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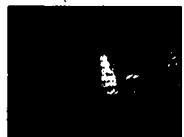
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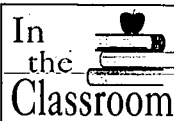
Elementary school puts intense effort into developing 'critical' skill

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's reading time in Barbara Beck's first-grade class at Lincoln Elementary School.

But rather than all 24 students opening up their books and reading along in unison, as is the decades-old practice, students are broken up into groups — many groups, all according to ability.

Take a quick glance around the room on any given morning, and you'll see groups of three to five students gathered around little tables, each group working with an adult. One table will just be working on individual words,



Second in a continuing series showcasing Magic Valley schools

another will work on spelling, while yet another will have students quickly reading paragraph after paragraph of a particular story.

The instruction spills out into the hallway, where volunteer grandparents pull individual stu-

dents out of the classroom for one-on-one reading instruction.

"With these small groups, it's easier to keep a handle on what they're doing," Beck said.

The intense reading activity isn't limited to Beck's room. Take a peek into any first-, second- or third-grade classroom at Lincoln, and the scene will be the same. Most of the morning and part of the afternoon is dedicated to reading.

It's part of a massive undertaking by Lincoln Elementary to ensure that each student can read at grade level. That's because educators have realized that much of student's academic success hinges

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Teacher Barbara Beck helps first-grader Makayla Osterhout during their small reading group session at Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls. Children are broken into groups by their reading level, and this group reads books at the second grade level.

THE COLUMBIA DISASTER

Were they doomed all along?



A Texas Department of Safety trooper photographs part of what is believed to be a piece of debris from the space shuttle Columbia along State Highway 155, north of Palestine, Texas, Sunday.

Some wonder if NASA could have rescued crew

Evidence shows big temperature change just before disaster

Knight Ridder News Service

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA officials said Sunday that temperature readings on the left side of Columbia rose precipitously six minutes before it disintegrated, and the spaceship struggled for two minutes to maintain a safe flight path.

Ron Dittmore, the shuttle's program manager said temperatures on the exterior of the shuttle rose by 60 degrees within five minutes — an unprecedented event.

His account suggested that the evidence so far points to a breach in the heat protection system along Columbia's left side, particularly on the left wing, which was hit during liftoff by insulating foam from an external fuel tank.



Ron Dittmore, space shuttle program manager, discusses the flight attitude of the space shuttle Columbia as it approached landing during a briefing at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, Sunday.

The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — If liftoff damage to Columbia's thermal tiles caused the disaster, was the crew doomed from the very start?

Or could NASA have saved all or some of the seven astronauts by trying some Hollywood-style heroics — a potentially suicidal spacewalk, perhaps, or a rescue mission by another shuttle?

Some of the ideas that have been suggested would have been highly impractical, dangerous and perhaps futile.

The shuttle does not carry spare tiles, and NASA insists there was nothing on board that the crew could have used to repair or replace missing or broken ones. In any case, the space agency believed at the time that the tile damage was nothing to worry about and thus nothing worth risking a life over.

Still, as James Ober, a former shuttle flight controller and author who has been bombarded

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by "Armageddon" type rescue ideas via e-mail, said Sunday: "They may be implausible, but not by much." He added: "There's always the question of miracles."

NASA knew from Day Two of Columbia's 16-day research mission that a piece of the insulating foam on the external fuel tank peeled off just after liftoff and struck the left wing, possibly ripping off some of the tiles that keep

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Prospect of war worries officials

Idaho budget setters fear effect on economy

The Associated Press

BOISE — The fallout of war with Iraq is weighing on the minds of key lawmakers concerned about how a protracted American conflict in the Middle East might affect the economy at home.

"The consumer effects could lead to another slowdown, so it's one of the variables we'll have to consider," said Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, who co-chairs the Legislature's budget committee.

As lawmakers plan the coming fiscal year's state budget, they rely on an economic forecast to help predict how much money the state will collect in sales, income and corporate taxes. That, in turn, helps them set spending budgets for departments.

If that forecast turns out to be significantly high or low, a sizable shortfall or surplus could result. "Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's chief economist said the current forecast of 2.9 percent growth in Gross Domestic Product already takes into account a quick and successful war against Saddam Hussein."

"The forecast contemplates a predictable aftermath and a continuing occupation for some amount of time," said economist Michael Ferguson. "The key issue is quick resolution. If not, that leaves an enormous amount of uncertainty hanging over the economy."

Lawmakers seem most concerned not about whether the United States will win the war in Iraq, but in how long it might last. A coalition of nations participating in military action after the initial fighting could speed the peace.

"The more allies you have in any enterprise, the better off you are," said Darrell Manning, retired Idaho National Guard adjutant general and the newly installed director of the governor's budget office.

Republican Sen. Dean Cameron of Rupert, Bell's co-chairman on the budget committee, said although there will be little direct impact on the state's budget, there could be increased homeland security costs if terrorist strikes resume on American soil.

Still, Cameron said, Idaho is not nearly in the same dire fiscal

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M.V. dairies truck away thousands of dead cows each year

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Every year, more than 12,000 cows die at Magic Valley dairies.

Dairy farmers pay Darling International to take away most of the carcasses. Some are buried, and others go to the land fill.

A Thursday story in The Times-News about improper disposal of dead cows at the Dutch Touch

Dairy near Filer raised questions. How many cows sicken and die at dairies? And what happens to the carcasses?

"A dairy farmer who takes good care of his herd can expect between 5 and 7 percent of the animals to die in a year, farmers said. If a good farmer is unlucky, as much as 10 percent of his herd can die in a year," said Steve Wybenga, who runs a dairy in Cassia County and another in Gooding County.

There are about 238,562 dairy cows in the Magic Valley, according to the Idaho Department of Agriculture. That means somewhere between 11,900 and 23,800 cows die on dairies every year — more if there are farmers who don't take care of their cows.

When cows die, dairy farmers place them in designated pickup spots where Darling International can find them. The rendering company picks up the cows and recycles every part of

the carcasses, said Casey Jones, who manages the Twin Falls Darling International outlet. The company produces meat and bone meal — which goes into livestock, poultry and pet food — as well as tallow and leather.

The company charges a fee which varies depending upon the distance of dairies from the Kuna plant. The going rates are about \$150 per month for large operations or \$25 per animal.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Gradually clearing with morning fog possible. Highs near 38.

Tonight: Brist with patchy clouds and late night fog possible. Lows near 20.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy and mostly dry. Highs in the middle 30s to lower 40s.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with patchy fog possible. Lows in the middle teens to lower 20s.

Tomorrow: Cool and mostly dry with scattered clouds. Highs in the 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Mostly cloudy with high peak furlures possible today. Cool region-wide. Tuesday will start off cloudy, gradually clearing through the day.

BOISE
Today Highs 25 to 34 Tonight's Lows 6 to 15
Mostly cloudy with a light breeze. Precipitation is unlikely. Tuesday will be partly cloudy, dry and cool. Areas of late night and early morning fog may develop.

NORTHERN UTAH
Today High/Lows 38 to 43 / 19 to 24
Cool and mostly dry for the next few days. Expect more clouds then sunshine each day.

Weather Key: sun, sunny; pc, partly cloudy; mc, mostly cloudy; c, cloudy; th, thunderstorms; r, rain; an, snow; fl, flurries; w, wind; m, missing

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Some farmers do take animals to the dump. The landfill receives about 100 dead cows a year, said Terry Schultz, executive director of the Southern Idaho Solid Waste District. The landfill charges \$15 per ton, cheaper than Darling, but the waste district does not provide transportation.

"It would change our operation a lot if they (Darling) weren't in business," Schultz said.

Farmers generally bury cows only when it is hot and the Darling truck is not due for a few more days, Robinson said. Farmers can also compost the bodies or burn them in special machines, but they don't often do that.

State regulations require dead animals to be properly disposed of within 72 hours of knowledge of death. When buried, they must be at least 3 feet below the surface and meet setback requirements.

Farmers are not allowed to burn cattle or leave them to rot. The rules were made to protect air and water quality and prevent the spread of disease, said Ag Department spokeswoman Julie Pipal.

That's not to say that everyone follows the rules. Last fall, a number of dairy cow carcasses were found along highways in Twin Falls County. Highway district officials said they thought the dead cows' appearance might have been related to Darling's decision about a year before to start charging to pick up carcasses — which the company used to do for free.

Jones said Darling began charging to pick up carcasses when the market for bone meal and tallow took a dive.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 38 Low 20	High 38 Low 20	High 37 Low 19	High 35 Low 20	High 37 Low 18	High 41 Low 22

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High: 41 Yesterday's Low: 28 Normal High: 38 / 30 Record High: 59 in 1962 Record Low: -18 in 1966	Yesterday's: 0.02" Monthly to Date: 0.02" Avg. Month to Date: 0.02" Water Year to Date: 2.52" Avg. Water Year to Date: 4.30"	Yesterday's High: 85% Yesterday's Low: 57% Today's Forecast High: 85% Today's Forecast Low: 57%	6 p.m. yesterday 28.00 h. Today's Forecast: 28.00 h.	Today: Sunrise: 7:30 AM, Sunset: 6:04 PM Tomorrow: Sunrise: 7:29 AM, Sunset: 6:05 PM Wednesday: Sunrise: 7:28 AM, Sunset: 6:06 PM Thursday: Sunrise: 7:27 AM, Sunset: 6:07 PM Friday: Sunrise: 7:26 AM, Sunset: 6:08 PM

Moon Phases

Feb. 9	Feb. 16	Feb. 23	Mar. 3
First Q	Full Moon	Last Q	New Moon

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday
Boise	41-21	37-22	38-20
Bonanza Ferry	37-18	34-17	33-19
Butte	37-18	34-17	33-19
Challis	36-10	25-7	20-10
Chico	36-10	25-7	20-10
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Mezula, MT	36-10	25-7	20-10
Portland, OR	51-31	50-31	51-30
Rupert	36-10	25-7	20-10
Reidburg	36-10	25-7	20-10
Richland, WA	49-29	49-23	50-24
Salmon	36-10	25-7	20-10
Sal Lake City UT	36-10	25-7	20-10
Spokane, WA	36-10	25-7	20-10
Stanley	36-10	25-7	20-10
Sun Valley	36-10	25-7	20-10
Yellowstone, MT	0-16	16-7	16-2

CANADIAN FORECAST

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Edmonton	38-18	35-15
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Baghdad promises more cooperation

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Just days before a crucial round of talks with chief inspectors, a senior Iraqi official said Sunday that Baghdad is "keen to resolve any pending issues" in the U.N. search for banned weapons, but didn't immediately offer new concessions.

Maj. Gen. Hossam Mohamed Amin indicated, nevertheless, that Iraq may have compromise proposals on hand for the talks next Saturday and Sunday with Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei. "We shall do our best to make his (Blix's) visit successful," Amin told reporters.

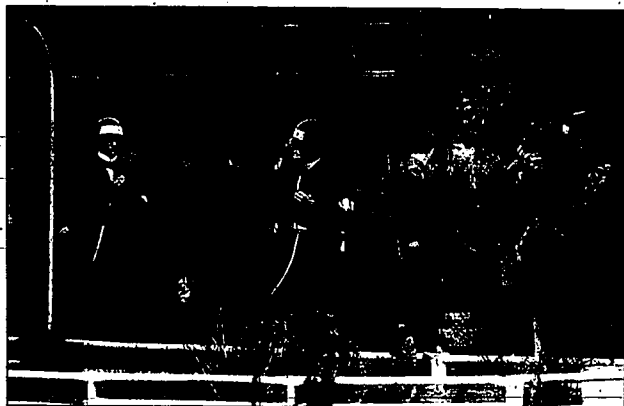
Iraq, which steadfastly denies it has forbidden arms, is under pressure to make concessions and show progress in the U.N. inspections process, to forestall any U.S.-British diplomatic bid for support for military action against Baghdad.

In his news conference, Amin, the chief Iraqi liaison to the U.N. inspectors, also dismissed U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell's plan to present purported evidence of prohibited Iraqi weapons programs to the U.N. Security Council on Wednesday.

That material will probably be "fabricated space photos or aerial photos," of a kind the Iraqis could refute if given a chance to study it, Amin said. "It is a political game," he said.

President Saddam Hussein is expected to have more to say about the U.S.-Iraqi confrontation in a rare interview, conducted Sunday with retired British lawmaker Tony Benn. Benn said the taped interview would be televised within a day or two.

Chief U.N. weapons inspector Blix and ElBaradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), accepted an Iraqi invitation to return for a new round of talks just ahead of



Turkish military policemen stand guard in Haydarpasa station in Istanbul, Turkey, Sunday as soldiers board a train bound for the southern city of Gaziantep. The Turkish military began moving troops to its border with Iraq, strengthening its security force along the rugged border area ahead of a possible U.S. war against Iraq.

Key developments concerning Iraq

The Associated Press

Developments in the Iraq crisis on Sunday:

- A senior Iraqi official said Baghdad wants to resolve outstanding issues over the U.N. inspections when chief weapons inspectors Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei visit next week. But the official gave no sign of immediate concessions on key issues

- U.N. reconnaissance flights or scientist interviews.

- The official, Maj. Gen. Hossam Mohamed Amin, also said U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell will likely produce "fabricated" evidence when he presents the U.S. case against Baghdad to the U.N. Security Council on Wednesday.
- U.N. arms inspectors made surprise

visits to a missile factory and a chemicals complex outside of Baghdad as well as a dairy company, likely in connection with the hunt for signs of biological weapons work.

- The Turkish military began moving troops to its southeast border with Iraq ahead for a possible U.S.-led war. Turkey has said it could move into northern Iraq in event of a war to prevent a flood of refugees.

their next report to the Security Council, on Feb. 14. It will be the second round of Baghdad talks for Blix and ElBaradei in

three weeks.

The two chief inspectors say they hope to see Iraqi movement beforehand on two immediate

issues: U.N. reconnaissance flights over Iraq, and U.N. access to weapons scientists in private interviews.

Deadly explosion destroys Nigeria bank

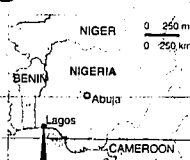
LAGOS, Nigeria — A powerful explosion tore apart a bank and dozens of apartments above it Sunday in Nigeria's crowded commercial capital, killing at least 40 people and trapping many others, relief workers said.

Police were investigating a range of motives — including that the blast was part of a bank robbery plot. Looting and fights broke out as young men grabbed fistfuls of cash from the leveled bank and battled over them.

In the chaos, trapped victims cried for rescue and onlookers waited as rescuers retrieved bloody, broken bodies.

The Red Cross said searchers had recovered more than 30 dead and 32 injured. Ten of the wounded died later at Lagos General Hospital, hospital workers said.

Many more victims were believed caught in the rubble, and the death toll could rise, said Emmanuel Ijewere, president of the Nigeria Red Cross.



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SOURCES: Associated Press, ESR, AP

World in brief

Venezuela's opposition begins petition drive

CARACAS — Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez declared victory Sunday after his opponents agreed to ease a two-month national strike, but thousands of Venezuelans still lined up for a petition drive seeking his ouster.

Strike organizers, who began the protest Dec. 2 to pressure Chavez into accepting a referendum on his rule, said Friday they would ease the work stoppage, already warning this week to protect businesses from bankruptcy.

However, the strike will continue in the vital oil industry, where production was cut from 3 million barrels a day to 150,000 on the height of the strike, Chavez said Sunday. The government boosted production to 1.8 million barrels a day, but striking workers put the number at 1 million.

Schroeder party is crushed in German state elections

BERLIN — Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's party suffered a crushing defeat in two German state elections Sunday, reflecting a loss of confidence in his government's economic course despite support for his anti-war stand on Iraq.

The conservative Christian Democrats won 48 percent of the vote in Schroeder's home state of Lower Saxony, gaining 12 points over the last election five years ago to wrest the statehouse from the Social Democrats, exit polls and early returns compiled for ARD national television showed.

— compiled from wire reports

Bush's budget proposes tax cuts, record deficits

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush will send Congress a \$2.3 trillion spending plan Monday featuring new tax cuts to boost the economy, a conservative tilt to major social programs and record deficits for the next two years — shortfalls that Democrats blame on Bush's tax cuts.

White House budget officials said Sunday the president's tax and spending blueprint, complete with dozens of agency briefings, will roll out as scheduled despite Saturday's space shuttle disaster.

Bush's budget outline for the 2004 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1, is required by law to be

sent to Congress the first Monday in February. The numbers and spending priorities undoubtedly will change somewhat over the next several months as Congress acts on his request.

The Columbia tragedy certainly will prompt added scrutiny to the president's spending proposal for NASA, which has come under heavy criticism from Congress in recent years because of cost overruns for the orbiting space station and other programs.

Total government spending first topped \$2 trillion in Bush's first budget in 2002, 15 years after Ronald Reagan gave the country its first \$1 trillion federal budget.

Bush's new spending plan, which will set off months of congressional debate, projects that deficits will hit an all-time high in dollar terms — \$307 billion for the current fiscal year and \$304 billion for 2004, with both years surpassing the previous record of \$290 billion set by Bush's father in 1992.

The administration says, however, that this year's deficit will be just 2.8 percent of the overall \$10.5 trillion U.S. economy — far below the 4.7 percent level hit in 1992 and an amount acceptable for an economy struggling to emerge from recession.

But Democrats charge that Bush's \$1.35 trillion, 10-year tax

cut in 2001 and his new request for another \$670 billion in tax cuts as part of an economic stimulus program will put the budget on a dangerous downward slide that will rob Social Security of the surpluses it needs to prepare for the retirement of the baby boomers.

"The president is pursuing a policy that will dramatically increase our deficits, expand our debts and accelerate our economic decline," said Sen. Kent Conrad, the top Democrat on the Senate Budget Committee. "Just as we face the prospect of war with Iraq, the president is asking us again for massive tax cuts we cannot afford."

Israeli army demolishes houses in West Bank city

HEBRON, West Bank — The Israeli army, citing a lack of building permits, demolished nine houses belonging to Palestinians in the West Bank city of Hebron on Sunday, leaving dozens homeless.

In another development, dozens of Palestinian inmates rioted at an Israeli army prison in the southern West Bank city of Be'er Sheva, and stung grenades to subdue them, the army said. There was no immediate word on casualties.

In Hebron, Palestinian families dragged refrigerators and sofas out of the houses before Israeli bulldozers, guarded by soldiers, knocked down the walls. The families said they had received notices that the houses would be demolished but hadn't known when the work would begin.

Budget

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situation as Oregon state government, which laid off nearly 200 state troopers among other hundreds of government employees last week when voters rejected a tax hike.

There might also be some regional consequences to an American war in Iraq, mainly in southwestern Idaho, Manning said. Airmen from Mountain Home Air Force Base and soldiers from the Idaho National Guard might be required to deploy, reducing consumer spending.

But there will be other consequences. "There will be emotional fallout from business" in the short term. "It won't be business as usual."

For some, such as 60-year-old industrial equipment broker Barry Jackson, there's almost no business at all.

Jackson, who was self-employed, was forced to file for



Sen. Dean Cameron

bankruptcy this month after his business volume dropped to nearly nothing.

"People are not buying capital equipment," he said. "I think they're just holding onto their money, waiting to see what the president is going to do, see what the economy is going to do. We'll see what happens in the next 60 to 90 days."

Boise State University political science professor Jim Weatherly said that unlike the Gulf War, a second invasion of Iraq might leave state governments to solve their own problems, such as Medicaid funding or other new

federally funded programs currently under consideration.

"War with Iraq shuts down all domestic initiatives, and this war may not be as quick as the Gulf War," Weatherly said.

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AROUND
THE VALLEYCouncil will consider
Old Towne grain silos

TWIN FALLS—The City Council tonight will consider a local attorney's ideas for securing the future of the historic grain silos in Old Towne.

The council meets at 5 p.m. in the council chamber at 305 Third Ave. E.

Attorney Paul Smith of Twin Falls recently asked the Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency for \$3,000 to play for a comprehensive structural study of the silos. Urban Renewal would be willing to put up half the city provides the other \$1,500.

The silos apparently are in need of repair, and a study would give city leaders a list of options and an estimate of how much it would cost to fix them.

The council will also:

- Consider the South Central Idaho Community Action Agency's request for a waiver of building permit fees.

- Consider authorizing the Twin Falls Fire Department to give its antique 1948 fire engine to the Twin Falls Optimist Club.

- Consider renewing a shared facility-use agreement with the Twin Falls School District.

Hospital representative
speaks to MVRMC board

TWIN FALLS—Pat Hermanson of the county-owned Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello will speak with the board of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center at tonight's board meeting.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. inside the education center located behind the hospital. The meeting is open to the public.

Last year, Twin Falls County commissioners and Hospital Board members agreed to educate themselves on how other county hospitals, as well as nonprofit and for-profit hospitals, operate. Hospital leaders previously had pushed to "convert the county-owned hospital to a "community-based" nonprofit organization.

At the same time, county commissioners in 2001 appointed an advisory committee to establish criteria for lease proposals from for-profit and nonprofit organizations interested in operating Magic Valley Regional.

Those efforts were put on hold after Magic Valley Regional bought the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital, but now board members and commissioners are ready to take another look at hospital governance.

Also tonight, the board will hear reports on medical staff rules, service excellence and employee satisfaction. The board might also approve a design-build firm to help with the hospital's long-term facility plan.

Semi rolls on Interstate;
driver suffers minor injuries

TWIN FALLS—A semi rolled on Interstate 84 early Sunday morning, according to a dispatcher at Southern Idaho Regional Communications, the regional 911 center.

