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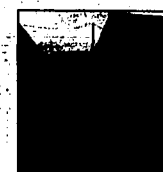
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## A GENEROUS GIANT



Castelford High School students Tim Hill, 17, and Alex Hamar, 17, add the spray nozzles to the greenhouse watering system. The system was funded by a J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation grant through the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition. Grant funds also paid for the sliding greenhouse tables and welding, and sheet metal bending and cutting equipment.

## Albertson Foundation narrows focus as market slides

By Robert Mayer  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It's hard to imagine what Idaho public education would be like without the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation.

And it's even harder to find a child or teacher who hasn't benefited in some way from the \$180 million the foundation has given schools since its inception in 1966.

"We're the envy of many states because of the foundation," said Gaylen Smyer, director of the Cassia Regional Technical Center, which received \$2.2 million from the foundation for equipment and program development.

Begun by grocer Joe Albertson and his wife, Kathryn, the foundation has become something of a savior of Idaho education with its millions in donated money. Those millions have helped schools buy technical equipment such as computers - lots and lots of computers - provided teacher professional training, and moved forward the public school system's assessment efforts.

The foundation has carried out this good will humbly and quietly. In fact, the foundation is known almost as much for its secrecy as for its generosity.

One aspect it does like to

Albertson Foundation finances			
	2001	2000	
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$10,757,191	\$22,560,707	
Investments	\$618,945,991	\$469,989,580	
Other	\$10,843	\$8,915	
Total current assets	\$629,722,825	\$492,559,202	
Building, furniture and equipment net	\$4,340,209	\$4,657,706	
Total assets	\$634,063,034	\$497,216,908	
Investment income	2001	2000	
Interest	\$1,008,409	\$1,271,221	
Dividends	\$14,989,059	\$15,166,835	
Net realized gains (losses)	\$38	\$1,440	
Net unrealized gains (losses)	\$148,956,411	(\$146,295,350)	
Total investment income	\$164,953,935	(\$129,855,834)	
Investment expense			
Federal excise taxes	\$155,000	\$155,000	
Provisioned administration expense	\$768,007	\$694,502	
Total investment expense	\$923,254	\$849,502	
Net investment income	\$164,030,681	(\$130,705,388)	
Donations Received		\$1,500	
Grants approved	\$30,234,032	\$24,655,268	
Administration expenses	\$942,580	\$378,454	
Total grants and expenses	\$31,236,612	\$25,033,732	
Net investment income and donations over (under) grants and expenses	\$132,814,219	(\$155,737,588)	
Fund balance, beginning year	\$490,381,419	\$646,089,007	
Fund balance, end of year	\$623,165,638	\$490,351,419	

Source: J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation annual report

emphasize repeatedly, however, is that its money is meant solely to supplement and not to supplant the state's responsibility in funding public education.

But its ability to give has diminished considerably as its assets have dwindled with the stock market. In response, the foundation has tightened its reins and nar-

rowed its focus.

### Major projects

The Albertson Foundation's list of accomplishments is almost too long to list. Among the more noteworthy and recent contributions:

- \$24.5 million toward the state's reading initiative, helping school districts buy computers and install Accelerated Reading programs.

- \$80 million for its technology initiative.

- \$4.8 million to the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition in south-central Idaho.

During the last five years alone, more than \$33 million in Albertson money has been distributed through the Idaho State Department of Education. But it's not just technology that gets the financial nod.

For instance, the foundation gave the state a \$775,000 boost to help implement its standards.

"They've played a large role in advancing educational changes that are now under way in Idaho schools," said Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard.

As such, the department maintains a good relationship with the

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## Bills address ag issues

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

BOISE - Four bills were introduced over the past week or so that could affect dairymen, farmers and their neighbors. They run a gamut of subjects from agricultural odors to cow counting.

### Odors and trespassing

Legislation has been created specifically to eliminate the possibility of people suing because of smoke or agricultural odors drifting onto their property. Its purpose is to prevent lawsuits such as one brought

against 76 northern Idaho grass growers in 2002 that claimed the farmers' practice of burning during harvest was a public nuisance and also trespassing.

Backed by the Idaho Grain Growers Association and the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, the legislation would amend Idaho's trespassing law to make it clear that the law of trespass is not intended to extend to certain agricultural practices," according to the statement of purpose.

Field burning is managed by state agencies in populated areas, using common sense and rules. And odors are an accepted part of farming and cannot be eliminated, supporters say. In addition, the state's agricultural and environmental agencies are what people should look to for regulating smoke and ag odors, says Dar Oiberding, the Grain Growers' lobbyist.

If you're doing the things you're supposed to be doing in agriculture, why should you be sued for following the law?" Oiberding said. He pointed out that farmers are required to take classes and get permits in order to burn their fields.

Under the legislation, drifting chemicals, such as those sprayed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management in 2001 that damaged farm ground in Blaine and Minidoka counties, would still fall under the trespass law, he said.

"It has to be tangible," Oiberding said.

But according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, smoke and odor fall into the realm of things that are tangible.

"Particulate matter is the general term used for a mixture of

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## Idaho demonstrators rally for peace

The Times-News and  
The Associated Press

**KETCHUM** - As peace demonstrations took place worldwide Saturday, hundreds of Idaho residents rallied to support a diplomatic alternative to a war with Iraq.

Diaby, an Australian shepherd, did his part in Ketchum's peace march, with a red, white and blue warbled sign harnessing to his back reading "No Iraq war."

Dogs, in fact, along with children were scattered among the more than 200 people who marched from Memory Park on Main Street through downtown Ketchum's streets.

Organizer Margaret Stewart, of

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Protesters take part in a peace rally Saturday in Paris. Demonstrators gathered in various locations throughout the world - including Ketchum - to protest a possible U.S.-led war on Iraq.

## U.S., Britain rethink strategy to disarm Iraq

Los Angeles Times

**UNITED NATIONS** - Stung and surprised by the Security Council's stiff opposition to stopping inspections, the United States and Britain are rethinking their strategy for disarming Iraq but say they will still present a draft resolution to the council this week.

"I haven't seen any signs in Washington and London of less determination to see the complete disarmament of Iraq," British Ambassador to the U.N. Jeremy Greenstock said Saturday. Britain still plans to offer the council new proposals this week, he said, after participants have had an opportunity to digest the results of a European Union meeting on Iraq scheduled for Monday and after other U.N.

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members have had a chance to state their views in an open debate Tuesday.

But, Greenstock added, "Final decisions have not been taken on what the next steps are."

U.S. Secretary of State Colin L. Powell seemed staggered and irritated Friday by a chorus of foreign ministers during a special session of the Security Council who said they weren't convinced that Iraq is an imminent threat.

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### Making waves

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Monday

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Area Scouts celebrate the organization.

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Explore your faith with the latest from the world of religion.

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Does it work with kids?

Sunday



# FBI works with local law officers to guard against chemical attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing the prospect of a U.S.-led war with Iraq, FBI officials are working to help local law enforcement look beyond the end of the Muslim holiday that prompted the most recent terror warning and improve preparations for possible chemical, biological or radiological attacks, officials said.

In detailed advisories over the past week, the FBI and Homeland Security provided information to local law enforcement about the type of biological and chemical weapons that U.S. and foreign intelligence indicates al-Qaida already has obtained and tested.

Some of the advisories reported that U.S. authorities obtained last year evidence from al-Qaida showing members of the terrorist network had tested mustard gas and Sarin and VX nerve agents, according to law enforcement officials who saw the advisories.

"Information indicates the group has experimented with procedures for making blister (mustard) and nerve (sarin and VX) chemical agents," one unclassified advisory sent out at midweek said.

Some of the advisories cautioned that chemical and biological attacks could be staged at multiple locations and synchronized to cause the greatest possible panic, officials said.

Other law enforcement intelligence highlighted evidence gathered from recent arrests overseas of terrorists who were dabbling with a lethal poison known as ricin, derived from the castor bean plant, officials said.

Federal law enforcement and U.S. intelligence officials say they have no specific intelligence as of yet suggesting a specific type, location or timing of a terrorist operation connected to possible

U.S. action of Iraq but that intelligence analysts believe there is a high likelihood such an attack will be attempted by al-Qaida if a war begins in the Persian Gulf.

Osama Bin Laden's tape recorded message last week calling Muslims to take up arms in defense of Iraq has only heightened that concern, officials said.

FBI investigators also have gathered evidence that as many as a dozen men who trained at al-Qaida training camps are currently on U.S. soil — raising the prospect they may be part of existing terror cells able to launch attacks if a war starts, officials said.

Officials said the effort to prepare law enforcement for war-related terrorism is more subtle and preparatory than the instant alert last week that raised the nation's threat level to orange, its second highest.



Snow swirls as an Omaha, Neb., resident uses a snowblower to clear his driveway Saturday. The storm dropped up to nine inches of snow in the Omaha area.

## Snowstorm blasts Midwest

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Travelers were stranded Saturday along highways in parts of Iowa and Illinois as plows struggled to keep up with a storm that spread blowing, heavy snow from the Plains all the way to Maryland.

Slippery pavement and blowing snow made driving a struggle from eastern Nebraska through Ohio. The flying snow caused near whiteout conditions in parts of Illinois.

"There are cars in the ditch, but there's too many to count," said Lt. Rob Hansen of the Iowa State Patrol.

"We're not pulling anything out because it's not safe for the tow trucks to be out there," Hansen said. "We're trying to get to the folks in their vehicles and give them a ride to someplace warm and dry."

Some motorists also were

stuck in their cars after sliding into ditches in central Illinois, where up to 12 inches of snow was possible around Peoria, police said.

The heaviest snow by midday Saturday was in eastern Nebraska and Iowa, where Omaha and Des Moines had 9 inches. Strong wind piled the snow into drifts. Up to 7 inches fell overnight in central Ohio, that region's largest snowfall so far this winter.

But the heaviest potential snowfall — 18 to 30 inches by this evening — was likely in the central Appalachians around Elkins, W.Va., the National Weather Service said. The Elkins Fire Department put tire chains on all its trucks, spokesman Mike Hart said.

"This is by far, by far the biggest of the season and potentially very much more hazardous," said John Victory, a weather service meteorologist in Charleston, W.Va.

By afternoon Saturday, the snow had spread into Maryland, where Baltimore already had seen 22.9 inches of snow since Dec. 1, nearly twice its normal 12.3 inches.

"These storms are all sort of blurring together," said Lora Rakowski, a Maryland Highway Administration spokeswoman.

The storm was fueled by abundant moisture flowing north from the Gulf of Mexico, said Cathy Zapotocny, a weather service forecaster in Nebraska.

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### Albertson Foundation grants

Here is a list of grants from the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation that have been administered by the Idaho State Department of Education:

Year	Name of project	Amount of grant	Comments
1997	Summer Institute	\$10,000	Matching dollars for the Whitteberger Summer Writing Institute.
2001	Summer Institute	\$25,000	Matching dollars for the Whitteberger Summer Writing Institute.
1998	Reading Initiative Project	\$30,000	Support of committee expenses for report to Idaho Legislature on reading instruction in public schools.
1998	Reading Study in Idaho	\$22,340	Support of reading study of 1,000 Idaho public school fourth-grade students.
1999	TRIMS Project	\$150,000	Support of the third International Mathematics and Science Study - contracted to a university.
1999	Technology Initiative technical assistance	\$325,000	Support of three positions to carry out the Albertson's Technology Initiative.
1999	Technology Initiative	\$28,000,000	Support of state's implementation of technology in schools essential for 21st Century student learning.
2001	Creating High Performance Schools	\$132,000	Support of project to create schools and districts that demonstrate exceptional results in student achievement, graduation rates, stakeholder satisfaction and post-secondary success.
2002	Greeting High Performance Schools	\$254,000	Year 2
2002	Creating High Performance Schools	\$250,000	Year 3
2002	Idaho Digital Learning Academy	\$1,000,000	Support of the Idaho Digital Learning Academy created by the 2002 Legislature within the State Department of Education.
2002	ISIMS	\$3,500,000	Support of continuation to maintain a cost-effective means to access, transfer and share information among schools, school districts and department, and post-secondary institutions.
2003	Idaho Learning Alignment Project	\$85,000	Support of project to create the Idaho RIT reference chart that will include sample test items that match a RIT score range of proficiency labeled with the Idaho Standards Achievement Test language.

\*\* No funds went to school districts; department paid all vendor bills.

Source: Idaho State Department of Education

## Albertson

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foundation, Howard said. Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, noted that the foundation has also raised the intellectual level of the state by bringing in experts and funding seminars as well as sending educators off to other states for the same.

"They've created a lot of thinking and thoughts and longer-term focused education," he said.

"They've had a dramatically focused effect."

That beneficial effect is in the process of being streamlined.

### Assessing results

For the first few decades, the Albertson grants handed out were fairly small.

That changed when Kathryn Albertson added \$660 million to the pot in 1957, and the foundation mushroomed to become the nation's 33rd largest.

With that infusion of cash, the annual contributions jumped from \$25 million to \$35 million. In turn, educators flooded the foundation with requests, many of which were funded.

Money was freely spread around, necessarily. Tax laws require that foundations distribute annually at least 5 percent of their endowments.

Some wonder, however, if the return on these millions spent during this halcyon period can be measured - whether all that money did what it was supposed to do once it reached the recipients.

While some of the smaller grants might not have been scrutinized as much as some would have liked, the major initiatives did receive outside evaluations, said Executive Director Craig Olson.

Two initiatives whose evaluations have been completed are the technology initiative and the reading initiative.

According to Olson:

• An independent evaluation of the former (\$250,000 in hardware and software to each Idaho school district) reported higher-than-expected academic gains for students whose teachers were technically proficient and also regularly used technology in classroom instruction.

• A broad evaluation of the multi-year, \$35 million reading initiative (Accelerated Reader, Waterford Reading, Lee Pesky Center teacher training, early literacy programs) reported significant gains for students in earliest grades and at low levels of reading proficiency.

### Taking a hit

The foundation doesn't have as much of a problem in tracking results these days. Virtually all of its endowment is invested in Albertsons Inc. stock, and the grocery giant has seen its stock plummet along with the overall market. It's now trading under \$20 a share for the first time in years. Thus, the foundation's assets have quickly dropped from a 1998 peak of \$1.2 billion to just half that, around \$600,000, in 2001.

So goes the foundation's ability to fund projects.

Unlike many foundations whose assets depend largely on contributions, the Albertson Foundation is built on what was donated by the late Joe and Kathryn Albertson.

There aren't plans to change that.

"As a charitable institution, we can accept contributions, but we have not requested them," said spokeswoman Chris Lantry.

With a smaller per of money, the foundation finally declared that it no longer could accept grant proposals. Instead, it has picked a handful of favorite projects and concentrate almost exclusively on them.

That might benefit the foundation, said Twin Falls School District Superintendent Terrell Donich.

With less money flowing through fewer programs, it will be easier to keep track of that money, he said.

"There's an upside to that downside," he said.

The foundation's three most prominent initiatives today are:

• **Creating High Performance Schools** - a broad school improvement program that includes teacher training and other measures.

• **Teaching With Technology** - helping buy computers and train teachers to use them in the classroom.

• **Idaho Student Information Management System** - a statewide student data system that collects such information as student attendance, assignments and grades.

However, the foundation still funds an occasional project such as the Idaho Digital Learning Academy and the Idaho Standards Achievement Test incentive program. But such funding choices have some educators scratching their heads.

"Why they've picked what they've picked, I have no idea," Donich said.

In an effort to encourage student improvement on the ISAT, the foundation is putting up \$8 million that is slated to go to schools whose students show improvement on the state's new standardized test. The more students who improve from

the fall ISAT to the winter ISAT to the spring ISAT, the more money a school receives - up to \$50 per student.

The money can be used for equipment, materials, programs or staff development - not for teacher salaries. In fact, the Albertson Foundation has never granted money for school district employee salaries.

While educators welcome the ISAT incentive money, the timing is seen by some as premature. The ISAT remains in the pilot phase and continues to evolve. Thus, it's still testing the test as much as testing the students. For that matter, the ISAT has yet to be determined to be a valid and reliable measuring instrument.

Educators have said the money would be better spent if the foundation waited until the ISAT was perfected and given in its final form.

Also troubling to some is the foundation's move to put in \$1 million to get the Digital Learning Academy on its feet with no promise that it would continue being funded. Now with more than 600 students statewide signed up, the future of the academy - which offers online courses to high school students - is in limbo. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne didn't make room in his budget proposal for the \$600,000 necessary to keep it operating.

Olson said it chose to fund the Digital Learning Academy because the foundation seeks to fund innovative ideas.

"Our intent is to assist the state by providing seed money for promising ideas that provide more educational options for Idaho students," he said.

But unless the Legislature comes up with the necessary money, the academy will have been wasted.

That might be why the foundation is seeking a written commitment from the state that it'll fund the ongoing expenses for the Idaho Student Information Management System. While the foundation will put up the initial \$35 million, the state will be required to ante up \$7 million annually to keep the initiative rolling.

The planned information system, now in its pilot phase, is expected to allow:

• Parents to access their children's test scores and assignments.

• Teachers to collect and analyze test results, as well as share and download lesson plans aligned to state standards.

• Schools to share information about individual students who transfer.

• And policy-makers and taxpayers

to have quick access to public information on school performance trends and demographics.

Exactly how much time it will take to get the system up and running - and what it will entail for school districts and state officials - hasn't been detailed yet.

### A measure of secrecy

It is difficult to get answers about these and other uncertainties from foundation officials. Olson declined to be interviewed by phone, insisting on interviews to communicate via e-mail through Lantry.

Most acknowledge the foundation's secrecy, but also recognize its right to sue. After all, it is a private foundation.

Noh noted that the former executive director, Sharon Jarvis, arrived to the foundation with a background in education, whereas Olson remains relatively unknown to educators.

"That may add to their mystery," Noh said. "I think currently the overall system would benefit by a bit more openness, more communication."

Olson responded via e-mail:

"The Foundation is an extension of the Albertson family. The family has given and continues to give a wonderful gift meant to benefit Idaho students. Privacy is a priority. However, in the sense that actions speak louder than words, the true measure of what we're attempting to do is not found within our Foundation building but in classrooms across the state. We encourage our grantees to speak out and we encourage media contacts to get in touch with our grantees."

That's exactly what Paula Chapman - a teacher at Twin Falls' Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School who received training in the foundation's Teaching With Technology program - is doing. She speaks with enthusiasm about the foundation's positive influence in Idaho as well as its technology initiative. Albertson has not only provided thousands of computers; it has provided the necessary training as well.

She has seen, first hand, how students have benefited.

Technology is the future, and computers are part of that future, she said. However, they are just a tool and can only be as effective as the instructors make them. Albertson funded training makes that happen.

In turn, with the use of computers, students are more engaged than ever, Chapman said. "I've watched kids with behavior problems remain on task because

they can use the computer," she said.

In addition, Chapman's school was among the few statewide to receive state-of-the-art computer labs courtesy of Albertson funds.

"Our kids are benefiting from it," Donich said. "The entire district has also benefited from the hundreds of thousands of dollars that went toward the Accelerated Reading program and the high school's Information Technology Academy, all from the foundation."

"They've been very much appreciated," Donich said. Meanwhile, Olson said the foundation's mission stays the same: to improve education in Idaho.

"We look for measures to improve education in Idaho."

Improvement in education is a goal, but it's not the only goal. The foundation also wants to see a child's educational progress through the teacher and quality school systems because, as in business, high performing organizations yield high results.



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# Sweeping GOP spending bill angers many conservatives

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government-wide \$397.4 billion spending bill that President Bush will sign in coming days marks the first time in a half-century such legislation was written with Republicans controlling the White House and Congress.

So what kind of measure did the GOP write? One that infuriated many conservatives, and won votes of three of every four House Democrats and three of every four Senate Democrats, including liberals like Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York and Tom Harkin of Iowa.

The bill little resembles what Democrats would write if they held the majority. They said it nortchanged schools, land conservation, border security and aid to police and other local emergency workers. And it opens the door for logging in many national forests, while continuing GOP plans on federal aid for abortion and providing a generous increase for sexual abstinence education.

Yet the measure is a far cry from the budgets Republicans wrote when they took undisputed control of Congress in 1995 for the first time in decades. Those Republicans proposed eliminating entire Cabinet-level agencies such as the Departments of Education, Commerce and Energy, only to be driven back by President Clinton.

"Republicans are beginning to look like Democrats," said Ashdown, spokesman for the conservative Taxpayers for Common Sense. "The cadre of fiscally responsible lawmakers is getting smaller every day."

This week's bill, covering the budget year that began Oct. 1, had its share of cuts. But it also gave the Education Department percent more than Bush proposed, for a total of \$53.4 billion; had big increases for highways, farmers and medical research; carried billions of dollars worth of home-district projects for lawmakers; and gave modest boosts to a wide range of programs.

In some cases the measure provides more than what Bush has proposed for next year. For education, which Bush has long highlighted, his 2004 budget seeks \$53.1 billion — \$300 million less than the amount he is about to



sign into law for this year.

Indeed, this year's spending spree is only beginning.

Lawmakers expect the White House to soon seek billions more for a war with Iraq if there is one, plus anti-terrorism efforts and other programs. House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bill Young, R-Fla., said he expects a \$20 billion package. Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., said he expects a wartime request for aid for U.S. allies Turkey and Jordan alone to be "big — billions of dollars."

The surge comes with Republicans having sole control of the federal spending process for the first time since 1954, under President Eisenhower. The GOP held the White House and Congress in early 2001, but Vermont Sen. James Jeffords left the party that spring and gave Democrats Senate control before spending bills were written.

It also comes despite frequent demands from Bush and his budget chief, Mitchell Daniels, that Congress curb spending.

In a Feb. 11 letter, Daniels warned that "the president's senior advisers would recommend that he veto the bill" if it exceeded \$385.9 billion. Yet the administration itself added \$10 billion for defense, money it initially requested a year ago.

Analysts attribute the growing spending to the need to fight terrorism, the effort by Bush and some Republicans to cast themselves as compassionate conservatives and the lack of any sign the public cares much about huge federal deficits.

Lawmakers crammed the bill with thousands of projects for their home districts and states.

Among them, Nevada's senators, Democrat Harry Reid and Republican John Ensign, shared credit for nearly \$300 million in projects, including \$1 million for a hydrogen filling station at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas and \$500,000 for an oral history of the Nevada Test Site, a remote area where nuclear weapons have been tested for four decades.

## Bush looks to balance AIDS help, abortion fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — By restricting the use of federal AIDS-fighting money by organizations that promote or perform abortions overseas, President Bush is trying to balance his firm anti-abortion policies with his new commitment to battle the AIDS epidemic.

Under the policy, such organizations' family planning operations would be prohibited from involvement in anti-AIDS work.

The plan drew praise Saturday from anti-abortion forces, but groups that advocate abortion rights and provide health services in poor countries were angry. "They're placing a gag rule on health organizations," said Kirsten Sherck, spokeswoman for international programs at Planned Parenthood.

Outlined by a senior White House official, the policy deals with disbursement of federal money under Bush's proposed new \$15 billion global AIDS relief program to social service agencies that promote or perform abortions. To receive the money, they would have to administer AIDS programs separately from family planning, the official said.

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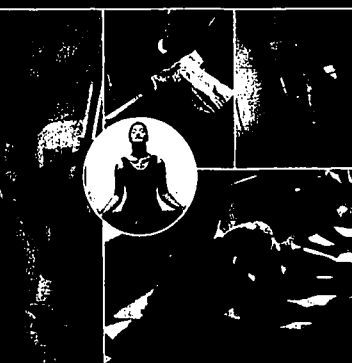


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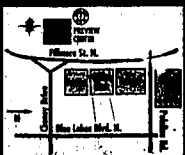
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## NATION/WORLD

Rumsfeld's harsh words  
rankle Europe's leadersBy R.C. Longworth  
Chicago Tribune

BERLIN — Donald Rumsfeld's remaining friends in Europe are now words of advice for the outspoken U.S. secretary of defense: Pipe down.

Rumsfeld has become the American that Europeans love to hate. For saying what he thinks, sometimes in a rapid-fire series of insulting one-liners, he is being blamed on this side of the ocean for pouring oil on a blazing trans-Atlantic dispute.

Many here accuse Rumsfeld of trying to drive a wedge into the European Union by splitting its members into "old Europe" and "new Europe."

His comments questioning the rationality of European opponents of U.S. policy caused considerable offense, as did his lumping of Germany in with Cuba and Libya as slinkers in the war on terrorism.

Critics include not only Rumsfeld's foes but also Europeans who agree with the Bush policy on Iraq, not to mention American diplomats who have to fix the damage.

"Rumsfeld is the shock jock of diplomacy, the Howard Stern of American policy," the Financial Times of London said. "It is a disgraceful indictment of the Bush administration that this man has become the most identifiable spokesman for U.S. foreign policy."

"Rumsfeld's style is a cowboy style," said Marcin Bosacki, foreign editor of the leading Polish newspaper, Gazeta Wyborcza.

"He says that the French never agree with anybody. Well, that's basically true, but if you want to build a coalition, that's a crazy thing to say."

"Rumsfeld is not helpful," said Friedbert Pfleger, a German member of parliament from the opposition Christian Democratic Party and a strong opponent of U.S. policy on Iraq.

"Rumsfeld only supports Schroeder with what he says."

According to this view, Rumsfeld misunderstands the whole nature of diplomacy, which is the art of keeping the inevitable disputes between nations from boiling over. As Bosacki said, successful relations between nations often depend on not saying what one thinks, even if it's true.

"If the Rumsfelds of the world dominate that way that America deals with dissent among its allies, then we're really got trouble," said Karl Kaiser, the pro-American dean of German foreign policy analysts.

Rumsfeld is blamed in Europe for carrying on the British historian Harold Nicolson called a "contradiction in terms — diplomacy by loudspeaker and insult."

Past and present foreign ministers of Poland, a leading backer of the Bush policy on Iraq, the "new Europe" praised by Rumsfeld, agreed on the harm the defense secretary is doing.

"It's damaging American-European relations and damaging American image," former Polish Foreign Minister Bronislaw Geremek said.

## Feud over Iraq eats at European unity

By Peter Finn  
The Washington Post

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The dream of a common European foreign policy, 15 countries dealing with the outside world as one under the leadership of France and Germany, has suffered deeply in the international feud over how to deal with Iraq, according to diplomats and analysts.

In recent weeks, Britain, Spain and Italy have sided with the United States, taking a hard line against Iraq, and lining up against France and Germany, which oppose sanctioning war against the Baghdad government.

The fight has also brought to light the foreign policy interests of eight former Communist countries scheduled to join the EU next year. On hard issues of war and peace, they clearly look to Washington, not Berlin or Paris, for guidance and have sided, to one degree or another, with the United States on the issue of Iraq.

"This crisis has seriously questioned the leadership of France and Germany," said Edmund Wnuk-Lipinski, a professor of political sociology at the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw. "With up to 25 countries in a future EU, the dominance of France and Germany will not be possible anymore." Malta and Cyprus have also been invited to join next year.

"The center around Germany and France no longer has the same importance," said Ulrich Preuss, a political science professor at Berlin's Free University. "The new members see the U.S. as a trustworthy superpower,

which guarantees their security in a way that France and Germany never can. And this has a very clear consequence: The EU will be so heterogeneous that the idea of Europe as a coherent unit will not exist."

But German-French dominance will not be easily lost. Germany is by far the biggest net contributor to the EU's budget — in 2001, it put in about \$7.5 billion more than it took out. Its citizens' taxes will flow to Eastern Europe in the form of EU farm subsidies and development aid, giving Berlin strong influence in EU affairs.

On certain foreign policy issues, the EU has managed to maintain a largely unified front. For the most part, member governments are together on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, saying that Washington is too forgiving of Israel and should do more to try to restart peace talks.

The governments also negotiate trade agreements as a bloc and largely abide by those deals after they are signed.

But on Iraq, they have split dramatically. Britain and some East European countries are deploying troops to the Persian Gulf region, while France and Germany are leading a diplomatic fight to extend the work of U.N. weapons inspectors and say the time for war has not arrived. EU heads of government will hold an emergency meeting on Iraq in Brussels on Monday. Prospective members were pointedly not invited.

"It is a sign ... of a lack of trust," said Janusz Reiter, a former Polish ambassador to Germany and head of the International Relations Center

in Warsaw. "Some EU countries were probably afraid to hear voices they don't want to hear at the summit."

Others in the EU despaired of the rifts. "We need to be on one line," the Dutch foreign minister, Jaap de Hoop Scheffer, said

this week. "Europe is falling at a time when it is just starting to formulate a common European policy."

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## Iraq

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that must be disarmed by force. Many of the speakers echoed the sentiment passionately presented by French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin: that the U.N.'s ideal is to exhaust every peaceful option to neutralize Iraq before resorting to war.

Powell responded that the U.N. must avoid a decision to use force — "as distasteful as it may be, as reluctant as we may be." The Security Council must confront the decision of what to do next in "days, not weeks," he told the 10 rotating members in a private meeting Friday afternoon.

"Some of the speeches set it up as a choice between war and peace," a council diplomat said Saturday. "It's not really about war or peace. It's about how we achieve the disarmament of Iraq. Inspections aren't working. So the real 'What do we do now?' will really only begin next week and will only begin once there's something on the table."

Diplomats will be busy refining — and perhaps softening — the proposals over the next few days.

Before the outpouring of anti-war emotion at Friday's meeting, the option most discussed in London and Washington was a new resolution that would find Iraq in "material breach" of Resolution 1441, which was passed unanimously by the Security Council in November and required Baghdad to declare any weapons of mass destruction and cooperate with inspectors to destroy them. The new resolution would call for the means to "restore international peace and security" — namely military force.

A new version might also remove an explicit sanction of force, diplomats said Saturday. The possibility of including a deadline for Iraqi compliance with inspections or an ultimatum for Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to step down or be ousted has still not been decided, they said.

But some members of the Security Council said the United States and Britain are going to have to work much harder to win council consensus than offering a "You're with us or not" proposal for immediate military intervention. There has been talk of a compromise resolution, perhaps one that would give inspectors another month to work with Iraq on disarming before an invasion would be sanctioned.

"There's not a lot of enthusiasm to pre-endorse the use of force," said one ambassador who asked not to be identified. "If a resolution has a material breach in authorizing military action, it will be very difficult to sell."

A compromise must be reached by the Security Council's deeply divided permanent five members, said some of the 10 rotating ambassadors, because preserving the council's moral authority is even more important than disarming Iraq. Until that happens, Mexico, Chile, Angola, Pakistan and others said they would abstain, to prevent the United States and Britain from getting the nine necessary votes for a resolution to pass.

"Mexico is hopeful that the inspections continue and that agreement can be reached among the countries which have been polarized," said Mexican Ambassador to the U.N. Adolfo Aguilar Zinser.

"The objective is now much more difficult for the United States. You can strike alone, but you need the help of the international community."

During a day-after session on what went wrong Friday, diplomats suggested that the U.S. miscalculated what the tone and effect of chief weapons inspector Hans Blix's report would be.

In an unannounced meeting between Blix and U.S. National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice on Tuesday, Rice had strongly urged Blix to emphasize Iraq's lack of compliance, as he did in a previous report on Jan. 27, according to people with knowledge of the meeting. But the attempt to influence Blix, proud of his impartiality, seemed to fail, if not backfire.

A subsequent session with the inspection body's college of commissioners which includes John Wolf, the assistant secretary of State for nonproliferation — led the White House to believe the tenor of Blix's briefing would be quite negative. Instead, Blix was scrupulously factual, saying that no weapons of mass destruction had been found but that their existence could not be ruled out and that Iraq had made incremental improvement in its cooperation. Most significant, he said that attempts to verify or act on U.S. intelligence tips had not panned out. That bolstered the argument of members who said that inspections should continue.

"The evidence evaporated," said one diplomat. "We are still not convinced that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction."

Concern over the potential humanitarian impact was another factor that stiffened the resolve of some among the council's 15 members, whose Secretary-General Kofi Annan had summoned to his office Thursday to impress upon them the dire consequences of war.

Most of Iraq's 22 million people depend on U.N.-provided food and medicine under the

U.N.'s "oil-for-food" program. But in the case of war, U.N. staff would be pulled out of the country and the program would be disrupted, leaving millions at a loss for food, water and sanitation.

Powell told diplomats Friday that the U.S. military would use over relief efforts until the U.N. programs could be reconstituted.

Public antiwar sentiment, evidenced Saturday by globe-spanning protests that included millions of people, has also made it more difficult for the United States and Britain to make the case that they will wage war against Iraq with a coalition of the willing if the Security Council doesn't give its blessing.

The dispute over how to handle Iraq has split not only the United Nations but also North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Brussels on Saturday, Belgian Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt said that a solution was near to mend a rift caused by France, Belgium and Germany's refusal to let the organization begin defensive planning in case of an attack on Iraq.

Verhofstadt said that at a meeting Sunday, his government would propose allowing NATO to give military aid to Turkey as long as such a move does not constitute an escalation of hostilities against Iraq.

"What our country primarily wants to prevent is that this decision would constitute the first step in the buildup to war," he told a media briefing Saturday evening.

"It needs to be implicitly clear in this decision that it would entail a NATO involvement in a military operation against Iraq," he said.

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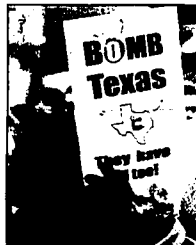
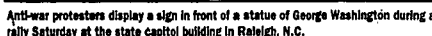
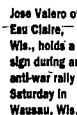
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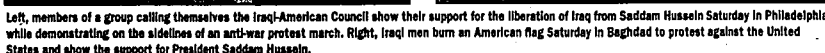
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Anti-war rallies were also planned in about 150 U.S. cities, from Yakima, Wash., to St. Petersburg, Fla., as well as in major cities including Chicago, Philadelphia, Miami and Seattle. Protesters in Detroit chanted "Give peace a chance."



Top, Annie Hudson of Austin, Texas, holds up a yellow flower during a protest against possible war with Iraq at the state capitol in Austin, Texas. Above, a protester dressed as the grim reaper displays a sign Saturday in Calgary, Canada.



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## NATION

# Church put abusive priest with children

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Six years after being ordained in 1970, the Rev. Paul Aube realized he had a serious problem. The Roman Catholic priest couldn't control his sexual urges, he says, and he had molested several teenage boys.

Aube blew the whistle on himself. He says he told his superiors that he'd had sexual contact with the teens, asked his bishop for psychological counseling, and asked that he never again be assigned to work with children.

Instead, he says, he was assigned to a job that put him in regular contact with minors, and he stayed in public ministry — first in youth work and later in hospitals — another 18 years.

Last year, Aube turned himself in again. He went to the New Hampshire attorney general's office and, in exchange for limited immunity from prosecution, became a key witness in a state investigation of the church's mishandling of clerical sex abuse cases.

"I'm willing to die for the church," Aube told The Associated Press. "But I had a moral responsibility, as the church teaches, to cooperate. I had a moral responsibility to participate with the civil authorities and that's what I did."

The state's investigation ended, with an unprecedented settlement in which the Diocese of Manchester, which covers the state, admitted its handling of abusive priests had harmed children. The details will be in 9,000 pages of investigative files the state plans to release March 3.

Patrick McGee, spokesman for the diocese, would not comment on Aube's claims. Former Bishop Odore Gendron, to whom Aube turned in 1976, did not return calls. Gendron retired in 1990.

Aube, 62, says he did get a psychological evaluation through the diocese in 1976. He says he learned only last summer that it deemed him fit to work with children.

Aube never was charged criminally although several lawsuits against the diocese name him as an abuser. The diocese listed him last year as one of 15 priests who had been credibly accused of abuse.

In a national scandal that has seen more than 325 priests resign or be removed from their posts since early last year, Aube is one of the few to tell his story publicly.

Aube acknowledged in an AP interview that he molested several boys in their late teens between

1971 and 1980 while assigned to churches in Claremont, Berlin, Nashua and Rochester.

He said none of the abuse "was forcible, violent or was the kind of sexual contact that you would consider to be grave or serious. No one was under the age of 16."

He also said he has never harmed another minor since starting psychological treatment — at his own expense — in 1981. Placed on administrative leave by the diocese in 1984, he now lives in a camper and gets by on \$750 a month he receives from the church.

Aube, 62, grew up in New Hampshire and entered the seminary when he was 20.

One of his first assignments after ordination was to work with people questioning their sexual identities. He said he found it difficult to show affection and concern for them without crossing the

line. "People who were close to me were saying 'Paul, be careful. You could get yourself in trouble,'" he said. "After six years, something finally sunk in and I became concerned and I wanted to see if there was anything there."

He says he asked Gendron in 1976 not to be assigned to work with children; he wanted to return to school and study scripture. "I was refused that and the bishop insisted that I return to youth work to develop youth programs," he said. He said his duties included teaching religion classes for teenagers and children.

"Even when I expressed concern, I was asked to return to an atmosphere and a situation that put me at risk, against my good judgment," he said. "I did it out of obedience to my bishop."

Aube was accused of abusing a teenager in 1981. After counseling, he was appointed chaplain at Concord Hospital and in 1983 became director of pastoral services at Elliot Hospital in Manchester.

While at Elliot, Aube said he was approached by other abusive priests who had sought help and been turned away by the diocese. "They had just been rebuffed and (were) hurting," he said.

Aube lost his job in 1993 when Elliot merged with another hospital. He was placed on leave a year later.

Aube acknowledges that the harm he did to his victims can't be undone, but he hopes his cooperation with authorities will help them. He said he still loves the church, but feels its leaders were more concerned about image than doing the right thing.



The Rev. Paul Aube takes a walk with his dogs in Concord, N.H., Feb. 6. Six years after being ordained in 1970, Aube said he couldn't control his sexual urges and molested several teenage boys. He then said he asked his bishop for psychological counseling, and requested to never again be assigned to work with children.

"I had a moral responsibility to participate with the civil authorities and that's what I did."

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## Plotters say they've unraveled mystery of Drake's phony brass plate

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The "phantom" of the West's enduring mystery — a tale of 20th-century explorers and a perishing brass plaque — was a prank sprung on a university professor by a group of friends. In the late 1970s, proved the small brass plate with old English inscriptions was not the link left by Sir Francis Drake when he sheltered just north of San Francisco in 1579. One puzzle remained: just which 20th-century pranksters created the instant-antique in El Dorado County, and then it took as Professor Herbert Bolton rushed to tell the world of what he hailed as "one of the world's long-lost treasures."

After 11 years of investigation, a team of Drake enthusiasts says has unraveled the mystery.

The answer, to be published Tuesday in California History magazine, implicates five of Bolton's acquaintances in a plot spearheaded by a friend, a fellow member of a society of irreverent intellectuals known to mix drinks with their history.

There's no evidence that they intended to create a hoax that would last, said Ed Von der Porten, the article's lead author. The evidence is clear that they intended it as a private joke.

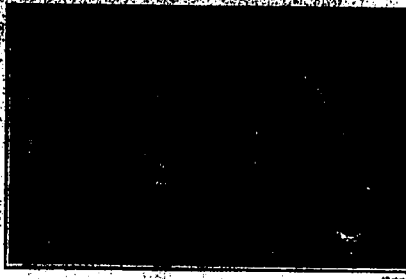
What they got was a practical joke that fast lost its humor. It apparently began with the desire to believe in something too good to be true.

Historical records showed that the English explorer and privateer left a brass plate on the California coast, about 30 miles north of San Francisco near Point Reyes.

For years, Bolton beseeched his students: if you ever hear such a plaque exists, find it, bring it to me.

It was the perfect Achilles heel or five plotters intent on hoodwinking the eminent scholar.

Von der Porten, a maritime historian and president of the Drake Navigators Guild, won't reveal all the details — he and his fellow researchers plan to tell all Tuesday. On Saturday, he offered his brief explanation:



This is a positive made from a radiograph of a brass plaque that was part of a 1930s joke-gone-wrong sprung on influential University of California professor Herbert Bolton by a group of friends.

San Francisco lawyer G. Ezra Dane knew Bolton was fascinated with the brass plate, and he and four co-conspirators decided to simplify Bolton's search — and get a laugh to boot — by manufacturing it and having someone "discover" it.

"It's pretty obvious to us that they intended it to stay within their control," Von der Porten said. "Spring the surprise on him, and 'Ho ho ho, we'll all have a drink over it.'"

That never happened.

Sometime after the pranksters planted the plate in Marin County in the 1930s, it chanced waiting for his quail-hunting bag picked it up. Weeks later he tossed it into a meadow near San Quentin State Prison, east across the coastal mountains from Drake's landfall.

