winning streak to three games.

The Jazz were playing their second game without coach Jerry Sloan, who is serving a seven-game suspension for showing an official.

The Warriors had six players score in double figures, but couldn't counter the Jazz's potent shooting.

Troy Murphy led Golden State with 18 points and 11 rebounds.

Pistons 118, Celtics 66

BOSTON — The Boston Celtics were dealt the worst loss in their history, falling behind the Detroit Pistons by as many as 50 before scoring the final eight points of the game.

The previous worst loss in team history came in the second game this season, a 45-point margin in a 114-69 loss to Washington.

Richard Hamilton scored 29 points for the Pistons, who led 71-51 with 4:05 left in the third quarter before going on a 35-2 run that gave them twice as many points as Boston — 106-53 midway through the fourth quarter.

Rockets 121, Timberwolves 101

HOUSTON — Steve Francis scored 27 points and Yao Ming had his 14th double-double of the season as the Houston Rockets shot a season-high 58.1 percent.

Houston's point total also was a season high, 10 more than the Rockets had in a 111-104 victory over Golden State on Nov. 9.

Yao had 24 points and 13 rebounds and three blocks. Cuttino Mobley scored 22 points for the Rockets. Houston is 10-2 this season when both Mobley and Francis score 20 or more points.

Troy Hudson led the Timberwolves with 23 points and Wally Szczerbiak added 20.

76ers 104, Heat 99

PHILADELPHIA — Keith Van Horn scored a season-high 33 points and Eric Snow added a season-high 21 as the Philadelphia 76ers handed the Heat their eighth straight road



Golden State Warriors guard Bob Sura falls to the floor as Jazz forward Andre Kirilenko rejects his shot during Friday's game in Salt Lake City.

loss, defeating Miami 104-99 Friday night.

Allen Iverson scored 25 points to help the Sixers snap a four-game home losing streak.

Raptors 102, Pacers 90

TORONTO — A fight that ended with Lenny Wilkens highlighting back Isiah Thomas highlighted Toronto's win.

Toronto's Morris Peterson, Indiana's Al Harrington and Thomas were ejected after a fight with 8:02 left in the fourth quarter. Harrington approached Peterson in an aggressive manner after Peterson tripped up Harrington while running downcourt on a fast break.

Antonio Davis had 20 points and 10 rebounds, Jerome Williams had 16 points and 10 rebounds and Vince Carter added 16 points in his third game back after missing 23 with a strained right knee.

Nets 89, Hornets 72

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Kenyon Martin had 23 points and 13 rebounds, and two seldom-used members of the New Jersey Nets made up for the absence of Jason Kidd and Richard Jefferson.

The Nets limited the Hornets to a season-low point total. New Orleans' previous low was 79 against Chicago on Nov. 1.

Hawks 96, Cavaliers 91

ATLANTA — Glenn Robinson scored 20 points and the Atlanta Hawks held off the Cleveland Cavaliers for their fourth win in five games.

Cleveland, which never led after the first quarter, pulled within one point a couple of times in the final two minutes.

Knicks 108, Grizzlies 102

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Howard Eisley scored a career-high 30

points to lead the New York Knicks.

Eisley, who had shot 51.7 percent in his previous three games, hit eight of his first nine shots, was 12-of-15 for the game and scored New York's final seven points in the last 2 minutes.

Kurt Thomas added 17 for New York. Pau Gasol scored a career-high 32 points for Memphis.

Spurs 109, Magic 108

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tim Duncan had 23 points, 17 rebounds, and six assists, and his putback off his own miss with 4 seconds to go gave the San Antonio Spurs the victory.

The Magic had a chance to win, but Tracy McGrady's 17-footer fell short at the buzzer. McGrady scored 12 of his 35 points in the fourth quarter, topping the 30-point mark for the seventh straight game.

Refs eject Thomas, Peterson and Harrington after fight

TORONTO — Toronto's Morris Peterson, Indiana's Al Harrington and Pacers coach Isiah Thomas were ejected from Friday night's game after a fight early in the fourth quarter.

Harrington approached Peterson in an aggressive manner after Peterson tripped up Harrington while running downcourt on a fast break. Peterson appeared to throw a punch and a shoving match ensued.

A livid Thomas ran onto the court and tried to get at Peterson, but Toronto coach Lenny Wilkens held Thomas back.

The fight occurred with 8:02 left in the fourth.

Michael Bennett, while Driver, Shockley and Chicago's Marty Booker will catch passes from the NFC quarterbacks.

Then there's Cincinnati full-back Lorenzo Neal, who is rewarded for a career of near-anonymous hard work with his first Pro Bowl trip in 10 seasons. At 32, Neal is the fifth-oldest player on the AFC roster — and he's having just as much fun as his younger first-time teammates. "Better late than never," Neal said after a light practice at the Italian resort. "I'm feeling a little bit raggedy with so much going on this week, but you never know when you're going to get back, so I'm working hard while I'm here."

mated \$1.6 million in salary. Wallace had 27 technical fouls last season, and has just five this season.

All Star guard Jason Kidd sits out with groin injury

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — All-Star point guard Jason Kidd missed the New Jersey Nets game with the New Orleans Hornets on Friday night because of a groin injury, and he will also sit out Saturday's game at Detroit.

Kidd vowed to be back in the lineup here on Monday night against Seattle, but Nets coach Byron Scott said he was considering having Kidd rest all the way until the All-Star game on Feb. 9 in Atlanta.

Kidd hurt his groin on Wednesday late in the third quarter of an 86-78 win over the Washington Wizards. Kidd did not return to action.

The 29-year-old attended the

NBA Notebook

trip in advance of the All-Star break and the second-half playoff push.

"It's big for us," guard Damon Stoudamire said. "He's been out for a while, so getting back in the lineup is good, not only for him, but for the team."

Wallace's suspension was imposed after a post-game confrontation Jan. 15 with referee Tim Donaghy.

Wallace, who had scored a season-high 32 points in the 100-92 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies, apparently threatened Donaghy on the loading dock of the Portland Rose Garden. Donaghy had given Wallace a technical foul in the third quarter of the game.

It was the longest suspension ever levied for something that didn't involve drugs or physical contact. Wallace forfeited an esti-

dated \$1.6 million in salary. Wallace had 27 technical fouls last season, and has just five this season.

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"It's big for us," guard Damon Stoudamire said. "He's been out for a while, so getting back in the lineup is good, not only for him, but for the team."

Youth

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The numbers also were helped by several veterans who dropped out with injuries. San Diego line-backer Junior Seau, Tampa Bay defensive tackle Warren Sapp, Minnesota receiver Randy Moss and St. Louis tackle Orlando Pace were among the absentees. Kansas City running back Priest Holmes also won't play, though he still made the trip to Hawaii and posed in uniform for the AFC team picture.

Many of the young players who got big opportunities this season did so by making the Pro Bowl. For instance, Green Bay receiver Donald Driver, a former seventh-round pick who barely hung on with the Packers

during his rookie season in 1999, took advantage of Antonio Freeman's offseason departure to become Brett Favre's favorite target, catching 70 passes for 1,064 yards.

"There's a lot of young guys with a lot of responsibility in this league now," said Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher, who's leading the AFC team. "That's just the nature of our game now. Every year, more young guys emerge. As a coach, you have to welcome it, and you find young guys like the ones on these teams."

Williams, the former Heisman Trophy winner who found his stride in Miami this season, isn't surprised by the number of fellow first-timers in Hawaii. He

hadn't thought much about the Pro Bowl during his three seasons in New Orleans, but he realizes its importance now.

"Sometimes in this league, it takes one or two years to get to where you want to be — three years, in my case," said Williams, who led the AFC with 1,853 yards rushing for the Dolphins. "This is my first time, but I always thought this would be the result of having team success. Once you had some success, all of the other rewards start coming."

It's a particularly strong year for first-timers at running back and receiver. Tomlinson, Williams and Henry will be countered by New Orleans' Deuce McAllister and Minnesota's

Maybe warmth of sun will take chill off NHL

The Associated Press

SUNRISE, Fla. — The NHL is unpacking for a winter weekend in South Florida, and just in time, too. If any sport needs a vacation, it's hockey.

After four months filled with banqueting, barely measurable TV ratings and bad feelings between ownership and players as next year's labor talks grow closer, NHL commissioner Gary Bettman no doubt will welcome a little warmth.

Still, no matter how pleasant the ambience of metropolitan Miami or how stress-relieving the sun must feel to those accustomed to the breathtaking cold of Calgary, Edmonton or Buffalo, this All-Star weekend will be mostly business.

There is the usual agenda of general managers meetings, trade talks and, oh, yes, a game, too — even if it seems the American public is as disinterested in Sunday's All-Star exhibition as many of the players seem to be.

As stars and bench-sitters alike deal with the fatigue of playing 82 games in a 180-day window, rather than the normal 192 days, many of the big names — Mario Lemieux, Mats Sundin, Joe Sakic, Ed Belfour, Brian Leetch-Pavel Bure, Saku Koivu — are hurting or out of action.

With so little time off in a season that stretches from training camp in early September to the Stanley Cup finals in mid-June, many players now seem to find All-Star participation to be drudgery.

That might explain why Sundin, for example, was healthy enough to score a goal and set up another Thursday night for Toronto, but will skip the All-Star game to rest his sore shoulder.

And with scores such as 14-12 in Denver two years ago that threatened to produce more scoring than the Pro Bowl played on the same day, fans don't seem to care much about the exhibition.

No wonder ABC will be keeping a close eye on its audience, which

dwindled to an infomercial-like 1.8 rating for last year's game in Los Angeles. With so few viewers, the network may be looking to bail out of hockey or substantially cut its rights fees when its contract, shared with corporate partner ESPN, ends next year.

ESPN's ratings have been so low this season, they almost can't be measured.

And, fittingly enough for a league in which nearly one-quarter of the coaches have changed since the season started, even having a scorecard won't be as reassuring as knowing who's playing and in what uniform Sunday at Office Depot Center.

Sandis Ozolinsh, for example, was voted as an Eastern Conference starter for All-Star Thursday night to Anaheim. He'll play for the East on Sunday before he heads West.

Alexei Kovalev, Pittsburgh's productive scorer, also could be packing for another destination — Toronto, Colorado, Vancouver? — after the Penguins' Craig Patrick huddles with his fellow GMs.

"Until it happens, it's just rumors. I'm happy where I'm at, playing with the guys here and having fun."

One team glad the break has arrived is Dallas, and not just because the Stars have three All-Stars. Thanks in part to Eastern Conference leader Ottawa's 3-0 loss in Los Angeles on Thursday night, the Stars have the league's best record.

The significance? The last four teams to lead at the break went on to win the Stanley Cup: Dallas (1999), New Jersey (2000), Colorado (2001) and Detroit (2002).



Wake Forest's Justin Gray opens his mouth to show his jaw, which was wired shut after it was fractured during a game against Duke on Jan. 12.

Broken jaw frustrates Wake Forest freshman

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press writer

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — The past three weeks have been nothing but milkshakes, soup and pudding for Justin Gray.

He can handle that. The hardest part for the Wake Forest freshman is sitting quietly on the bench, unable to help his team or even cheer through the wires that hold his broken jaw together.

Sitting on the bench you see something and you can't tell anyone, not the coaches, not teammates, not even the managers. I mean nobody," said Gray, e-mailing his managers for an interview. "They'll tell me to do what everybody else tells me to do: 'Write it down, I don't understand you.'"

Gray was leading the 17th-ranked Demon Deacons (14-2) in assists for a game and averaging 10.5 points when he ran into a screen by Duke's Dahtay Jones on Jan. 12. Not only was his jaw broken, he cut his tongue and lip, and his mouth has been wired shut since.

"This has to be one of the worst injuries to have," he said. "I really can deal with not eating or talking, but not playing and watching — now that's hard."

There's no timetable for Gray. One of Wake's many talented underclassmen, to return to the lineup. The Deacons have done well without him, going 4-1 entering Sunday's game against North Carolina.

Even when he is cleared to play again, the side effects could

slow his return. He estimates he's lost 20 pounds from his 180-pound body because he can take in food only through a straw.

Milkshakes have become his favorite food, and some days he slurps down 10 of them as his only nourishment. The guilty pleasure helps him, especially when watching his teammates gorging on pre-game steaks and other solid foods.

"At first, I would see the food and just want to take it all the food and throw it away, but now it doesn't matter to me," he said. "The food that I miss the most would have to be steak. The first thing I will eat will be a big bag of gummy worms. For some reason I've been wanting them since I've broken my jaw."

He has almost perfected a mumble that his family and friends can understand, and so far he's only been called on in class once. He responded by writing his answer on the board.

But he hasn't been able to do much physically and only was cleared to run and lift weights earlier this week. He's not permitted to do a full workout until his jaw heals.

Still, Gray believes he'll be just fine when cleared to play. "Once I get the wires off I hope to be in practice the next day getting ready for the next game," he said. "You won't see me backing down from anything at all, not even a screw."

"And if the time is running out, you will still see me going to get the ball and trying to make a play like I was doing when I was out there."

YOUR WEEKEND

'Alice in Wonderland'

What: The younger drama members of the Magic Valley School of Performing Arts will perform "Alice in Wonderland."

Where: Magic Valley School of Performing Arts, 1631 Grandview Drive N., Twin Falls.

When: 7 p.m. today.

How much: Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children at the door.

Hypnotist performance

What: Hypnotist Arthur Wayne will perform.

Where: College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Auditorium.

When: 7 p.m. today.

How much: Tickets are \$5 at the door. The event is a fund-raiser for the CSI Phi Theta Kappa students.

'The Nerd'

What: The Friends of CSI Players will present "The Nerd."

Where: The Lamphouse Theatre, 223 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

When: 7 p.m. today.

How much: Tickets, which are \$10 at the door and \$8 in advance, are available at the Lamphouse.

Wild game feed

What: The James Moulson Wild Game Feed will be held.

Where: Rock Creek Restaurant, 200 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

When: 3 p.m. Sunday.

How much: Tickets are \$15 per person. Proceeds will benefit law-enforcement scholarships at the College of Southern Idaho and other needs for area peace officers. To purchase tickets in advance or for more information, call Robert Moulson at 732-6296, Carol Thomas at 733-3799 or Shirley Noble at 734-8518.

'My Fair Lady'

What: The Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation will present Alan Jay Lerner and Frederic Loewe's "My Fair Lady."

Where: King Fine Arts Center, Burley.

When: 2 p.m. today.

How much: Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$8 for reserved seats. General admission tickets are available at The Times-News/Burley office and the Book Plaza in Burley and at The Book Store in Rupert. For reserve seating, call 578-6688.

Winter Showcase

What: Jive, the Twin Falls High School choral group, will perform its Winter Showcase.

Where: Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls.

When: 7:30 p.m. today.

How much: Tickets, which are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, are available at Everybody's Business, Tuxedos Now, from any Jive member, or at the door.

'Hot Blooded'

What: Idaho Dance Theater will present its winter performance, "Hot Blooded."

Where: The Community School Theater, Sun Valley.

When: 8 p.m. today and 2 and 8 p.m. Sunday.

How much: Tickets, which are \$25 for reserved seats, \$17 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors, are available at Chapter One Bookstore in Ketchum.

Karaoke at Mr. Bill's

What: Karaoke will be featured.

Where: Mr. Bill's, 101 N. Alder, Jerome.

When: 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.

How much: No cover charge.

Jazz evening

What: The Great Riff Jazz Society, in association with the CSI Jazz Program, will present Jazz Sunday. The jazz quintet will play jazz classics and standards, show tunes, modern jazz and the blues. Students and families are welcome.

Where: Gerrie's Brick Oven Cookery, 602 Second Ave. S., Twin Falls.

When: 4-6 p.m. today.

How much: No cover charge.

'8 Women'

What: The Magic Valley Arts Council's 15th Annual Foreign Film Festival continues with Francois Ozon's "8 Women."

Where: Lamphouse Theatre, Twin Falls.

When: 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

How much: Festival tickets are \$9.50. For further information, call the Magic Valley Arts Council office at 734-2787.

To have an event appear in "Your Weekend" send your information to: **chad.balkrain@timesnews.com** or fax it to 734-5538.

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Upper Snake River	83%	51%
Salmon Falls	81%	38%
Salmon	63%	55%
Oakley	53%	34%
Big Wood	97%	61%
Little Wood	115%	69%
Henry's Fork/Teton	82%	81%
Big Lost	103%	60%
Little Lost	78%	48%
As of Jan. 31.		

A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 30-year average. **An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire season, which peaks in late March or early April.

Other areas get some rain

The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS — Warm weather this week has done little to help mountain snowpack in most of Idaho, but it hasn't been only rain falling in the region. The upper Snake River Basin in Wyoming and Idaho — which supplies most of the water for Magic Valley irrigators — saw its snow-water equivalent reading climb Friday to 83 percent of the historical average at this point in the year — up from 70 percent on Monday. The same held true for the Henry's Fork/Teton Basin in Idaho,

which Friday had snows measuring 82 percent of average for this time of the season.

Lower-elevation snow-measuring sites, meanwhile, were receiving rain instead of the white stuff. U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service snow supply specialist

Ron Abramovich made a soggy trip Thursday to measure snowpack on Mores Creek Summit, which supplies water to the Boise River Basin.

"It was raining the whole day," said Abramovich, who reaches the site by snowshoe.

"Some of it is going into the ground, but not in all the areas."

He measured the equivalent of 17 inches of water in the snow, while the average there is 22 inches.

"We'd rather have it fall as snow, have it come off later when water consumption is much higher. They can store the rain in the reservoirs, but it would be better as snow."