The accident occurred about 6 a.m. Sunday 13 miles east of the Twin Falls exit. The driver suffered minor injuries, the dispatcher said.

The driver's name and other details about the accident were unavailable Sunday.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack
levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak **
Upper Snake River	63%	51%
Salmon Falls	60%	38%
Salmon	93%	55%
Oakley	62%	34%
Big Wood	85%	61%
Little Wood	113%	69%
Henry's Fork/Teton	82%	61%
Big Lost	102%	60%
Little Lost	79%	46%

As of Feb. 2.

*A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average.
**An indicator of how much snowpack for the entire season.

Fish and Game looks at ATV hunting

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY—If Mitch Marcroft's opinion is typical of what Idaho Department of Fish and Game officials will hear Wednesday night here during a hearing on proposed all-terrain vehicle restrictions, then they can count on good news.

Marcroft, "service" manager for Woodside RV Center in Hailey, a large dealer in ATVs, said he thinks most hunters with ATVs would not oppose the plan.

In fact, he said, they probably will welcome it. Most hunters prefer to dismount from ATVs and trek into hunting areas on foot, he said. The noise of ATVs near hunting areas frightens off big game, he said.

The proposed limits are an outgrowth of a Fish and Game prohibition on off-

road ATV use during last fall's hunting season in southwest Twin Falls County that was deemed a success. If imposed for the upcoming 2003 hunting season, it would be in effect in units 48 and 49; generally areas in Blaine County on the east and west sides of Highway 75 extending as far north as Galena and Highway 20 on the south.

The public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Old Blaine County Courthouse in Hailey in the county commission meeting room.

Fish and Game regional conservation educator Kelton Hatch said the ultimate goal of the proposal is to "increase protection for big game animals," and raise the buck-to-deer ratio from the current average of 15 per 100 to 25 per 100.

ATV registrations in Idaho have skyrocketed from 1973 until 2002, the number of

Please see ATV, Page A6

Agency aims to give deer herds a boost

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

JEROME—It's still too early to tell, but unseasonably warm weather so far this winter could give a strong boost to deer herds in southern Idaho, an official with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game said.

Meanwhile, officials are considering further restrictions on all-terrain vehicles and other regulation changes in hope of giving herds even more strength and increasing the number of bucks.

Though dry weather has persisted for months, some rains came just in time for area deer herds to get fattened up in

Get the facts, voice your opinion

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game wants to inform and hear from the public about ideas and possible changes for the upcoming big game season. Here's a schedule of meetings, set for 5-8 p.m. each evening:

- Today: Burley City Hall.
- Tuesday: KMYT Community Room, Twin Falls.
- Wednesday: Blaine County Courthouse, Hailey.

time for winter, said Kelton Hatch, a spokesman for the Fish and Game office. Please see WILDLIFE, Page A6

SOOTHING SOUNDS



MURKIN SMITH/The Times-News

Wood River Animal Shelter cat 'Gretchen' will soon be listening to music from a brand-new sound system thanks to cash donations and sound technician Mike Roberson of Maestro Design Group of Hailey, left, who donated his time to install the system with 14 speakers last week.

Animal shelter gets new stereo system

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY—Donations by a handful of pet lovers literally are music to the ears of dozens of dogs and cats at the Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley.

A modern new sound system with 14 speakers has been installed at the shelter's two main housing buildings to play music as a way of soothing

caged animals awaiting adoption.

Shelter manager Donna Simms said the system, which includes two radio tuners and two CD players, and installation would normally cost between \$3,000 and \$5,000.

But the hardware was donated at cost by Darcie Clair at Maestro Design Group and installation at no cost.

Before installation of the new system was completed over the

weekend, Simms had been using a jerry-rigged collection of loudspeakers tied to an old so-called "boom box" to broadcast music in the kennel areas.

The new system includes two rooftop antennae to pick up radio music when needed, as well as closed-circuit CD music.

Major donations included \$1,000 from Fred and Jill Vogel of Ketchum and \$500 from Bonnie and Kay Maru. The Ketchum firm of Jensen

Stern also gave 60 music CDs, with such songs as "Dog Days of Summer" and "Catnip Dreams."

Donors responded to appeals published in *The Times-News* as well as other Wood River Valley media. Music and occasional voice programs broadcast into the shelter kennels help calm the animals as well as accustom them to the sounds of the human environment of adoptive homes, Simms explained.

Committee will divvy United Way donations

The Times-News

2003 United Way Allocation Hearing Committee

Elaine Steele, Twin Falls City Council
Nick Kiese, Longview Fibre Co.
May Harmon, Costco Wholesale
Kris Ann Brown, Cactus Pete's
Lisa Collins, KMYT
Kate Woods, Clear Springs Foods
Cathy Parrott, Clear Springs Foods
Randy Johnson, Clear Springs Foods
Cheryl Haas, retired teacher
Rod Burks, Burks Tractor

Helen Arnold, retired
Jim Godwin, JC Penney
Eddy Packham, Fred Meyer
Judy Johnson, Bon Marche
Jamie Kelley, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center
Aaron Miller, D.L. Evans Bank
Cindy Scott, CSI Head Start
Diane Boyd, retired executive director
Monica Kessel, CSI

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Mary Buss, CPR/First Aid
Leann Sullivan, Sen. Larry Craig's Office
Kathy Hansen, Costco

To donate to United Way of South Central Idaho, call Executive Director Jim Piro at 733-9222 or see the Web site at www.unitedwayscd.org.

committee will meet today "Friday to review requests from nonprofit agencies, United Way partner agencies as well as non-partner agencies, that provide vital services to the community. United Way

of South Central Idaho helps more than 39,000 people — from infants to senior citizens — each year.

Their review applications, examine agency budgets and then present their recommenda-

tions to the United Way of South Central Idaho Board Feb. 14 for its approval.

The meeting will begin at noon in the Health and Welfare conference room on Pole Line Road.

Blaine County school board bumps up two Wood River expansions

By Barb Nelwert
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY—Favorable interest rates have spawned early construction on two Blaine County School District building projects.

A \$2.3 million expansion to the Wood River Middle School is ready to go to final bid. And a \$4.75 million expansion to the Carey School will be ready for bid

by the end of February.

These expansion projects are part of a \$40 million plan facilities levy voters approved in 2000. Both the middle school and Carey School expansions were scheduled to be completed in 2005, but with low interest rates and a favorable construction climate, the Blaine County School Board moved these two projects forward.

"To save money, the district has moved

these projects up, but it's also because we had 750 students last year and we're bursting at the seams," said middle school Principal John Cvetich.

The approval last week from the Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission paved the way for the Wood River Middle School project to go to bid.

Some 21,750 square feet of additions will consist of 12.5 classrooms and a 149-space parking lot. The sixth-grade wing

will get four additional classrooms. The art room will be remodeled to add a studio classroom with natural lighting for two-dimensional art production.

The seventh- and eighth-grade wings will be connected with a hallway at the east end to ease traffic. Two science rooms, three classrooms, and a domestic science classroom with a kitchen and five cook stations will be added.

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Drug abuse
expert comes
to the M.V.
this week

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS—Drug abuse expert Trinka Porra will give several presentations this week in southern Idaho.

The retired Los Angeles Police Department narcotics detective's program will center on the growing "rave," "club drug" and "date rape drug" problem. The schedule of her appearances includes:

■ Burley, Tuesday

- Conference for law enforcement officials, medical personnel and other professionals, 3-5 p.m., little theater in Burley High School, 2130 Park Ave.

- Presentation for the general public, 7-9 p.m., in the King Fine Arts Center at Burley High School.

■ Twin Falls, Wednesday

- Conference for professionals, 10 a.m. to noon, Nazarene Church, 1231 Washington St. N.

- Presentation for College of Southern Idaho students and the public, 4:30-6:30 p.m.; presentation for the public, 7-9 p.m., CSI Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium, 315 Falls Ave. W.

■ Hailey, Thursday

- Conference for professionals, 3-5 p.m., band room at Wood River High School.

- Presentation for public, 7-9 p.m., Wood River High School Auditorium.

Parents are encouraged to bring their children. Age-appropriate drug education for children ages 12 to 16 will be provided by the Boys and Girls Club. Admission is free.

Club drugs in recent years began to emerge as part of the "rave" scene in large urban areas. "Raves"—clandestine dance parties centered around thudding techno music and cutting-edge fashion—gave rise to widespread use of new drugs such as Ecstasy and brought new popularity to LSD and similar substances.

While it's unlikely that huge, spur-of-the-moment raves will pop up in Idaho's towns and small cities, there's evidence that some smaller raves have been organized here and drugs have been pushed at them, said John Hathaway, the Region V Department of Health and Welfare director.

Porra's visits are sponsored by the Department of Health and Welfare, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services, Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services, the Walker Center, the Idaho Department of Corrections, Probation and Parole and the District 5 Juvenile Justice Council.

For more information, call Marlene Yardley at Health and Welfare, 736-2177.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

CSI TODAY

ON THE AGENDA

Today
Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition project-based learning workshop, all day, Taylor 276 and 277
CSI Golden Eagles Booster Club luncheon, noon, Taylor 277
Dell Computer Corp. quarterly employee recognition event, 4 p.m., gym

Tuesday
ARTEC project-based learning workshop, all day, Taylor 276 and 277
Idaho Small Business Development Center Issues in Human Resources for the Small Business, 8:30 a.m., Taylor 276
"Mingle in the Jungle," free reptile revue, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rainforest
"The Search for Life in the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium

Wednesday
Idaho Agriculture Department pesticide applicator exam, 8 a.m., Taylor 276
Idaho Department of Health

Thursday
Idaho Angus Association and CSI Block and Bridle Gem State Classic Angus sale, all day, Eldon
Evans Expo Center
Idaho Department of Education "Serving it Safe" child nutrition class, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Shields 116
Alliance weekly club meeting, 3 p.m., Shields 112
CSI Golden Eagle women's basketball against Salt Lake Community College, 6 p.m., gym
CSI Chi Alpha Club meeting, 7:30 p.m., Eagle's Nest
CSI Golden Eagle men's basketball against Salt Lake Community College, 8 p.m., gym

Friday
Idaho Angus Association and CSI Block and Bridle Gem State Classic Angus sale, all day, Eldon
Evans Expo Center

Evans Expo Center
Idaho Department of Education "Serving it Safe" child nutrition class, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Shields 116
National Association for Education of Young Children and Success by Six training for child care providers and preschool teachers, 6:30 p.m., Taylor 276 and 277
Huggie Bears Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113
"More Than Meets the Eye," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium

Saturday
ACT tests, 7:30 a.m., Shields building
CSI Mini Cheer and Dance Clinic 8 a.m. to noon, gym
Certified Nursing Assistant written testing, 8 a.m. to noon, Aspen 195
Hugger Traffic Safety Institute traffic safety class, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Shields 103
Idaho Angus Association and CSI Block and Bridle Gem State Classic Angus sale, all day, Eldon
Evans Expo Center

Mauldin Dance Academy
Frame 03, all day, Fine Arts Building
National Association for Education of Young Children and Success by Six training for child care providers and preschool teachers, 9 a.m., Taylor 276 and 277
Magic Valley Fly Fishers demonstration of trout steelhead fly tying, 9 a.m., Evergreen C74
United Church of God meeting, 9:30 a.m., Aspen 145
"The Dinosaur Chronicles," 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium
"Mystery of the Missing Seasons," 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium
CSI Golden Eagle women's basketball against North Idaho College, 6 p.m., gym
Zeppelin: Maximum Volume 1, 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium
CSI Golden Eagle men's basketball against North Idaho College, 8 p.m., gym
Herrett Center monthly star party (free telescope viewing, weather permitting), 8:30 p.m., front of Herrett Center

Today
Acequia City Council, 8 p.m., Acequia Automotive, 20602 F St.
Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse
Dietrich City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall
Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall
Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m., Hailey Town Center
Hansen Community Library Board, 7 p.m., library, 120 W. Maple
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse
Ketchum City Council, 5:30 p.m., City Hall
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Board, 6 p.m., Sage Room, Education Center
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse

Tuesday
Albion City Council, 7 p.m., city office
Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall
Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
Friedman Memorial Airport Board, 5:30 p.m., Blaine County Courthouse, Hailey
Hagerman City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A
Kimberly Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., community center
Murtaugh City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall
Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall
Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall
Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., council chambers
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse
Twin Falls County Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Twin Falls Mediation and Arbitration Center, 163 Second Ave. W.

Wednesday
Glenns Ferry School Board, 7 p.m., district office
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse

Thursday
Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall
Kimberly Public Library Board, 7 p.m., library
Murtaugh Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse

Friday
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse

This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

ON THE RIVER



Capt. Richard Chesbrough directs the Willamette Queen, a Salem-based paddle-wheeler, downriver on its way to Portland for inspection Saturday in Oregon. Chesbrough had about 90 people on board the boat for the trip. During the Willamette River's steamboat era, from 1850 to 1916, more than 50 steamboats ran the upper Willamette River from Oregon City to Eugene. For the first time since, a steamboat will journey from Salem to the Portland area carrying passengers.

Sandpoint
airline sells
advance
vouchers

SANDPOINT (AP) — There could soon be a new option for Boise travelers heading north.
Salmon Air is working to drum up enough business to start a commuter airline service from Sandpoint, Idaho, to Seattle and Boise.
If the airline can sell 2,230 vouchers for round-trip tickets between those cities in advance, the company said it could begin the town's first daily commuter flights as soon as this summer.
Sandpoint business and government leaders are hoping the idea provides a boost to Sandpoint's economy, which is reeling from the loss of 155 jobs after Coldwater Creek's closure last year and upcoming layoffs when the local Kmart shuts down.
When companies are considering moving to an area, having an air service is a top question, said Rich Faletto, a retired U.S. Air Force officer who helped get the idea off the ground.
"This is huge for us," Faletto said. "Jackson Hole got air service in 1984. Their median income then was under \$20,000. It is now more than double that. They attribute it directly to air service."
On Friday, a group of business and government leaders is launching a campaign to sell tickets, at the introductory price of \$195 apiece.
Salmon Air is a regional airline which operates a mixed fleet of 12 aircraft in Salmon, Mead and Boise.
The company's nine-seat Piper Chieftain would fly twice a day to Boise and once a day to Seattle.
Sandpoint Airport manager Jorge O'Leary said there's definitely a market for a commuter service in Sandpoint.
"There'll be some extra responsibilities and duties for the county and airport operators," he said.
"But those responsibilities would be welcome. That's why we're here — to provide transportation."

TWIN FALLS
ARRAIGNMENTS

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS — Recent activity in 5th District Magistrate Court in Twin Falls included the following:
Zachary A. O'Toole, 19, 420 E. Ave. H, Jerome: malicious injury to property; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent.
Carl Gene Nape, 412, 2890 E. 1400 N., Twin Falls: driving under the influence, driving without privileges; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; \$1,000 bond.
Jennifer Lee McDaniel, 20, 534 Ochalauna, No. 4, lewd conduct with a child under age 16; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 10, \$2,000 bond.
Clarence Will Kirkpatrick, 59, 534 Ponderosa, Twin Falls: driving under the influence (repeated) — second offense; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 10, \$10,000 bond.
Deana Ballenger, 40, 603 North Road, Jerome: possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 10, \$10,000 bond.
Daniel Wayne Brown, 39, 460 Elm, Castleford: robbery, first-degree kidnapping; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 10, \$150,000 bond.
Lloyd Bailey Jr., 34, address not listed: fugitive hearing set for Feb. 10, \$50,000 bond.
Casey C. Bennett, 26, 3835 Andrea Lane, Filer: three counts of battery; public defender appointed, no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 10.
Christopher Dean Livingston, 20, 310 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls: malicious injury to property; public defender

appointed; pleaded innocent; \$5,000 bond. Possession of drug paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; \$500 bond.
Zachary W. Moore, 18, 130 13th Ave. S., Buhl: petit theft; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; \$1,500 bond.
Walter Lee Tew, 30, 426 Wakefield, Twin Falls: assault; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent.
George Walter Lou Jr., 29, 2700 E. 3600 N., Twin Falls: sexual battery of a child age 16 or 17; two counts rape; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 10, \$10,000 bond.
William Scott, 51, homelec; assault or battery upon certain person; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; \$100 bond.
James E. Schrier, 54, address not listed: fugitive hearing set for Feb. 10, \$25,000 bond.
Pamela J. Thornton, 44, 1733 Leadville, Boise: two counts forgery; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 10, \$1,500 bond.
George Everett McCullough, 32, 315 1/2 Sixth St. W., Twin Falls: battery/identical violence; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent.
Erik R. Henson, 20, 2026 Elsiebeth Blvd. No. 134, Twin Falls: striking public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; \$1,500 bond.

Meth equipment sets truck on fire

POST FALLS (AP) — A pair of garbage collectors made an unexpected discovery after spotting smoke curling from the back of their truck.
Tim Brosch and Rob Plue parked the truck into the vacant lot and the two men began pulling garbage out with rakes. Brosch said fires in garbage trucks are not unusual in winter when people dump out fireplace or wood stove ashes.
But instead of wood ashes, last week they found the remnants of a methamphetamine lab.
"As soon as we saw what was smoldering, there were some peroxide bottles, it was obvious what it was," Brosch said. "This is the second time I've come across this."
Plus, there was the smell.
"I just got a little bit of it, but it takes your breath away," said Capt. Ron Graham of Kootenai Fire and Rescue. "It's sul-

School district moves kids; parents worry

POCATELLO (AP) — Some Bonneville Elementary School parents are concerned School District No. 25 is moving their children from one dangerous place to another.
The move from the structurally unsound elementary school into the town's alternative high school Alameda Center takes place Feb. 10.
Parent Tina Chavez said several families are considering keeping their children home from school rather than send them to school with alternative high school students.
Many students at alternative high schools are considered at risk of dropping out and may have had behavioral problems in a normal school environment.
"The district's efforts don't cut it," she said. "It's shifting one dangerous situation to another dangerous situation."
Superintendent Linda Powell said students will not be in any danger because all the elementary classes will be held on a separate floor from the alternative classes.
"There will be no intermingling of the students, there are separate entrances and exits," she said. "The fact of the matter is this is an emergency. I don't understand what people would rather do."
Bonneville students spent their last day at Bonneville Elementary School Friday. An engineering report determined that the building had severe structural problems.
Students will not attend classes next week while teachers and staff make the move from Bonneville Elementary into the Alameda Center.

SERVICES

Ralph Jacketta of Wendell, service at 11 a.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel, 737 Main, Gooding.
Interment will be at the Wendell Cemetery.
Raeola Ford Cooke of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).
Lois Ellison of Malta, service at noon today at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Malta 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel; burial will follow in the Valley Vu Cemetery in Malta; friends may call from 10:45-11:45 a.m. today at the church (Payne Mortuary, Burley).
Frank Oliver Anderson of Pocatello, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St., Burley.
Tamara Gay Northrop of Buhl, memorial service at 3 p.m. today at the Free Will Baptist Church, Buhl (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).
Catherine Mildred Watson Blom Burks of Paul, celebration of life at 11 a.m. March 22 at the Paul United Methodist Church; interment at 10 a.m. March 24 at Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Jeannette D. Jean Folkman
JEROME — Jeannette D. Jean Folkman, 89, died Feb. 1, 2003 in Woodbury, Minn.
Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 7, 2003 in the Jerome LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 825 E. Ave. B, Jerome. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Leila Lessey
TWIN FALLS — Leila Lessey, 88, of Twin Falls passed away Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003 at her home. Arrangements are under the direction of Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home.

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MAGIC VALLEY

JUST A TRIM



Francisco Cruz holds tight to an armload of branches. Cruz was helping a friend trim and prune trees and shrubs in his yard last week. With temperatures reaching the 50s, Mini-Casals headed outside to do yard work they typically can't get at this time of year.

Red Cross conducts blood drive in T.F.

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive this week in Twin Falls.

The drive will be held from 1 to

7 p.m. today, noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N.

Blood donors must be at least

17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health.

For an appointment or more information, call Sharla Warren at 734-4566.

School

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In addition, two multi-purpose rooms with hide-away seating and accordion walls will be constructed to provide for group gatherings for plays, presentations or class meetings.

The middle school now has about 700 students. With the additions, the school can easily accommodate 900, Cervetti said. With projected forecasts of 3 percent growth per year, the middle school would be adequate for the student population for at least another seven years.

With groundbreaking set for the first of April, this construction project should take 12 months to complete. Students will begin using the new facilities in the fall of 2004.

In Carey, Architects and

school districts officials continue to fine-tune the scope of work to meet the construction budget of \$4.75 million for expansion at the Carey School.

Architect Jay Christopherson of CA Alliance Architects said costs are coming in at \$99 per square foot.

"That's staggering. I've never had a (school) building run \$99 a square foot," he said.

The Carey School expansion includes the construction of a new high school wing that will connect to the new gymnasium toward the back of the existing K-12 school.

"I think it will be a great building," said Carey School Principal John Peck. "It will be a great addition to our school."

The Carey School houses 254

students from kindergarten through high school. Peck said he anticipates some growth for Carey in the near future. Two new subdivisions have been developed, plus there's not a lot of room for growth in Hailey or Bellevue.

Most grades average 20 students, but this year's kindergarten class has 29. "I hope this doesn't become the norm," Peck said.

The school's architects continue to refine the bid in preparation for the final bid package to be published by the end of February.

Construction would begin the first of April.

Students will begin using the new high school facility in the fall of 2005.