There, in 1936, a shop clerk got a flat tire and, as he waited for assistance, hiked around for a good view — only to find the discarded plate.

Bolton's quest was well enough known that the clerk's friend told him to take it to the professor, who quickly accepted it as genuine.

Problem was, the plotters didn't know until too late that Bolton, a distinguished historian at the University of California's

flagship Berkeley campus, had the plate.

By April 1937, he was announcing the find in print and at a meeting of the California Historical Society.

The plotters made veiled attempts to warn Bolton, and even produced a second fake plate. But Bolton dismissed all attempts to rectify the wrong as good-natured jabs from friends.

"At that point, of course, it was too awkward to confess," Von der Porten said. "They were in a position that you don't envy."

All the men are now dead. Save a few scattered hints pieced together by the researchers, they took their conspiracy to the grave.

Bolton, who died in 1953, never learned about the hoax.

It wasn't until 1977, when the 400th anniversary of Drake's landing renewed interest in the artifact, that test after metallurgical test showed the brass was rolled and engraved in the 20th century.

"Every one of us is vulnerable to something like this," Kevin Starr, the state librarian, told the San Francisco Chronicle.

Professor Bolton believed it because he wanted to believe. But it does not detract from his work.

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# 'Can do:' Seabees get ready to pave trail to Iraq

By Jonathan Flier  
The Washington Post

CAMP 93, Kuwait — Sure, she wanted to see the world and serve her country, but Patricia Cabral said she joined the Navy mainly because her father did not want her to work construction. Turned down for a job at her family's contracting company, the indignant Cabral signed on with the Seabees, the Navy's construction corps that deployed to Kuwait in October to lay groundwork for the military build-up that has been taking place ever since.

"I always loved building things," Cabral, 25, said as she and her platoon practiced assembling a steel bridge at this desert camp 30 miles north of Kuwait City. "My dad wanted me to be an accountant, but it didn't work out that way."

Cabral's persistence and abiding interest are the hallmarks of the unit she joined. The Seabees claim they coined the phrase "can do."

In that spirit, they spend their days turning an inhospitable desert into a place fit for Marines. In three months in Kuwait, two battalions of Seabees have built the camp where the Marines live and train, an enormous parking lot for aircraft at a base in southern Kuwait and the largest air munitions storage facility the Marines have had since the Vietnam War. While their motto is "We build, we fight," they focus heavily on the former.

"We're here to put in place whatever the Marines need to get their job," said Rear Adm. Charles Kubic, who commands the Seabee task force here. "What they've done so far has been Herculean, but what might be ahead will require even more work."

While the Marines and soldiers at neighboring camps prepare for a possible invasion of Iraq, the Seabees are training for their own mission in the event of war: paving the trail north blazed by combat forces and providing infrastructure for ground troops on undeveloped or destroyed terrain.

Two Seabee companies practiced Thursday setting up and removing bridges hundreds of feet long that could be used to span rivers or ground depressions troops would cross in Iraq. In five hours they built a 30-yard bridge that could support a 70-ton tank. It might take a little longer, they said, if artillery shelling were raining down.

Unlike combat engineers, who are heavily armed and lead soldiers across battlefield obstacles like minefields or wire fences, Seabees generally follow a day or two behind an invading force, making bridges, roads and cities for soldiers from the rubble of war. They also come bearing amenities much-appreciated at the front lines, like showers and flush toilets.

"It's not always pretty, but we go where civilian contractors can't, and build under combat conditions," said Capt. Bill Rudich, who leads the 30th Naval Construction Regiment. "Believe me, the Marines are always happy to see an Seabee."

Most of the military camps scattered throughout the Kuwait desert are full of tanks and artillery pieces. But the Seabees home at Camp 93, named for the United Airlines flight whose passengers fought back against their Sept. 11 hijackers, is stocked with dozens of Caterpillar and John Deere construction vehicles painted in green camouflage, hundreds of yards of stacked pipes and a fleet of flatbed trucks.

"I think of myself as being in charge of a very large construction company," said Capt. David Teisch, 43, who commands a battalion of some 650 Seabees with non-military-sounding titles like "builder," "steelworker" and "electrician."

"We're trained to defend ourselves if necessary, but our main job is to allow the Marines to do the fighting they're called on to do."



Washington Post photo

Seabees practice assembling a Mabey-Johnson bridge in the Kuwaiti desert. The Navy construction corps provides infrastructure for U.S. ground troops.

## U.S. ally Bahrain arrests five men allegedly planning terror attacks

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Bahraini authorities broke up an alleged terrorist ring that planned attacks in this Persian Gulf kingdom, home of the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet, the official Bahrain News Agency reported Saturday.

Quoting an unidentified official, the agency said five Bahraini men aged 31-41 were arrested for plotting acts against the island's "national interests and endangering the lives of innocent people."

Police seized weapons and ammunition that the detainees planned to use in "terrorist activities," the official told the agency.

Bahraini officials declined to

give further details on the arrests, saying the investigation was continuing.

It was not clear when the men were arrested, nor was there any comment on whether the men were acting alone or had links to a larger terrorist network. The detainees were the first terrorism-related arrests in Bahrain since the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

On Wednesday, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates became the first Arab states to announce they were sending troops to defend Kuwait in case the United States goes to war with Iraq. Bahrain said it would

## Water could present impediment

Night Rider News Service

KUWAIT CITY — Lt. Matthew K. Massey, a U.S. Marine Corps combat engineer, says he almost laughs when he hears talk about "clever war" with Iraq. "Maybe it will be more like a water war," he said.

Massey knows that American ground troops attacking Baghdad from Kuwait will have to cross the mighty Euphrates and Tigris rivers, the muddy Mesopotamian region between them plus a vast latticework of irrigation canals and farm paddies that Iraqi troops can flood at will.

President Saddam Hussein could also blow up three dams around Baghdad and send a wall of water rushing down the southern approaches to his capital city, where he has entrenched elite troops for a final stand.

"If he lets loose with those he can really slow us down and create some problems," said Lt. Cmdr. Pat Garin, 39, of Albuquerque, N.M., executive officer of the Navy Seabees' 74th Mobile Construction Battalion.

U.S. troops have brought nearly a mile's worth of erector set-like Mabey & Johnson bridge sections, several 210-foot Medium Girder Bridges and dozens of 60-foot Armored Vehicle Launched Bridges and floating bridge pontoons.

U.S. troops in Iraq will find a nation with experience in the military uses of water dating back 2,500 years, when Emperor Cyrus of Persia diverted the Euphrates and sent troops across the dry riverbed to conquer Babylon.

More recently, Iraq and Iran flooded and drained fields on the southern front of their war in the 1980s, in what one Western diplomat at the time called "the War of the Pumps." Saddam Hussein has already

## Will Saddam blow up his dams to slow U.S. troop advance?

threatened to blow up his oil wells if America attacks, as he did to more than 900 Kuwaiti oil wells in 1991 when a U.S.-led coalition drove Iraqi invaders out of this country.

But several Seabees and combat engineers interviewed in

Kuwait as well as civilian analysts in the United States said that water obstacles will be one of the key concerns of American ground troops heading to Baghdad, 280 miles north of Kuwait.

Saddam could flood southern Iraq by destroying the Lark al-Milh dam southwest of Baghdad and two others on the Tigris and Euphrates, Anthony Cordesman, a senior analyst with the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies, wrote in a recent report.

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## U.S. a no-show at Iraq relief conference

GENEVA (AP) — Victims of war in Iraq will need swift help from the international community, Switzerland's foreign minister said Saturday, opening a meeting of donor nations and aid agencies pointedly skipped by the United States.

"The consequences of a possible conflict could be devastating," said Micheline Calmy-Rey. "Faced by the women, children, the elderly, faced by all who could be affected, injured, killed or made refugees, inaction and indifference cannot be permitted."

Neutral Switzerland invited 30 countries to attend the closed-door meeting, including the five permanent members of the U.N.

Security Council.

Four — Britain, France, Russia and China — sent delegates, but the United States refused to attend, on grounds that U.N. agencies already have made extensive preparations and it was unclear how the meeting would help.

Reporters were barred from entering the conference building, but officials from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation distributed copies of Calmy-Rey's speech and the meeting agenda.

The conference aimed at providing a "general assessment of the vulnerability of the civilian population in Iraq, its neighboring countries and the region," the

agenda said, as well as giving governments and aid agencies the chance to share their preparations for the consequences of a conflict.

Other items included ways to boost coordination of aid efforts and improve funding for relief work.

Although the humanitarian meeting was announced a few days later, Swiss officials said it was unconnected with Calmy-Rey's offer to host peace talks.

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# In ways, march to Baghdad has begun

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even before President Bush makes the final call on whether to invade Iraq, the American military is quietly but unmistakably opening the first front of a battle for Baghdad.

A psychological warfare campaign aimed at Iraqi troops and civilians has been accelerated; special operations forces are operating in small numbers inside Iraq's borders; and U.S. strike aircraft enforcing a "no-fly" zone over southern Iraq have begun targeting missiles that Saddam Hussein's men could fire at the thousands of U.S. ground troops in neighboring Kuwait.

These steps reflect key elements of U.S. military doctrine, which calls for "battlefield preparation" even before the first shot

is fired. They also put maximum pressure on Iraqi President Saddam's government in the hope that it might fall to an internal revolt and preclude the need for American troops to do it.

Gen. Tommy Franks, the Central Command commander who would run a war against Iraq, was in Washington this week for meetings at the White House and Pentagon to report on preparations for possible combat. Within the next several days Franks may take up his war post in the Gulf nation of Qatar.

About 150,000 U.S. land, sea and air forces are arrayed on Iraq's periphery, and thousands more are arriving in coming days, many of them aboard two more aircraft carriers to join the three already in the area. Many analysts

believe that is sufficient for Franks to launch the invasion at any time, although the Bush administration still is pursuing diplomacy at the United Nations.

The U.S. military rarely begins a major offensive operation without extensive advance use of psychological warfare techniques and the infiltration of enemy territory with special operations forces. Those forces can provide valuable intelligence on targets and links to opposition groups.

"If you wait until the go signal, you're too late," said Thomas Marfiak, a retired Navy rear admiral who was a naval air warfare commander during the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Marfiak is now chief executive officer of the U.S. Naval Institute, a professional association.

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Jan. 29 that small numbers of U.S. troops were in northern Iraq, most of which is not controlled by the Iraqi government. Myers would not elaborate, and other Pentagon officials say it would compromise the security of any such U.S. forces inside Iraq if more were revealed about their mission or locations.

Private analysts say it should come as no surprise that special forces already are inside Iraq.

"They could be pretty much anywhere in that country and operate with impunity, except possibly downtown Baghdad," said Timur Eads, a former special operations soldier who operated inside Iraq in the 1990s.

## Pentagon likely will debut new weapons if war starts

NEW YORK (AP) — If the United States charges into war with Iraq, U.S. forces are expected to unleash several new weapons and tactics, including devices still under development.

U.S. military officials and analysts say the new weapons would target Iraqi armored vehicles, communications networks and the chemical and biological weapons the Bush administration believes Iraq still cradles.

"The only time you get realistic feedback on new capabilities is during wartime," said Bob Martinage, an analyst with the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, a defense think-tank. "The military will take advantage of that

time to test new systems."

New arms range from an Air Force munition that spews tank-hunting bomblets to shadowy electromagnetic-burst weapons that can roast the innards of computers and radios.

One key job for U.S. forces is to smash Iraq's military communications networks, especially those controlling ballistic missiles, analysts said.

The Air Force has so-called "bunker busting" bombs designed to penetrate the concrete shelters that often protect such equipment.

But if civilians are nearby, the United States may fire a cruise missile tipped with a high-powered electromagnetic-pulse emit-

ter — a so-called e-bomb — "which fries the electronics without killing the people," said Andrew Koch of Jane's Information Group.

The weapon's massive power surge is supposed to travel through antennas or power cords to wreck any unshielded electronic appliance — civilian or military — within a few hundred yards, according to studies cited by GlobalSecurity.org, a research organization.

Some weapons that get used may never be publicized.

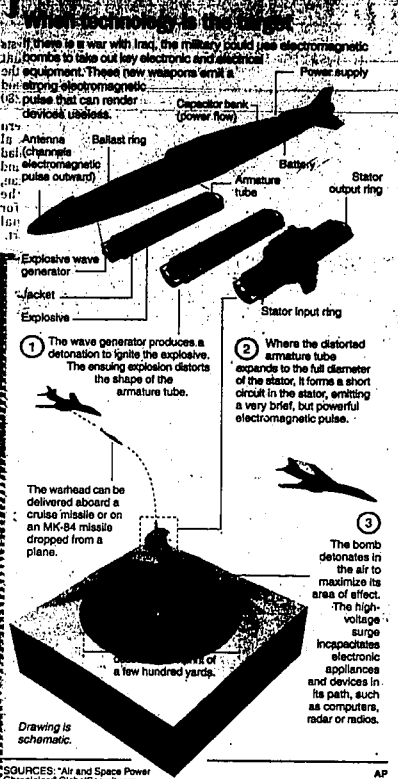
"Once you're engaged and you have a capability that's almost ready, you'll try it," said Clark Murdock, a former Air Force

strategic planner now with the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

"All kinds of things have been invented, particularly in the (classified) world, that will be used. If you use it and it works and no one knows, why talk about it?"

The Pentagon has also developed penetrating bombs aimed not at blowing things up, but incinerating stocks of chemical and biological agents, Martinage and Koch said.

Precision-guided "agent defeat" bombs are supposed to puncture the warheads with titanium rods, then incinerate the agents inside without allowing vapor to escape, Martinage said.



## Pentagon backs off cremation plans

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — After an outcry from the families of service members, the Pentagon has backed off a proposal to cremate any U.S. troops killed by biological or chemical attacks in a war with Iraq rather than bringing their bodies home for burial, defense officials said.

The Pentagon also has opted against a proposal to bury in mass graves the corpses of U.S. troops that might be health hazards.

The proposals — part of a review of military burial procedures that concluded this month — were

meant to prevent the spread of chemical or biological agents from contaminated bodies to people on the home front. But they raised concern among veterans groups.

For decades, the Pentagon has gone to great lengths to recover for burial the body of every U.S. soldier, sailor and airman killed abroad. But the threat from chemical or biological agents in a war with Iraq led to the airing of the proposals, defense officials said.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars was among those contacted by the Pentagon about the proposals, the group said Saturday.

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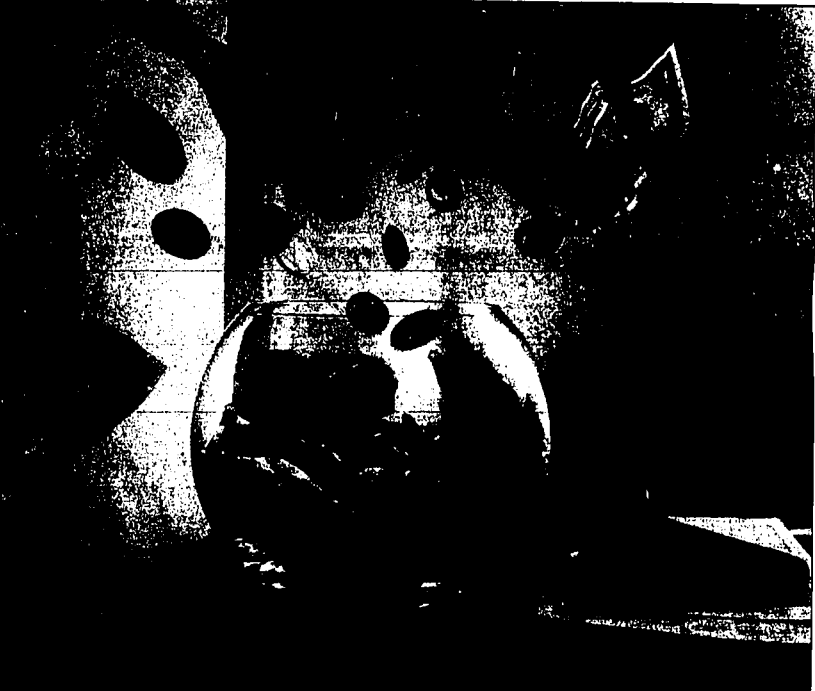
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# Soldiers search for Americans feared kidnapped

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Hundreds of Colombian soldiers and U.S.-donated Black Hawk helicopters scoured rebel territory Saturday for three Americans allegedly kidnapped by a rebel group after their plane crashed in the region while on a spy mission, the army said.

Rebels shot and killed a fourth American and a Colombian army sergeant who were also on the plane, the country's top military commander, Gen. Jorge Mora said.

The U.S. aircraft was on an intelligence mission when it went down Thursday in a drug-producing area crawling with fighters from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC. The pilot of the single-engine Cessna reported engine trouble shortly before the crash.

The United States has pumped almost \$2 billion in mostly military aid into Colombia in the past three years, support that the FARC has called an act of war. The rebels have

threatened to target American officials and interests.

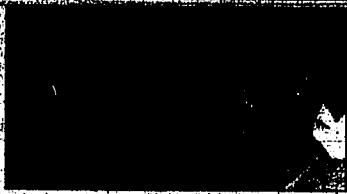
Colombia's government has long favored a stronger U.S. role here and analysts speculated Saturday that officials may use the killing and kidnapping of the Americans — along with two deadly bomb explosions blamed on the rebels — to lobby for even more help from Washington.

The State Department said it had "reliable information" that the FARC had kidnapped the three surviving

Americans. The 16,000-strong rebel group is waging a 38-year insurgency against the Colombian government.

On Saturday, U.S. officials were lending logistics support and intelligence information to the search effort, commander Gen. Carlos Alberto Ospina told The Associated Press.

The names of the Americans have not been released, and a U.S. Embassy official declined comment Saturday on the search.



Colombian President Álvaro Uribe stands with military chief Gen. Jorge Enrique Mora, Saturday in Neiva, 150 miles southwest of Bogotá.

# Cloning pioneer sounds warning

SINGAPORE (AP) — A Singapore-based scientist who was part of the team that created Dolly the sheep, the first cloned mammal, said Saturday her premature death was proof of the many dangers of cloning.

Dolly was put to death Friday, after premature aging and disease raised questions about the practicality of cloning.

"I think it highlights more than ever the foolishness of those who want to legalize (human) reproductive cloning," said Alan Colman, one of the scientists behind Dolly's birth in 1996.

"In the case of humans, it would be scandalous to go ahead given our knowledge about the long-term effects of cloning," Colman said.

Scientists decided to end Dolly's life at age 6 — about half the life expectancy of her breed — because a veterinarian confirmed she had a progressive lung disease, according to the Roslin Institute, the Scottish lab where she was created and lived.

Last year, Colman was lured away from his post as research director of Edinburgh, Scotland-based PPL Therapeutics, which helped clone Dolly. He considers himself one of Dolly's "godfathers."

"Obviously it is the end of a sort of era," Colman said. "I was very fond of the old girl."

Dolly was the first mammal cloned from an adult stem cell. Since then, whole herds of cattle, sheep, pigs and other animals have been cloned.

# Iran reaffirms death for author

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards have renewed a call to kill Salman Rushdie, whom Iran condemned to death 14 years ago for allegedly insulting Islam in a prize-winning novel.

The hard-line Guards, Iran's main fighting force, said in a statement that the fatwa — or Islamic edict — issued by the late revolutionary leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, was "irrevocable," the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported late Friday.

Khomeini issued the fatwa against Rushdie on Feb. 14, 1989, ordering Muslims to kill the novelist because he had allegedly insulted Islam in his best-selling novel, "The Satanic Verses."

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# 7 minutes to silence

## Timeline details Columbia's final minutes

The Associated Press

From the first hints that things were going wrong aboard the space shuttle Columbia until it disintegrated over Texas, killing its seven astronauts, the timeline was brief but full.

Seven minutes of racing through the atmosphere, tracked by computer monitors and the worried words of controllers. Seven minutes of awe or trouble sightings from the ground. Seven minutes to silence.

5:52 a.m.

The sky is still dark over the Pacific Ocean, but a luminous pink glow shines into the cockpit where Commander Rick Husband is at the controls as Columbia plunges like a shooting star into Earth's atmosphere, creating its own artificial dawn on Feb. 1. The light glow also beams through the windshield onto crewmembers a deck below.

No one is talking to the ground now. The last transmission was a few minutes ago, when Mission Control radioed to note a change in the orbiter's attitude.

"Roger that, Houston. ... We bumped the stick," Husband said. "Not a problem, Rick," said the capsule communicator.

The craft is traveling at 23 times the speed of sound at an altitude of 34 miles. Husband and his six crewmates are about 2,500 miles from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, where loved ones await their landing and a joyous reunion.

8:52:17

Computers at NASA Mission Control in Houston detect an abnormal temperature in the inboard wall of the left landing gear compartment or wheel well. It is the first sign something's wrong. NASA engineers had been concerned about this area since insulating foam from the external fuel tank broke off and struck the shuttle on liftoff 16 days earlier, possibly damaging heat shields that insulate Columbia during re-entry.

The shuttle is a minute and a half into the hottest part of its fiery return to Earth. Some parts of it are enveloped in a cloud of gases called plasma, reaching temperatures as high as 3,000 degrees.

8:53:11

Columbia is traveling at Mach 23.16, 43 miles up over the Pacific. Signals begin to indicate deep trouble.

"I just lost four separate temperature transducers (sensors) on the left side of the vehicle," says Jeff Kling, a controller monitoring Columbia's systems in Houston.

"OK," flight director Leroy Culp says. "Is there anything common to them?" "I mean, you're telling me you lost them all at exactly the same time?"

"OK, where are those?" Cain asks.

"All four of them are located in the aft part of the left wing ..."

Kling says. "And there is no commonality."

Cain's responses suggest this problem is more than just an isolated, faulty sensor.

8:54

Some 2,300 feet up Mount Hamilton, outside San Jose, Calif., software engineer Ian Kluff is looking skyward and he's frustrated.

He's with members of the Peninsula Astronomical Society, watching for the shuttle, but a fog bank has rolled in.

Kluff throws his camera and ice chest into his Dodge pickup and races farther up the mountain when he sees the streak of light. But something's not quite right.

During the other two pre-dawn re-entries he's observed, the shuttle looked like a highway flare. The same reddish-pink light is present, but this time it is followed by a wide, billowy contrail.

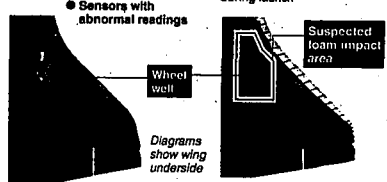
"Almost smoky," Kluff remarks to another observer. Someone suggests it might be because Columbia is NASA's oldest shuttle.



More clues point to wheel well section

**Sensors**  
Minutes before contact was lost with Columbia, sensors began reporting abnormal heat readings.

**Foam collision**  
Investigators believe a falling piece of foam may have damaged the wheel well section during launch.



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de. This makes sense to Kluff.

At the same moment, a few hundred miles to the south, Aldo Spadoni is standing on the balcony of his hillside home in Rancho Palos Verdes, a Los Angeles suburb. His Bushnell Rangemaster 7X35 mm binoculars are trained to the northern sky. Polaris is his celestial guidepost. Then Columbia appears, a bright yellow-white light.

"Beautiful," he thinks.

Then a second, brighter point of light appears below Columbia's trail. It winks out suddenly. A few seconds later, another, dimmer point of light shoots off from the shuttle.

An aerospace illustrator, Spadoni begins to create his own rendition of what he's witnessed.

8:55

The light pollution from nearby Las Vegas is a challenge, but Vic Panegasser isn't going to miss a chance to get a picture of a shuttle passing so close overhead. He peers northwest, through the lens of his digital camera, its internal timestamp synchronized with an atomic clock.

The shuttle appears, and Panegasser, a warehouse manager, follows it for eight seconds as it heads southeast.

"Got it," he says to himself, then heads inside to watch the landing on TV.

At the Tomlinson home in Las Vegas, civil engineer Kevin Tomlinson and his wife Laura have awakened their daughters early to see the shuttle. They've been waiting in the dark for 10 minutes. Kall, 4, is in her father's arms and 3-year-old Kyra is squirming in her mother's lap.

Suddenly, a white dot with a greenish tail screams across the sky.

"Hurry, stand up!" Kevin shouts. They watch the orbiter's streak, like "the slowest, longest meteor you ever saw," until it fades into the expanding pink of the eastern sky. Then, they go inside thinking nothing is wrong.

The shuttle, meanwhile, has passed over an acoustic array outside Hawthorne, Nev., roughly 250 miles to the northwest, which would record Columbia's sonic signature. There's something "unusual" about it, though scientists will not confirm that until later comparisons with data from previous shuttle missions.

8:55:49

Columbia and its crew pass from the Earth's shadow into the light of dawn. The shuttle is over the Utah/Arizona border, just east

of Zion National Park.

The astronauts' families — parents, spouses and children — are waiting near a runway at Kennedy Space Center for Columbia's expected 9:16 a.m. touchdown. At Mission Control, engineers are checking runway wind measurements and making final preparations for what they expected would be the 112th successful landing in the 22-year-old shuttle program.

"Your air to grounds are enabled for the landing count," says Bill Foster, the engineer in charge of ground control.

8:57

Mission Control picks up an unintelligible voice transmission from Columbia.

At the same time, Kling reports a loss of pressure on both left and right landing gear tires. He knows the reading would appear on the cockpit control panel in front of Husband.

"And Columbia, Houston, we see your tire pressure dropping, and did not copy your last," says astronaut Charlie Hobaugh, Mission Control's capsule communicator.

"Roger," Husband responds.

"But ..."

That final remark is cut off mid-syllable. This is the last voice communication from Columbia, although data transmissions con-

tinue for another two minutes.

At that moment, three researchers at Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico snap the shutter on a telescopic camera and capture a ghostly silhouette of Columbia. The photo shows a bulge around the left wing and an obvious plume from the left side.

8:58

Columbia's automatic pilot is sending a stream of signals to its tail in a desperate attempt to regain control of the wildly pitching craft. The shuttle is 40 miles above Fort Sumner in eastern New Mexico. Its speed has dropped to just under 20 times the speed of sound.

"Flight, INCO, I didn't expect this bad of a hit on comm (communications)," says Laura Hoppe, instrumentation and communications officer.

A few seconds later, guidance, navigation and control officer Mike Sarafin says: "If we have any reason to suspect any sort of controllability issue, I would keep the control cards handy ..."

8:59

Maj. Emilio Jellema and Capt. Erik Starmans are hovering in an Apache attack helicopter over Fort Hood in central Texas. They are Dutch air force officers here for training.

Starmans wears a device that focuses a camera and records whatever he sees. He catches sight of a shower of bright, white streaks of light. Jellema sees it too and thinks: This looks like a jet fighter dropping chaff or flares to fool an incoming missile. He knows it's traveling too fast to be a jet fighter.

It must be Columbia. The camera captures images of glowing debris streaking to the east and behind a line of trees.

8:59:30

Columbia's autopilot fires rockets again and again. It's struggling to control the gliding spacecraft, which continues to pull to the left.

8:59:32

As NASA controllers in Houston watch their screens, main sensors on the left side of Columbia's fuselage blink off. Sensors on the brake lines and hydraulic systems quickly follow.

Mission Control records the cascade of system failures as the spacecraft streaks at 18 times the speed of sound 37 miles above Texas.

Then, all signals cease. Afterward, Mission Control calls out repeatedly: "Columbia, Houston, comm check."

The response is silence.

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# Shuttle debris search expands westward

—SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The board investigating the Columbia disaster toured the plant where its external fuel tank was built, while in New Mexico, searchers scoured the mountains east of Albuquerque Saturday, two weeks after the shuttle broke up some 39 miles above the Earth.

Although no shuttle debris has yet been confirmed west of Texas, the last voice communication from Columbia came as it streaked across New Mexico on Feb. 1.

At about the same time, people in the Sandia area reported hearing a whooshing sound, said Peter Olson, a spokesman for the New Mexico Department of Public Safety.

He said there also was radar evidence, but he didn't know what.

The shuttle broke apart about two minutes after it passed overhead, killing all seven astronauts.

Most of the debris so far has been found in East Texas, where

rain hampered the search again Saturday. The most significant finds so far have been parts of the shuttle's left wing and landing gear, where sensors showed temperature rises in Columbia's final minutes.

The investigation board has said the abnormal temperature could only be explained by an intrusion of the superheated gases that enveloped the shuttle during re-entry.

Newly named board member Sheila E. Widnall, the former secretary of the Air Force and a professor of aeronautics and astronautics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said Saturday her "gut reaction" while watching the search would be that it was that heat, and not aerodynamic stresses, that broke the shuttle apart.

How those gases — heated to 2,000 degrees and more by the friction of re-entry — could have penetrated Columbia's thermal protection layer remains unclear.

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## EDITORIAL

### New 'takings' bills help but don't fix the problem

**G**ive Idaho House Speaker Bruce Newcomb credit for persevering on "takings" legislation. Unfortunately, despite the speaker's good intentions, a fully satisfactory law protecting property rights has eluded him again.

The Burley Republican did his best to pass an Idaho constitutional amendment last year, forcing government entities to pay private property owners when government action puts land use on hold.

In the end, Newcomb's amendment was hammered as too costly. The issue was postponed for a year.

Now, Newcomb and the House Ways and Means Committee have passed two bills aiming once again to protect property owners' rights. Newcomb's effort is worthy of praise. But the new bills are much less ambitious than last year's proposal. Despite the speaker's good intent, they do little to restrain government agencies.

The takings issue springs from the U.S. Constitution's Fifth Amendment, which says government can't "take" private property without just compensation. Backers of takings laws contend that when government restrictions reduce the value of private land, property owners deserve payment — as compensation for a "partial taking."

The problem is, paying for every government decision that affects property values could bankrupt taxpayers. If too broadly worded, a takings law could block even routine planning and zoning.

Newcomb is gamely trying to steer a middle course. House Bills 256 and 257 establish a review process to determine if private property restrictions are constitutionally valid. This review process would require local gov-

ernments to meet several criteria on a checklist before acting.

If that sounds like old news, it is. A checklist law has been on the books since 1994. The law requires the attorney general to set a checklist that enables "state agencies or local governments to evaluate proposed regulatory or administrative actions to assure that such actions do not result in an unconstitutional taking of private property."

Did that law legally bind local governments? Not really, says Dan Chadwick, a lobbyist for the Idaho Association of Counties. He says the list is "recommended" by the attorney general's office, but it isn't used often.

So will the new law enforce a takings checklist? Again, no. Not unless the affected property owner decides to fight.

If a landowner thinks a government action has infringed on his property rights, the new bills let him demand an analysis.

That triggering measure is a decent start for protecting property rights. But other than that, the new takings bills do little to restrict government power over use of private land.

That isn't necessarily Newcomb's fault. Considering the huge resistance to takings legislation, he has to accept what he can get.

The Legislature should provide landowners a way to receive due process and just compensation. The challenge is to limit the power of government without destroying its ability to govern.

Last year's amendment may have swung the pendulum too far in the direction of property owners. This year's attempt doesn't seem to do enough. Even if Newcomb's current proposals pass, the Legislature will need to revisit the issue once again.

### People deserve to know costs of war

**I**n his masterful presentation to the U.N. Security Council on Feb. 5, Secretary of State Colin Powell presented irrefutable evidence that Iraq is in material breach of its obligations as spelled out in various U.N. resolutions, including last fall's Resolution 1441.

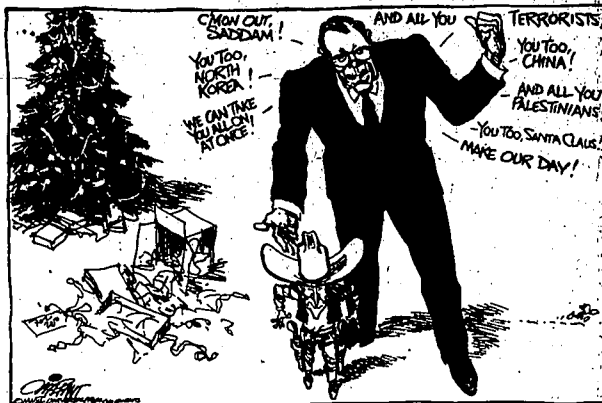
As Secretary Powell amply demonstrated, Saddam Hussein is playing "hide and seek" with U.N. inspection teams when his responsibility is to "show and tell." Secretary Powell had to make that case, and he did so in

SEN. JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.

just the right manner. He did not exaggerate. He did not use any rhetorical flourishes. He made the case in a straightforward and convincing manner, and he reminded everyone that Iraq is the world's problem, not just that of the United States.

But I did not need his presentation to be convinced. I was convinced long ago that Iraq is in violation of its obligations. In a legal sense, the proof of Saddam's many years of flouting U.N. resolutions is clear and compelling, and it is sufficient to justify going forward with military action. And while further U.N. Security Council backing is not legally necessary, it is advisable.

More importantly, we should not go to war simply on a legal basis. We must have a political rationale as well, with well-defined political objectives that ensure we have as many nations with us if and when we go to war. No one



doubts our military is capable of prosecuting the war alone, if necessary, but broad international support is vital if we are to lessen the burden on the United States after Saddam is gone.

Testimony before Congress indicated we are likely to have 75,000 or more armed U.S. troops in Iraq — at a cost of about \$20 billion a year — for at least two years after the war to maintain stability, prevent retribution and guard the borders. This is not a task we should undertake alone, leaving our soldiers vulnerable as poster boys for every malcontent in the world.

Beyond bringing along our allies, we have an obligation, first

and foremost, to our men and women in uniform, and to all Americans, to explain what we are getting into should President Bush decide we must go to war.

Again, this is not just with respect to the rationale for using force to disarm Saddam of his weapons of mass destruction, but so that the American public can know in advance what the long-term obligations will be in that part of the world.

Today, most Americans believe "Johnny" will come marching home again" in a matter of weeks. But Johnny is not going to do that. We are likely to be in Iraq for a long time, and the public is being asked to come up with

more than just their treasure in the form of tax dollars. Husbands, wives, sons and daughters will be away for some time to come. If we expect them to be in on what may be a hard landing, we owe it to the American people to get them in on the takeoff.

Americans want to support their president. But if the administration is not fully forthcoming, does not specify the time and the sacrifice, we are going to have real problems 18 months from now.

Joseph R. Biden Jr. of Delaware is the senior Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

### Make schools the key to brighter citizenship

**W**hen I was a schoolboy in Illinois (a long time ago), we celebrated Abraham Lincoln's birthday on Feb. 12 and George Washington's birthday on Feb. 22. They were the twin models of leadership in this republic.

Now the two have been squished together into something called Presidents Day, a concession to commerce and convenience, the twin icons of our era. I share the sentiments of those who complain that something important has been lost in the erasure of the names of the men who led us through our two greatest crises and the substitution of a generic tribute to our assorted chief executives.

But on this holiday, we need to think beyond the traditional bargains offered by department stores and auto dealerships. On Monday (Feb. 17), a White House forum on American history, civics and service will discuss responses to the widespread concern over the decline in Americans' knowledge of our own history. While we talk of building democracy in a post-Saddam Hussein Iraq, we need to deal with the atrophy of active citizenship here at home.

The preface to all this is provided by 53 scholars, teachers and practitioners in a report titled "The Civic Mission of Schools" that was released last week.

The report, drafted by



DAVID S. BRODER

Cynthia Gibson of the Carnegie Corporation and Peter Levine of the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, addresses the well-recognized problem of the erosion of political participation by young people in this nation. The concern is bipartisan. William Galston, the University of Maryland professor who heads CIRCLE, is a former domestic policy adviser to President Clinton, but he will be speaking at the forum organized by the Bush administration.

Why the concern? Voting rates among Americans between 18 and 30 are barely half those of their parents. The 1998 National Assessment of Education Progress, a massive test, found that almost one-third of high school seniors lack a basic grasp of the structure and operations of American government.

What to do? The report acknowledges that parents, churches and other voluntary organizations can play a critical role in fostering civic spirit, if they try. But the political parties, which ought to be contributors to

that process, often turn off young people, by financing negative ads that send a message that politics and politicians are crooked and sleazy.

That leaves schools. And, as the report says, schools have several advantages as labs of active citizenship. They are "the only institution with the capacity and mandate to reach virtually every young person in the country" and to reach them in the early years when basic attitudes are formed.

Schools are also well equipped to impart basic knowledge of government and politics. And schools are "communities in which young people learn to interact, argue, and work together with others, an important condition for future citizenship."

The report is admirably clear about what it is not recommending. That is the traditional civics class in which a teacher is "instructing students on the minutiae of federal legislative procedures or election law, without encouraging them to wrestle with larger public issues, underlying principles, and ways for them to participate in local government and civil society."

In many high schools today, the single required course in civics or government is no more than that kind of rote learning. Instead, what this report recommends is a program that takes a variety of

approaches:

- Instruction in government, history, law and democracy. Such knowledge is valuable in itself and can provide a spur to later civic involvement.
- Classroom discussion of current issues and events, especially if teachers make the conversation a model of openness and respect for differing viewpoints.
- Opportunity for community service, particularly in ways that students themselves say are meaningful and reinforce their recognition that their efforts can produce tangible results.
- Extracurricular activities that provide concrete examples of the rewards of participation.
- School governance arrangements that give students a real voice in aspects of the education environment that are important to them.
- Simulations of adult civic activities, such as Kids Voting USA, which allows students to mark mock ballots at actual polling places on the eve of Election Day, familiarizing them with the mechanics of the process.

Schools face many demands, but President's Day should remind us that inculcating the knowledge and skills of citizenship may be the most important of all their functions.

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

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**Tort reform can help Idaho avoid liability crisis**

I would like to compliment writer Sandy Miller and The Times-News for the article they published Feb. 10 on medical malpractice and tort reform. On behalf of 1,750 practicing physicians in Idaho who are members of the Idaho Medical Association, I need to clarify that we never expected bill HB92 to lower our insurance premiums. We did, however, expect our Idaho legislators to think proactively and avoid a full-blown liability crisis like that which has occurred in three of our neighboring states — Oregon, Nevada and Washington — and is out of control in many eastern and southeastern states.

What the citizens of Idaho need to understand is that Idaho ranks 49th in the nation in the ratio of physicians to population. Rural physicians have a higher percentage of Medicare and Medicaid patients than physicians in urban areas. Our government programs pay considerably less to physicians in Idaho than in many other states. Anything that raises

fixed costs for our physicians will result in physicians leaving our state and moving to urban settings where they can better control their patient mix.

Access to care is already an issue in Idaho, with government programs often reimbursing less than the physician's cost for providing service. Physicians have already started limiting high-risk procedures such as obstetrics. The last thing Idaho needs is additional barriers to recruitment or retention of physicians, especially in rural areas.

For those who need clarification on why \$250,000 has been established as a reasonable cap on non-economic damages, please recall that President Bush used this as the benchmark for legislation in his recent address to the nation. It has worked for other states. Additional legislation, as Rep. Leon Smith discussed, is also needed in order to bring greater accountability to the insurance industry.

Tort reform is not a cat fight between physicians and trial lawyers. This is about the people who use physician's services. This is about recruiting and retain-

ing physicians for our state. This is about avoiding a crisis without charging the taxpayers to do it. I agree with Rep. Leon Smith that we need to figure out real solutions to unfairly rising insurance costs. This will help maintain the health and viability of our state's medical and business communities.

**DR. MARILYN RIGHETTI**  
Twin Falls  
(Editor's note: Marilyn Righetti is an otolaryngologist practicing in Twin Falls and District V trustee for the Idaho Medical Association.)

**Centennial efforts can revive Old Towne**

It's distressing to see the apparently desperate struggle for survival of those who are trying to revive Old Towne, particularly with the upcoming centennial. If businesses die or move and leave only a shell, what kind of celebration can we have?

Perhaps arrangements could be made to have more centennial events downtown instead of north of town. Downtown is where Twin Falls began. It seems more appropriate.

A "kick-off" centennial ball was mentioned to be held in Magic Valley Mall, with three bands in separate areas. Why not have those dances in three areas of Old Towne? The Elks building holds dances, the senior citizens building should be ready and the Radio Revue is a good downtown venue. The centennial budget mentioned \$50,000 for that, with the dance paying its own way from the admission fee. Would a different location have much affect on cost? It will still bring lots of people and perhaps familiarize them with other businesses. If they go to dinner beforehand, they may discover there are restaurant locations in town besides Blue Lakes Revue. Some of the downtown merchants might plan a special event, costume ball or contest with it.

