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Budget panel pushes deeper cuts

Vote doesn't spare education, setting up potential showdown with governor's veto promise

The Associated Press

BOISE - Legislative budget writers voted overwhelmingly on Friday to slash another \$39 million from this year's general tax budget, setting up a possible veto confrontation with Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

The budget reductions - on top of the \$20 million Kempthorne cut last summer - include more than \$18 million from public schools



and over \$4 million from higher education. Kempthorne had protected edu-



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Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert

cation from cuts, calling it critical to the state's eventual economic recovery. But the GOP majority on

the budget panel argued that every part of government should feel the pain of the current financial crisis.

"Idaho is in tough economic times because Idaho's families and Idaho's businesses are in tough economic times, and it's important that Idaho's government reflect those tough times," Senate Finance Chairman Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, told his colleagues. Legislative leaders were con-

dent there was enough support to approve the deeper cuts in the House early next week. The vote in the Senate late in the week was still uncertain, though opponents of the cuts were optimistic.

Although Kempthorne was in Washington, D.C., for a National Governors Association meeting, the governor issued a statement blasting the additional cuts and.

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Club blaze kills 95



Firefighters and rescue workers crowd at the entrance of the Station nightclub Thursday night after flames engulfed the building in West Warwick, R.I.

Band, club owners blame each other

The Washington Post

WEST WARWICK, R.I. - At least 95 people burned to death here in a matter of minutes early Friday as a roaring fire sparked by a heavy metal rock band's pyrotechnic show consumed an old, wood-frame nightclub in one of the worst such tragedies in the nation's history.

Firefighters and rescue workers took 170 people to the hospital. Twenty-five people remained in critical condition in hospitals in Providence, R.I., and Boston Friday night.

Many never made it out - firefighters found 25 bodies piled just inside the main entrance - and others got out only after they had become human balls of fire.

"I saw people running out engulfed in fire," said Mario Giameli, a stocky 38-year-old fan who ran out a side door.

Great White, a heavy metal band, had just launched into its first clanging chords when two pyrotechnic wheels began to spin

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The band played Twin - A4

on stage. Within 15 seconds, flames raced across the low-ceilinged club, black smoke billowed, and hundreds of panicked fans began to claw their way toward exit doors.

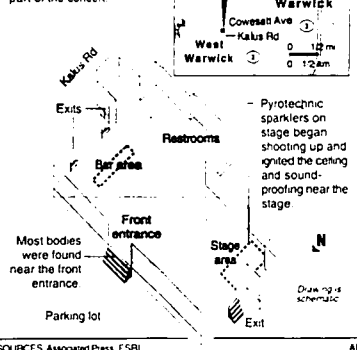
"We are a very small state, and this is a very great tragedy," Rhode Island Democratic Gov. Donald Carcieri said, as he stood outside a Texaco Station, across the street from the blackened remnants of the club.

Friday, club owners said that Great White - which had been scheduled to perform at a Springfield, Va., club Friday night - didn't have permission for the pyrotechnics show. But the band's lead singer and its management company told the Associated Press that the club had been informed of the plans for fireworks.

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Deadly fire rages

At least 95 people were killed and more than 180 injured when a fire erupted inside a crowded nightclub in West Warwick, R.I. The fire ignited from a pyrotechnics show that was part of the concert.



SOURCES: Associated Press, ESPN

AP

Grouse protection remains possible

By Jennifer Sandmann
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Despite recent news that the federal government won't single out Western sage grouse as an endangered species, the potential for listing the range icon remains throughout the entire West.

People living, recreating and farming in southern Idaho are in the middle of the bird's native habitat, and the ramifications of its potential listing as an endangered species are huge.

If sage grouse eventually are listed, it could affect all public rangeland uses and even result in restrictions on private ground, said Jeff Dillon, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist in Portland, Ore.

Federal protections that shape land use are precisely what some groups want.

"Without sage grouse being listed, the bird is simply not going to survive," said Kate Lile, a biologist with the Committee for Idaho's High Desert in Boise.

Efforts to list the bird include a total of six petitions filed so far. Each of the petitions targets a different sage grouse population, and two of the outstanding petitions would affect sage grouse found in southern Idaho.

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Analysts view Philippines move as risky

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - Military and diplomatic experts Friday questioned a new mission that is expected to send American combat troops to the Philippines, warning that the U.S. force faces a complex web of local politics and a danger that the effort could backfire.

By most accounts, the presence of U.S. military advisers in the Philippines over the past year has helped to suppress and fragment the Muslim extremist group Abu Sayyaf on the southern island of Basilan. But the expected arrival of 1,000 U.S. Navy, Marine and Special Operations troops in the southern Philippines in the coming weeks will escalate what had

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NASA engineers expressed frustration at treatment of their damage concerns

The Washington Post

NASA engineers at the Langley Research Center in Virginia expressed frustration during and shortly after the space shuttle Columbia's disastrous flight that the space agency failed to investigate thoroughly whether it had been seriously damaged by debris during launch, according to a series of internal e-mails disclosed Friday.

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In one e-mail sent three days before the shuttle disintegrated on Feb. 1 as it hit the atmosphere, a Langley engineer complained that those managing Columbia's flight had chosen not to do simple studies to clarify what risks it would face on landing and had treated such infor-

mation "like the plague."

The engineer, Robert Daugherty, also said he understood that NASA engineers at the Johnson Space Center in Houston who were estimating the chances that the shuttle could land safely "have used words like 'I think things are 'survivable' but 'marginal.'"

The e-mails made clear that some

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Keith Husband, right, receives a hug from his brother's college roommate, Alan Goodwin, after a memorial service for space shuttle Columbia commander Rick Husband Friday in Amarillo, Texas.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Windy, colder and scattered snow showers or flurries. Highs in the mid to upper 30s, wind chills teens and 20s.

Tonight: Winds will taper off and it will be mostly dry. Lows in the near 20s.

Tomorrow: Partly to mostly cloudy and mostly dry. Highs in the middle 30s, lows in the upper teens.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Strong, gusty winds and periods of light snow or flurries. Highs upper 30s, wind chills teens and 20s.