— Ron Abramovich,
U.S. Natural Resources
Conservation Service
snow supply specialist

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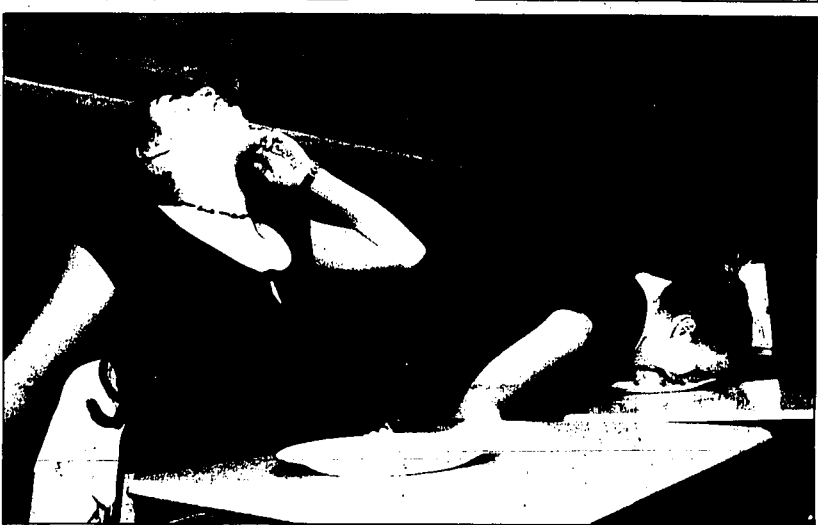
Water supply experts had hoped for heavy snows that would come off the hills gradually in the spring and fill reservoirs that were virtually drained in 2002.

But the El Nino weather pattern is in full swing, bringing warmer and mostly drier weather to the Northwest.

A case in point is the Vienna Mine snow-measuring site, at 8,960 feet in elevation. It is located at the headwaters of the Middle Fork of the Salmon, Big Wood and South Fork of the Boise rivers. The median daily temperature at Vienna Mine in January was 25 degrees. That is 8 degrees warmer than January norm of 17 degrees over 14 years of data.

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FAST FOOD



Camille Aguilar, left, and Emily Hughes raced two other friends to see who could unwrap and eat a Twinkie the fastest Friday at Flier Middle School's winter carnival. The catch was, no hands were allowed. In case eating a Twinkie in two bites wasn't enough of a sugar rush, the prize for finishing first was a small pie.

Gooding P&Z won't reduce canyon setback

By Mickey Walker
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — Not since 1976 has development in Gooding County been allowed within 300 feet of the canyon rims without a special-use permit. And county planning and zoning commission members want to keep it that way.

Commission members last week voted against decreasing the setback requirement from 300 feet to 100 feet for building along the Snake River Canyon and Malad Canyon rims. The setback has been in place for 27 years, when Gooding County's zoning ordinance was first created.

The Gooding County Commission had proposed the reduced setback — along with two other amendments to the county's zoning ordinance — and passed it on to the planning and zoning commission for their consideration and recommendation. The planning and zoning commission did recommend for approval two changes to the ordinance: Property with four or

Next meeting

The planning and zoning commission changed the date of its next meeting to 7 p.m. Feb. 26. In the Gooding County Courthouse commissioners' room.

more unlicensed vehicles on it will be classified as a wrecking yard. In addition, excavation will not be permitted within 25 feet of a slope exceeding 30 percent. The ordinance will be sent back to the county commission for final approval.

No member of the public spoke for or against the proposed setback reduction at a Thursday public hearing. "It just makes more sense to me to maintain the 300-foot setback from the rims because that decreases the amount of building that might happen," said Bill Stouder, commission chairman. "And it still allows anyone that wants to go closer to come in an apply for a special-use permit."

Judy Deubner, planning and

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Ketchum lawsuit heads to city's insurer

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — Unable to settle a lawsuit filed against the city and Mayor Ed Simon over the firing of an independent computer maintenance contractor who alleges political retaliation, city officials are tossing the issue to their insurance provider.

Ketchum city attorney Margaret Simms said Thursday the dispute has been handed to the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program to decide whether and how to settle.

One element presumably to be decided by ICRIMP is whether the mayor was acting within his authority when he fired Linden.

This is the second flap involving Simon and police department personnel since he took office a year ago. But earlier, in 1992, Simon was recalled from office as a Ketchum city councilman when he led an abortive attempt to fire longtime Police

Chief Cal Nevland. The plaintiff in the new case, Steven Linden, who had a contract to service computers at the city police department, was fired in December on orders of Simon after Linden wrote a letter to the editor of the weekly Idaho Mountain Express. Linden accuses the mayor of retaliation for the letter.

Ironically, Linden's letter complained of the payment of \$65,000 to Blaine County deputy sheriff Ron Taylor to settle a botched hiring agreement engineered by Simon.

Taylor had been hired by Simon as the city's new assistant police chief. But then Chief Cal Nevland, who has since retired, challenged the mayor's authority to hire Taylor. The lawsuit was withdrawn after the mayor agreed to dump Taylor after two days on the job.

Taylor sued, which resulted in the \$65,000 settlement — half paid by the city, half by ICRIMP.

Linden's lawsuit against the

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Ex-official backs out of plea agreement

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

BURLEY — A former employee of the Cassia County School District declined to plead guilty to a charge of grand theft Friday although he had signed a plea agreement saying he would do so.

At Jim Pehrson's Friday arraignment, 5th District Judge Monte Carlson seemingly expected a guilty plea from Pehrson or his attorney, John Bradley.

Pehrson, the school district's former director of finance and operations, and Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus had both signed a written plea agreement in the case. In exchange for Pehrson pleading guilty to one count of grand theft by unauthorized control and agreeing to make restitution on all six grand theft charges, Barrus agreed to dismiss five of the charges. Barrus planned to recommend to the judge that Pehrson serve prison time in spite of the guilty plea.

But when Carlson asked if Pehrson was going to plead guilty as the agreement called for, Bradley said that wasn't the case.

"Even though we've executed a plea agreement with the state, we wish to plead not guilty today," Bradley said.

Pehrson is undergoing "testing and evaluations," Bradley said, and he wants those results available before entering a plea.

Bradley asked the judge to schedule a status conference hearing and a change of plea hearing for his client.

Carlson set that for 1:15 p.m. Feb. 21.

Pehrson is accused of stealing \$48,240 from the school district by writing unauthorized checks, making unauthorized withdrawals on school district bank accounts and using school district credit cards for personal expenditures.

Pehrson resigned from his school district job on July 16, 2002. The investigation which led to the criminal charges began in August 2002 after Cassia County School District Superintendent Mike Chesley and New School officials had found irregularities in the district's financial records.

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Energy Department says human error caused leak in INEEL container

The Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS — A human error in sealing a radioactive waste drum in Idaho is being blamed for contamination within the container while it was being shipped to the government's underground dump in New Mexico.

The Energy Department says an inspection of the container following the incident found that the bolt holding a ring around the rim could be turned by hand.

That showed the bolt had not been

tightened to the degree the Energy Department requires.

Officials at the New Mexico's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant and at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory spent the last five months developing a plan for inspection of the drum, said Kerry Watson, assistant manager for the Energy Department's National TRU-Waste Program.

Use of the hot cell also had to be permitted by Idaho regulators. Environmental groups have criticized the Energy Department for not moving faster in the investigation.

The container was on a truck that was involved in an accident in August. But federal officials said the crash did not cause the contamination, Watson said.

The government returned the container to INEEL after possible contamination was discovered on the inside of its inner containment vessel.

The Idaho site has facilities designed for large-scale decontamination, including the hot cell that was used this week in the investigation, Watson said.

A final report has not been completed, so it is too soon to speculate on further action, Watson said in making the investigation's initial findings public this week.

"We've always been interested in discovering the cause and being straightforward with the public," he said.

More than 3,100 cubic meters of plutonium-contaminated waste have been moved from the site to the New Mexico dump already, and at least another 62,000 cubic meters must be shipped over the next 16 years.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Panel OKs death penalty change

BOISE (AP) — A House panel on Friday cleared a change in Idaho's death penalty law that would bring Idaho's law in line with requirements imposed last summer by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The bill was opposed by the Catholic Church, social workers and defense attorneys but supported by murder victims' families, the governor's office and even by Idaho's own appellate public defender's office, which helped write the proposed new law.

Shirley Blomberg, mother of slain 22-year-old Boise State University student Samantha Maher, complained about the lengthy appeals process available to her daughter's convicted killer and said Idaho's death penalty ought to be allowed to move forward.

"If someone is going to commit murder, they need to know right up front that they're going to die for it," Blomberg told members of the Judiciary and Rules committee.

In a rare personal appearance before a legislative committee, Brian Whitlock, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's chief of staff, also urged lawmakers to pass the bill.



The committee voted 12-2 to send the bill to the full House with a passing recommendation. Democrats Donna Boe of Pocatello and David Bieter of Boise voted in opposition.

It has already been approved by the Senate.

The bill turns the sentencing decision in death penalty cases over to juries and requires a life prison sentence without parole in cases where the death sentence is not imposed.

It also applies the new sentencing procedure to any of the 21 current death row inmates if their sentences are overturned because they were imposed by a judge.

The bill was prompted by the high court's ruling last June that juries, not judges, must determine the aggravating factors that lead to the imposition of a death sentence.

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Idaho had been one of only a handful of states that did not involve the jury in any phase of

sentencing in capital murder cases.

Mia Crosthwaite of the Catholic Charities and Catholic Church of Idaho testified against the bill.

"The sacredness of life comes exclusively from God, there's nothing we can do to change that," she said.

Several people testifying against the bill brought up the case of Charles Irwin Fain, who spent 17 years on Idaho's death row before exculpatory DNA evidence forced his release in 2001.

Since the death penalty was reinstated in 1977, only double murderer Keith Eugene Wells has been executed. He dropped all his appeals and demanded to die.

Donald Paradis was released from death row after courts determined that they were wrongly convicted. Thomas Gibson was freed on parole three weeks after his 1981 capital murder conviction was overturned and he pleaded guilty to a lesser charge.

Another, Mark Emilio Aragon, died in prison. Eleven others had their death sentences thrown out for various reasons and have been resentenced to lengthy prison terms.

Medicaid conversion isn't paying yet

Division of Veterans director hopes to see future dividends

BOISE (AP) — The director of the state Division of Veterans Services says the decision to qualify Idaho's three veterans homes for Medicaid payments hasn't produced the multimillion-dollar savings projected three years ago.

But Richard Jones told the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee on Friday that the investment required to secure Medicaid certification has finally been made and he hopes the state will see future dividends.

The state had been financing the full cost of care of indigent veterans before Medicaid, where the federal government picks up two-thirds of the cost.

The decision was fought by veterans groups, who claimed it made the health care appear to be charity when those who fought for the nation earned it. That prompted the move to Medicaid to be phased in over three years that concludes this summer.

About a third of the 96 veterans homes across the country are Medicaid qualified.

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Jones said there have been trade-offs. Meeting the Medicaid certification standards required increased staff at the facilities in Lewiston, Boise and Pocatello, and that has increased the quality of care. But it also required increasing the cost to veterans whose care is financed by sources other than Medicaid.

The rising cost for privately financed veterans drove occupancy

in the homes down to half or less immediately, but Jones said it has rebounded back into the 90 percent range.

But overall, Jones said, "when you compare it with the private facility, the cost is still lower."

The assessment wrapped up a second week of hearings on Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's bare-bones budget proposal that he says still requires a \$270 million tax increase to finance. The GOP legislative majority has remained skeptical despite Kempthorne's insistence that essential programs will be drastically curtailed or eliminated and more than 1,000 of the state's 22,000 workers laid off without the extra money.

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Kempthorne was on the road again himself on Friday, explaining his plan to business and civic leaders in northern Idaho. On Thursday, he was in Twin Falls,

where he asked for alternatives but suggested there were none that did not require dismantling state government.

Kempthorne's proposed 15-cent hike has drawn specific criticism from communities bordering Oregon and Montana, where there are no sales taxes.

Idaho's 5 percent sales tax has been the bane of merchants in Pocatello and Washington counties for decades as they watched customers cross into Oregon for an automatic 5 percent savings on food and other items.

And merchants in Salmon, isolated in central Idaho along the Montana border, fear they can expect the same if the rate hits 6.5 percent — even if saving money means driving 90 miles to reach retailers across the border.

"A business community like Salmon's will be reduced to offering gas, food, housing and very basic services," said Ken Belter, who manages a retail clothing store downtown.

At 6.5 percent, he said the savings will be significant enough to send residents to Montana for big-name appliances, electronics, building supplies and furniture.

"A sales-tax increase would devastate an already fragile economy," he said.

AT EASE



Staff Sgt. Jerry Hegle, with the Army National Guard's 118th Engineering Battalion, waits with his gear before boarding a bus in Post Falls Friday. Ninety-seven National Guard members were deployed for a one-year security mission at Mountain Home Air Force Base.

Veteran privacy bill heads to the Senate

Legislature in brief

BOISE — Veterans will be able to record their discharge papers but keep personal information private under a bill passed by the Idaho House on Thursday.

Sponsored by Hayden Republican Rep. Jim Clark, the discharge papers — Department of Defense form 214 — would allow social security numbers and other sensitive information to be redacted.

The bill passed 69-0 and moves to the Senate.

Administration discounts value of diverting funds

BOISE — Faced with an estimated \$160 million deficit in the new budget, the Kempthorne administration is discounting the value of diverting \$1.5 million long earmarked for an official governor's home to fill the cash void.

"You can drain (all the funds) dry and still not approach anywhere near a solution that would negate the need for additional revenues," said Brian Whitlock, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's chief of staff and former budget director.

The fund was created in the 1980s when the old governor's home was sold because it was no longer fit to live in. A plan to buy or build a new home was torpedoed during the 1994 campaign by the two governor candidates trying to outdo each other in rejecting tax-financed benefits.

Since then, the fund has been used to provide the governor with a housing allowance of about \$50,000 a year.

House unanimously approves lease extension

BOISE — The Idaho House on Friday unanimously approved legislation authorizing a 49-year lease for 2,100 acres of state land that developers say they need for their \$1 billion four-season resort.

There was no debate on the bill that the Tamarack Resort, previously known as WestRock on Lake Cascade, contends is required to secure the financing for the project.

Last week, the developers received final approval of the state water rights. But early this

month, the managers of the project announced that they had severed their relationship with Bank of America Securities, which was going to help raise cash.

Critics of the resort called that evidence of its shaky financial footing.

But Jean-Pierre Boespflug, Tamarack's managing partner, has remained confident that the estimated \$1.3 billion needed for the resort will be raised, primarily through presale of real estate.

The state granted the lease for a guaranteed \$1 million for five years and \$2.1 million if the project is still viable in the sixth year even if it goes broke before the end of the current 10-year lease.

Association of cities affirms officials' integrity

BOISE — The Association of Idaho Cities sent a message to lawmakers Thursday, hoping to deflect potential fallout from a controversy surrounding Boise Mayor Brent Coles.

The association approved a resolution affirming that city officials are dedicated to the highest ideals of honor and integrity in all public and personal relationships.

Association leaders said the resolution is a signal to lawmakers that new restrictions on city spending are unnecessary. They also hope to keep lawmakers from tampering with a formula that gives cities and counties a cut of the state's 5 percent sales tax.

The Boise mayor's spending has been scrutinized since city council members learned Coles and former chief of staff Gary Lyman took two other city employees to dinner and a Broadway show in New York City on Boise's tab.

Lawmakers are considering a bill that would restrict the cities' travel spending authority. Another bill would roll back the amount of revenue sharing money cities get from the state sales tax.

— compiled from staff reports

SERVICES

Helen Lucille Lightner of Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at St. Edward the Confessor, St. Edward's Catholic Church; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Angeline Mary Henscheid King of Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert; interment will be at the Rupert MAR Cemetery (Reynolds Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Donald Keith Gould of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; friends and family may call from 10 a.m. until the time of the service today at the funeral home; the family will be present to greet friends from 1-2 p.m. today.

Teri Rae McMasters of Twin Falls, gathering for friends and family from 1-3 p.m. today at the Sunnyside Recreation Hall, 1779 Addison Ave. E.; friends should bring a tray of finger foods.

Robert Leon "Bud" Cohee of Rupert, funeral Mass at 1 p.m. today at the Burley Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave.; burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery; friends may call one hour before the service today at the Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel.

Shizue "Susie" Shighihara of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 N. St.; graveside service will follow at the Shoshone Cemetery, Shoshone; viewing from 9-10 a.m. today for friends and 10-10:40 a.m. for family at the funeral home (Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel).

Matthew Gerald Gillespie of

Rupert, service at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert West State Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 26 S. 100 W.; burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery; friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Dennis Dean Jackson of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Maria Conceicao Pinho Teixeira of Buhl, Mass of Christian burial at 1 p.m. today at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhl; burial will follow at West End Cemetery, Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Norine Peterson of Paul, service at 2 p.m. today at the Emerson 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 127 S. 950 W.; Paul; burial will be in the Paul Cemetery; friends may call from 1-1:45 p.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Frank Oliver Anderson of Pocatello, memorial service at 2

p.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary-Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St., Burley.

Tamara Gay Northrop of Buhl, memorial service at 3 p.m. Monday at the Free Will Baptist Church, Buhl (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Lois Elison of Malta, service at noon Monday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Malta 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel; burial will follow in the Valley View Cemetery in Malta; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Sunday and 10:45-11:45 a.m. Monday at the church (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

Ralph Jacketta of Wendell, service at 11 a.m. Monday at Demary's Gooding Chapel, 737 Main, Gooding; interment will be at the Wendell Cemetery in Wendell.