Another possibility might be the "living legacy" centennial project. I understand it, the currently planned project is to add more walking trail along the Snake River Canyon rim. That's a worthwhile project, but I am certain there are so many possibilities that project completed, it will get

done even without centennial funds.

What about parks in Old Towne along the amazing history-packed Rock Creek Canyon, the very "signature geographical feature" Sig. 6's editorial says Old Towne needs. I believe the city owns land along the canyon. A chain of parks would be a nice legacy — "the City of Historical Parks," containing the equipment that built the canals and farms of Twin Falls. School children and visitors could see what faced our forefathers. Leave one in sagebrush so viewers could realize what had to be done by hand. Every park doesn't have to be grass. Let them tell our story.

Old Towne would be a good "living legacy." With so many small, vacant buildings there, this seems the perfect time. The existing museum at Curry has many problems, and accessibility is only one. The Twin Falls Historical Society might be glad to help and grateful to receive help. It could be a "win-win" deal.

**REV. STONE**  
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**Kempthorne returns to his big spending roots**

I read an interesting article in the National Review dated Feb. 10, 2003. We are right in the middle of big discussions on whether to raise the taxes or not. The article states that the Cato Institute, a conservative think tank, gave Gov. Kempthorne a C grade for his first term in fiscal responsibility. He received one of the lowest grades because he was one of two Republican governors who increased spending more than 50 percent during the 1990s. This growth was even twice as fast as federal spending.

This is the same old story. During good times, they spend all they have and when the growth and income get back to normal, they don't want to cut what they have overspent.

We all have to tighten our belts to meet our income. Why doesn't the state just do the same, without the tax increases?

**BOB WAGEMAN**  
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# Europeans bound to disagree

**MICHAEL MANDELBAUM**

Europeans want to do what the United States has done. They want to be a world power. The United States and its traditional allies in Europe, with the American government moving toward war to disarm Iraq and Europeans energetically opposing the use of force.

The crisis in the Middle East raises three questions: First, how deep is the rift between Europe and the United States? Second, why do Americans and Europeans see the problem that Iraq presents differently? And, third, what do these differences portend for international politics and American foreign policy in the next century?

European-American differences should not be exaggerated. Attitudes toward war against Iraq are not monolithic in either case. On the one hand, the governments of Great Britain, Italy, Spain, Denmark, Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic have all expressed support of one kind or another for military action to disarm Iraq. On the other, support for war is hardly unanimous in the United States.

American pundits and politicians echo many of the reservations heard on the other side of the Atlantic. Still, there is no doubt that opposition to war is stronger in Europe. The reason has to do with geography and politics. On issues of security the European countries concern themselves, on the whole, only with Europe. They are regional powers, and since 1945 their region has, fortunately, been a zone of peace. With the exception of the wars following the breakup of Yugoslavia, a place distant from the concerns of most Europeans, negotiations and compromise have resolved all intra-European disputes for more than 50 years. The countries of Europe have lost the habit of thinking seriously about war.

The United States, by contrast, is a global power. It operates in every region of the world, notably the Middle East, where negotiations and compromise and peace do not prevail. America has to play by the local rules to protect its interests in places like the Middle East, and so

finds war a more plausible policy than the Europeans do. Because the Europeans see no need to go to war to protect their interests, they have not invested in the means to do so. And because they have no military forces, they do not want important international issues to be settled by the use of force, for that would reduce their own influence.

While the disinclination to go to war affects European countries in general, France and Germany have their own particular reasons for opposing an American-led war against Iraq. French opposition is based on nationalism. The French see it as their national mission to exert as much influence as possible on international affairs and for 40 years, since the presidency of Charles de Gaulle, their chief method of doing so has been constantly to criticize and occasionally to obstruct American initiatives.

The German position on the war stems from a strain of pacifism in German public opinion, itself a legacy of the disastrously aggressive German foreign policy in the first half of the 20th century. Finding himself in a precarious political position before last year's general election, Chancellor Gerhard Schröder came out in opposition to war against Iraq as a way of mobilizing pacifist sentiment on behalf of his own electoral prospects. The tactic succeeded, however, and he has since stated his anti-war stance in anticipation of regional elections held last weekend, in which his party did badly.

In the coming weeks France, at least, may well move closer to the American position on Iraq. French and American opinion may be moved by Secretary of State Colin Powell's powerful presentation of evidence of Iraqi noncompliance with U.N. disarmament resolutions. And, if war does come, the French will not wish to be relegated to the sidelines, which would make them, in global terms, precisely what they

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least wish to be irrelevant. But the trans-Atlantic differences over Iraq do offer a preview of what is likely to be a prominent pattern in 21st century international relations.

With the end of the Cold War and the disappearance of the common enemy that bound them together, the members of the Western alliance will disagree more and more among themselves. These disagreements within the trans-Atlantic community of democracies will be very much like the familiar disagreements within democratic countries in two important ways, both reflected in the Iraq debate.

First, just as the current dispute concerns what to do about Saddam's weapons of mass destruction and not whether he ought to have them, so the community of democracies, like individuals and political parties within democracies, will disagree not about what to do but rather about how to accomplish commonly accepted goals. Second, disputes among democracies, as within democracies and as in the case of Iraq, will be conducted on the unspoken but unchallenged premise that no matter how deep the differences are, they will be resolved by compromise, or by agreeing to disagree, but never by the democratic countries going to war against each other.

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# States gamble on their economic future

**RONALD BROWNSTEIN**

Thomas Baker is betting the next few years will be good for his business. The odds are high he's right, which is a troubling prospect for anyone concerned about the health of America's families.

Baker is president and chief executive officer of International Game Technology, the nation's largest manufacturer of slot machines. At an industry conference earlier this month, he predicted a 15 percent increase in earnings per share, not only this year but for the next few years.

When so many industries are hurting, why is Baker's outlook so rosy? Because the picture is so grim for state budgets. With states from coast to coast straining under the largest budget deficits since World War II, governors in both parties are looking to raise money by expanding legalized gambling. At the conference, Baker predicted a state a year will legalize gambling for the next decade. He might be right.

To paraphrase H.L. Menckin, no one ever went broke underestimating the covetousness of America's political leaders. The gambling industry and its lobbyists thrive in hard times because they promise easy money for governors and legislators fearful of raising taxes or cutting services. Gambling seems to offer states money without cost. But, as any gambler can testify, the bill always comes due.

Opposition to the seemingly inexorable spread of legalized gambling has grown over the last decade, not only from religious leaders concerned about social costs, but also from business groups worried that gambling will cannibalize spending that would otherwise have gone to restaurants or shops. But the gambling industry gains the edge — the house's advantage — when states' finances are weak.

The new Republican governor in Maryland and the new Democratic governor in Pennsylvania are pushing hard to authorize slot machines at racetracks. In California, Gov. Gray Davis says he might allow Indian tribes to build more casinos if they will give the state a bigger

cut. State legislators in Florida — a state that emphatically rejected casino gambling in a 1994 referendum — are pushing to install slot machines at racetracks.

That's not all. The new Democratic governor in Oklahoma, a state at the very buckle of the Bible Belt, ran on a promise to provide more money for schools through a lottery. Arizona voters narrowly approved an expansion of Indian casino gambling in a referendum last fall after proponents spent more than \$21 million promoting it.

Other financially strapped states considering more gambling include Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, Maine and Massachusetts. Industry observers say those efforts have little prospect of success this year, but that could change.

Politically, gambling has functioned as a form of contagion. Once a state approves gambling, neighboring states feel pressure to authorize it also to "recapture" the revenue from residents who cross state lines to wager.

But if Maryland and Pennsylvania — where the industry believes it has its best chances this year — approve slot machines for their tracks, some experts expect West Virginia to up the ante by authorizing table games in its racetracks. New slots in Pennsylvania and Maryland also could increase the pressure to legalize slots in Ohio, which has so far resisted.

A similar dynamic is unfolding in the Northeast. After New York Gov. George Pataki approved five new Indian casinos and racetrack slots in 2001, New Jersey is studying whether to allow slots at racetracks. Proposals for casino gambling are also bubbling in Massachusetts.

Amid this frenzy, few remem-

ber the recommendation from a federal commission on gambling study in 1999 for a moratorium on the industry's expansion. While most gamblers take their plunges without losing control, the study estimated that some 5.5 million people are either problem or pathological gamblers, while 15 million more display warning signs. It concluded the price of that addiction — in crime, bankruptcy, emotional and family problems — remains largely unknown, making it impossible to gauge whether the benefits of legalized gambling exceed the social and economic costs.

One thing already clear is that states that approve or expand gambling as a stopgap measure are making a lasting commitment. Once the industry is in the door, it only grows more powerful. States grow dependent on the revenue gambling provides, the industry's workers provide a new voting bloc, and huge revenues give the industry the resources to lobby and influence elections.

All of which means states don't get to change their minds about gambling. The last governor who tried to roll back gambling's availability in his state — South Carolina Republican David Beasley, who tried to ban video poker in 1998 — was flattened in his bid for re-election when the industry poured a fortune into his opponent's campaign. Once the industry is in the door, it only grows more powerful. States grow dependent on the revenue gambling provides, the industry's workers provide a new voting bloc, and huge revenues give the industry the resources to lobby and influence elections.

Governors may see gambling as a bridge to the next upturn in the economy, but turning to gambling is like borrowing from a loan shark: the bills mount even as the opportunity to break free dwindles.

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## LETTERS

### Fraud comes from the process, not patients

To Julie Pence: Regarding your Feb. 4 article, "An open door to fraud? Some lawmakers question 'self-declaration' for Medicaid," I have a question that I'd like to pose.

Where — exactly — was the term "fraud" used in the Legislative Audits report? The report only indicated a 25 percent error rate of the sampling of 53 cases of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program.

Your article went on to say that of the 25 percent, half of the children should have been on other Medicaid programs and half should not have been in CHIP due to errors because "eligibility requirements are too complex, the agency's computerized system is outdated and staff make clerical errors or misunderstood the eligibility rules." Seems the process rather than the families need to be considered as the problem.

Self-declaration for Medicaid/CHIP is implemented in at least 11 other states besides Idaho. Self-declaration makes it easier for families to apply for assistance, but the state still checks and cross-checks many sources before the family is deemed eligible for the benefits.

Are we getting caught in the minutiae here rather than keeping the focus on children and their need for health-care coverage?

MICHAEL P. WILSON

Baker (Editor's note: Michael Wilson is the chairman of the Covering Kids and Family in Idaho Coalition.)

### Legislators aim to 'fix' laws for special interests

The Wednesday article reporting on potential legislative action to change the meaning of "public interest" as it relates to water transfers was quite interesting. But indicative of the shallow levels that many public elected officers have sunk to in our state Legislature. The "public interest" should be of the public's concern to a good legislator. Rep. Bert Stevenson is an example of what a growing number of legislators become once they get to Boise: namely, a "fixer."

Two types of people are elected to public office today. One type truly understands what the greater public interest is all about; that their duty is to accept the responsibility of protecting the public's status quo against the onslaught of "special interest" needs. They distinguish between a personal problem and a public problem and work mostly on solving public problems.

The second type, and most numerous, are the "fixers," who believe whatever concern comes in the name of a problem should become their crusade without thinking of the effect to the "public interest." They rationalize their effort because it fits with their definition of a public servant. These "needs" come to them cloaked as public problems when in fact they are usually an individual's or special group's desire to gain an advantage over adversaries in their quest for more money or power. Obvious to only a few, the fixing of the perceived problem generally costs the public by diminishing the interest they possessed before the fix.

The Idaho Legislature has

become a hangout for fixers. Unfortunately for the public interest, the fixers spend 50 to 120 days each year tinkering with Idaho Code, attempting to gain advantages for their special interest clients. Success is measured by the number of fixes one can accomplish during his or her term and leadership positions eventually fall to those that master the craft.

With the enormous budget problem, there is obviously enough for all legislators to work on this year and actually be doing the public's business. It

would be good if Rep. Stevenson would become part of this effort. If he runs short of ability to assist in this serious need, I can offer another idea. How about a bill to make the Legislature bi-annual so the fixes only come every other year. This would definitely contribute to the budgetary need and serve the public's interest at the same time.

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DENNIS WRIGHT

(Editor's note: Dennis Wright is the chairman of the Blaine County commissioners.)

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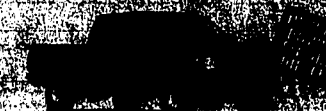
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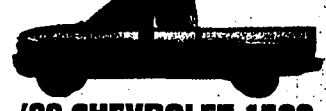
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## Blessed be the times that bind

It's come to my attention that in addition to boasting one of the biggest ditches in the Western Hemisphere, Twin Falls, Idaho, may just be the Spork Capital of the World.

A spork, in case you've never eaten potato salad outdoors, is a polypropylene or polystyrene spoon-like utensil with fork-like tines manufactured in their thousands by Solo Corp's plant in south Twin Falls and shipped all over the place.

All under the theory that if you can only have one piece of cutlery, you'd better be able to eat soup with it.

The spork is a dandy bit of technology, all right, but I have a few questions:

• If you're setting the table, do you place the spork to the right or to the left of the plate? Or do you put one on each side?

• Is there such a thing as a salad spork, and if so, should it be chilled?

• What does your future hold if you're born with a silver spork in your mouth?

• Can we change the name of the whole Snake River to Henrys Spork?

• In the nursery rhyme "Hey Diddle Diddle, the Cat with a Fiddle," does the Dish - in the absence of a Spoon - run away with the Spork? And should we be exposing kids to this kind of material?

• And while we're at it, why is it called spork anyhow? Why not fonz?

Henkel Adhesives, the German-owned company that manufactures the Duck Tape brand of, well, duct tape, has come up with a dandy way to cut the high cost of Valentine's Day next year.

Duck Tape roses  
First, you'll need red duct tape, green duct tape, and thin floral wire, all of which you can get at the local hardware or home improvement store.

1. Cut several strips of duct tape about 2 inches long.

2. Sticky side up, fold one edge over itself, leaving some stickiness on the side and bottom.

3. Take the parallel edge and fold it over, leaving only stickiness on the bottom of the strip.

4. Roll this across tightly, since this is the center of your rose.

Repeating Steps 2 and 3 with more strips of duct tape, loosely bind the strips around the center (these are your petals). Continue until you have reached the desired size.

For the stem, take a thin piece of floral wire and a large strip of duct tape (the tape should be about a half-inch shorter than the wire). Place the wire on the strip, parallel to it, and roll the wire across, wrapping the tape tightly around.

Finally, insert the end with the half-inch of wire - the end that doesn't have tape on it - into the rose. Make a petal (Steps 2 and 3) and secure the stem to the rose.

The tab: About 10 bucks. Contrast that with the \$35 I spent on real roses this Valentine's Day.

Duck Tape has more creative uses for duct tape at [www.ducktapeclub.com](http://www.ducktapeclub.com). Be sure to check out their practical-joke section.

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Watershed	% of Aug.	% season peak**
Upper Snake River	81%	55%
Salmon Falls	80%	42%
Salmon	86%	57%
Oakley	84%	58%
Big Wood	86%	60%
Little Wood	101%	68%
Henrys Fork/Teton	79%	54%
Big Lost	93%	90%
Little Lost	75%	48%

As of Feb. 15.

## LEARNING TO FIGHT

### Firefighters get intense training at academy in Paul

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

PAUL - Some crawled through a tight maze on their hands and knees. Some endured a "flashover" - one of the most dangerous situations in a house fire. Others learned basic extraction skills.

Jerry Morton oversaw the "confidence maze" - 500 feet of ups and downs, corners and dead ends, 3-by-3 or smaller crawl spaces which firefighters traverse on their hands and knees or bellies.

"And all in the dark," said Morton, an instructor at Saturday's Southern Idaho Fire Academy in Paul.

In a real fire, there are places where firefighters must crawl on their bellies and maneuver their air tanks so they don't get stuck, said Challis firefighter Mike Bruno.

The maze was much like walking down a hallway with your eyes closed after having spun around a few times, said Jerry Brown, a firefighter with the Idaho Department of Correction in Cottonwood.

"For a 55-year-old man, it was fun," Brown said.

At the flashover trailer, firefighters spend time in a live fire flashover. A flashover is a fire that builds heat until everything ignites at once, Morton said. The trailer teaches firefighters how to recognize that point and make it out alive.

When a flashover occurs in a house fire, firefighters need to get out.

"You don't want to be there when that happens," said Rupert firefighter Bob Russman.

Russman described what firefighters might see inside the trailer. Smoke and gases build up and temperatures increase. Fingers of flame dance through the smoke.

"That's the time you need to leave," Russman said.

In the trailer, however, instructors control the burn and firefighters take turns spraying the fire with several short blasts of water. That's not enough to put the fire out; in a real fire it's merely giving the firefighters time to get out.

Shoshone firefighter Jay Loesch said he was excited to get into the flashover trailer and see what he had learned.

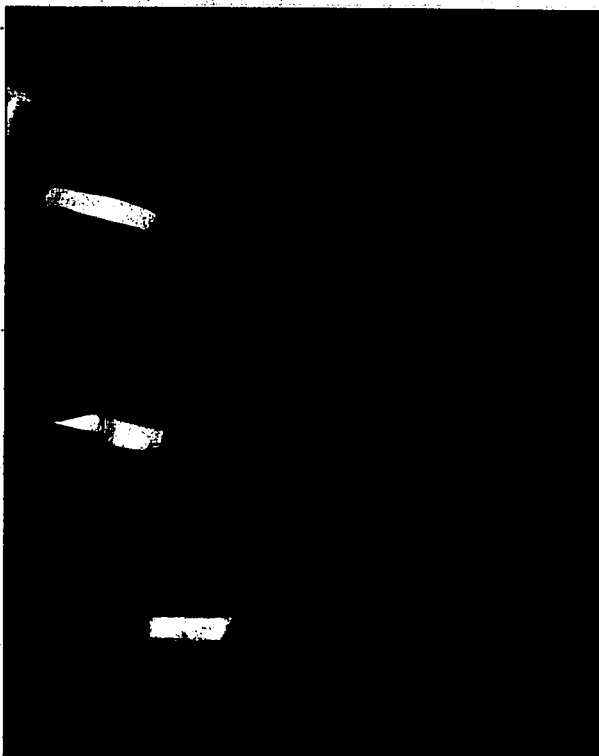
about in the classroom earlier Saturday.

"It's intense," he said.

"And the firefighters who tumbled out of the trailer after the exercise completely agreed.

"It's running out at you," said Jeremy Kaufman, a Mountain Home firefighter. "It (the fire) runs right on top of you."

With nearly 400 firefighters



Sitting inside a modified container trailer, firefighters learned how to survive a 'flashover' Saturday at the Southern Idaho Fire Academy in Paul. A flashover occurs when a fire rapidly engulfs the room. Firefighters from across Idaho are gathered for three days of training at the academy.

attending the fire school, there is a variety of skill levels in each class, Morton said, from brand-new firefighters to veterans with 10 or more years' experience.

Learning takes place outside of the classroom, too, said instructor and Jerome City Fire Chief Jim Auclair. It's really after the classes end that firefighters start sharing with each other what they learned. They also take information back to their departments.

Nick Greenwell from the Oakley Fire Department said it's nice to be able to talk with other fire departments similar to Oakley's size. The fire school is a place to swap ideas, he said.

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Freeing victims pinned under vehicles was another hands-on session for firefighters Saturday. Using wood blocks to support any shift in weight, bags were placed under a car and inflated so firefighters could pull a trapped person free. The 'jaws of life' and other extrication tools were also used in training exercises throughout the day.

## Commission sets sponsorship 'levels'

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Centennial Commission has established sponsorship "levels" in its fund-raising effort for the city's 100th birthday celebration in 2004.

Several area businesses and local families have contacted the Centennial Commission about upper-level sponsorships and other ways to participate, both financially and with in-kind donations, according to a commission press release.

Sponsors and contributors at all levels will be recognized in various ways, but those at the platinum, or \$50,000-plus level, will be key sponsors.

Their contributions will pay for a centennial event and an overlook on the Snake River Canyon Rim Trail that will be extended between Shoshone Falls and the Evel Knievel jump site. According to the press release, their businesses will be publicly recognized, and they will be allowed to use the trademarked Twin Falls Centennial logo in their own advertising.

Lower levels of corporate sponsorships will be bronze, from \$5,000 to \$9,999; silver,

The Centennial Commission was created by the Twin Falls City Council to plan and carry out the activities associated with the 100th birthday celebration.

from \$10,000 to \$24,999; and gold, from \$25,000 to \$49,999. Sponsorships at these levels will buy name recognition on the Canyon Rim Trail, use of the centennial logo, complimentary passes to ticketed events, and memorabilia at cost.

The commission says it is working on a variety of ways for individuals and families to contribute lesser amounts to the centennial.

The Twin Falls Centennial is licensed as a nonprofit 501(c)(3), making all donations tax deductible.

### Want to help?

To find out more about Twin Falls Centennial sponsorship opportunities, call Executive Director Bonnie Lezamis at 736-0800 or e-mail her at [bonnie@twinfallscentennial.com](mailto:bonnie@twinfallscentennial.com).

The Centennial Commission was created by the Twin Falls City Council to plan and carry out the activities associated with the 100th birthday celebration. Activities include a New Year's kickoff gala; enhanced existing community celebrations such as Western Days, Jazz in the Canyon and others during 2004; and a period costume ball.

As a permanent legacy for future generations of the 100th birthday celebration, the Centennial Commission is also raising money to pay for a permanent art project that will be located near the Snake River Canyon.

Some of the proposed \$1 million centennial budget will come from grants, existing gifts and city appropriations. The rest of the money will be raised locally from corporate and personal sponsorships and donations.

### The Lamphouse Theatre

What: "25th Hour," starring Edward Norton, will be shown. Where: The Lamphouse Theatre, 223 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

When: 4:30, 7 and 9:15 p.m. today.

How much: \$6.50 for adults, \$4.50 for seniors and students and \$4 for matinees.

### Rosetti String Quartet

What: The Rosetti String Quartet will perform the final concert of the Sun Valley Center for the Arts' Chamber Artist Series. Where: Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood in Ketchum.

When: 8 p.m. today.

How much: Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning 726-9491.

### Jazz evening

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

Where: Gertie's Brick Oven Cookery, 602 Second Ave. S., Twin Falls. When: 4-6 p.m. today.

## Volunteers still lament Red Cross closure

By Lorraine Cavenor  
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - George Falkner says he will always be indebted to the American Red Cross.

"My love for the Red Cross started when they brought me a fresh pair of socks on the front line in France," the World War I veteran said last week. "They treated us so wonderful in Europe."

But his affection for the organization has been severely tested since the Mini-Cassia Red Cross chapter in Rupert closed June 29, 2001. Although it has been about a year and a half since the Rupert office closed, Falkner - a former board member - and many volunteers still complain bitterly about the loss of the chapter.

"They closed our office and took our money," Falkner said.

He and several other volunteers formed Big River Community Services Committee, which has now disbanded, to try to form a self-governed chapter separate from the Boise-based American Red Cross of Greater Idaho.

Members of the group maintain that the Rupert chapter was operating self-sufficiently on the interest from a large donation from the Clarence and Ruth Birrer estate. A copy of the Birrer's will says that 10 percent of what the Birrers had was to be given to the Rupert chapter, to be used for direct Red Cross service in Minidoka County.

Originally, the Rupert office had close to \$250,000 from Birrer's estate, Falkner said. With that money, the Rupert chapter was solvent, had a building of its own and more than 20 volunteers, who attended meetings on a regular basis, Falkner said. A new roof was put on the Rupert building, furniture was purchased, and cots and two new generators for emergency situations were on hand.

"We were quite self-sufficient," Falkner said.

But Rick Mitchell, chief executive officer of the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho, said the Rupert chapter was \$42,000 in the hole at the time it was closed.

"What was with their employees," Falkner said. "When they started managing, we really went in the hole."

About \$115,000 was transferred to the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho when the Rupert office closed.

Mitchell said \$71,000 is still available, including payments being made from the sale of the Rupert building, for use in the Mini-Cassia area.

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## YOUR WEEKEND

How much: No cover charge.

### Senior dance

What: The Twin Falls Senior Center will hold a dance with music.

Where: The center, 616 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls.

When: 2-5 p.m. Sunday.

How much: The cost is \$3.50.

### Foreign Film Festival

What: The Magic Valley Arts Council's 15th Annual Foreign Film Festival concludes with "Secret Ballot."

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

When: 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

How much: Festival tickets are \$7.50.

### Closed captioned movie

What: "Scooby Doo" will be shown closed captioned.

Where: Gooding Cinema, 402 Main St.

When: 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. today.

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# Freshman lands at center of budget debate

## Nampa attorney sits on both tax-writing, budget-writing panels

BOISE (AP) — It was just 10 weeks ago that Curt McKenzie walked into the Capitol to begin his legislative career.

A seat in the state Senate was his first elective office. He had only been chairman of the Canyon County Republican Central Committee before now. But he asked for a spot on the front line of what is the biggest debate state policy makers have had in over a decade.

A deteriorating economy had already claimed all the state's financial reserves, and there was no guarantee against more red ink materializing. Then there was the \$160 million deficit in the new budget — a problem that \$200 million already cut from basic spending had not erased.

There was no question a tug of war would develop between tax-raising and budget-cutters.

McKenzie, a Nampa attorney who just turned 34 earlier this month, got what no one else in the House or Senate got, or possibly even wanted — a seat on both the tax-writing and budget-writing committees. He is the only true freshman on the bud-



get committee.

"I didn't know what to expect, but the whole process is very complicated," he said as a month of hearings on the governor's budget came to end last week.

He has gotten high marks from more senior members of the Senate for his incisive questioning during the budget hearings and his seeming commitment to the job. There has been little action on the revenue side, but McKenzie said just the information about how the tax system works has helped put a perspective on the budget questions.

But the real test begins in the coming week when the House-Senate committee begins setting budgets without the extra revenue from the record tax increase Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has proposed to head off the elimination of vital or essential services.

For the past four weeks,

McKenzie and the other 19 budget writers listened to state managers Korn cut additional spending cuts will mean closing parks, releasing prison inmates, increasing classroom sizes, dropping college courses and letting more tax scofflaws get away to mention just a few of the ramifications.

But with the House tax-writing committee sitting on its hands, legislative leaders intend to find out if a majority has the political will to make the deep cuts required to avoid a tax hike. They want to force a vote on a \$58 million cut in the current budget — \$38 more than Kempthorne wants and \$18 of that is in public school support. Kempthorne has objected to further school spending cuts.

McKenzie, who survived a three-way Republican primary in conservative Canyon County to win his seat, hasn't said how he will vote.

He concedes his limited time in the Legislature has denied him some of the knowledge more senior members have about whether the money agencies already get is being spent effectively.

"That's where having a perspective from prior appropriations would have helped," he said. "Knowledge is power in this building."

The public, primarily state employees and educators, have weighed in by e-mail, letter and appearances at a dozen public meetings on the budget that wrap up this Wednesday in Nampa.

The 8,000 voicing opinions want state spending at the most efficient level possible. But the vast majority grudgingly concedes that they would rather pay higher taxes than see education and other programs cut further.

Many also have their own ideas about how to at least reduce, if not eliminate, the size of any tax increase. Senate Finance Chairman Dean Cameron of Rupert says the budget committee will try to incorporate some but others will take much more than a few months to work out and many just don't make sense.

But McKenzie said even the suggestions that don't seem to make sense reflect underlying concerns or skepticism about government that lawmakers must at least acknowledge. "We have to have to understand that underlying perspective," he said but admitted, "I'm still trying to figure it out."

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## Nevada mulls taxing brothel revenues

PAHRUMP, Nev. (AP) — The manager of one of Nevada's ritziest brothels proudly walks the 297 acres that surround The Resort at Sheri's Ranch, pointing to the new expansion that opened last year. She glows when talking about the sports bar with a commercial kitchen, the themed bungalows, the Jacuzzi rooms.

"Business is good," says Laraine Harper.

So good that several influential Nevada lawmakers think the industry should do more than fulfill sexual fantasies. The state faces a deficit of up to \$704 million, and some legislators want to see the fees of Nevada hookers in what could be the ultimate sin tax.

"Everybody should pay," Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie, D-Reno, said. "It should be taxed just like any other entertainment."

Taxing bordellos, though, could further legitimize an industry that many people in the state would rather ignore, hurt small rural counties that depend on revenue from local brothel taxes, and drive legal prostitutes into the illicit world of private practice.

The owners aren't particularly enthused, either. "What are the girls going to do?" asked Geoff Arnold, president of the Nevada Brothel Association. "Have a calculator in the room? The girls aren't the best at math."

They may have to learn.

Gov. Kenny Guinn has proposed a 7.3 percent tax on entertainment and admissions that's expected to generate \$82.5 million in its first year. His proposal lists movies, professional sporting events, adult cabarets, strip clubs, art galleries and beauty contests, among others, as subject to the tax. Brothels aren't listed in the 1,100-page proposal — but they also are not listed among exempted businesses, which include massage, yoga, recreational rentals and golf.

Perry Comeaux, the state's director of administration, said the details will be fleshed out by lawmakers.

There are 28 licensed brothels operating in 10 of Nevada's 17 counties. They generate tens of millions of dollars in profits, Arnold said, though precise numbers are guarded as trade secrets. The state Health Division estimates 365,000 sex acts — 1,000 a day — are performed in Nevada's

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brothels annually.

The brothels employ hundreds of women and paid more than \$500,000 to counties for licenses, room taxes and other fees last year. The counties use the money for a variety of purposes, in Nye County, it finances a \$120,000-a-year ambulance service.

Some counties fear a state tax would could pinch off that revenue.

"If it puts one of them out of business it would hurt the county," said Storey County Commissioner Greg Hess. "For some of these rural counties the brothels are a major source of income. It's pretty hard to replace that income."

Prostitutes are contract workers, with most splitting their fees with the brothels. Prices can range from \$200 to \$500,000 at Sheri's, which is about an hour west of Las Vegas in the dusty town of Pahrump.

Sheri's is valued at \$4.5 million, according to Toni North, chief deputy treasurer of Nye County. Harper said the new expansion cost \$7 million and the brothel intends to build a \$42 million PGA golf course. The brothel, which bills itself as "world famous," handled more than 10,000 customers last year.

Destiny, a 15-year veteran of the business and a former prostitute at Sheri's, said the women work hard at their jobs; she says she used to have 30 clients a day in her younger days.

"If they add another 7 percent that puts us in the 40 percent tax range," said the 42-year-old Destiny now employed at Bella's Mens Club in Wells. "After the house gets our 50 percent, the IRS wants 40 percent. That's not fair. They get enough of our money."

## Strapped for cash, Utah sits on trove of tax breaks

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — There's a tax break for ski lifts, another for airline food and one for amusement parks. Even the coin-operated laundries and the car wash are taking Utah to the cleaners.

The state gave up \$237 million in sales tax on business sales last fiscal year and \$309 million the year before, according to government figures compiled from tax-return disclosures known to underreport the actual values. The figures were adjusted by The Associated Press to remove items normally exempted, such as government purchases and school or church meals. Pollution control devices also aren't usually taxed.

Utah's special-business exemptions include one never used, for the sale of aircraft. Companies in Utah make aviation parts and space shuttle engines but no complete craft. The tax breaks range to such oddities as coin-operated video machines and containers and labels. Coin operators often say they can't tax a loose quarter dropped in their machines, but tax officials counter they can easily calculate receipts at bookkeeping.

It all adds up to a lot of lost money that easily could solve Utah legislators' worst budget shortfall in a decade — and pay for a spending spree on the state's cash-strapped public education system.

The special business tax exemptions totaled \$237 million last fiscal year, dipping sharply after the economic buildup to last winter's Olympics. Yet that conservative figure could reverse \$99 million in budget cuts that legislators are trying to make for the fiscal year starting July 1. Then it could cover the most generous education plan, a \$90-million boost for public schools. They'd have money left over to cover rising government costs like Medicare or to phase out the hated sales tax on food staples.

Sure enough, the Legislature almost every year considers a bill or motion to kill some of the exemptions.

Then it kills the idea.

"It's very hard to do away with them," says House Speaker Marty Stephens.

To see what lawmakers are giving up, the AP examined the

trove of 35 special exemptions, looking for justification.

"It does make a difference," said Dave DeSeelhorst, vice president of Solitude Mountain Resort, which added a \$1.4-million ski lift last summer. He said ski lifts, like medical equipment, are made by only a few manufacturers who can charge punishing prices. A sales tax would add more than 6 percent to that.

Like amusement parks, Utah ski areas don't have to pay sales tax on the electricity that powers their resorts. DeSeelhorst said the electric bill at Solitude is a "pretty big number" and millions of dollars at larger resorts with more lifts.

The ski industry draws millions-to-Utah-who-pay-airport fees and taxes on rental cars, lodging and restaurant meals. He said that more than justifies the relatively paltry sales-tax exemption for ski grooming tractors, lifts and other slope equipment.

If anything, the industry wants another break — on the sale of lift tickets. Colorado exempts those sales, he said.

Utah's biggest tax exemption, for factory equipment, might be the most economically justified. Factories reported taking more than \$35 million in exemptions last fiscal year on machinery, parts and maintenance.

"Those are exemptions for input, and you don't tax input. You tax output," Senate President Mansell said. "It's good for our state to have more industry and jobs."

Many other tax breaks are just giveaways, contends Rep. Ralph Becker, D-Salt Lake City, who is plotting again to kill them.

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## MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

## Aides take opportunity to pass state test

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

RUPERT - East Minico Middle School Aide Linda Short doesn't have to stress anymore about meeting No Child Left Behind requirements to keep her job.

Short took the state aide test Wednesday. She sat in the front row; didn't really look around much and about an hour and 45 minutes later left with a score higher than 460. She had passed.

The test is one of several options for aides to comply with the federal No Child Left Behind Act which requires aides whose wages are paid by some federal programs to have an associate's degree, 32 college credits or to pass a state competency test by 2004. Some school districts are requiring all aides to meet the standard.

The state test, ParaPro, was administered in Minidoka County on Wednesday and Thursday. Minidoka County School District Federal Programs Director Jodie Mills said 30 people took the test. About 67 percent of the test-takers passed.

For some taking the test, an immediate job is on the line - they are waiting on test scores before they could be offered a job in the district. Others have until 2004 to pass the test or take the college credits required under the new law.

Peggy Farrar is a potential new hire - "Have to pass the test first," she said on Feb. 6 when she was ready to take the test. The test was not given that night because not enough session codes had been given to Mills, who was proctoring the test.

Farrar was comfortable with the English portions of the test but was concerned with math.

"The math has kind of got me scared," Farrar said.



Minidoka County School District Federal Programs Director Jodie Mills talks with Memorial Elementary School Aide Debbie Thompson before the ParaPro test.

Farrar had a positive outlook going into the test and was confident that if she took her time she would do well.

DeLoe kindergarten aide Emily Maestas was a little less confident: "I'm nervous," she said. "I'm real nervous." But, she said, taking the test and requiring aides to meet a certain standard is a good thing.

"If I do it on my own time and think and think, I can do it," Maestas said.

Aides are nervous, Mills said. It's an unknown and, for some, this is the first test they've taken since high school.

The test includes 90 multiple choice questions in three sub-

jects - math, reading and writing. Test-takers have 2 1/2 hours to complete the test. Results are immediate. At the conclusion of the test, results come up on the screen to be printed and recorded.

Aides can retake the test - after a 30-day wait. They must pay the \$40 test fee again.

While filling out registration questions such as name and address on the computer screen during the Feb. 6 session, Mills asked anyone with a cellular telephone, pager or pacemaker to please turn them off. The crowd laughed, but only slightly.

"Lighten up. You guys are stressing me out," Mills said.

Last week's tests went smoothly and Minidoka County may become the testing site for much of the Magic Valley. About five people taking the test Thursday were from Cassia County and some from Buhl are interested in taking the test.

"We've sort of become the testing site," Mills said.

The test is to be offered again in March, April and May and in August for new aides.

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## Burley playground construction date moves

By Shelley Ridenour  
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Construction of a new playground in Burley will occur a few weeks sooner than organizers first planned.

The compressed construction project is pegged for May 12-17. The playground is being designed by Leathers and Associates in Ithaca, N.Y. It will be built by volunteer laborers, under the direction of professional contractors.

The playground's design incorporates ideas which were collected by the designers when they spent two days in Burley in November, meeting with school children and Families at Play volunteers. Families at Play is spearheading the community playground effort. The playground will be in the southeast corner of West Park.

It will include typical playground equipment - slides, swings, ladders, monkey bars - and less-traditional toys, too - a castle maze, a rocket, a clock tower, a rock wall, a rubber bridge and a pretend petting zoo.

A section of the playground is designated for tiny kids. The tot lot will have swings designed to hold small children in place, along with a giant tic-tac-toe board, small slides, a sandbox and a bug cave.

The park is geared to children between the ages of 1 and 11. Volunteers are busy raising the \$125,000 which is needed to build the playground. So far, \$10,000 has been collected. Families at Play member Laura Loveland said. The total amount needed includes all the materials and equipment.

People may donate any amount by sending money to the Burley Community Playground, in care of Laura Greener, 2853 Overland Ave., Burley 83318.

Construction sponsors are being sought. A donation up to \$499 rates someone a "mail sponsor," between \$500 and \$1,999 is a "hammer sponsor," "board sponsors" donate between

\$2,000 and \$999 and "big board" sponsors donate more than \$1,000.

In addition, people or businesses may actually purchase the toys that will be in the playground. In those cases, the toys will be featured somewhere on the playground equipment.

Pickets for the picket fence, which will surround part of the playground are now on sale for \$25 each. Purchasers can have names engraved on the pickets. And hand tile kits are also for sale for \$25. Two hand printed tiles fit on one tile. The tiles will be incorporated into a wall at the playground.

A hand tile event is planned for April 26 in West Park. People will be asked to paint their pictures on tiles that day in a fun setting, but tiles may be purchased any time.

A dinner and auction to raise money is planned sometime in March. Families at Play member Adria Masoner said. Some pieces of playground equipment will be sold at that auction and other equipment is planned to be sold in a silent auction.

Families at Play members are now scheduling volunteers to help build, Masoner said. People should contact volunteer coordinator Janet Hansen at 878-4646 to sign up. Masoner and others are optimistic that service clubs, volunteer groups, neighbors, families and church groups will sign up as a group for specific construction blocks.

"We need 1,000 volunteers in these six days," Masoner said.

Masoner is coordinating the scheduling of construction equipment and tools for the job. People who will allow their tools or equipment to be used should contact her at 312-0311 or Burley Community Development Director Brian Tibbets at City Hall, 878-2224.

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## Magistrate tells Idaho to clean up its act on lead

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - The state of Idaho is violating mandatory Medicaid provisions when it comes to testing and treating children with elevated blood-lead levels, a federal magistrate has ruled.

U.S. District Court Magistrate Mikel Williams listed 10 areas where the state violating Medicaid rules. The Jan. 16 decision stemmed from a class-action suit filed in October 2000 by plaintiffs from the Silver Valley, where lead contamination is an ongoing concern.

"I think it's good they nailed them. They need to take responsibility like they have to by law," said Stacie Putz of Wallace, one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit. "This is an issue all over the country, not just here, but at least the rest of

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- Stacie Putz, Wallace resident

the country follows the protocols. Lead is an issue everywhere. The attorney who brought the suit, former Idaho Supreme Court

Justice Robert Huxley of Boise, could not be immediately reached for comment. Neither could attorneys for the state or officials at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

Congress requires state Medicaid programs to provide children with comprehensive lead testing and treatment services. The judge wrote that Idaho is obligated to aggressively identify and inform poor families of the benefits of lead screening and treatment. He said the state also must screen all children for lead poisoning at 12 and 24 months of age, and screen children up to age 6 if they have not been tested previously.

The judge found that before 2002, Health and Welfare main-

tained it could not or would not inform physicians serving Medicaid-eligible children that lead testing was required by law.

The only place in Idaho where children are being tested for lead is in the Silver Valley. The Panhandle Health District has conducted a voluntary screening, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry as part of the Superfund cleanup of mine wastes.

The annual screening has shown a steady decline in elevated blood-lead levels among children tested, although the levels are still significantly higher in the Silver Valley than in the rest of the state.

## Town's residents scurry to stop exotic dancers

COTTONWOOD (AP) - More than 300 residents have signed a petition against exotic dancing in their tiny rural town after a promoter staged a show last week.

The Monday dancing at The Twins bar prompted a packed town council meeting and has left officials scrambling to find a way to head off any more performances.

The name of the new owner was not available.

"He thought he would bring in dancing girls and get Cottonwood up to speed with the rest of the world," Mayor Dawn Hundley said.