Preliminary hearing will take place for Paul woman

The Times-News

RUPERT - A preliminary hearing for Valerie Mulligan has been scheduled in Minidoka County for 1:30 p.m. Feb. 11.

Mulligan, 36, is charged with felony injury to a child for allegedly using methamphetamine while pregnant.

If convicted, she faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

She gave birth to a son Jan. 1 at the Idaho Memorial Hospital.

The baby, Alexander Salamander, spent the first few days of his life in withdrawal from the drugs his mother allegedly used, Minidoka County Prosecuting Attorney Rick Bollar said.

The baby's condition was expected to improve on medical information, Bollar said.

Mulligan remains out of jail on her own recognizance.

Wildlife

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In Jerome.

The same good news applies to elk and antelope herds, Hatch said.

With adult deer in such good shape and more mild weather expected, the survival rate for fawns this spring could run as high as 70 percent, he said. But another dry summer could make things tough again.

"I just hope we have good rain again this summer to get good leader growth on the plants they eat, so they can fat-

ATV

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ATVs soared from 2,700 to 68,500, with corresponding impacts.

"That's where the problem is," Hatch said. "The explosive growth in the number of ATVs being used by hunters as well as off-road recreationists."

Game populations have been reduced by hunters moving more into the area, and ATVs and woodlands damaged and rutted by ATVs.

Buhl police plan a citizens academy

BUHL - People interested in becoming the extra eyes and ears for the Buhl Police Department are invited to apply to the Citizens on Patrol academy.

The course will start Wednesday and will consist of three three-hour classes at City Hall.

The classes

will cover traffic and crowd control, general patrol procedures and use of police radios. A ride-along with both uniformed officers and Citizens on Patrol cadre will conclude the course.

A background check and a good driving record are required to join. Those interested should call Sgt. Richard Suhr at 543-4200 or Wayne Moberg at 543-6147.

Water District 130

sets its annual meeting

JEROME - The regular annual meeting for the new and expanded Thousand Springs Area Water District 130 will be held Feb. 11 in Jerome. District members will elect a watermaster for the coming year, review budget requirements,

elect officers and an advisory committee, and adopt resolutions that govern district operations.

The meeting will be at 2 p.m. at the Jerome High School auditorium, 104 N. Tiger Drive.

The district, formed by state water officials in 2002, administers water rights from wells and springs in the Thousand Springs reach of the Snake River. The district regulates more than 1,500 wells and about 45 spring diversions in the Magic Valley.

For more information, contact watermaster Cindy Yenter at the Department of Water Resources office in Twin Falls, 736-3033.

Know a long-term love story? Share it with us

TWIN FALLS - The Times-News is preparing a Valentine's Day story about men and women who have served as long-term caregivers to their disabled or chronically ill spouses. If you know such a person, please give us a call.

Phone features editor Steve Crump at 735-3223, or e-mail him at crump@timesnews.com.

—compiled from staff reports

ten up again for the winter," he said.

Because deer and other large ungulates live mostly off their fat reserves during the winter, going into the cold season too thin can be fatal for many, Hatch said.

While deer numbers are probably on the rise, the buck-to-deer ratio has been lagging in several areas, including units 49 and 54-56.

"There's several ways we can change the buck-to-deer ratio," Hatch said. "We can have a two-

point regulation, we can shorten the season, or we can have restrictions on motorized use."

Fish and Game wants to discuss those options and more during a series of public hearings that begins today in Burley, he said.

The agency also wants to share ideas for improving youth hunts - special outings for hunters ages 12 to 17.

"This is the future of hunting, and we need to get these kids out there for a good, positive experience," Hatch said.

ways to hunting areas.

The public apparently gives heavy support to a ban on ATVs in hunting areas. Fish and Game says that a recent survey showed that 83 percent of the respondents favor restrictions on hunting from ATVs.

"This will increase the quality of the hunt," Hatch said. "Some people don't want to see the woods for the experience" without the disturbance of ATVs.

TWIN FALLS CITY COURTS

The Times-News

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

Drunk-driving sentences

Mary Josephine Cantu, 45, 249 Park St., No. 2, Twin Falls; one count driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$78.50 court costs; \$1,650 restitution to victim; 180 days in jail with 170 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; do not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; attend court alcohol school; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; one count leaving the scene of a damage accident; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Dean D. Jayo, 29, 2212 E. 4000 N., Filer; one count driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$78.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; do not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; attend court alcohol school; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; one count carrying a concealed weapon while under the influence; pleaded guilty; two days in jail; credit for one day served; two counts injury to a child; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Scott M. Hadlock, 32, 325 W. C. Jerome; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$78.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; do not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; obtain alcohol evaluation and comply with recommendations; five days' sheriff's work detail; one count driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$78.50 court costs; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; do not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; obtain alcohol evaluation and comply with recommendations; five days' sheriff's work detail; one count driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$78.50 court costs; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months' probation; five days' sheriff's work detail; one count possession of



drug paraphernalia with intent to use; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Charles J. Brumback.

Jay R. Reis, 26, 1813 San Larue, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$78.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; do not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; attend court alcohol school; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; attend court alcohol school; comply with recommendations of alcohol evaluation; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Gary Glen McClummonds, 21, 1516 Richmond Drive, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$78.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; do not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; attend court alcohol school; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Nathan Ross Swainston, 22, Countryview No. B3, Filer; driving under the influence; amended to inattentive/forceful driving; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

David W. Bolton, 762 Bolton, Twin Falls; child neglect; amended to driving offense by person owning/controlling vehicle; pleaded guilty; \$40 fine; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Robert Eugene Easter, 44, 561 Sparks, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; amended to fail to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; credit for 107 days in jail already served; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Nathaniel Glen Kish, 39, 3100 N. 2701 E., Twin Falls; one count resisting or obstructing an officer; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$78.50 court costs; waived credit for 30 days in jail already served; one count provide false information to an officer; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Christopher Richard Trumbo, 32, 437 Filer Ave., Twin Falls; carry concealed weapon without a permit; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 60 suspended; credit for 25 days served; 12 months'

probation; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Timothy Brian Littleton, 40, 2560 Spruce Ridge Circle, Twin Falls; domestic battery; amended to battery; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; eight hours' sheriff's work detail; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Craig E. M. Farnsworth, 21, 125 Fifth St. E., No. 6, Twin Falls; disorderly conduct; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; \$75 public defender fee; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

David Whitesides, 38, 1206 Ninth Ave. E., Twin Falls; domestic assault; amended to disturbing the peace; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 86 suspended; credit for four days served; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; take all prescribed medication; eight hours' sheriff's work detail; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

David Whitesides, 38, 1206 Ninth Ave. E., Twin Falls; one count obstructing an officer; found guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; credit for four days served; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; take all prescribed medication; eight hours' sheriff's work detail; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Martin C. Farlati, 24, 223 G St., Rupert; petit theft; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; restitution to victim; 30 days in jail with 25 suspended; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; 16 hours' sheriff's work detail; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Stephanie Lynn Amos, 28, 248 Second Ave. W., Twin Falls; one count possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; dismissed by prosecutor; one count failure to report child abuse or neglect; amended to child neglect; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; uncollectible; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 24 months' probation; do not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; comply with Child Protective Services case plan; Magistrate Judge Charles F. Brumback.

Willis Koepf, 21, 469 12 Vanburten, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; no contact fee; \$100 fine; \$76.50 court costs; credit for 14 days already served; 12 months'

Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Benjamin J. Arrington, 29, 830 Ash St., Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$78.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; eight hours' sheriff's work detail; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Joseph A. Provenza, 21, 606 Hankins Ave., Twin Falls; petit theft; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; \$75 public defender fee; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; obtain domestic violence evaluation; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Arnell H. Kollerker, 23, 516 James Ave., Twin Falls; domestic battery; found guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; restitution to victim; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; 16 hours' sheriff's work detail; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; obtain domestic violence evaluation; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

John K. Ledson, 37, 485 Sophomore, Twin Falls; domestic battery; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$78.50 court costs; \$75 public defender fee; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; 16 hours' sheriff's work detail; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; no contact with victim; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Stephanie Lynn Amos, 28, 248 Second Ave. W., Twin Falls; one count possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; dismissed by prosecutor; one count failure to report child abuse or neglect; amended to child neglect; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; uncollectible; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 24 months' probation; do not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; comply with Child Protective Services case plan; Magistrate Judge Charles F. Brumback.

Willis Koepf, 21, 469 12 Vanburten, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; no contact fee; \$100 fine; \$76.50 court costs; credit for 14 days already served; 12 months'

officer; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Deane Slegers, 28, 821 E. Ave. Eighth; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; 30 days in jail, credit for time served; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Deane Slegers, 28, 821 E. Ave. Eighth; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; 30 days in jail, credit for time served; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Cheryl L. Fonseca, 44, 303 Second Ave. W., Twin Falls; battery; amended to disturbing the peace; pleaded guilty; \$150 fine with \$150 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days in jail with 10 suspended; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; 16 hours' sheriff's work detail; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

John K. Ledson, 37, 485 Sophomore, Twin Falls; domestic battery; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$78.50 court costs; \$75 public defender fee; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; 16 hours' sheriff's work detail; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; no contact with victim; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Stephanie Lynn Amos, 28, 248 Second Ave. W., Twin Falls; one count possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; dismissed by prosecutor; one count failure to report child abuse or neglect; amended to child neglect; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; uncollectible; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 24 months' probation; do not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; comply with Child Protective Services case plan; Magistrate Judge Charles F. Brumback.

officer including anger management counseling; obtain alcohol evaluation and comply with recommendations; one count intentional destruction of telecommunication; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Dana E. Diaz, 25, 950 Madonna St. N., Apt. B, Twin Falls; two counts contempt of court; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; credit for 30 days in jail already served; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Nancy Lynn Livingston, 19, 1855 Osterloh, Twin Falls; one count driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; credit for two days served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months' probation; one count possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pleaded guilty; \$150 fine; 30 days in jail with 24 suspended; credit for six days served; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; obtain alcohol/drug evaluation and comply with recommendations; one count possession of a controlled substance; marijuana; dismissed by probation officer; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

Twin Falls; domestic battery; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; waived credit; for 15 days in jail already served; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Keith Eugene Dougherty II, 25, 269 Filer Ave., Twin Falls; battery; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; credit for 10 days in jail already served; one count providing false information to an officer; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyer.

Glenda J. Thorneck, 44, 801 126th Ave. N., Buhl; one count petit theft and one count injury to a child; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Charles F. Brumback.

Ronald D. Quinn, 49, 530 Lake Lakes, Twin Falls; unlawful entry; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Charles F. Brumback.

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“Some nights, you’d love to reach inside the TV screen and strangle some of the people who work for you.”

— NHL operations chief
Colin Campbell on
inconvenient officiating

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
How many Lakers have been named the NBA’s most valuable player?

...answer below

TODAY’S SCHEDULE

High school girls basketball
Class 2A District Four Tournament
Glenns Ferry at Wendell, 7:30 p.m.
Northside Conference Tournament, at Shoshone HS
Richfield vs. Comm. School, 6 p.m., loser-out
Dietrich vs. Shoshone, 7:30 p.m., championship
Magic Valley Conference Tournament, at Murtaugh HS
Hansen vs. Raft River, 6 p.m., loser-out
Castelford vs. Hagerman, 7:30 p.m., loser-out

IN BRIEF

Wooden ball will be auctioned Tuesday

JEROME—The Lady Tigers will be auctioning off an autographed basketball by 10-time NCAA winner UCLA Coach John Wooden along with an autographed basketball signed by the Lady Tigers. The auction will take place during halftime at the regional girls basketball game between Jerome and Burley. The game starts at 7 pm Tuesday.

Els wins third 2003 PGA title at Heineken

MELBOURNE, Australia — Ernie Els won the Heineken Classic on Sunday for his third win of the year and fourth in five tournaments, shooting a 7-under 66 for a one-stroke win over Nick Faldo and Peter Lonard.

Els successfully defended his title at historic Royal Melbourne for his 10th worldwide victory in 13.5 months, winning when Lonard missed a 9-foot par putt on the difficult closing hole.

The 45-year-old Faldo, winless since the PGA Tour’s 1997 Nissan Open, finished with a par for a 69, while Lonard settled for a 68 after his closing bogey.

Weir stays steady to clinch Hope Classic

LA QUINTA, Calif. — Mike Weir, who stayed steady down the stretch while Jay Haas and Tim Herron shot themselves into trouble, won the Bob Hope Classic on Sunday.

Weir shot a closing Sunday par 67 to finish at 30-under 330 and two strokes in front of Haas, who was tied for the lead until he hit into the water in front of the 18th green. It was the second year in a row Haas, the 1998 Hope champion, held the lead only to lose it late in the final round, this time despite shooting a 69.

Herron, four shots ahead of Weir and Haas heading into the final round of the five-day tournament, struggled to a 75 that included a quadruple bogey on No. 16. He finished tied for third at 25 under with Chris DiMarco, who shot 70. The win by Weir, a native of Sarnia, Ontario, marks the sixth straight tour event won by a foreigner.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Three: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (1975-76, 76-77, 79-80), Magic Johnson (’86-87, ’88-89, ’89-90) and Shaquille O’Neal (1999-2000).

Clear favorites emerge for hoops postseason

The Times-News

Don’t look here for upsets. In the four classifications of girls basketball that start playoffs this week, three of them have certifiably, undeniably big-time favorites. In Class 2A, which tips off tonight when No. 2 Wendell hosts Glenns Ferry, the Valley Vikings are the overwhelming favorite to bring home the title and state berth for another year. Valley has a first-round bye and will face the winner of the Wendell-Glenns Ferry matchup.

The other three tournaments get under way Tuesday. In Class 5A pre-tournament

favorite Twin Falls has a bye in the first round along with Skyline. Pocatello hosts Minico in Tuesday and Highland welcomes Idaho Falls.

But the surest bet may be Jerome, which hosts Burley Tuesday. Second-seeded Century has the bye in the three-team Class 4A Great Basin Conference tournament.

Finally, the wide-open Class 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference tournament. No. 1 Filer, No. 2 Declo and No. 3 Wood River could all easily walk away with the title and Buhl is a strong darkhorse. The Class 1A tournaments resume today.

Girls basketball

Region Three Tuesday	Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Tuesday
No. 2 Pocatello (11-7, 4-2) hosts No. 4 Minico (3-17, 1-5), 7:30 p.m.	No. 1 Filer (12-6, 8-2) hosts No. 5 Kimberly (2-17, 0-10), 7:30 p.m.
No. 3 Highland (7-13, 2-4) hosts No. 2 Idaho Falls (1-19, 0-2), 7:30 p.m.	No. 2 Declo (12-6, 7-3) hosts No. 5 Gooding (4-16, 2-8), 7:30 p.m.
No. 1 Skyline (8-12, 2-0) bye	No. 3 Wood River (15-5, 7-3) hosts No. 4 Buhl (11-7, 6-4), 7:30 p.m.
No. 1 Twin Falls (15-5, 5-1) bye	
Great Basin Conference Tuesday	Canyon Conference Monday
No. 1 Jerome (18-2, 4-0) hosts No. 3 Burley (4-14, 0-4), 7 p.m.	No. 2 Wendell (4-14, 1-3) hosts No. 3 Glenns Ferry (6-9, 1-3), 7:30 p.m.
No. 2 Century (10-10, 2-2) bye	No. 1 Valley (17-3, 4-0) bye

Williams rumbles at Pro Bowl West

Miami Dolphins standouts scores twice, forces a fumble

The Associated Press

HONOLULU — Ricky Williams’ first trip to the Pro Bowl was worth the wait.

The Miami Dolphins’ star running back rushed for 56 yards, scored two touchdowns and forced a fumble on special teams to earn the MVP award in the AFC’s 45-20 victory over the NFC on Sunday.

The AFC had six interceptions while beating the NFC for its sixth victory in the last seven Pro Bowls.

Starting quarterback Rich Gannon, the MVP of the regular season and the previous two Pro Bowls, went 12-for-18 for 102 yards and two TDs as the NFL wrapped up its season with another high-scoring, entertaining all-star game.

Williams, who led the NFL in rushing after three tough seasons in New Orleans, also caught three passes as the AFC jumped to a 28-6 halftime lead and eliminated the tension — already minor at best — from this good-natured exhibition.

“What’s fun is how laid-back everything is,” Williams said. “It’s always great to get in the end zone, but it’s especially great to do it against the best players in the world with millions of people watching.”

The AFC nearly broke the Pro Bowl record of 51 points set by the NFC in 2000. But Buffalo’s Eric Moulds was ruled out of bounds in the end zone with 1:24 left after a 36-yard pass from Indianapolis’ Peyton Manning.

A sellout crowd at Aloha Stadium enjoyed another blowout victory for the AFC, which has dominated the matchup in recent years. Each of the AFC’s players earned \$30,000 for the win, with the NFC’s stars receiving \$15,000 apiece.

Neither team took the annual Super Bowl event too seriously, however. Buffalo guard



Miami Dolphins running back Ricky Williams is pursued by NFL defenders during the first quarter of the AFC-NFC Pro Bowl Sunday in Hawaii. The AFC won 45-20.

Ruben Brown took a camera onto the field during pregame warmups, snapping pictures of himself joking around with players on both teams.

Williams got the AFC off to a fast start. After Miami teammate Jason Taylor intercepted Jeff Garcia’s pass near midfield on the opening possession, Williams broke an 18-yard run on the AFC’s first offensive play before scoring easily three plays later.

In the second quarter, Williams even forced a fumble while playing on the kickoff coverage team. Williams also scored with 47 seconds left in the first half to give a 28-6 lead to the AFC — though he ran the wrong direction on the play before simply bowling over Washington’s Champ Bailey.

Garcia, making his first Pro Bowl start, threw three interceptions in the first 17 minutes. Donovan McNabb wasn’t much

better for the NFC, and New England’s Ty Law returned one of Buccaneers QB Brad Johnson’s passes for a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Philadelphia’s David Akers set a Pro Bowl record by kicking a 53-yard field goal against a strong crosswind in the second quarter. Morten Andersen held the previous record with a 51-yarder that was matched by Jason Hanson in 2000.

RICKY CLEMONS

Clemons has troubling past

By Vahe Gregorian
and Jeremy Kohler
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

COLUMBIA, Mo. — At one of at least six high schools that University of Missouri junior guard Ricky Clemons is known to have attended, a woman answered the phone, considered his name and signed.

“What,” she asked, “did he do now?”

Such apprehensive expectations are common from his past but are just part of the composite picture of Clemons, who is playing for the Missouri basketball team as he awaits arraignment Feb. 11 on a felony charge he choked a woman.

Clemons, Missouri’s second-leading scorer, has denied the allegation. He was suspended for one game but was reinstated after a 20-point loss to Oklahoma State, leaving to speculation whether Missouri’s motives were in the best interests of Clemons or of the program.

The subsequent revelation of a charge he choked and struck



Ricky Clemons goes up for a slam dunk on November 10, 2001.

Mizzou coach likes player’s character

By Jeremy Kohler and Bill Coats
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Quin Snyder liked what he saw in Ricky Clemons.

Snyder, the University of Missouri men’s basketball coach, said he didn’t have to know all the particulars of Clemons’ background to know he was the type of person he wanted in his program.

“That’s why it’s better to try to really get to know a young man and dig down deep and get to know his character and make a judgment that way,” Snyder said in a recent interview.

Snyder and his assistants say they didn’t know Clemons had been arrested in Twin Falls in July 2001, on allegations that he assaulted a female student, even though the arrest occurred just a few months before they started recruiting him. Although charges were filed, Clemons was not prosecuted in the case and he denies the assault allegation.

Snyder said he doesn’t do criminal background checks on any of his recruits. He said he wishes he had learned about Clemons’ arrest before bringing him to Missouri. But the coach, who said he previously has backed off recruits whom he felt weren’t right for his program, said he didn’t know whether he would have walked away from Clemons had he known about the arrest.

Snyder said he’s interested in players who can turn around their fortunes, too.

“If you feel that they can have success and the kid’s had a tough life, that’s where you get a success story,” Snyder said.

Snyder said he did know about Clemons’ often-interrupted high school education and said Clemons “obviously” had earned his GED and had met Missouri’s educational requirements for admittance as a transfer. Officials at the College of Southern Idaho have said Clemons left there abruptly in March and planned to

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SPORTS

Timberwolves claw past Sixers



Philadelphia 76er guard Allen Iverson makes a pass around Minnesota defender Kendall Gill, left, and Kevin Garnett during the fourth quarter Sunday in the Sixers 99-91 loss to the Timberwolves.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Kevin Garnett had 30 points and 17 rebounds as the short-handed Minnesota Timberwolves won their eighth straight home game, 99-91 over the Philadelphia 76ers on Sunday.

Marc Jackson had 14 points and Gary Trent made all six shots he took for 12 points to offset the absence of Joe Smith, who sprained his ankle Friday and will miss at least three weeks. The Wolves dressed only 10 players, with Rod Strickland on the bench due to a strained groin.

Allen Iverson had 21 points on 7-for-23 shooting for the 76ers.

Rockets 105, Kings 89

HOUSTON — Eddie Griffin scored 22 points and Steve Francis and Cuttino Mobley each had 21 as Houston got out to the lead early and held off Sacramento.

Yao Ming added 18 points and 10 rebounds for his team-leading 15th double-double of the season. Peja Stojakovic led the Kings with 31 points.

Houston took an early 13-2 lead as the Kings missed eight of their first nine shots from the field.