Catherine Mildred Watson Blom Burks of Paul, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 22, at the Paul United Methodist Church; interment at 10 a.m. March 24 at Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Raeola Cooke

TWIN FALLS — Raeola Cooke, 77, died Friday, Jan. 31, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 3, 2003, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls. The viewing will be held from 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

IDAHO LEGISLATIVE LOG

The Associated Press

Completes for Friday Sent to Governor

HB75 (Revenue and Taxation) — Sets deadline for county auditors to certify new construction for property tax purposes.

HB79 (Revenue and Taxation) — Makes technical corrections to the income tax law.

HB80 (Revenue and Taxation) — Allows extension of the period for decisions on undervalued property claims.

SB1022 (Finance-Appropriations) — Appropriates \$1,245,000 to Department of Lands for Forest Resources Management for fiscal year 2003.

SB1025 (Finance-Appropriations) — Appropriates \$129,500 to the Department of Agriculture for Plant Industries for fiscal year 2003.

Introduced in House

HB137 (Transportation) — Protects fleet leasing companies from bankruptcy proceedings by lessors.

HB138 (Transportation) — Clarifies exemption to allow 8.5-foot wide load limit for carrying agricultural equipment.

Introduced in Senate

SB1047 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Requires those handling transactions in mobile, manufactured or floating homes to comply with state real estate licensing law.

SB1048 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Revises minimum requirements for individual Primary Idaho License.

SB1049 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Extends the office workplace law to public employees.

SB1050 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Clarifies eligibility for public safety officer death benefits.

SB1051 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Prescribes using an applicant's recreational pursuits as a reason for denying insurance coverage.

SB1052 (Transportation) — Creates a Boy Scout vehicle license plate.

SB1053 (Transportation) — Extends the maximum length of a combination vehicle to 100 feet.

SB1054 (Transportation) — Revises the definition of expenditure for highways and bridges to exclude the performance of personal service to the district.

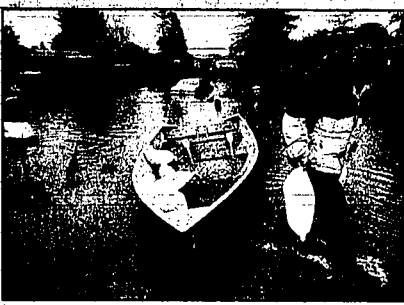
SB1055 (Transportation) — Clarifies how district payment policies for emergencies.

Know the score?

Read The Times-News sports

pages to see how your favorite team is doing.

RAINY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN



Paul Mayo, 26, moves sand bags into position in Cedar Hills, an unincorporated suburb of Portland, Ore., Friday. Unseasonably warm weather and heavy rain caused pockets of flooding in Oregon that turned some roads into waterways.

Democrats plan to reorganize precincts

TWIN FALLS - Members of the Twin Falls County Democratic Central Committee will hold their first meeting of the year at 7 p.m. Monday in the old Twin Falls City Council chambers, 321 Second Ave. E.

Heading the meeting agenda will be the early development of a plan to reorganize the party's precinct structure, according to John Radford, committee chairman.

That had been a major objective before November's general elections, he said, but it was not completely achieved. There were registered Democratic precinct leaders in only seven of the county's 45 precincts, he said.

Other matters to be discussed include a "Pizza and Politics" gathering slated for late February, a review of subcommittee activities in recent months and the organization's current financial condition.

For further information, call Radford at 735-4096.

Sen. Craig announces academy nominations

WASHINGTON - U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, announced nominations for appointments to military service academies for the year 2003, including several Magic Valley students.

"I am very impressed by the leadership record and academic credentials of these young people," Craig said. "These are talented students who have chosen to dedicate their lives to defend the values and liberties we hold dear through service to our nation."

Potential nominees were selected based upon their academic record, class standing and potential for leadership. U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, announced the same recommendations in December.

Nominees include Scott Heins of Rupert to the Air Force Academy; Joseph DiFrancesco of Sun Valley, David Plotts of Declo and Daniel Shull of Gooding to the U.S. Military Academy; Robert Shultz of Hailley to the Merchant Marine Academy; and Zach Bloomfield of Bellevue and Christopher Wilson of Twin Falls to both the U.S. military and naval academies.

Kimberly seniors will give fund-raiser dinner

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Ageless Senior Citizens' fund-raiser dinner will be from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday at 210 N. Main in Kimberly.

The menu will feature roast beef. The cost for adults is \$6 and \$3 for children under 12. Everyone is invited.

State certifies M.V. and W.R. water protection plans

BOISE - Several Magic and Wood River valley communities and drinking water systems have obtained state certification for their drinking water protection plans.

Gooding

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zoning administrator, noted that surrounding counties had various setback requirements. Jerome and Elmore counties require 300 feet, and Twin Falls County has only a 100-foot setback.

Daubner also said there have only been three special-use permit applications since 1991. However, those three have come before the commission in just the

Magic Valley in brief

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, in coordination with the Idaho Rural Water Association, announced the certifications last week.

Those certified include the Brunner Water and Sewer District; Mountain Home Air Force Base; King Hill Domestic Water and Sewer; Hulen Meadows Water Co. and Cold Springs Subdivision, both in Ketchum; and the cities of Murtaugh, Hailley, Filer and Hollister.

The plans are designed to provide communities and drinking water systems with tools to protect drinking water supplies from potential sources of contamination.

To achieve certification, communities and drinking water systems must inventory potential contaminant sources and develop management tools and protection measures. The plans also must include contingency measures, protection strategies for new wells or intakes, public outreach activities and implementation approaches.

Certification is effective for three years, after which communities and drinking water systems may apply for recertification.

Forest Service decides to install fiber-optics

STANLEY - The Forest Service has authorized construction and maintenance of a buried fiber optic cable on national forest lands from Stanley to Thompson Creek.

The decision, which is subject to appeal, was made jointly by Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor Ruth Monahan and Salmon-Challis National Forest Supervisor George Matejko. The decision was made following an environmental analysis that examined potential effects to national forest lands along the route.

The fiber optic cable will be buried in ducts within the existing road right of way adjacent to Idaho Highway 75 on the opposite side of the highway from the Salmon River.

Installation of cable within the roadbed of the Slate Creek Road, Yankee Fork Road and Forest Road No. 454 between Slate Creek and Upper O'Brien is included in the 44-mile project.

Copies of the decision notice are available by calling the Forest Service in Twin Falls at 737-3200, in Stanley at 774-3000, in Ketchum at 726-5000, in Salmon at 756-5100 or in Clifton at 838-3300. It also is available on the Internet at www.fs.fed.us/4/sawtooth/.

"In arriving at our decision, we not only examined environmental concerns but we also considered the need and value of this project to the people in these rural communities," Monahan said.

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IMAGINATION AND INVENTION

M-C students participate in 'Invent Idaho'

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Imagine you are relaxing in your yard on a hot summer day. You're sipping a glass of cold lemonade and sitting in a chaise longue. You are also mowing the lawn, guiding the machine across the grass using a remote control.

That's just one of the ideas Minidoka County School District students thought up for this year's "Invent Idaho" competition. Their inventions will be on display from 2 to 4 p.m. today in the gymnasium at Big Valley Elementary School. Judges announce their decisions at 3 p.m.

While visitors won't be able to see a working model of the lawnmower, there is a conceptual model. It's something that looks like a lawnmower and zooms around in response to a remote controller on a sheet of green paper.

Among the inventions, people may see working models of a device to water house plants which hang high above their heads and a night stand which keeps track of your glasses and chairs.

The winning inventions will advance to the regional competition in Idaho Falls. Regional winners go on to the state finals in Boise.

Last year, five Minidoka County School District entries were chosen winners at the state contest, Big Valley teacher Tammy



Alyson Yepes, 11, looks at the 'school bot,' one of the many inventions on display at Big Valley Elementary School. Yepes designed a game for the 'Invent Idaho' contest under way at the Rupert school.

Check it out -

- What: "Invent Idaho" contest.
- Where: Big Valley Elementary School, Rupert.
- When: 2-4 p.m. today.

Broadhead said.

Pupils in first through eighth grades entered their ideas in five different categories: working models, non-working models,

adaptations, games and Jules Verne - predictions of inventions currently beyond grasp.

Inventing gives children a welcome chance to be creative, Broadhead said.

"Kids don't think any more," she said. "We have them sit down and tell them what to do."

Broadhead, who introduced the school district to the competition after attending a workshop on invention, has worked inventing into her curriculum. Her fifth-

graders make inventions, and the work changes the way they think, she said.

"They always keep thinking like inventors all year," she said. "The children start noticing problems with their inventions and work to fix them."

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Elko County cuts two positions, closes justice court

By Karen Terrell
Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. - Elko County commissioners have axed two positions and will close a justice court in a cost-cutting move prompted by budget constraints.

Community Development Director Charlie Voss and a permit technician will lose their jobs in about 30 days. Voss, who was at the Wednesday meeting at which commissioners made the decision, said he was "shocked" when the motion was made to do away with his position. He said Friday there had been no advance warning or any offer of a severance package.

Commissioners could not be reached for additional comment Friday.

Voss said he has no immediate plans for the future and has thoroughly enjoyed his tenure of nearly seven years with the county. His annual salary is about \$92,000 including benefits, and the permit technician currently makes about \$54,000 after 13 years with the county.

County Manager Robert Stokes said the Community Development Department will undergo reorganization but will still have a planning department, public works and building inspectors.

A slowdown in construction and economic downturns caused the

Meetings

Elko County commissioners will meet in regular session Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. The meetings will begin at 1:30 p.m. in Room 105 of the courthouse. The meetings are open to the public.

cuts, Stokes said Friday.

Over the protest of Commissioner Mike Nannini on Wednesday, the board also voted to close the Tecoma Township Justice Court at Montello at the end of the fiscal year. Nannini said the revenue from the court sustained Judge Roberta Weighall's salary and the cost of the facility.

People from that area who receive traffic tickets or who are involved in civil litigation will now have to travel to another court's jurisdiction, at least an hour's drive.

Debbie Armuth of the county controller's office said the closure will generate about \$10,000 a year for the county since Judge Weighall will continue to draw her \$18,424 a year salary until 2007. Stokes confirmed that under Nevada law she will be paid until her current term expires.

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Stokes also explained that revenue that would have gone in to the Tecoma Court will now go into West Wendover or Wells courts, and will in turn end up in the county's general fund so no revenue will be lost.

Residents of Montello said the court's closure is upsetting and may bode badly for the area.

"This is bad. Now they are closing the court. What is next? The school?" Richard "Shorry" Self questioned Friday.

He said residents would have been at Wednesday's meeting and

fought to keep the court open if they had known in advance it was on the agenda.

The Jackpot Justice Court was also on the list for possible cuts, but Commission Chairman John Ellison suggested it should not be considered for closure. Commissioners Evert Eklund, Brown and Charles Myers agreed, stating the growth and location of Jackpot as a factor.

In other budget matters, the commission agreed to:

- Discontinue plans for implementing franchise fees on utility bills.

- Transfer \$500,000 from a special hospital pollution fund to the general fund.

- Transfer the balance of the interest in the hospital fund, about \$120,000, to the general fund.

- To appoint a committee to evaluate hiring replacements when county employees leave their jobs.

More budget workshops are planned, Ellison said, and this is the start of getting on top of the budget problems for the upcoming year.

Commissioner Warren Russell cautioned that "everything is on the table" in light of the economic problems in Elko and surrounding areas.

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city and mayor demands at least \$165,000 in damages and reinstatement of his service contract with the city. His attorney, Cynthia Woolley, who also was the attorney for Nevada in the successful action against Simon, was unavailable for comment on the impasse.

Among other things, Linden alleges that his "First Amendment rights were violated" by Simon. The lawsuit claims that "there is a public policy in the state of Idaho against retaliation by public officials against public employees and independent contractors for exercising their rights to freedom of speech protected by the United States Constitution, First Amendment and the Idaho Constitution, Article 1, Section 9."

Other commission business included:

- Subdivision approval - The commission approved block one of the View Crest Subdivision plat, with conditions.

- Child care center - The commission granted a special-use permit to Sherry Covey at 1993 E. 1775 S. to use an existing home as a child care center.

Idaho snow removers hope for a white February

POST FALLS (AP) - Professional snow removers in northern Idaho are suffering from balmy weather.

"It's real rough. You can't expect snow, but you can hope for it," said John Farley, who owns a landscape company in Sandpoint and does snow removal.

Farley's crew does yard work during the spring, summer and fall, but they depend on snow removal during winter.

"I'm using credit for money," Farley said. "I have to make payments on \$40,000 worth of equipment, so I've got to come up with the money somewhere."

Coley Van Dine, who lives south of Coeur d'Alene, said he's gotten

one response to his jobs wanted ad offering his snow removal service. It was from Bonners Ferry - too far to go for a few hours of work, he said.

It takes at least five accounts in a particular area to make it worthwhile for yard service, he said.

"I haven't done much yardwork (around Coeur d'Alene), but this year I might have to," Van Dine said.

Coeur d'Alene's Jim Posey depends on snowblowing to supplement his retirement. He bought a new blower this year as a backup, but that decision has become a joke.

"Last year was excellent," he

said, "but this year has been crummy."

Bob Arndt contracts with the Post Falls School District for snow removal. Though the warm winter has made his business tough, the schools have been saving money.

"When you get into North Idaho, you find that everyone has an occupation for every season, and if it doesn't work out, it hurts everybody," Arndt said.

Sid Armstrong, director of business services for the Post Falls School District, said that some years the district spends \$10,000 a month on snow plowing. This year, he said, the district can spend that money on other projects.

Water

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The warm weather is taking its toll on snow depths in much of Idaho.

The Panhandle and Clearwater River basin snow-packs were about two-thirds of average on Friday. Central Idaho has fared better as the Salmon River Basin snow was 93 percent of average. The Payette drainage held average snow-

pack, while the Weiser and Boise basins were about 86 percent.

The arid Big Wood and Little Wood basins were near normal, while the Big Lost and Little Lost drainages were at 93 percent.

Basins south of the Snake River, which enjoyed plentiful snowfall in late December, had dropped to 53 percent for the

Oakley drainage, 68 percent for the Owyhee and Bruneau, and only 62 percent for the Bear River Basin.

Idaho is 60 percent through its snow year which starts in October. April 1 is considered the peak time for snow accumulation before it starts to melt. The clock is ticking away for enough snow to make up the deficit before that date.

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Biologists Mike Jimenez, left, and Ed Bangs take blood samples from a wolf in Yellowstone National Park Jan. 9. Once on the brink of extinction in the lower 48 states, the gray wolf now has a strong population.

Wolf's major recovery causes mixed reactions across West

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Once driven to near-extinction in the lower 48 states, the gray wolf is swarming over the Northern Rockies in numbers not seen in a century, and federal wildlife managers are about to declare victory in the \$17 million effort to return the storied predator to part of its ancestral range.

Possibly as early as this month, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will reduce the level of federal protection that has allowed the wolves to rebuild stable populations in Montana, Wyoming and Idaho. Lone wolves have wandered from those states into Utah, Oregon and Washington, the advance scouts of their species.

But wolf recovery, while touted by most experts as an incredible success, has not been universally praised. Cheering, even from conservationists and wolf advocates, is muted. Ranchers and some others are gritting their teeth and hoping for the best.

Publication of a pending rule in the Federal Register will downgrade the wolf's classification under the Endangered Species Act from "endangered," the highest level of protection, to "threatened." It was proposed in 2000.

It's in the Department of the Interior, going through final review in Washington, D.C., so all they have to do is initial it," said Ed Bangs, who heads the recovery program for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "We expect that it will be published at the end of February."

While the animals would still be protected, the reclassification would, among other things, allow ranchers to kill wolves caught attacking their livestock. "Right now in northwest Montana, if a guy walks out his back door and sees a wolf attacking his calf, he can't do anything about it," Bangs said. "Under 'threatened,' he can shoot and kill the wolf on the spot. He just has to report to us within 24 hours."

The reclassification also will launch the next phase of the agency's recovery program: Delisting, or removing all federal protection, and letting the states manage the species like other wild animals. Bangs estimates delisting will come sometime in 2004.

The federal agency, however, will continue monitoring the wolf populations closely for at least five years after delisting, and could step in any time if the numbers drop below sustainable levels. The downlisting comes at a program stage in the wolf recovery program: the death of old No. 2.

The 8-year-old male was the last of the original 14 Canadian gray wolves that were shanghaied to Yellowstone National Park in 1995 to begin reestablishing the species there. His own pack drove him out. Old and alone, another pack killed him. Park officials found his body on New Year's Eve.

But his descendants live on; he is believed to have sired eight litters of pups.

When he and 13 other wolves bolted from cages into Yellowstone's snow on Jan. 15, 1995, Yellowstone had been without wolves for decades. Now there are 148. They live there under complete federal protection as an "experimental, nonessential population."

The Yellowstone wolves will remain "experimental" until the species is delisted, but they will be safe as long as they remain inside the park. When they roam outside they will be subject to the laws of whatever state they enter.

The downlisting will apply to all or portions of nine Western states — Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, Oregon,



Gary DeLorenzo, of Lincoln County, Mont., displays photos of sheep killed by wolves near his ranch, as he testifies before the House Fish and Game Committee in Helena Thursday on a bill that would create a substitute state wolf management plan.