Nearly 50 people attended the council meeting last week and presented the petition. Only promoter Roger Schne, an exotic dancer himself, spoke in favor of the dancers.

"They're they wear bikinis. No physical contact, nudity or simulated sex acts are allowed."

## Crump

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And this from Dave Sass of Twin Falls:

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## Utah man faces charges in computer system crash

PROVO, Utah (AP) - A Pleasant Grove man has been charged with bringing down his former employer's entire computer system, after a prosecutor called a "crime of the future."

Jonathan Shaw, 33, was charged with computer crime, a second-degree felony, on Thursday in 4th District Court. Shaw also was charged with disorderly conduct, an infraction. Conviction carries a prison term of up to 15 years and up to \$10,000 in fines.

"This is kind of a new area for us," Taylor said Thursday after filing charges. "I think we're going to see more and more of this."

Shaw, who was Internet systems administrator for Creative Internet Concepts in American Fork, is accused of breaking into the company server from a remote location on his laptop computer and setting up "Trojan horse" viruses to wipe out the system, according to police records.

He also allegedly changed all the passwords on the system so that no one could get into the system once he had implanted the viruses.

The total systems crash lasted six days, said Alma Tuck, Creative Internet Concepts president, and affected at least 500 independent businesses that are hosted on the company's computer system.

As of Friday, the system,

which provides server space for company Web sites and home-based businesses, was at 95 percent.

The total monetary damage in lost of revenues and equipment because of Shaw's alleged assault on the system is estimated at \$230,000 to \$270,000.

"We're in complete rebuild mode," Tuck said. "We couldn't use the existing server and had to buy all brand-new equipment."

The information on the server was backed up, and many of the company's clients, including many home-based businesses, have stayed with them through the crisis, Tuck said.

Shaw was fired Jan. 28 for allowing outside people to log on to the company server and watch movies and TV shows without authorization, Tuck said. Shaw also had repeatedly threatened the company if he wasn't paid more, Tuck said.

According to police records, Shaw showed up at work to pick up his final check Feb. 3 only to find the wire transfer had not gone through and there were no funds available. While at work he started punching walls and threatening his employers that he would take their company down, "according to reports."

The next morning, around 5 a.m., the entire system crashed. Shaw is currently free on bail pending a waiver hearing March 6 at 10 a.m. before Judge Fred Howard.

## Volunteers

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Oliver Lusk, pastor of the Rupert Baptist Church, was the part-time paid volunteer emergency services director for the Mini-Cassia chapter at time the Rupert office closed.

Discrepancies came up over money that had been spent, Lusk said. Greater Idaho chapter records showed that \$75,000 was spent locally for disasters, but chapter records showed only \$15,000 was spent for disasters, Lusk said.

Several other volunteers, who had access to financial records, have said that the balance sheets and other financial statements show discrepancies.

Big River Community Services Committee wrote a letter to the Idaho attorney general's office, asking whether the money was being spent in accordance with the Berrers' will.

The donors' will made no indication that the funds could not be spent down and exhausted," wrote Brent DeLange, deputy attorney general, in the reply to that letter.

"What they are doing is legitimate and legal," Falkner acknowledged. But that doesn't make it right, he said.

"Not one person here has anything to say about what is done here," Falkner said.

Mitchell disagreed with Lusk's and other volunteers' assessments of the financial situation, saying the most volunteers do not understand nonprofit finances.

## Less involvement?

In addition to finances, a number of other issues, which extend beyond Rupert, have been raised.

When Big River Community

Services Committee was formed, it received a letter of support from Kathy Smith, Jerome's assistant disaster services coordinator at the time.

"The American Red Cross can no longer provide services that have been taken for granted," the letter said. "Things like a first aid station at the county fair, participation in exercises and responding to help families after fires to name just a few."

Cassia County Under Sheriff Carl Bristol said that before the Rupert office closed, Red Cross had exemplary service.

"When they closed down, for us it basically shut down the whole thing," he said. "Right now the Red Cross is basically defunct in this area."

The sheriff's department now relies more on the Salvation Army, Bristol said.

In September, the Cassia County Sheriff's Department had a chemical spill/blast weather drill in which the Salvation Army took part.

"The Red Cross was a viable part of the community," Bristol said. "Now it's gone."

Mitchell said the Red Cross has been working with sheriff's departments in Mini-Cassia.

## Fewer volunteers

When the Rupert office was open, there were about 180 Mini-Cassia volunteers available for emergencies, Lusk said.

Mitchell said nearly all the Mini-Cassia volunteers and board members quit when the office closed.

Lusk said he and three other volunteers had been notified that they would no longer be accepted as volunteers for the organization.

"Volunteers sign a code of con-

duct," Mitchell said. If the volunteer breaks that code in any way, he is sent a letter, he said. If a volunteer speaks badly of the Red Cross, that could be one reason a letter of that nature is sent.

"I was let go as a volunteer because I'm somewhat of a pot-stirrer," Lusk said.

Lusk isn't dropping the matter. He has put together a survey that he might send out to former board members and volunteers throughout the state asking if the Red Cross is better now than it was three years ago.

"I might send it out and see what kind of answers I'd get," he said.

Mitchell said the Red Cross has made great strides to rebuild the organization since the Rupert office closed. There are now 47 new volunteers, he said.

He is especially proud of a number of Mini-Cassia bilingual volunteers, who could assist in both Spanish and English if necessary, he said.

Falkner said people are not opposed to the Red Cross.

"What we want is more Red Cross," he said. "We want a chapter governed and financed by the local people. They have taken a working organization and destroyed it."

Last week, a fire destroyed the home of Falkner's friend, Tessie Fowler. Falkner called the Red Cross, and the organization responded, he said.

"That's wonderful," he said. "That's what they are there for."

On Monday, the Red Cross bloodmobile will be in Rupert.

"I'll be down there working with them," he said.

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Times-News features editor, Steve Crump is a guy.

# Program turns professionals into teachers

Superintendents see some potential

MELSTONE, Mont. (AP) — When the high school is as small as Melstone, rumors that a couple of teachers may leave make Superintendent Dick Thomas extremely nervous. Finding teachers who want to move to Montana's sparsely populated Musselshell County is not easy.

But 1,300 miles away in California, police officer Stephen Lundgren has been looking for a way to get on the path he wishes he'd taken sooner. He has always wanted to be a teacher, and would love to move to Montana.

Montana State University is launching a program this spring intended to match people like Lundgren — established professionals seeking a life-changing career move — with small, rural schools like Thomas' that are growing more desperate every year to fill teaching positions.

The program, called "Transition to Teaching," is geared at attracting those who already have a four-year degree and a career, but are looking for something different now.

"I don't see it as a mid-life crisis," said Lundgren, 51, of Alhambra, Calif. "It's something I've always wanted to do."

By agreeing to teach for at least three years in any of about 150 mostly rural school districts in Montana, Wyoming or South Dakota, participants would get a \$5,000 stipend to help pay for their teacher education.

Courses would be offered over the Internet, with the goal of having the first batch of participants in classrooms by this fall, getting supervised, paid training. They would be licensed and ready to teach on their own by fall of 2004.

Superintendents like Thomas, who have a hard time attracting and retaining teachers, see potential with the program.

"Getting people to come here is tough," he said of Melstone on Montana's sweeping eastern prairie.

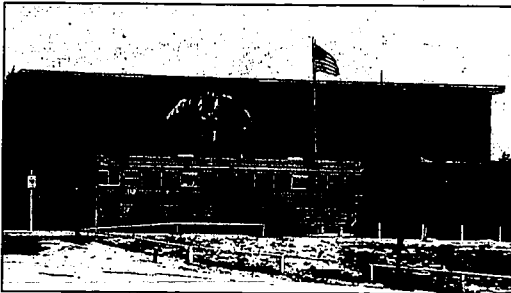
The 150 or so residents can buy buses ranging from milk to school buses. Lay J.C. Hardware store, which must drive some 80 miles to Billings to hit the closest mall or McDonald's.

Greg Weinstein, dean of MSU's College of Education, Health and Human Services, said education officials recognized young college graduates are less interested in small-town life, and a new approach to address the teacher shortage was needed.

Being able to attract people into the profession, who already have an income or the background, is key," Weinstein said. "The challenge is to attract



Melstone High School math teacher Charles Pollington helps his two freshman algebra students, Miranda Yocum, left, and Kie Elke at the school in Melstone, Mont., earlier this month.



A school bus waits outside Melstone High School to take basketball players to a game.

people to these states."

One of the big obstacles to that is pay. During the 2000-01 school year, the average salary for teachers in the three states didn't break \$35,000, ranking near the bottom in the nation, according to the American Federation of Teachers.

On top of that, schools in some states can offer teaching recruits signing bonuses, something Thomas said is not an option at Melstone.

The school, which has just 74 students in grades K-12, may lose one or two of its 15 teachers by the end of the school year, Thomas said. The rumor is that at least one is pursuing other opportunities in larger communities, he said.

A small town like Melstone doesn't offer much in the way of a social life for a young teacher. The night life often revolves around the high school gym and the average age of residents tilts toward the retired crowd.

Koa McCullough, a first-year business and computer teacher in Judith Gap in central Montana, tends to pal around with his students — he's not sure if that's a good or bad thing — because they are closer to his age. He likes the small classes and enjoys his work, but doubts he'll be here much longer.

"The next step is always in the back of my mind," the 22-year-old said. "I might go to Alaska for a year or so — for the money and-for-the-experience-in-the-bush."

Teachers right out of college don't stick around long — maybe two or three years — and then administrators like Tom Frankenhoff say they are looking to make new hires.

"All you can do is sell your school" as a good opportunity to potential teachers, said Frankenhoff, superintendent in McLaughlin, S.D., which is about 80 miles south of Bismarck, N.D., on an American Indian reserva-

tion. But that's not always easy, he said, when years is among 200 or more schools at the same college or job fair going after the same batch of new teachers.

Weinstein said he's been surprised by the level of interest in the program — coming from as far away as Germany and as close as a few miles from some of the needy schools.

Linda Stowers, director of Wyoming's Professional Teaching Standards Board, believes mid-life professionals and those with college degrees who already live in the small communities will be key to the program's success and the success of the needy schools.

"We're finding those in Generation-X are more apt to move and change careers," she said.

"What we're looking at are individuals that are older, who have done something else and want to be in these communities."

# Committee shelves recycling measure

BOISE (AP) — Lawmakers have curbed an effort by Skyview High School students to encourage Idahoans to recycle.

The bill that would have required stores to charge a five-cent deposit on most glass and aluminum drink containers by 2006 died in a House committee Friday. Students came up with the legislation as part of a government class project at Skyview High in Nampa.

"We knew we were going up against a lot of opposition," said Nicole Riggs, president of the student coalition.

Members of the House Environmental Affairs Committee commended the students' work on the bill and applauded their goals in principle. But committee members said Friday the plan would have placed an economic burden on the shoulders of distributors and retailers.

Pam Eaton, president of the Idaho Retailers Association, said most grocery stores already operate on a very small profit margin, usually between 1 and 2 percent.

Eaton said the plan would have demanded between \$50,000 and \$60,000 a year in new administrative costs for an average-sized grocery store and about another \$45,000 to keep stores clean and sanitized after customers returned their empty drink cans



and bottles.

"We commend the efforts of these students," Eaton said. "But this bottle bill is not the way to go about it."

Riggs said the bill was important to keep Idaho's roads clean and landfills from overflowing with recyclable material.

"Please look to the future," she asked the House committee. "Ten, 15 years from now our landfills will be filled up."

The Boise Chamber of Commerce also opposed the bill. A chamber representative said retailers should not have to charge or pay fees because people litter or don't take advantage of curbside recycling programs.

"We have a pretty good recycling program here in Boise," said Ray Stark, the chamber's vice president for governmental affairs.

In the end, the Environmental Affairs Committee urged the students to refine their plan and present it next year.

# Woman gets prison time for selling meth ingredient

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — An Idaho woman will serve nine years in federal prison after a prosecutor described her as the largest illegal supplier of red phosphorus for methamphetamine production ever caught.

The chemical, which small-time drug makers obtain from striker strips on boxes of matches, is used with pseudoephedrine cold pills to make the illegal drug.

Cheryl D. Holland of Coeur d'Alene bought 485 pounds of red phosphorus from an Iowa chemical supply house over a 30-month period, authorities say.

That amount of "red-p" could be used to make almost 1,500 pounds of meth, worth \$15 million or more in street sales, Drug Enforcement Administration officials say.

Holland bought the chemical for less than \$50 a pound and resold it to Spokane-area meth cooks for \$1,000 a pound, court documents say, adding she used the profits to support her own heroin addiction.

Holland, 50, and Carl L. Paris, 51, set up a phony tree service company in Spokane, claiming they needed red phosphorus to blow up stumps.

They bought the chemical by mail order from Iowa Pyro Supply Inc., in Stanwood, Iowa. It legally sells red phosphorus for use in fireworks and legal explosives.

The chemical became illegal to possess other than for restricted commercial purposes when the federal Controlled Substances Act was amended in November 2001.

Holland pleaded guilty last October to conspiracy to possess red phosphorus. Paris also pleaded guilty to the same count and is scheduled to be sentenced Friday.

Holland was accused of purchasing 90 pounds of the chemical after it became illegal to possess.

"She is responsible for hundreds of pounds of methamphetamine and all the suffering that goes along with it," Assistant U.S. Attorney Ron Skibbe said at the Friday sentencing hearing.

# SCHOOL LUNCHES

## AGAPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL AND CHILD CARE CENTER

Milk or juice served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Fish sandwich  
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets  
Thursday: Spaghetti  
Friday: Pizza

## BUHL SCHOOL

Breakfast menu  
Milk served every day. Choice of fruit or cereal every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Cereal  
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy  
Thursday: Breakfast pizza  
Friday: French toast

Salad bar and milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Chicken sandwich  
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets  
Thursday: Beef and cheese nachos  
Friday: Rib-bone sandwich

## CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu  
Milk and juice served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: No school  
Wednesday: Blueberry muffin  
Thursday: Pancakes  
Friday: Cinnamon rolls

Breakfast menu  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Buttermilk  
Wednesday: Soup and sandwich  
Thursday: Cheeseburgers  
Friday: Pizza

## CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: No school  
Wednesday: Ham and beans  
Thursday: Goulash  
Friday: Turkey gravy

## FILER SCHOOL

Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Fried chicken  
Wednesday: Idaho haystacks  
Thursday: Spaghetti  
Friday: Deli ham sandwiches

## HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast menu  
Milk served every day

Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy  
Wednesday: French toast  
Thursday: Scrambled eggs  
Friday: Long Johns  
Lunch menu

Milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Sloppy joe  
Wednesday: Beef stroganoff  
Thursday: Pizza pockets  
Friday: Rib-bone

## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Oven-fried chicken  
Wednesday: Italian dunkers  
Thursday: Baked potato bar  
Friday: Pepperoni pizza

## KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Pizza pocket  
Wednesday: Chicken and noodles  
Thursday: Roast turkey  
Friday: Corn dogs

## KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Pizza pocket  
Wednesday: Chicken noodle soup  
Thursday: Turkey sub  
Friday: Corn dogs

## MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Monday-Friday: Menu not available

## MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Beef tacos  
Wednesday: Rib sticks  
Thursday: Deli sandwich  
Friday: Ham and cheese sandwich

## MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Turkey sandwich  
Wednesday: Hamburger gravy  
Thursday: Spaghetti

Friday: Pizza

## ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu  
Milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Cereal  
Wednesday: Cereal  
Thursday: Egg, sausage and cheese sandwich  
Friday: Cereal

Lunch menu  
Milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Ham and cheese sandwich, baked cheese sandwich or soup and sandwich  
Wednesday: Taco bar or pizza  
Thursday: Hot Italian sub sandwich, spicy chicken sandwich or potato bar  
Friday: Corn dog, taco soup or salad bar

## ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Sloppy joe  
Wednesday: Chef salad  
Thursday: Corn dogs  
Friday: Baked chicken

## TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Cereal  
Wednesday: Cereal  
Thursday: Egg, sausage and cheese sandwich  
Friday: Cereal

## VALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Chicken sandwich  
Wednesday: Chef salad  
Thursday: Corn dogs  
Friday: Baked chicken

## TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast is served every day  
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar

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# MAGIC VALLEY

## Lunches

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**Monday:** No school  
**Tuesday:** Coyote, grill bar, deli sandwich and hot cheese sandwich  
**Wednesday:** Taco bar, deli sandwich or cheeseburger  
**Thursday:** Deli sandwich, coyote grill bar or hot Italian sub sandwich  
**Friday:** Deli sandwich, potato bar or pizza

### BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served every day  
**Monday:** No school  
**Tuesday:** Rib-beef sandwich  
**Wednesday:** Hot dog  
**Thursday:** Chili  
**Friday:** Roasted cheese sandwich

### DIETRICH SCHOOLS

Salad bar, fruit and milk served every day  
**Monday:** No school  
**Tuesday:** Beef and bean enchilada  
**Wednesday:** Sloppy joe  
**Thursday:** Baked potato bar  
**Friday:** Pizza

### GLENN'S FERRY

**Monday:** No school  
**Tuesday:** No school  
**Wednesday:** Ham and cheese pockets  
**Thursday:** Mexican lasagna  
**Friday:** Vegetable soup

### GOODING ELEMENTARY

Choice of milk served every day  
**Monday:** No school  
**Tuesday:** Taco, potato bar or cheese sticks  
**Wednesday:** Pigs in a blanket, salad bar or pizza  
**Thursday:** Deli sandwich, nacho bar or terriyaki rice bowl  
**Friday:** Chicken burger



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### HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

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**Monday:** No school  
**Tuesday:** Burrito  
**Wednesday:** Pizza  
**Thursday:** Nachos  
**Friday:** Chicken sandwich

### IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Milk served every day  
**Breakfast menu**  
**Monday:** No school  
**Tuesday:** Pancakes  
**Wednesday:** Muffins  
**Thursday:** Cereal  
**Friday:** Fried eggs, hash browns  
Lunch menu  
Salad bar and choice of milk served every day  
**Monday:** No school  
**Tuesday:** Chicken fajitas  
**Wednesday:** Italian spaghetti  
**Thursday:** Chicken burger  
**Friday:** Mediterranean pita sandwich or macaroni and cheese

### JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served every day  
**Monday:** No school  
**Tuesday:** Peanut butter and jelly sandwich  
**Wednesday:** French dip  
**Thursday:** Chicken burger  
**Friday:** Pork chop

### RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu  
Milk and juice served every day  
**Monday:** No school  
**Tuesday:** Pancakes  
**Wednesday:** Biscuits and gravy

### THURSDAY: Cereal

**Friday:** Cereal  
Lunch menu  
**Monday:** No school  
**Tuesday:** Hot dog  
**Wednesday:** Soft-shell taco  
**Thursday:** Chili  
**Friday:** Hot roast beef sandwich

### SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served every day  
**Monday:** No school  
**Tuesday:** Chicken-fried steak  
**Wednesday:** Spaghetti  
**Thursday:** Roast beef  
**Friday:** Deli sandwich

### WENDELL SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily  
**Monday:** No school  
**Tuesday:** Hamburger  
**Wednesday:** Baked potato  
**Thursday:** Sloppy joe  
**Friday:** Roast turkey

All schools serve milk with meals.

### CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu  
**Monday:** No school  
**Tuesday:** Peanut butter and jelly on toast

**Wednesday:** Cereal  
**Thursday:** French toast sticks  
**Friday:** Breakfast burrito  
Lunch menu  
**Monday:** No school  
**Tuesday:** Chicken nuggets  
**Wednesday:** Burrito  
**Thursday:** School's choice

### MINIDOKA COUNTY SCHOOLS

**Breakfast menu**  
**Monday:** No school  
**Tuesday:** Pancakes  
**Wednesday:** Cereal  
**Thursday:** Yogurt  
**Friday:** Cereal  
Lunch menu  
Choice of white or chocolate milk every day. The middle school has a choice of main line and salad bar each day. The high school has main line, salad bar, take out, sandwich line and pizza line every day.  
**Monday:** No school  
**Tuesday:** Spaghetti  
**Wednesday:** Polish sausage  
**Thursday:** Chili  
**Friday:** Nachos

### BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast: Juice and milk served every day.  
Choice of salad bar, pizza sandwich or soup or sandwich bar every day.  
Chocolate milk served every day.  
**Monday:** No school  
**Tuesday:** Oven fried chicken or crispbread  
**Wednesday:** Mini corn dog, hamburger, cheeseburger or bacon cheeseburger  
**Thursday:** Hoagie, hot combo or spaghetti  
**Friday:** Nachos or Hot Pockets

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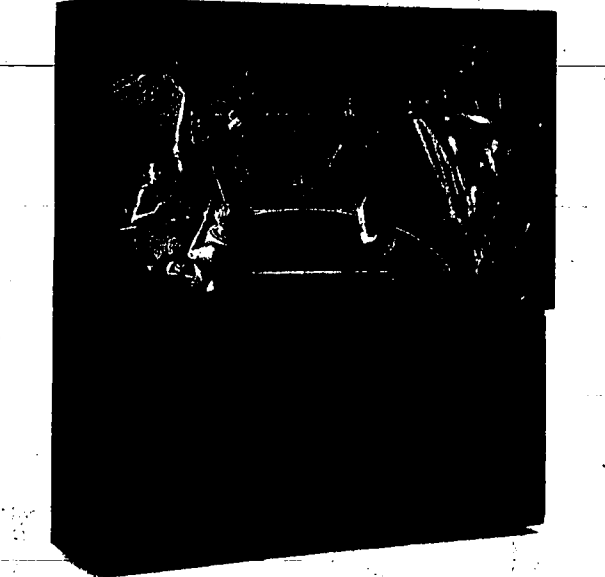
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# History sleuth digs up Idaho heritage

LEWISTON (AP) — Margaret Nell Longeteig can't control her enthusiasm about her latest discovery.

"I finally found Snow," she said.

No, not the white stuff that delights children and hampers transportation. This was a pioneer town across Waha Bridge toward Soldiers Meadow.

It comes on the heels of her other find, Fairburn, just down the hill, closer to Lewiston.

"It's been fun to chase them down," she said, taking a break from her research.

But the journey through the town's history is just beginning. The next task is to figure out who lived there.

Finding out where people lived and died has been a passion for Longeteig, 84, a Camas Prairie native, since her first dive into genealogy in the 1970s.

Thirty years of historical research, combing cemeteries and typing records led to the Idaho State Historical Society awarding Margaret

Longeteig, who now lives in Lewiston, with one of four Esto Perpetua Awards this fall.

The award is given for outstanding accomplishments in preserving Idaho's heritage. The name comes from the state's motto and translates to "let it be perpetual."

"I didn't know anything about it until (the historical society) called," Longeteig said.

Shelley Kuther of the Illwaco Historical Society at Clatskanie, an apprentice of Longeteig's, spearheaded the award campaign which was joined by the Nez Perce County Historical Society, the Lewis County Historical Society and Longeteig's children.

"Everyone was in on it," Longeteig said, shaking her head and grinning.

She traveled to Boise recently to receive her award. But her historical research has taken her far from the borders of her native Idaho.

Three times she has traveled to England. The first two times were consumed with genealogical research.

She has traced the Waters side of her family into England in the late 1500s, the era of Queen Elizabeth I.

Her ancestors came to Salem, Mass., before it was called that, in 1632 or '33. Eventually both her parents' families made their way to Idaho. Both homesteaded north of Nez Perce toward the pioneer town of Russell.

After she married Iver Longeteig in 1940, she moved to Craigmont.

"Jumping the ocean" is what she calls doing research prior to the Europeans coming to America. It happens to be easier for her, she said, because her family is of New England ancestry.

"They kept good records," Her counterparts with Virginia ancestry aren't as fortunate.

Many records from that area are not complete.

"But you have to keep watching, because maybe someone has dug them up for you," she said of the family roots.

When researching her own family, Longeteig relied on the Lewis County Herald, which was stored in the basement of the University of Idaho Library. As she read, she was tickled by some of the stories of pioneer happenings.

"I thought some of the things were funny," she said.

She copied them down to share with her father.

While reading she began to keep track of names that were mentioned.

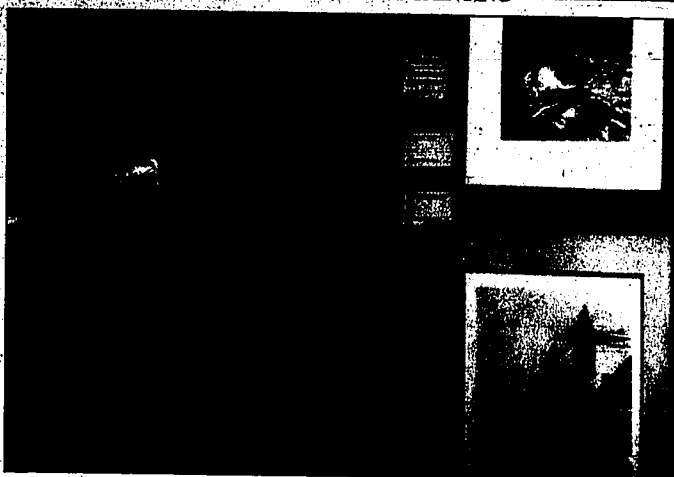
Soon she had a complete name index of the papers from 1902-1911.

But among the most important pieces of genealogy are obituaries, she said.

She started clipping obituaries and cataloging the information she found.

"It's real handy when people write in and are trying to find something about their families,"

## JOY-OF-PAINTING



Jean Fuller, left, of Meridian and Joy Tuckness of Nampa look over watercolor paintings on display inside the Statehouse in downtown Boise Friday. One hundred artists from all over the state had their artwork on display for the annual show put on by the Idaho Watercolor Society.

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# Quadriplegic fears death, wants relief

A shell of his former self, man struggles with decision to die while loved ones provide care

BOISE (AP) — Before the accident, Mark Persons lived an everyday life — delivering bulk newspapers at night, enjoying his family during the day, playing softball or bowling twice a week. An army veteran and handyman, he could fix just about anything.

But on a warm June day two years ago, while working under his pickup truck, the drive line snapped and the vehicle rolled over him, pushing his chin deep into his chest and pulverizing the C-4 vertebrae in his neck.

"As soon as it broke, it felt like somebody stuck a hose in my mouth and rinsed me with warm water. I knew immediately that I was paralyzed," Persons said from the hospital bed that has become his universe.

With government assistance, Mark, a Maryland native, lives with his former wife, Robin, in a small, rented home where in January 2001 he became the first quadriplegic patient to live independently in Boise. His best medical equipment are centered in the living room in front of a massive big-screen TV.

A ventilator pushes air into his lungs. Every bodily function must be performed by someone else — nurses suction his lungs every four hours because he cannot cough. Car batteries stacked up next to the bed are ready in case of a power failure.

He is in extreme neuropathic pain, yet cannot actually feel his own body. Everything in his view reminds Mark that his life will be shortened and painful. A "DNR" document — a legal request meaning "do not resuscitate" — hangs prominently in view.

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Mark depends on a ventilator to keep him alive. At any time, he has the right to ask to be removed from the breathing apparatus, and his doctors would have to respect those wishes. It's a decision that he's delayed for more than two years. But after months of complications, he is on the verge of making the request.

Robin Persons is Mark's chief caretaker and most aggressive advocate. Married in 1982 and divorced in 1993, the couple did not stay apart for long, but they remain unwed. Government rules prohibit wage payments to family members. The \$9 an hour Robin earns as Mark's caretaker would evaporate if they remarried.

For the first eight months after his accident, Robin gave up her apartment and slept in a hospital chair by Mark's bed. She helped him succeed in fighting the bureaucratic morass so he could live at home.

As their previous life faded away, caring for Mark became Robin's entire existence. She barely remembers how it was before the accident.

"What you would call normal, I don't know what normal is anymore," she said. "What you do with your family, that's not normal for me. I don't go to work nine-to-five, come home, cook dinner, play with the kids; I don't get that. I have made this my life. I have made this my dedication."

Intensity and worry have drained the 38-year-old grandmother.

"If it wasn't for Mark, and the fact that I have to take care of him, I would take a handful of pills and be done with it. Because life is horrid. There is no joy, this is torment. Every night I pray and ask God why He is punishing me and putting me through this. This is the most horrible experience anybody can go through."

Last fall, living with constant pain, loneliness and the personal humiliation of 24-hour care, Mark decided he wanted his ventilator removed.

"He feels degraded as a man, to have to be suctioned, turned, dressed, bathed. He can't do anything for himself," Robin said.

The doctors were sympathetic, but they have to be careful. An ethics committee was convened to discuss his situation. They asked him to see a psychiatrist to make sure he was medically competent to decide whether he wanted to be taken off life support.

The team also asked him to see Dr. Kevin Clifford, a staff physician at St. Alphonsus Medical Center who provides a new end-of-life consulting service.

Clifford counseled Mark, heard his complaints and death wishes, intensely personal issues of dying. He prescribed new medication to relieve the pain.

"He said, 'If you still think your quality of life is not worthy, we can take you off,'" Robin said.

Mark views his death mainly as

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— Robin Persons

a physical relief and an unbending of his family. Yet he is fearful of what lies beyond.

"He is afraid that when you die, you go into an abyss," Robin said. "Part of the reason he's not going off the ventilator is he's afraid. He wants to die but he's afraid to die because he doesn't know what that means."

"Dr. Clifford told him, 'You never die. Your body may die, but your essence will always live on, through your wife and your children and your grandchildren. That's something he's working on,'" Robin said.

The pain relief Clifford prescribed helped Mark enjoy his granddaughter. He has memories of her as a newborn, lying between his legs on his bed, quietly drinking a bottle of formula.

"I'm a baby person," Mark said, a semblance of his smile crossing his face.

For the dying, ordinary experiences become intensely rich. Clifford recalled how his mother's battle with cancer, years ago, brought clarity and purpose to both their lives. Her awareness that she was dying gave her an intense appreciation for her remaining life.

"Her interactions with people, her enjoyment of everything — even a cup of coffee — was heightened," Clifford said.

His mother's death gave him a strong interest in providing end-of-life care, but he discovered that doctors receive almost no training in the field. His own education consisted of few Saturdays at the end of medical school.

"The medical care is important to allow psychological process to take place. If you're in severe pain, if you can't breathe, it's hard to pay attention to the other issues. If the pain is controlled, if the shortness of breath is improved, if the delirium and confusion is improved, that provides a space to work on the other issues."

Mark's physical condition has deteriorated in recent weeks, and doctors say a lung infection is likely to blame. His fevers reach about 103 degrees, and his delirium has returned. He sometimes cries for hours or even days at a time.

After a long visit at home, Mark and Robin's son, an Army scout, recently shipped out to Germany. He has orders to go to Turkey amid moves toward war. Last weekend, their daughter and granddaughter spent several hours at Mark's bedside. The toddler gave him a real kiss.

"He's said his goodbyes," Robin said. "Life's moving on, and he's not moving with it."

Meanwhile, Robin stays at his bed, working long hours, supervising the nurses, trying to soothe Mark's body and quiet his soul. She believes it's now coming to an end.

"I've never been so resolved, finally realizing how tormented he is internally. It's almost inhumane to keep him alive at this point. I don't want to lose him because I love him so much, but at the same time, because I love him, I think it's time for him to go. I just want him to go easy."



At left, quadriplegic Mark Persons is surrounded by daughter Valerie, granddaughter Jamison Dee and son Lawrence in his Boise home that he shares with former wife, Robin.

Below, Robin Persons sits next to Mark, her usual position. She speedsily met at her time at his side caring for him.



Dr. Kevin Clifford

## St. Alphonsus plans to offer end-of-life care unit soon

BOISE (AP) — This fall, St. Alphonsus Medical Center plans to open the state's first end-of-life care unit to help patients and their families deal with terminal illnesses.

In November, a portion of one hospital floor will be dedicated to terminally ill patients.

Sister Patricia Mulvaney said the program's launch follows three years of discussion and preparation with doctors, nurses and hospital staff.

The unit will differ from hospice-type care, where patients move into a facility to await death. Palliative care patients may choose to spend some time in the unit because of pain or illness complications, but then return home when symptoms or complications become more manageable.

Palliative care is aimed not just at the sick patient, but at the whole family.

"We will help them see what the best plan is. Is it to go back home? Do they need an extended care facility? Many times, people have not had advance directives. People are starting at zero," she said.

Training for health professionals in palliative care — when it exists — often runs contrary to their intuition, which is to save and preserve lives, said Dr. Kevin Clifford, a St. Alphonsus physician who helped shape the consulting service.

"My training in end-of-life care was three Saturdays in the first quarter of medical school, and that's it," Clifford said.

Margie Zamow, a staff nurse who has helped develop the new program, has seen hard, anguished deaths and peaceful, almost happy departures. She sees her job as helping people get ready for it, much the same as expecting cou-

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For those who are ready, this could be one of the most beautiful experiences you could ever witness. When you have someone who is not ready, it can be very difficult.

— Staff nurse Margie Zamow

ples prepare for a new baby. "For those who are ready, this can be one of the most beautiful experiences you could ever witness," Zamow said. "When you have someone who is not ready, it can be very difficult."

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Section C

## MORNING LINE

## SPORTSQUOTE

“When you’ve been punched in the head 21 times, it’s fun to get that one blow back.”

—WSU women’s basketball coach Sherri Murrell, after the Cougars ended a 45-game losing streak.

## TRIVIA QUESTION:

Who was the first major league player to win batting titles in three decades?

...answer below

## IN BRIEF

## Golfer aces 318-yard 14th at Clear Lake

BUHL — Arnulfo E. Quintero hit the double bonus hole in one and double eagle, aces the 318-yard par-4 No. 14 at Clear Lake Country Club on Saturday.

Quintero used a driver for his first-ever hole in one.

Witnesses were Efron Quintero, Gary Cederberg, Chris Tarter, Gary Kennison, Ken Hutchison, Steve Hopkins and Ken Ambrose.

## CSI baseball splits opening day games

ST. GEORGE, Utah — The College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagles came up with some timely hits to garner a 4-1 win over Citrus (Calif.) College before falling to Utah Valley State College 3-2 in 8 innings, earning a split on the first day of the regular season.

Against Citrus, pitcher Ryan Davis picked up the win with three strikeouts and two walks while allowing one unearned run. Reliever Brandon Christiansen earned the save with two strikeouts and no walks in two innings’ work in the season opener.

CSI scored the eventual winning run in the top of the first inning. Leadoff batter Derek McNeil was hit by a pitch, later moving to third base on a single by Nick Connor. McNeil scored on a passed ball before catcher Kris Walker stepped on the hit to score Connor and make it 2-0.

Citrus took advantage of a CSI error to trim the lead to 2-1 in the bottom of the first.

Welker added a solo home run in the sixth to make it 3-1 before John Hurd singled, stole second and scored on a Mitch Skoslovsky single for the final margin.

Against UVSC, starter Ryan Jones went 5 and 1/3 innings. Control problems hurt CSI with four walks helping score two runs in the top of the sixth to make it 2-1 UVSC.

CSI tied the game at 2 in the bottom of the sixth after Casey Oliver got a leadoff walk and stole second base. Hurd singled him home.

The Wolverines (2-1) took advantage of a leadoff walk to move a runner across to take a 3-2 lead in the top of the eighth. CSI had runners at first and second before hitting into a game-ending double play.

“We had some timely hitting today,” said assistant coach Boomer Walker. “What we did the poorest was in our short game. That’s something we will have to do well in these close games.”

CSI (1-1) took a 1-0 lead on a leadoff single by shortstop Jacques Lamore, who later stole second. Oliver drove him home.

CSI travels to Phoenix today. The Eagles were scheduled to play South Mountain Community College today, but that game was cancelled.

Monday’s 3 p.m. game against Glendale Community College remains scheduled.

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## TRIVIA ANSWER:

George Brett, with the Kansas City Royals in 1976, ’80 and ’81.

## Boys district tournaments arrive

## BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICT FOUR TOURNAMENTS

## Class 5A (Districts Four-Five-Six)

Tuesday’s Games  
All games start at 7 p.m.  
Skyline at Twin Falls (15-4)  
Molok (6-14) at Pocatello  
Thursday’s Games  
Skyline/Twin Falls winner at Highland  
Molok/Pocatello winner at Idaho Falls

## Class 4A (Districts Four-Five)

Tuesday’s Games  
Jerome (4-14) at Burley (8-10), 7 p.m.  
Thursday’s Games  
Century (10-13) vs. Jerome/Sprley winner, 7 p.m.

## Class 3A (District Four)

Tuesday’s Games  
All games start at 7 p.m.  
Buhl (2-18) at Dodo (18-2)  
Wood River (8-15) at Filer (15-3)  
Gooding (6-14) at Kimberly (10-8)

## Class 2A (District Four)

Friday’s Games  
Wendell 64, Glens Ferry 48  
Tuesday’s Games  
Wendell (15-6) at Valley (16-4), 7:30 p.m.

## Class 1A (District Four)

Feb. 27 at Shoshone HS  
Northside No. 2 vs. Magic Valley  
Conference No. 2, 6 p.m.  
Northside No. 1 vs. Magic Valley  
Conference No. 1, 7:30 p.m.

## The Times-News

The postseason is already under way for area boys basketball teams.

Play began Thursday at the 1A Northside Conference boys tournament. On Friday, top-seed Carey (17-2) extended its winning streak to 14 games by beating Camas County to advance to the sub-district championship on Monday. The Panthers take on The Community School (13-7), which advanced with a win over host Shoshone.

Their 1A counterparts in the

Southside, or Magic Valley Conference, started their sub-district tournament on Saturday with first-round games pairing Murtaugh and Oakley, Hagerman and Magic Valley Christian and Raft River and Hansen. Top-seed Castleford (18-9) awaits the Murtaugh-Oakley victor on Monday.

Two seeds from each tourney advance to the 1A District Four Tournament at Shoshone High School on Thursday, Feb. 27, setting the stage for a possible showdown.

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## ‘GODZILLA’ IN AMERICA



Yankees outfielder Hideki Matsui talks to a swarm of Japanese media at the New York Yankees minor league complex in Tampa, Fla., Tuesday. Matsui, known as Godzilla, signed a \$21 million, three-year contract during the offseason after becoming a free agent in Japan.

## Matsui Mania hits Yankees, spring training

By Ronald Blum  
Associated Press writer

TAMPA, Fla. — The first shipment of his jerseys sold out in less than a week at Legends Field.

About 60 reporters, photographers and TV crews ring the minor league fields across the highway to record every swing of pre-spring training batting practice.

A ticket to the regular-season home opener can be had for \$1,396 (including airfare from Tokyo, four nights in a hotel).

Hideki Matsui — nicknamed Godzilla by a Japanese newspaper for his home-run swing — doesn’t start formal workouts with the New York Yankees until Tuesday, yet Matsui Mania already has infected a team that



■ Martinez wants to retire in Boston uniform — C6

■ Jeremy Giambi tries to resurrect his career — C6

shrugs its shoulders when MVPs show up in the clubhouse. Seven spring training games will be televised in Japan — two more than in New York.

“I’m interested to see what kind of zoo it’s going to be,”

reliever Steve Karsay said. Manager Joe Torre is intrigued, too. He knows the acquisition of Japan’s brightest baseball star more than tripled the coverage of a team that already was the most followed in the major leagues. Mizuno Corp. had a news conference to announce that Matsui’s bats will be 34.45 inches long this year instead of 34.05 and he might lower the weight.

“I’ve never seen him swing a bat,” Torre said, adding dryly: “I’m sure I can get some video of what’s going on over there.”

Matsui — a 28-year-old outfielder who agreed in December to a \$21 million, three-year contract with the Yankees — is a celebrity back home. He was a three-time

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## Gardner relishes second chance after his outdoor ordeal

By John Marshall  
Associated Press writer

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Rulon Gardner hits the rewind button over and over, groaning, grimacing and contorting his massive body with each replay.

“I can’t believe I did that,” Gardner says as he watches Cuba’s Mijain Lopez take him down for about the 15th time. Gardner shouldn’t be alive, much less wrestling again, but he can’t help himself.

“I should be happy with just wrestling, but I think if you’re going to do it, then you do it 100 percent,” Gardner said. “That’s the commitment I want to give to this sport.”

Commentator allowed Gardner to beat a wrestler who had not lost an international match in 13 years. Please see GARDNER, Page C2



Rulon Gardner grimaces as he puts a move on Eddy Bengtsson during semifinal action of the Dave Schultz Memorial International at the Olympic Training Center Feb. 9 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

## CSI avenges loss to Snow, gives Beach 100th victory

By Kevin Hall  
Times-News writer

EPHRAIM, Utah — Sakrid Dent scored a career-high 29 points and the College of Southern Idaho men snapped a nearly five-year losing streak at Snow College with a 77-61 triumph on Saturday.