Blazers 114, Cavaliers 95

CLEVELAND — Rasheed Wallace scored 14 of his 29 points in the first 10 minutes to lead Portland past Cleveland.

Wallace, in his second game back after a seven-game suspension

for confronting a referee, shot 13 of 13 from the field in 22 minutes as Portland won for the seventh time in eight games.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored 20 points to lead Cleveland, which lost for the ninth time in 10 games and dropped to 1-5 under coach Keith Smart.

Raptors 100, Clippers 86

TORONTO — Voshon Lenard scored 23 of his season-high 30 points in the second half to lead Toronto over the Los Angeles Clippers.

Vince Carter added 14 points in 25 minutes for the Raptors, winners of two straight and three of four since the All-Star forward returned after missing 23 games with a strained right knee.

Lenard scored 11 straight points to give Toronto a 66-62 lead late in the third quarter and tie a franchise record by scoring 30 points in a reserve role.

Hawks 97, Magic 89

ATLANTA — Shareef Abdur-Rahim scored 23 points and Dion Glover added 22 as Atlanta overcame a 38-point performance by Tracy McGrady to beat Orlando.

McGrady broke the team record he set earlier this season with his eighth straight game of at least 30 points, but the NBA's leading scorer missed his last three shots after his 3-point cut Atlanta's lead to 82-76 with 4:44 remaining.

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and the competitive juices got flowing," the West's Al MacInnis said.

Heatley, a 22-year-old overshadowed at times on his own Atlanta Thrashers team by Ilya Kovalchuk, matched Gretzky (1993), Lemieux (1990), Vincent Damphousse (1991) and Mike Gartner (1993) as the only play-

ers in the All-Star game's 53-year history with four goals.

Heatley was the youngest at 22 years and 13 days, or one day younger than Gretzky was in '89.

By taking away Heatley's shootout goal, the NHL also prevented him from matching Lemieux's 1988 record of 414 points in a game. He garnered an assist in the third period.

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finish his coursework via the Internet and correspondence.

"Never brought that up"

One assistant coach from a major college basketball program who spoke on the condition of anonymity confirmed his program dropped out of contention for Clemons after learning about the allegation.

But Snyder said that on several visits and phone calls to the coach and his assistants never asked coaches there whether Clemons had been in trouble.

CSI's coaches, interviewed last week, they didn't bring it up, either, he said.

"I'm sure if they did a background check, they would have known," CSI head coach Guy Beach said.

Beach claimed in an interview last week that he himself didn't learn about the incident until after Clemons left the college in March, and thus couldn't have

told Mizouo coaches.

But an article in *The Times-News* in November 2001 quotes Beach talking about how he and Clemons had dealt with the allegation.

"He's never brought that up and I haven't brought it up with him either," Beach said.

Beach also made eye call from a Mizouo coach, however. This one occurred about two weeks ago, on Jan. 18, the day after Clemons' arrest on second-degree assault charges in Columbia.

Mizouo assistant coach Lane Odom called each CSI coach individually, Beach said.

"He called to say, 'Just so you're aware, this is going to be on ESPN,'" Beach said. "Just so you know."

"It was about a one-minute call because he knows we coached Ricky, and we had been talking to Ricky through the season (at Mizouo). He'd been doing really well. We stay in touch with most of the coaches who recruit our kids."

Clemons

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another woman in July 2001 in Twin Falls while playing for the College of Southern Idaho further nudged Clemons into a spotlight of personal scrutiny he has avoided most of his description-fying life. The 2001 charge was not prosecuted because the woman didn't respond to a request to testify.

The events have left Clemons stigmatized in the eyes of many — at least for now — and render his future nearly as blurry as his past, a past seemingly built on a foundation of quicksand, with scant evidence of family support, structure or love.

No previous violence

Friends and even a number of one-time girlfriends say they perceive the accusations as out of character and are skeptical of the allegations. Even those who had seen him expelled from their schools or had him banned from their teams said violence hadn't been an issue with Clemons.

He might have been unfocused, mischievous, selfish with the basketball and even antisocial, they say, but he wasn't in fights or trouble with police.

"(Assault) is totally outside his personality," said Rod Green, an accountant in Raleigh, N.C., whom Clemons considers a big brother.

In Clemons, they saw someone not to be scorned but someone to be, somehow, at once pitied and admired. While lamenting his neglected and nomadic existence, many marveled at his mere survival in a world where treachery evidently was all he could expect. But it's a confounding task to sift hearsay from fact and separate truth from myth about Enique Eugene "Ricky" Clemons, 22, who said Friday he was "not allowed" to comment for this story. Only traces of his life are as transparent as they appear, and nearly every assertion about him must be qualified or quantified specifically. Where has he lived? What is his family life? What are his interests besides basketball? Even the most basic elements of his life are shrouded.

Virtually only one detail is indisputable: Basketball, Bonner Academy coach Marvin Klutz said, is his "salvation."

What his existence consists of, though, is almost untraceable through the haze that hovers over his turbulent life — a life it seems small wonder he has attempted to keep as private as possible.

Clemons' profile in the Mizouo media guide lists no parents or date of birth, common information for every other Tiger. It does state that he led the nation in scoring, "at better than 35 points a game," at Bonner.

Missouri spokesman Chad Moller couldn't recall from where the information came, but he didn't believe Clemons was the source.

Yet Clemons apparently has generated some misinformation about himself.

In a 2001 interview with *The Times-News*, Clemons went into vivid detail about playing in

Alaska when he was at Oak Hill (Va.) Academy.

"It was snowing, cold and dark," Clemons said then. "We were driving, and we saw this 8-foot moose just walking around."

But Clemons never went to Alaska with Oak Hill Academy, said Lisa Smith, the wife of coach Steve Smith. He was enrolled there only for a 1997 summer session before deciding to leave.

"He never put on an Oak Hill uniform," she said.

Then there is the matter of Clemons' mother. Missouri basketball coaches are under the impression she is dead, and Clemons once told *The Times-News* she had been killed by a drunk driver when he was 7.

Yet multiple sources say they believe his mother is alive but no longer in his life for reasons that are unclear. Her name also is uncertain.

Clemons evidently never knew his father, and he at one point evidently moved in with his grandmother but rarely stayed with her. Clemons in the past has identified her as Rosie Redfern, who did not return phone messages for this story.

Her home was in Concord, N.C., near Charlotte, where Clemons spent most of his youth. That neighborhood, known as the Bottoms, was considered drug-infested and dangerous.

Regardless of what active family Clemons did or did not have, those who know him say in his teens he slept, among other places, in the homes of coaches, a dorm at a local college, in an orphanage and in an abandoned building.

In between being expelled from Charlotte Christian midway through the 1997-98 school year and enrolling at Bonner in the summer of 1999, Green said, Clemons was out of school altogether and essentially homeless.

Such circumstances help to explain why some fret for Clemons, who they believe is vulnerable and fragile, particularly after overcoming much and appearing at last to have gained positive momentum in his life. Making a commitment to attend Missouri, Reed said, was the happiest day of Clemons' life.

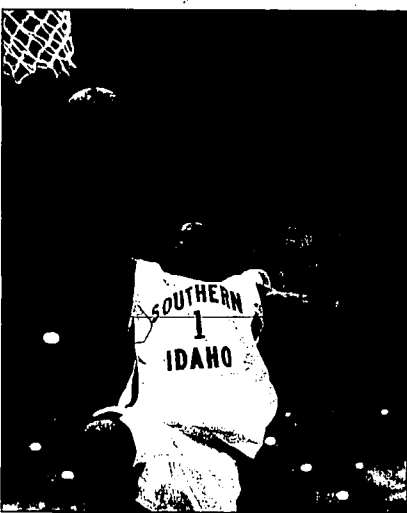
South Carolina coach Dave Odom recruited Clemons when Odom was at Wake Forest and continued to recruit him after Clemons failed to qualify academically and went to the College of Southern Idaho.

CSI does not require a high school transcript or GED and would not discuss Clemons' academic record.

Negative entry

In the summer of 2000, Southern Idaho assistant coach Jay Cripe said he heard reports of a wunderkind lighting-up an elite summer league in Raleigh that was popular with established college and pro players. Clemons was not just playing with the best; he was said to be dominating them — slashing, dunking, scoring at will.

Clemons soon was in Twin Falls. Like several of his teammates, he was a novelty in a town with a black population of 0.2



Former College of Southern Idaho standout Ricky Clemons goes up for a lay up on March 10, 2001.

The college embraced Clemons, recalled Tony Mannen, a professor in the college's fine arts department.

Clemons was receptive, Mannen said, but he said Clemons soon seemed angry and began accusing people of racism.

We would talk about the Underground Railroad, for instance, and he would say that was racist," Mannen said. "The 'black market' became racist for him because he didn't know what he was talking about. It got to the point where some of the people in class literally would move away from him because of the negative energy coming from him."

Allegation of assault

On July 1, 2001, Twin Falls Police Officer Ken Rivers was dispatched to Eagle Hall, the dorm where Clemons lived. He encountered Sonymar Santana, 19, sitting in the stairwell with friends. According to Rivers' police report, Santana told him she'd caught Clemons talking to another girl in his room, and said she'd told him "this was the last time." She said Clemons followed her to her room, where they quarreled.

Santana told Rivers that Clemons demanded she return gifts he'd given her. Then, she said, he struck her on the left side of the face, held her down on the bed and choked her. Rivers noted a red mark on the left side of Santana's face and bruises around her neck.

Rivers interviewed Clemons, who acknowledged he had gone to Santana's room. He said she struck him with a picture frame. Santana told Rivers it was in self defense. Clemons was booked on

a charge of aggravated battery, an allegation he denies.

A separate investigation by the college determined both Santana and Clemons were at fault, said Graydon Stanley, the college's director of student information and activities.

The 6-foot Santana was a star for the Golden Eagles volleyball team. Ben Stroud, the team's coach, said he had doggedly recruited Santana from Garburo, Puerto Rico. With Santana as a cornerstone, the team had won the national championship in 2000 and was preparing to defend it.

Santana, who now plays for the professional San Juan (Puerto Rico) Chicas, did not respond to several requests for an interview. Stroud said Santana called him that night, crying and afraid. Could she spend the night with his family? He picked her up and telephoned her father, Sonny, in Garburo. The father was furious and demanded his daughter return home because he was worried about her safety.

Stroud said he tried to persuade Santana to stay in Twin Falls. But she left within a week.

Twin Falls city attorney Fritz Wonderlich said the county prosecuting attorney declined to file felony charges, and the case was given to him for review. He determined there was enough evidence to prosecute Clemons for misdemeanor battery.

But Santana failed to answer a July 17 letter seeking her promise to appear as a witness, Wonderlich said, and no charges were ever filed. Idaho has a one-year statute of limitations to pursue misdemeanor prosecutions.

Through it might appear Santana ignores Wonderlich's letter in an effort to put the incident behind her, it's likely the

letter never reached her.

The police report identified her as "Sandra Reyes," and her address as 315 Falls Avenue — the college's address. The wrong last name apparently was arrived at through an oft-misunderstood feature of Hispanic culture: Santana signed her statement as Sonymar Santana Reyes. The middle name is her surname; the last name is her mother's maiden name.

Unaware of the misunderstanding, Wonderlich wrote to a Sonya Reyes at CSI.

"We would have assumed she received it and wasn't interested" in following up, said Jackie Wakefield, the assistant city attorney in Twin Falls.

Details of the arrest were published in *The Times-News* on Aug. 16, and a buzz went through town.

Meanwhile, Clemons led a powerful team that appeared to be one of the nation's best. Tensions rose early between him and the team's other star guard, Tony Bobbitt, now a junior guard with the University of Cincinnati. During practice in September, Cyriac said, Bobbitt punched Clemons.

Bobbitt, contacted by phone last week, declined to comment on whether he had fought Clemons, who was his roommate for a time.

"He was a good basketball player. If you ask me," Bobbitt said. "But certain things that he brought on the court ... he should have left off the court."

The team had been without a head coach for more than two weeks after Derek Zeck abruptly left that summer. Guy Beach, an associate coach at University of Texas at El Paso, was hired Aug. 28, about eight weeks after Clemons' arrest.

The Golden Eagles rolled into the regional championship semifinals with six consecutive wins and a record of 26-5. Beach guaranteed a victory over lower-seeded Snow College (Utah) on March 8 and a trip to the National Junior College Athletic Association tournament in Hutchinson, Kan. But the Golden Eagles lost, ending their season.

Clemons left the campus a week later citing "personal reasons." The president, Jerry Meyerhoeffer told the local media at the time that Clemons would finish his coursework on the Internet and via correspondence.

"He wanted to get out of here," said Jeff Duggan, athletics director and vice president. "He left abruptly. I know that."

Meyerhoeffer wouldn't say why Clemons left, but said: "He was, as you know, troubled."

Trouble in Missouri

Clemons arrived at Missouri in June, rented an apartment about two miles south of campus and latched on to Snyder, a former point guard for Duke. Snyder told the Post-Dispatch on Jan. 7 that he'd developed "a special relationship" with his young disciple.

Snyder frequently praised Clemons' development, saying his goal was to mold him into a selfless guard who runs the

offense and plays tight defense, rather than simply putting up points. But Clemons does that, too, until recently, he led the team in scoring. (Arthur Johnson led with 16.9 points per game before Saturday's game against Colorado.)

Clemons soon began to date Jessica Bunge, a 20-year-old woman from Mt. Clair, Mo. Clemons, interviewed on Jan. 22, said he met Bunge through a friend and wanted to help her with a problem he would not specify. She would often pick him up from practice, and the couple would stay at each other's apartments.

Columbia police said Bunge appeared at the city police station Jan. 17 to report that Clemons choked her in his apartment when she refused to watch a DVD of "Roots." She also detailed previous incidents in which he attacked her.

Clemons was arrested on a felony charge of second-degree domestic assault. He was held briefly in the Boone County Jail but posted bond and was released Jan. 17.

Missouri athletics director Mike Alden, citing the student conduct code, suspended Clemons, and the team lost 76-56 at Oklahoma State on Jan. 18. Clemons was reinstated after a closed-door meeting with Snyder, Clemons and others. With Clemons back on the court, Mizouo bounced back to defeat Iowa State.

In an interview with the Post-Dispatch on Jan. 22, Clemons denied Bunge's accusation and said that he was angry because she was upset that he didn't want to be her boyfriend.

Bunge has declined to be interviewed.

"Best time of my life"

In the Jan. 22 interview with the Post-Dispatch, Clemons responded to the pending allegation with one seemingly stray thought:

"People don't really know me ... People don't know my life."

His life, of course, is basketball. Perhaps that's not ideal, but consider the alternative: Where would he be without it?

If the game has at times drawn negative forces into his life, there have been would-be saviors, too. Now he sees the Missouri coaching staff as his family, calling Snyder "family" and knowing he has in his grasp the best opportunity of his life. "I'm playing on national TV, I'm at Missouri, I'm having the best time of my life," Clemons recently told former high school coach Sheldene Riker. "Why would I put my hands on a female?"

Whether he did remain in contention. But while Reed says he's certain Clemons didn't, Klutz perhaps is more objective when he says, "I just pray that he didn't do it." Klutz knows, too, that however excruciating Clemons' past has been, his future is up to him. Whoever may be trying to help, in that sense, Clemons is on his own again.

"Everybody knows," Klutz said, "that you don't get but so many chances."

SPORTS

Basketball is friend, foe to player with OCD

WAUKESHA, Wis. (AP) — Basketball is more than a game to Julian Swartz.

It's a tightrope that both protects and torments the 22-year-old sophomore who has battled obsession, compulsion, panic and depression since childhood.

Swartz is on his third comeback attempt after taking a sabbatical from the sport following Wisconsin's trip to the Final Four in 2000.

The other two comebacks almost failed him.

He left school and enrolled in a psychiatric program after he tried to commit suicide twice in one year upon his return to the Badgers in 2001.

Last fall, he gave hoops another try at Wisconsin-Green Bay, but that comeback also ended in the emergency room.

Doctors told him he was lucky to be alive after an overdose of antidepressants.

He quit taking his medication for obsessive-compulsive disorder and he swore off basketball, which had so richly blessed yet so deeply burdened Swartz since he bounced his first ball with the natural talent befitting a former college player's son.

Wisconsin-Green Bay coach Ted Kowalczyk made Swartz a student assistant coach.

But because they were short on bod-

ies, especially big bodies, the 6-foot-7 forward spent six weeks practicing with his former teammates.

And the call of the hardwood simply proved too great for the 1999 Wisconsin high school player of the year.

He moved back home with his parents in Waukesha so he could play at Carroll College, a Division III school just down the road.

The only place he felt he could safely do that was back home, sheltered by his family and friends and steered by his faith in God and basketball.

Swartz, still struggling to understand himself, said.

"It doesn't matter what level it comes trapped in a cycle of repeti-

tive thoughts and behavior that they might realize are irrational but which they find difficult to curb.

He swears he wasn't trying to kill himself when he swallowed two bottles of pills last fall.

"I couldn't bring myself to go to a morning workout and I just felt like I needed to do something, you know?" Swartz said, still struggling to understand himself.

Swartz's goals are more immediate: Get through today, then tonight, then tomorrow.

"As long as I play the game of basketball it's going to be difficult," he said. "It doesn't matter what level it doesn't matter where."

SCORES AND STATS

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Davenport overpowers Siles in Pan Pacific final

TOKYO — Lindsay Davenport won her first title since seriously injuring her right knee in November 2001, overpowering Monica Siles 6-7 (6-1), 6-2 on Sunday in the Pan Pacific Open.

"I haven't played much in the past year," said Davenport, the former No. 1 who is 10th in the current rankings. "I have a good opportunity over the next few months and my ranking can only go up. I hope to be in the top 10 by Wimbledon."

The three-time major champion spent nine weeks on crutches after surgery early last year, then endured rehabilitation that included daily eight-hour sessions on a machine that repeatedly bent and straightened her knee.

One of the few players with the power to challenge Serena and Venus Williams, the 6-foot-2 Davenport relied on a booming serve and solid groundstrokes to beat the top-seeded Siles in 1 hour, 43 minutes.

After dropping the first set in a tiebreaker, Davenport jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the second set and then reeled off three straight aces to seal it out.

Davenport, seeded third, broke Siles three times in the final set before closing out the match with an ace, her 16th of the day at Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium.

Davenport played the doubles final later Sunday, teaming with Lisa Raymond in a 6-3, 6-4 loss to Russia's Elena Bovina and Australia's Rennae Stubbs.

Milan, the 24-year-old Dutchman said.

Verkerk earned a year-end No. 86 ranking last year after reaching his first quarterfinal in Indianapolis.

Kafelnikov is coming off vein surgery in his left calf in December and an early elimination at the Australian Open last month.

Verkerk broke Kafelnikov in the seventh game of the first set. The Russian won the second set, playing some excellent shots and making a decisive volley to break Verkerk at 6-5.

Boise St. edges Southern Methodist in OT

DALLAS — Bryan Defares scored 27 points and Boise State went on a 5-0 run with 2:56 left in overtime to beat Southern Methodist 88-85 on Saturday night.

Boise State (10-9, 4-5 WAC) led 75-67 with 1:18 left in regulation. But the Mustangs (10-9, 5-4) battled back to tie the score at 80 and send the game to OT on Kris Lowe's put-back as the horns sounded.

C.J. Williams added 24 points for Boise State, and Aaron Haynes had 22 points and 12 rebounds apiece.

Bryan Hopkins led SMU with 26 points, and Quinton Ross added 25. Ross, Eric Castro and Patrick Simpson had seven rebounds apiece.

Utah St. holds off UI Vandals, 60-56

MOSCOW — Desmond Penigar had 26 points as Utah State held off the Vandals 60-56 Saturday night to remain in first place in the Big West Conference.

The Aggies (16-4, 7-2 Big West) won their fourth straight game of their last seven while beating Idaho 8-10 for the ninth consecutive time.

Penigar had 17 second-half points and finished 10-of-16 from the field. He also tied Idaho's Rashad Powell with a game-high eight rebounds.

Idaho's Tyrone Hayes had a team-high 20 points on 7-of-10 shooting and 6-of-6 from free throws but committed a team-high five turnovers.

But Penigar hit a short jumper with 33 seconds left and after Idaho's Dwayne Williams missed the front end of a one-and-one, Penigar sank two free throws with 21 seconds to go to seal the win.

Idaho St. downs Portland St. with late free throw

POCATELLO — Marquis Poole made a free throw with 5 seconds left and Idaho State held on for a 58-57 win over Portland State on Saturday night.

Idaho State (11-8 overall, 4-2 Big Sky) missed nine of its final 14 shots, including three in the first half, but Poole's free throw was fouled just before the end of regulation.

But he was good on the second and the Bengals got the win. Poole's free throw was fouled just before the end of regulation.

Ray Munyug led the Bengals with 20 points. Jeremy Brown scored 12 and Marquis Poole added 11 with 11 points for Idaho State.

Quigley wins MasterCard Championship

KAUPULEHU, KONA, Hawaii — Dana Quigley looked as if he was in midseason form. Playing everyday does that for a guy.

Quigley, the iron man of the Champions Tour, birdied two of the last three holes for a 5-under par 67 Sunday and won the season-opening MasterCard Championship.

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OTHER VIEWS

Saddam has played the world long enough

Dallas Morning News

Simple. Moral. Persuasive. President Bush was all three Tuesday night in describing the compelling urgency to dismantle Saddam Hussein's regime. Anthrax. Chemical weapons. Butchery. Saddam Hussein uses each as a way to intimidate and make his neighborhood and the world.