Utah, Colorado and parts of Arizona and New Mexico. But only Montana, Wyoming and Idaho, with the big wolf populations, must have management plans, Bangs said.

Simply in terms of numbers, the federal wolf recovery program has been a howling success. As of New Year's Eve, the end of the annual head count, nearly 700 wolves in about 41 packs were roaming Montana, Idaho and Wyoming, Bangs said.

"That's the third year we had achieved our recovery goal, which is 30 or more breeding pairs for three successive years," he said. "Wolves are biologically recovered in Montana, Wyoming and Idaho, and we are making the transition to state management."

The transition to complete state control hinges on all three states' having formal wolf management plans that meet FWS approval. Idaho adopted its plan last March. Montana and Wyoming are developing theirs.

Cattle and sheep producers, the most ardent opponents of reintroduction, have mostly resigned themselves to making the best of the situation, but resentment runs deep.

"My perspective on the whole issue is, they're here and we've got to focus on a way to manage them in a way that works for the people of Wyoming," said Jim Magagna, executive vice president of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association.

Defenders of Wildlife has been compensating ranchers for confirmed wolf kills, but ranchers say many kills can't be confirmed, and there are other, hidden costs that can't even be measured, let alone compensated.

The group has paid about a quarter of a million dollars since 1987, almost \$50,000 last year alone, but has not decided whether to continue when the wolves are reclassified.

Ranchers are not alone in their concerns. Some conservation groups say delisting is premature or ill-advised for other reasons. Hunters and outfitters say wolves are already taking a heavy toll on deer, elk and other big game.

Bangs is certain the move to delist the wolves will be met with lawsuits.

Who will sue?

"Everybody," Bangs said.

Environmentalists are likely to sue to maintain federal protection for wolves, while ranchers and livestock groups will likely sue to make sure their livestock and livelihood — are protected from the wolves.

Tom France of the National Wildlife Federation "certainly wouldn't be surprised."

The success of the wolf recovery program should lead to more successes in other parts of the country, (but) the Fish and Wildlife Service seems intent on snatching defeat from the jaws of victory," France said.

"The rule they tell us they are

going to release — instead of building on successes and moving a positive agenda forward in places like Montana, Wyoming and Idaho that would be broadly supported — will instead create controversy and litigation."

Greg Schildwachter, policy adviser in the Idaho governor's Office of Species Conservation, said the wolf recovery program shows that the Endangered Species Act needs to be revised and modernized. The law focuses on listing animals and barely mentions getting them off the list, he said.

"Although the wolves have done their thing biologically, we are having a helluva time doing our thing bureaucratically," Schildwachter said. "They have so far exceeded our expectations of population that it's a glaring failure of the ESA that (wolves are) not delisted already."

Bangs estimates the process to delist the wolf will take a year. "My guess is we'll have 100,000 comments to look through. Just the public interest in wolves makes it more expensive and drags out the time frame. In this instance haste makes waste."

Some 3,500 wolves in Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin are also in line to be delisted, possibly before the Northwestern wolves. Those states have already adopted management plans, and the wolf already has been downgraded to "threatened" status in Minnesota.

The only other federal wolf recovery plan is Arizona and New Mexico, where a smaller variety of gray wolf called the Mexican became extinct in the wild. The 40 or 50 wolves in that program will remain classified as endangered, Bangs said.

Energy interests, wildlife concerns collide in Utah

VERNAL, Utah (AP) — Out in the rugged interior of the Book Cliffs, the oil-and-gas surveyors gulp that it's remote even the jackrabbits pack a lunch.

When fog grounds their helicopter, the seismic crews for Veritas DGC Land Inc. of Houston have to spend hours driving before they can lay out cables and trigger a series of small explosions in shot holes 60 feet deep.

This is Utah's largest-ever survey for gas and oil, covering 1,700 square miles, and a battleground over the Bush administration's push for more domestic energy production that's finding some resistance in the Utah wilds.

It's one of nine seismic surveys completed, proposed, challenged or reversed in court in Utah since President Bush ordered federal agencies in May 2001 to "expedite" environment reviews for oil and gas projects.

Bush, in his State of the Union address on Tuesday, listed energy independence as his third domestic goal, after improving the economy and health care.

Veritas, which supplies the nation's biggest oil companies with intensive seismic analysis, says for the most part it's merely reworking the established Uinta Basin field, Utah's largest and nearly a century old. The company is looking for the most likely — and overlooked — spots for productive new wells, cutting down on environmental damage from wildcatting.

"The cost of one dry well can pay for a seismic project," Veritas project manager Dave Newman said.

The survey widely overlaps a pipeline-laced field that already has 2,988 wells, producing mostly natural gas — enough to heat 953,000 houses a winter, according to the Utah Division of Oil and Gas. It's cheap and plentiful and helps fuel 83 percent of Utah homes, the highest percentage using natural gas in the nation.

"The known gas reserves in that area are huge," said Lee Peacock, president of the Utah Petroleum Association.

The work by Veritas also is pushing exploration deeper into the Book Cliffs complex, home to bighorn sheep, elk, wild horses and a thriving black bear population — 38 bears were trapped last summer by Brigham Young University professor Hal Black who over a dozen years has tagged 78.

"They're sealing the fate of this land," said Stephen Bloch, an attorney for the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, which is fighting Veritas and got a federal court to stop the Yellow Cat survey by another company near Arches National Park.

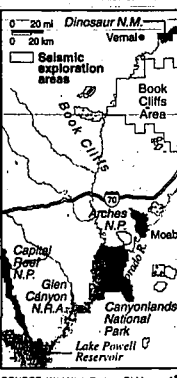
Veritas is in a race against SUWA to finish before the group can win a favorable ruling in court and cut the survey short, working a crew of 30 more than 12 hours a day, seven days a week.

"They've been fighting us from the very beginning," said Veritas executive Rick Trevino, complaining the company had to file a 127-page "bible" of an environmental assessment and wait 14 months for Bureau of Land Management approval — the kind of blessing that company officials say they can get in Wyoming from the same agency in two months.

Veritas is treading softly on the land, he said, using a helicopter when it can and big-wheeled buggies to ferry equipment that

Utah oil fight

The Bush administration's push to increase reliance on domestic energy resources has met resistance in the heart of Utah's redrock country. The proposed or existing seismic exploration areas are often close to national parks or national monuments.



SOURCE: Wild Utah Project; BLM AP

drilled 3,600 shot holes along a dozen seismic-mapping lines.

"Backed in the old days they took a bulldozer and scraped a line clean," he said. "It seems like the better we work, the harder it is to get a permit."

The BLM's Utah operation is "running scared" because "everything they do can get a lawsuit slapped on them," he said.

In the field, Veritas hoped to start work last August, after the nesting season for falcons, owls, hawks and eagles. Now it's rushing in the dead of winter, trying to beat new mating seasons that start as early as Feb. 1.

Company executives, looking into other seismic projects in Utah, were so upset by delays they took complaints to a private Jan. 21 meeting with BLM Utah Director Sally Wisely in Salt Lake City. Kent Hoffman, deputy Utah BLM director for lands and min-

erals, said the agency might act quicker in Wyoming than that Utah has more wilderness. Veritas is working around several wilderness study areas or proposed wilderness corridors, some hastily drawn — "gerrymandered," Trevino asserts — as it was seeking approvals. To avoid the areas, the company had to shorten or eliminate some seismic lines, cutting another that crossed potential Mexican spotted owl habitat.

"Every permit is unique," Hoffman said. "They all encounter different resources, land patterns and issues."

BLM's Vernal office had to sort through nearly 25,000, mostly negative comments about the Veritas project. The company says they included the complaint of a New Jersey resident that the muffled underground explosions in Utah might disturb whales in the oceans.

"It was complex, the sheer size" of Veritas' survey, said Hoffman, shrugging off charges his agency was cowed in Utah by the opposition. "I welcome scrutiny. SUWA is astute. They know the federal process and are well-organized."

Bloch said his group may have cost Veritas time and money but "that's the cost of doing business. You can't do these projects at breakneck speed and not follow the law."

Veritas says it's spending about \$3 million — more if it doesn't finish on time. It's midway through a nonstop, 70-day shooting schedule, bouncing seismic waves 10,000 feet deep looking for oil or gas traps. Veritas won't know for certain if it made any big finds until a customer drills a well.

The survey isn't cheap. Veritas had to pay a consulting firm \$75,000 to help a backlogged BLM compile the environmental assessment and is spending another \$75,000 defending its permit in court, officials said.

It paid a team of archaeologists \$350 a mile to walk seismic lines, scouring 50 feet to either side for artifacts. The work was like "a day in the park" for archaeologists, who found early 1900s trash heaps and camp sites and some arrowheads, Newman said.

Veritas paid another \$20,000 to a paleontologist who warned it to steer clear of "dense concentrations" of fossils near one seismic line. Parts of the Uinta Basin have yielded a bounty of dinosaur bones, though none were reported in this project.

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Police suspect foul play in disappearance

Husband has only been charged with misdemeanor so far

RENO, Nev. (AP) - Blood-stained carpet and other evidence have police speculating that a Reno pharmacist accused of abandoning his 3-year-old stepson in Utah may have killed his missing wife, court documents show.

Lyle Montgomery, 42, is expected to remain through next week at a psychiatric hospital where he was sent after an apparent suicide attempt, his lawyer said Friday.

Montgomery is a "possible suspect" in the disappearance of his wife, Jeanette Acord, 28, but so far has been charged only with a misdemeanor in the alleged abandonment of the boy at a ShopKo in Salt Lake City last weekend, Reno Police Chief Jerry Hoover said.

The state pharmacy board suspended his license on Friday. Local law enforcement and federal agents in several western states continued the search for Acord, who is the boy's mother and also goes by Jeanette Corpuz, Snyder and Montgomery.

But in an affidavit filed in Reno Justice Court, Reno Police Detective Ron Chalmers Jr. said evidence was mounting "that there is a possibility that Jeanette ... may have been injured, killed, restrained or otherwise harmed while at or in the residence."

Montgomery's attorney, Marc Pickler, disputed that conclusion. "They are treating the case like a homicide when they really have no evidence to support that," he said on Friday.

Investigators who searched the home found the stained carpet and carpet pad removed from the master bedroom and rolled up outside.

Examination of the carpet revealed two substantial stains, which "tested positive for blood," Chalmers wrote in an affidavit for a search warrant.

The bed was missing from the room along with a dresser and other articles of furniture. Montgomery, 42, was found semiconscious in the home when



Police sit in front of Lyle Montgomery's Reno, Nev., home Friday. Montgomery is charged in Salt Lake City with child abuse for allegedly leaving the son, Jonathan Jacob Corpuz, of his wife, Jeanette Acord, sitting in a shopping cart at a ShopKo store last Saturday.



Jonathan Corpuz



Jeanette Acord



Lyle Montgomery

police arrived Wednesday night to check the welfare of Acord, who had not been heard from since Jan. 21.

Montgomery is charged in Salt Lake City with child abuse after leaving Jonathan Jacob Corpuz sitting in a shopping cart at a ShopKo store. He was identified from nationally televised surveillance tape.

The boy told police that Montgomery fired a gunshot at Acord, but missed and hit the dresser, the affidavit said.

The affidavit said that when police arrived on Wednesday, Montgomery was found lying on

the floor of a bedroom with a loaded gun 20 feet away and several rounds of ammunition in a nearby plastic bag.

When the officers asked Montgomery where his wife was, he replied, "She left."

Montgomery, a pharmacy manager at a Super Kmart in Reno, was handcuffed and taken to police headquarters for questioning before being taken to Washoe Medical Center. On Thursday, an emergency room technician committed him to the psychiatric hospital.

Montgomery had taken a prescription medication and alcohol

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Tribes push gaming support over \$4M

BOISE (AP) - Northern Idaho Indian tribes pushed up another \$180,000 in December to pay off most of the bills left over from their successful campaign to win voter approval of a reservation gaming initiative.

The cash pushed total financial support for the initiative to more than \$4.1 million, making it the most expensive issue campaign in state history. Nearly all of the money came from the Nez Perce, Coeur d'Alene and Kootenai tribes.

The tribes have more than \$240,000 in the bank to finance the legal attack launched a month ago by the anti-gambling forces that failed to turn voters away from the initiative.

The proposition, which claimed 58 percent of the vote, declares electronic gambling machines to be something other than slot machines and legal under state law.

Opponents claim the machines

are still slot machines illegal under the constitution, and the initiative cannot change that constitutional provision. They spent about \$91,000 fighting the initiative, but most of that was on an unsuccessful court petition to keep it off the ballot.

No hearing in the new legal challenge has been set.

Unsuccessful Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jerry Brady paid off what appeared to be the last of his bills, pushing his financial commitment to ousting Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to just over \$1 million. About a third of that came out of his own pocket.

Kempthorne's report had not been received by the Friday deadline in the secretary of state's office - it only must be postmarked on Friday. But his spending through late July exceeded \$1.2 million. That was still short of the \$1.4 million he spent to win the office in 1998.

Hotel owners question convention center bond

BOISE (AP) - A \$37.5 million, 30-year convention center bond has hotel owners questioning the project's economic viability.

Voters in the Greater Boise Auditorium District - a 47-square-mile area that supports the activities of the Boise Centre on the Grove - will be asked next Tuesday to approve financing for a new convention center downtown.

Proponents say the success of the center is virtually guaranteed and that the bond would come at essentially no cost to taxpayers.

But the issue has drawn the attention of Jim Jones. The former Idaho attorney general has opposed auditorium district initiatives like this throughout the state on behalf of his client, Ameritel Inns.

He questions whether the proposed building is even needed. Local auditorium district offi-

cials said the building, dubbed Boise Centre at Capital Station, will be a dynamic economic development paid for with the local 4 percent bed tax.

"There is absolutely no reason to consider failure, short of not doing our jobs," said Bobbie Patterson, executive director of the Boise Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The center would be a larger companion to the existing 87,000-square-foot convention center and would further tap the \$15 billion U.S. convention industry, Patterson said.

But Jones said the bond would drive up the bed tax that motel and hotel operators collect on each room, because the existing tax will not cover the cost. The number of people attending Boise Centre on the Grove conventions has slipped in recent years, he said.

Lower court will consider hotel complaint

BOISE (AP) - The Idaho Court of Appeals said Monday it will consider a complaint by hotel owners who accuse Ameritel Inns of denying them Boise accommodations because they are Gypsies can maintain their complaint against the company.

The court reversed a 4th District Court ruling upholding Ameritel's motion to strike the men's complaint.

Robert Black and Robert

Marks filed a Sept. 12, 2000, claim against Ameritel in federal court in Idaho, alleging the hotel refused them rooms because they are Gypsies. That complaint was dismissed on May 22, 2001.

The two filed a complaint in state court. They are residents of Washington and the document was signed by their Washington attorney, who was

not licensed to practice law in Idaho.

Ameritel on May 30, 2001, submitted a motion to strike it, saying it violated signature requirements under Idaho law.

The appellate court says the men's initial complaint should be treated as unsigned and their amended version came in 27 days after Ameritel's motion, which is sufficiently prompt.

Federal judge reverses Main Street Plaza order

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A federal judge has reversed his ruling on the Main Street Plaza, now saying the church can't enforce speech restrictions on the disputed section of downtown.

This week's ruling by U.S. District Judge Ted Stewart was expected. He was required to enter it after the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decided that speech and behavior restrictions violated the First Amendment.

Stewart's new order makes enforceable the appeals court's decision, though the restrictions would not be in place since the ruling.

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He wrote the restrictions are "facially invalid under the free speech clause of the First Amendment."

The church had banned assembling, demonstrating, pamphleteering and engaging in "offensive; indecent, obscene, vulgar, lewd or disorderly speech, dress or conduct." It also banned smoking and bicycling, but those regulations were not challenged in court.

Attorneys for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the city previously had urged Stewart to delay entering a judgment because Mayor Rocky Anderson is now proposing the city vacate the easement in exchange for church property in a west-side neighborhood.

A community center is proposed for that land. The city also noted in its brief that the church had "voluntarily allowed First Amendment activity to occur."

Janelle Eurick, attorney for the Utah chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, said Stewart's judgment will not prevent the city from entering the mayor's proposal, which could allow the church to re-impose the restrictions.

The ruling will allow the ACLU, which sued the city over the restrictions, to recoup attorney fees from the city and the church.

Man faces prison for killing toddler

NAMPA (AP) - A man convicted of killing a toddler will serve at least 15 years in prison.

Joshua Blue King, 25, was convicted in September in the beating death of 2-year-old Ellen Marie Sinclair in August 2001. He was sentenced Wednesday to life in prison, with 15 years fixed.

Family members said they were hoping King would get more time. King still claims he's innocent and says he will appeal.

King was baby-sitting the child while her mother was at work and his girlfriend had to briefly leave. He claimed the child fell off the couch, landing on her head.

But prosecutors maintained that King beat the child after she vomited. King fled after emergency personnel arrived to treat the toddler and hid when police wanted to question him.

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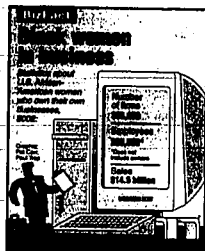
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Chamber seeks success nominations

TWIN FALLS — Act quickly to nominate people who will share the limelight at Twin Falls' Success Breakfast on March 4.

The College of Southern Idaho and the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce put on the annual breakfast to honor winners of the Chamber Person of the Year award and the annual Lifetime Achievement Award. The chamber will accept nominations for both through Monday, and the honorees' identities are kept secret until the breakfast.

The chamber seeks nomination of residents who have made significant contributions to quality of life in the Magic Valley.