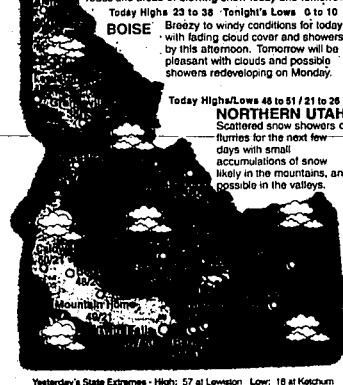
Tonight: Not as windy with a few more snow showers. Lows in the lower 20s.

Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and isolated snow showers. Highs in the middle 30s, lows in the middle teens.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Snow showers for today with additional accumulations likely. By tonight we will start to see an end to the snow and Sunday will be mostly dry. Watch out for icy roads and areas of blowing snow today and tomorrow.

Today Highs 23 to 38. Tonight's Lows 0 to 10.
Breezy to windy conditions for today with fading cloud cover and showers by this afternoon. Tomorrow will be pleasant with clouds and possible showers redeveloping on Monday.

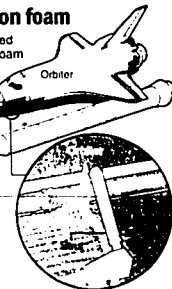


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Renewed attention on foam

NASA investigators have renewed attention on the possibility that foam covering the external fuel tank could have dislodged at liftoff and smashed into the left wing causing catastrophic consequences on re-entry.

Foam on the bi-rod ramps insulates the connecting point of struts that attaches the orbiter to the external fuel tank. This insulation is believed to have detached during liftoff.



SOURCE: NASA

Shuttle

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NASA engineers were more worried during the flight about the shuttle's safety than previously known, and that Daugherty in particular thought his concerns were not being heard.

"We can't imagine why getting information is being treated like the plague," he wrote to his boss, Mark Shuart, on Jan. 28.

"I am convinced that the fact that this incident occurred is not being widely discussed," Shuart then wrote as he forwarded Daugherty's e-mail to the Langley center's acting director.

Daugherty, a 20-year NASA engineering veteran who specializes in landing dynamics, described engineers in Texas as being particularly worried that foam debris that broke off the shuttle's huge external fuel tank during the Columbia's launch had

gouged the heat shielding on the door covering the main landing gear in the left wing.

This is the area where the Columbia's sensors later registered an unprecedented temperature increase during the re-entry as, investigators now believe, superheated air penetrated the wing and destroyed some of its wiring, causing the sensors to fail altogether.

After the disaster, officials at Johnson said they believed the heat shield had experienced at most minor damage and that they had no reason to worry about the integrity of the shuttle or the safety of the seven-person crew. The disaster is under investigation by a NASA-appointed commission that has already interviewed Daugherty and plans to do so again, according to a source close to the commission.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Windy and colder with light snow showers or flurries	Not as windy and mostly dry	Breezy, mostly cloudy and mostly dry	Mostly cloudy, brisk and spotty snow showers	Cloudy skies and scattered rain and snow showers	Mostly cloudy skies and possible showers
High 37	Low 20	36/18	35/19	40/26	46/25

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity
Yesterday's High: 61 Yesterday's Low: 48 Normal High/Low: 48/25 Record High: 87 in 1887 Record Low: 8 in 1888	Yesterday's: 0.00" Month to Date: 0.52" Avg. Month to Date: 0.54" Water Year to Date: 3.02" A winter year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30	Yesterday's High: 75% Yesterday's Low: 41% Today's Forecast High: 61% Today's Forecast Low: 53% A winter year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30

Moon Phases

Feb. 23	Mar. 3	Mar. 11	Mar. 18
Last Qr	New Moon	First Cr.	Full Moon

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Monday
Boise	41-53	41-53	41-53
Bozeman	38-50	38-50	38-50
Butte	38-50	38-50	38-50
Chandler	38-50	38-50	38-50
Chandler	38-50	38-50	38-50
Chandler	38-50	38-50	38-50
Chandler	38-50	38-50	38-50
Chandler	38-50	38-50	38-50
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Chandler	38-50	38-50	38-50

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Monday
Atlanta	45-60	45-60	45-60
Baltimore	45-60	45-60	45-60
Birmingham	45-60	45-60	45-60
Boston	45-60	45-60	45-60
Butte	45-60	45-60	45-60
Chandler	45-60	45-60	45-60
Chandler	45-60	45-60	45-60
Chandler	45-60	45-60	45-60
Chandler	45-60	45-60	45-60
Chandler	45-60	45-60	45-60

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Wind
Boise	46	21	W 10-20
Butte	46	21	W 10-20
Chandler	46	21	W 10-20
Chandler	46	21	W 10-20
Chandler	46	21	W 10-20
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Chandler	46	21	W 10-20
Chandler	46	21	W 10-20

Barometric Pressure

5 p.m. Yesterday: 29.99 in.

Sunrise and Sunset

Today: Sunrise: 7:28 AM, Sunset: 6:14 PM

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Low Moderate High

Snowpack

Snake R. above Fallsides: 82%

World Forecast

Today Tomorrow

City Hi Lo Wk Hi Lo Wk

Atlanta 45-60 45-60

Baltimore 45-60 45-60

Birmingham 45-60 45-60

Boston 45-60 45-60

Butte 45-60 45-60

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Today's National Map

-20 -10 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

Valid to 5 p.m. today

Yesterday's National Extremes:

High: 87 at Sanford, Fla.

Low: -15 at Fraser, Colo.

Cadets' assault reports increase

DENVER (AP) — The number of female Air Force Academy cadets who say they were sexually assaulted and then reprimanded for reporting it has increased to 12, Sen. Wayne Allard said Friday.

News reports last week said that at least five Republican candidates claimed they got in trouble for reporting they had been sexually assaulted. Allard said his office has since heard of seven more cases.

The academy's superintendent,

Li. Gen. John Dallager, issued a brief statement Friday saying there is zero tolerance for sexual assault at the school and in the Air Force.

An Air Force team is at the Colorado Springs-based academy looking into the reports after the Colorado Republican and Sen. John Warner, R-Va., asked the Pentagon to investigate.

Allard said he did not know the outcome of the more recently reported cases, but he said he believes the women's stories.

Grouse

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The Fish and Wildlife Service has decided that two of the petitions didn't warrant listing, Dillon said. The Western sage grouse population in Washington, Oregon and California was determined not to be genetically distinct, he said.