The president made that point clearly to his countrymen — and to the world. American morality usually does not go down well with European allies. But the president presented the French and Germans a question: If the actions of Saddam Hussein are not evil, then what does evil mean? The answer should be very clear.

Doubters at home and abroad also should remember the United States already is at war. It began on Sept. 11, 2001. Before then, the United States could afford to contain Saddam Hussein. But the world changed that day. Terror networks no longer are simply contained. And that includes those with tentacles that reach into Iraq and back out again.

European skeptics and others now have until Feb. 5 to explain why the standards of the United Nations should not be defended. The administration will go once again that day to the United Nations to show Saddam's evil.

Secretary of State Colin Powell better have pictures, details, specifics and his new intelligence. Regardless, Saddam Hussein continues to

tease the world. The world should not let itself be mocked. If he won't disarm himself, then the United States and a coalition of the willing should do it for him. President Bush was right to make that point clear and firm.

As well as Bush made his case for a disciplined, moral response to Saddam Hussein, he made a lesser case for his \$674 billion economic plan. That was the other part of his address, and he made the case here less convincingly.

Yes, Bush updated his vision of compassionate conservatism with a admirable pledges of support to fight AIDS in Africa and save Medicare. But he was not convincing about the reasons for a whopping tax cut. The president's idea of eliminating the double taxation of dividends may be sound tax policy, but is less compelling as an economic stimulant.

Their view: This guest editorial from the Dallas Morning News says President Bush made a solid case for the U.S. and its allies to knock out Saddam Hussein. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Democrats have a better plan: give every taxpayer \$300. The cash could directly stimulate the economy. And the Democrats' \$140 billion tax cut does less harm to the deficit, which remains on Americans' worry list.

The night was not about economics, however. It was about keeping the world safe. Everyone knew that. And President Bush made that case. The United States and its allies will disarm Saddam Hussein if he doesn't disarm himself. The butcher has played around with us long enough.

Move over old Europe, here comes the new

The French finance minister was "profoundly vexed." The German foreign minister called on everyone to "cool down." When asked, the French environment minister said, "If you knew what I felt like telling Mr. Rumsfeld..." but refused to go on, saying that the words she wished to use were too offensive.

ANNE APPLEBAUM

"Old Europe Kicks Back" is how the headline in the French newspaper Liberation summed up the reaction to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's comments about European support for U.S. policy in Iraq. "You're thinking of Europe as Germany and France," he told reporters last week. "I don't. I think that's old Europe."

Old Europe, if Rumsfeld had been deliberately searching for a way to simultaneously irritate the leadership of Europe's two largest countries, expose their deepest national insecurities and undermine the entire European Union political project, which has long revolved around a "Franco-German axis," he couldn't have found a better way to put it. (He was also, as it happens, correct, possibly more correct than he knows. Although all concerned vociferously deny it, Europe is indeed beginning to divide — slowly, unevenly but perceptibly — into two very distinct camps.)

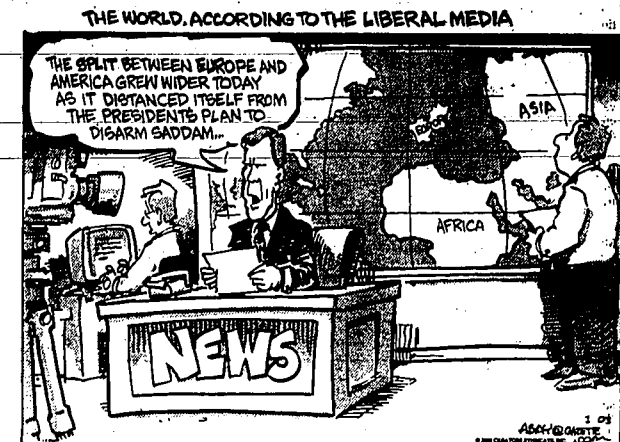
Certainly this is true where European attitudes on Iraq are concerned. On the one hand, France and Germany, both now on the Security Council, want to let the U.N. weapons inspectors continue, seemingly indefinitely, seemingly regardless of how much Iraq does or does not cooperate. On the other hand, Britain and Spain — also on the Security Council this year — are just about as fed up with the whole thing as Rumsfeld. The Spanish government has already offered to let the United States use its bases in case of war. The British have offered to send more than 30,000 troops, an enormous proportion of the British army.

Big sport utility vehicles are guzzling taxpayers' money

As I recall, one of the more clamorous orations George W. Bush received during his State of the Union speech came when he proposed that the government invest in developing a hydrogen-powered car. This dream car, the president said, would run not on gasoline, but on water. There would be no dirty, smelly exhaust fumes, no dependence on that iffy Saudi and Iraqi oil, and 18 years from now we could have pollution-free cars on the road.

I have no idea if such a car has any chance of becoming a reality, or if this is a fantastic Detroit version of the missile defense shield. But as the president intimated us with visions of an environmentally and politically correct car, another proposal was feeding the trend toward huge gas-guzzlers that pollute the air and kill people by rolling over.

I'm talking about the light-truck tax deduction. In the 1980s, the federal tax law started allowing small business owners and self-employed people to take a partial tax deduction if they



Add the Italians (who are offering military support) and Eastern Europe (the Poles and Czechs have agreed to provide material support; the Hungarians have let Iraqi opposition groups train on their territory) and a clearer definition of "New Europe" begins to emerge. Britain, Italy, Spain, Poland, Hungary, Denmark, the Czech Republic: Perhaps not coincidentally, these are all countries that have recently undergone (or are undergoing) economic liberalization, privatization and labor-market reforms that have brought their economies at least marginally closer to ours. These are also countries that have, over the years, felt resentful of French and especially German domination of the European continent.

It's hardly surprising that this group of countries should feel broadly more sympathetic to the United States — the only power large enough to balance Germany — or that they should

reveal their sympathy in ways other than support for U.S. policy in Iraq. Just last week, Spain arrested 16 suspected members of al-Qaida. Italian police rounded up five others, while a further seven were arrested in London. French and German police have helped to put the attitude of their politicians isn't always so helpful. At one point, Germany's justice minister actually refused to hand over evidence incriminating Zacarias Moussoui, the al-Qaida operative, on the grounds that it might be used to invoke the death penalty in his case.

But perhaps it isn't surprising that Germany and France have chosen this particular historical moment to demonstrate their unity either. In 1952, when the precursor to the European Union contained six countries, Germany and France did indeed dominate European politics. By 2004, when the latest round of enlargement is complete, the EU will contain 25 countries. Eastern European members will jointly have more

delegates to the European Parliament than Germany. Britain, Spain, Italy and Poland will easily outvote Germany and France in the weighted voting system of the European Council. Sometimes, strident language is a sign of waning influence, not growing strength.

I don't want to exaggerate the depth of the differences or overplay the unity of the "New Europe." British opinion polls are indeed running soundly against the war in Iraq. Much of the Italian and Spanish media are profoundly anti-American. For that matter, support for American policy in Iraq might be found in France and Germany if the Bush administration, Rumsfeld included, carried enough to promote it. Nevertheless, differences remain — so when foreign reactions to the president's State of the Union speech are quoted, do find out which countries are speaking in the name of "Europe" before drawing conclusions.

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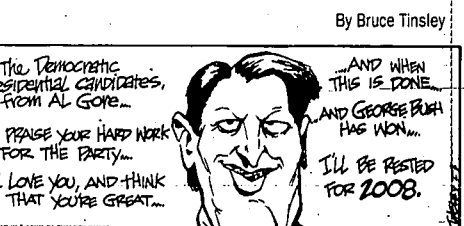
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MARY ROBERSON Halley

Keep a focused debate on war in Iraq

So we're wringing our hands about whether to go to war in Iraq.

I have to admit, there are plenty of reasons not to. I can think of four main ones.

- Our allies are holding back.
- It'll enrage Muslim populations.

Iraq's own people want us to get out of their country.

- It could be a quagmire.
- So I'm unsure. But I'm recalling a similar debate a bit more than a year ago. Same question, different place: Should we invade Afghanistan?

Remember?

Despite Sept. 11, a lot of people were against it, for the same reasons people now oppose war in Iraq.

- Allies weren't all with us.
- Critics feared inflaming Muslims.

- Afghans were all Americanizing Taliban.
- And analysts warned of a

MARK PATINKIN

quagmire.

Around that time, I was on a panel about it at Brown University. Ninety percent of the crowd felt attacking Afghanistan was an outrage. Our quarrel was with one man there—Osama bin Laden—so why attack a whole country? It would be typically belligerent foreign policy.

Other critics said an invasion would increase anti-American hatred around the world at a time when Muslims were already burning our flag. And historically, Afghanistan had been a trap for invading armies. The Russians were mired there for years. It would be another Vietnam, with Americans cut apart not in the jungle, but the mountains.

But we went in. And surprise—we promptly

prevailed. Not only did we destroy terrorist camps, but the Taliban quickly collapsed.

Most startling, the "extremist" Afghan population saw us as liberators. Turns out they had hated being under the thumb of a harsh regime that banned music and executed women caught having love affairs. In short, we lifted

walked into the most and American of all hornets' nests, and found ourselves embraced.

Which brings us to Iraq. Would the same thing happen? Would Iraqis embrace us if Saddam were driven from power?

Similar things have happened in other dictatorships. In 1989, one after the other, anti-American communist governments collapsed throughout Eastern Europe. Why? Because the people had longed for democracy and free markets. But they hadn't dared say so.

Might there not be similar secret feelings among Iraqis? A longing for the U.S. to liberate them?

But even if that were true, what about other warnings of critics. Couldn't Iraq prove a quagmire?

Many warned that would happen in 1991. Remember Saddam's Republican guard? They were going to stop us. Instead, they collapsed. Some are now saying it'll be tougher today.

It's possible. But plenty said it would be tough back then. I suppose it looks like I'm

about to end this column by saying it's clear we should invade Iraq.

But I'm not quite there yet. America seldom invades without provocation. We went into Iraq in '91 because Saddam had

pillaged Kuwait. We struck Afghanistan in 2001 because of Sept. 11.



I'm still thinking we need more of a reason than we now have to go to Iraq today. So no, I'm not ready to say we should go.

But I am saying we shouldn't be distracted by questionable concerns.

Such as hesitant allies, Muslim protests, fear of a quagmire or thoughts that Iraqis adore

Saddam.

The real questions are twofold: Is Saddam backing terror? Is he stockpiling mass-destruction weapons?

The debate should focus on that.

Mark Patinkin is a columnist for the Providence Journal.

LETTERS

Editorial examined numbers, but ignored fiscal realities

Your recent editorial on the state budget painted a picture that is not totally accurate. Also, it dealt only with numbers and not with significant budget realities.

The official figures for fiscal 2002 included \$65 million that went to replace property taxes schools are no longer allowed to collect. This was originally counted as property tax relief money. In 1999, the Legislature chose to

indicate the school number by showing it as general fund support for schools.

Without Enron accounting, the real general fund increase 1989 to 2002 is \$65 million less than the figure you published. Also, several million dollars that previously went into the Water Pollution Control Account was changed to "general fund" in another book-keeping change that didn't add to state spending.

Not all budgets have increased equally. In the last five years, general fund support for public schools grew by 21 percent, for adult corrections by 78 percent.

Some recent spending has gone to successful "prevention and rehabilitation" programs. For example, drug courts help most participants stop drug use while holding a job and avoiding prison. Adult prisoners cost an average \$20,000 a year.

Other policy changes are needed. Hundreds of non-violent offenders serve time far beyond their mandatory minimums. Many more Idaho high school graduates are enrolled in universities, community colleges and professional-technical schools than in 1989. Even so, state support has grown more slowly than student fees.

The College of Southern Idaho, its students and patrons and the Magic Valley economy have been major beneficiaries of increased state support.

You didn't mention that \$100 million in ongoing 2001 tax cuts contributed to the present revenue gap or that \$100 million has already been cut from general fund budgets.

More savings can be found in corrections and elsewhere but not enough to balance the budget unless you sacrifice the education system, invite school property tax overrides, raise university fees far more than 10 percent and eliminate health-care coverage for thousands of Idahoans.

REP. KENNETH ROBISON Boise

(Editor's note: Rep. Kenneth Robison, D-Boise, serves on the Joint Finance and Appropriations and Resources and Conservation committees.)

Shoshone Falls' fame was lauded by historian

James Varley's article, "How Shoshone Falls got its name,"

alleged the first non-Indian discovered the falls around 1834, and the first written evidence of a white man seeing or naming the falls was in 1847. However, in 1854, George Catlin, renowned

historian, ethnologist and painter, wrote that the Snake River catawats were known as the "Great Fall."

He recorded, "The term 'Great Fall,' which has been known for more than half a century, is applied to a succession of leaps which the river makes within the space of three or four miles..." In addition, Catlin mentioned that the catawats were also known as the "Smoking Falls" because the falls were like "a chain, of several miles in length, of jets of spray, rising apparently out of the level ground, not unlike the smoke of the campfires of an army of men."

In the article, "Niagara of the West," Varley declared that Albert D. Richardson of the New York Tribune made the first comparison between Shoshone Falls and the Niagara Falls in 1865. Yet, in Catlin's writings of 1854, he made detailed comparisons between both falls and dispelled earlier claims that the falls of the Snake River were of the same magnitude in height and water flow as the mighty Niagara of his home state.

Catlin wrote: "I have seen some statements, recently made public, of travelers who reported the

great perpendicular fall of the Snake River to be 198 feet—thirty-five feet higher than the fall of the Niagara, and the volume of water quite equal to that of Niagara River." This statement is certainly quite Quixotic and, demands contradiction... therefore the statement that this volume of water is equal to that of the Niagara is necessarily incorrect."

He continued: "In all the catawats which compose what is called the great or 'smoking' fall on the Snake River, however terrific and picturesque they are, there is not amongst them, I should think, a perpendicular leap of more than forty feet. And the Columbia River at The Dalles, four hundred miles below, after uniting the Snake and Salmon rivers with the north fork of the Columbia, contains, from the nearest estimate I could make, but about one-fifth of the volume of water that passes over the fall of Niagara, and the Snake River, at the great (or 'smoking' falls, probably not more than one-twelfth or one-fifteenth part."

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Shuttle's aluminum skin

The heat shield

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Teams scour countryside for debris

DOUGLASS, Texas (AP) — On horseback and in four-wheel-drives, hundreds of law officers and volunteers trooped through pine woods, over pastures and through swamps Sunday, looking for pieces of Columbia that could explain what brought the shuttle down.

Pieces as small as a quarter and as big as a pickup were being secured and will eventually be analyzed at Barksdale Air Force Base next door in Louisiana.

Experts will try to reassemble sections of the shuttle to figure out how it broke apart and why. Before the shuttle went up, every piece was numbered and carefully cataloged.

Through-thick-woods that are home to wild hogs and bobcats, 75 volunteers and law officers carried out their hunt near Hemphill on the Louisiana line. About 40 feet into the forest, a searcher shouted, "Hold!" when he spotted a chunk of metal dangling from a limb.

A volunteer marked it with a red flag. Not too far away, in the community of Douglass, an 18-inch piece of what appeared to be duct piping put a dent in the roof of the



A piece of debris believed to be from the space shuttle Columbia is shown Sunday near Alto, Texas.

school. Debris was also found near the pitcher's mound of the baseball field and the track. Little orange flags marked every piece.

"We're just fortunate no one was injured by it," Principal Jay Tullos said as a technician carrying a remote Global Positioning

System satellite backpack plotted some two dozen pieces of shuttle debris that rained down on the 20-acre campus.

The GPS mapping is a key part of the investigation. By pinpointing the location of each piece, scientists can figure out the

sequence in which the shuttle broke up.

Douglass, a farming and ranching community about 150 miles northeast of Houston, is just one of hundreds of evidence sites in a mammoth, multistate debris field dotted with creeks, lakes and reservoirs.

The search for the possibly thousands of pieces sprinkled over hundreds and hundreds of miles is an awesome undertaking.

The search is concentrated in the Piney Woods of East Texas, a region that is home to four national forests covering almost 700,000 acres of land. There are patches of pine and oak as well as large swaths of farm land and cattle pastures.

With two nearby reservoirs that together cover about 300,000 acres, the area is a haven for boaters and anglers. But it makes the job facing Columbia recovery teams that much more difficult.

"This is forest — dense forest," said James Kroll, director of the Emergency Geospatial Mapping Center at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches. His GPS technicians were aiding NASA.

Heat-protecting tiles come under scrutiny

Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — Thermal blankets failed. Gap fillers weren't good enough. Although engineers sought alternatives, they always came back to a protective cladding of some 30,000 black ceramic tiles to insulate space shuttles in their fiery reentry into Earth's atmosphere.

Although tiles — typically 4-by-4 inches square and roughly an inch thick — remained the favored form of insulation, problems with them delayed the shuttle's initial launch by three years. Replacing tiles after flights sometimes took months. While light in weight as Styrofoam and profoundly heat-resistant, they nonetheless proved over 22 years to be inclined to chip, break or simply fall off, whether on the launch pad or in the hangar.

Now, the shuttle Columbia's break-up high over Texas on Saturday morning has raised speculation that tiles damaged during takeoff 16 days earlier could have left the shuttle dangerously susceptible to the 3,000-degree heat encountered as the spacecraft entered Earth's atmosphere.

Moments before it disintegrated, Columbia experienced a sudden and unexpected 60-degree rise in temperature, according to sensors located in the middle-left side of the fuselage, shuttle program manager Ron Dittmore told a news conference Sunday. Sensors elsewhere in the craft's

left side also recorded rapidly rising heat.

While the information is preliminary, it suggests that some of the heat-protection tiles were missing or damaged, he added.

Under some circumstances, a single lost tile could cause trouble, said John Brown, a retired NASA engineer who lives in Fort Worth, Texas.

"If a piece of tile comes off, there's no protection for the structure underneath it," Brown said. The structure beneath is the shuttle's heat-sensitive aluminum skin.

For some years, NASA sought a more robust insulator. Back in 1981, after NASA realized it needed to replace several thousand tiles shed by Columbia following its first successful flight that April, the space agency budgeted \$20 million to develop a more rugged protection.

"Thermal blankets" were the favored option. They failed a key test, recalled Dan Germany, assistant orbiter project manager for the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

"We found some erosion of the blankets," he said. "That's a space-age term for it wasn't there."

So NASA recommitted to tiles. Engineers developed new and faster ways to repair, replace and bond tiles following shuttle flights. They found some materials that worked better under extreme heat exposure, but were uneeded in less vulnerable parts of the shuttle.

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Hunting for Babe Ruth's key to success

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Or at least Red Sox fans.

That's right. These brave divers are looking for what could be the single most important submerged legendary artifact (freshwater division) in all of baseball: Babe Ruth's piano.

I am not making this up. You may have seen it in the news: There is a serious effort afoot to retrieve an alleged piano that Babe Ruth allegedly caused to sink to the bottom of an alleged pond in Sudbury, a small alleged village in Massachusetts. I apologize for the cautious wording, but the details of this incident are hazy, as is so often the case with assaults on pianos.

I know about these things. I once owned an upright piano that found itself in the wrong place at the



HUMOR
Dave Barry

wrong time - specifically, at a party in my home during which a group of people decided to sing an extreme version of The Dixie Cups' hit song "Chapel of Love." The next morning, my living-room floor was covered with what turned out to be important piano parts. To this day, none of the people involved can remember how this happened.

The Babe Ruth piano story is equally murky. What I have been able to determine, by painstakingly reading stories written by real journalists, is this:

In 1918, Ruth rented a cottage, with a piano, next to Willis Pond, which, like many ponds of that era, was filled with water. One version of the local legend is that Ruth, "possibly lubricated with alcohol," as the New York Times (a newspaper) put it, threw the piano into the pond to display his strength. This version is unlikely: Even a very strong, very lubricated man would be unable to throw a piano into a pond. An accordion, yes. In fact, more people should throw accordions into ponds. But pianos are in a different league.

The more realistic version is that when the pond was frozen, Ruth threw a party, and at some point he and the other party-goers dragged the piano out onto the ice - why not? - for a songfest. (It is not known what they sang, though we can make out "Chapel of Love," as The Dixie Cups had not yet been invented.) When the party ended, they couldn't push the piano back up the bank, so they left it; and when the ice melted, the piano - Leonardo-DiCaprio-like, into the dark water of Willis Pond.

Or so the legend goes; nobody is really sure. Nevertheless, the piano recovery is now a serious effort, sponsored by a fine (and serious) organization called Restoration Project, which helps mentally ill adults.

I spoke with Chris Hugo, a marine biologist and diver involved in the piano search. I asked him whether it was scary, plunging into the murky depths of Willis Pond, knowing that a piano could be lurking anywhere. He told me that, aside from snapping turtles, the worst thing is that the pond depths are quite shallow, so divers run the risk of leaping dramatically into the water, in full diving gear, only to stand up, with the water coming to maybe their waists.

Hugo also told me that serious underwater experts, using sophisticated equipment, have scanned the pond for the piano, and found some possible locations. He said divers would be going back down soon, while the water is cold and the turtles are sleeping. I asked him, frankly, what he thought the chances were of finding the piano. He told me, frankly, that he doesn't think there IS a piano in there. But he's going to look for it anyway. Because that's the kind of project, this is.

I know I speak for all Americans, except Yankees fans, when I say to these brave divers: Good luck. And Godspeed. And, above all, if you find any accordions, just leave them, OK?

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Beating the blues



DEBI RONGEN

Debi Rongen recently had severe varicose veins removed from her legs using a new technique which is less invasive than previous methods. Rongen is delighted with the results and feels better.