For Person of the Year, include major contributions that improved the business climate and overall community spirit during the past 12 months, brief biographical information and service in clubs, churches and other volunteer work.

For the Lifetime Achievement Award, include major contributions to the community during the past 10 years, brief biographical information and service in clubs, churches and other volunteer work.

Nomination forms are available at the chamber office, 838 Bluff Lakes Blvd. N. or call 733-3974.

Business development center cancels class

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Small Business Development Center's "Human Resources for the Small Business Owner" class, which was scheduled to begin Tuesday at the College of Southern Idaho, has been canceled.

Organizers plan to reschedule the class later.

Land O'Lakes plans

earnings call for Tuesday

GOODING — Minnesota-based Land O'Lakes Inc., which has operations in Gooding and Twin Falls — plans its fourth-quarter and year-end earnings call for investors at 11 a.m. Tuesday.

The call will be preceded by an earnings release that morning.

The dial-in number is 1-888-769-8517, and the pass code is "Land O'Lakes."

To access the slides that accompany the earnings call, refer to Web site www.landlakes.com/OurCompany/InvestorCall.htm, which will be available from Tuesday through Feb. 11.

A replay of the conference call will be available through Feb. 11 at 1-888-568-0703. The replay access code is 7148.

Qwest fourth-quarter results will come soon

DENVER — Qwest Communications International Inc. estimates it will release its fourth-quarter results in mid-February, raising speculation that a settlement with regulators over its accounting practices is also near.

No specific date for fourth-quarter results has been announced.

Janco Partners analyst Tom Friedberg declined to base too much speculation on the timing of the results, "but the longer it goes, the more likely you'll have these things wrapped up at the same time."

Qwest is the predominant provider of local-phone service in Magic Valley.

The Securities and Exchange Commission has been investigating whether Qwest's past accounting practices helped it artificially boost revenue. Since the investigation began last spring, Qwest has said it plans to revise \$1.6 billion in revenue and costs that it had booked.

Qwest chief executive officer Richard Notebaert has said he hopes to have financial restatements complete by March 31.

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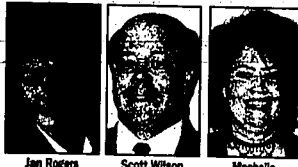
Magic Valley job-creation efforts intensify

By Lorraine Carver
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — A bright economic future is in store for Magic Valley, said three people who spoke at the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce 10th Annual Installation Banquet.

"I think we're off to a good start," said Scott C. Wilson, campaign executive for the new Business Plus III development campaign.

With the cooperation of College of Southern Idaho, Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization and other groups, Magic Valley has already seen a number of business successes recently, he said.



Jan Rogers

Scott Wilson

Michael McFarland

Dell Computer Corp.'s new Twin Falls center was "the home run," Wilson said. Business Plus III, a new player in the effort, aims for further economic growth.

Jan Rogers, executive director of SIEDO, agreed, saying there

was not any other place able to offer Dell what Magic Valley could.

Getting Dell to locate in the valley was about the ease of doing business, the large work force and excellent work ethic, Rogers said.

Those qualities make the region easy to sell.

"We could put our pitch team against New York or any other large city in the nation and we'd be No. 1 every time," she said.

The next step, which Business

Development efforts

Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization is a joint venture of public and private sectors in Twin Falls, Jerome and Mini-Cassia formed to help diversify and strengthen the local economy by retaining and attracting business to southern Idaho. For information go to www.southernidaho.org.

Business Plus III is a privately funded economic development campaign, a regional partnership focusing on six

Magic Valley counties in southern Idaho: It is a collaborative effort of chambers of commerce, SIEDO, local economic-development organizations, College of Southern Idaho, cities, counties and the private sector. Efforts focus on business attraction, business retention and marketing opportunities. For information, call 736-1085.

Mini-Cassia Development Commission can be reached at 679-6232.

Plus III has launched in a five-year initiative, is to target 2,000 jobs to be created or retained with average annual salaries of \$22,500, Wilson said.

The spin-off effect of those

jobs would indirectly create 3,279 more jobs for a total of 5,279 jobs, he said.

"That would add \$109 million

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Earning Oprah's seal

Oregon candy maker makes celeb's list

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — A taste was all it took for Oprah to decide that Moonstruck Chocolate would make her magazine's "O list" of things her fans should try this month.

It was also a sweet moment for Sally Bany, owner of the small Oregon candy company that the queen of daytime TV recommended after sampling the hand-made chocolates at the 54th Emmy Awards.

"We were very, very lucky," said Bany, who had tried to interest Oprah Winfrey in the chocolates several times before the candy was chosen to be featured backstage at the Emmys.

Adam Glassman, creative director for O Magazine, said editor-at-large Gayle King had discovered Moonstruck Chocolate long before they gave them away at the Emmys, but when she saw the signature silver-and-blue crescent box, she insisted that Oprah try one.

"And she said you're right, Gayle, these are great," said Glassman, adding that Oprah is careful about choosing the monthly list because she knows how much impact it can have on a small business.

The mere mention in O Magazine could translate to a 200 percent to 600 percent increase in sales, Bany said.

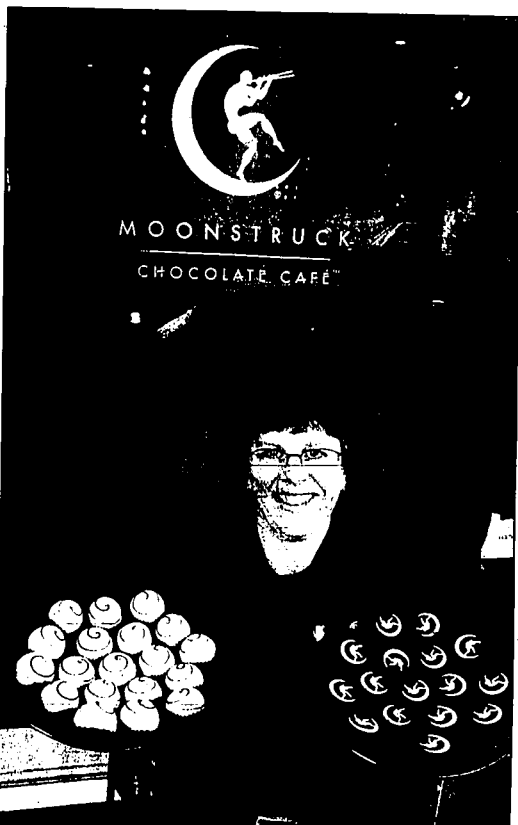
"Some people were making things in their garages and when they found out they were on O list, they needed months to fill the orders," said Bany, who has more than a little experience with marketing research. She is the granddaughter of Columbia Sportswear founders Paul and Marie Lamfrom, the daughter of Columbia Chairwoman Gert Boyle and the sister of Columbia chief executive Tim Boyle.

Bany and her husband, Dave Bany, hope to turn Moonstruck into the Starbucks of chocolate stores, and so far have managed to expand to seven stores, including one in Chicago and their main store in a trendy Portland neighborhood.

Analysts say following the Starbucks model is ambitious but a tough act to follow, especially with chocolate, a little harder on the waistline than coffee.

"You want to take some time to drink coffee, but you go through chocolate in a few bites," said Dan Geiman, a candy industry expert at McAdams Wright Ragen in Seattle, the home of the Starbucks chain.

"You need other products," Geiman said. "But if you add coffee, you're competing against the



Sally Bany, of Moonstruck Chocolate Co., displays champagne truffles, left, and Omacurian truffles in front of the store Jan. 21.

Starbucks of the world, and if you bring in a sandwich or something, you're competing against everyone else. I would say it's a difficult niche."

Following the Starbucks model also could raise other concerns for Bany, such as avoiding exploitation of cocoa growers in Africa and Central America, said Melissa Schweigert of the labor rights group Global Exchange, based in San Francisco.

Starbucks carries coffee blends sold by suppliers who agree to be monitored by an international trade group that tries to ensure fair prices for coffee bean growers. Global Exchange is trying to get chocolate makers to do the same for cocoa, which comes largely from the extremely poor West African nation of Ivory Coast, Schweigert said.

Meanwhile, the market for exotic confections created by chocolatiers appears to be keeping expanding, and people appear willing to pay for it, just as they're willing to pay \$2 to \$4 for a cup of coffee that "they used to give away free at restaurants," Geiman said.

Retail chocolate sales in the United States alone were \$13.5 billion in 2002, according to a study by Packaged Facts, a division of MarketResearch.com in Rockville, Md.

Chain stores held 50 percent of the market in 2002, down from 56 percent in 1998, due partly to increasing sales of gourmet and specialty chocolates, the study said.

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The combined publication will be published from *Ag Weekly's* office at 311 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls, under the direction of Hargen, *Ag Weekly's* general manager Janet Goffin and editor Carol Ryan Dumas. The Rupert office of *Farm Times*, at 504 Sixth St., will be included in the sale and will be closed.

Farm Times has six employees, who will be invited to apply at *Ag Weekly*, Hargen said, although no employment agreements were included in the sale. At least one new position, a distribution coordinator, will be added to *Ag Weekly* at this time with more positions to be considered later as sales and growth warrant.

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Times-News purchases Farm Times

The Times-News

RUPERT — *Farm Times*, a monthly agricultural newspaper circulating in Idaho and other Western states, has been sold to *The Times-News*, which will combine it with its own agricultural publication, *Ag Weekly*, both newspapers announced jointly Friday.

The announcement was made by *Farm Times* owner Steve Ward — an Almo rancher, who has owned the publication since 1994 — and Stephen Hargen, publisher of *The Times-News* and *Ag Weekly*. Hargen made the purchase on behalf of *The Times-News'* parent company, Lee Publications Inc. of Davenport, Iowa. The sale is expected to close Wednesday.

The purchase price was not disclosed.

Farm Times printed its final edition, for February, on Friday. The first combined edition of *Farm Times* and *Ag Weekly* is scheduled for March 1, Hargen said. He said the combined publication will have a circulation of over 33,000 in Idaho and surrounding states.

"We're pleased and proud to acquire *Farm Times* and add its distribution to our own," Hargen said.

Farm Times has a circulation of about 18,800 readers who don't already receive *Ag Weekly*. It is mailed directly to farms and ranches in Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming, Utah and Nevada.

Hargen said readers of *Farm Times* could expect additional news, featuring crop and commodity reports, economic and production news, and sections on technology and advances in agricultural science, as well as editorial opinions and columns.

Ag Weekly has a circulation of about 14,400, most of which is in the Magic Valley and Treasure Valley counties in southern Idaho, as well as northern Nevada. *Ag Weekly's* monthly dairy publication, *Dairy Monthly*, is distributed to dairies throughout the Northwest and in California.

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Dell tries selling from kiosk in Sears

Knight Ridder News Service

AUSTIN, Texas — Dell Computer Corp.'s new sales kiosk in an Austin-area Sears department store set the computer industry alight this week with buzz about the company's retail plans.

The debate: Is Dell's trial run selling computers through online kiosks in Sears stores part of a bold retail strategy? Or is Dell, which has also begun selling PCs through Costco Wholesale Inc.'s Web site, just floundering around for ways to compete with archival Hewlett-Packard Co.'s

retail dominance?

The computer maker, the operator of a Twin Falls call center, has long been celebrated as the computer industry's conqueror by proving that regular people would buy computers through a Web site or via telephone. Instead of feeling the need to go into a store and see their PC first.

Now, "Dell is clearly launching a retail strategy," said Rob Enderle, an analyst with Giga Information Group.

Dell noted this week that its relationship with Sears, Roebuck & Co., first reported in

Thursday's Wall Street Journal, is just an experiment. But the company said it's trying to reach more consumers by letting them put their hands on a Dell computer, then order their own online at the kiosk.

Dell already has about 57 kiosks in U.S. malls. The company said those will become permanent fixtures instead of seasonal outlets.

Some industry watchers trumpeted that decision and the Sears move, saying that Dell is committing to selling computers in person. Others weren't so sure.

"This is a test pilot for Dell,"

said Toni Dubois, an analyst for research firm ARS Inc. "Its success and acceptance will determine the longevity of this. But right now, they're just trying it in one store in Austin."

To be precise, the Sears kiosk is in Lakeline Mall in the Austin suburb of Cedar Park, where it has been open since Wednesday. It sells seven models of desktop and laptop PCs.

Dell representatives at the store can demonstrate how a digital camera and printer can work with a PC, then help customers

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Friday's Puzzle Solved

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This flycatcher hardly ever catches flies

Among the habitual shoplifters are a curious few who derive a sexual thrill out of each boost. So says a police expert. You know that bird called the flycatcher? It hardly ever catches flies.

The more distressed you are, the less able you are to take advice. So contends a psychiatrist.

Q. What's a "boonslang"?
A. South African snake. Deadly. Name is Afrikaans for "tree snake."

Q. What else happened the year the last dodo bird died?
A. In 1687 England's King Charles II granted William Penn 48,000 square miles of some-day-to-be Pennsylvania for his Society of Friends. The Black Death killed 83,000 in Prague. King Louis XIV tells French fishermen, catch oysters, not mussels, the world will never run out of oysters.

An elephant can't turn its



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head to look back. Nobody in Holland had ever heard of any little boy who stuck his finger in a dike before the 20th century. An American tale, that.

Q. Can vampire bats walk?
A: If need be. They've been seen to tiptoe up to sleeping cows.

Q. On a Gothic cathedral, what's the difference between "gargyle" and a "grotesque"?
A: Gargyles have drain spouts. Grotesques don't.

Q. What were the first standardized serially produced items made by humans?

A. Printed pages. Anna Jonkenman weighed 225 pounds. So? Nothing. Except the record shows she gained weight after she opened her store in New York City in 1673. Anna was the first person known to make a business of selling doughnuts. Some she sold, anyhow.

Contaminated hypo needles, their tragedies go way back. A cartoonist named Johnny Gruelle told stories to his baby daughter, Marcella. Her favorite was a takeoff on James Whitcomb Riley's poem, "The Raggedy Man." Gruelle gave her a doll she called Raggedy Ann. Later in her honor, he published the story. A seller put a doll like Marcella's next to the book in the shop window. It all turned into a multimillion dollar Raggedy Ann business. In 1917, this. After Marcella at age 14 died from vaccination with a contaminated needle.

Wife left out of gift exchange feels no cheer

DEAR ABBY: I had hoped last Christmas would be different, but it turned out to be the same as every other Christmas for the past 14 years. My husband and I always go to his parents' for Christmas dinner, followed by the exchange of gifts. In all the years I've been married to their son, my in-laws have never once included me in the gift exchange.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

When we started our family, they were good about giving a gift each to each grandchild - and always to my husband - but never to me. Trust me, Abby, it's not the gift I care about, it's the fact that they go through this routine in my husband's presence and he never says one word about it.

DEAR ABBY: My 88-year-old mother has vascular dementia, but is still able to live in her own home with 24-hour caregivers. Recently, Mom's sister, "Velda," visited her and asked the caregiver on duty to bring her a silver pitcher from Mother's dining room. Velda told the caregiver, "No one needs to know," and took it.

mother's caregiver reported the theft promptly. Instead of filing charges, instruct the caregiver to call you or your brothers the next time "Aunt Velda" shows up at the door.

DEAR ABBY: In a few minutes, I have to start getting dressed. I haven't worn a suit since I buried my older brother last year. In one hour, I'll bury my lovely wife. I'm so glad my son could fly in. I need him so much at this time.

Abby, please urge your women readers to get that Pap smear now. Tell the guys to take them. Don't let them put it off. Cancer is a monster. Just ask anyone who has seen it up close.

DEAR WES: Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. Your message is sobering and certainly worth space in my column.

Readers, cancer is often treatable - if it is caught early. The screening tests that exist today are effective only if they're performed. Please don't gamble with your health by postponing them. (And I'm not just talking about Pap tests!)

What makes this so aggravating is it isn't the first time this has happened. One of my brothers says to forget it. The other is ready to file theft charges. What is the appropriate action, Abby?

- DEVOTED DAUGHTER

IN HOUSTON

DEAR DEVOTED DAUGHTER: You are fortunate that your

Today is Aries' lucky day

IF FEBRUARY 1ST IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you are independent, dynamic, creative, romantic and sensual. You possess pioneering spirit and are not afraid to try something new. Leo, Aquarius persons play active roles in your life. You could have these letters in names: A, S, J. During February, you will make fresh start in different direction and enjoy an "array of thrills." You could marry during this cycle and have children. November will be memorable.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): New Moon in Aquarius represents your Eleventh House; this makes it your lucky day. Hopes and wishes come true; don't wish for more than you can handle. Libra plays significant role.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Take initiative, go into business and highlight original thinking. You could fall "madly in love." Be careful, don't lower your standards as will play enticing role.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Temporary separation from family will be required. Focus on advertising, writing and publishing. You will be reassured of love. Capricorn, Capricorn natives figure prominently.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Highlight versatility, humor and intelligence. Puzzle will be solved regarding money and how it got that way. Answers could be found in occult literature. Sagittarius involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): New Moon in Aquarius represents your Seventh House; this places emphasis on legal affairs, marital status. Correct mechanical defect, then you will be on your way. Scorpio represented.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Investigate, give full rein to intellectual curiosity. People rely on

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you to get the "story behind the story." Filtration serious, could get hot and heavy. Gemini plays starring role.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you hear music, find your rhythm and dance to your own tune. Co-workers give you credit long deserved. Good news tonight regarding health. Taurus, Scorpio play roles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Focus on where you live, real estate and ability to "learn secrets." You have not been told entire truth; find out for yourself! Define terms, avoid self-deception. Pisces in picture.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Relative is sincere but could be sincerely misinformed. Your way is the right way; organize priorities, proceed accordingly. Relationship intensifies. Maintain emotional equilibrium.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Get rid of losing proposition. You lost something of sentimental value 48 hours ago; tonight you recover it. Long-distance communication elevates morale. Aries plays fiery role.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): New Moon in your sign. Cycle high; you will be at right place at critical moment. You give off vibrations of personality and sex appeal. Remember: With power comes responsibility.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Family secret is out in the open. Accept facts in mature manner. Focus on partnership and marital status. It is right to think about possible change of residence. Cancer native involved.