There was not enough information to conclude that the Mono Basin sage grouse in Nevada and California are genetically distinct and live in habitat so fragmented that the birds are isolated populations, the Fish and Wildlife Service says.

The Washington sage grouse have been found to be an isolated population because of habitat fragmentation, and Fish and Wildlife determined listing is warranted, Dillon said. But the species is precluded from listing right now, because other species are in more urgent need.

Three other sage grouse petitions are on hold — including one that would affect southern Idaho's sage grouse and another that would affect nearly all sage grouse populations throughout the West, including those in Idaho. The rangewide petition would also affect the Western and Mono Basin birds, which haven't been considered genetically distinct under the other petitions.

The Fish and Wildlife Service, working within budget constraints, has a stack of petitions ahead of these remaining sage grouse petitions, said Chuck Davis, Endangered Species Act listing coordinator in Denver. The agency will periodically review sage grouse populations in case an emergency listing becomes warranted, he said. Otherwise, the petitions will remain in the stack, behind court-ordered reviews and other petitions.

Action in the field

To take action before the bird reaches the brink of extinction, conservation efforts are under way to preserve and restore sage grouse habitat.

"Our group believes that the grouse really need help. The problem with sage grouse right now is that it is all talk and no

action," said Kent Christopher, a founding board member of the North American Grouse Partnership.

Regional sage grouse "working groups" seek to address the sage grouse habitat problem, but progress has been slow, said Christopher, who lives in Rexburg. After meeting for four years, an eastern Idaho working group recently was awarded a grant to map sage grouse migration corridors.

"We are going to help the grouse with or without the Endangered Species Act," Christopher said.

Christopher isn't convinced listing the bird is the way to bring it back. Listing would be helpful if it stimulates action, but not if it results in more legal challenges that could delay action in the field, he said.

"What's needed is the political and social resolve to face this problem and do something about it," he said.

Based on science alone, listing probably is warranted, Christopher said.

"In our lifetime, we could lose sage grouse. There is no question about it," he said.

Herb Meyer of Mountain Home is a member of the Owyhee County Sage Grouse Working Group. He said it is better to work cooperatively at the local level to conserve sage grouse habitat than to have the federal government step in with regulations.

"The big thing everybody is concerned about is losing more habitat," Meyer said.

Sage grouse are recognized as a species that serves as an indicator of ecosystem health. If the bird population is in decline, scientists begin to look at the health of the sage brush-steppe habitat. Sage grouse require a variety of habitats such as large expanses of sagebrush and a variety of grasses and forbs and healthy riparian ecosystems, according to researchers at Western State College of Colorado.

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Budget

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urging voters to contact lawmakers with their objections.

"I said I do not want to preside over the dismantling of state government, and I'm afraid this proposal begins that," the governor said.

Although he did not raise the prospect, key aides said Kempthorne remains adamant about vetoing the bill.

Though leaders in each house could not predict enough support to override a veto, they agreed the bill running its course is important to moving lawmakers toward some compromise of budget cuts and higher taxes to end the budget emergency.

"You have to get this thing off the dime," House Speaker Bruce Newcomb of Burley said.

Friday's vote by the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee followed weeks of testimony from government managers that cuts beyond the nearly \$200 million already made over the past 18 months can only be met by eliminating programs. They warned that prison inmates could be released, parks closed, health and other care for the poor terminated and courses and programs dropped at public schools and state colleges.

Critics of the cut predicted that school districts and counties will have to ask for increased property taxes to make up lost state money. "Everything in this will inflict some level of pain," Cameron said.

But Democratic Sen. Bert Marley of McCall, a school teacher himself, said the bill goes too far.

"I wasn't elected to do away with essential government services," Marley said. "This isn't a solution we're looking at here. This just pushes the problem down the road."

It is the second year in a row the committee has voted to cut school support. Last year, lawmakers stripped \$25 million from the original \$870 million appropriation that provides about 75 percent of the operating cash for public education.

Advocates of another round of cuts said school districts could use their resources to cover money withheld by the state, and if they do not have reserves — as is the case for at least eight strapped districts, including Cassia County and Castleford — they can borrow from next year's appropriation.

"We are proposing to pass on to the schools, the locals, what I think

"I wasn't elected to do away with essential government services."

— Sen. Bert Marley, D-McCall

How they voted

Here's how the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee voted Friday on a measure to cut another \$33 million in state spending:

Democrats for (1) — Sen. Marti Calabretta of Osburn.

Republicans for (18) — Sen. Mel Richardson of Idaho Falls, Sen. Brent Hill of Rimbey, Sen. Finance Chairman Don Cameron of Rupert, Sen. Don Buttershaw of Teton, Sen. Shawn Kowalski of Sandpoint, Sen. Pat Ann Lodge of Huxton, Sen. Monty Pearce of New Pymouth, Sen. Curt McKenzie of Harpoe, House Appropriations Chairman Melvin Balle of Jerome, Rep. Pamela Field of Grand View, Rep. Les Cagner of Idaho Falls, Rep. Darrell Botz of Caldwell, Rep. George Estridge of Owyhee, Rep. Dick Harwood of St. Maries, Rep. Scott Bodin of Oakley.

Democrats against (3) — Sen. Bert Marley of McCall, Rep. Ken Robinson of Boise, Rep. Mike Mitchell of Lewiston.

Republicans against (3) — Rep. Wayne Meyer of Rathdrum.

is some of our responsibility to fund schools in tough times," Democratic Rep. Ken Robinson of Boise said.

Kempthorne has proposed a cent-and-a-half increase in the 5-cent sales tax and more in doubling the cigarette tax to stabilize the budget and continue existing operations for another year without further curtailment.

Key lawmakers controlling the House tax-writing committee have resisted any kind of tax hike, arguing that cutting waste from the current budget will be enough to erase any deficit.

Is Iran seeking nuclear weapons too?

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NATION

Chief inspector's mandate could trigger war

Los Angeles Times

UNITED NATIONS - Chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix ordered Iraq on Friday to start destroying dozens of Al Samoud 2 missiles, engines and component parts by March 1. If Iraq refuses to comply, Blix is prepared to declare a "material breach," which could trigger military action.

Such a verdict from Blix, regarded as a neutral arbiter of Iraq's cooperation, could unite the Security Council, deeply divided over whether Iraq has failed to cooperate and if it is time to use force to disarm the country. Resolution 1441, which gives Iraq a "final chance" to disarm, says that if inspectors determine there has been a further

material breach, Iraq will face serious consequences - namely military action.