The win puts the Golden Eagles all alone in second place in the Scenic West Athletic Conference at 9-4 and 23-4 on the season. More importantly, it keeps CSI in the hunt to host the Region 18 Tournament March 5-8. Thirteenth-ranked Dixie State College (23-4, 10-3 SWAC) remains a game up in first place after the weekend.

Besides celebrating the win, which avenged a bitter 91-85 loss in overtime to the Badgers (18-8, 7-5 SWAC) on Jan. 24, CSI head coach Guy Beach earned his 100th career win as a junior college head coach.

Beach, currently 49-10 at CSI in two seasons, went 51-13 in 1996-97 at the College of Eastern Utah.

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## SPORTS



Bruins goalie Steve Shields prepares to stop Tampa Bay center Vincent Lecavalier on a first-period breakaway Saturday in Tampa, Fla.

## Asham scores pair to lead Isles over Kings

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Arron Asham had his third career two-goal game, and Jason Blake also scored as the New York Islanders beat the Los Angeles Kings 3-2 Saturday.

Ziggy Palffy had a goal and an assist and Mathieu Schneider scored on a power play for the Kings.

The Islanders were outshot 33-16, but they scored on three of their first six shots against Jamie Storr.

### Canadiens 3, Oilers 2

MONTREAL — Doug Gilmour, Stephane Quintal and Joe Juneau scored and Jose Theodore made 27 saves to lead Montreal over Edmonton.

Todd Marchant and Jani Rita scored third-period goals for Edmonton. The Oilers had gone 113:42 without scoring before Marchant's goal.

### Sabres 5, Rangers 4

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Curtis Brown scored a shorthanded goal 1:29 into the third period and Martin Biron made 48 saves as Buffalo snapped an eight-game losing streak.

Miroslav Satan scored on a penalty shot, and Chris Gratton, Adam Mair and Rory Fitzpatrick — with his first NHL regular-season goal — also scored for Buffalo, which won for the first time since beating Toronto 4-0 on Jan. 24.

### Red Wings 6, Thrashers 2

ATLANTA — Brett Hull scored two of Detroit's four second-period goals and added two assists in the third as the Red Wings earned their third straight victory.

Curtis Joseph stopped 26 shots, allowing goals to Per Svartvadet — who scored his first since March 27, 2002 — and Patrik Stefan.

### Maple Leafs 2, Senators 1

TORONTO — Jonas Hoglund scored the go-ahead goal with 44 seconds remaining as Toronto beat first-place Ottawa.

Ed Belfour made 31 saves for the Maple Leafs, who have won seven of eight.

### Blackhawks 7, Blue Jackets 1

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Steve Passmore won his first game in almost a year and Steve Sullivan had a career-high five points as Chicago beat Columbus. Sullivan scored his 15th goal and had a career-high four assists.

Eric Daze and Jon Klemm each had a goal and an assist, and Kyle Calder had three assists.

### Hurricanes 2, Flyers 2

PHILADELPHIA — Keith Primeau's goal with 6:52 left

Philadelphia into a tie with Carolina.

Donald Brashear also scored for Philadelphia, which came back from a 2-0 deficit in the third period after rallying from three goals down to beat St. Louis 4-3 Thursday.

Jeff O'Neill and Sean Hill scored for Carolina, and Kevin Weekes stopped 42 shots — including two solid saves in overtime.

### Lightning 5, Bruins 2

TAMPA, Fla. — Dan Boyle scored twice late in the third period, including a tiebreaking power-play goal with 5:37 left, as Tampa Bay beat Boston.

Zdenek Kutzal tied it 2-all for Boston with his first NHL goal. Jozef Stumpel made the other Bruins goal.

### Capitals 2, Panthers 1

SUNRISE, Fla. — Jeff Halpern had a goal and assisted on Ivan Ciernik's game-winning late in the second period to lead Washington over Florida.

The Capitals improved to 12-3-1 against the Southeast Division. Sebastian Chopier, making his first start since Jan. 18, made 16 saves for the Capitals. Jani Hurne had 28 saves for Florida.

### Penguins 4, Devils 1

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Mario Lemieux had a goal and assist in a stunning four-goal, first period that led goal-starved Pittsburgh over New Jersey.

Ville Nieminen, Tomas Surovy and Mikael Samuelsson also scored in the Devils' worst period of the season, and Sebastian Irona made 39 saves in making the Penguins' first goals in three games stand up.

### Predators 2, Mighty Ducks 1

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Travis Vaux and Scott Walker each scored first-period goals to lead Nashville over Anaheim, snapping the Mighty Ducks' four-game winning streak.

Anaheim closed within one goal, 7:25 of the second period as Nashville goaltender Tomas Vokoun saved two shots, but was unable to stop Sandis Ozolinsh.

### Coyotes 5, Blues 3

ST. LOUIS — Mike Johnson had two goals and an assist to lead Phoenix past St. Louis.

Deron Quint, Branko Radivojevic and Deymond Langkow also scored for the Coyotes, who won their second road game in two nights following four straight losses. Brian Boucher made 29 saves.

St. Louis goaltender Brent Johnson was pulled in the second period after allowing three goals on 15 shots.

### Bulls 88, Nuggets 69

CHICAGO — Jalen Rose scored 27 points and Tyson Chandler had a career-high 22 rebounds and 19 points for Chicago.

Chicago snapped an eight-game losing streak, while Denver dropped to 3-23 on the road with its 11th loss in 13 games. Chicago has the NBA's worst record at 2-27.

Tyuan Howard had 18 points for Denver.

# Syracuse upends No. 10 Notre Dame

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Gerry McNamara's 3-pointer with 18 seconds left gave Syracuse the 82-80 win over Notre Dame, keeping the Orangemen unbeaten at home.

The victory, coupled with Seton Hall's 73-61 victory over No. 7 Pittsburgh, allowed the Orangemen (17-4, 8-3) to take a half-game lead in the Big East.

West Division over the Fighting Irish (19-5, 7-3) and Panthers.

Freshman Carmelo Anthony led Syracuse, with 26 points, including 10 in a 14-2 run that brought the Orangemen into a 69-69 tie with 6.5 minutes left.

### No. 1 Arizona 88, USC 59

TUCSON, Ariz. — Channing Frye scored a career-high 25 points, grabbed 14 rebounds and blocked three shots as No. 1 Arizona beat USC 88-59 on Saturday.

The Wildcats (20-2, 12-1 Pac-10) reached 20 victories for the 16th year in a row, the longest active streak in the country, and swept all four games from USC and UCLA for the first time since 1992-93.

Deshaun Farmer scored 11 for USC (10-11, 5-7).

### No. 2 Louisville 73, No. 11 Marquette 70

MILWAUKEE — Reece Gaines hit a 3-pointer with 6 seconds left as Louisville snapping the Golden Eagles' 28-game home winning streak.

Gaines finished with 20 points, including 4-of-6 from 3-point range, and Taquan Dean added 18 points for the Cardinals.

Dwyane Wade led Marquette (18-4, 9-2) with 15 points, while Robert Jackson had 14 and Diener 13.

### No. 3 Kentucky 68, LSU 57

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Keith Bogans scored 20 points and Gerald Fitch added 15 as Kentucky extended its winning streak to 14 games.

Knockout punches, six points, 10 rebounds and a career-high six blocked shots, and Erik Daniels added nine points and a career-high 10 rebounds for the Wildcats (20-3, 10-0 Southeastern Conference). Jaime Lloreda had 18 points and nine rebounds for LSU (14-9, 3-8).

### Tennessee 66, No. 4 Florida 59

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Ron Slay had 20 points and 11 rebounds as Tennessee won its sixth straight.

Brandon Crump added a career-high 19 points for the Volunteers (15-6, 7-3 Southeastern Conference).

### No. 5 Oklahoma 63, Texas Tech 58

LUBBOCK, Texas — Quannas White scored 23 points in the teams' rematch of their controversial finish last month.

After trailing by one at the half, Oklahoma (17-4, 8-2 Big 12) came out in the second half and used a 11-3 run to take a 45-38 lead.

Andre Emmett and Kasib Powell each scored 14 points for Tech (14-7, 4-6 Big 12).

### No. 6 Texas 75, Nebraska 63

LINCOLN, Neb. — Brandon Mouton scored 24 points as Texas overtook Nebraska late in the first half.

Royce Ivey added 12 points and James Thomas had 10 points and 12 rebounds for



Florida's Christian Dreier, center, grabs a rebound away from Tennessee's Ron Slay (35) and Stanley Asumnu, top, during the first half of their game Saturday in Knoxville, Tenn.

### Texas (17-4, 8-2 Big 12).

Brennon Clemmons had 17 points and Corey Simms 12 to lead Nebraska (9-14, 1-9), which lost its seventh straight game.

### Seton Hall 73, No. 7 Pittsburgh 61

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Seton Hall posted its second major upset in 10 days with reserve Andre Sweet scoring 15 of his 17 points after halftime.

Andre Barrett added 17 points and John Allen 14 for the Pirates (12-9, 6-4 Big East). Jaron Brown had 14 points to lead Pittsburgh (17-4, 7-3), which lost for the third time in five games, all on the road.

### Wichita State 80, No. 12 Creighton 74

WICHITA, Kan. — Aaron Hogg scored the go-ahead layup with just under a minute left as Wichita State won its first game over a ranked team since 1990.

Hogg had 27 points and Jamar Howard added three key late free throws and 18 points for the Shockers (14-8, 8-4 Missouri Valley).

### Baylor 74, No. 13 Oklahoma St. 72

STILLWATER, Okla. — Kenny Taylor made a 3-pointer with 1:54 remaining and Baylor made four defensive stops after that to stun Oklahoma State, ending a 22-game road losing streak.

### Women's college hoops

LSU had a 62-60 lead with 10 seconds left in regulation, but Augustus' jumper from the top of the key bounced off the rim, Fisher rebounded and Hansen scored to tie it at 62 as time ran out.

### No. 6 Stanford 84, Washington State 41

PULLMAN, Wash. — Sebnem Kimyacioglu scored 16 first-half points as Stanford claimed its 36th victory in 36 games between the schools.

Washington State was coming off a 67-64 upset of California, snapping the second-longest losing streak in Division I women's history. It was the Cougars' first victory since Nov. 29, 2001.

Stanford (20-3, 12-2 Pacific 10) has six 3-pointers — three by Kimyacioglu — in the opening 11

### Purdue 70, No. 14 Illinois 61

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Kenny Lowe scored 23 points as Purdue beat Illinois to snap a two-game losing streak.

The Boilermakers (16-6, 8-3 Big Ten) entered the game needing a victory to remain tied for the conference lead with Wisconsin and Michigan. Brian Cook had 20 points but no other player reached double digits for Illinois (16-5, 6-4).

### No. 18 Xavier 93, Rhode Island 70

CINCINNATI — Romain Sato made a school-record nine 3-pointers, taking advantage of Rhode Island's fixation on David West, and Xavier coasted to victory. West had 26 points and 16 rebounds, drawing fouls whenever he went inside with the ball. Dawan Robinson scored 19 points for Rhode Island.

### No. 20 Georgia 83, Vanderbilt 70

ATHENS, Ga. — Ezra Williams and Jarvis Hayes each scored 16 points as Georgia snapped a two-game losing streak.

The game was dominated by the three officials, who whistled 61 fouls and ejected Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings for arguing a call in the second half.

### No. 21 Missouri 71, Kansas State 63

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Arthur

Johnson had 14 points and a season-best 17 rebounds, and Missouri held Kansas State without a basket for more than 8.5 minutes down the stretch.

### Villanova 79, No. 23 Connecticut 70

PHILADELPHIA — Gary Buchanan scored 28 points and Ricky Wright added 13 for Villanova.

Ben Gordon scored 22 of his 25 points in the second half, and Emeka Okafor added 18 points and 16 rebounds for the Huskies (15-6, 6-4).

### No. 24 Stanford 72, Washington State 54

STANFORD, Calif. — Justin Davis made his first start since tearing a knee ligament in early January and scored 21 points for Stanford.

Josh Childress added 15 points for the Cardinal (19-6, 10-3 Pac-10), who trailed for much of the first half despite holding the Cougars (5-17, 0-13) without a basket for the opening 6.5 minutes of the game.

### Dayton 66, No. 25 St. Joseph's 56

DAYTON, Ohio — Brooks Hall scored 13 points and had nine rebounds to lead Dayton.

Delonte West scored 26 points to lead St. Joseph's come-from-behind effort in the second half that fell short.

### Colorado St. 71, Brigham Young 70, OT

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Tony Jenkins scored 19 points and sank a 3-pointer with 25 seconds left in overtime to lift Colorado State to a 71-70 victory over Brigham Young on Saturday.

Jenkins accounted for seven of the nine points scored in overtime by Colorado State (13-10, 4-5 Mountain West). Ashley Augspurger added 18 points, moving past Karen Hosok-Kreuzer for eighth place on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,346 points.

Erin Thorn led Brigham Young (14-8, 5-4) with 21 points but missed a possible game-winning shot at the buzzer.

## Stumbling Mavericks bounce back against Heat

DALLAS (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki had 25 points and 12 rebounds and matched his career high with eight assists as the Dallas Mavericks beat the Miami Heat 98-92 on Saturday night.

Steve Nash added 19 points, and Michael Finley and Nick Van Exel had 17 each for the weary Mavericks, playing their fourth game in five nights.

The Mavericks, an NBA-best 40-12, bounced back from a three-game losing streak with their second

victory in two nights.

Travis Best-led Miami with 21 points.

### Bulls 88, Nuggets 69

CHICAGO — Jalen Rose scored 27 points and Tyson Chandler had a career-high 22 rebounds and 19 points for Chicago.

Chicago snapped an eight-game losing streak, while Denver dropped to 3-23 on the road with its 11th loss in 13 games. Chicago has the NBA's worst record at 2-27.

Tyuan Howard had 18 points for Denver.









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# Martinez wants extension to finish career with Red Sox

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Pedro Martinez is confident the Boston Red Sox will pick up his \$17.5 million option for 2004 but said Saturday that will be his last season with the team if they wait until November to do it.

"You want to take that gamble if you were the owner of this team?" he said. "I don't think so."

Martinez made it clear he also wants a contract extension so he can finish his career in Boston and that he has a good relationship with owner John Henry and club officials.

"I know we're going to work it out and I'm not worried about that," Martinez said. "They're a group of responsible owners and they know what to do."

If it doesn't get worked out, Martinez said he will leave the Red Sox.

The team must exercise its option by November or Martinez

can become a free agent.

He met Friday with Henry and team president Larry Lucchino away from training camp, said Charles Steinberg, the club's executive vice president.

Martinez's remarks Saturday "were not news" to Henry and Lucchino, Steinberg said. "They appreciated his kind words. They were already aware of his feelings. They talked to him about them and they share the confidence that we can proceed in harmony."

Martinez reiterated his stand taken late last season that he wouldn't talk with the team about his contract during the regular season. The Red Sox, though, could exercise their option without further negotiations.

He also said the team should discuss a contract extension with him "because I don't want to go jumping around" to other clubs.

Martinez participated in Saturday's first spring training workout with other pitchers and catchers and said he felt better than he did last year, when he reported at 196 pounds, five more than his current weight.

"I don't see anything that's ready to prevent him from being going to open day," manager Grady Little said.

A shoulder injury limited Martinez to 18 games in 2001. After a slow start last year — he allowed eight runs in three-plus innings in a season-opening 12-11 loss to Toronto — he finished 20-4 and led the majors with a 2.26 ERA.

In five seasons with the Red Sox he is 87-24, he has won two Cy Young Awards and led the AL in ERA and strikeouts three times each.

Martinez earned \$14 million last year, gets \$15 million this

year and will earn \$17.5 million if he is with the team in 2004.

Martinez couldn't understand why the Red Sox wouldn't pick up his option during the season.

"I came out a season where I won 20 games," he said. "If you look at the market and the way pitching is, it should be a bargain."

"If they don't pick it up now, it means they don't trust how I feel," he said. "Would you stay with a woman that tells you she doesn't love you? It makes no sense."

Martinez stressed several times that he is optimistic the option will be picked up.

"They haven't told me that they're not going to pick it up so don't start making up stuff or make this a rivalry between me and the owners," Martinez said. "I'm sure we're going to do whatever it takes to work this thing out."



Boston pitcher Pedro Martinez stretches Saturday at training camp in Fort Myers, Fla.

## CHASING BIG BROTHER

Jeremy Giambi hopes to be first-class first baseman

By Howard Uman  
Associated Press writer

FORT MYERS, Fla. — On May 19, Jeremy Giambi hopes to be where his brother Jason probably will be: playing first base in Fenway Park.

That's when Jeremy and the Boston Red Sox face Jason and the New York Yankees for the first time this season, adding an intriguing display of sibling rivalry to the fierce one that already exists between the two teams.

"I don't know exactly what we're going to be in for. It's the biggest rivalry in sports," Jeremy said. "When it's on the field, there's no holds barred. Playing against Jason in pinstripes, it's going to be a playoff atmosphere every game."

But if he and his brother are to become regular adversaries at first base, Jeremy must improve his fielding.

That's why he arrived in spring training 100 days before he was due. He's working overtime to refine his skills at a position he's played just 72 times in his 460 major-league games.

"I take it as a challenge," he said. "I'm not coming out here going, 'Oh, I don't need any extra work.' I think everybody does. I feel confident that I can get to that spot where they're going to feel comfortable putting me out there."

Jeremy was primarily an outfielder and designated hitter in four-plus major-league seasons with Kansas City and Oakland before being traded to Philadelphia last season where he played 62 games.

The Phillies traded him for pitcher Josh Hancock and now his main competition at first base with Boston should come from David Ortiz, who faces a similar learning experience, or recently acquired Kevin Milledt. Ortiz has appeared at first in 132 of his 455 games with Minnesota the past six years.

A vacancy at first base opened when Boston decided not to re-sign Brian Daubach and Tony Clark.

"First base definitely is key," general manager Theo Epstein said. "That's one (area) we think, through hard work and through



Jeremy Giambi fields grounders Wednesday at spring training in Fort Myers, Fla. Giambi is battle for the starting job at first base.

the talent that we have here, will be solved."

For eight weeks before arriving in Fort Myers, Jeremy and other Red Sox participants in intensive workouts in Arizona. On Tuesday and Wednesday, he worked on his fielding with manager Grady Little and said he felt nervous because he wanted to do well.

On Thursday, Epstein's special assistant, Craig Shipley, replaced Little, and Jeremy was more relaxed.

"There's a reason why I'm here 10 days early, to get out there and get as much work in as I can before I start team workouts, he said. "Seven weeks is better than six for a position I haven't played too much at, so I'll give me that edge."

On Thursday, he stood near first base, catching balls rolled to him by Shipley and raising them to his eyes.

The procedure was repeated

dozens of times Thursday. Then he made plans to do it again Friday.

"Anyone somebody is working that hard, he can't help but get better," Little said.

Jeremy is working on repeating the basic movements — getting his glove down, using footwork to get in position to catch a ball and bringing his arms up properly to throw it.

"They're just not hitting me fungoes and saying, 'This is how you do it, go catch the ball,'" he said. "I've basically kind of played first base on instinct. Nobody's really taken me out there and said, 'Hey, this is how you need to do it.'"

Even with that instruction, he has a long way to go to match his brother as a fielder and a hitter.

Jason was the MVP in the American League in 2000. Last year, his first with the Yankees, he was sixth in the AL with a .314

batting average, fourth with 41 homers and fifth with 122 RBIs.

Jeremy's career statistics are a .269 average, 47 homers and 194 RBIs.

Being "the other Giambi," he said, "is something I've dealt with all my career and I've gotten used to it. Jason's set the bar very high and I'm very proud of him."

"If I do get a chance at an everyday spot, am I going to hit 40 homers? I don't know, but I think my numbers will be better than they were."

For now, his primary concern is fielding well enough so he can play first base every day, maybe even in all 19 Red Sox games against the Yankees.

"It's going to be exciting," he said. "This year (spring training) is more exciting for me. I have a new team and new atmosphere, new teammates."

And a new position.

## Ankiel moves to pen, still searching for strike zone

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — Rick Ankiel just wants another chance to pitch for the St. Louis Cardinals, even if that means coming out of the bullpen.

Ankiel, who missed all of last season with an elbow injury and struggled in the past with wildness, has been shifted from a starter to a reliever in a move meant to ease the pressure on him.

Once one of the most promising young left-handers in baseball, Ankiel has not been able to overcome an embarrassing bout of wildness in the 2000 playoffs.

But Cardinals manager Tony La Russa believes Ankiel could find success pitching in relief, saying his new role "could give us the best left-handed bullpen we've had since we've been here."

Ankiel joins left-handers Steve Kline, Jeff Fassero and Lance Feltner coming out of the St. Louis bullpen.

"(Ankiel's) excited. It will be a fun role for him," La Russa said. "The preparation is different. Instead of getting ready to throw 100 to 120 pitches once every five days, he'll be asked to throw 15 to 20 pitches several times a week."

The 23-year-old Ankiel won 11 games as a rookie in 2000 but has struggled with his health and control since. He last pitched in the majors in May 2001.

### Reds

SARASOTA, Fla. — When Aaron Boone wanted pointers on his move to second base, he didn't have to leave the facility.

The Cincinnati Reds infielder got advice — and some anticipated criticism — from his older brother Bret, who won a Gold Glove at second base with the Reds before he was traded.

"Bret is a tough critic," Aaron

Boone said. "He thinks second base is like being an NFL quarterback, that you have to be equipped with a special talent to play it."

Aaron, who is 6-foot-2, will find out soon enough whether he has the versatility to play his third position in two seasons.

His father, manager Bob Boone, asked him to move from third base to second after Todd Walker was traded to Boston.

The move opens a spot for

Brandon Larson to play third, his natural position.

### Angelo

TEMPE, Ariz. — Right-handed reliever Francisco Rodriguez, who was a 20-year-old rookie when he went 5-0 in the postseason last fall, isn't expected in camp until Sunday at the earliest. Rodriguez has been delayed because a strike canceled flights from his native Venezuela.

### Cubs

MESA, Ariz. — Dusty Baker's message is clear: everyone gets a fresh start and a clean slate in his first spring training as manager of the Chicago Cubs.

That's a really good deal for Kyle Farnsworth, a reliever with a 100 mph fastball who struggled last season on the field and had some problems off it.

Farnsworth's dedication and maturity came into question. For instance, he argued late for at least one game last season.

He also spent nearly two months on the disabled list with a stress fracture in his right foot.

"Last year is something I want to totally forget," said Farnsworth, who'd been one of the NL's top setup relievers in 2001 with a 2.74 ERA and 107 strikeouts in 76 games.

## Moyer is a master on the mound, and at the bargaining table

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — Over the last five years, Jamie Moyer has won some of his finest work on the mound.

Last winter, the Seattle Mariners lefty showed he's just as effective at the bargaining table.

Moyer threw 230-plus innings in 2002, the fourth time in the last five years he broke the 200-inning mark. He's averaged 15 wins over the past five seasons and posted a 3.32 ERA last year.

When he pursued a new contract after last season, Moyer had stats to bolster his case. He also found the perfect agent — himself — and got a three-year contract worth \$15.5 million.

"It was a good experience," said Moyer, who turned 40 in November. "I learned a lot about the business side of the game, how this organization deals with negotiations. I felt I had to be well prepared and thorough."

He brings the same approach to his pitching.

Moyer stays in excellent physical shape, avoiding surgery for his 18 seasons. With Roger Clemens active at 40 and Randy Johnson going strong at 39, Moyer saw no reason he couldn't do the same.

"It's my responsibility to bring something to the table," Moyer said. "I still have the desire to play and pitch. It's still fun. All that said, why not continue to play? Age is only a number."

During the season, Moyer and other pitchers report to coaches and trainers about how they're feeling. The travel demands are a

challenge, with many late-night hours and missed meals, but communication is the key.

"There are days you might not feel that holds true for everybody," Moyer said. "I don't care if you're 18, 25, 30, 40 or 60. If your body needs a little extra time, give it the extra time."

Moyer expects to pitch at least three more seasons, perhaps longer, and he won't be discouraged by skeptics. Growing up outside Philadelphia, he often heard people say he was too small or couldn't throw hard enough.

"I always wanted to play baseball. It was something I really wanted to do," he said. "When people told me that, it was like pouring gasoline on a fire. The flame got bigger in my belly."

He's no power pitcher, but Moyer makes up for it by closely studying opposing hitters. He's also got an outstanding chin and the ability to precisely place his pitches.

The Mariners weren't the only ones who were interested in Moyer. At least two other teams negotiated for his services.

"If they're showing interest, they make you feel they really want you," Moyer said. "That's what I felt from a couple of clubs."

Asking athletes? Heck, Moyer is still a wide-eyed kid. The night before the Mariners opened camp, he slept restlessly until 2 a.m., and by 6 a.m. he was sitting at the training complex.

"I've been that way every night so far," he said.

## Matsui

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MVP in the Central League, playing in the Tokyo Yomiuri Giants, Japan's most renowned team.

Even the Yankees, owners of 26 World Series titles, haven't seen attention like this. It seems as if a conga line of reporters is attached to him, just another part of the equipment, like his glove or cap.

"I'm used to it in Japan," he said through a translator. "I just want to make sure I don't cause any trouble for the other players on the team."

Like Suzuki, who won the Seattle Mariners in 2001 and won the AL Rookie of the Year and MVP awards.

"There are a lot of challenges here," Matsui said. "At this moment, probably the chal-

lenge he is facing is how he treats the media."

Jean Afterman, the Yankees' assistant general manager who headed the effort to sign Matsui, says that if Suzuki is Greta Garbo, Matsui is Bette Davis — understanding the "limelight" rather than "shying from it." In New York, Matsui will live in Manhattan, not in some suburb of Solitude.

He started studying English a year ago, even though he's not yet willing to try more than a few phrases in public. He seems almost embarrassed to say Jose Canseco and Mark McGwire were the only major leaguers he was aware of growing up.

Since arriving in Florida on Monday — accompanied by general manager Brian Cashman — Matsui has taken batting practice and shagged fly balls with teammates at the minor league com-

plex a few miles from the gated community where he's staying.

After each session, his adviser briefed the Japanese media. Then Matsui talked to Japanese reporters. Then he spoke to the American press, his slightly weathered face changing expressions as he focused on answers more revealing than Suzuki's.

Clearly, he's a different sort of rookie. Of the 65 stalls in the Legends Field clubhouse, Matsui was given one in the back, with an empty one adjacent. Only Jeter gets such extra space.

When Matsui hit a long fly ball Wednesday, Jeter put an imaginary cell phone to his ear, parodying Japanese journalists who called home to report on batting practice.

The first 72 pinstriped replica jerseys with his No. 55 quickly sold at \$120 each, and another 15

from the second batch were bought. T-shirts are available for \$25.

When the Yankees start the exhibition season Feb. 27 against Cincinnati, Japan's NHK will air the game live in HDTV. Every Yankees regular-season home game will be televised in Japan, either live or on tape delay, just like every Mariners game has been shown since Sumik joined them.

Christyne L. Nicholas, president of NYC & Co., New York's convention and visitors bureau, says elite travel agencies have bought more than 1,000 tickets for Yankees' home games. She plans to go to Japan to promote Matsui-related travel.

Matsui spent one of his first days in the United States taping ice-cream commercials, but he'll be judged on his hitting, not selling.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Two Rockies pitchers miss scheduled physicals

TUCSON, Ariz. — Colorado Rockies right-handers Jose Jimenez and Rich Garces missed their scheduled physical exams at spring training Saturday, and the club was trying to determine where they were.

Jimenez, a native of the Dominican Republic, and Garces, from Venezuela, might have encountered visa problems. A week ago, Garces, a non-roster invitee, was reported to be the only Rockies player still attempting to get his visa from the Venezuelan embassy.

Political unrest in Venezuela might be causing visa problems for Garces. Agents for the players did not return phone calls to The Associated Press.

The first workout for Rockies pitchers and catchers was scheduled for Sunday.

Jimenez, who set a team record with 41 saves last season and is the club's career leader with 82, avoided salary arbitration Thursday when he and the Rockies agreed to a \$3.6 million, one-year contract.

After making \$1,937,500 last year, Jimenez asked for \$3.9 million and had been offered \$3 million.

Garces, who pitched the last seven seasons with the Boston Red Sox and has a 23-10 career record and 3.74 ERA, signed a minor league contract with the Rockies on Jan. 24.

Tyson ailing, fight with Etienne could be off

LAS VEGAS — Mike Tyson is ailing, and his comeback fight next Saturday against Clifford Etienne in Memphis is in jeopardy.

Tyson missed three workouts this week, prompting his manager, Shelly Finkel, to fly to Las Vegas to see if the fight could be salvaged.

"He's not feeling well, that's why I'm here," Finkel said Saturday. "He's had some bronchitis, some temperature stuff."

Finkel said he would meet with Tyson to determine whether the fight will go on.

Tyson has a history of postponing fights. He had some back problems that forced his first fight with Evander Holyfield in November 1991 to be called off. Tyson and Holyfield eventually fought five years later.

Trainer Freddie Roach said Friday that Tyson's back was bothering him again and was the reason he had missed two workouts during the week.

Then Tyson missed a third workout on Friday where Roach had planned to have him spar.

The Etienne fight is both a comeback fight and a tuneup for Tyson, who if he wins is expected to meet Lee Wais in a June rematch. That fight would also be in jeopardy if the fight is postponed because it is not likely it would be rescheduled for weeks, or months.

Marlins trade Millar to Red Sox for cash

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Kevin Millar was obtained by the Boston Red Sox in a cash deal with the Florida Marlins on Saturday after the Japanese team he agreed to sign with last month released him from his contract.

"It was a long and complicated process," Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein said. "He's ecstatic to be a member of the Boston Red Sox."

The Marlins received an undisclosed payment for the first baseman-outfielder.

Millar, who led Florida with a .306 batting average last season, agreed in early January to a \$6.2 million, two-year contract with Chunchi of Japan's Central League. The Marlins released him in exchange for a \$1.2 million payment from the Dragons.

After talks with major league baseball officials, the Dragons released him Friday for an undisclosed payment, the commissioner's office said. One of the negotiators, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the amount would be between \$1.2 million and \$1.5 million.

Neither the Marlins nor the Red Sox released dollar figures.

Venus Williams will face Clijsters in final

ANTWERP, Belgium — Venus Williams coasted to a 6-1, 6-4 victory over Daniela Hantuchova on Saturday to reach the Diamond Games final against Kim Clijsters.

Williams will be going for her second straight title in Antwerp.

Earlier Saturday, Williams pulled out of the Dubai Open, citing a change of schedule.

The world's No. 2 player made a quick and impressive first stand against Hantuchova. She now will face world No. 3 Clijsters on Sunday. Clijsters defeated fellow Belgian Justine Henin-Hardenne 6-2, 7-6 earlier Saturday.

Kostelic wins slalom for second gold medal

ST. MORITZ, Switzerland — Janica Kostelic wasn't about to miss the slalom race at the World Championships on Saturday with a few bumps and bruises.

Kostelic dominated the field on the sun-blessed but frigid Engadiner Gasse, winning her second gold medal of the championships in 1 minute, 39.55 seconds, 0.63 seconds ahead of Austria's Marlies Schild.

Austria's Nicole Hosp, second to Kostelic in the combined, finished third, 0.91 back.

Resti Steigler was the only American to complete both runs, finishing 19th.

Federer to face Bjorkman in final of Open 13

MARSEILLE, France — Roger Federer beat Karol Kucera Saturday to advance to the final of the Open 13.

Federer will face Jonas Bjorkman, who advanced when Nicolas Pietrangeli withdrew.

Compiled from wire reports

# Woods, Mickelson set stage

## Duo will battle for Buck Invitational title in today's final group

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The return of Tiger Woods is shaping up to be a real treat. Not only is he leading the Buck Invitational, he gets to spend the final round with Phil Mickelson trying to chase him down.

With a dazzling array of shots and a diet of crucial pars on the back nine, Woods ended an entertaining day by hitting into a corporate tent and still making birdie for a 4-under 68, giving him a one-stroke lead over Brad Faxon.

## Golf

"I'm excited about even having a chance after taking off as much time as I did," said Woods, who was at 12-under 204.

In his first tournament since 1994 surgery on his left knee, Woods didn't waste any time getting back into a familiar position. The next test is whether he can hold the lead, something he does better than anyone.

Woods is 26-2 on the PGA Tour when he has at least a share of the 54-hole lead, and the last one to beat him from behind was — guess who? — Mickelson, in the 2000 Tour Championship at East Lake.

Mickelson, the hometown favorite and a chief rival to Woods, had a 69 by making a 15-foot birdie putt on the final hole, knowing what was on the line.

"I was thinking on that putt on 16, I would love to get into that last group," said Mickelson, who was two strokes behind at 206, along with Steven Alker.

The PGA Tour could not have scripted this any better.

"Television ratings are 113 percent higher when Woods is in contention. Add to that a rivalry that got even more intense last week when Mickelson said in a magazine interview that Woods was an "inferior" opponent and is the only player good enough to overcome it.

## Barr has chance at second victory in Florida

NAPLES, Fla. — Dave Barr is in



Tiger Woods warms the crowd as he misses a shot to the right on the 18th hole of the third round of the Buck Invitational Saturday at Torrey Pines in San Diego. Woods recovered to birdie the hole and take the tournament lead at 12-under-par.

position for his second straight victory.

Barr fired a 7-under 65 on Saturday at the ACE Group Classic for an 11-under 133, and holds a one-shot lead over Jay Overton and first-round leader Vicente Fernandez through two rounds at The Club at Twin Eagles.

Overton tied the tournament record with a bogey-free, 9-under 63. Fernandez followed up his 66 with a 4-under 68.

## Els extends lead to nine strokes in Johnnie Walker

PERTH, Australia — Ernie Els didn't stand by while his competitors tried to make a move at the Johnnie Walker Classic.

Els shot an 8-under 64 Saturday to extend his lead to nine strokes through three rounds and all but wrap up his fourth victory of the year.

Els had a 23-under 193 total on the Lake Karunung course to

break the European tour's 54-hole record of 194 set by Argentina's Vicente Fernandez in the 1975 Benson & Hedges Festival.

South Africa's Craig Kamp (64) and France's Jean-Francois Remesy (67) shared second place. Goosen, the defending champion, shot a 66 to join New Zealand's David Small (64) and Australians Andre Stolz (67) and Stephen Leaney (68) at 13 under.

# Despite popularity, WTA struggles with marketing

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) — With Serena and Venus Williams leading the way, women's professional tennis is enjoying some of its greatest attention and popularity. Off court, the WTA Tour is going through major change.

The tour is looking for a new leader for the second time in less than two years, and it's coming off a sparsely attended and poorly marketed season-ending WTA Championships in Los Angeles last year.

Attracting sponsors in a soft economy has proven challenging. Even when TV ratings for women's tennis are high, prize money has increased every year, and 13 tournaments set attendance records last year.

"We've never had super execution," tour chief executive officer David Wulff said in an interview Thursday. "It's almost irre-

sponsible when you think of the popularity of women's tennis."

The ups and downs dismay Billie Jean King, who founded the tour in 1970 as a way for women to earn equal prize money. Today, the St. Petersburg, Fla.-based tour has grown to more than 1,000 players from 76 countries competing for \$32 million at 60 tournaments.

"We have the best product in women's sports, with Venus and Serena and Lindsay (Davenport) and Monica (Seles)," King said. "It really is distressful and disturbing not to have that going in a really great way."

Wulff is leaving in March after only a year on the job. Josh Rippe's contract as tour president ended in December, although he's staying on for six months as a consultant.

During Wulff's tenure, marketing and commercial staffs were

created to sell the nonprofit tour, which has existed in the past solely to govern and serve its players.

"The tour has never sold sponsorships alone. We first need to build our brand," he said. "We've sold over \$20 million in sponsorships for the next four years. We're way ahead of schedule with where we've been before."

The tour lost Sanex as its worldwide sponsor at the end of last year, something that's happened every three years since Virginia Slims departed more than a decade ago. Wulff said the tour doesn't plan to seek a new one.

Instead, the focus is on signing regional sponsors, such as Porsche in North America, where 16 tournaments are played, and category sponsors, such as Sanex in Europe.

Next month, Wulff said, the tour will announce the creation of WTA Commercial, a sales arm that will work with Los Angeles-

based Anschutz Entertainment Group to sign sponsors.

King believes the best way for the tour to generate income is to go with the men's ATP Tour and ask for more money from the tour's Slam tournaments.

Last month, the two tours and the International Tennis Federation met for the first time with a committee representing the Australian, French and U.S. Opens and Wimbledon to discuss creating a marketing fund that would support tennis worldwide.

The two tours announced Thursday they plan to work together to share ranking and scoring systems, combine awards ceremonies, and produce and buy advertising while still maintaining separate identities. Personnel from each tour may work together at joint tournaments in Indian Wells, Calif., and Key Biscayne, Fla.

# Trust N Luck wins, emerges as Kentucky Derby contender

HALLANDALE BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Trust N Luck is more than a local hero now — the 3-year-old colt is a Kentucky Derby contender.

Leading every step of the way, Trust N Luck ran away with the \$200,000 Fountain of Youth Stakes at Gulfstream Park on Saturday and stamped himself as a horse to be reckoned with on the road to the Derby on May 3.

A winner in four of eight career starts — all at Calder Race Course in Miami — as a 2-year-old, Trust N Luck got his 3-year-old season off to an impressive start. He won by 5 1/4 lengths over 30-1 long shot Supah Blitz.

Trained by Jamaican-born Rhiph Ziadie and ridden by Cornelio Velazquez, Trust N Luck won the first Grade 1 race of the season for 3-year-olds, and will train next for the Florida Derby on March 15.

Purchased for \$200,000 by owner 74-year-old Einar R. Rasmussen, Trust N Luck has never run at Gulfstream before a public workout between races on Wednesday. After the work, Ziadie said if the colt ran his race, he'd win.

"I know this horse is very good. I've had confidence," Ziadie said after Trust N Luck covered the 1 1/4 miles in 1:43.33.



Trust N Luck and jockey Cornelio Velazquez, right, charge to victory in the Fountain of Youth Stakes in Hallandale, Fla., Saturday.

Midway Cat was third, followed by Holy Bull Stakes winner Office Wild. Whywhyrby, 5-2 favorite, Ten Cents a Shine, Conservation and Ozzie Cat. Seek Gold was scratched.

Trust N Luck, who jumped out of the Derby radar screen with an 11-length win in the What A Pleasure Stakes in his last race

on Dec. 14, paid \$11.80, \$7.20 and \$5. The win was worth \$120,000.

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## Notes on the economy

### Magic Valley report

**B**usiness Plus III is a security initiative that by April 30 aims to raise \$1.44 million to invest in Magic Valley's economic health over five years. Of that money, \$1.15 million would be for business attraction and business-retention incentive grants — with the goal of helping companies create or retain 2,000 jobs — \$250,000 for regional marketing by the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization, and \$40,000 for operations, overhead and investor relations. The Business Plus III campaign will provide weekly updates of its fund-raising. Here's the status as of Friday:

Number of investors: 24  
Total raised to date: \$1,004,500

Potential investors may call 736-1085 for more information.

Source: Rebecca Wildman of Business Plus III

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Idaho Power could owe you money

**TWIN FALLS** — Idaho Power Co. said it is seeking the rightful owners of nearly \$160,000.

The money has accumulated from a variety of sources including unclaimed customer deposits and uncashed accounts payable checks.

Idaho Power has a Web site, [www.idaclaim.com](http://www.idaclaim.com) — for those who would like to find out whether they are among the recipients.

The page has a box in which a person types his or her name and city.

The page then lists all names that match the entered name and the last known city in which that person resided.

If a person's name is on the list, he or she is prompted to another page on the Web site to print out a form. The form should be filled out and mailed to the address on the form. Once the information is verified, a check will be mailed, Idaho Power said.

Those without computers can call the 800-888-2200 to inquire whether their names are on the list.

Depending on the situation, Idaho Power keeps deposits and other unclaimed money between three and eight years. If it remains unclaimed then it is turned over to the state in which the recipient last resided.

### Students can apply for scholarship program

**TWIN FALLS** — Northwest Farm Credit Services announced the eighth annual Farm Credit Services Scholarship program in the rural Northwest.