Surgical treatment gets rid of varicose veins

How good veins go bad

The saphenous vein, which is responsible for about 70 percent of varicose cases, runs from the ankle to the groin and is supposed to return blood from the lower extremities to the heart. But in some people for some reason - heredity perhaps, or hormonal changes resulting from pregnancy, valves in the saphenous vein don't close properly.

When that happens, blood begins to pool in the legs, putting pressure on surrounding tissue and causing swelling, pain and the familiar unsightly blue skin discoloration. If the veins are small, they can be treated with sclerotherapy injections, which cause inflammation in the lining of the vein, forcing it to close down.

Surgery is often the treatment of choice for larger varicose veins. Techniques range from traditional vein-stripping to catheter/faser surgery on the saphenous vein to the TriVex procedure.

For patients who don't want surgery - or who aren't candidates for it - standard treatment is to wear elastic stockings to counteract the pressure in their legs, and to elevate the legs whenever possible.

Eighty percent of varicose vein cases are in women. Standing for many hours on a regular basis can be a risk factor for varicose veins; but so can sitting for too many hours for too long. Obesity and pregnancy seem to make women more prone to the problem.

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - She's in the unusual - some would say unfortunate - position of having had two different kinds of varicose vein surgery, one on each leg.

But Debi Rongen has no doubt about which she prefers.

"With the (vein-stripping) surgery, it took me weeks to recover," said Rongen, who's 34. "With this new system, I was walking around the next day."

The new system is called TriVex, or transilluminated powered phlebectomy. Two probes, one a light source and another a grinder, are surgically inserted just beneath the skin in the leg. In a darkened room, the surgeon uses the light to illuminate bad veins and the grinder to destroy

them and suck them out. The whole procedure takes less than an hour.

"One advantage is that you can do a more thorough job than you can with the other technique," said Dr. Bruce McComas, a Twin Falls vascular surgeon who has used the procedure on about 10 patients so far. "And it's less invasive."

It used to take surgeons a couple of hours to hunt for damaged veins. They'd make up to 50 cuts, then use a hook to blindly remove each vein manually.

Now with just a few incisions, they can remove entire vein clusters with relative ease.

"And the recovery time is much shorter," McComas said.

Any improvement on the traditional technique for varicose vein surgery is welcome news to tens

of thousands of Americans who still undergo it annually.

Vein-stripping involves making an incision at both ends of the vein and inserting a wire. One end of the vein is attached to the wire, and the wire is pulled out, ripping out the vein - and neighboring nerve endings and tissue - with it. It's done under general anesthesia, but - as you would expect - it hurts when you wake up.

Recovery takes about a month.

"It takes time for the body to reroute blood flow through other veins," McComas said. "There's swelling, and it can be uncomfortable."

Plus, since vein-stripping is a blind process it may have to be done again.

"With the new procedure, we

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Shirt-tie combinations are back

Knight Ridder News Service

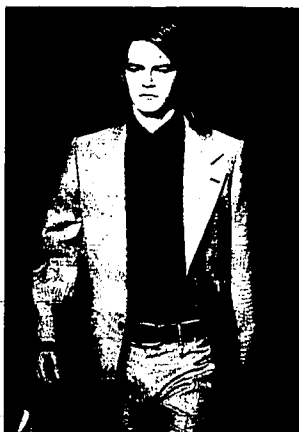
Consider it the light in a dark tunnel, or, in Hollywood terms, the mythical miracle lightning bolt that suddenly repaints the landscape.

It's comparable to colorizing vintage black-and-white films or to an old-fashioned cartoon that makes people smile.

It's the powerful menswear trend that is bringing colorful patterns in dress shirts and ties into the streets and offices where they are audaciously mixed in eye-catching combinations.

"Today I am wearing a striped shirt in chartreuse, orange, red and violet and a chartreuse tie," says David Wolfe, creative director for Doniger Group, the New York retail consultants. "It's almost like the 1960s Carnaby Street days."

Trent Slusher, co-owner of Kansas City specialty store Pinstripes, enjoyed the reaction on New York streets recently to his patterned sport coat paired with a checked shirt in pink, orange and yellow and a hot-pink tie.



A printed brown shirt with contrasting tie is worn with a Tom Ford designer suit at a Paris fashion show last month.

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Let your fancy lightly turn to thoughts of spring jackets

In cold weather, as the gardeners pore over their seed catalogs, home-sewers are warmed by the prospect of projects for spring.

Think about adding a fresh, shorter jacket to your wardrobe. It's a perky look, flattering to most figure types, and good with pants and skirts. Cut the jacket closer to the body, a simple cardigan or perhaps a bomber or Eisenhower style with a bottom band. Give it pizzazz with details such as epaulets, flaps and pockets. These design elements become even more important when you topstitch in single or multiple rows.

Your fabric selection sets the mood. To take it into the office, you could sew it in a classic wool crepe, lined for comfort and durability. For more fun, try mixing things up with a jean jacket style in silk dupioni. This season you'll see metallic threads in many fabrics, even denim, and a short jacket would be smart in one of these, too. When you sew, you have lots of



SEWING
Barbara Gash

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options, so repeat a good pattern several times.

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HEALTH & FASHION

Cassia Regional Medical Center will offer breastfeeding class

Cassia Regional Medical Center will offer a breastfeeding class from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday in the board room of the medical center.

The class will include discussion on the advantages and physiology of breastfeeding and common breastfeeding problems and solutions. The course will be taught by a certified lactation educator. Participants should bring a doll or stuffed animal.

Cost is \$20. For registration information, call 677-5500.

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer "Baby and Me" classes from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic will be "Got the Blues?"

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years.

The class is free. For more information, call 734-7262.

CPR for babies

Infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class is offered as part of the prepared childbirth course. New parents, grandparents and children are encouraged to attend to learn about infant CPR, choking, child safety and prevention of injury.

The class is free. Preregistration is not required. For more information, call 737-2900.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Tuesday through March 11, at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

To do for you

The sessions, taught by a registered nurse, emphasize preparation for labor and birth, changes during pregnancy and newborn care. Participants are asked to bring two pillows and a blanket to each class.

The classes are free for those who will be delivering at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. To register, call 324-1122, Ext. 3361.

Childbirth class

Childbirth class will be offered from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

The class will include information on discomforts, problems of pregnancy and safe exercise. Participants will be given a tour of the birth center.

For more information call the birth center at 677-6500.

Learning CPR

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday in the doctors' meeting room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class will include emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking for adults and infants. The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice.

Cost is \$25. Preregistration is required, call 737-2547 or 737-2907.

Refresher course

Childbirth refresher course will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

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The class is offered as part of the prepared childbirth classes and will include information on infant care and beginning parenting. The session will be taught by a registered nurse.

Participants are asked to bring two pillows and a blanket to the class.

The class is free for those who

will be delivering at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. To register, call 324-1122, Ext. 3361.

Breast screening

A free breast screening education program sponsored by the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center helps women learn about early detection of breast cancer, self-breast exams, examinations by clinical specialists and information about mammography. The program is offered free to all women at Women's Health and Imaging Services, 224 Martin St.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 737-2192.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following

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Flying fat might ground you

The Washington Post

Medical researchers have spent years that being grossly overweight can lead to all kinds of adverse conditions: diabetes, heart attacks, a lack of dates around from time.

Now, it turns out, somebody else's obesity could kill you, too. The Federal Aviation Administration, going beyond poking into your bags, this week effectively began questioning your diet. The agency ordered commuter airlines to ask some of their passengers how much they weigh, and even to weigh some of them.

Rude? Intrusive? Yes, but intrusiveness with a deadly serious purpose: The FAA suspects that a plane crash in Charlotte, N.C., that killed 21 people earlier this month may have been caused by a passenger and baggage load that exceeded federal safety standards.

The FAA won't come right out and say it, but it suspects we're much fatter than it ever guessed. This is a pretty good assumption, considering that media reports headlined "Americans Are Fatter Than Ever" long ago surpassed the number of stories headlined "American School Kids Are Dumber Than Ever."

The government wants to find out how much we really weigh because, for the past eight years, it's been telling private operators to assume that an adult passenger weighs 185 pounds in winter and 180 pounds in summer. The official explanation for this seasonal difference is that people wear more clothes in winter, but we suspect it comes down to one word: "Eggnog."

We also suspect that the FAA is basing its "average" on snapshots of the old us, back when we were in high school and still working

out. (Memo to FAA: We plan to start working out again soon, honest.)

The new policy doesn't apply to large jetliners, where total passenger weight is almost irrelevant, unless you happen to be stuck in the center seat. This could mean that heavier people will avoid the puddle-jumpers and stick to the big carriers, which should give new meaning to such phrases as "wide-bodied" and "jumbo" jet.

Interestingly, the FAA has instructed the airlines to add 10 pounds to whatever passengers tell them they weigh. FAA spokesman Paul Takemoto says this isn't because the agency thinks people lie about their weight (and he avoids describing this as a fudge factor) but because people usually don't include weight of their clothes and shoes. (10 pounds? What are you people (rueing? Kevlar?)

Premature birth rate rises

Los Angeles Times

The United States boasts some of the most sophisticated medical care in the world, capable of curing patients with dread diseases, and yet we're unable to prevent an ever-increasing number of babies from being born prematurely. Many of these infants will struggle with a lifetime of deficits and disabilities — if they survive at all.

Premature births have risen steadily for two decades, now accounting for 476,000 of the 4 million babies delivered each year in the United States. Although prematurity is the leading cause of babies dying in the first month of life, surveys have found that only one in three Americans recognizes prematurity as a problem.

Even as our neonatal intensive care units become better at pulling tiny 1- and 2-pound babies from the brink of death, the U.S. lags behind Australia, Canada and Britain in providing not only prenatal care but also in general preventive health care in general, before pregnancy.

Access to health care is just one aspect of the problem, because premature births occur in all communities and among

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all socioeconomic groups — even among the affluent with generous health insurance benefits. Recent studies have found that premature babies who do survive into adulthood have lifelong aftereffects, including lower IQs, learning disabilities and neurological problems. Blindness, retardation, lung diseases and cerebral palsy are more common in babies delivered weeks short of a full-term, 40-week pregnancy. (A premature birth is defined as one that occurs at less than 37 weeks.)

Premature births have a societal impact that goes beyond the health of the child. For one, there is an economic cost. The hospital bill for a premature infant averaged \$58,000 in 2000, contrasted with \$4,300 for a routine birth of a full-term baby.

according to March of Dimes figures. Children born prematurely also require more medical care, social services and remedial education during their lives. And their families must cope with the emotional turmoil and financial burdens of a special-needs child.

No one knows precisely why prematurity has become such a stubborn problem, and there are fears that cuts in health and social services could make the problem even worse. To begin lowering rates of prematurity, doctors need to better understand the biology behind it. So much of prematurity stems from silent or invisible conditions. If they could identify a screen for more risks, they might be able to intervene earlier and help women deliver a healthy, fully developed baby.

Some risks of prematurity are well known. For example, women are more likely to deliver a baby prematurely if they use fertility drugs or undergo in vitro fertilization, if they smoke or have chronic diseases such as diabetes, anemia, high blood pressure and obesity.

Although some people might link prematurity with poverty or lack of health insurance, it can also affect young, healthy women with good medical benefits.

Docs: Pills can stop monthly periods

The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — More than 40 years after the birth-control pill transformed the lives of women by giving them power over when and whether to have children, some doctors say women can take the revolution a step further: They can use the pill to rid themselves of the hassles of monthly menstruation.

While the practice is often one of convenience or used to address problems related to menstruation, experts are studying whether it is medically risky — or beneficial — for women to have fewer periods.

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Apparently, almost everyone — including the conservative business man — is taking to the idea in some form. The young man who has not worn suits in the past finds it new and refreshing. The older businessman doesn't want to appear out of date. Say goodbye to the traditional powder and helle to the lavender or pink-striped tie.

In almost any menswear or department store, from J.C. Penney to Brooks Brothers to high-end elite retailers — you'll find an array of colorful styles varying in boldness and bright color. Ties range from subtle small patterns to broad stripes, which are back after receding for a while. Shirts may be a subtle stripe or windowpane or an in-your-face check.

If some men are cautious about mixing pattern with pattern, they should have no fear of pairing a white textured shirt with patterned ties in strong colors. Wolfe's suggestion for the conservative executive involves a blue and white striped shirt and a maroon tie.

It was not long ago that such haberdashery was declared history. With the penetration of casual business dress, anything more formal than a polo shirt was, well, a bit pretentious. As for a tie, the dot-com era made it almost extinct. And dress-down office days had people going to work with the dapper splomb usually devoted to mowing the lawn.

Today the accessories are a bright spot in the menswear scene darkened in recent months by the sluggish economy. Even as the corporate world started to ease away from casual and back to more serious dressing, suit sales have not picked up as expected at first, according to The Wall Street Journal.

A University of Washington professor will publish a study in March on women who used the pill to skip their periods for a year. And by this fall, pending Food and Drug Administration approval, women will be able to slash the menstrual experience from 13 averages a year to four with currently available pills packaged to allow three months between periods.

"Birth control led to a fundamental social, cultural and psychological change," said Susan Jeffords, a professor of women's studies at the University of Washington. "This is an amendment to that."

Women for years have used the pill to manipulate the timing of menstruation. They skip the placebo in their packs of birth-control pills and start new, "active" packs to keep their periods from coinciding with weddings and special events.

Doctors also have been prescribing continuous use of birth-control pills for women who have difficult and sometimes painful periods, or who suffer from conditions such as menstrual migraines or endometriosis, which is the growth of uterine tissue outside the uterus.

Designers such as Dolce & Gabbana including neckties in spring 2003 ensembles, the woman's tie looks set to stick around for some time more.

The new tie-on-woman trend grew out of an apparent anti-Britney movement led largely by Lavigne, a fresh-faced 18-year-old singer with super-model looks. With stars such as Spears and Christina Aguilera assailing the world with increasingly risqué outfits that flaunted midriffs, legs and derrieres, a new crop of young female singers emerged wanting to assert their sexuality in a different way.

To that end, Lavigne has appeared on MTV and the covers of magazines such as Teen People and YM, pairing preppy schoolboy ties with tank tops and blouses.

"Britney and Christina were all about being sexual in a very overt way," said Elizabeth Klester, fashion director of YM. Lavigne and her cohorts "are expressing their feminine power in a more realistic and more non-threatening way. They're embracing their femininity and saying, 'You don't have to show your belly button, you don't have to wear a corset top with your breasts falling out of it to be beautiful.'"

— Source: Baltimore Sun

In women's fashion too, ties become playful accessories

There's something about a woman in a tie that often has sex hearts flutter. There were Marlene Dietrich's androgynous suits and ties, which conveyed power and rebellion with a hint of domination. And in the 1970s, there was the endearing Annie Hall, whose ties and mannish attire were part of her appeal.

Recently, however, a different sort of woman in a tie has sprung up in fashion. She's sweet, she's playful and she wears her tie in ways women never have — knotting it loosely over a tank top, T-shirt or ruffled blouse. Her neckwear isn't meant to simulate male power or make any feminist statement. Instead, the new woman's tie is simply an accessory. "It's fashion irreverence, that I'm not quite a boy, not yet a woman" thing," said Hollywood stylist Philip Bloch, whose clients include Halle Berry and Salma Hayek. "It gives you the feeling of dressing up in your dad's clothes. It's taking an old-man classic and turning it on its head."

While young pop divas such as Avril Lavigne and Michelle Branch have been most noticeable in flaunting this new fashion statement, celebrities who have tied one on recently include Heather Graham, Gwen Stefani and Raquel Welch. And with

"The suit was back in the sense that men who haven't bought suits in a while found out they couldn't fit into their old ones. They gained weight," says Marshall Cohen, co-president of NPD Fashionworld, a Port Washington, N.Y., market research company.

But when they decided they could wear the old suit or a new sports coat, they found it less expensive to update their wardrobes with shirts and ties, Cohen says. Accessories are "60 percent of the total business," Slusher says.

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CHANGING TIMES
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Beneficiary clauses in these modern-day assets operate independently of wills and trusts and control delivery of assets owned by a decedent at time of death. The lesson here is to understand the effect of beneficiary clauses and to assure that they are phrased properly so that your property is distributed in a coordinated fashion, according to your wishes.

You can choose to have benefits paid to your estate. In that event, your will would govern the disposition of assets. However, it is rarely wise to have IRA or qualified plan monies paid to your estate.

Planning tip: Check your beneficiary clauses. Make sure they are current and coordinated with your overall estate plan.

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can get a very accurate picture of where the affected veins are," McComas said.

That's because the TriVex light source allows the surgeon to quickly and accurately target and remove the vein and then visually confirm its extraction. Rongen, who had varicose veins since she was a teenager, had the surgery for the reasons most people do: the condition was unsightly, and it made her legs hurt.

"I feel pretty confident now that the problem has been taken care of," she says.

The tab for the new procedure was \$4,500, including a \$1,000 physician fee. That's roughly the same price for the vein-stripping procedure.

"And insurance covered it," Rongen said.

There are about 25 million Americans with varicose veins, the majority of them women — and many of them otherwise healthy adults in their 30s and 40s.

"Women have varicose veins disproportionately," McComas said. "Probably because of pregnancy, which puts more pressure on the veins in the legs."

Most people just live with the problem, walking through life in Spandex stockings. But varicose veins can be dangerous because they eventually can cause ulcerations — open wounds — on the skin. In diabetes, that means a risk of eventual amputation.

"Some people with varicose veins are candidates for surgery, and others for more conservative treatment," McComas said.

He doesn't typically do the new procedure on patients over 65 or 70 because surgery is riskier for older folks. Most candidates are in their 30s or 40s.

TriVex isn't the only surgical alternative for varicose veins. Lasers connected to a catheter and an operation called radio-frequency occlusion, both relatively new procedures — are in use to treat

some types of varicose veins.

"It's wonderful to have a choice," Rongen said. "I wish it had been available this first time around."

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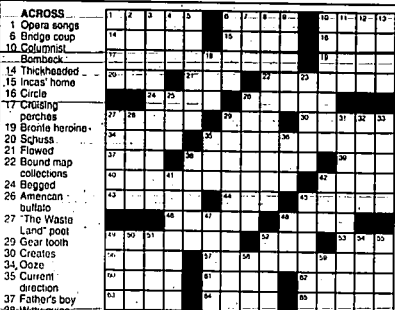
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House-sitting hubby turns home into hotel

DEAR ABBY: I am a single mother and have taught school for 20 years. Two months ago, I began a sabbatical out of state and took my teenage daughter with me. Prior to leaving, a good friend, "Marjorie," accepted a job transfer that required her to move out of state as well. Marjorie suggested that since her husband wasn't ready to leave town due to some personal business, he would be the perfect candidate to house-sit for me. It seemed like a good arrangement.

Within a few weeks, former neighbors started calling and telling me that Marjorie's husband was having women stay overnight at my house. I have since learned that Marjorie had asked a mutual friend to keep an eye on her husband to find out if he's cheating. Our friend refused, but confided to me that it's as plain as day the guy is cheating and everyone in town knows it.

We don't want to hurt Marjorie — nor do we want her husband to humiliate her. Should we tell Marjorie what's going on or let her find out on her own?



DEAR ABBY: I am a 17-year-old girl in high school. Recently I was required to make a presentation in my science class. Naturally, I wanted to look my best. That morning I selected a denim skirt and black shirt — neither of which was too short or low-cut. Black nylons and chunky-heeled black shoes completed my ensemble. I headed off to school feeling confident about my appearance.

The minute I arrived on campus, I realized I had made a severe miscalculation. It was as though I had broken some unspoken, but well-known, rule. Kids looked me up and down and stared at my legs. One astonished girl gasped, "Oh, my god! She's wearing black stockings!"

Abby, I am a reasonably conservative person. I have never worn anything outrageous and would never intentionally go to

school wearing something risqué or improper. I still think the black pantyhose were appropriate for my outfit. Could you shed some light on this?

DEAR DAZED AND CONFUSED: Perhaps your classmates were surprised to see you "dressed up." If you had violated a dress code, I'm sure you would have been told about it by a teacher or the principal. From what you have described, your outfit was appropriate for the occasion.

DEAR ABBY: I have a pre-

vious 6-year-old niece on the East Coast whose father just died. I have been searching for a sympathy card designed for a child, but have found nothing. "Thinking of you" cards don't seem quite right. How best can I let this little girl know how sorry I am for her loss?

-CONCERNED AUNT IN COLORADO

DEAR CONCERNED AUNT: Buy a pretty blank card and write a short note of sympathy to your niece, in lettering she can easily read. Tell her how much you love her, that you're thinking of her, and how sad you are for her loss.

Do you have permission to use the word 'taxicab'?

Q. Who coined the word "taxicab"?

A. One Harry Allen. Not only coined but copyrighted it.

Physics students at the University of Virginia once put together what they called an osculometer. To measure electronically the zing of kisses. Young man in charge of the experiment recorded that he couldn't find any zing differences between blondes, brunettes and redheads, despite relentless testing.

All kangaroos cough when scared.

It's now known that crows, ants, hyenas, wolves, lions, monkeys, gorillas and chimpanzees also commit murder. Killing of their own kind, I mean.

The vernacular changes: "Gabbings" used to mean "bragging."

All warm-blooded mammals, born alive to feed mother's milk, have hair. At least some hair. And all the young of same play.

Q. Can you sue your barber for a bad haircut?

A. It happens. Some barbers, a few may carry liability insurance against it.

As a glowworm, it's not a worm. As a firefly, it's not a fly.