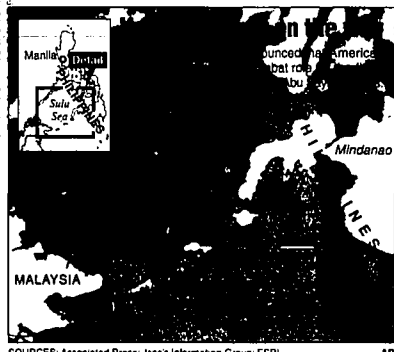
U.N. diplomats were skeptical that Iraq would want to destroy the weapons on the eve of a possible U.S.-led invasion. "I should think that a few weeks away from war, they wouldn't want to blow

them up," said a senior U.N. official.

Blix has met with four of the

five permanent members of the Security Council this week. But so far, some members, especially Russia say that the missile infraction alone is not enough to justify war, and that inspectors are coming under great pressure to provide a "pretext" for an attack.

Ironically, it was the Iraqis who alerted the inspectors to the missiles, which could become the basis for an attack against Saddam Hussein's government. In its Dec. 7 arms declaration, Iraq noted that in some tests, the Al Samoud 2 missiles exceeded the U.N.-mandated 93-mile limit.



SOURCES: Associated Press, Jane's Information Group, ESRI

Philippines

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been a training and advisory mission.

With an apparent authorization to engage in combat alongside Philippine troops, the U.S. forces also threaten a constitutional crisis in the Southeast Asian nation, which bans foreign troops from combat. And it could disrupt a fragile truce between the government and the predominantly Catholic Muslim political groups in the Islamic region of the predominantly Catholic nation, analysts warned.

"It's a volatile soup of issues, controversies, tensions, resentments and vendettas, and there it seems to me is the real risk," said Donald Emmerson, director of the Southeast Asia Forum at Stanford University. "One hopes the Americans can improve the situation rather than inadvertently worsening it."

In a less-than-auspicious beginning to the U.S. mission, Philippine officials continued to maintain that the Americans would be coming as part of a joint military exercise, not a combat operation.

The force announced by the Pentagon on Thursday includes 2,200 U.S. naval forces and 750 Green Berets, Navy SEALs and other special operations soldiers. Diverging from the Philippine statements, the Pentagon said these troops will enter the country in an "operational role" rather than a strictly advisory capacity.

Analysts warn that the combined U.S. and Philippine forces will have to tread lightly to avoid antagonizing a broad array of other Muslim groups in the southern Philippines and prompt them to unite and become more active throughout Southeast Asia.

Since 1996, the Philippine government has maintained a fragile truce with the main rebel group in the region, the Moro National Liberation Front, that allows the group to oversee small swaths of autonomous territory. Abu Sayyaf and another group, the Moro

Islamic Liberation Front, splintered off and continue to wage an armed campaign against the government.

Philippine troops, with the advisory backing of U.S. forces, already have regained control of Basilan Island, once a stronghold of Abu Sayyaf. The American and Philippine troops would now take their campaign to the Sulu islands further south, a largely lawless region rife with piracy and kidnapping. Angry over the lack of economic development in the region, many residents continue to support the rebels.

"Our military forces can help keep a lid on things," said Andrew Krepinovich, executive director of the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments. "But the (Abu Sayyaf) movement is a product of disenfranchisement and is something that is going to have to be solved politically and economically."

Inevitably, the heightened U.S. involvement will expose more Americans to attack. Last year, 10 U.S. military personnel were killed when a helicopter crashed during a training exercise, and a Green Beret was killed by a bomb that exploded outside the base housing the Americans.

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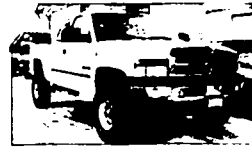
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Fire officials said The Station nightclub's main room was engulfed in flames within three minutes of when the fire started.

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Fire officials said that neither the club nor the band had applied for the state certificates required to stage a pyrotechnic display. They added that they would never have granted such a certificate to the small club, called The Station.

"The very notion of pyrotechnics in the interior of a combustible building speaks for itself," said West Warwick Fire Chief Donald Hall.

State and federal fire officials said an investigation was underway and that criminal charges were possible, but would not discuss details.

An attorney for the The Station's owners, brothers Michael and Jeffrey Derderian, said that the owners never would have agreed to the use of pyrotechnics in such a small space, Jeffrey Derderian was inside the club but escaped.

"No permission was ever requested by the band or its agents to use pyrotechnics at The Station," said the statement from attorney Kathleen Hagerty. "And



A television camera operator caught this image of the pyrotechnic display seconds before it ignited the ceiling of The Station nightclub Thursday.

no permission was ever given." At least one longtime customer, however, said that it wasn't the first time he'd seen pyrotechnics in The Station. Chris Travis said that at a concert at the nightclub last November or December, a band used a small display that set off a small fire.

"A member of the staff came up

with a fire extinguisher and put it out right away," Travis said. "I didn't think anything of it."

Lead singer Jack Russell said the band's managers had told the club that pyrotechnics were part of the show.

Great White had set off similar pyrotechnics twice in the past month. On Feb. 7 in Florida at

Band played Twin Falls

Great White, the heavy metal band whose concert pyrotechnics are believed to have led to Thursday night's devastating fire in Rhode Island, once performed in Twin Falls. In December 1999, the band performed at the Roper Auditorium on the campus of Twin Falls High School.

Pinellas Expo Center, they ignited pyrotechnics. The manager, Tim Bryant, said the band never told him of its intent.

On Feb. 14, the band used pyrotechnics again, this time at the Stone Pony nightclub in Asbury Park, N.J., a place made famous by Bruce Springsteen. That club's owner, Domenic Santana, said he never allows such fireworks in his club, and expressly prohibits it in the contract with the bands.

"We do not allow pyrotechnics because of our ceiling height," said Santana.

In Great White's case, Santana said, his stage manager ran over as soon as the fireworks went off. The manager "says what the hell are you doing? You cannot do this here," Santana said. "They argued back and forth, they stopped the pyros, and the show went on."

After the show, Santana said his employees told the band: "What you did is wrong here. You're dealing with people's lives. We told them 'you'll never play here again.'"