'The Fifth Element' plays tonight

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Today
"What Lies Beneath" - Sins of the past literally come back to haunt a college professor's lonely but devoted wife. (CC) (TV14) ABC, 7 p.m.

"The Fifth Element" - Luc Besson directed this tale about futuristic cab driver whose latest passenger may save Earth from impending doom. (CC) CINE-MAX, 8:30 p.m.

"Zoolander" - A disgraced male model becomes the unwitting fall guy in an evil designer's plot to assassinate a world leader. (CC) SHOWTIME, 9 p.m.

Sunday

"The Division" - 209 (35)CD, Nate and Raina investigate the murder of a college student whose life was being web-cast; the anniversary of Jimmy's mother's suicide. (35)(CC) (TV14) THE LIFETIME CHANNEL, 6 p.m.

"Brush With Fate" - A teacher regales a new colleague with tales of a Vermeer painting's impact on the lives of its past and present owners. (CC) (TVPG) CBS, 8 p.m.

"Good Fences" - An upwardly mobile black lawyer objects to a black lottery winner's plan to buy

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two homes in his tony neighborhood. (TV14) SHOWTIME, 9 p.m.

Monday

"Biography" - Clips from his TV shows help profile actor Andy Griffith, a North Carolina native who conquered Broadway and eventually Hollywood. (CC) (TVG) ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT, 6 p.m.

"The John Garfield Story" - The life of actor John Garfield, Hollywood's original rebel hero, who starred in more than 30 films before his death at age 39. Narrated by Julie Garfield. TURNER CLASSIC MOVIES, 6 p.m.

"Pulp Fiction" - A group of lawless characters violently collides in Quentin Tarantino's award-winning glimpse into the criminal milieu. (CC) HOME BOX OFFICE, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday

"Biography" - Profiling Raymond Burr's enigmatic personal life and chronicling his rise from B-movie actor to top-rated TV star. (CC) (TVG) ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT, 6 p.m.

Let's know him

We love & miss you, Grandma Love, Jack & Jill

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Mickey,
We have been married for almost 40 years

Happy Valentine's Day, Minnie

We will accept love lines until Feb. 11

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Learning at 100 mph

Deep down in my heart I probably knew it was wrong. At the very least, I knew it was dangerous. But I did it anyway because ... well, because I was 17, male and stupid.

Or is that redundant?

I'm not sure whose idea it was - probably one of those "spontaneous combustion" things that seem to erupt whenever teenage boys have time on their hands and car keys in their pockets. But somehow Jim, Dave and I decided that we should see if we could hit 100 miles per hour driving our respective cars down Mueller Park Road

VALUESPEAK
Joseph Walker

- a narrow, twisting, winding road that snaked down a mountain canyon to the foothills above the city in which we lived.

As was so often the case in those days of raging hormones and exploding testosterone, we tried to do a dumb thing the smart way. We decided to make our attempt late at night: (a) fewer cars would be on the road; (b) headlights would give us advance notice of approaching vehicles; (c) Turner Burningham, the local police officer famous for always being in the wrong place at the wrong time (or was the right place at the right time) to catch teenage miscreants, would be in bed.

The limitations of late night visibility never occurred to us. We had all driven that road so many times before (Mueller Park was the ideal place for post-date ... uh ... "conversations") that we honestly believed we could drive it blindfolded.

Which, come to think of it, is sort of what we were doing.

Although my memory of the exact details is a little fuzzy, I'm pretty sure that if any of us actually hit 100 it was probably Jim. He drove a white Thunderbird with a huge engine, and he was widely known and respected as the craziest driver in the school (which is sort of like being the wackiest guest on an episode of Jerry Springer - I mean, how can you tell?). I probably came in second, if only because my "Dragon" (a '62 Cadillac complete with fins and a ghastly purple coat of paint) was faster than Dave's "Dog" (a Dodge of undetermined age and model).

Of course, Dave's kid brother on his banana bike was faster than Dave's "Dog."

I don't remember how many times we tried for the record. It seems like several times, but these things have a way of running together in my aging mind. I do remember the night we stopped trying. I had stayed home from an activity with my church youth group and was catching up on some homework when my friend and neighbor, Renee, called, sobbing. At first I couldn't understand what she was saying. Finally I heard and understood words that chilled me right to the bone: "Jean ... is dead."

Eventually I learned that the activity had been in Mueller Park. A group of young people were walking home when somebody came barreling down that narrow, twisting, winding road way too fast and hit Renee's best friend Jean from behind. It was a tragedy, one that could have been avoided if only ... if only.

My friends and I never raced down Mueller Park Road again. It wasn't something that we talked about or considered thoughtfully or mutually agreed to. It just didn't have any appeal anymore. Life has a way of doing that to us. It teaches us lessons - sometimes painfully. Then it's up to us to choose whether or not we will learn the lessons and adjust our behavior accordingly. Sometimes behavior modification happens naturally, without even thinking. But sometimes we have to stop and take inventory of what we have learned through our experiences and give due consideration to the possibility that what we might have to put on the brakes.

Even if we're going 100 miles per hour.

Joseph Walker is a freelance writer from American Fork, Utah.

Road warrior



Dan Vermilyea plans to spend the next 10 years walking across the United States visiting about 1,000 congregations of the Church of the Brethren.

'Homeless' man serves the Lord while trekking across country

By Joan Bean - Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Don Vermilyea is taking a walk for the Lord - a long walk. He's stopping at 1,035 Churches of the Brethren congregations throughout America.

He has made a good start, having covered more than 4,000 miles since he set out on Feb. 2, 2002. He's visited 55 churches so far, with 980 to go.

The 52-year-old, formerly of West Virginia, was a science teacher in the '70s and an organic farmer for 25 years. He sold his farm four years ago so he could devote his time to working for the Lord.

After getting off the Greyhound bus in Tucson, Ariz., almost a year ago, he began his trek. Other than walking from church to church, the reason for his mission is a concern that most Christians are so busy with their daily lives that they are not doing what the Scriptures say - reaching out to others and being caretakers of the earth.

"As a bum, which is what I am now - a homeless person walking around - I get to experience much more how the world is than most of us do when we're sitting back on our piece of property or in our house or

Contact him

Contact Don Vermilyea at 800-323-8039, Ext. 239.
Read about him at www.brethren.org
(Keyword: Walk Across America), or visit www.meetingground.org.

driving to our job or whatever," he said.

Vermilyea doesn't carry a sign letting people know what he is doing. So, he said, he either brings out the good Samaritan or the nastiness in people.

He's found folks are generally apathetic, with a huge majority looking the other way. Much less often, people ask if there is anything they can do for him.

"The bum gets the worst of everything - picked on and yelled at, cursed at a thousand times and told to move on," he said. "And most of it is from the mouths of Christians, unless people have little fishes on the back of their cars for no reason."

With the exception of the churches and congregation members who have housed him, he has had only two people invite him to their homes. So far, he has spent 125 nights outdoors. In Twin Falls, he is being

hosted by the Community Church of the Brethren.

He has slept in orchards, vineyards, abandoned buildings and under trees. Wherever he finds a place that seems halfway safe, he puts his head down. When he is on the move, he uses highways when he can. But it is illegal to walk on them in many states. So sometimes he ends up walking on railroad tracks or cross-country in the desert. There's no need for him to be style-conscious.

"Being a bum isn't like you or me when I was back in my other life where you've got to kinda change clothes," he said. "I wear the same stuff every day."

He carries just enough clothing to get him through whatever season it is. More than that would be too heavy to carry in his backpack. His feet are doing all the work, so he is particular about his shoes.

"I'm carrying 60-90 pounds on my back all the time," he said. "I weigh 150 to start out with, so my feet aren't made to carry 200-plus pounds, so I need good shoes."

He said he wears New Balance walking shoes, because they are made in America by people who are paid a decent wage. And in his opinion, these shoes have the most

structure and integrity. He is on pair number three and expects them to be worn out before he gets to Colorado.

Vermilyea said someone is contacting school districts and civic clubs to set up speaking engagements for him. He is asked to speak in many churches, too. His road stories all have Scriptures woven into them.

"I could tell stories over the last year, some of them that are so scary and so brutal and some that are so wonderful," he said. "I see people you would think would never trust a bum, and they reach out and they do take their Christianity seriously."

Vermilyea said we need to wake up and not just pay attention to the words of the Bible on Sunday morning, but all the time. He said if we took them seriously, most of us would live our lives in dramatically different ways.

He is paid \$80 a month by the Church of the Brethren main office in Elgin, Ill., to sustain himself on his journey. When he is not walking, he writes a column called Leaves and Fishes for a homeless network newspaper in Maryland, circulation 10,000. Other newspapers also pick the columns.

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Churches crank up the volume

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Five centuries ago, church designers introduced massive pipe organs to fill sanctuaries with music and draw the masses into spiritual oneness with God. Today, elaborate sound and video systems are rapidly becoming the worship enhancer of choice.

Before it was a nicety. Now it's almost a requirement, says Charles D. McNear, president of the sophisticated electronic equipment being added to existing churches and incorporated into new ones.

"Worship is a form of entertainment," said Al Perry, technical adviser for media ministry at Fort Foote Baptist Church in Fort Washington, which included a \$300,000 audiovisual system as part of a \$6 million sanctuary it completed a year ago. "If people are not entertained, they don't feel like they're participating."

Sound systems with mixing consoles have been around for years, especially in churches whose "praise and worship" services include live bands with electric guitars, synthesizers and drums. The newer systems, with dozens of microphones and high-performance speakers, supply not only greater volume when desired but an even distribution



Shural Rowe, one of 22 adult volunteers in the media ministry, works the soundboard in the control room at Fort Foote Baptist Church in Fort Washington, Md. Unhappy with the video quality, church leaders budgeted \$58,000 for new digital cameras.

of sound so that every worshiper hears words and notes at the same volume and with little or no distortion.

Strategically placed cameras show pastors, performers and congregants from various angles, with their images projected on wall-size screens. Some video directors mix it up, showing clips from a mission trip on one screen while the choir sings on another

The screens also are used to display lyrics of Bible verses - or a message to the parents of a child who has just fallen in the nursery.

Megachurches are most likely to spend megabucks for audiovisual equipment - the 3,000-seat Evangel Temple in Upper Marlboro, Md., and 1,500-seat

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As denominations weigh in on war, many members tune out

The Dallas Morning News

There may be no more important moral question for a nation than this: Should we go to war?

Six months ago, President Bush set the foundation for a pre-emptive war against Iraq. He issued a speech at West Point to declare, "If we wait for threats to fully materialize, we will have waited too long." Since then, many religious leaders have weighed in on whether the president's "first strike" threat against Iraq is morally justified. The debate continues, even as the nation's war machine powers up for battle.

Whether they support or oppose the president's position, religious leaders have approached the question as more than a political debate; each side has used its sacred texts and theological traditions to argue that a measure of absolute truth might be found in a particular position.

Would Jesus, who blessed the peacemakers, agree with the president? Some focus on what the Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 13 about a ruler as "God's minister: an avenger to execute wrath upon him that does evil." What does the Torah or Talmud or Quran have to offer?

As Americans struggle individually with the question of whether war with Iraq is morally justified, what's in their moral and ethical toolbox? For most religions, the positions of the leaders on issues of the day are not considered binding on the members. But are the exhortations by the leaders of their faith among the tools that people are using?

As with other recent wars, the idea of a pre-emptive battle with Iraq has been condemned by the heads of "peace churches," such as the Quakers and Mennonites, and traditionally antiwar religious organizations, such as the National Council of Churches. But an unusually broad coalition of leaders has registered opposition to the president's stance toward Iraq.

The opponents represent denominations that claim a significant majority of American Christians as members. They include the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the United Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Episcopal Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the National Baptist Convention.

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RELIGION

Organization provides haven for the divorced

TWIN FALLS — A DivorceCare group will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning this Wednesday, at the Twin Falls Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N. The fee is \$10. Child care is provided.

DivorceCare is a 13-week seminar and support group that provides a place for separated or divorced people to be around others who understand their feelings and information about ways to heal from the hurt of divorce.

For more information, call 733-6610.

Weight loss program relies on biblical principles

TWIN FALLS — A Prism Weight Loss Program will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning this Wednesday, at the Twin Falls Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N. The cost is \$45 for six weeks.

Program organizers said Prism relies on biblical principles from Romans 12:1-4 for direction in administration, business, teaching and program content. The program's mission is to communicate principles based on truth, hope and encouragement for change in eating behaviors.

For more information, call 733-6610 or visit the Web site at www.pwlp.com.

Group sponsors marriage enrichment weekend

TWIN FALLS — The Adult Education Committee of the First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls is sponsoring a Marriage Enrichment Weekend from 8 a.m. Friday through noon Feb. 9 at the

Church news

Billingsley Creek Lodge in Hagerman.

Pastor Bob Henley of the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood in Ketchikan, Alaska, and Jane Henley, will facilitate the event. The Henleys have conducted couple weekends all around the country.

The retreat is intended to strengthen already solid marriages. Cost is \$90 per couple, which includes a catered dinner by the Snake River Grille and one night's lodging.

Anyone interested should call the First Presbyterian Church at 733-7023.

Five young women earn recognition awards

BURLEY — Five young women of the Star LDS 1st Ward have received their Young Womanhood Recognition Awards.

Katie Hanks received her award Jan. 12. Her projects included making and donating more than 50 quilts to Christmas Council, and Cassia Regional Medical Center, making padded scrubs, sewing clothes and baby blankets and sharing her musical talents by performing and accompanying others.

Hanks is the daughter of Bryce



Katie Hanks

and Nancy Hanks of Burley. She will graduate from Burley High School this spring and attend Brigham Young University in the fall.

Kimberly Hobson received her award Jan. 19.

Her projects included attending the All-State Orchestra and the state violin solo contest, making a blanket and doing various community and church service tasks.

Hobson participated in the Magic Philharmonic Orchestra. She will graduate from Burley High School this spring and attend BYU in the fall. Her parents are Paul and Jolene Hobson of Burley.

Kira Anderson received her award Jan. 19. Her projects included earning with her mother, attending education week at Brigham Young University, participating in a play taking care of her family while her mother was away, participating in church sports teams and teaching math at a middle school.

Anderson is the daughter of Burton and Carol Anderson of Burley. She will graduate from American Heritage Academy in Spring. She plans to receive a cosmetology license and go into massage therapy.



Kira Anderson

Elizabeth Christensen received her award Jan. 19. Her projects were doing yard work, participating in a physical fitness program, making pillows, crocheting an edge on a baby blanket, organizing picture books, and scrapping and scrapbooking.

Christensen is the daughter of Paul and Karen Christensen of Burley and a ninth-grader at Burley Junior High School.

Liza Sagers received her award Jan. 26. Her projects included helping her brother with piano, baby-sitting, planning and taking care of a flower garden, working on her personal history and scrapbooking, participating in a sports team.

Sagers is a ninth-grader at Burley Junior High School.

Her parents are Joe and Sherre Sagers of Burley.



Liza Sagers

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send information to Ellen Thomson, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Tracy Tegan, The Times-News Burley, 1263 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83304. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

Young missionaries worry about criticism of Islam

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

The 27 student missionaries serving in 10 Muslim-dominated regions sent a letter urging Southern Baptists to moderate their criticism of Islam and its founder because it hurts Christian evangelism and endangers missionaries.

The letter — timely in light of the murders of three Baptist missionary hospital workers in Yemen last month — declares: "We are not sure if you are aware of the ramifications that comments that malign Islam and Muhammad have not only on the message of the Gospel but also on the lives of our families as we are living in the midst of already tense times."

Missionaries did not mention the letter — timely in light of the murders of three Baptist missionary hospital workers in Yemen last month — declares: "We are not sure if you are aware of the ramifications that comments that malign Islam and Muhammad have not only on the message of the Gospel but also on the lives of our families as we are living in the midst of already tense times."

Vines, a Jacksonville, Fla., pastor, said he was merely commenting on the dangers of pluralism in America and the growing assertion that one religion is as good as another. Also, Jerry Falwell and Franklin Graham have made widely publicized derogatory comments about Islam.

The authors of the letter are students at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. They participate in an exchange program by spending two years at one of the six Southern Baptist seminaries in the United States and then serving two years abroad with the Southern Baptist International Mission Board.

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort

Worth, Texas, has several students training to be missionaries under the program. Some are in Muslim countries, said Daniel Sanchez, professor of missions. None was involved in sending the letter.

"We think it is important to point out — the differences between Islam and Christianity, but we must speak the truth with love," Sanchez said.

Richard Land, president of the Southern Baptist Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, agreed. But he said threats of violence should not stop Christians from speaking out.

"If we allow terrorists who are willing to kill people who disagree with their religion to suppress what we believe to be true, then the murderers and terrorists win," he said.

Paige Patterson, president of Southeastern seminary, said the student missionaries are "incredible people" who risk their lives in spreading the gospel. But he disagreed with their implied criticism of those who speak out forcefully against Islam.