In 2003, 16 scholarships will be offered to high school seniors at Farm Credit customers in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington; four winners from each state will be awarded \$1,000 scholarships.

Four additional scholarships also will be awarded to Farm Credit customers' sons or daughters, or to customers, who will be college juniors or seniors in fall 2003.

Any career or major is eligible. However, preference will be given to students who plan agricultural careers.

High school and college juniors or seniors can contact their local Northwest Farm Credit Services branches for applications or more details. Scholarship winners will be selected based on scholastic performance, school and community involvement and educational goals and needs.

Deadline for applications is March 14. Winners will be announced in early May.

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# Abandoning Old Towne?



Larry McEllott is getting his warehouse at 228 Fourth Ave. S. ready to be put on the market. There are a number of warehouses in the Twin Falls warehouse district that have the potential for interesting, unique businesses.

## Some businesses close or move out; others still see hope

By Lorraine Cavalier  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — With the exodus of Vickers Western Store and the Koppell's Brownsville store to a more lucrative part of town, and the closing of the Muggers brewpub, some are wondering about the fate of the Old Towne warehouse district.

But some, such as Dave Woodhead, do not see Muggers' closing as a completely bad thing.

Woodhead — who owns property in a block of businesses adjacent to Muggers, including Woody's Bar and The Lamphouse Theatre — explains his philosophy about Old Towne.

"Muggers' closing has set off a new wave of interest in the area," Woodhead said. For months Woodhead had a "space available" sign in front of one of the businesses in that block — when he thought he was losing a tenant — but inquiries about the space accelerated when nearby Muggers closed in January.

Woodhead's tenant, however, now intends to stay.

"We're not closing," said Dyan Peterson, who owns Tribes with her husband, Tink Peterson. Tribes is a retail store that specializes in custom-made furniture, art and antiques.

"I was led to believe that they were going to abandon having a showroom in Twin Falls, but recent upsurges in their business here in Twin, and distance from

bit, have changed their mind somewhat and they now feel they can make a go of it," Woodhead said Friday.

He said he and Tribes are in negotiations about a possible rent increase.

Still, Woodhead said, the interest shown in the store's space is indicative that people see Old Towne as attractive. It also makes him optimistic that someone will utilize the neighborhood Muggers building, which is under separate ownership.

Ron Stanley, co-owner of the Muggers building, said last week he is working on preparing it for marketing.

What explains continued interest in an area where several businesses have either closed or moved?

Inquiries are coming from people who want to be first-time business owners and have eternal optimism, Woodhead said.

"You couldn't beat it with a stick," Woodhead said. "The dream of owning your own business is big. People will take the plunge."

### New investment

Woodhead remains optimistic that business people will see the advantages of locating in the unique warehouse district. But Richard Crowley, executive director for the combined downtown and Old Towne business improvement district, said he is frustrated with the lack of new

businesses in that area.

While more than 30 new businesses have located downtown in the past few years, recent activity has been much slower in the warehouse district, he said.

However, the former Gem State Paper & Supply building is being renovated by a group of lawyers and other professionals. Attorney Jeff Hepworth, along with his investing partners in the new Simpson & Co. LLC, launched the million-dollar renovation in mid-November.

Hepworth said the group plans to move into the building in July. Old Towne supporters are hoping others will follow suit when the lawyers move into the former Gem State building.

"There is lots of potential," Crowley said. "We hope someone will see the potential."

Old Towne leaders continue to work on common-interest projects such as parking lots and landscaping with hopes that those efforts will attract businesses.

Working on the cosmetics of a business helps, he said.

Honker's Place has worked to take down old vacant apartments that surrounded the business, Crowley said.

"They have had a successful year," he said.

But competition is stacked against the warehouse district. The challenge is making a profit every day, not just week ends," he said. "There is always more competition. It has had its

toll. It's always there."

### Retailers relocate

Competition from the busy traffic and surrounding population base of Addison Avenue East has recently taken two businesses from the warehouse district.

Koppell's Brownsville moved to East Addison and changed its name to Backcountry Outfitters, and Vickers Western Store more recently moved to the same block of East Addison.

"It's a better location," Jim Vickers said.

The move was part of the downtown retail exodus, which began years ago with J.C. Penney, Sears and The Bon Marche and has continued, he said.

Addison is the second most traveled street in Twin Falls, and Blue Lakes is full," Vickers said. "I think it's going to be the next growth area for commercial retail."

Addison is near residential neighborhoods and is a natural traffic route, he said.

Vickers Western Store had outgrown its old building in Old Towne, and it was starting to need repair.

"Our dollars were better invested long-term than to try to continue downtown," Vickers said.

The new Vickers store on Addison opened Feb. 1 and is in the process of changing inventory

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## Consumers love to book rooms online, but hotels feel pinch

"I can get rates in great hotels for under \$200 that I couldn't get on the phone."

—Marta McNair, frequent traveler

By Kathy Bergen  
Chicago Tribune

**CHICAGO** — Sales representative Marta McNair heads out of town at least once a week on business and at least twice a quarter to visit family.

She always books her hotel rooms online.

"I feel I can get better deals, and get exactly what I want, because I am in control of it," said McNair, a 37-year-old Chicago resident who works for an Internet marketing company here.

McNair is among a rapidly growing legion of Americans who delight in mining the Web for dirt-cheap hotel rooms.

"I can get rates in New York in great hotels for under \$200 that I couldn't get on the phone," she said.

But what has been a gold mine for travelers these past couple of years has been something of a sinkhole for the hotel industry. Online bookings have become the latest salt in the wounds of an industry already hurt by the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the lan-

guishing economy and edginess about the prospect of war with Iraq.

Observers say the burgeoning corps of online bargain hunters has helped keep room rates below 2000 levels, and industry profits down 28 percent from that peak year.

And hotel companies, in many cases, made it easy for them to do so.

In their early forays into cyberspace, many hotel companies handed over too much control of inventory and pricing to third-party online travel agencies, observers

say. And now they are in the unenviable position of trying to take back the reins after early shopping patterns have been established.

"Hotels pretty much didn't take charge, didn't look at the Web strategically, and that allowed middlemen, third parties, to come up with some very profitable schemes," said Bruce Mainzer, senior vice president for marketing with TravelClick, a hotel industry consultant.

The most common arrangement is known as the merchant model. It

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# YOUR BUSINESS

## CAREER MOVES

### Shelly Dannenhauer

**TWIN FALLS** - Mary Kay independent beauty consultant Shelly Dannenhauer of Twin Falls recently earned the use of a new Pontiac Grand Am from Mary Kay free for two years.

Mary Kay continues to upgrade the options available to its star performers. In addition to the Grand Am, Mary Kay also offers the pearlized pink Cadillac and the Pontiac Grand Prix as part of its career car fleet.

"The career car program provides our sales force the opportunity to earn a visible symbol of success," said Tom Whaley, president of global sales and marketing. "Each car in this exciting program reflects the hard work, determination and professionalism of our sales force."

Independent beauty consultants earn the use of Mary Kay career cars through outstanding sales and team building - recruiting new consultants. Dannenhauer said she has recruited a team of 13 consultants who sell independently around the Magic Valley.

The U.S. Mary Kay fleet, one of the largest commercial fleets of General Motors passenger cars in the world, includes more than 10,000 career cars valued at more than \$150 million, she said.

### Arts council leaders

**TWIN FALLS** - The Magic Valley Arts Council appointed Stacy Madsen as executive director. Madsen replaces Rhonda Leach Schaff, who relocated to Washington state.

Formerly the arts council's program director, Madsen will now oversee day-to-day operations of the organization, with funding, membership recruitment and retention, marketing, public relations and strategic planning.

Before her position with the arts council, Madsen worked in print media, public relations and marketing positions with *The Times-News* and Cactus Pines Resort Casino in Jackpot, Nev. She is a graduate of Idaho State University with a bachelor's degree in mass communication.

The arts council hired Rhonda LaPatra as program director. LaPatra will coordinate events and programs, which includes committee oversight, promotion and fund-raising.

LaPatra has a fund-raising background. Recently, she worked with Morningside Elementary School leading fund-raising for the parent-teacher organization. During her volunteer time with the PTO, she co-chaired efforts to raise money to install a reader board, underwrite the salary for a computer lab teacher and install playground equipment.

She also has served on the arts council's board of directors and in several leadership positions on the arts council's annual Kids Art in the Park program.

### Robert Thatcher

**TWIN FALLS** - Road Work Ahead Construction Supply hired Robert Thatcher to handle outside sales.

Thatcher has a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Utah with a minor in mechanical engineering. His career background includes seven years with FedEx, both in Memphis, Tenn., and in Salt Lake City.

Thatcher and his wife, Allyson, live in Twin Falls with their daughter.

### Dave Wright

**TWIN FALLS** - Dave Wright, president of Kimberly Nurseries Inc., recently received re-certification as an International Society of Arboriculture certified arborist.

The certification involves testing and knowledge of trees and tree care administered by the ISA, one of the largest arborist organizations worldwide.

Wright is vice chairman of the Twin Falls Tree Commission.

### Nicki Leatham

**TWIN FALLS** - Idaho Nursery & Landscape Association members elected



Shelly Dannenhauer of Twin Falls, an independent beauty consultant for Mary Kay, takes delivery of her new Grand Am at Rob Green Pontiac Buick GMC in Twin Falls.

their 2003 board of directors in January.

Nicki Leatham of Pipeco in Twin Falls was elected southeast Idaho director.

The Idaho Nursery Association has changed its name to the Idaho Nursery & Landscape Association.

"This change is a reflection of how important the relationship is with all segments of the green industry," INA 2002 President Seneca Hull said. "The term 'landscape' includes installation (construction), irrigation and maintenance."

### Darlene McDonald

**JEROME** - The Idaho Nursery & Landscape Association's certification program said Darlene McDonald of Jerome was certified as a plant diagnostician during the 2003 Idaho Horticulture Expo held in Boise.

### Diane Reynolds

**TWIN FALLS** - SunBridge Care & Rehabilitation for Twin Falls added Diane Reynolds as its new occupational therapy assistant.

Reynolds graduated from Pueblo Community College in Pueblo, Colo., and has worked the past seven years in pediatric. Part of that time was with geriatric patients.

### Leah Garey

**TWIN FALLS** - SunBridge Care & Rehabilitation for Twin Falls announced Leah Garey is its new state



py manager. Garey graduated from Idaho State University with a master's degree in speech pathology. She worked for Idaho Elks

Nampa for five years and has two years of experience as a therapy director.

### Fred N. Locke

**GOODING** - Fred N. Locke, 88, was a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Gooding Chamber of Commerce on Jan. 25.

In 1939 he married Alice Byram of Hazelton. He met her while he was working at the Farmer Insurance Group state office in Twin Falls in 1942.

They moved to Gooding, purchasing an insurance agency. In 1944, he was called to serve in the U.S. Navy for two years, while his wife operated Locke Insurance Agency.

The Lockes held offices in the Gooding Garden, where Locke continues today as master.

His wife - now deceased but also named on the recent chamber award - was active in organizing the Gooding Canning Kitchen and served as its first secretary.

In 1943, Locke joined the Gooding Lions Club, and became Scoutmaster of Troop 33, which is sponsored by the club. Most of his spare time has been spent on the Boy Scouts. He earned an Eagle Scout award, and as a leader, received the Silver Beaver Community Service Award in 1949, Distinguished Eagle Scout Award in 1987 and a 70-year veteran pin in 1988.

Locke also was voted the outstanding Scoutmaster of the North Side District in 1988. More than 80 young men have received their Eagle Scout Awards because of his effort,

the chamber reported. He is chairman of the Troop 33 committee, and on the executive committee of the Snake River Council of Boy Scouts of America.

Locke has also been involved in a number of other community groups, including long-time membership in the Gooding County Mounted Sheriffs posse.

### Barbara Miclak

**TWIN FALLS** - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's employer services representative, Barbara Miclak, was recently named president of the local chapter of Zonta International, a worldwide organization of executives in business who work to advance the status of women.

Zonta works to advance opportunities for all women through participation as an accredited nongovernmental organization in the United Nations system.

"Zonta provides service at the global and local level," said Miclak. "Through our efforts we hope to improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women."

At the hospital, Miclak works with area employers to provide occupational health programs and other hospital services to meet their needs in keeping employees healthy, safe and productive.

Miclak recently received certification in occupational health practice management from the National Association of Occupational Health Professionals. She is a Pacific Northwest native and has lived in Twin Falls for the past several years.

### Rehabilitation therapists

**TWIN FALLS** - Therapists at SunBridge Care & Rehabilitation for Twin Falls attended a continuing education series on neurodevelopmental treatment.

Waleed Al-Oudai, instructor of the course, is recognized in the United States as a leader and expert in the NDT approach.

The Twin Falls business said. He also is sought after for his training and called on to provide neuro rehab to high-ranking military and government officials as well as presidents and kings in other countries.

Those in attendance from SunBridge were Karl Rupprecht, physical therapist; John Williams and Josh Brown.

Therapist Lynette DeBrien, occupational therapist; and Diane Reynolds, occupational therapist assistant.

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### Construction supply firm moves to new location

**TWIN FALLS** - Road Work Ahead, a construction supply business, owned by Tom Thatcher, has a new address as of Feb. 1 - 729 Commercial Ave.

Road Work Ahead supplies equipment to paving, concrete, surveying and excavating contractors. It also has a traffic control service.

RWA Slurry Products, a new subsidiary of Road Work Ahead, started in January. It will manufacture seal-coat materials.

The office for Road Work Ahead and RWA Slurry Products can be reached at 734-4444. Thatcher also can be reached by cell phone at 358-0444.

### Kimberly Nurseries earns three awards at show

**TWIN FALLS** - Idaho Nursery & Landscape Association awards were presented during the Idaho Horticulture Expo in Boise.

Kimberly Nurseries of Twin Falls received three awards:

• A Gold Award in the design installation division for residential landscape construction at Tyler Aquascapes.

• A Gold Award in the beautification division for work for the city of Twin Falls.

• A Gold Award in the open division for Web site design.

The program is designed to encourage public awareness of the ability of professional landscaping to beautify the environment; recognize people and

■ The United Way of South Central Idaho announced results of two companies' 2003 contributions:

• Costco Wholesale in Twin Falls had the No. 1 campaign for the 2003 United Way campaign.

Costco employees achieved several firsts, including largest employee campaign, highest employee participation and largest campaign overall.

This year, Costco employees have pledged more than \$23,000 to the United Way through payroll deductions. Combined with the corporate matching program, the total campaign at Costco this year was more than \$34,000, which now ranks as the largest single corporate campaign in the United Way of South Central Idaho's 40-year history.

First Federal Savings Bank set a new campaign record for its own 2003 United Way campaign. First Federal employees have pledged more than \$8,000 to the United Way through payroll deductions. Combined with the Federal Foundation's matching program, the total

proceeds from the endowment will be offered to students already holding an associate's degree in electrical technology, or an equivalent associate's degree.

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### Milestones

companies who enhance their surroundings; and encourage the green industry to take pride in maintaining a consistently high level of workmanship and materials, organizers said.

### Ketchum home builder evaluates heat technology

**KETCHUM** - Thad Farnham Construction, a Ketchum-based home builder, is participating in a national evaluation of innovative home heating and ventilation technologies.

The project is funded through the Partnership for Advancing Technology in Housing. PATH is a joint industry/government initiative designed to improve housing affordability and value.

The study will analyze the performance of radiant floor heating versus forced-air heating, examine the effectiveness of a carbon dioxide-activated ventilation system.

A family is occupying the 2,900-square-foot home chosen for the evaluation. Researchers at the Maryland-based NAEF Research Center, on behalf of the PATH program, are remotely collecting and analyzing data on energy use and ventilation operation via special monitors.

In this PATH field evaluation, as the use of energy-efficient home building technologies will enhance Farnham Construction's product offering while benefiting the entire home building industry," said Thad Farnham, president of Farnham Construction.

Harris-Dudley mechanical

contractors of Halley installed the radiant floor heating system, and Royal Air HVAC of Murrah installed the forced-air system.

Mike Linder, president of the research center said: "We are looking forward to analyzing the data collected from Farnham Construction's site so that we can disseminate the results to builders across the nation via our ToolBase Services hot line (800) 898-2842 and www.toolbase.org."

### T.F. credit union earns branch of year award

**TWIN FALLS** - Idaho Central Credit Union's Twin Falls branch, at 649 Pole Line Road, received the credit union's 2002 "Branch of the Year" award.

The Twin Falls location earned the distinction by meeting or exceeding goals in areas including membership growth, deposit and asset growth, staff competency and more.

Teresa Rogers-Kossman is branch manager of the Twin Falls location.

As of Dec. 31, the Twin Falls branch had 4,015 members, which is 10 percent of the total credit union membership. In the past two years the branch has grown from \$13.18 million in assets to \$25.89 million.

Idaho Central has nine branch locations throughout southern Idaho. Residents of Twin Falls and the surrounding areas are eligible for membership and may call or visit the branch to learn more about the services offered.

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provide opportunities for those employed in the electrical and electronic trades. Instrumentation can also lead to the bachelor of applied science degree the college offers."

The CCST program can provide new career opportunities for graduates.

"The certification earns the candidate respect from peers and managers, salary increases and advancement opportunities," said Robertson. "There are only 3,330 CCSTs nationwide. They're an elite group, and there is considerable demand for them."

Robertson said CCST review courses would be offered in a nontraditional format. Classes will be offered during evening hours, and with full-day sessions on Saturdays. Instruction will begin during the late-spring and summer sessions, beginning in late May and early June.

CCST-certifications are available at three levels. Each requires the successful completion

of an examination. But the exam is just one requirement. Full certification requires a combination of education and work experience.

"The college can help to coordinate the work and educational experience for candidates," said Robertson. He added that the exams are usually administered in metropolitan areas, but "with four or more applicants, the exam can be offered here at GBC."

Applicants must pay a \$250 fee to ISA for the exam.

Scholarships are available for qualified candidates in the instrumentation program.

"In the years I've been with GBC, the local ISA chapter has provided scholarship money for students each year. This year alone, a total of \$2,500 was awarded to five of our students," said Robertson.

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# Cost of wedding can have long-term costs

By Kim Ellis, Staff Writer

Kim Ellis and her bride, Sarah Woodhead, were married in a ceremony at the First Methodist Church in August.

Sitting in their apartment, a haze of bridal veils, they recalled the happy day of their lives — and the \$5,000 they spent on a 15-minute ceremony and a party afterward.

"Put the word 'wedding' in front of anything, and the price triples," Mrs. Ellis said. "Take a three-tiered wedding cake and compare it to a three-tiered birthday cake. They know you've got to have it, so they're going to take advantage of you."

Now that the emotional high

has passed, Mrs. Ellis sees things with more clarity. The ceremony was beautiful. The reception was magical. There are no regrets about the day itself — just the about they spent planning it.

"You don't think very clearly about the money on the day," Mrs. Ellis said. "Once you sit down after, that's when you think about how much it costs."

The expenses add up quickly: invitations, photographer, caterer, music, open bar, tableware, the reception and ceremony venues, dresses, tuxedos, flowers, candles, veils, gown alterations — the list just snowballs.

Yet families continue to pay. Culture, tradition, memories — these are the buzzwords that ring inside wedding shops and

bridal salons throughout the country. The bride and groom aren't really buying anything tangible — they're buying a moment.

Cal Berry has operated Berry's Floral and Catering in North Augusta for 20 years. He said it's not uncommon for couples to turn down large cash gifts in lieu of an expensive wedding ceremony.

"In one case the parents offered \$50,000 to just have a small, private ceremony — and the couple turned it down," Mr. Berry said. "Couples want to have something they'll remember forever."

Bill Henry, an independent financial consultant in Augusta, said investing that money is best

for the couple in the long run.

For example, if 25-year-old newlyweds presented with \$10,000 instead of a lavish wedding, earning an average of 10 percent a year, they would:

- Have \$35,875 by time down on a house after five years, if they were able to save an additional \$250 a month.
- Have \$67,275 by the time their children were ready for college, assuming they waited two years to have children.
- Have \$452,592 by the time they retired at age 65.

"What's the better gift? It's obvious," Mr. Henry said. "But it's not really about what's the better gift — it's about what will be immediately appreciated."



Although it provides just a small percentage of America's total energy needs, renewable energy is making an impact. Wind power consultant Larry Flowers, at the podium, and bioethics consultant Jeff Grout, right, were in Boise this week to discuss what makes a clean energy project successful. Bob Neenboud, executive director of Idaho Dairymen's Association, is in the background.

## Businesses

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to include clothing that is not cowboy, but that is for everybody, he said.

The old downtown Vickers had been a Western shop since the 1920s when it first opened as Max's Harness Shop, he said.

Vickers has had the business since 1962.

The old harness hooks are still in the ceiling, Vickers said.

"It's the end of the era for the building," he said.

Mac Evans, who owns a lot of adjoining property, purchased the building, Vickers said. It is now for rent.

The Vickers family will continue to support downtown, he said.

"Without a viable core area, cities are doomed," Vickers said. The decision for the store to leave that core was not easy, he said.

"We had to make that business decision," Vickers said.

Woodhead said the exodus of retail from the warehouse district has led to an evolution

into entertainment.

Tribes is the only retail store left from the warehouse district's recent wave of redevelopment, Woodhead said.

"Retail has not made it," he said. "You have to spend money on advertising of Cain's (Home Furnishings) proportions."

But people looking for entertainment naturally gravitate to the warehouse district because they expect restaurants, bars and theaters, Woodhead said.

"They come for those reasons," he said. "Our main problem in Old Towne is that you have to go there deliberately."

The Koppell's building, however, is destined for another retail use.

Randy Gregersen, owner of Backcountry Outfitters, said the Koppell's building was sold to Fastenal Co., a construction supply company. Fastenal is in the process of remodeling the building prior to opening, he said.

Several other warehouse

locations are also either for sale or for rent.

The Metcalf building, where Metcalf Electric is located, is up for sale.

Deanna Metcalf said her two sons are operating Metcalf Electric now, but plan to run the business out of their homes when the building sells.

"It's so much overhead," she said.

Since the family bought the warehouse four years ago, it has put in three offices and done a lot of upgrading, she said.

"It's a nice old building," Metcalf said. "It has so much personality."

Since they put it up for sale about a year ago there have been several people with potential ideas, but she is disappointed in the lack of serious offers.

"We haven't had much luck," she said.

Another warehouse, owned by Larry McElliot, across from Northwest Feed Manufacturing, is also up for sale. McElliot said

he is busy cleaning it out in preparation to sell the building.

Area business owners said several other warehouses in the district are also up for sale.

But Woodhead said one of the drawbacks keeping people from making the plunge is the substantial it would take to own and operate a business in a former warehouse the size of Muggers.

"It's going to require somebody to make a sizable investment to promote and sustain a business here," he said. "Whoever does it is going to have to know what they are doing."

Still, Woodhead says owning a business in the warehouse district could be rewarding.

"It can be an interesting, unique, exciting business," he said. "There's some real potential in the buildings over there. In a word, I'm optimistic about the area."

Times-Herald Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins contributed to this report.

## Budget crunch could hurt bio-energy plans

BOISE — A promise of new money in the farm bill for renewable energy projects blew a current seed at the plans of producers who are interested in generating electricity from wind on their own operations or turning a low-valued commodity into ethanol.

Producers shouldn't be pinning their hopes on a \$23 million annual program that was to provide loans, loan guarantees, and grants for producers and small rural businesses to purchase renewable energy systems or make energy efficiency improvements.

Nearly 9 months after the 2002 Farm Bill was passed, the budget situation in Washington, D.C., has tightened.

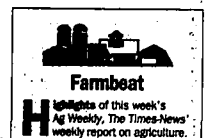
Tom Dorr, U.S. Undersecretary for Rural Development, said some of the funding authorized in the energy title of the farm bill has been shifted from the mandatory side of the budget to the discretionary. With the shift came a decrease in spending.

"Programs will ebb and flow, there will be frustrations," Dorr said while he was in Boise Feb. 10 for the joint Ag Summit/Harvesting Clean Energy conferences, "but I think renewable energy will have support."

### Bill would tighten seed potato standards

BOISE — House Bill 129, an amendment to existing law covering seed potatoes, which would give growers access to a full inspection history of the seed they buy from out of state.

If approved, the bill would require that a plant health certificate as well as a ticket of inspection accompany seed in and out of state. The health certificate would show the generational history of the seed and the results of pest and disease



inspections during growing season.

The amendment will require that the imported seed meet or exceed Idaho standards for the same generation of seed, or be downgraded to the next acceptable generation tolerances. The current seed act requires a certificate of inspection, but only requires it to show the quality, grade and condition of the seed potatoes at the time of purchase.

### Indemnity fund will top agenda at bean school

TWIN FALLS — The 2003 Southern Idaho Bean School and Trade Show is slated for Tuesday at the Turf Club.

The event is presented each year by the University of Idaho Cooperative Extension System.

"Every year the planning committee looks at a whole array of topics in putting this thing together," said Twin Falls County extension educator Steve Salisbury. "We look at what the big issues were last year and what we anticipate for this year, and try to address those issues at the school."

For those who haven't attended a bean school lately, planners have tailored the program to be more informative — and more interesting — than before, Salisbury said. Trade show exhibits have been beefed up, and presenters have been honed down to allow more discussion time.

## Rising percentage of jobless are single

The Associated Press

One little factoid you don't often hear about is the government's monthly unemployment rolls — marital status.

It turns out that in the current economic downturn, about 62 percent of the roughly 1.85 million Americans who have been unemployed more than six months are single, according to outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas Inc., based on a review of data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The Chicago-based firm theorizes that a surge in the number

of single mothers and widowed seniors entering the work market since the last recession 11 years ago is responsible for the rise in unemployed singles.

Other factors: companies looking for more experienced workers, who tend to be older and married; continued hiring discrimination against gays and lesbians; and companies seeking those with more specialized skills, which come with age.

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## Hotels

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Involves hotels making rooms available to online travel agents at wholesale rates, and the agents marking up those rates by 15 percent to 30 percent before peddling them to the public, according to Lorraine Silco, an analyst with ProCusWright Inc., an online travel consulting firm.

Early on, many hotels agreed to turn over fixed allotments of rooms, at fixed prices, for fixed periods of time to online travel agents such as Hotels.com, Expedia Inc., an online travel consulting firm.

Many stumbled in viewing the Internet in a limited way, as a place where they would pick up additional business by selling distressed inventory. They did not foresee the day when their bread-and-butter clientele would demand Web prices.

That day arrived swiftly.

"Everyone is getting price-conscious, even corporate travelers," said John Matesich, lodging analyst with Bear Stearns. "We're seeing corporate travelers doing their own booking on the Web."

Given the tough environment, there has been a lack of discipline regarding how much discount is made available at steep discount on the Web.

"Hotels are using it as a dumping spot in the short term for excess inventory," said Ted Mandigo, owner of T.R. Mandigo, a hotel consulting firm.

And there can be a ripple effect into the hotel's existing trade, he said. Customers who pay full prices for reservations buy later see the Web prices, become chagrined and end up negotiating for the lower rate when they arrive for check-in.

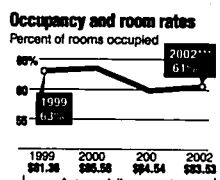
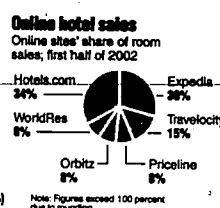
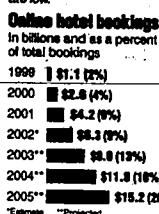
The pressure to move inventory on the Web will not let up anytime soon, according to Silco.

"If you have empty rooms, you need to do what you have to do to fill them," she said. "I don't see that changing anytime soon."

But hotels are making changes in their Internet strategies, striving

## Reservations surge on the 'Net

The popularity of online bookings at lower rates has put financial pressure on hotels at a time when occupancy rates and profitability are low.



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ing to get a better grip on the emerging sales channel, which accounted for 9 percent of hotel room sales in 2002, up from 2 percent in 1999.

For one thing, a number of hotel chains are taking steps to drive more business to their own branded Web sites, eliminating the middleman and keeping his cut for themselves.

Hotel sites already attract 51 percent of the \$6.3 billion in online bookings made in 2002, according to ProCusWright estimates. The remaining 49 percent goes to online travel agents, led by Hotels.com and Expedia Inc.

Six Continents PLC, whose brands include Holiday Inn and Inter-Continental, and Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc.,

whose brands include Sheraton, Westin and W, each rolled out programs last May guaranteeing the prices on their Web sites will be the best available.

"If a customer is able to find a better rate on another site within 24 hours of booking, we'll not only match it, but we'll beat it by 10 percent," said Eric Pearson, vice president of e-commerce for Six Continents. Starwood's program is very similar, and both companies report significant increases in booking on their

branded sites.

In another vein, five major hotel companies — Hilton Hotels Corp., Hyatt Corp., Marriott International, Six Continents and Starwood — a year ago launched Travelweb LLC, their own rival Hotels.com, Expedia, Travelocity and other online booking sites.

Travelweb's hotel-booking service is available on a private-label basis on Orbitz LLC, the airlines-owned travel site. In the next month or two, it will be used, on a private-label basis, by Continental Airlines and Pleasant Holidays, said Joe Humphry, its chief executive officer. It will launch as a branded site this spring.

With Travelweb, hotels do not have to commit a block of rooms; rather, they can pull inventory in and out of the system as they see fit, he said. Travelweb also plans to speed up payment to hotels for rooms booked on the Web.

And it touts the fact that reservations are made directly into hotels' reservation systems, which it says should eliminate snafus.

Traditionally, wholesale travel agencies, Web site fax or e-mail consumer room requests to the hotel properties," Travelweb stated in a recent press release. "These requests are manually keyed into hotels' property management systems. However, often there are missing faxes, incorrect reservations and numerous customer service nightmares."

Hotels.com and Expedia say mix-ups are very rare.

"It's really moot," said Bob Diener, president of Hotels.com. Nonetheless, Expedia recently acquired a company that will enable it to develop direct connections with hotel reservation systems.

## Stop by and say "HI" to Dell

Dell Wuebbenhorst was born and raised in Buhl. He graduated from CSI, has 35 years of experience in the auto body industry, and is ASE certified. Dell and his wife, Nona, have two children and three grandchildren. He is active in the church and in the Hunter Education program.

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# Dealing with mental illness can make workplace issues more complicated

Dealing with mental health problems is an albatross for many. Dealing with them in the workplace can be particularly difficult. I've been at my job for only three months and am struggling with depression. I'm taking the steps I need to get better (therapy, medication) but am overwhelmed by work in the meantime. My boss is very excited to get me involved in many new projects that would be in addition to my regular tasks, and normally I'd be excited about those opportunities, but right now it's all I can do to make it to work in the mornings. I've thought



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**Kenneth Brodemeier**

about telling my boss what is going on, so she'll understand that once I start feeling better I'll have more energy for these projects, as I'm afraid in the meantime she's thinking I don't care about my job. But at the same time I hate to air

the dirty laundry so soon after starting here. Any advice?

A. Deborah Keary, who regularly answers questions from employers for the Society for Human Resource Management in Alexandria, Va., said this worker's plight is likely to be covered under the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). But employers cannot accommodate such workers if they don't know about their problems. "The boss might think he's a slacker," Keary said.

Under the law, employers are required to make a workplace accommodation for those with dis-

abilities "unless it would cause a business hardship," Keary said.

Keary said the worker "should tell the boss he's under a doctor's care for depression, is taking medication and would like to forge new projects for a while. He could bring in a doctor's statement at the same time or later."

But Arthur Brief, an organizational psychologist and professor at Tulane University, said that despite what the ADA might allow, he would hesitate to reveal details about mental illness. "You can be stigmatized," he said.

Brief said the worker would be

better off seeking advice from his therapist on how best to cope in the workplace.

Q. I suffered a mental breakdown at my last job and was let go. It's been five years, but now my condition has improved to the point that I believe I am ready to return to work. What is the best way to go about explaining this type of absence?

A. Keary and Brief agreed that this worker could simply say that she had been absent from the workplace for medical reasons and that she's ready to go back.

Under the ADA, Keary said,

"employers are not allowed to ask why."

Brief said that despite the ADA provisions, it would be "only normal" if a corporate interviewer asked, "She ought to be prepared to have a follow-up answer," Brief said. "If the depression was triggered by some life event, if you could attach it to an external event, that would reduce the stigmatization. And you could say, 'Now I've adjusted.'"

Kenneth Brodemeier writes on workplace issues for The Washington Post.

## Making The Case for Dairy

### Milk - the Real Deal

**M**yth - a person or thing having only an imaginary or unverifiable existence...an unfounded or false notion.

—We all have our favorite myths - the one about alligators lurking below in city sewer systems or Bigfoot roaming the forests of the Northwest. We've all heard them.

Lately, a few myths and misconceptions about dairy foods have been circulating. How and why these rumors got started is largely unknown but we thought it was time to set the records straight.

**MYTH:** Minority groups such as African Americans should avoid milk and other dairy products because of lactose intolerance.

Not true. In fact, it's potentially unhealthy for anyone with lactose maldigestion or intolerance to completely eliminate milk from their diet. Research has shown that individuals with lactose maldigestion comfortably consumed one cup of milk with a meal or two cups of milk in divided doses during a meal. Another study involving African American adolescent girls - 82 percent who were classified as lactose maldigesters - were able to consume a daily intake of 1,200mg of calcium from dairy foods without any intolerance symptoms. Also, a gradual intake increase of lactose from

dairy foods actually improved the lactose tolerance to lactose. **MYTH:** Drinking milk leads to heart disease and stroke.

There is no empirical evidence proving that consuming milk or any other dairy foods as recommended leads to heart disease or stroke. In fact, including dairy products may help reduce the risk of these life threatening ailments. Cutting down on total fat intake - saturated fat and



of dairy products with cancer. In fact, studies are now pointing to the fact that milk products may actually reduce the risk of cancer. Consumption of dairy foods rich in calcium has been associated with a lower risk of colorectal

cancer. Also, several components of milk such as vitamin D, CLA, sphingolipids, and butyric acid may protect against other types of cancer.

So remember milk and milk products are excellent sources of the nutrients we all need to stay healthy. Dairy foods provide significant amounts of high-quality protein, calcium, riboflavin, magnesium, phosphorus, niacin equivalents, vitamin B12, vitamin B6, vitamin A, and when added, vitamin D, as well as several other essential nutrients. In fact, milk is a nutrient-dense food, providing a high nutrient content in relation to its calories and it tastes great. That's why it is Nature's Perfect Food. So forget about the "Milk Myths" and drink up.

Information provided by the National Dairy Council and the United Dairywomen of Idaho

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cholesterol - can help reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke. One way to do that is to include lowfat dairy products in your diet. A government-sponsored DASH study showed that a diet comprised of lowfat dairy foods along with fruits and vegetables quickly and significantly decreased blood pressure - a major culprit of heart disease and stroke.

Today, the American Heart Association recommends two to four servings of lowfat dairy products as part of a heart healthy diet.

**MYTH:** Intake of dairy products causes some cancers.

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## Web sites seek to cater to boomers

NEW YORK (AP) — Sharon Whiteley knows all too well that the baby boomer generation she belongs to is like no other. So she's trying to cater to that group by giving an old concept a new twist.

An online dating service debuting this week will match participants based on questions about grandchildren, Woodstock and the presidential election of 1968. It will also let people ease into dating by giving them opportunities to seek friendships first.

"Getting back to the social scene and the dating scene is very different than it is for younger people," said Whiteley, 54, who is running the service as part of the 7-year-old Third Age site. "We have designed it very thoughtfully with our audience in mind."

Whiteley's service is one of scores to target baby boomers on the Internet. Others, while not explicitly focusing on boomers, happen to attract many from that age group, 39-56, because of what they do — provide information on health, raising teenagers and the like.

Ron Rubin, 50, started Boomer Radio, a Web-based station that shuns the glitz of youth-oriented sites in favor of a "warm, friendly, homey-kind of feel."

"As we've gotten older, our tastes have become more eclectic — jazz, blues, bluegrass, classical," he said. "We just thought it would be perfect to have a radio site that not only catered to the music of the past but music we are currently listening to."

One fan, 45-year-old accountant Clay Grant of Atlanta, stumbled upon the station while working late one evening and now listens up to 15 hours a week.

"As you get older, the current mainstream top 40 doesn't seem as appealing," he said. "You grew up with something during junior high school, high school or college, then the music changes."

Don't tell any of these people that the Internet is all about young people. They note that boomers are online in droves — and more so than teens and 20-somethings, they have money to spend.

But sadly, they say, too much of the Internet still ignores the nation's largest generation.

David Henderson, who consid-



Sharon Whiteley sits for a portrait in San Francisco Feb. 10. Whiteley is launching ThirdAgeconnections.com, an online dating service for baby boomers.

ers himself a boomer at heart although at 57 he is a year older, decided to give boomers more of a voice by creating BoomerCafe, an online magazine.

"It's written by baby boomers for baby boomers and serves as a forum for people to exchange ideas," Henderson said.

Jan Reisen, 52, started a similar site with the catchy domain name "AgingHipsters.com" and is about to adopt an online journal format known as a weblog, which she said will let boomers talk back and have an even greater voice online.

Not everyone's convinced of the need for boomer-specific sites.

"I bristle a little bit at being pigeonholed that way," said Mary Westheimer, 47, who runs the BookZone Web site on book publishing. "It feels like I'm being labeled. I tend toward the more general interest sites."

Rich Hanley, an e-media professor at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn., said boomers are too diverse to easily target. Those at the upper end, he notes, are

thinking more of retirement, while the younger set are sending kids to college.

"The boomer cohort will continue to hunt and gather sites it finds useful for specific purposes, as opposed to turning to a one-size-fits-all portal," said Hanley, 46.

Nonetheless, boomers have plenty of hobbies and interests, and they've congregated at sites serving those needs, even those not specifically targeting boomers.

Among them: MyFamily.com, a genealogy Web site where half the usage comes from boomers. "We don't typically become as nostalgic until we start to watch our kids growing up," said Tom Stockham, the site's president and chief executive.

NexCura, which runs CancerFacts.com and related health services. Visitors tend to be boomers looking up information for themselves or their parents, said Howard Mahran, founder and chief science officer.

TenAreNotADisease.com, a parenting Web site. Parents of

teens are typically boomers, said Carleton Kendrick, the site's family resident therapist.

Knowing the audience, sites have been marketing themselves where boomers are known to congregate.

A real estate site, ForSaleByOwner.com, is launching an ad campaign this spring targeting radio stations that skew toward that age group. MyFamily.com has advertised at the parenting section of America Online and the family section of Microsoft's MSN.

Meanwhile, boomer sites are considering a consortium for advertisers that want to pitch luxury autos, travel packages, medicines and other products to boomers, said Boomer Radio's Rubin.

Brian Liu, chief executive of LegalZoom.com, said that while the initial dot-com craze focused on youths going online, "as more companies grow — they realize the much larger market is with people who are slightly older."

## Number of older workers rises as seniors put off retirement

Knight-Ridder News Service

It's pre-dawn in the twilight of George Olbert's life. He's 74 years old and gets up at 4:30 a.m., six days a week, to go to work.

Dressed in black shorts and a lemon-yellow golf shirt with Ace Expeditions etched above his heart, Olbert packs a breakfast and climbs behind the wheel of his 1990 Plymouth Voyager van with peeling white paint and 400,000 miles on the engine.

His commute from Longwood to a south Orlando warehouse takes 35 minutes, passing through neighborhoods of darkened houses where men half his age are still asleep.

At 5:50 a.m., beneath a moon like a communion wafer, Olbert loads his van with green plastic tubs, cardboard boxes and paper sacks containing medical supplies and starts his 13-hour day.

Olbert belongs to the growing number of older Americans working well into their retirement years. Not only are more old people continuing to work, they are working longer hours.

Today, 4.17 million Americans 65 or older are working. In 1994, there were 3.7 million older workers. Since then, the portion of retirement-age workers employed full time increased from 45 percent to 50 percent.

The increase in older workers began in the mid-1980s, reversing a trend since 1950 of Americans retiring earlier and earlier. The shift from early retirement toward lifelong employment results from the elimination of mandatory retirement, changes in pension plans and Social Security regulations, and improved health and longevity among the nation's seniors.

"I don't think we will go back to the old trend. I don't think older workers will continue to retire earlier and earlier," said Joseph Quinn, a professor of eco-

nomics at Boston College, really have changed the attractiveness of work, leaving in life in favor of work.

Others attribute the trend to an entirely different cause: The increase in workers is involuntary, they say, because many have been laid off and can't find new work.