For a while, flames seemed part of act

The Washington Post

WEST WARWICK, R.I. — Announcer DJ Metal stepped off the stage, the house lights went down and the crowd began to rock out, waving beers overhead as the '80s heavy metal band Great White crashed into the first song, "Desert Moon."

The band didn't get past the first verse.

Let's shake this town, baby, Come with me. I need a little lovin' company...

This is the time. T'stay out all night.

I've gotta fire. Like a heavenly light.

Two pinwheeling, spark-spitting machines roared into action behind the band — and instantly set fire to sound-insulating foam at the back of the stage at the Station nightclub.

Flames raced up the wall to the low-hanging ceiling. Lead singer Jack Russell tried to douse the foam with a water bottle.

It was 11 o'clock Thursday night, the club was jam-packed, and all four exits were clear. Yet it all happened so fast, so soon after the band started playing, that the crowd hung frozen.

"I just thought it was part of the show. They have a great act," said Brandon Fravala, 24.

"You just assume they got everything under control. I didn't want to give up my spot" on the dance floor, said Chris Travis, 37, whose goateed face was still smug with sweat Friday, a heat rash visible on his neck.

When the crowd did begin to understand what was happening, Travis said, most people turned around toward the front entrance, the door they had come through.

"It was like a funnel — everyone was trying to get out. No one was moving," he said.

Because Mario Giamet, 38, used to work security at clubs, he said, he had paid attention to the exits. Now he rushed to a side door as black smoke poured across the ceiling. The heat was so intense, it

was "like being inside a big gas can. It was just a mass of humanity — and they were on fire."

Travis, too, realized his best hope was the side door. He said

he reached it and held it open, gallantly, for several women. Then he was knocked to the ground by a stampede.

"People were trampling me and falling over me. I covered my face with my jacket. I said to myself: 'I got to move, or I'm going to die here,'" he said.

By that time, the blue neon lights were out, the Budweiser sign obscured by smoke. Travis said he began moving by feel alone. He felt arms, legs, a wall.

Then he felt out the door, by pure luck. There were so many people tumbling on top of him, he said, that he had to grab his own legs and yank himself out.

"You could smell flesh burning," he said. "If I hadn't made the door at that second, I'd be dead."

Back inside, Fravala was also



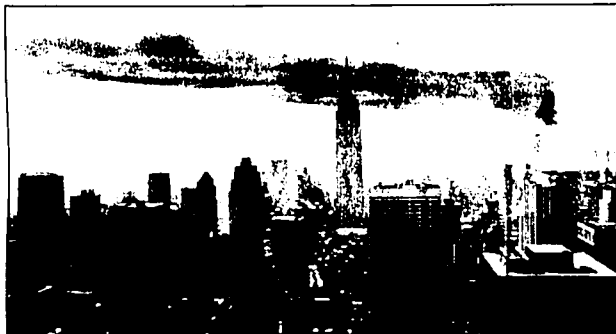
Steven Ayer, 55, of West Warwick, shows photographs of his daughter Tina, 33, who was missing.

caught in a human pile. The husky, 40-year-old driver with an earring and a blond buzz-cut guesses there were 15 or 20 people on top of him. Some who were still standing threw chairs through a window, which had the effect of fanning the flames. He wondered whether he would ever see his 4-year-old son again.

"I was low enough that I was under the smoke, but my chest began to hurt," Fravala said. "I turned around, and I saw people fully engulfed in flames."

Band guitarist Ty Longley was listed among the missing.

Deborah DeMarco was just finishing her shift at a Texaco station across the street when the fire broke out. Burn victims were running into the parking lot of the Cawsett Inn, a restaurant, and so she held the door open for them. "Their faces were melted. Their body parts were melted," she said. "I just prayed for them, and I cried."



Smoke from an oil storage facility explosion on Staten Island, is seen Friday from Rockefeller Center's Rainbow Room in Manhattan. The explosion was heard several miles away.

Deadly explosion rocks N.Y. area

NEW YORK (AP) — A gasoline barge being unloaded at a Staten Island oil depot exploded with a thunderous blast Friday, killing at least one worker and sending up a fiery column of black smoke so high it could be seen more than 30 miles away.

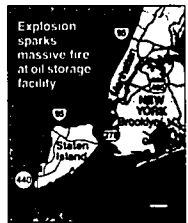
With the nation on high alert for terrorism, the explosion and raging fire about 20 miles from the World Trade Center attacks unnerved New York and New Jersey residents, but authorities said there was no indication terrorists were involved.

One worker was killed, another was unaccounted for, and an employee of Exxon Mobil Corp., the owner of the depot — was in critical condition with third-degree burns, officials said.

The cause of the blast was under investigation.

"I looked up at the sky, and I saw pieces of metal flying all over," said worker Jaime Villa, who was repairing a pump when the barge blew up just after 10 a.m. "I ran as fast as I could go. I was so scared that I lost my breath and I fell to the ground."

The barge, which contained about 4 million gallons of unleaded gasoline, was being unloaded at the 200-acre petroleum storage facility when the explosion occurred. The barge eventually sank in the Arthur Kill, a waterway between Staten Island and New Jersey. The fire took about three hours to contain.



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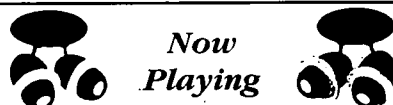
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YOUR WEEKEND

'The Tempest'

What: Company of Fools will perform William Shakespeare's "The Tempest."
Where: Liberty Theater, Hailey.
When: 8 p.m. today and 2 p.m. Sunday.
How much: Tickets, which are \$20 for reserved seats and \$15 for students and senior citizens, can be reserved by phoning 788-6520.

'Forever Plaid'

What: The Sun Valley Resort will present its production of Stuart Ross' "Forever Plaid."
Where: Boiler Room.
When: 8:30 p.m. today.
How much: For ticket information, call the Sun Valley Sports Center at 622-4111.

The Lamphouse Theatre

What: "Femme Fatale" will be shown.
Where: The Lamphouse Theatre, 223 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
When: 4:30, 7 and 9:15 p.m. today and Sunday.
How much: \$6.50 for adults, \$4.50 for seniors and students and \$4 for matinees.