What the missionaries missed, he told Baptist Press, was that the real cause of the tensions was the "appalling" lack of religious liberty in Muslim countries and fears of a repeat of grisly events such as the recent murders in Yemen.

Avery Willis, senior vice president of overseas operations for the Baptist, said the missionaries wanted to emphasize Christ as a blessing for Muslims, rather than arguing Islam vs. Christianity.

"I believe what they were trying to say is that their concern is in communicating the gospel to lost persons without having to defend what someone in America said about Islam," he said.

LETTERS

Yoga shouldn't be part of Christianity

Responding to your article, "Yoga gains a strong Christian following" on Jan. 25, I believe you may be the one to fan the flames of many religions but not of Christian faith. It is based on a view of reality that is incompatible with biblical religion.

Many people get into yoga for the physical fitness benefits, but these cannot be separated from the spiritual side. Each exercise, each motion and posture, is designed to portray some tenet of the philosophy upon which it is founded. It has an inherently religious purpose.

In America, we're all free to follow whatever religions, beliefs, paths, etc. that we choose. But let's be honest about it.

BERNICE KRAHN
Fairfield

Aging Bible should be brought up to date

Scientists do have a lot of theories, but theories have never hurt anyone, where as blind faith has

destroyed and caused so much suffering to so many people because they believed false prophecies would come true, including suicide bombers who believe they will be rewarded for their deeds.

It was not for our scientists, we would still be living in the days when whole communities died out from plagues and deadly diseases.

Bibles are part of the history of man but not necessarily of the world they should be brought up to date for there is much more knowledge in the world today than there was way back then.

If our encyclopedias were more than 300 years old, they would be worthless.

WILLIAM HAFNER
Twin Falls

The Times-News welcomes letters on religious topics of 200 words or less from readers. Letters should include the writer's signature, mailing address and telephone number. Letters considered libelous, obscene or in bad taste will be rejected, and The Times-News reserves the right to edit all letters.

Did you hear the one about the priest and the rabbi?

Washington man gains reputation as humorist

The Washington Post

Leaping and dancing, Burt Rosenberg, a big comedian in a zoot suit, black fedora, red-and-black shoes and colorful "coat of 100 neckties," jumps onstage to exuberant music, cheers and clapping.

"The blessed Virgin Mary was a Jewish mama," he quips. "A lot of people think she was a Catholic nun. (But she was just like all Jewish mamas: 'My son, he walks on water for the goyim, but does he ever come by to visit me?')"

The crowd at the suburban Son of David Congregation loves it. "I didn't believe in God," he says of his early days, "but I found out about prayer and I'd say, 'O God, if there is a God — and I don't think there is a God — but if I'm wrong and there is a God — please help me come up with some personal prayers.'"

It's the Burt Rosenberg show, the hottest divine shtick since

King David danced into Jerusalem with the ark of God nearly 3,000 years ago, insisting "I will make merry before the Lord" — a dazzling, contemporary two-hour sunburst of "Holy Chutzpah" springing from one of Rosenberg's deepest convictions. "Joy is the serious business of Heaven."

In two decades of performing edgy, high-energy routines at arts festivals and revivals, churches and prisons ("I'm up there doing my shtick — and there's the 'Son of Sam,' David Berkowitz, laughing his head off... and I wonder if my high school guidance counselor would be proud of me now?"), the 58-year-old Washington native has gained a rep as one of America's premier spiritual humorists — not that there are slews of them out there.

"It's a different kind of humor, very funny and very deep," says Belva Hay of the Karlos Arts Conference in Illinois. "I've never met anybody who's had such an impact in such a special way."

"People are still talking about it," says James Watkins, pastor of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Hilton Head Island, S.C., where Rosenberg per-

formed a few weeks ago. "Words just can't explain what he did for our church. The Holy Spirit was with him."

"At first you're trying to figure out whether it's for him or for me, because it seems so outside the box," says pastor Bill Winston of the nondenominational Living Word Christian Center in Chicago, where Rosenberg played to an audience of 3,000 last year. "But it's so biblically accurate, his approach and style so consistent, that he brings you to a place of surrender."

Rosenberg's performance — a lighthearted but touching mix of personal testimony, 12-bar songs, dance, riffs on popular culture and gentle jabs at "religiosity" — is based in Scripture and theologically sound enough to be preached from pulpits.

"On the surface you're hearing what sounds like humor," says Jack Zimmerman, pastor of Beth Simcha HaMashiach Congregation in Scottsdale, Ariz., where Rosenberg performed last month. "But under the surface you realize there is a very powerful spiritual message here about mankind and sin and redemption and our relationship to God."

Tonight, Rosenberg's venue is his own church, the Son of David

Congregation in Montgomery County, Md., a gathering of Messianic Jews — OK, OK, so they're Christians — where, says pastor Scott Brown, Psalm 150's command to praise God with "dance" is enacted in "the very ancient worship form of Davidic praise dance" during Saturday services.

Burt's laid hold of something that's been missed in most ministries," Brown says, "and that's humor and joy as a vehicle for the life of God. He has a way of uncovering the garbly love of God... the kind that doesn't speak King James, that cuts right through to the kidneys."

That's Yiddish for "guts." And yep, by the end of Rosenberg's performance, folks are dancing in the aisles.

"I love to frolic with God, don't you?" he declares. "A lot of people think that's controversial. They say, 'You're getting a little buddy-buddy with God, aren't you?'"

"They're into the mean-old-man-in-the-sky joy, you know what I mean?" Then, voice deep: "Go ahead, have a good time. Go ahead. I saw that! That'll be enough of that! Don't be doing that again. Don't make me come down there."

War

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Support for the president's position — at least, nuanced support — has come from a smaller number of well-known religious leaders, representing groups that include the Southern Baptist Convention, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, Reform Judaism's Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Most people aren't tuned in at all, said Martin Marty, a Lutheran and one of the nation's most respected historians and analysts of the role of religion in America. "Most members of churches do not even hear about statements from their presidents,

bishops, or spokespersons unless what these people say is so against the grain that it will offend and make secular outlet news headlines," he said.

If people are paying attention, have the public pronouncements by religious leaders swayed public opinion? There's evidence to support more than one answer.

Surveys show that, among developed nations, Americans are unusually fervent in their embrace of religion. About 80 percent say they're some variety of religious, and a recent survey by the Pew Global Attitudes Project survey indicated that about 60 percent of Americans say religion plays a very impor-

tant role in their lives much higher than in other affluent nations.

That could mean that religious leaders, and particularly Christian leaders, are in a position to have a significant impact on the debate. But are they?

The Gallup Poll has asked people in a series of surveys about military action against Iraq. In August 2002, a few weeks after Bush's West Point speech, 53 percent said they supported a war. After six months and many official position statements, the figure was 56 percent. Statistically speaking, that's no change.

In December, Gallup asked respondents whether they were Catholic or Protestant and

whether they attended church weekly, nearly weekly, or seldom or never. But neither the faith tradition nor worship attendance, a crude measure of religiosity, made a difference in whether people supported war with Iraq.

So does that mean the official pronouncements don't matter? Zogby International, a major polling service, did a survey of American Catholics in November that offers evidence to the contrary. Only 28 percent of those polled were initially aware of the position of the Catholic bishops. And strong

majorities said they thought the situation in Iraq met Catholic standards for a just war.

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use amplification systems turned on before the Sabbath.

The rabbi and cantor use fixed microphones but not audio mixers during the service, said Joseph P. Miller, executive director of Ohr Kodesh. "We're try-

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McLean (Va.) Bible Church, each spent about \$800,000, said George Sauer of DMX Music in Rockville, Md., which installed both systems two years ago.

But in recent months "smaller churches with 500 seats and under (have been) catching up," said Faly Walsh, senior vice president for marketing and membership at International Communications Industries Association in Fairfax, Va., which tracks developments in the audiovisual industry.

Use of the high-tech electronics has been largely an evangelical and Pentecostal phenomenon, but other churches — including many Catholic congregations

— also have introduced such systems in their sanctuaries, said Shelagh Rogers, publisher of Christian-based Technologies for Worship magazine.

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HOSPITAL AUXILIARY OFFICERS



The Minidoka Memorial Hospital Auxiliary has elected new officers for 2003. They include, from left, Frances Dalsoglio, historian; Nora Nelson, public relations; outgoing president Irene Maxon; Jackie Brown, assistant treasurer; Lois Reineke, treasurer; Louise Dockter, correspondence secretary; auxiliary member Ann Dowald; Mae Babel, vice president; and Ruth Hodges, president. Not pictured is Barbara Rodgers, secretary.

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Volunteer secretary - Safe Harbor needs a secretary to take minutes during its monthly meetings from 7:30-9:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N. in Twin Falls. The secretary also would take minutes during the monthly board meetings. The volunteer work would take between 10-15 hours per month. Call Phyllis Berg at 735-8787.

Meal delivery - The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center Home Delivered Meals program is in need of volunteer delivery drivers for one hour a week. Call Karen Lewis at 734-5084.

Adult tutors - The College of Southern Idaho Adult Basic Education program needs volunteer tutors for adult students in math, English as a second language and computer literacy. Call Ruth Scott at 732-6536 or 1-

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of region with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, call Judy Tipton, director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), at 736-2122, Ext. 312. RSVP is a United Way sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. Please submit a request before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Please call weekly to retain request.

Hospice volunteers - Hospice Visions is in need of volunteers. Call Flo Slatter at 735-0121.

Helping children - The American Reads program needs volunteers ages 55 and older to work with children in grades kindergarten through third. Call Shirley Basham at 736-2122, ext. 325.

Fund-raising, clerical - Idaho

Home Health and Hospice needs volunteers for patient/caregiver support, clerical duties and assistance with fund-raising activities. Volunteers are especially needed in Rupert, Jerome, Buhl and Twin Falls. Hospice and OSHA training are offered each month. Call Susan or Grace at 734-4061 or 1-800-540-4061.

Drivers - Volunteers age 55 and older are needed to drive people to doctors and grocery shopping. Volunteers will be reimbursed mileage, and are covered by excess insurance. Call Edith or Judy at 736-2122 or Kitty at 436-0727.

Winter clothing, toys - The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center needs winter clothing and toys. Items may be dropped off from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Call Aleksandra at 736-2166.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Student appears in Whitman production

Jacqueline Baxter, a sophomore theater major from Hailey, appeared in the production of "Oh, Coward!" presented Nov. 13-17 on the Friemant Stage at the Harger Joy Theatre at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash. She is the daughter of K Baxter of Twin Falls.

A musical revue borrowing from the plays and songs of Noel Coward, "Oh, Coward!" featured three performers who played a

Seniors win scholarships to Albertson College

Area high school seniors were among more than 30 students who won renewable \$10,000 scholarships to attend Albertson College of Idaho during the fifth annual Kathryn Albertson Scholar Day on Nov. 9 at the campus in Caldwell. The students were required to discuss complex topics with faculty, attend a lecture or take exams. Scholar Day is designed to pro-

vide high school seniors who have applied to Albertson College with a glimpse of the college's academic offerings, along with an opportunity to compete for scholarships.

In 1997, Kathryn Albertson, wife of Albertson's Al. founder Joe Albertson and a 1929 alumna, donated \$4.45 million to be used solely for the scholarships. Those who received scholarships include:

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ASSET BUILDERS

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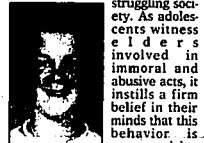
The spring 2002 asset survey data indicates that regionally, 30 percent of young people report having this asset in their lives.

Cody Thacker, seventh-grader at Wendell Middle School

Role models give kids someone to admire. Kids may admire that person because they are good at sports or have been to the moon. A role model doesn't have to be famous. I admire many kids that are just in high school. If a kid has a role model, they want to be like that person. The kid will have something to work towards. Kids won't get in as much trouble because they will be busy becoming their role model.

McKay Nield, seventh-grader at Kimberly Middle School

Positive adult role models are extremely pertinent in today's struggling society. As adolescents witness e l d e r s



involved in immoral and abusive acts, it instills a firm belief in their minds that this behavior is acceptable. When matured, it's a proven fact that they will develop similar actions and interests. It's time we realize, example is the most powerful and influential way of teaching.



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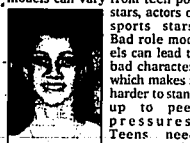
National research shows there are 40 positive "assets" that help teen-agers succeed and avoid risky behaviors.

Each month we'll focus on a different asset with comments from local teens.

For more information on HealthNet, call South Central District Health Department at 734-5900, Ext. 281.

Ashley Evans, seventh-grader at Kimberly Middle School

In the world today, teens need adult role models. Their role models can vary from teen pop stars, actors or sports stars.



Bad role models can lead to bad character, which makes it harder to stand up to peer pressures. I am someone who is honest, trustworthy, caring and dependable. If you show these things everyday, you also can become someone's biggest star and change their life forever.

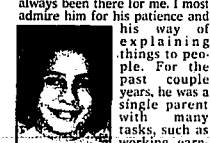
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Integrity, wisdom and the courage to strive to be a better person are what I believe to be characteristics of an adult role model. No matter whether your role model is a teacher, a parent or a friend, they effect our futures and our lives dramatically. They inspire us to reach our goals and chase after dreams. We may not realize it, but they're our drive to reach success. Role models are an asset to our lives.

Janelle Roach, seventh-grader at Kimberly Middle School

My adult role model would have to be my father. He has always been there for me. I most admire him for his patience and his way of explaining things to people.

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Castleford Men's Club auction breaks records. Sunday in Community.

A NICE SURPRISE



Is that Episcopal leaders placed their rent money in a savings account, and returned it at the time the Unitarians found a new home. "It was wonderful," Bruns said. The money will go into a capital fund for their own future building. The Unitarians now meet at the White Chapel, 712 West Center St. in Kimberly. The Episcopal Church is building a new church.

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5480. The cost of the meal is \$6, and seating is limited. Those who wish to skip the meal should contact Lehrman to ensure seating.

Ladies of the Elks meet Tuesday at lodge

JEROME - The Snake River Lodge 2807 Ladies of the Elks will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the lodge, 406 E. 200 S., Jerome.

Anyone who has donations for the drawing to be held at the Sweetheart Ball should bring them to the meeting.

For more information, call Irene at 733-6491.

Kimberly City Library adds new books to its shelves

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly City Library announced the addition of the following new books:

Juvenile fiction: "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain, "The Secret Garden" by Frances Hodgson Burnett, "The Wizard of Oz" by Frank L. Baum, "Treasure Island" by Robert Louis Stevenson, "Tracks in the Sand," "Sarah's Secret" and "Hoorfbeat on the Trail" by Mark Littleton, "The Miserable Mill" and "The Side Window" by Lemmon Nicklett, "The Case of the Screaming Scarecrow" by Judy Katschke, "Girl in a Cage" by Jane Yolen and Robert J. Harris, "Downriver" by Will Hobbs,

"Camp Nowhere" by R.L. Stine, "Alabaster's Song" by Max Lucado, "What is Thanksgiving" by Harriet Zeifert, "The Light of Christmas" by Richard Paul Evans, "Christmas Trolls" by Jan Brett, "One Winter Night" by Ruth Bell Graham, "Tom and Jerry's Merry Christmas" by Peter Archer, "Merry Christmas, From Biscuits by Alyssa Satin Capucilli and "Merry Christmas, Mr. Carroll" by Dianne Dixon.

For more information, call the library at 423-4556.

Hard of hearing adults support group organizes

TWIN FALLS - An organizational meeting for a hard of hearing adults support group will be held at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Community Club House, 1779 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

For more information, call June at 734-5826.

Woman offers series of historical presentations

TWIN FALLS - Mary Imman of Twin Falls will offer historical presentations at 2:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at Bridgeview Estates, 1812 Bridgeview Blvd. in Twin Falls.

The series will be a chapter-by-chapter presentation of her book, "Twin Falls Centuryside, 1904-2004," which will be available in September. Questions and discussions will be encouraged.

The event is free to the public. For more information, call Jodi Thomas at 736-3933.

Buhl Arts Council holds Valentine's Day celebration

BUHL - The Buhl Arts Council will offer a Valentine's Day celebration at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth Ave. in Buhl.

The event will include a Cherie Buckner-Webb jazz concert and dinner by Jake and Jane Rieck of Wild Rice Catering. Buckner-Webb of Boise has performed throughout the Northwest, singing a variety of music, and recorded with the late Gene Harris.

The event is open to all ages. The cost is \$30 per person.

For more information, call 543-2888.

Empty Pockets Coin Club invites new members

PAUL - The Empty Pockets Coin and Currency Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Paul City Hall.

The program will focus on how to grade the condition of coins in order to determine market value. Anyone with an interest in collecting coins and currency is invited. Membership fees are \$10 annually for adults, \$5 for junior members and \$15 for families in the same household.

For more information call 678-3938.