An avalanche can get you, even if you're not in its path. If you're off to one side, its vacuum can draw you in. If you're beyond its stopping place, compressed air ahead of it can kill you.



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Standard of measurement of a barrel of oil is 42 gallons, but there is no barrel that holds exactly a barrel of oil.

When a turtle pulls its head into its shell, its neck folds into an S-shape.

Topsoil of the Bahamas blows in from Africa.

Q. How do the biologists tell a male beaver from a female?

A. Blood test.

Q. Can pig farmers estimate the weight of the hog by its ham?

A. Can do. Figure the ham is 7 percent of it.

Knitting was what men did for fun and profit in the days of King Henry VIII.

How many times have you changed careers? Possibly none. If you're a doctor, lawyer, dentist, pharmacist, architect, engineer or physicist. As you might expect, these are known to be professions people are least likely to give up. Among the occupations people are most likely to abandon is that job labeled bill collector.

Aries: Keep some secrets sacred, be positive about relationship

IF FEBRUARY 3RD IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you can make people smile even through grave moments. You have ability to help others, more so than in promoting your own cause. You are intelligent and romantic and possess intellectual curiosity. Gemini, Sagittarius play major roles in your life, could have these letters in names: C, L, U. This will be an active month for you; you will receive many invitations. You will be most romantic, profitable month this year.

-ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Keep some secrets sacred. Be positive concerning relationship; it is legal for both of you to pursue it. You will make dynamic discovery tonight. Cancer native involved.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Your lucky day! Many of your fondest hopes, wishes will materialize. Luck rides with you; at the very least, you could win a contest. Gemini, Sagittarius figure in scenario.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Correct mechanical defect. You will be surprised tonight; you will receive unique honor. Show gratitude without being obsequious. Taurus, Scorpio are involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Favorable lunar aspect coincides with writing and publishing. Your romantic feelings will be much appreciated, and you will be happier as a result. Virgo represented.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Domestic adjustment highlighted; make intelligent contribution to family. Those who care about you will make known their feelings. Beauty surroundings; important guests are due.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Transform illusions into realities. Your extrasensory perception will surface. Some perception you are a "mind reader." It is possible that you are, when you heed inner feelings.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Accept personality, obtain objective view of what could be a "massive organization." Individual you once loved will make surprise appearance. Be in control of your fate!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will find outlet for creative urge. Look beyond the immediate; write and talk about the "unknown." What had been evasive will become available. It will be reason for celebration!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take cold plunge into the future! Don't wait for approval by others. Impulse style, make personal and professional appearances. You exude sex appeal; be selective!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Meditation necessary if answers are to come from within. Questions concerning direction of your life will be resolved. Be creatively selfish; refuse to be taken for granted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): What might begin as fun and games could turn out to be profitable enterprise. Focus on entertainment, humor and intellectual curiosity. Keep resolutions concerning exercise and diet.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Judgment, intuition will be on target. You will be at right place at critical moment almost effortlessly. Your "acting ability" will surface; you are not only popular but much sought after.

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- My Kung-Fu Wedding (PG) Daily 7:00 - 9:45
- The Wedding Reception (PG) Daily 7:00 - 9:45
- Out of the Box (PG) Daily 7:00 - 9:30
- Blithe Spirit (PG) Daily 7:00 - 9:30
- The Recruit (PG) Daily 7:00 - 9:15
- Final Destination 2 (PG) Daily 7:40 - 9:30
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It seems that everytime I fly, something has changed with the security measures and procedures. The newest change is that many airports are now requiring you to have boarding passes for your flight before you go through security screening. A simple reservation confirmation or a fax from your travel agent or airline will not be sufficient. The Boise airport is requiring the boarding passes, but I found last week that Las Vegas is not. This list of airports is constantly changing so you might want to refer to www.4waystravel.com. This is especially important for those of you who just take carry-on luggage and have gone directly to the gate for your boarding passes. This web site also lists other ways to get your boarding pass if you are not checking luggage. I tried the Delta self-serve kiosk in LA and it was very convenient.

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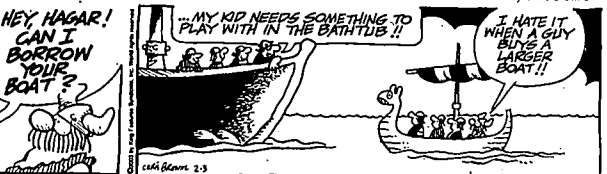
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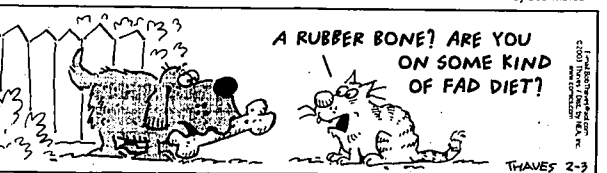
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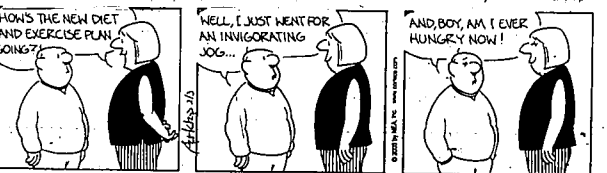
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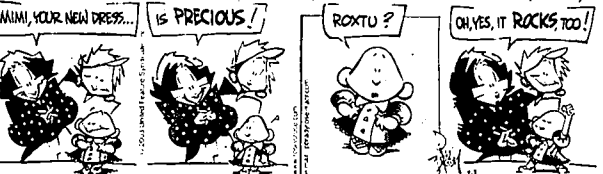
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I ALWAYS SAY WHAT'S THE USE OF HAVING SNOW IF YOU DON'T USE IT.

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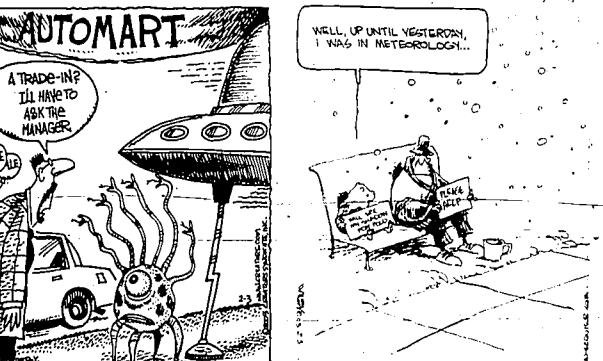


Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By Wiley



Program helps kids cooperate

By Betty Taylor
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY - A new program is helping young students learn to feel better about themselves and others around them.

Kimberly Elementary School has a new Kids Care Program under the direction of Debbie York, the school's counselor.

Students who feel cared about, a part of the class or school and are able to express their feelings will have less of a chance to become a high risk problem, she said.

"Each grade has an individual goal which may include social skills, conflict resolutions, self-esteem and 'put up' versus 'put down,'" York said. "When students feel good about themselves, they are prone to make appropriate decisions."

In grades kindergarten through second, the session or retreat is two hours long. Kindergarten students learn the basic social skills of politeness, and not interrupting and tattling. First-graders learn cooperation and basic conflict-resolution skills to create a more caring environment. Second-grade students learn to focus on respecting themselves, others and other's property, and a vital part of respect is learning to listen, which respects caring and self-worth.

Third-, fourth- and fifth-graders spend all day in their retreat. They are transported to Twin Falls to get away from any distractions of their school. Third-grade students learn how to deal with put downs, and how to get "put up" or positive compliments. Fourth-grade students learn how to focus on their strengths rather than their weaknesses. Fifth-graders build confidence, and learn refusal skills.

The retreat concepts will blend with, reinforce and supplement any self-image program the teachers use with students, program literature stated.

On Jan. 14, the first-graders' retreat had three high school Natural Helpers peer counselors and several mothers who helped. The theme for the day was



First-grade students put toys together without talking to learn cooperation and how to work as a team. The activity was held during the Kimberly Elementary School's new Kids Care Program retreat on Jan. 14.

"I enjoyed the retreat and learned to cooperate and work as a team."

- Christopher Chandler, a first-grade student

"Cooperation," and activities reflected that. One activity involved two students dancing together with a balloon between them, and their hands behind their back. "We had two classes of first-graders, and they worked wonderfully together," York said.

"I enjoyed the retreat and learned to cooperate and work as a team," said Christopher Chandler, a first-grade student. "I learned it's not nice to push," student Joyce Martinez added.



First-graders Stuart Helpworth and BreAnn Stephens dance to music with their hands behind their backs and a balloon between them. The activity was to help them learn cooperation.

TFHS seniors check out university

For a portion of students at Twin Falls High School, the last semester of their school careers is upon them. The long and arduous years are behind them, and all that remains are a few months until that big day - graduation.

But while this is a long-awaited goal of students everywhere, it can also be quite terrifying. The huge decision of what to do after high school suddenly looms before seniors. Many soon-to-be graduates stress over how they will survive in the "real world."

Most teenagers plan to attend college after they graduate, but by their senior year, a significant percentage don't have a clue as



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Perri Gardner

to what college they will attend, or where to find information on prospective schools. In Idaho, we are fortunate to have one of the best schools in the West, the University of Idaho in Moscow.

On Jan. 29, the University of Idaho held its annual Vandal Vision program in Twin Falls.

Many students from all over the Magic Valley attended, including several from TFHS.

Vandal Vision provided information on admissions, scholarships, campus life and academics to curious students. For high school students who are looking for many opportunities and an excellent college experience, the UI is a good place to be.

"The best things about the University of Idaho are the environment and atmosphere. There is this energy that exists on campus that you can't find anywhere else," UI junior Nathaniel Brown said.

If you want more information, give the University of Idaho a call at 1-888-UI-IDAHO.

As I continue to work hard and achieve my goals, I am thankful to all the parents, teachers and friends who have supported me. I would especially like to voice my gratitude to Edna Mae Jukich, my first-grade teacher who is now retired. She began my education and today, still continues to assert a positive force upon my life. Thank you.

Perri Gardner is a staff writer with the Twin Falls High School Bruin News.



Students from Immanuel Lutheran School in Twin Falls who will have their poetry published in an anthology include, from left, Cody Watterman, Tasha Buss, Clara Hawkins, Justin Cordova, Matthew Luckock, Sarah Bartlett, Dustin Brown, Evan Aardema and Brock Caspersen.

Immanuel Lutheran kids will see poetry in print

TWIN FALLS - Ten Immanuel Lutheran School students will have their poetry published.

Creative Communication has notified the fifth- and sixth-graders that their poems would be published in an upcoming edition. Cindy Champlin is their teacher.

The students and their poems are Evan Aardema, "Blue"; Sarah Bartlett, "What Do You Think Of?"; Dustin Brown, "Basketball/Football"; Stephanie Brown, "Grandpa, My Angel"; Tasha Buss, "Under My Pillow"; Brock Caspersen, "Yesterday";

Justin Cordova, "Winter is Coming"; Clara Hawkins, "What Do I Want to Be When I Grow Up?"; Matthew Luckock, "Everything Stew" and Cody Watterman, "Blue."

Creative Communication of Logan, Utah sponsors two contests each year for students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade. Student poets from Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington are featured in the publication. More information about the anthologies can be found at its Web site at www.poeticpower.com.

Dietrich BPA Chapter shows success at regional contests

On Jan. 20, the Dietrich BPA Chapter traveled to the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls.

There, they joined the Hagerman, Bliss, Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding, Filer, Shoshone, Castleford, Kimberly and Glenns Ferry chapters in the Business Professionals of America Idaho Region 6 competitions.

Competing members of the Dietrich Chapter were Jessica Helsley, Nikki Towne, AJ Hill, Emily Hoskinson, Shawn Divine, Stewart Bingham, Eric Shohoney, Arthur Querz, Christine Telford, Carrie Ritter, Nikki Miller, Keely Cook, Kelli Fenelon and Jeramie

DIETRICH SCHOOL NEWS
Charlene Fenelon

Helsley. Their BPA adviser is Ryan Smith.

Working hard to prove the level of excellence at Dietrich High School, this chapter brought home many top awards from this contest. In the lead with first place in the economic research project team event were Christine Telford, Carrie Ritter and Keely Cook. The parliamentary procedure team members,

Jessica Helsley, Nikki Miller, Shawn Divine and Kelli Fenelon, showed how to properly run a business meeting by placing first in the event.

AJ Hill, Nikki Towne and Eric Shohoney placed first in the global marketing team event, and placing first in the human resource management event was Jessica Helsley, who also placed fourth in the parliamentary procedures concepts event.

A first place also was brought in by Emily Hoskinson for her performance in the economic research project individual contest.

Second place awards earned by

the Dietrich BPA Chapter included Arthur Querz in Microsoft network administration, Stewart Bingham in legal office procedures and AJ Hill in advanced interview skills. Taking third in extemporaneous speech was Emily Hoskinson.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the contests! These students will travel to Boise to participate in the Idaho State BPA contests March 13-15 for a chance to make it to the national contests being held in Dallas, Texas.

Charlene Fenelon is the Dietrich High School paraeducator.

SCHOOL NEWS

Horizon recognizes students with citizenship awards

JEROME - Horizon Elementary School in Jerome has announced the students who received the Principal's Citizenship Award in December.

They are Anthony Benavidez, Jessica Pizarro, Rhys Karr, Cody Marsling, Haylea Bosteder, Adrian Chavez, Kendall Crozier, Eric Sandoval-Tinoco, Zachary Hammer, Jeremy Johnson, Julio Leo, Makala Bird, Travis Mapes, Sam Crady, Hayden Whately, Brooklyn Lee, Christina Peters, Cameron Ahrens, Preston Cahall, Juan Carillo, Mary Chandler, Jordan Jerke, Saless Terry, Britany Kiser, Jeremy Kytle and Melissa Hockenberry.

ISDB announces first semester honor roll

GOODING - The Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind announced its honor roll for the first semester.

High school Freshman - Rebecca Cole, 3.71 grade-point average.

Junior - Gloria Sanchez, 4.0 GPA

Senior - Ruth Anna Spooner, 4.0 GPA

Middle school

seventh grade - Kelsey

Wessman, 3.71 GPA

Jerome High School holds senior project open house

JEROME - The Jerome High School winter session senior project open house will be held from 2-6 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Jerome Country Club, 649 Golf Course Road.

Parents, students and all members of the community are welcome to attend.

For more information, call 324-8137.

Jerome Tiger Den restaurant is open for two more days

JEROME - The Jerome High School Tiger Den restaurant will only be open two more days, Feb. 12 and Feb. 19.

The menu on Feb. 12 will include homemade tostadas, Mexican rice, refried beans and flan.

The meal on Feb. 19 is reserved for department heads only, but a limited amount of meals to go will be available.

The cost for the lunches will be \$4.

For more information or reservations, call Mrs. Kester at 324-8137, ext. 4102 or e-mail her at kesters@d261.k12.id.us.

Jerome High School holds Career Discovery 2003

JEROME - Jerome High School Career Discovery 2003 will be held Wednesday at the school, 104 N. Tiger Drive.

Students will meet with representatives from local Jerome businesses at the following times:

Eighth-grade: 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Freshmen: 8:30-9:15 a.m.

Sophomores: 9:20-10:05 a.m.

Juniors: 10:10-10:55 a.m.

Seniors: 11-11:55 a.m.

For more information, call the school at 324-8137.

High school students head to state competition

BOISE - High school students from across Idaho, including those from the Magic Valley, will demonstrate their knowledge of American rights and responsibilities during the "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" state competition from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Boise State University.

Student teams have studied for months to prepare for the competition, which puts them in the role of experts testifying on constitutional issues in a simulated congressional hearing. The "congressional committees" consist of constitutional scholars, lawyers and government leaders who will judge the students' performance.

Teams competing in the state finals include Bliss High School and Wendell High School. The winners will have the opportunity to represent Idaho at the national finals on April 26-28 in Washington, D.C.

M.V. Christian Schools Boosters serve breakfast

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Christian Schools Boosters Club will hold a pancake breakfast from 7:30-11 a.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive.

Tickets are available at the school office, from the cheer-squad or students on sports teams.

For more information, call the school at 733-5999.

A SIZEABLE CHECK



Key Club members of Twin Falls High School present a check for \$500 to Kiwanis International on Dec. 12. Key Club members collected the money on Halloween on behalf of UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, to aid needy children around the world. Presenting the check to Kiwanis President Norma Blass and Key Club adviser, the Rev. Brian Thom were Key Club President London Jenks, vice president Andrea Workman and club secretary Danae Crowley.

Hansen Elementary School announces latest honor roll

HANSEN - Hansen Elementary School announced its latest honor roll.

Third grade - Hannah Bates, Mickelie Baxter, Hailey Beatz, Courtney Borlase, Humberto Chavez, Daniel Colson, Brannon Cummings, Courtney Leiser, Baxter Morse, Kevin Robinson, Devon Spearling, Brandin Steiner and Carlie Wilkins.

Fourth grade - Zach Chavez, Samantha Coulter, Taylor Harris, Elaine Navarette, Emma

Okarma, Daniel Parker, Gerrit Peters, Sara Worden and Christian Worth.

Fifth grade - Derek Bates, Janet Braun, Kendyl Copenbarger, Cristian Guerrero, Kandous Johnson, Justin McCormick, Annie Thomson, Kelly McNurin, Guillermo Medel and Marley Rife.

Sixth grade - Randal Borlase, Cody Brown, Kylie Call, Samantha Corle and Blake Harris.

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THE COLUMBIA DISASTER

Answers to disaster likely lie in data

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — The best hope for discovering what destroyed the space shuttle Columbia probably lies not in the spacecraft's scattered remains, but in bits of data, snippets of film, memos and paperwork.

New data is already helping NASA engineers learn more about what happened during the last few minutes of Columbia's flight. The latest information indicates that a "significant" event sent temperatures in the shuttle's left wheel well soaring at 8:53 a.m. EST, seven minutes before the shuttle was lost, shuttle program manager Ron Dittemore told a news conference Sunday afternoon.

A minute later, NASA had indications of unusual aerodynamic drag on the left side of the shuttle, which could have been caused by a missing heat tile or tiles or by tiles that had come askew.

That would appear to correlate with a California astronomer's report that something was coming off Columbia at that point in its descent, Dittemore said.

NASA engineers are especially hopeful that they'll get important clues from 32 seconds of data that continued streaming into Mission Control in Houston "after we lost signal" from Columbia's seven-person crew, Dittemore said.

"As we dig down into the data, we are getting more and more information that will help us decipher the problem," Dittemore added.

Because the first indications of trouble seem to come from the left wheel well, which may contain some wiring from the wing, NASA is now considering prying open Columbia's sister ship Discovery, which is undergoing routine modifications in California, to see whether problems on the wing could lead to

abnormal readings in the wheel well.

Investigators on two new government panels will have to be like detectives working the trail of evidence backward from the scene of a crime, experts in space and accident reconstruction said. And they probably won't collect all of Columbia's pieces, which are strewn across 500 miles in three states.

The key is to keep looking back, said Bob Hotz, who served on the commission that investigated the 1986 explosion that destroyed the shuttle Challenger.

"An accident is 11 idiots lined up in a row. It's not the last thing that happened."

"They need to go back to the roots of it all," Hotz said. "You take a point of impact and work backwards. Because what happened just before the point of impact is not the cause of the impact. It may start way back in the manufacturing process."

They'll get answers from "the data, not debris," unless they get really lucky, Lewis said. All of the experts consulted by Knight Ridder agreed.

Memos, engineering discussions, telephone conferences, lists of part replacements and detailed "anomaly" lists that NASA keeps will all be fodder for investigators, Hotz said. They will try to find a pattern of problems or defects, early warning signs.

Videotapes of the shuttle that were made from several angles and cameras during Columbia's Jan. 16 launch also can provide clues. Studying them, NASA engineers noticed debris from the external fuel tank hitting the shuttle's left wing just after lift-off, and that occurrence has become an early suspect. Investigators will zero in on NASA managers' decision-making to examine why they thought the incident was no big deal, Hotz said.

Astronaut became symbol of India's spirit

Chicago Tribune

KARNAL, India — For Kalpana Chawla, one of the seven astronauts who died aboard the space shuttle Columbia, the journey from small-town India to outer space was little short of remarkable.

On Sunday, Karnal's residents gathered in grief and disbelief to mourn the woman who put their town on the world map — and in the process proved that no dream is impossible, even for girls in this nondescript Indian town, where rickshaws still outnumber cars, and cows amble through the streets.

"At the time when she became an astronaut, people still couldn't believe that a girl can do that kind of thing," said Sangareet Ghaur, 16, an 11th-grader at Chawla's former high school who was sponsored by Chawla last year to attend NASA's summer camp for international students.

All of the seven astronauts who died aboard Columbia battled fierce competition from the world's brightest and best brains for cherished places on the NASA space program. But Chawla, 41, fought also the odds of her country's poverty and prejudices to become the first Asian woman in space.

Sixty percent of women are illiterate in Haryana state, where Karnal is located, 80 miles north of Delhi. Forty-five percent are married off by their families before they reach age 19. Female offspring are less prized: The region has India's highest rate of female infanticide, that fewer than eight girls are born for every 10 boys, underlining the strong societal biases against women that still persist.

Yet times are changing in India and Chawla had become far more than just a local celebrity. As India's rise to become a world power, she had become a national hero, a symbol of pride in a country that has set its sights on science and technology as a way to break out of poverty. Just a month ago, her picture was splashed across the covers of India's leading news magazine under the headline: "Making us Proud."