Faulkner Planetarium

What: The Faulkner Planetarium will present "The Mystery of the Missing Seasons."
Where: Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.
How much: Admission is free for anyone accompanied by a child of any age.

'D'Art Show'

What: "D'Art Show," an exhibition featuring the work of five College of Southern Idaho faculty members, will be on display.
Where: The Jean B. King Gallery in the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the CSI campus in Twin Falls.
When: 7 p.m. today.
How much: Free.

Fund-raising dinner

What: The Magic Valley Christian School will host a fiesta dinner and talent show.
Where: The Twin Falls Reformed Church's social hall, 1631 Grandview Drive N.
When: The dinner will be served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. today with the talent show to follow at 7 p.m.
How much: The suggested donation for the dinner is \$8 per person or \$25 per family. The suggested donation for the talent show is \$3 per person or \$10 per family. Talent show proceeds go toward the freshman class trip to Washington, D.C.

Coffee and jazz

What: The Chapter 2 Jazz Quartet, featuring Brian Crider, Steve Cox, Jeff Fox and Jake Smith, will perform.
Where: The Coffee Cafe in the Lynwood Mall.
When: 7-9 p.m. today.
How much: No cover charge.

Fat Tire

What: Fat Tire will play.
Where: TJ's Lounge, 112 Broadway Ave. S., Buhl.
When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.
How much: No cover charge.

For more Your Weekend

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season pack**
Upper Snake River	82%	81%
Salmon Falls	59%	45%
Salmon	60%	66%
Oakley	53%	41%
Big Wood	66%	66%
Little Wood	102%	77%
Henrys Fork/Teton	81%	81%
Big Lost	94%	67%
Little Lost	78%	53%

*A comparison of basin snowpack, on Feb. 1, with a 30-year average.
**An indicator of basin snowpack for the season.



For the first time ever, Twin Falls High School has four finalists in the National Merit Scholar competition. They are Becky Atkins, left front, Nate Poppino, front, Brooke Jardine, back left, and Jonathan Stone.

TFHS has four scholarship finalists

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - There were days back in grade school when Brooke Jardine wished she could mask her intelligence. Elementary school students tend to make a sport out of teasing the "smart kid."

Now a senior at Twin Falls High School, she's grown comfortable with her abilities. She revels in her curious nature.
"I've never been the type of person who'll just write down the answer," the 18-year-old said. "I'll always want to know why. If I don't understand something, I'll say, 'I understand the basic concept but I don't understand why this works.' I've always been very inquisitive."

And now those smarts are on the verge of paying off, literally. Jardine has the distinction of qualifying as a finalist in the

National Merit Scholarship competition.

One of the nation's most prestigious awards given to high school students, National Merit Scholarship winners not only receive thousands of dollars, they receive tuition-free education at around 200 colleges and universities nationwide.

But Jardine isn't alone in her accomplishments at the high school. For the first time, Twin Falls High School is home to four National Merit Scholarship finalists. They are Nate Poppino, 18, Becky Atkins, 17, and Jonathan Stone, 17.

All scored exceptionally high on the PSAT, or Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, which measures verbal reasoning skills, critical reading skills, math problem-solving skills and writing skills.

Less than 1 percent of a state's high school seniors qualify. Of the millions who take that test, 16,000

make it as a semifinalist and only 8,000 high school seniors nationwide actually win the award.

"I was excited. I was hoping that I would get it," Jardine said. "It's a really big honor, kind of being recognized for scholastic achievements."

Jardine has already been accepted to the University of Idaho, but she's still looking at other colleges, particularly Duke University in North Carolina and Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash.

The goal is to study medicine, a pursuit she's desired since elementary school. Though the career paths have changed - one year she wanted to be a veterinarian, another it was a pediatrician - the health care field has always held her fancy.

"It seems like something that would be challenging but also always changing, interesting and interactive, not something that

would get old and tiring. There's always something new you can do with it," she said.

A future news hound?

Nate Poppino, 18, knows something about being inquisitive.

A born journalist, Poppino applies his curiosity and sense of humor to his role as editor on the high school's newspaper and occasional stints writing for *The Times-News*. He also plays the stand-up bass in jazz groups and admittedly has "a certain weakness for video games."

He can now add being a National Merit Scholarship finalist to his resume.

"I feel really happy about it," he said. "It makes me feel really good that out of all the people in the country I managed to get this award."

His career path currently leans Please see **FINALISTS**, Page A7

Homesteaders will mark 50 years

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - Hundreds of them came from Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Montana, California, Alaska and elsewhere. They even came from Burley, Heyburn, Filer, Caldwell and other locations around Idaho.

The Mindoka Project homesteaders came from all over for a share in the American Dream - 80 to 160-acre tracts of land.

The names of the first Mindoka Project homesteaders - the last homesteaders in the United States - were drawn from a lottery barrel on the Rupert Square on Aug. 4, 1953. Idaho Lt. Gov. Edson Deal drew and called out the first name - Edward Madden - to a crowd of an estimated 6,000.

From that first drawing through 1961, a

Collecting stories

DOn Missa, who homesteaded on the Mindoka Project in 1956, says his name was being drawn out of a barrel by Jo Ann Hill at the moment her mother was snapping her picture on July 4, 1956. He has been busy over the past few months collecting stories from homesteaders and putting a new booklet together that he hopes to have ready in time to sell during the Rupert Fourth of July celebration this year. He urges any homesteaders who would like to contribute anecdotes to contact him or another member of the committee.

total of 637 names were drawn.

Those who were not present at the first drawing received letters. Each year on or around July 4, more names were drawn

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Two daughters of homesteaders help draw names of 1956 homesteaders July 4, 1956, on the Rupert Square. Jo Ann Hill, Ed Hill's daughter, and Georgia Pratt (head down), Jack Pratt's daughter, drew the names. While Wayne Hollenbeck, left, who was on the committee that approved applications, watched. Wendell Clark, project engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation, turned the wheel.

T.F. legislator votes against tort reform measure; House approves it

BOISE - Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, was the only Magic Valley legislator to vote Thursday against legislation that would limit certain damages plaintiffs could recover in lawsuits.

The House approved the measure on a 58-12 vote. The legislation calls for a cap on punitive damages of \$250,000, or three times compensatory damages, whichever is greater. It would also lower the limit of non-economic damages from the current maximum of \$682,000 to \$250,000. Actual damages remain unlimited.