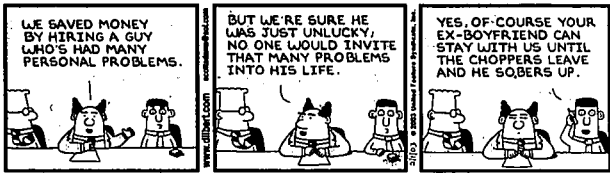
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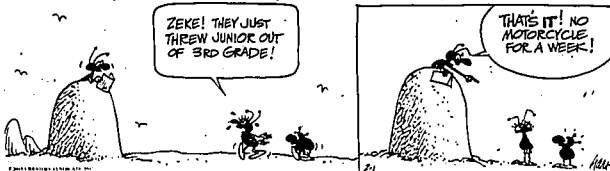
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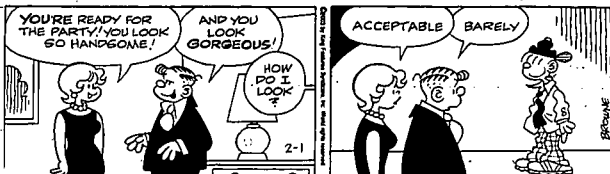
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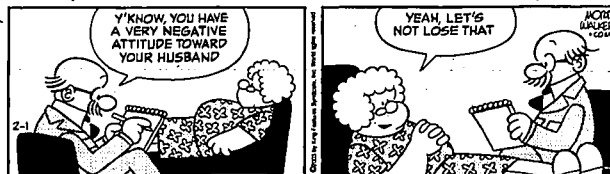
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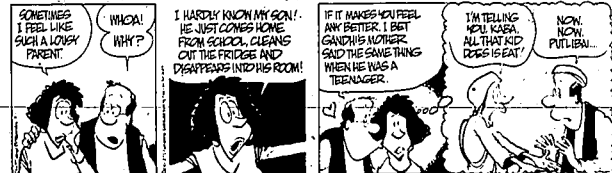
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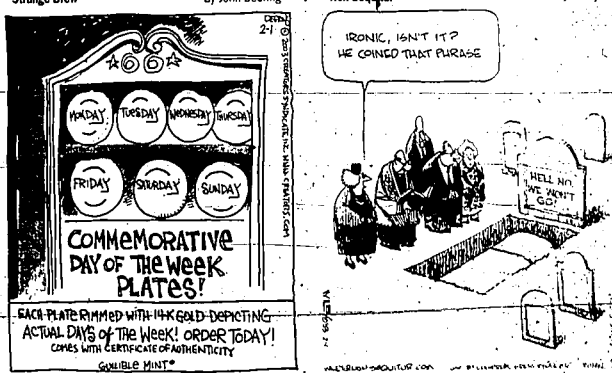


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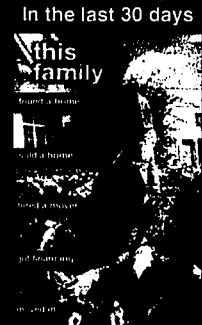
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
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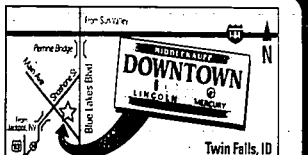
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SWF 65, looking for SWM 40-70, with an adventurous spirit, who would like to share camping, hiking, biking, canoeing and fishing, for companionship, possible LTR 9746207

SINGLE AND LOOKING
SWF 25, nurse, enjoys the outdoors, travel, reading, music, dining out, quiet evenings at home. Seeking SM, with similar interests, for companionship, possible LTR 9730373

TAKE A CHANCE
SF 32, blonde, direct assistant, enjoys outdoors, travel, reading, music, sports, music, dining out. Seeking serious, caring, stable man for friendship first. 9733614

POSSIBLY BOLANATED
SWF 43, enjoys conversation, movies, music, the outdoors, animals. Looking for a man with good sense of humor. 9791591

MAGIC VALLEY CITY
SWF 30, Captain, N.S. likes music, card, racing, and photography. Seeking man, 40-48, N.S. for dating. 9733663

SINGLE MAN
SWF 57, enjoys going to movies, hiking, fun. Looking for SM, 18-30. Just want to meet a nice guy who likes to date. 9735953

COUNTRY SWEETIE
SWF 47, 5'7", 125lbs, blonde, nurse, with green children, Glenel, and nurse. Enjoys camping, hiking, and country music. Seeking man, 35-65, who shares my love of country. 9779476

SHARE INTERESTS
Adventurous SWF 27, Nurse, romantic, enjoys outdoor activities, hiking, hiking, sunbathing, relaxing, seeking SWM 25-30, non-smoker, with similar interests. 9724262

SEeks OUTDOORS
SF 31, 5'4", outdoors, loves the outdoors, camping, fishing, horseback riding. Seeking outdoorsy, honest, romantic, and care SM, 25-30, to enjoy with and spend quality time. 9737226

ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT!
SF 18, N.S. likes time at home, quiet evenings. Would like to find a man, 18-25, N.S. lots of fun, for possible relationship. 9731918

DANCE WITH ME
Widowed WIF 60, originally from Georgia, enjoys golf, the outdoors and mountains. Seeking a man, social drinker. 9759333

WORTH THE CALL
Blue-eyed blonde, 5'11, 150lbs, enjoys all outdoor activities. 70 is a man with a romantic, affectionate nature. 9735567 or a 9040426 (personal relationship) 9759527

VOLUNTEER
SWF 35, 5'5", N.S. mother, brown-haired, enjoys walks, evenings at home. Seeking man, 35-45, N.S. to enjoy life with. No games. 9737214

IN SEARCH OF...
A non-smoking, monogamous SWM who enjoys dancing, reading, good music, and music, walking, swimming and more. SWF 81, wants to start a friendship, leading to more. 9759550

FUN-LOVING GAL
Fun-loving, hard-working, ambitious, trust-worthy. 9735567. SWF 33, enjoys the quiet night life, hiking, camping, hiking, bike riding. Seeking companionship, romantic, active, attractive SWM 30-40, for possible relationship. 9759209

LAUGHTERS IS THE KEY
SF 20, nurse of humor, seeks SM 24-34, for laughter, stimulating conversation, maybe LTR 9791558

SEEKING JOY
SM 100, 18, wants to settle down with a man, 18-25, who loves barbeque, music, and occasionally going out. 9751023

A GENUINE GAL
SWF 22, 5'7", 130lbs, mother of one, enjoys camping, hiking and laughing. Seeking SWM 20-30, smoker, for LTR. 9756492

GIVE US A CHANCE
SWF 63, enjoys dancing, fishing, caddis, movies. Seeking romantic man, 40-47, for LTR. 9759552

FAMILY-ORIENTED
WIF 57, 125lbs, blonde, likes music, dancing, time with my children, cooking, outdoors, movie. Seeking honest man, 30-36, to develop a real relationship. 9791690

LET'S MAKE A DATE
SWF 58, Nurse, N.S. enjoys church, shopping, hiking, farm life, animals, painting, home, Seeking SWM, 40-43, N.S. for LTR. 9759552

ILL BE LOVING YOU FOREVER
SWF 38, blonde, N.S. Lovers, mother, would like to meet someone who likes dancing and hiking fun. Race is unimportant. Please be between 30 and 45. N.S. 9730622

SOMETHING NEW
SM 100, 23, amateur, with a variety of interests (football, biking, walks). Seeking a man with a great personality. 9730815

TREAT ME RIGHT
SWF 35, 5'1", 90lbs, would like to meet a real gentleman for dating and friendship. I enjoy movies, dining, playing pool and more. 9733042

SOMETHING NEW
20, student, looking for new friend to share new adventures, dancing, hiking, reading, working with cars. 9770719

WAITING FOR YOU
SF 20, 5'4", blue-eyed blonde, happy-go-lucky, enjoys hiking, fishing, and country music. 21-31, to enjoy friendship and maybe LTR. 9770800

GIVE ME A CALL
Attractive blonde, 5'7, N.S. loves to enjoy almost everything: movies, dining out, sports, hiking, and more. Seeking a healthy man, 30-35, N.S. 9730267

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR
Outgoing, friendly SWF 61, Virgo, smoker, enjoys gardening, outdoors, dancing, dining out, quiet evenings at home. Seeking honest SWM 55-65, with similar interests, for friendship first. 9735953

ATRUE LADY
SF 31, 5'2", black-haired, into camping, hiking, and more. Seeking honest, confident gentleman who is looking for family life. 9754564

GREAT OUTDOORS
Friendly SWF 27, 5'3", average build, hazel eyes, enjoys outdoor activities, reading, writing, etc. Seeking SWM 23-30, non-smoker, for really great friendship first. No games please. 9742151

GIVE ME A CALL
SWF 27, mother, Las Vegas bartender, enjoys dancing, movies, occasional smoker. 9752490

SINGLE MOMMA
SWF 27, mother, enjoys going to movies, late night, N.S. Seeking genuine SWM 27-40, multi-racial. LTR 9755210

DO YOU HAVE AN OPINION?
Secure SWF 33, enjoys conversation, movies, music, intellectual pursuits. Seeking versatile SM 48-58, for possible relationship. 9755009

ONE OF A KIND
SWF 10, 100, seeks that one of a kind man 18-25, who enjoys his outdoor activities. For possible LTR. 9730354

ACCEPT THE TRUTH
SWF 52, enjoys the outdoors, cooking, reading, laughing. Seeking SWM 47-57, good sense of humor, who likes having fun. 9776374

LOOKING FOR A PRINCE
SWF 24, enjoys being with, cooking, and working with children. Seeking an honest hard-working SWM 24-33 who would like to have a family and someone to grow old with. 9776645

IT'S TIME
Exotic-looking SWF 306, 5'5", dark blonde, blonde hair, great sense of humor, seeks someone, 50-60, to share fun time. Possible LTR. 9751023

SEEKING SPECIAL SOMEONE
SWF 28, N.S. enjoys camping, hiking, sailing, movies, dining, rock, country music. Seeking SM 25-38, for friendship first, possibly more. 9776258

JUST LIVING THE EASY LIFE
SWF 63, enjoys camping, hiking, dancing, riding horses, sailing, and more. Seeking a male friend and companion. 9756101

LET'S PLAY BALL...
SF 38, married, beautiful blonde, enjoys caddis, driving, and more. Seeking a successful, single man, 30-45, for a relationship based on casual respect. 9759121

SEEKING A FRIEND
Voluptuous SWF 30, enjoys camping, hiking, good wine, cold beer, travel, animals, movies, beaches. Seeking honest SWM 40-50, good conversationalist, light baggage, for friendship. Possible LTR. 9759121

ARE YOU THAT HOMEBOY?
Friendly, easygoing SWF 42, no dependents, mother, enjoys movies, music, the outdoors, sports, new things, night out, times home. Seeking SWM 35-50, for friendship first. 9759120

Men Seeking Women
SM 21, enjoys movies, video games, long walks, all outdoor activities, N.S. I have CF and am somewhat limited. Looking for someone to share time with. 9733117

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SEND ME AN ANGEL
SM 30, hairdresser, single, date, loves animals, fishing, hiking, barbecues, the outdoors, driving, and more. Seeking a woman, 25-35, who enjoys hiking, fishing, and a possible relationship. 9710408

DON'T PASS ME BY
SM 42, cardiologist, humorous, adventurous, enjoys hiking, nature, and more. Seeking a woman, 25-35, who enjoys hiking, fishing, and a possible relationship. 9710408

SMUP THIS ANGEL
SM 47, 5'7", 175lbs, brown-haired, Virgo, smoker, enjoys hiking, fishing, and more. Seeking a woman, 25-35, who enjoys hiking, fishing, and a possible relationship. 9710408

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY
Young single SM 63, 175lbs, Scorpio, N.S. enjoys hiking, fishing, and more. Seeking a woman, 25-35, who enjoys hiking, fishing, and a possible relationship. 9710408

DOWN-TO-EARTH
SM 48, smoker, enjoys the simple things in life. Seeking SWF 35-45, for friendship and a possible relationship. 9710408

LIVES SIMPLE, HONEST LIFE
I'm an easy-going, independent, honest, single, 48-year-old SM. Like N.S. who loves the outdoors (especially hiking, hunting, and golf). I'm 5'7" and 175lbs. Your race is unimportant to me. 9735953

TAKE A CHANCE
SM 42, father, enjoys golf, gardening, dancing, cooking, all music. Seeking a woman, 25-35, who enjoys hiking, fishing, and a possible relationship. 9711376

JUST A NICE GUY
SM 33, lives alone, enjoys the country, power, movies. Seeking SWF 34-47, for friendship and a possible relationship. 9711376

SMALL STEPS
Friendly, outgoing SWM 42, enjoys camping, long drives, watching TV. Mom Seeking honest, open SF 37-47, to explore more of life together. 9759301

SINGLE CONVOY
SWF 30, cowboy, enjoys the outdoors. Seeking SF 30-45, with similar interests, for a possible relationship. 9753543

GREAT GUY
SM 24, 6'4", 240lbs, blonde, enjoys sports, music, reading, travel, dancing. Seeking honest, attractive SF with similar interests, for LTR. 9740624

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT
Single date, 30, looking for a woman who will be a friend first, maybe more with development. 9753675

DO YOU LIKE HORSES?
SM 37, blonde, loves working with horses, camping, drives, anything outdoors. Seeking a woman with the same passions. 9754907

HEY HET MY NERVE
SM 22, 5'11", 160lbs, blonde, truck, heavy supervisor. Turns, smoker, likes snowboarding. Seeking woman, 18-20, smoker. 9753118

SEXY SMILE
SM 24, 5'11", 160lbs, blonde, brown-haired, enjoys sports, working out. Seeking sports-loving woman, 20-30, who likes to have fun. 9754459

SEEKING MY SPECIAL
Fun-loving, adventurous, smart, happy, energetic, handsome SM 43, enjoys the outdoors, hiking, snowboarding, hiking, and more. Seeking a woman, 20-30, for possible relationship. 9750705

DO YOU LOVE ME?
Easygoing, kind-hearted, hard-working SM 47, 5'7", 150lbs, light-brown-haired, enjoys the outdoors, dancing to 80s music, dining out, hiking, and more. Seeking SWF, no need games, for friendship. 9753118

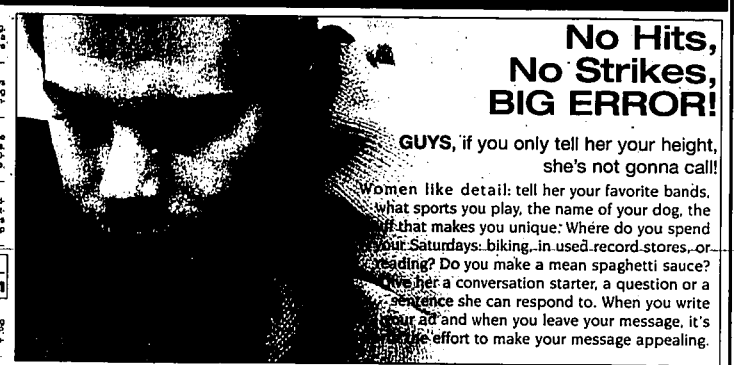
WAITING FOR YOU
SM 21, enjoys the outdoors, nature, animals, horse back riding, having good times, movies, evenings at home. Looking for an attractive female, 20-40, for friendship, possibly LTR. 9753118

NATURE BOY
SM 43, with a spirit for adventure, a spontaneous nature. A love to spending time outdoors. Seeking a woman to share the great outdoors with. 9759606

ADVENTUROUS PERSON
SM 42, 6'1", 190lbs, enjoys hiking, fishing, and more. Seeking a woman, 25-35, who enjoys hiking, fishing, and a possible relationship. 9759606

LOVE MY NERVE
SM 30, electrical engineer, wants to make sparks with a woman who loves camping, hiking, and more. Seeking a woman, 25-35, who enjoys hiking, fishing, and a possible relationship. 9753118

POSITIVE AND HAPPY
Active, happy SM 53, enjoys movies, outdoors, theater, live music. Seeking woman, 35-45, LTR. 9758170



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SM 30, 5'7", blonde, N.S. very outgoing, enjoys dancing, hiking, fishing, sports, movies, seeking SM, outgoing, fun SF with similar tastes. 9747314

ARE WE COMPATIBLE
SM 33, enjoys country music, bowling, outdoor activities. Seeking SF with similar interests, for companionship. 9737412

LEND ME YOUR EYES
Blond SM 30, enjoys country music, old television shows, classic rock. Seeking understanding, compassionate woman of substance for love and romance. 9737437

CALL ON ME
WM 63, 6'7", 180lbs, smoker, social drinker, enjoys hiking, boating, camping, the outdoors. Seeking honest, sincere, romantic, outgoing, mother WIF 52-60, HIV positive, for friendship. 9737418

SEEKING NICE WOMAN
SM 43, seeks adventurous, caring woman, 25-35, for friendship, possible relationship. 9737455

VENTURING HORIZON
Passionate SWM 28, enjoys travel, the outdoors. Seeking adventurous WIF 23-30, for friendship possible. 9773744

LET'S DANCE!
SM 45, enjoys dancing, movies, theater, hiking, and more. Seeking a woman, 35-45, who enjoys dancing, movies, theater, hiking, and more. 9755012

LOOKING FOR THE ONE
SM 18, self-employed truck driver, seeks a woman, 18-25, to spend time with, for possible LTR. 9753416

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SM 43, 5'9", brown-haired, enjoys playing golf, "Dharma & Greg" gardening, movies, travel, music, and dancing. Seeking a friendly outgoing woman, 35-51, good conversationalist, for friendship. 9735510

ALL I WANT IS...
A nice young man SM 40, is looking for a fun, fun, fun, and companionship. 9774565

SEEKING ATTRACTIVE FEMALE
SM 32, N.S. enjoys outdoor activities, movies, dining. Seeking attractive honest SF 25-35, for friendship first, possible relationship. 9758335

CHRISTIAN WANTED
SM 31, down-to-earth, enjoys hiking, the outdoors, cooking. Seeking active honest, optimistic SF 24-31, for friendship. 9734003

THE RIGHT ONE
SM 28, seeking to start relationship with SF 20-30, good sense of humor, friendly, love going to the movies, restaurants, for friendship first, possible LTR. 9737574

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