"If they have adequate skills and coverage, leave the force," said B. Randall University economics professor James H. Stock. "If they have other skills, then they are going to have to go to work."

Olbert's stocky 5-foot-173-pound, short legs and muscular arms are a man who has worked hard all his life, starting as a boy growing up on a farm near Alton, Ill.

Some of the green tubs he unloads weigh about 50 pounds, same as a bale of hay.

"I farmed half my life," he says. "I suppose there are easier ways, but I've never known a better way to make a living."

His father moved the family from Chicago to 270 acres near St. Louis when Olbert was 12. John Olbert was a gentle, quiet farmer more interested in trading than turning the soil or walking the pastures in the morning looking for newborn calves.

Olbert's mother was a strong-willed woman who taught herself to swim at age 83.

Olbert's father lived to be 78; his mother died at 84.

The cause of death, Olbert believes, was retirement.

"They sold the farm," he says. "That's when they started dying."

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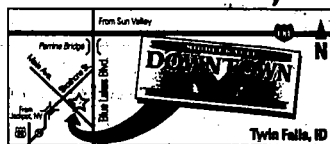
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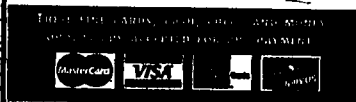
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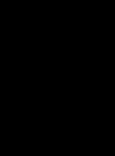
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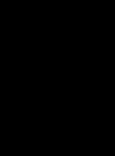
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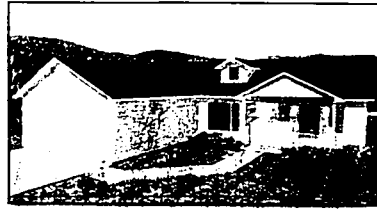
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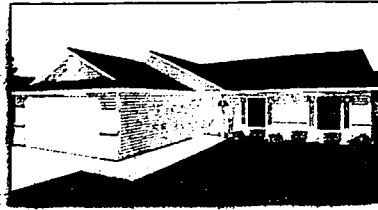
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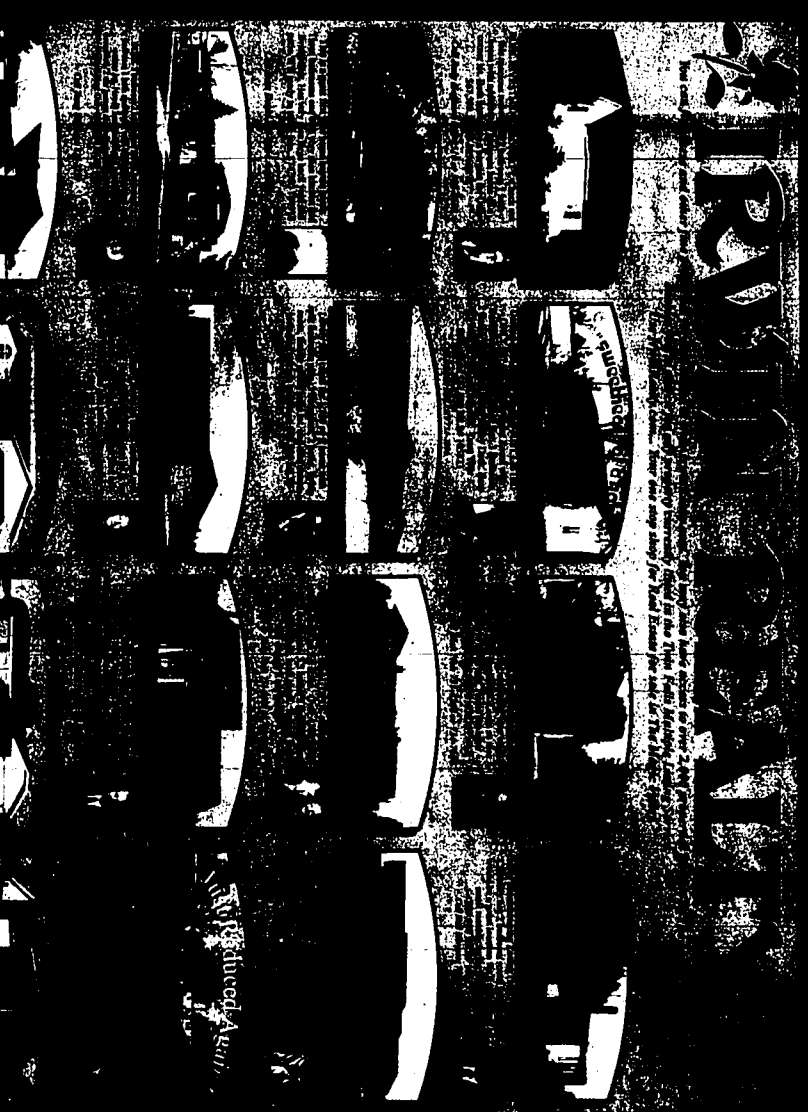
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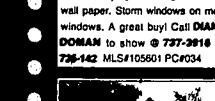
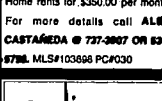
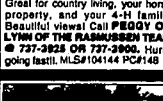
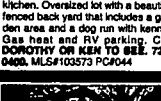
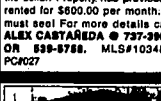



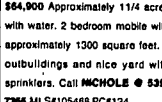
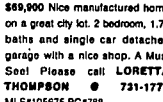
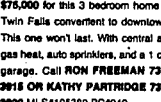
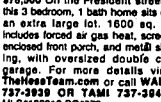


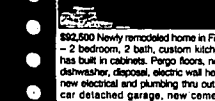
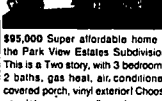
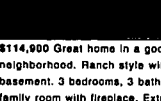
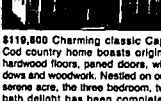



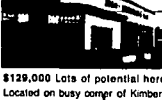
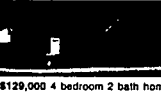
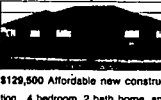



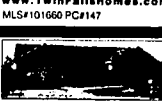

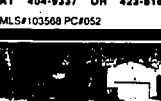
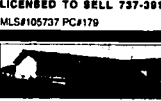



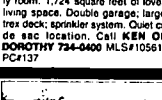
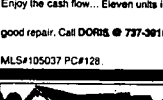
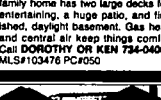
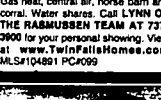


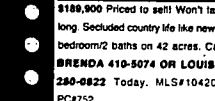
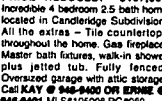

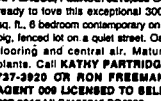
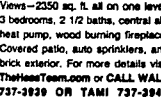


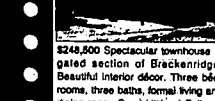

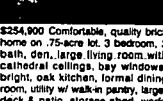
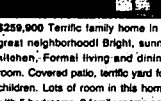
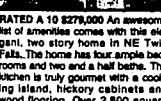








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**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
Is there really a convention called Snappdragon Doubles? If so, how does it work?

Sally Fourth, Weehawken, N.J.

**ANSWER:** Snappdragon is like a responsive double, which applies when your opponents raise a suit around your partner's overall. The responsive double suggests the unbid suits and tolerance for partner. The same principle applies if your RHO bids a new suit rather than raising his partner — here your double would be Snappdragon, showing the unbid suit, a tolerance for partner and a decent hand.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
I have ♠ K-7-4, ♥ A-10-8-3, ♦ A-9-5, ♣ A-3, and when my RHO opened one club, I doubled. My partner bid one heart, and I raised to two hearts. After my partner passed and we missed a game, he told me I should have done more. Was he right?

Cary Bear, Saint Anthony, Idaho

**ANSWER:** It looks to me as if your simple raise after your takeout double in a noncompetitive auction suggested exactly your values — that is, 16 points and four trumps. So if you mislaid game, your partner needs to find someone else to blame!

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
Should one play the same defense to a weak no-trump as to a strong no-trump?

Wood Gatherer, Fulton, Ky.

**ANSWER:** Whatever defense you play to a weak no-trump, it must include a penalty double; however, there are plenty of defenses to strong no-trumps, such as DONT and Woolsey, that do not include a penalty double. So there is certainly a case for playing different methods depending on the opponents' range.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
I was dealt ♠ K-7-3, ♥ A-Q-5, ♦ A-6, ♣ Q-10-8-3-2, and my partner opened one spade. I responded two clubs, and my partner jumped to three no-trump. What was I supposed to do now?

Lost in France, Tynborough, Mass.

**ANSWER:** This auction suggests a strong no-trump or better. That being so, I would guess that the right final contract is six spades — and if I had to name the final contract, I would simply bid six spades.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
In untested auctions, do you believe in playing weak jump-responding to one-level opening bids? Do you feel the same way about jump responses at the three-level as at the two-level?

Mexican Beans, Granville, N.Y.

**ANSWER:** I am strongly in favor of using jumps at the two-level in untested auctions as strong. Jumps at the three-level should also be used as strong. However, if you play two-over-one game-forcing, you may prefer to play three-level jumps as weak.

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## Working

Find your passion and find a job  
By Carol Kleiman

Passion. Enthusiasm. Excitement. Energy.

Most people wouldn't connect those attributes with a job hunt, but employment experts say they are exactly what are needed for a successful job interview. Especially passion.

"Passion is important because in any job interview you have to be persuasive—and you can demonstrate that emphatically by showing your passion for the job," said Gregory D. Hayes, executive director of the career services center at the University of Dayton.

"Show your passion by talking about your experience, education and skills with a clear love of what you do and what you want to do."

Hayes, who has a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in education, has been in career services and human resources since 1972. Over the years, he has seen the positive effects of being positive. "Passion shows your love of the business you're in," he emphasized. "It's a means of convincing the job interviewer this is the job you really want to do — and that you can do it."

The director, who has a staff of 12, says he specifically looks for job seekers who convey passion about their work during interviews.

"Most candidates don't have it," Hayes said. "If I talk to five deadbeat people and have one who is upbeat, that's the one I'm going to hire. I don't find it offensive for people to talk about their passion for their field or profession. I interpret their enthusiasm as a sincere love of what they do and that they really want to do it. It's a convincing argument."

Hayes says he knows firsthand the power of passion in a job interview. "From the feedback I got afterwards, I know I got all of my jobs because of my passion for what I do," he said. "I prepared thoroughly, researched each company and articulated my skills in a convincing and positive way. I like career services. I can talk about it all day. And I talk about it with passion and try to communicate the fact that it excites me to help people find jobs."

At the university center, Hayes videotapes mock job interviews with students seeking employment and then plays the tape back and analyzes it.

"I always urge them to state exactly why they want the job and to say it with passion," he said. "Being passionate about what you do can be a deciding factor in getting a job."

During the years he worked as an accountant, financial consultant and human resource manager, James F. Fitzgerald has hired thousands of people, he says. Since 1996, Fitzgerald has been chairman of the board of Career Transitions Center of Chicago, a nonprofit organization that gives support in finding jobs to administrative, professional and managerial people.

And passion for the job always is a plus, according to Fitzgerald, who has a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's in industrial relations.

"Enthusiasm for the work and excitement for the challenge and the opportunity to solve any problems the potential employer has — that makes you stand out from other people who have the same skills," Fitzgerald said.

He suggests that to prepare for the interview, you should "talk to yourself in advance and say, 'I love this business!'" Employers want to hire people who feel as passionate as they do about the work.

But he does advise a bit of restraint: "The real challenge is to be enthusiastic without sounding desperate," Fitzgerald said. "And don't be gushy."

Carol Kleiman, of the Chicago Tribune, is the author of "Winning the Job Game: The New Rules for Finding and Keeping the Job You Want." Send e-mail to [ckleiman@tribune.com](mailto:ckleiman@tribune.com).

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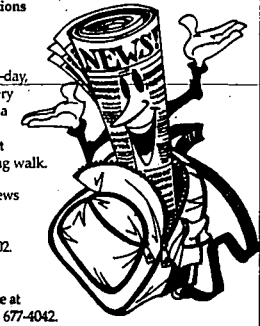
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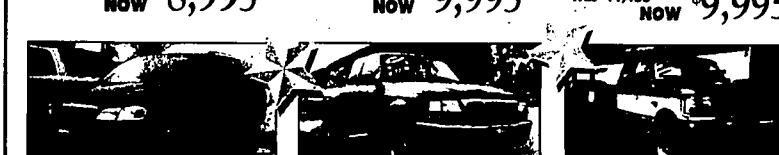
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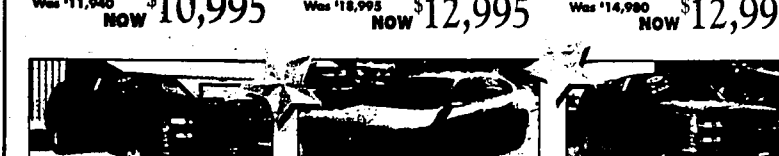
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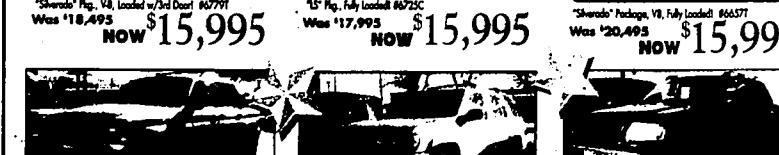
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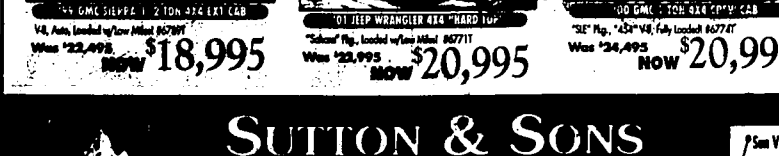
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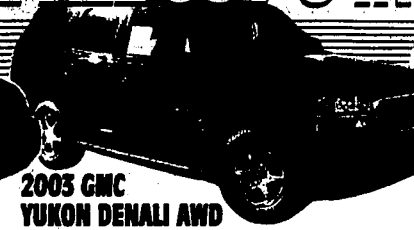


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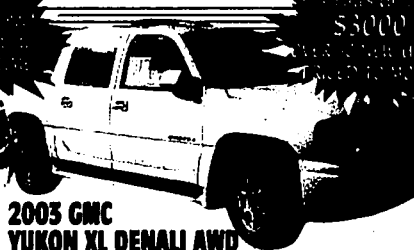


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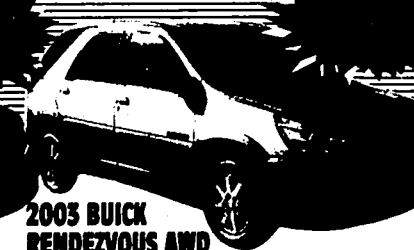


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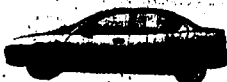
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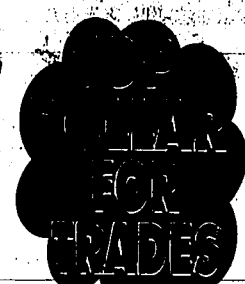


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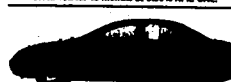


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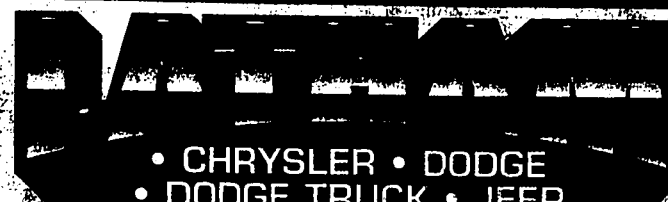
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## The best and the worst of timing

When my friend Lanny knelt at the altar at his wedding, the wedding guests were treated to an unusual sight - the words "Help!" written in bright red on the soles of Lanny's shoes. His groomsmen were to blame, of course, providing him with an unforgettable wedding moment.

All of us have been there. In fact, Parade magazine recently charted "The Best and Worst of Everything" from the year 2002. Most of the "worsts" were as unforgettable as Lanny's creative "altar call."

**Worst pizza delivery:** This one, reported by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, happened in Chippewa Falls, Wis., and involved a hot day and a traveling load of yeast-filled dough that expanded and broke out of the back of the truck, leaving a 35-mile oozing blob on Highway 29. They had to use snowplows to clear the roadway.

**Worst party invitation:** According to the Houston Chronicle, the Republican Party sent an invitation for a \$2,500-a-plate dinner to a

Robert Kirkpatrick. The invitation, to join President and Mrs. Bush for dinner in Washington, D.C., had been mistakenly sent to Kirkpatrick at Ohio's Belmont Correctional Institution - where he was housed after being sentenced to nearly three years for drug possession and escape. Even before he had a chance to find out if black stripes were optional.

**Worst men's fashion news:** The Wichita (Kan.) Eagle reported that men are now wearing pantyhose. That's right. Pantyhose. Some men say these are warm without being bulky and offer support for standing all day. G. Lieberman & Sons Ltd. is manufacturing a brand called ActivSkin - with "male specific features," including a fly.

Probably few of us can top that kind of unforgettable trivia. But I've categorized some other unforgettable moments in life that come close.

My friend Dick was working on a barge line one night when he sneezed and watched his beard fly overboard. And when my friend Judy began receiving obscene phone calls, she bought a loud whistle, waited for the calls (which always came at the same time) and blew the whistle into the telephone.

That time, the caller was hysterical. Then there are those omnipresent bloopers in church bulletins. Like the one where a church announced a song service during which the

announcement would start at 7 p.m. and the announcement that worship services would be held at the north and south ends of the church - and children would be baptized at both ends.

Also at church, one woman reached over the pew in front of her to straighten her friend's hair, only to find herself holding a wig. The helpful friend was so shocked that she threw the wig at the other woman, who quickly put it on - backwards.

Sometimes, unforgettable experiences happen right at home. I'll never forget the night my friend Elly called the police and reported her car stolen, five minutes before she remembered she had parked it down the street instead of in the garage the night before.

And lots of strange stuff happens at schools.

When my daughter was in junior high, she befriended a foreign exchange student who was learning the new language. Unfortunately, the fellow didn't always make such wise choices in friends. One day two of his "new friends" taught him some "English greetings." The next day, he decided to try out one of them.

He walked right up to the biggest guy in class and said, "Have you been to the bathroom lately?"

Now that should make a "worst of everything" list somewhere. No contest.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

# Fly like an Eagle

## Cancer can't halt Minidoka County youth's quest for scouting prize

By Rebecca Tateoka  
Times-News correspondent

PAUL - Adolescence is always a challenge. It's just more so for Kenneth Pollard. At 13, he was diagnosed with glioblastoma multiforme, an aggressive form of brain tumor. And while battling his cancer, he's determined to earn his Eagle Scout badge.

The idea for his Eagle project came from his stay in Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City last year.

While there, Kenneth noticed that the VCRs for the kids in his unit were at least 12 years old, and that the videotaped movie selection was slim, to say the least, and geared toward younger children and girls only.

So for his Eagle project, he's gathering donations from individuals and businesses for as many DVD players and DVD movies he can get. Since the Salt Lake City hospital's Immunocompromised Services Unit has very few, every donation will count.

"The hospital already had three wish-lists of titles people wanted to see, and they gave copies of those to us," said Kenneth's mother, Nancy. "The movies, even two of the same, would be welcomed."

Some children are in the ICS unit for extended periods. Bone-marrow transplant recipients often stay for two or three months without a break. The unit also houses kids with sickle-cell anemia, cancer and other diseases that have compromised their immune systems.

"This is a locked unit," Nancy explained. "This has to be a very sterile unit. (The kids) can't go outside, and the unit's not open to the rest of the hospital."

Because of the sterile nature of the ICS, no VCRs, movies or other materials from other areas of the hospital are allowed in, and whatever hard-ware is in the unit must stay there.

"They bring in activities for the kids, but it's not much, and not very often," Nancy said. "The kids are encouraged to walk the hallways, but there are only the four in this unit, and they can't leave."

While some Eagle candidates have had to submit several different projects before receiving approval on one, Ralph Walquist, the district Scout supervisor for Kenneth's area, says Kenneth's proposal "was



With community support, Kenneth Pollard is well on his way to his Eagle Scout project goal of providing new video equipment for Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City.

an immediate yes."

"The boys have to think up the project," he explained. "They have to get local approval (from their scoutmasters) and then it gets approved by the district person, which in this case was me."

Eagle scouts are qualifying at younger ages, and at nearly 14, Kenneth is no exception. He was close to the Eagle Scout merit badge and project when he had to slow down because of the cancer.

Nancy explained that Kenneth had gone to the Scouts' Camp Bradley twice, earning five merit badges each time. He had also earned another seven just by attending his weekly scout meeting and working on different merit badges throughout the year.

"We really pushed on the last five," Nancy said. "Then Kenneth came up with the plan for his project, how to do it, and got the ball rolling."

The purpose of an Eagle project is to help boys learn leadership skills, and also to do some service for their community, Walquist explained. There are no time limits other than age -

projects must be completed by 18 or service-hour requirements. But there is work involved.

"He's got to provide leadership by getting others organized to help him," Walquist said. "That's what Kenneth has done; that's what he's supposed to do."

The final step in the project occurs when it's accepted by the organization for which the Eagle candidate is doing the service. In Kenneth's case, "Primary Children's will sign a paper accepting the donations," Walquist said.

Wally Blacker, the advancement chairman for Kenneth's Scout troop, explained that because the Eagle candidate "has to organize the project and get people to do it," he and his wife, Lisa, have been part of the team Kenneth has organized to collect the donations.

"We've been doing the legwork, working the phones and running around," Wally Blacker said. "I had set up some appointments to take Kenneth around to some businesses, but sometimes I have just gone into stores, explained the project,

and gotten a donation."

Kenneth has had trouble being able to solicit the necessary donations himself because he has been hospitalized again with spinal meningitis, a condition he has developed several times because of his radiation and chemotherapy treatments.

He had a presentation and handouts ready for circulation just before his most recent hospitalization, but was able to have a volunteer pass out the information and receive donations in his stead.

"It's been amazing how supportive people have been," Blacker said. "The Mini-Cassia area is economically down right now, but most places have been generous."

Lisa Blacker added that some businesses can use the donation as a tax write-off, so Kenneth keeps a list of donations on a special form, and the Scout office sends out a receipt for tax purposes.

While there have been some rejections, Blacker said that Kenneth hasn't been discouraged. (But he's often been too weak) the repeated hospitalizations have caused his muscles to

atrophy - to get around to the businesses personally.

But the community's response has been encouraging. Redder's Showcase in Burley is selling the DVD players to Kenneth at cost, and there have been enough donations to buy nine DVD players so far, with much of the money coming from local businesses. People are also donating DVDs or money.

"In these tough times, it's these local businesses and individuals who are really coming through," Wally Blacker said.

Kenneth doesn't have a goal as far as numbers of movie titles or DVD players, just "however many people want to donate." Although too weak for an interview, when asked if he was pleased with the project so far, he said a quiet "yes."

Nancy agrees. She added that "when they (the ICS administrators) heard about this, they were so excited. This is really going to be a great benefit for them. We are so grateful for the support we've gotten from everywhere."

Times-News correspondent Rebecca Tateoka can be reached at 438-8930.

## Simplify your family life with these tips

• Cultivate interests the whole family can enjoy together, such as bicycling, hiking and bird-watching.

• Even families that don't "downshift," or cut back, can choose not to "upshift." For example, don't buy a bigger house because you can afford it; turn down a promotion that would add work hours; drive an older car; stick to one TV instead of three.

• Explain the reasons behind choices. Emphasize that while you may be able to afford an item, you don't want to spend money and time on it.

• Acknowledge kids' envy of friends.

• Give kids control over their money.

• If kids insist on the latest toy find, ask them to wait six months and see how their friends play with it. Chances are, the fad will end up forgotten in a closet.

• Limit extracurricular activities and have regular "do nothing" days. "Boredom is often a catalyst for creativity," notes Marie Szeslock in "Living Simply with Kids."

• Try a "no electricity" or "pioneer

life

night" on which all electrical devices, including lights, are banned.

• Ask kids to keep track of how they spend their money. While \$1 for candy here and there doesn't open like much, when they look at a monthly tally, they might be surprised at how much of their money went for something eaten and forgotten in a few minutes.

• Parents pay for the "need," while kids pay for the "want," Szeslock suggests. For example, if teens want brand-name clothing, Mom pays for what the basic item would cost and the child kicks in the difference for the label.

• Research purchases and always pay cash.

• Let kids learn through experience. Rather than buying a computer program that teaches colors, for example, fold clothes together and sort by color.

• Join a simplicity circle (Try [www.simplifying.net/studygroups/default.asp](http://www.simplifying.net/studygroups/default.asp) for support).

-Source: Seattle Times

## Health Fair will feature screenings

Feb. 28

TWIN FALLS - The annual Health Fair at the Twin Falls Head Start Center will feature free screenings, activities and information for families from 6 to 8 p.m.

Head Start provides education, nutrition, and family-based guidance for three- and four-year olds through a variety of programs that fit the needs of many families.

The annual health fair is an event that provides many services.

Agencies and businesses represented at the fair will include South Central Community Action, Idaho Child Care Program, Twin Falls Fire Department, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley, CSI Community Education Center, CSI Center for New Directions, S.E.L.F. behavior management program, Identity Child ID Center, the Crisis Center, play therapy, massage therapy, Job

### To do for families

Corps, Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department, the Walker Center, Nutrition Extension, and Spirit Walker Counseling Service.

The Twin Falls Lions Club will do eye screenings, an audiologist will do hearing tests, the "tooth fairy" from Sawtooth Dental will provide dental care samples, and Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will do blood pressure tests.

Dinner will be provided by the parents group at the Head Start Center. The center is located at 296 Falls Ave. W.

Every week, To Do for Families lists family oriented events in south-central Idaho. To get an item listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon on Wednesdays.

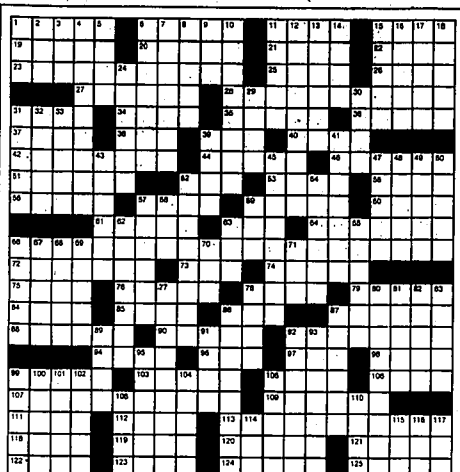
# FAMILY LIFE

## GOAL-ORIENTED

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# Unacknowledged dad wants to reclaim rights

**DEAR ABBY:** Fifteen years ago when I was single, I got the wife of a friend pregnant. (I'll call her Lily.) Lily was afraid that coming clean with her husband would destroy their marriage, so we both kept quiet and allowed him to think the child was his. A beautiful baby girl was born; they named her "Candice."

Shortly after the birth, Lily, her husband and Candice moved out of state. I couldn't trace them, which meant my child disappeared from my life. I married a local girl, and we have led a quiet, happy life all these years with our two young daughters. I told my wife everything. She was supportive of my desire to find Candice, but we both felt torn about how aggressive the search should be.

A year ago out of the blue, Lily contacted me. She had divorced her husband and married another man who knows that I am her daughter's birth father. Candice is now 14, and the three live only two towns away. Lily and I agreed to meet at a public soccer event where Candice was competing. I was able to finally see my daughter. She looks and acts very much like me - even to the point of excelling in the same sports I did at her age.

With Lily's permission, I have continued to "show up" at Candice's sporting events, but her mother wants no contact beyond that. Lily has done an excellent job of raising her, and



**DEAR ABBY**  
Abby Cadogan

Candice is an "A" student who is socially conscious and well-adjusted.

I am deeply ashamed of the way both Lily and I handled things from the beginning of this girl's life, and feel strongly that I want my daughter to know who I am. I am more than willing to accept financial responsibility. Candice may want to meet her two half-sisters, and she deserves to know the medical history of my side of the family, as there is an unusually high rate of breast cancer.

**-ANXIOUS BIRTH FATHER IN TEXAS**

**DEAR ANXIOUS BIRTH FATHER:** I agree that, if only for medical reasons, Candice should eventually be told the truth. However, because her mother feels so strongly, that may have to wait until she's an adult. It is my belief that children should be told the truth about their parentage as early as possible. Since I may not know

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all the facts in this case, the girl's mother may have valid reasons for feeling as she does.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 19-year-old female college student who just started a part-time job at a pizza parlor. The one problem I'm facing is my boss keeps staring at my breasts every time we talk. It's very unsettling. How do you suggest I handle this, Abby? I really need to keep my job.

**-CO-ED WITH A GAWKING BOSS IN MINNESOTA**

**DEAR CO-ED:** Tell your boss what he's doing makes you uncomfortable. If he continues start keeping a diary and documenting his behavior. It could qualify as sexual harassment. It's possible that he's also doing it to other young women in his employ.

Remember, there's strength in numbers. If other employees are experiencing the same problem, confront your boss as a group - or, as a group, report him to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). That should get his attention.

*Dear Abby is written by Joanne Phillips.*

# Grandparents can spoil kids

As I write this column, our 2-year-old grandson, Thomas, is in residence at our N.C. home. His mom, en route from San Francisco to Raleigh, dropped him off for a two-day visit with us. How wonderful!

"Grand" is most definitely the operative syllable in "grandparent." Thomas' visit reminded me of a question recently asked by a fellow in Traverse City, Mich.: Do today's grandparents, given all this speaking, give too much to their grandchildren?

If grandparents give mostly time and attention, I told him, then the answer is no, because while parents can give too much time and attention to their children, grandparents cannot. That is one of parenting's more delightful paradoxes. On the other hand, if grandparents give mostly material things, I said, then the answer is definitely yes.

I've been a "grand" for more than 8 years, now. During that time, our two children have gifted Willie and me with four grand boys and one grand girl. Early on, we made our best grandparenting decision ever, possibly the best we will ever make. We resolved that we would not cause our grandkids to expect material things from us. We would take them to places they'd never been (and might otherwise never go), expose them to new experiences, give them vacations from the rules and routines of their own homes. We would, in other words, play grand with them, and take them traveling with us. We would not give them lots of things. And we haven't.

A recent example of our policy in action: Thomas, his two older brothers, and his parents came to stay with us during the Christmas week, a very special



**PARENTING**  
John Rosemond

time in the life of our family. Mind you, they came all the way from San Francisco, and we had seen them but once since May. For Christmas, we gave each of the three children a fleece pullover.

That was it! If you sense that I'm bragging, you're right on. Not only am I proud of us for not joining in the general guffaw to the gods of the mall, but I am also reasonably certain that our pullovers are the only Christmas gifts the kids will still be using in March.

Never has one of our grandchildren asked, "What did you bring me?" Oh, joy! When we call, they can't wait to talk to us. When they see us, they break out in big smiles, run to us, and jump into our arms. They ask to spend the night at our house, where we have a bedroom/playroom for them that offers about a dozen toys, none of which are electronic. There will never be electronic toys in our house. And we have not added a toy to said bedroom/playroom in probably two years. They don't care. They want to spend the night with us because it's an adventure.

Make no mistake, we have rules, and the kids are very conscious of them. I honestly think they are on their very best behavior at our house, for the

simple reason we do not tolerate misbehavior. As a consequence, the kids don't misbehave; therefore, time spent at our house is always relaxed and enjoyable.

Two years ago, we took our oldest grandchild, Jack, on a cruise. We had a blast. We also helped him polish his manners during that time, because we want to play an important role in our grandchildren's character development. When the other grandkids are old enough, we'll include them on our various travel adventures. We'll go to museums, islands, mountains, forests, zoos, national parks and monuments, and yes, we'll probably even suck it up and take them to Walti World. There, we'll give each of them a modest allowance and when it runs out, there'll be no more purchases, just fun and games - the stuff of memory, not the yard sale.

Our experience - as young as it is - causes me to feel sorry for grandparents who think their role is to shower their grandchildren with material things. If they never change their worldly ways, their relationships with their grandchildren are never going to be more than superficial, if folks ship at all. I pay these folks to discover that the richest grandparenthood is not expensive at all.

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# Things look up in astronomy

Though few people have had the temerity to ask me to my face, I'm sure many more have wanted to know what is astronomy?

After all, this is the science that solely concerns itself with the most remote, unearthly phenomena imaginable, utterly removed from our day-to-day experiences. And with the recent tragic loss of another seven astronauts, it is not inappropriate to question whether the exploration of space, vicariously or in person, is justified. As a former employee of the Space Telescope Science Institute, which operates the Hubble Space Telescope, I owe a great deal to astronauts who willingly risk their lives in pursuit of space science. But what about the average person, with no direct personal stake in the state of astronomical knowledge?

My standard response is to ask if we need sports (for example), which result in far more deaths per year than space exploration. Clearly the fact that millions of people enjoy athletics justifies the cost in society's eyes.

And as long as we're assessing



**SKYWATCH**  
Chris Anderson

risks, I would argue that to abandon astronomical inquiry would, in the long run, be far more dangerous. Astronomers ultimately pave the way for the exploration of space, a prelude to its colonization.

While that goal is still decades, maybe centuries, ahead, it is as important a justification as any human pursuit might claim. What we have learned, through scientific investigation of our planet and others, is that global catastrophes occur with uncomfortable frequency.

Counting on our fragile earth to be the sole cradle of humanity is the riskiest proposition of all.

Such sobering prognostication aside, astronomy, if nothing else, may be the most appealing of all

**Sky calendar**  
(through Saturday)

- \* Planets:  
One hour before sunrise:  
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One hour after sunset:  
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sciences by virtue of its sheer visual splendor. Rare is the person unfazed by their first telescopic view of Saturn's rings, or Hubble's image of the Eagle Nebula's "pillars of creation." And maybe that's reason enough to keep looking up.

Next week: Astronomy, the calendar, and Washington's Birthday.

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# Cancer: Don't make promises that you can't keep

**IF FEBRUARY 16TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY** - you are drawn to mystery, intrigue and glamour. You are fascinated by the manic arts, including astrology. You could succeed in real estate or production of motion pictures. You are romantic and alluring and somewhat of a mystery figure. Pisces and Virgo native will play major roles in your life, could find these letters in names: G, P, Y. During career cycle, focus is on variety of experiences and marital status. March will be the most memorable.

**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** Full Moon in Leo represents your Fifth House; this places emphasis on creative endeavors and physical attraction. You exude personality, sex appeal. Libra involved.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):** You could be involved into a real estate transaction. Be alert,

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Sydney Omarr

get commitments in writing. Begin a rebuilding program; be positive concerning necessary belongings.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** People who said you could not stay with one project for any length of time will be made to eat their words. Focus on responsibility, organization and recognition of priorities.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Reach beyond the immediate; your product might have great appeal in another nation. Finish what you start; don't make promises you cannot possibly keep. Aries plays role.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Make fresh start, display courage of convictions. You will get pro-

bial "lucky break." Judgment, intuition honed to razor-sharpness. Aquarius, another Leo dominate scenario.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Family secret will be out in the open. Maintain dignity, avoid pointing accusing finger. What seems so serious will soon be a laughing matter. Don't fear the unknown! Capricorn featured.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Many of your fondest hopes, wishes will come true. Don't wish for more than you can handle. You will have luck in matters of speculation by sticking with number 3. Sagittarius involved.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You are on solid ground; green light flashes for you to progress with major project. You gain allies, and your prestige is elevated as result. Taurus, another Scorpio play roles.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Give full play to intellectual curiosity. Ask questions; obtain answers, not clever evasions. Writing, traveling and publishing figure in exciting scenario. Gemini is represented.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Domestic adjustment could include actual change of residence, marital status. You receive gift, a luxury item; this could be the start of something big. Libra figures prominently.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Define terms, outline boundaries. Transform illusion into reality. Your extrasensory perception works overtime; you will know what to do and when to do it. Pisces plays major role.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** Your efforts pay dividends. You beat the odds and win the game in what others had thought impossible. Personal relationship intensifies. Don't break hearts - it could be your own.

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## Exercise, eat right, remain active, and you can age well

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As long as you're alive, you will age. Instead of thinking of aging as something you have to fight, approach it as something you can do well.

Those who work with older people see what happens when people don't take care of themselves. Some draw inspiration from those who age well. And some have made changes in their own lives to remain healthy and engaged in life.

Don't wait, experts say. There are many things you can do in your 30s, 40s and 50s to pave the way for a healthy, fulfilling life when you're older.

Here's what five people who have expertise in working with older people had to say.

### Stay active

Several times a week after work, Judith Walker heads to a fitness center to work out.

As director of the nursing division in the Douglas (Minn.) County Department of Health and Human Services, Walker is aware of how important it is to prevent health problems by developing healthy habits.

Walker, 64, doesn't deprive herself of food but tries to be very aware of what she eats. She tries not to eat between meals and considers the nutritional quality of the food she eats and the size of portions.

"If you do a couple of things like that, then try to keep a real positive attitude, it can make a difference," she said.

In a recent needs assessment of older people in Douglas County, people said they need healthy food, exercise and access to medical care. Many also said they struggle with loneliness and fear, Walker said.

To prevent loneliness, people need to make an effort to stay connected to other people, she believes.

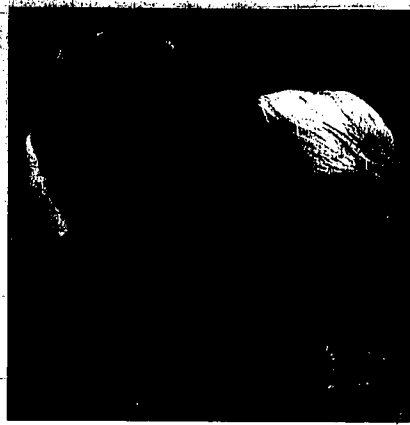
Men are notorious for working hard all their lives and getting to retirement only to realize that they forgot to make friends. Then they have nothing to do, she said.

"Don't wait to retire to have fun," she said.

### Eat right

Dr. David Spoolhof said our mothers and grandmothers were right when they said we should eat fruits and vegetables.

It's best to eat healthy food rather than rely on vitamin pills.



Dick Kennedy and his new bride, Joanne Shankland, smile after getting married in Lincoln, Neb. It's the first marriage for the 90-year-old Shankland and the second for her 81-year-old groom.

"Too many people seem to think vitamins will replace good food or exercise," he said.

Spoolhof, 49, is a family practice physician at Superior Health Medical Group in Piedmont Heights, Minn., who also has a certification in geriatrics.

There is some evidence that vitamin E may help prevent Alzheimer's disease, he said. And although vitamin E pills are safe, it's still better to get vitamins through food, he added.

The main dietary sources of vitamin E are vegetable oils, nuts (especially almonds) and green leafy vegetables. Vitamin E also is included in many fortified cereals.

As for Spoolhof's own efforts to stay healthy: "I eat an extra apple or two a day. I push the fruits in my own diet." He also goes for a walk about three times a week, a couple of miles each time.

Most studies recommend doing some sort of aerobic activity for 30 to 60 minutes at a time, three times a week, the doctor said.

"I tell people to do something that gets their heart beating faster," he said. "If you're doing it with someone else and if you can still carry on a conversation, you're not overdoing it."

### Stay engaged in life

Staying actively engaged in life is important in aging well, said Chandra Mehrotra.

Mehrotra, 69, is dean of special projects at the College of St.

Scholarship. He holds a doctorate in psychology and has studied and written extensively on aging. Although he is considered an expert in his field, Mehrotra still considers himself a learner.

"To me, that is a sign of aging well — to be open to new ideas and engaged in learning," he said.

Aging is a natural process, Mehrotra said.

"You can't prevent aging, but you can approach it as something that will happen and something you can do well," he said.

Having a positive attitude contributes to aging well — especially in a society that fears aging and worships youth, he said.

If you are actively engaged in mental tasks, it allows you to maintain mental functions, Mehrotra said. You can volunteer to read with a child in school or help people deal with their medical insurance forms, he suggested.

"Use it or lose it and participate in academic challenges," Mehrotra said.

Mehrotra finds himself doing work he wouldn't have done 20 years ago. For example, publishers ask him to review manuscripts for possible publication. He also mentors young people who are doing research and advises them on what might lead to blind alleys and what might be a productive area.

### Keep learning

Mary Lee Lalich believes lifelong learning is an important

part of aging well. Programs like the one for which she works as director — the University for Seniors at the University of Minnesota Duluth — not only give people intellectual stimulation, but also provide a chance for social interaction, she said.