Additionally, the bill would increase the standard of proof required before a jury or judge could award punitive damages

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from a "preponderance of the evidence" to "clear and convincing evidence."

Supporters say the bill is aimed at reducing insurance rates, especially skyrocketing malpractice premiums paid by doctors and hospitals. Smith and others argue it unfairly limits potential compensation available to victims of horrendous personal tragedies.

Local legislators voting for the measure were Rep. Scott Bedke of Oakley, Maxine Bell of Jerome, Sharon Block of Twin Falls, Doug Jones of Filer, Tim Ridinger of Shoshone and Bert Stevenson of Rupert, and

Democrat Wendy Jaquet of Ketchum.

The bill moves to the Senate, where the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association hopes to quash the bill in the Judiciary and Rules Committee.

Speeding stop nets drug arrest in Jerome County

JEROME - A 56-year-old Jerome man was facing narcotics charges following the discovery of drugs and paraphernalia in his car late Tuesday, according to the Jerome County Sheriff's Office.

James F. Orr Sr. was stopped by a deputy for speeding at 200 North and Highway 93, according to a sheriff's office report. A sub-

sequent search of Orr's vehicle turned up about 3.7 grams of methamphetamine, according to the sheriff's office. Orr was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The case is still under investigation, and anybody with information should call the investigation section of the sheriff's office at 324-8445.

Rollover crash leaves two Weiser women injured

BLISS - Two Weiser women were seriously hurt Friday afternoon when their car rolled on Interstate 84 near Bliss, according to the Goshute County Sheriff's

Office. The names of the women, who are 65 and 89, were withheld Friday pending notification of family members, said deputy Dave Kiger.

The women's injuries appeared serious, but not life-threatening, Kiger said. The two were taken by an ambulance to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise mostly as a precautionary measure, he said.

The 1994 Oldsmobile, the younger woman was driving, was out of control because of a tire blowout and ended up in the median.

Both women were wearing their seat belts, he said.

-compiled from staff reports

Minidoka County kids get check-ups

By Times-News

RUPERT - Second- and third-graders at two local elementary schools were asked to say "uhh" on Friday.

State Dental Hygienist Karla Luedtke checked the teeth of second- and third-graders at Memorial Elementary School and St. Nicholas Catholic school.

Minidoka County School District Nurse Laurie Stimpson said the "smile surveys" are performed every five years at each elementary school in the district. The state requires the dental check-ups in order for a school to continue to be involved in the fluoride rinse program.

A fluoride rinse is provided five to six times a year to elementary students each week to help prevent cavities and keep teeth and gums healthy, Stimpson said.

The rinse is estimated to decrease cavities by 30 to 40 percent.

Friday's exams checked for cavities and sealant along with overall health of the teeth and gums.

Students in the dental hygiene program at the College of Southern Idaho assisted Luedtke as she checked the children's teeth.



St. Nicholas second-grader Kalen Manning has his teeth inspected by hygienist Karla Luedtke on Friday. February is National Dental Month, Stimpson said.

Earlier in the month school nurses visited schools to talk

about the importance of good dental care.

Department of Commerce denies Declo grant

By Mary Lynne Bristol

Times-News correspondent

DECLO - City officials learned last week the city's application for a community development block grant to help fund an upgrade of the city's electric system had been denied by the Idaho Department of Commerce.

Declo officials can't pursue a block grant now, Jennifer Eterter, Region 4 Development told the council and mayor. Eterter reviewed the commerce department letter with the council and offered suggestions of what city

officials could do to have a better shot at a successful grant application in November.

The city offered a 35 percent match to the grant application, a much lower percentage than competing governments offered, Eterter said.

And Declo's grant was viewed as less critical for health and safety issues than some other project applications.

Council members disagreed with the second assessment, noting that the power surges which have occurred have been very damaging to property if not to human life. Council members

are concerned that residents could be harmed because of future power surges.

Other council business included:

- **Warning light** - Cassia County Sheriff Jim Higns told the council about a recent discussion he had with officials from the Idaho Transportation Department about placing a flashing traffic light at the intersection of Idaho Highways 77 and 81 where the two roads meet in Declo. Transportation Department officials agreed to consider the request, Higns said.

- **Law enforcement update** - Resident Cassia County Sheriff's Deputy Terry Bell reported deputies spent 54.5 hours in Declo and wrote 13 citations in January.

- **Surplus property** - The council approved a request by City Maintenance Supervisor Gene Fries to sell a surplus steam cleaner with a propane tank.

- **Electric rate increases** - Council members discussed how to recoup future electric rate increases from the city's wholesale supplier.

Finalists

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toward journalism.

"It's a chance to write without it being huge long essays, just getting to know what's going on," he said. Thus, he may make advantage of his acceptance to the University of Idaho, a school that he said boasts a fine journalism school.

But then there's his interests in math and computers that may pull him in yet another direction and university.

Mad about math

It's math that has held Becky Atkins attention since her first days in school, always her favorite subject.

Even in elementary school, "I liked going home and working on my math," she said. It's that passion for math that helped her score well on the PSAT, and, in turn, earn a spot as a finalist.

"It's quite an honor. I didn't think I had done that well, so I'm surprised," she said.

She's heading off to Whitworth College in Spokane to study either secondary math education or engineering. Working with kids also ranks high on her list, so the format may get the nod. She currently tutors children after school and will work as a camp counselor during the summer.

"I work hard and I've always worked hard so I guess it pays off in the end."

Always up for a challenge

It wasn't until Jonathan Stone started receiving invitations from colleges that he learned he was a finalist.

"I was pretty surprised," he said. "It's obviously an honor."

But he's also quick to downplay his accomplishments. "I filled in the right bubbles, maybe it was just pure luck," he said. "I'd like to think it was my massive mental powers, but maybe not."

Like Jardine, Stone made it through 12 years of school with relative ease.

"School is easy as far as understanding concepts and being able to comprehend something that the teacher throws at me and expects me to learn and to regurgitate on a test, because that's what it's been mostly about. You sit there and memorize and that's easy."

That's not to say he wasn't engaged in certain subjects. It's math that provides him with a spark for learning.

He's in near agreement with his calculus teacher, who views certain mathematical theorems as an out-of-body experience.

"I kind of laughed at that first, but once you get into it it's really awesome. Now, I'm not calling it an out-of-body experience but I would say it's up there."