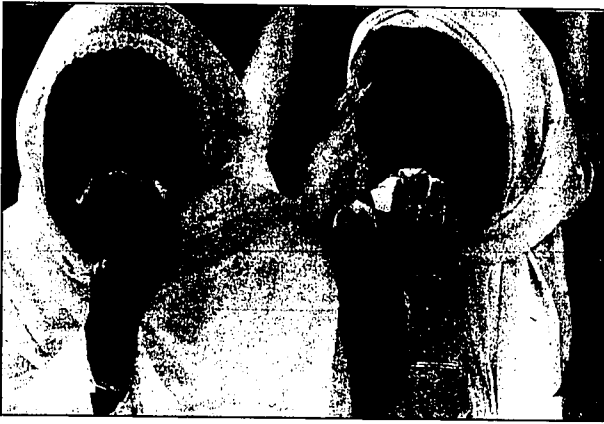
NASA says some remains of crew have been found

The Associated Press

Forensics experts expressed confidence that fragmentary remains of Columbia's crew members could be genetically identified despite the craft's disintegration 29 miles overhead, but said details about exactly how the seven astronauts died and how quickly could be elusive.

Remains of some astronauts have been found, Eileen Hawley, spokeswoman for Johnson Space Center, said Sunday. The remains were recovered in rural east Texas, NASA officials said.

Bob Cabana, director of flight crew operations, had said earlier Sunday that remains of all seven



Amrjit K Mann, left, and Dr. I. Thandi wipe away tears during a memorial service for shuttle shuttle Columbia astronaut Dr. Kalpana Chawla and the rest of the Columbia crew Sunday at George Bush Park in Houston.

Israel mourns death of its first astronaut

JERUSALEM (AP) — At a high school with a science experiment on the doomed space shuttle Columbia, tearful students covered desks with flowers and candles. In a Cabinet meeting, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon declared astronaut Dan Ramon a national hero. And across the country, flags flew at half-staff as the nation mourned its latest loss.

As Israelis spoke of the Columbia disaster, the recurring theme was a country beset by wrenching tragedies.

After 28 months of daily violence with the Palestinians, a depressed economy and the threat of being drawn into a war with Iraq, Israelis had been celebrating Ramon's journey as a testament to their achievements, blissfully free of tension and controversy.

Ramon, the 48-year-old son of a

Holocaust survivor, was portrayed as a symbol of hope and renewal for Jews, and he emphasized the theme repeatedly during his mission, including saying a Jewish prayer while flying over Jerusalem.

The shuttle broke apart Saturday, just minutes before it was to land, killing Ramon and his six American crewmates.

"We got another slap in the face, as a nation, in addition to the slap we got every day," said Gabi Ben-Zur, a barber from northern Israel. His shop is next to a cafe damaged last year in one of nearly 90 Palestinian suicide bombings. "It's like there is a jinx on us."

"Dreams in Tatters" read the headline in the Maariv daily above a full-page picture of the explosion and an inset showing a smiling, waving Ramon in his

orange space suit. "Crying for Israel," the Yediot Achronot daily above a similar spread.

Ramon's loss was particularly stinging at the Ort technical high school in Kiryat Motzkin, a suburb of the northern port city of Haifa.

Six students had spent four years designing an experiment that Ramon took aboard — a study of how near-zero gravity affects the growth of crystals.

Students covered desks with black table cloths and photo collages showing Ramon and the students' work on the project. During breaks, many of the school's 1,500 students crowded around the exhibits.

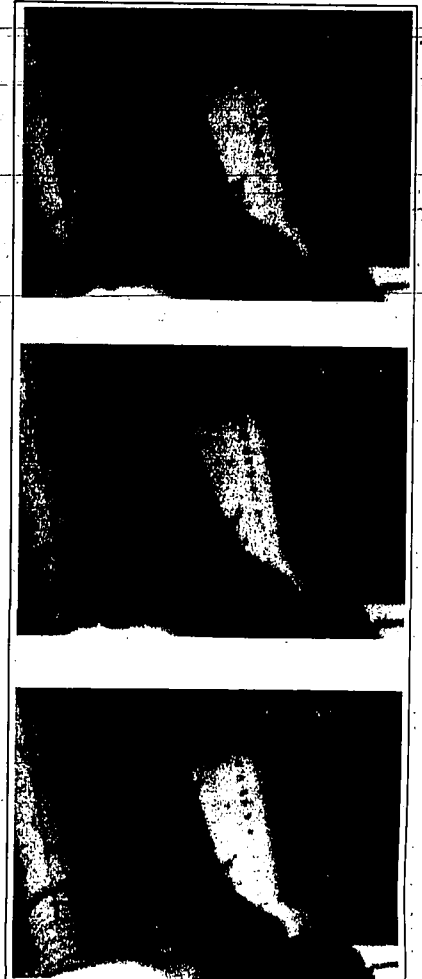
At the weekly Cabinet meeting in Jerusalem, Sharon told ministers that Ramon's death was not in vain and more Israelis would fly in space.

charred leg. An empty astronaut's helmet also could contain some genetic traces.

"DNA analysis certainly can do it if there are any cells left," said Carrie Whitcomb, director of the National Center for Forensic Science in Orlando, Fla. "If there is enough tissue to pick up, then there are lots of cells."

Nor does the DNA have to come from soft tissue.

"Identification can be made with hair and bone, too," said University of Texas physicist Manfred Fink. "Unless the body was very badly burned, there is no reason why there shouldn't be remains and it should not hinder the work."



In this sequence of images taken from video supplied to Florida Today, what appears to be debris (viewed top to bottom) is seen striking the underside of the left wing of the space shuttle Columbia during its ascent into space on Jan. 16.

NASA says it dealt with safety issues amid warnings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Shortages of key experts, tight budgets and mounting safety concerns all plagued the nation's space program in recent years, according to a trail of reports by congressional auditors, outside panels and NASA retirees.

How much of a forewarning they were to Saturday's space shuttle Columbia tragedy may be determined in the next several weeks.

NASA critics both in and outside the government and investigators into the accident are sure to comb the reports for anything that might explain the disintegration of the spacecraft nearly 40 miles above Texas as it screamed toward a landing in Florida at more than 12,000 miles per hour.

As President Bush took office, the investigative arm of Congress found in 2001 that NASA's shuttle work force over the years had declined significantly to the point of reducing the agency's ability to safely support the program.

Many key areas were not sufficiently staffed by qualified workers and the remaining work force showed signs of overwork and fatigue, the General Accounting Office stated.

There were other warnings, including a report to Congress last April on the shuttle program by a federally mandated safety

panel of outside experts which expressed "the strongest safety concern" in 15 years.

"We just received a GAO report, I think last week, that looked at NASA's oversight of some of their private contractors and basically said it was inadequate," Sen. John Breaux, D-La., said Sunday on CNN.

Breaux and other members of Congress made clear Sunday that safety and the NASA budget will come under intense scrutiny in Capitol Hill this year, beginning Monday when the White House sends lawmakers details of Bush's priorities for the agency next year.

"Inevitably, there will be a discussion out of this about how much NASA should be funded, should there be another orbiter built, and in fact, has it been so poorly funded in recent years that maybe, just maybe it wasn't as safe as it should be?" said Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., a former astronaut who flew aboard Columbia.

The House Science Committee will take the lead in Congress' investigation of the tragedy, focusing on how much money has been devoted to the safety of the shuttle and other space programs and whether the disaster could have been prevented with more resources.

Utah residents didn't know shuttle was disintegrating

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — Dozens of Utah residents who drove here to witness the space shuttle's re-entry Saturday were among the last to see Columbia before its destruction.

The final glimpse came at 6:57 a.m. Saturday, NASA lost contact with the craft about three minutes later.

On its re-entry, Columbia came over Utah headed toward Texas, on a line that stretched from near St. George to the vicinity of Kanab.

As the sky began to slowly

brighten, viewers caught a glimpse of the descending shuttle.

Nine residents of Ogden and the Salt Lake City area traveled to an abandoned runway south of St. George, almost directly under the shuttle's path. Another dozen, including Patrick Wiggins — NASA's solar system ambassador to Utah — stationed themselves near Leeds, Washington County.

Though witnesses could not make out the shape of the shuttle, it appeared as an electric

blue ball with a bright orange trail billowing behind, Wiggins said.

Several reported seeing items falling from the shuttle as it passed overhead. A video made by Lee Priest of Ogden shows that suddenly a great deal more material shows up in the spacecraft's contrail, which became thicker and darker.

"It was really fast," said Priest, president of the Ogden Astronomical Society. "I thought it was going to be slower than that."

Russia sends cargo ship to international space station

MOSCOW (AP) Russia launched an unmanned cargo ship to the international space station Sunday, a day after the loss of the space shuttle Columbia threw into doubt future missions to the orbiting complex.

The Progress M-47 lifted off atop a Soyuz-U rocket from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan at 3:59 p.m. and entered orbit a few minutes later, said Nikolai Kryuchkov, a spokesman at Russia's mission control center outside Moscow.

The craft is scheduled to dock with the station Tuesday, delivering fuel, equipment, food and mail for the three-astronaut crew — a Russian commander and two Americans.

The long-planned launch came as stunned Russian space officials offered condolences for the astronauts — six Americans and one Israeli — killed when the Columbia disintegrated shortly before it was to have landed Saturday morning.

They said the disaster may put Moscow's cash-strapped space program under more pressure to deliver crews and sup-

plies to the station.

"This is a big tragedy for us," said Vladimir Solovoy, head of Russia's mission control center. "We knew every member of the Columbia crew personally except for the Israeli astronaut."

Cosmonaut Yuri Usachev, who commanded the space station's second crew in 2001, said he and his colleagues were feeling the tragedy as a "personal loss."

"I believe yesterday's tragedy will have a big influence on the future of the international space station," he told TVS television.

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TWIN FALLS COUNTY COURTS

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The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County including the following:

Drunken-driving sentences

Denise I. Miller, 36, 493 W. 45 N. Burley; driving under the influence, excessive; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; \$750 court costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 24 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any alcohol or drug testing; or possess any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; comply with alcohol evaluation recommendations; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Tracey Allen Boley, 31, 3597 N. 1100 E., Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine with \$500 suspended; \$750 court costs; 180 days in jail with 150 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; do not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; comply with alcohol evaluation recommendations; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Court records

Dakota Lyle Kufader, 22, 416 Main St., Kimberly; driving under the influence, excessive; pleaded guilty; \$750 court costs; \$75 public defender fee; 120 days in jail with 110 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 120 days; 24 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; do not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; comply with alcohol evaluation recommendations; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Kirkley A. Evans, 33, 1187 Addison Ave. W., No. 7, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine with \$900 suspended; \$750 court costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; do not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; comply with alcohol evaluation recommendations; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Michael E. Goodson, 49, 697 S. Main; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$500 suspended; \$750 court costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; do not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; attend court alcohol treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

Misdemeanor sentences

Benjamin Windhouse, 27, 1153 State Highway 27, Burley; fail to purchase child driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$86.50 fine; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

Jennifer N. Dimick, 20, 730 S. College; driving under the influence, withheld judgment; \$300 fine with \$200 suspended; \$750 court costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; do not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; attend court alcohol treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

Misdemeanor sentences

Benjamin Windhouse, 27, 1153 State Highway 27, Burley; fail to purchase child driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$86.50 fine; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

Cynthia Chavez, 20, no street address available; Twin Falls; one count assault; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; do not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; attend court alcohol treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

Benjamin W. Breck Jr., 21, 1048 E. 4200 N., Buhl; fail to attempt to elude a police officer; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; do not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; attend court alcohol treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

Benjamin W. Breck Jr., 21, 1048 E. 4200 N., Buhl; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; do not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; attend court alcohol treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

Debbie L. Caughman, 39, 208 Orchard Drive W., Twin Falls; driving

without privileges; attempted to fail to purchase driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$86.50 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

Felony sentences

Donald James Cappel, 62, 341 Brundage St., Twin Falls; level conductor with a child under 16; found innocent; District Judge Nathan W. Higer. Three years' indeterminate; \$642.49 restitution to victims; District Judge Mark C. Hohnhorst.

Jeff Lynn Higer, 33, 98 W. 600 N., Jerome; burglary; pleaded guilty; eight months' probation; four years' indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Penitentiary; \$1,000 fine with \$250 suspended; \$850 court costs; \$600 restitution; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Jeff Lynn Higer, 33, 98 W. 600 N., Jerome; grand theft by receiving stolen property; pleaded guilty; eight years' indeterminate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Penitentiary; \$1,000 fine with \$250 suspended; \$850 court costs; \$600 restitution; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Brent Riley Simon, 52, 132 Second St. E., No. 2, Twin Falls; delivery of a controlled substance, methamphetamine; pleaded guilty; five years' indeterminate; six years' indeterminate; \$1,000 fine with \$250 suspended; \$850 court costs; \$600 restitution; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Susan Louise Phillips, 32, 1211 10th Ave. E., Twin Falls; forgery; pleaded guilty; five years' indeterminate; three years' indeterminate; four years' indeterminate; suspended; four years' probation; \$1,000 fine with \$250 suspended; \$850 court costs; \$600 restitution; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Eric Loy Aasha, 22, 440 Hite Blvd. N., Twin Falls; conspiracy to possess a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; five years' probation; three years' indeterminate; two years' indeterminate; suspended; four years' probation; \$1,000 fine with \$250 suspended; \$850 court costs; \$600 restitution; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Daniel J. Hausner, 730 All St. Haven; possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine; pleaded guilty; five years' probation; three years' indeterminate; five years' indeterminate; \$1,000 fine with \$250 suspended; \$850 court costs; \$600 restitution; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

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ment that sells alcohol by the drink; submit to search and seizure; 90 days' discretionary; \$1,000 fine; \$500 restitution; write letter of apology to victim; District Judge John C. Hohnhorst.

James E. Flite, 60, no street address given, Twin Falls; grand theft by receiving stolen property; found guilty; three years' probation; three years' indeterminate; one and one-half years' indeterminate; one and one-half years' indeterminate; \$642.49 restitution to victims; District Judge John C. Hohnhorst.

Felony dismissals
Joe DeMontano-Villages, 30, 311 Knottingham, Twin Falls; one count aggravated driving under the influence and one count fail to stop and render aid after the scene of a injury accident; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

Daniel Joseph Hauser, 20, 740 All St., Haven; one count burglary and one count grand theft; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

Qwytan John Urrizaga, 30, 141 Pleasant, Twin Falls; theft by receiving/possessing stolen property; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

Juvenile arraignments
Joseph K. Shores, 15, 534 Third Ave. W., Twin Falls; petit theft; public defender appointed; continued juvenile detention center; pretrial conference Feb. 11; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Johnny A. Shores, 14, 543 Third Ave. W., Twin Falls; one count possession of drug paraphernalia and one count possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; continued juvenile detention center; pretrial conference Feb. 11; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Benito Razo-Chavez, 17, 816 12th Ave. N., Buhl; one count burglary and one count battery; public defender appointed; continued juvenile detention center; pretrial conference Feb. 11; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Tammy L. McBride, 15, 810 W. Sixth St., Buhl; one count burglary and one count battery; public defender appointed; continued juvenile detention center; pretrial conference Feb. 11; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Bradley M. Mills, 15, 1675 Sigrid Ave. W., Twin Falls; one count possession of a controlled substance, marijuana and one count possession of drug paraphernalia; public defender appointed; continued juvenile detention center; pretrial conference Feb. 11; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Justin C. Burkhardt, 14, 512 Jefferson St., Apt. C, Twin Falls; theft by receiving stolen property; public defender appointed; continued juvenile detention center; pretrial conference Feb. 11; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Patrick Peterson, 17, 248 Second Ave. N., Buhl; one count burglary and one count battery; public defender appointed; continued juvenile detention center; pretrial conference Feb. 11; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Ted Stocking, 14, 337 Lincoln St., Kimberly; one count burglary and one count battery; public defender appointed; continued juvenile detention center; pretrial conference Feb. 11; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

City of Jerome vs. Tina Burke-Grady, formerly known as Tina Burke; one count burglary and one count battery; public defender appointed; continued juvenile detention center; pretrial conference Feb. 11; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

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ages, amount to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs; Plaintiffs seeking reimbursement for damages sustained in their vehicle during a vehicle accident.

Terese Morrison vs. Jake Bailes. Subject matter: negligence. The defendant for special damages, economic loss and lost wages; general damages for pain and suffering, disability, and disfigurement; in amounts to be proven at trial; other relief as the court deems just; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiffs seeking reimbursement for injuries sustained in a vehicle accident. Plaintiff demands jury trial.

Jacob Clark vs. Gary E. Hall. Seeking judgment against the defendant for special damages for past and future medical expenses, economic loss and lost wages; general damages for pain and suffering, disability, and disfigurement; in amounts to be proven at trial; other relief as the court deems just; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff alleges he was injured when the defendant negligently drove a car into him, causing him to suffer serious and permanent loss of eyesight. Plaintiff demands jury trial.

William Duffell O'Brien vs. county of Twin Falls, a government entity, a lawsuit for damages against the county of Twin Falls; officers Deputy Julia Luna, Deputy Coniger, Deputy Derek Haderly, Deputy Susan Stringer, Deputy R. B. Rivas, Deputy Doug Hughes, Capt. Robert Wright, Sheriff Wayne Tousey, Lou Probasco, Judge Heworth and Randall Slickers. Plaintiffs allege that while incarcerated in the Twin Falls County Jail he became involved in an altercation with another inmate and was struck repeatedly in the facial area by the inmate, causing him to suffer severe facial injuries. Plaintiffs further alleges that the defendants were negligent for failing to intervene and prevent the inmate from causing him further alleged that the defendants with jail standards in regards to safety at the jail, and for providing inmates with a hard plastic mug causing him to suffer severe facial injuries. Plaintiffs demands jury trial.

Child support cases
State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Keith James Reid. Seeking determination of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; \$127 monthly support plus 51 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$330 attorneys' fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Sonja L. DeFries. Seeking \$155 monthly support plus 100 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$363 attorneys' fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Savon Kerlin. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$127 monthly support plus 62 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$330 attorneys' fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Bryce Dean. Seeking determination of paternity; birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father; \$2,350.94 for medical assistance granted; \$242 monthly support plus 61 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$363 attorneys' fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Charles Edward Crowley. Seeking \$2,493 for medical assistance granted; \$155 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$363 attorneys' fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. John Dustin Amos. Seeking determination of paternity; \$302 monthly support plus 65 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$363 attorneys' fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Mario Pereyra. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$178 monthly support plus 61 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$363 attorneys' fees and costs.

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Misdemeanor dismissals

Mario Alberto Benavides, 30, P.O. Box 21, Heyburn; contempt of court; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Misdemeanor sentences

Andres Delatorre, 27, 2367 S. 2450 E., Malta; invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty; \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Martin M. Guzman, 19, 1023 15th Drive, Rupert; invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty; \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Don Christensen, 56, P.O. Box 554, Rupert; violation of a no-use order, pleaded guilty; \$36.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 10 days in jail, 10 days suspended, 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Michael Lee West, 48, 593 N. 500 W., Paul; domestic violence battery, amended to battery, pleaded guilty; \$36.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 180 days in jail, 180 days suspended, 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Carlos Jimenez Lozano, 25, No. 31 Vermont Ave., Goshute, Calif.; hearing on appeal, pleaded guilty; \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 20 days suspended, 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Teri P. Erickson, 20, 1622 B. E. 1700 S., Geddis; frequenting a place where minors are present, amended to pleaded guilty; \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Charles Valencia Reyes, 29, P.O. Box 30, Valencia; two counts contempt of court, one count dismissed, one count pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended, 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Melvin C. Heine, 68, 830 14th St., No. 10; violation of a protection order, two counts dismissed, one count pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended, 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Driving under the influence sentences

Joel A. Paz, 19, P.O. Box 11, Minidoka; one count open container violation.

Misdemeanor dismissals

Sarah Bliss Laycock, 19, 9300 S. Redwood; violation of a no-use order; Utah; failure to appear for misdemeanor citation; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

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Norahel C. Bernat, 22, 626 11th and Ave. N., 13, Burley; petit theft; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Misdemeanor sentences

Kevin D. Tinker, 30, 478A S. 1000 E., Jerome; invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty; \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Juan D. Landeros, 21, 508 S. W., Burley; one count failure to appear for misdemeanor citation, dismissed, one count invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty; \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

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RUPERT - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Minidoka County including the following:

Misdemeanor dismissals

Mario Alberto Benavides, 30, P.O. Box 21, Heyburn; contempt of court; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Misdemeanor sentences

Andres Delatorre, 27, 2367 S. 2450 E., Malta; invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty; \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Martin M. Guzman, 19, 1023 15th Drive, Rupert; invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty; \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Don Christensen, 56, P.O. Box 554, Rupert; violation of a no-use order, pleaded guilty; \$36.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 10 days in jail, 10 days suspended, 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Michael Lee West, 48, 593 N. 500 W., Paul; domestic violence battery, amended to battery, pleaded guilty; \$36.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 180 days in jail, 180 days suspended, 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Carlos Jimenez Lozano, 25, No. 31 Vermont Ave., Goshute, Calif.; hearing on appeal, pleaded guilty; \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 20 days suspended, 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Teri P. Erickson, 20, 1622 B. E. 1700 S., Geddis; frequenting a place where minors are present, amended to pleaded guilty; \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Charles Valencia Reyes, 29, P.O. Box 30, Valencia; two counts contempt of court, one count dismissed, one count pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended, 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

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