"It has been phenomenal watching the older people continue to bloom and relationships develop between people who don't know each other before they come here," she said.

Lalich, 59, went back to college about 10 or 12 years ago to get a degree in gerontology.

"I have a strong interest in older adults and keeping them as independent as they can be in their older years," she said.

Lalich keeps active by exercising, including playing tennis, biking and kayaking. She also tries to eat well.

She believes it's important for people to get out of the house and do volunteer activities, socialize or take classes like those offered by University for Seniors.

"I've heard a lot of people say this program saved them," Lalich said. "When they lost their spouse they were not sure what they would do."

### Stay informed

Debbie Adams-Koltes believes that if more people were better informed about how to age well and what options are available to them as they grow older, they would be less afraid of aging.

She is a registered nurse and owner and administrator of Nurses That Care, a home health care agency in Duluth. In her business, Koltes comes across many people who are growing older.

"So much is common sense. People need to educate themselves about healthy diet and go to the doctor regularly. They also need to educate themselves about their health care options so if they do get sick they can quickly get back on their feet," she said.

Working with people who are ill has shown her how crucial it is to try to prevent illness and poor physical condition.

"If people would be proactive, it can save a lot of grief later on," she said.

Adams-Koltes, 42, tries to keep a healthy weight through eating healthy foods and exercising. She tries to avoid processed food and junk food that has partially hydrogenated vegetable oil in it. "It's like putting sludge in your veins," she said.

Adams-Koltes swims, skis and walks, either on a treadmill or along Duluth's Lakewalk. "I just keep moving," she said.

# Humans, horses have a history

What is it with people and horses? Horses are mystical, magical creatures that, as Winston Churchill once said, "Are so good for the inside of man." I think I might add kids and women to that, as well.

Humans have had a bond with horses that reaches into antiquity. It transcends gender and generations. Whether for work, battle or for play, horses have an impact on people that is immeasurable. Human history has often turned on a hoof.

Say what you will, but the relationship between horse and human is a special bond, and it seems more people are discovering that. In fact, in an independent survey conducted last fall, nearly 40 percent of Americans admitted that they had a childhood admiration for horses.

Dr. Janice Willard, a veterinary ethologist from Moscow, Idaho agrees. "My 9-year-old daughter, Robin, has been completely bitten by the horse-loving bug. She draws pictures of horses and dreams continuously about riding them. Horses live in all her fantasies. While all her friends have 'American Girl' dolls, my daughter has 'Steeple High' the horse companion of American Girl doll Kaya. I guess it shouldn't surprise me that she is more interested in a horse doll than a human one—I was the same way at her age."

The survey also revealed that two out of five adults (41 percent) would be happy to receive a horse as a gift. I'm not surprised. Time spent with horses lowers stress, calms your mind, boosts your confidence, teaches new life skills and brings joy to our hectic world.

The Beckers share our mountain-side ranch with five American Quarter Horses. My whole family shares in caring for them and riding them but our youngest son, Ben, goes beyond that. Just watching him—herd of horses racing around the pasture is enough to make me smile even on the most stressful day.

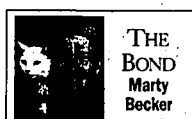
And now one organization is making it easier to make the dream of a horse come true for more people. The American Quarter Horse Association, which strives to connect people with horses, has made it possible for you to give your special person the gift of horses. They're calling it the "Love of the Horse" drive. It's a gift that's available — one for children, one for adults.

For \$30, you can surprise any horse enthusiast with the opportunity to see the world from the back of an American Quarter Horse. It's a gift that's appropriate for any occasion.

The youth gift set includes a one-year membership in the American Quarter Horse Youth Association; "The Kids Book of The American Quarter Horse," a light-hearted introduction to American Quarter Horse ownership; a starter booklet; a mini-poster; a pen; an "I Love American Quarter Horses" button; and the kicker — a gift certificate good for one free riding lesson from a screened and approved professional trainer. The retail value is \$90.

The adult set includes everything mentioned above, except the youth membership and "Kids Book" have been replaced with a Breyer model horse and an adult version of the book.

"The gift package is an easy way to make your loved one's dream for a horse come true," said Bill Brewer, AQHA Executive Vice President. "Taking a riding lesson is a fun and safe way to introduce someone to the love of horseback riding." Riding lessons are also one of the most economical ways to get started. Traditionally lessons can be had for as little



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as \$20-\$40. Although 41 percent of Americans would be happy to own a horse, the survey also found many think horse ownership is expensive (77 percent) or time-consuming (74 percent). "Those are some of the myths we're trying to address with the special gift offer," adds Brewer. "It's actually much easier than you think to get involved with horses."

He's right. You don't have to be wealthy, own a stable, or live in the country to enjoy horses. There are so many options besides horse ownership — you can take a lesson, lease a horse, go on a horse vacation, or just be a spectator at a horse show. There is something for everyone. "Even if I'm not able to ride a horse ever again," says Dr. Willard, "I would still seek them out just to watch them. Something about horses touches deep within us."

Be right fellows, take note. The female fall of our population, my wife and daughter included — has really latched on to this horse-human bond. According to AQHA, its membership of more than 340,000 people is dominated by women — nearly 65 percent.

Gals, if you want to meet girls, just take a trip to your local riding stable and you'll see that females easily outnumber males five and six fold. Like those odds? According to the Dude Ranchers of America, single women are taking more horseback vacations than ever before, and the DRA claims, they're taking their other single girlfriends with them. And the ladies have confided in me that there are far more romantic images than that of a guy on horseback.

"Horses fit any lifestyle," said Brewer. "From single women to families, the beautiful thing about horses is that they have a special way of bringing people together. I truly believe this is the golden age of horses, and because American Quarter Horses are naturally calm, friendly and trainable, we believe they're the best, safest horse for newcomers."

To share your "Love of the Horse" gift to someone, contact AQHA at (800) 414-RIDE or visit [www.ahorse.com](http://www.ahorse.com). The gift package is sent boxed and ready to wrap.

If you'd like to learn more, AQHA has a special telecast of its "America's Horse" series slated for Sunday, March 30 on the Outdoor Life Network. In a down-to-earth way, you'll learn about the joys of horse ownership and how you can start living the American Quarter Horse lifestyle.

Hopefully other breed organizations will follow in the hoof steps of the American Quarter Horse Association and develop similar programs to encourage the horse loving public to take a step closer to their dreams.

Former Twin Falls veterinarian Marty Becker is the resident veterinarian on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" and the author of "The Healing Power of Pets: Write him in care of Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service, 790 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045.

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# Couples find avoiding child care is good for families

The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — At 2 p.m. weekdays comes The Switch.

Cristina Ticeison leaves her job as an office manager at a graphic design firm and drives to her husband's hair salon, The Shop, where she parks her Camry on the street.

Her husband, Ennis, pulls his Suburban to the curb, chats with Cristina for a couple of minutes — the boys are Cream of Wheat for breakfast, the baby took a nap — then heads into work while she slides into the driver's seat.

Then it's off to home (or maybe the grocery store) with twins Joran and Elijah, 5, and Silas, 1, tucked into their car seats in the back.

The Ticeisons have perfected what's been dubbed "tag-team" or "split-shift" parenting, where parents arrange their work schedules — either by necessity or choice — to avoid child care.

"We both agree that having a parent with them all the time is really important," said Cristina Ticeison, who recently had her fourth son.

Despite drawbacks, such as kids in passing as the only couple contact and the "single parent" strain of rarely being relieved, recent book authors advocate

split-shift parenting as a solution to the dilemma faced by many parents: How do we both work without kids spending long hours in child care?

The arrangements vary: One parent might work from home, one might work weekends while the other works weekdays, or a mom might work while the dad stays home for a couple of years, then switch.

Making tag-team parenting work depends mostly on two factors: flexible or part-time job opportunities and willing parents. Dr. Stanley Greenspan supports this juggling of work shifts in his book, "The Four-Thirds Solution: Solving the Child-Care Crisis in America Today."

Since high-quality child care (which is especially critical for infants and toddlers) can be expensive and hard to find, he proposes that in two-earner families, each parent works two-thirds of a full-time week. Then they devote the remaining two-thirds to their child.

"Parents need to rethink their options," he said, noting that the point is not to meet the fraction exactly but to find a way where children spend most of their time with parents. "With the four-thirds solution, parents share work but they also share child care."

Author Julie Shields sees splitting both work and child responsibilities as a way out of "The Mommy Trap."

"The Mommy Trap dictates that mothers can work and hire a mother replacement, or stay home if they don't like or can't find good substitute care," Shields writes in her book, "How to Avoid The Mommy Trap: A Roadmap for Sharing Parenting and Making it Work."

"The standard routes bypass something crucial: The best alternative to parenting by mother is parenting by father."

Britt Weber, who works early morning to early afternoon while her husband, Tim, works late morning to early evening, says friends and family are surprised that Tim does his 6-year-old daughter's hair every morning. "The kids have a nice connection with him because daddy is also a caregiver," Britt Weber said. "They don't feel like they can only come to mommy if they need something."

Ennis Ticeison feels a void when his boys — whom he calls "my champs" — are away from him. "I love the relationship and time we have," he said. "It's fun with them. They make me laugh. It's a blessing that I'm able to be there."

Researchers say there are more

## Web site encourages kids to recycle trash into toys

### Family news you can use

"Recycled Into Toys" contest is Feb. 28. Check the site for more information.

### Talking with Mom

When it comes to talking about serious subjects such as drugs, American teens apparently believe mother knows best, a Penn State researcher says.

Seventy percent of adolescents in a recent study said they were more comfortable discussing important topics with their mothers, while only 12 percent favored talking with their fathers.

About 74 percent preferred grandparents, another 74 percent said they would go to siblings, and 3 percent preferred talking with other extended family members.

— Compiled from wire service reports

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From left, clockwise, Pat Carroll, Dorothy Emerson, Jeanette Frazier and Edith Thomason were among the 88 people who attended the Magic Valley Symphony League's card party



## Symphony party makes music

By Melissa Morgan  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - By playing bridge and pinocle that afternoon, they were helping make beautiful music happen. Eighty-eight people showed up for the Magic Valley Symphony League's 10th annual card party on Jan. 31 at St. Edward's Parish Hall, 206 Seventh Ave. in Twin Falls.

The party, which charged \$6 per person, is the league's only fundraiser.

"The money we raise goes toward the symphony. We give away scholarships, arrange for musical arrangements and give money to (Twin Falls High School Band Director) Ted

Hadley for education," said Dottie Miller, the league's vice president and card party chairman.

The league also raised money by selling raffle tickets for items such as a handmade wool scarf, framed watercolor painting by Joan Wojcik and gift certificates from various businesses. Winners for the raffle items were Jack Asher, Patti Cooper, Barbara Conley, Clydie Muegere, Jennifer Mindock, Opal Manning, Pearl Stapleton, Donna Mason, Marge Houston, Barbara Kunkle, Betty Mahan and Doris Willis.

Winners in the bridge game were: first, Dorothy Emerson; second, Bobby Wolverson and third, Gloria Hann. Winners for pinocle were: first, Gil Tinsley

and second, Clydie Muegere. Bridge and pinocle winners were awarded cash prizes.

The league, which has been around about 20 years, has approximately 30 members who usher at the symphony concerts, give out brochures to advertise the concerts and work in the ticket office during the concerts. The league always encourages new people to join, Miller said. Membership dues are \$10 a year.

For more information about the league or to join, call Miller at 733-7789 or President Elaine Bowen at 734-5323.

Times-News writer Melissa Morgan can be reached at 735-3278 or via e-mail at mmorgan@magicvalley.com.

## ISU lists biz honor students

**POCATELLO** - The Idaho State University 2002 fall semester dean's list for the college of business has been announced.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must complete at least 12 semester credits, and receive a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher.

The following students are listed by hometown:

- Burley: Kristal L. Searle and Michael D. Blauer
- Declo: Brad Tony Allen
- Eden: Sara N. Lee
- Heyburn: Amanda K. Schenk
- Twin Falls: Tesh D. Denton

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## THE CARING TREE



Jose Gonzales, a fourth-grader at Kimberly Elementary School, places his name on the 'Caring Tree.' Gonzales was one of the winners in a drawing for a prize for 'Being Caught Caring.' Jose took lunch boxes to the intermediate building for a teacher. During the year, any staff member can give a student a card with his name and good deed written on it to put on the Caring Tree. Two or three times a year, the names on the tree are put in a drawing, and prizes awarded to several students.

## STORK REPORT

### Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Gabriel Whitman Varin, son of Sonya Whitman and Timothy Varin of Gooding, was born Friday, Jan. 24, 2003.

Richard Charles Frost and Morgan Marie Frost, twin son and daughter of Virginia Mae Reed of Jerome, was born Monday, Jan. 27, 2003.

Aspen Paige Stinemates, daughter of Dalomna Lynn and William D. Stinemates of Wendell, was born Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2003.

Isaac Ryan Steen, son of Kristen Nichole and Michael Clark Steen of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2003.

Ander Mark Bonner, son of Elizabeth Ann and William Ross Bonner III of Kimberly, was born Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2003.

Adam James Manford Olsen, son of Naomi Marie Elaster and Josh Aaron Olsen of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2003.

Kaden Edward Gilbert, son of Christina Lynn and Casey James Gilbert of Murphy, was born

To announce a birth: Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Melissa Morgan, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Or fax to: 734-5538. Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. More information? Call Melissa at 735-3278.

Thursday, Feb. 6, 2003.

Afton Beard, daughter of Lynn and Jason K. Beard of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Feb. 7, 2003.

Lyndal Taylor Haney, daughter of Kandice and Mike J. Haney of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Feb. 7, 2003.

Alexis Marie Ranay McNeil, daughter of Kori Amanda McNeil of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, Feb. 9, 2003.

### St. Benedict's Family Medical Center

Dustin James Herrington, son

of Darcy and Karen Herrington of Jerome, was born Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003.

Christina Ruby Lewens, daughter of Viki Ruhner and Theron Kingston Lewers of Gooding, was born Sunday, Feb. 9, 2003.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center: Anna Rose Bernbaum, daughter of Jennifer and Joel Bernbaum of Ketchum, was born Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2003.

Penelope Porter Weekes, daughter of Hilary and Henry Weekes of Halley, was born Thursday, Jan. 30, 2003.

Ellie Claire Lyke, daughter of Megan and Dennis Lyke of Bellevue, was born Thursday, Jan. 30, 2003.

Vivian Moya, daughter of Belen and Fidel Moya of Halley, was born Friday, Jan. 31, 2003.

Grace Meighan Mulick, daughter of Annie and Edward Mulick of Bellevue, was born Monday, Feb. 3, 2003.

Sophie Alexander Hernandez, daughter of Catrina and Raymundo Hernandez of Halley, was born Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2003.

## Book series includes classic movie

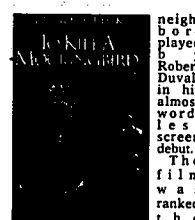
**HAILEY** - The classic film "To Kill a Mockingbird" is the next subject in the "Shaking the Family Tree" discussion group at the Hailey Public Library, 7 Croy W.

A short discussion of the film will take place after the screening at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Everyone is invited, and there is no charge. For more information, call 788-2036.

This triple Academy-Award winner is a riveting courtroom drama packed with great acting, and beautifully adapted from Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, with a message about tolerance - considered quite progressive by 1960's audiences - still meaningful today, Hailey Library representatives say.

Screen legend Gregory Peck is Atticus Finch, a small town lawyer and widower with two young children. The story becomes a testament to courage, morality and the power of deep personal conviction when Finch defends a black man wrongly accused of rape in their racially divided Southern town in the 1930's.

Finch also is a loving, responsible father to his two children. The children also feature in a minor plot mirroring the town's bigotry when they fear and then come to know their reclusive



best film ever made by the American Film Institute.

## IN CONCERT



The East Minico band and orchestra will present a concert at 7 p.m. Thursday at East Minico Middle School, 1805 H St. in Rupert. The public is invited, and admission is free. Students will play the solos and ensembles that they will be performing before a judge at a festival scheduled March 1 at the Twin Falls Christian Academy.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### CSI, ISU hold nursing information day

**TWIN FALLS** - The College of Southern Idaho and Idaho State University Nursing Programs will hold an open house from 1-4 p.m. Thursday in the atrium of the CSI Aspen Building.

ISU Twin Falls Center Director Chris Vaage says the event will feature important information about the local availability of nursing degrees. For example, CSI and ISU have created programs on the CSI campus in Twin Falls that allow students to get their bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing without having to leave Twin Falls.

Anyone interested in a nursing career is encouraged to attend. For more information, call Vaage at 732-6449 or e-mail vaagechris@isu.edu or CSI Nursing Programs Coordinator Pam Hollaway at 732-6720 or e-mail phollaway@csi.edu.

### Enroll now for UJ Master Gardener training

**JEROME** - Applications for University of Idaho Master Gardener training are being accepted.

Classes begin on Feb. 25, and meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays for three hours each day for six weeks. Class times and locations are:

Hailey: 9 a.m. to noon.

Jerome: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Twin Falls: 6 p.m.

Magic and Wood River valley residents may attend at any location.

Some of the subjects covered are basic botany, soils, irrigation, plant diseases, insect problems, weeds, home orchards, lawns and vegetable gardening. Participants must return 36 hours of volunteer time through activities available through the University of Idaho extension offices. After initial training, Advanced Master Gardeners are eligible for further seminars and tours.

The training costs \$65, which includes the handbook. College credits from the University of Idaho are available. Some classes qualify for pesticide recertification credits.

For more information, call the Jerome County Extension office at 324-7578.

### Cassia Citizens Academy takes applications

**BURLEY** - The 21st annual Cassia County Citizens Academy will meet from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, starting March 5 through May 14.

Topics covered will include a jail tour, canine procedures, marine deputy, drug recognition and more.

Applications can be picked up at the Cassia County Sheriff's office, 129 E. 14th St. in Burley. The application deadline is March 5.

For more information, call Sgt. Peggy Marizza or Capt. Cary Bristol at 878-2251.

### Area teens are invited to attend 4-H winter camp

**BURLEY** - The Central Idaho Winter 4-H camp for teens ages 12 to 19 will be held Feb. 28 through March 2. Participation in the 4-H program is not required.

Activities include night tubing, snow shoeing, cross-country skiing, horse drawn sleigh ride and more. Registration for the camp is \$50. Sleds or snow shoes rentals are extra.

The registration deadline is Feb. 21. Call any local University of Idaho Cooperative Extension office for more information.

### Snake River Elks hosts barbecue rib dinner

**JEROME** - The Snake River Elks Lodge 2807 will host a barbecue rib dinner from 6-9 p.m. Friday at the lodge, 406 E. 200 S. Highway 93, Jerome.

The suggested donation is \$8 per person. The public is invited. For more information, call 324-0200.

### Fairfield American Legion holds Sweetheart Dinner

**FAIRFIELD** - The American Legion in Fairfield will hold its annual Sweetheart Dinner on Saturday.

Happy hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with the dinner following at 6:30 p.m.

### Scrapbooking marathon benefits charity

**TWIN FALLS** - The Scrapbook Cottage will sponsor "Six Hours of Scrapbooking Madness" from 6 p.m. to midnight Friday at the KMTV Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Participants will have the opportunity to work on their scrapbooks. The charge is \$10, and all money will go to the Ronald McDonald House charities in Idaho.

For more information or how to get involved in "Scrap for the Kids," call 735-8383 or stop by the store at 266 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

### DAV Auxiliary holds dance Friday at hall in Twin Falls

**TWIN FALLS** - The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary will hold a dance at 8:30 p.m. Friday at the DAV Hall, 459 Shoup Ave. in Twin Falls.

Archie Turner will provide the

music. There is a \$2 suggested donation.

### Sons of Norway watch video on Norwegian choir

**TWIN FALLS** - The Magic Valley Viking Lodge of the Sons of Norway will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

It will be popcorn and movie night. The group will watch a video, "Cool and Crazy," about a Norwegian male choir on tour.

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# ENGAGEMENTS

# FAMILY LIFE



Paul Santos and Stephanie Weston

## WESTON-SANTOS

**JEROME** — John and Bonnie Weston of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Jo Weston, to Paul Alexander Santos, son of Frank and Maria Santos of Twin Falls. Weston is a graduate of Jerome High School. She is employed by Taco Time in Jerome. Santos is a graduate of Marwood Golden High School in California. He is employed by Glendinning Dairy. The wedding is planned for April 26 at the White House in Twin Falls.

## — WEDDINGS —



Wilma and Robert Irwin

## RICE-IRWIN

**TWIN FALLS** — Wilma Rice and Robert Irwin were married Feb. 4 at Emerald Beach in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Officiating was Debra Williams. The bride is the daughter of the late Reba and Jacob Rice Sr. Parents of the bridegroom are Richard and Joann Irwin of Kimberly. A reception will be held in March at the Blue Lakes Country Club. The bride and bridegroom are employed at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. The newlyweds reside in Twin Falls.



Alycia and Jeremy Thompson

## FREY-THOMPSON

**BOISE** — Alycia Christine Frey and Jeremy Bryan Thompson were married Dec. 28, 2002, at the Calvary Chapel in Boise. Officiating was Thomas Thompson. Jonathan Thompson was the soloist. Other music was performed by the Harz String Quartet. The bride is the daughter of Mark and Cindy Frey of Castleford. Parents of the bridegroom are Thomas and Pamela Thompson of Omaha, Neb. Melissa Frey, sister of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Destiny Nielson and Kimberly Taylor, friends of the bride, and Andrea Frey, sister of the bride. Haddie Reynolds, friend of the bride, was the flower girl. Karl Schaeffer, friend of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen included Jon Thompson and Justin Thompson, brothers of the groom, and Tim Frey, brother of the bride. Ushers were Matt Archuleta and Kelly Archuleta, friends of the groom. Bryce Reynolds, friend of the bride, was the ringbearer. Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Jim and Mickey Lowder of Buhl and Juanita Frey of Castleford. A reception was held following the ceremony. The bride is a graduate of Boise State University. She is employed at McMillan Elementary School in Meridian. The bridegroom is attending BSU and is employed at Costco. The newlyweds reside in Boise.

## ROBINSON-SIMONS

**TWIN FALLS** — Stan Robinson and Stefanie Coats of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Beth Robinson, to Joshua Simons, son of Marilyn Simons of Gooding. Robinson is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is employed at Snake River Detention Center in Twin Falls. Simons is a graduate of Gooding High School. He is employed at Roberts Electric in Halley. The wedding is planned for July 12 at the White House in Twin Falls.



Joshua Simons and Beth Robinson

Twin Falls. A reception will be held after the ceremony.

## CHILDS-WHITED

**TWIN FALLS** — Jim and Shawna Childs of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Jami Childs, to Jason Whited, son of Ted Whited of Buhl and Julie and Eldon Amero of Filer. Childs is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is employed at Hepworth, Lezamis and Janis in Twin Falls. Whited is a graduate of Filer High School. He is employed at Renter Center in Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for 7 p.m. March 1 at the White House in Twin Falls. A reception will follow at 7:30 p.m. after the ceremony.



Jami Childs and Jason Whited

## BAKER-HUPP

**FILER** — Shadow and Bonnie Seaman of Filer announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Carol Baker, to Scott Michael Hupp, son of Robert and Doris Hupp of Springfield, Ohio. Baker is a graduate of Filer High School and currently is attending the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Hupp is a graduate of Kenton Ridge High School in Springfield, Ohio. He is a senior airman, stationed at Mountain Home Air Force Base. The wedding is planned for June 7 at Grace Baptist Church in Twin Falls. A reception will be held following the ceremony.



Scott Hupp and Kimberly Baker

## ASAY-GUERRA

**BUHL** — Curt and Ellen Asay of Buhl announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Lin Asay, to Jose Angel Guerra, son of David and Dolores Caruso of Nampa. Asay is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and attended the College of Southern Idaho and Boise State University. Guerra is a graduate of McCall-Donnelly High School and is employed at Dell. The wedding is planned for 3 p.m. March 8 at the Twin Falls Church of the Nazarene. A reception will be held immediately after the ceremony.



José Guerra and Jessica Asay

tion will be held immediately after the ceremony.

## ALLRED-ORTON

**TWIN FALLS** — Eric and Sandy Allred of Preston announce the engagement of their daughter, Deserae Sue Allred, to Lane D. Orton, son of LaMar and Rosalie Orton of Twin Falls. Allred will graduate from the College of Southern Idaho in May with an associate of applied science degree. She is employed at Johnny Carino's in Twin Falls. Orton is a graduate of CSI with an associate of liberal arts degree. He is employed at Thursdays in Twin Falls. The couple will attend Boise State University in the fall. The wedding is planned for March 8. A reception will be held from 6-8 p.m. March 8 at the Preston 1st Ward building. An open house will be held from 2-4 p.m. March 15 at the Twin Falls LDS Institute of Religion.



Lane Orton and Deserae Allred

March 8. A reception will be held from 6-8 p.m. March 8 at the Preston 1st Ward building. An open house will be held from 2-4 p.m. March 15 at the Twin Falls LDS Institute of Religion.

## Widow's benefits don't depend on the recipient's age

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Q. How old do I have to be to get widow's benefits?

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Q. I've worked for 40 years for the same business — a large automotive company. Will my company pension reduce or offset my Social Security benefits?

A. No. The fact that you get a pension, or the amount of that pension, will not affect your Social Security benefit.

But there is a chance that the reverse may be true. Your Social Security benefit may affect the amount of your company pension. Of course, there are thousands of private pension plans in this country, and each has its own rules. So ask your personnel or business office if your Social Security check will affect your company pension check.

Q. I will be 62 in April and am thinking of retiring on my birthday. I think I'll only make about \$10,000 this year. But there's a chance I could get a better paying job and make a lot more money later this summer. Then I may need to stop my Social Security checks for a while. But I'm afraid that by applying for Social Security now, I'm locking myself into a reduced benefit that I'll later regret. Am I?

A. No. When you first apply for Social Security, your benefits are reduced by about one-half of 1 percent for each month you get benefits before your "full retirement age." But if you return to work, forcing us to stop your checks, you won't be penalized. When you finally do retire, we will refigure your benefits and eliminate that reduction for any month you did not get a Social Security check because you were working. So, you would not be locking in a fixed Social Security rate by starting benefits in April.

This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For fast answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### THE GRIGSBYS

**TWIN FALLS** — Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Grigsby of Twin Falls will be honored for their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at 1 p.m. Saturday at Alexander's Barn, 1152 S. Stevens, Filer. Lunch will be served.

Grigsby and Lovelle Bailey were married Feb. 22, 1953, in California. He worked for Young's/Darigold for many years before his retirement. She worked for Agri-Sales for many years before her retirement.

They have six children, Louise, Taylor of Nampa, Dan (Sue) Grigsby of Yerington, Nev.,



Lovelle and Leroy Grigsby

Cheryl (Dave) Gay of Kimberly, John Grigsby of Boise, Joan (Dave) Howard of Twin Falls and Denise (Mark) Alexander of Filer.

The couple has 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

### THE GARRETT'S

**SHOSHONE** — Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Garrett of Shoshone will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2-5 p.m. at the LDS Church cultural hall, 507 N. Greenwood St., Shoshone. The couple requests no gifts, and dress is casual.

Garrett and Gayle Meservy were married Feb. 20, 1953, in Boise. Their marriage was solemnized March 17, 1956, in the Idaho Falls Temple.

They have lived in Dietrich and Shoshone. He worked for the Idaho Department of Highways and she worked as a homemaker and later for Tupperware Inc. in Jerome.

They have been active in civic and church organizations. They have served in the Jaycees and the Jayceettes. He has been active in scouting, coached Little League baseball and served in



Frank and Gayle Garrett

many church assignments including bishop. She has served in Primary and Relief Society. They are currently temple workers in the Boise Temple.

They have four children, Frank (Randa Lee) Garrett of American Fork, Utah, Vera (Dennis) Dooley of Ferron, Utah, Alan (Barbara) Garrett of Orem, Utah, and David (Kristi) Garrett of Chico, Calif.

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Wednesday: Ham with sauce, scalloped potatoes, carrots, pineapple salad, roll, fruit, cookie  
Thursday: Hawaiian chicken, mixed vegetables, fruit salad, muffin, cream puffs  
Friday: Fish or chicken, au gratin potatoes, red cabbage salad, vegetables, corn bread, cake  
Activities  
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Monday  
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Foot clinic; make appointment  
Tuesday  
Ticket Tuesday  
Blood pressure check from 10:11-4:45 a.m.  
Wednesday  
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Elks card game  
Board meeting  
Thursday  
Pinchole at 1 p.m.  
Friday  
Quitting  
Lunch bingo  
Blood pressure check  
Saturday  
Super Bingo from 1-3 p.m.

**West End Senior Citizens Inc.**  
1010 Main St., Buhl  
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.  
Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Lunch prices are \$2.50 and evening meals will be \$2.50. Sunday dinners are \$4. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Call the center by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the center, everyone is welcome.  
Sunday: Pork roast  
Monday: Center closed  
Tuesday: Meat loaf  
Wednesday: Hamburger patty, macaroni and cheese  
Thursday: Pork chop  
Friday: Center closed  
Activities  
Thrift shop open every day. Quitting 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Roseland Band plays from 8-11 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. Admission is \$4.  
Sunday  
All-you-can-eat pork roast dinner buffet; \$4 for seniors, \$4.25 for non-seniors and \$2.50 for children under age 12.  
Monday  
Center closed  
Tuesday  
Exercises from 7-8 a.m.  
Quitting from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Treasure Tuesday  
Crafts from 1-4 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
Thursday  
Exercises from 7-8 p.m.  
Quitting from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Bingo from 1-3 p.m.  
Smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.  
Cards at 6 p.m.  
Friday  
Center closed  
Saturday  
Fish fry fund-raiser from 5:30-7 p.m.; \$5.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children under age 12

**Flier Senior Haven**  
222 Main St., Flier  
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.  
Tuesday: Roast beef  
Thursday: Pork chop, cream gravy

**Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.**  
310 Main N., Kimberly  
Monday: Potato soup, sandwich, Jell-O, crackers, brownie, coffee, milk  
Wednesday: Hot turkey sandwich, lime Jell-O, potato salad, cookies, coffee, milk  
Friday: Oven fried chicken, potatoes, gravy, peas, tossed salad, rolls, cake, ice cream, coffee, milk  
Activities  
The thrift store is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays,

Wednesdays and Friday and from 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.  
Tuesday  
Bingo at 7 p.m.  
Free AARP Tax Aide for middle and low income. Call 423-4338.  
Wednesday  
Dinners at 1 p.m.  
Thursday  
Crafts at 1 p.m.  
Friday  
Bingo at 11:55 a.m.  
Birthday dinner at 12 p.m.  
B.J. and Friends  
Pinchole at 1 p.m.  
Foot clinic; sign up; \$6 per person

**Camas County Senior Center**  
127 E. Willow, Fairfield  
Meals are served at 12 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The suggested donation for seniors is \$2.50. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under age 10. To eat a meal at the center, call ahead at 764-2226.  
Tuesday: Chicken and noodles, broccoli, Jell-O with carrots and pineapple, bread, dessert  
Wednesday: Ham, sweet potatoes, peas, roast beef, bread, dessert  
Friday: Roast beef, baked potato, squash, cabbage salad, bread, dessert  
Activities  
Monday  
Art class at 1 p.m.  
Tuesday  
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Blood pressure check from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Thursday  
Quitting from 1-3 p.m.  
Friday  
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.**  
308 Senior Ave.  
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.  
Monday: Center closed for meal  
Tuesday: Pizza, apple juice, tossed salad, custard  
Wednesday: Cindy's Swedish meatballs, noodles, broccoli, cole slaw, french bread, tapioca pudding  
Thursday: Pit ham, mashed sweet potatoes, corn, cottage cheese with pineapple, roll, col-bler  
Activities  
Monday  
Pool at 9:30 a.m.  
Pinchole at 12:30 p.m.  
Hand and foot at 6 p.m.  
Tuesday  
Pool at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
Pinchole at 1 p.m.  
Bridge at 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Pool at 9:30 a.m.  
Shuffleboard at 6 p.m.  
Thursday  
Pool at 9:30 a.m.  
SHIBA at 11 a.m.  
Fiddlers at 12:30 p.m.  
TOPS at 5 p.m.  
Pinchole at 7 p.m.  
Friday  
Bridge at 1 p.m.  
Hand/foot at 1 p.m.  
Bowling at 1:30 p.m.  
Bingo at 6 p.m.

**Jerome Senior Center**  
212 First Ave. E.  
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.  
Monday: Taco casserole, tater tots, mixed vegetables, pickled beets, fruit, cookies  
Tuesday: Beef biscuit roll, carrots, Jell-O with fruit, blueberry squares  
Wednesday: Chef salad, fruit, cream puffs  
Thursday: Hot turkey sandwich, potatoes, gravy, peas, under the sea salad, bread claws, juice  
Friday: Baked fish, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, three bean salad, chocolate pudding, juice  
Activities  
Monday  
Aerobics at 11 a.m.  
Tuesday  
Pinchole at 1 p.m.  
Snack bar at 6 p.m.  
Early bird bingo at 6:45 p.m.  
Bingo at 7 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Aerobics at 11 a.m.  
Pinchole at 1 p.m.  
Friday  
Aerobics at 11 a.m.  
Pinchole at 1 p.m.

**Richfield Senior Center**  
Monday: Pork patty, gravy, buttered carrots, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, homemade roll, pineapple upside down cake, orange juice, milk, coffee  
Thursday: Ham and cheese sandwich, split pea soup, choco-

late cream pie, orange juice, milk, coffee  
Shoshone Senior Center  
218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone  
Tuesday: Pork patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, copper penny carrots, applesauce, cookies, orange juice, milk, coffee  
Wednesday: BLT sandwich, cucumber and carrot sticks, fries, banana cream pie, orange juice, milk, coffee  
Friday: Fish, peas, fried potatoes, onions, apricots, cookies, homemade rolls, orange juice, milk, coffee  
Activities  
Monday  
Exercise from 9-9:30 a.m.  
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.  
Quitting at 10 a.m.  
Tuesday  
Lunch at noon  
Pinchole at 1 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Lunch at noon  
Scraper class at 10 a.m.  
Early bird at 6 p.m.  
Bingo at 7 p.m.  
Thursday  
Exercise from 9-9:30 a.m.  
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.  
Arts and crafts at 10 a.m.  
Friday  
Pinchole at 1 p.m.

**Silver and Gold Senior Citizens**  
203 Wilson, Eden  
Open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Mondays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days. Home delivered meals are delivered Monday through Friday.  
Tuesday: Liver and onions, potatoes, gravy, broccoli, salad, peas, cookie, bread  
Wednesday: Bake day  
Thursday: Smorgasbord  
Activities  
Monday  
Wednesday  
Bingo at 7 p.m.

**Hagerman Valley Senior/Community Center**  
140 E. Lake, Hagerman  
Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lunch is served at noon on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2. Coffee, tea, juice and bread served with all meals.  
Monday: Barbecue chicken, vegetables, salad, dessert  
Wednesday: Lasagna, salad, garlic bread  
Friday: Pork chops, potatoes, salad, vegetables  
Thrift store open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Blaine County Senior Center**  
721 Third Ave. S., Hailey  
Meals are served at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Milk, juice, coffee and tea are served with all meals.  
Tuesday: Meat loaf, tomato gravy, mixed vegetables, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, congealed salad, pineapple upside down cake  
Wednesday: Sweet and sour chicken, egg rolls, buttered rice, oriental vegetables, hot rolls, strawberry shortcake  
Friday: Roast pork with gravy, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, stuffed celery, lime Jell-O salad, green peas, cherry pie, ice cream  
Activities  
Monday  
Trip to Wal-Mart  
Tuesday  
Taxes from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Choir at 11 a.m.  
Poetry group at 12:30 p.m.  
Thursday  
Trip to Hagerman hot springs  
Friday  
Birthday party

**Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center**  
702 11th St., Rupert  
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals.  
Monday: Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, biscuits, pie, salad  
Tuesday: Clam chowder, broccoli, biscuits, pudding, fruit salad  
Wednesday: Birthday dinner  
Thursday: Tossed salad, Swiss steak, potatoes, gravy, corn, rolls, ice cream  
Friday: Smorgasbord  
Center gift shop is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Blood pressure taken from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month. Quitting and pool table daily during center hours. Crafts every day. Home delivered meals are available Monday through Friday upon request. Volunteers

are needed to do grocery shopping for shut-ins. Call Riders at 436-1200  
Monday  
Exercise from 10-11 a.m.  
Songfest from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Tuesday  
Pinchole from 1-4 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Bingo from 1-2 p.m.  
Thursday  
Pinchole from 1-4 p.m.  
Friday  
Exercise from 10-11 a.m.  
SHIBA Medicare supplemental insurance assistance from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call George Schwinderman at 436-9107.  
Friday  
Pinchole from 1-4 p.m.  
Bingo at 7 p.m.

**Golden Heritage Senior Center**  
2421 Overland, Burley  
All dinners are served at noon.  
Monday: Spaghetti with meat balls, bread stick, Italian vegetables, tossed salad, cherry cobbler  
Tuesday: Cheese sandwich, minestrone soup, fruit salad, cake  
Wednesday: Salisbury steak, noodles, gravy, summer vegetables, bread sticks, waldorf salad  
Thursday: Pigs in a blanket, macaroni and cheese, beans and corn, applesauce, crisp rice treats  
Friday: Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, peas, mango Jell-O, roll, banana cream pie  
Activities  
Monday  
Pool at 10 a.m.  
Exercise at 11:15 a.m.  
Pinchole at 1 p.m.  
Tuesday  
Tax help from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Pool at 10 a.m.  
Exercise at 11:15 a.m.  
Computer class at 1 p.m.  
Bingo at 7 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Pool at 10 a.m.  
Exercise at 11 a.m.  
Pinchole at 1 p.m.  
Thursday  
Pool at 10 a.m.  
Exercise at 11 a.m.  
Pinchole at 1 p.m.  
Friday  
Pool at 10 a.m.  
Exercise at 11 a.m.  
Bingo at 1 p.m.  
Pinchole at 1 p.m.

## Communicate better with these helpful tips

Have you ever wondered about how we communicate with each other? It is a broad topic. It includes speaking, writing, presenting, reading and listening. Unless we are hermits, we must communicate with others daily in all of these ways.

We discuss and explain. We send e-mails and memos. We demonstrate to make a point or state our case. We read to absorb what others want us to know, or what we want to learn. We listen for the same reasons we read. It is obviously a complicated process. If it were always easy, I do not think there would be as much misunderstanding and turmoil as there is.

Here are some ideas on how to make all facets of your communications with others effective and efficient. These steps can help you be successful in understanding others, and having them understand you.

1. When communicating in business or in groups, get the most from each effort you make. If you give a presentation, record your talk. Then have it transcribed. You can turn your presentation into an article, a power point presentation, etc.

2. Remember, when communicating, your purpose is to convey information and ideas from you to others. Have a way to test and see if you succeeded. Use follow up questions, written or verbal. Have those involved role play or watch them as they perform the task.

3. Communication is a multi-faceted, multi-media, multi-dimensional process. Involve as many of the senses as possible when you communicate, especially visual cues. This will increase the amount people remember and use. Smiles, frowns and hand gestures (nice ones) can go far in helping people get the full impact of what we want them to understand.

4. Be sensitive not to offend with double entendre, or shock words, unless actually required. Be careful with humor also. The wider the diversity of those you communicate with, the harder it is to find "one size fits all" humor due to cultural differences and vocabulary.

5. Be precise, be direct and easy to understand, not vague or



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obscure. Communicate with a precise purpose. Use a common, broadly understood vocabulary except where technical terms add to precision.

6. Know your audience or group. If possible, use surveys to find their interests and concerns before your presentation. Provide self-addressed, stamped envelopes with the surveys you send out, to make it easy to send it back to you. Use the language of the group and address their concerns. Customizing the content of your communications to fit their needs. Your surveys will help you do this.

7. If marketing is your ultimate goal, give a good introduction to build relationships. Draw people to you through competence.

8. Sometimes what you leave unsaid speaks very loudly. Do not overdo the obvious. Do not beat down those who are already down. Help them up. Find ways to compliment and uplift. You get more with sugar than with salt.

9. Do not play politics with others. Avoid hidden agendas. Be open, front and honest about the real purpose for your communications.

10. Wherever possible, be conversational. Whether talking, presenting, or writing to others, speak, act, and write in a relaxed, congenial, not folksy, not snobbish "real you" way.

There you are. Ten ways to help you understand what communication is and how to make sure you understand others and they understand you. When in doubt smile, that will confuse them until you figure out what to do.

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