As such, whichever university he chooses - Idaho State University is the current focus - math will be the pursuit.

The scholarship winners will be notified in March.

Homestead

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and the people came, until all of the 72,000 irrigable acres were awarded on the A & B Irrigation District, changing the face of Minidoka and Jerome counties and the Magic Valley forever.

Jack Bell, chairman of the Rupert Fourth of July Committee, said at a recent homesteaders meeting that the committee is looking for a theme for this year's 50th anniversary celebration of the Minidoka Project's start.

Finding new homes

Homesteads were tracts of land awarded to veterans who had served their country during World War II or the Korean War. To qualify for homesteads, the ex-GIs needed at least two years' farming experience and were required to each have \$4,500 in assets that could be used in farming, said documents provided by the Minidoka County Historical Society.

After proving they qualified, applicants signed papers. Those

whose names were drawn made enough to set us up to live, we were off. What a sight! Let's not leave out our colts and elm trees in one corner. We were off to our big adventure."

"When we left Kansas, we looked like folks from The Grapes of Wrath," said Lucile Whistler's account in the Kasota book.

When she and her husband, Olsen, they came to Idaho in 1958, their old Chevy truck was really loaded, she said.

"When we came through Wyoming it was 30 degrees below, and we hit a blinding snowstorm," Whistler said. "At this point we knew for sure we had made the biggest mistake of our lives, but there was no turning back."

And it was no turning back for the close to 700 homesteaders who eventually filled the Minidoka Project.

Starting from scratch

Hillis said that during those first years, crowded makeshift classrooms were set up in storefronts, churches, trailers or in any available space before schools were

built. Many homes were also makeshift during those first homesteading years.

Farm buildings, which were more important, were usually built first, and many homesteaders lived in those buildings - including chicken coops, sheds, trailers and tents - until homes could be built.

John and Joyce Rogers said they took their corn crib down in Kansas, loaded it on a railroad car with the rest of their possessions and reassembled it for a home when they got to their homestead in 1957. They lived in that 20-by-24-foot building for a few months until they built their home, she said.

"Before spring, Rex moved a poor, old house onto our prized land," said Bruce Crane in the Kasota book. "It had housed chickens before. Bud Webb's family had used it, and now we were using it."

That was the second year. The first year they had lived in a long utility shed lined with bunk beds.

"We cooked and ate in a 16-foot trailer," she said.

Raymond Anderson's account of his family's first homestead home can also be found in the

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split into working groups to provide specific comments on the preliminary alternatives.

Officials from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service are developing a management plan for Craters of the Moon because the size of the monument was recently expanded.

People may submit comments on management of the monument through March 14. Comments should be sent to Craters of the Moon National Monument Planning Team, Bureau of Land Management, Shoshone Field Office, P.O. Box 2 B, Shoshone, 83352-1522.

Public comments will be incorporated in the draft management plan and draft environmental impact statement, scheduled to be published this fall. Plans now call for a final EIS and management plan to be ready in fall 2004.

License plate will benefit officers' memorial fund

TWIN FALLS - For an extra \$35, drivers buying new license plates can make a donation to the Idaho Peace Officers Memorial fund.

The memorial - now located in front of the Idaho State Police

Kimberly seeks to fill School Board seats

By Margaret Jones

Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY - Two seats on the School Board are up for re-election in May, and interested residents can now apply.

The seats currently held by board chairman Jim Wright from Zone 2 and board member Richard Rees from Zone 1 will both be up for grabs. Wright's and Rees' terms expire June 30.

Those who want to serve on the board must have their petitions returned to the district clerk's office by April 18. The election will be from noon to 8 p.m. May 20 in the Kimberly High School.

Also this week, the School Board agreed to support a proposed \$943 million public schools budget but wants no more than a 1-cent sales tax increase to pay for it.

A resolution drafted by the Idaho School Board Association is asking school boards to either support or reject the budget.

In other board business:

- **Language grant** - The board accepted a Title 3 language-acquisition grant. The district has formed a consortium with Hansen, Filer and Gooding to financially assist teachers and paraprofessionals complete classes that will assist them in teaching second-language learners. The \$10,000 grant will cover classes taught by Boise State University at the College of Southern Idaho.
- **Cooperative program** - The

board approved the request to establish a collective cooperative program between Kimberly and the Murtaugh high schools.

Murtaugh does not have a pole vault mat that meets safety requirements. A coach and students from Murtaugh will travel to Kimberly to use the mat. Their practices will not affect Kimberly students.

- **New bus** - The district will advertise for bids for either a 48-passenger or a 72-passenger bus. The district wants to compare prices between the two models. If the price is close, the smaller bus would be better for city streets.

- **New policy** - The board approved a revised valedictorian-salutatorian policy, which fine-tunes the requirements for being a valedictorian or salutatorian.

- **Commendation** - Middle school principal Judy Watson said the school had received a certificate of commendation from the State Department of Education for the school's success program.

- **New handbook** - The board approved the new *Classified Staff Employment Handbook*. The current handbook was last updated several years ago.

- **Scholarship review** - Mr. and Mrs. Ray Strolberg reviewed the Lee Schmidt scholarship fund. The \$394,000 fund from Schmidt's estate was established after his death in 1994. Kimberly graduates who need help to further their education are eligible.

YOUR WEEKEND

Country barn dance

What: Pocketchange will play classic country music for a barn dance.

Where: Anderson's RV Camp, located east of the Eden-Twin Falls exit 182 off Interstate 84.

When: 8 p.m. to midnight today.

How much: The cover charge is \$5.

To have an event appear in "Your Weekend" send your information to: Melissa Morgan, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, e-mail her at mmorgan@magicalvalley.com or fax it to 734-5538.

Idaho Democrat leaders will hold gatherings today

TWIN FALLS - Idaho's House and Senate minority leaders meet with citizens for "pizza and politics" today at two locations in Magic Valley.

Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, and Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, host the town hall meetings at 1 p.m. at Price's Cafe in Burley and at 6 p.m. at Tomato's Restaurant in Twin Falls.

This year marks the fourth year for the Democrats to hold pizza and politics forums throughout Idaho. The forums are an opportunity for Idaho residents to share their ideas and concerns with state legislative leaders.

"We began these forums four years ago in an effort to provide an opportunity for genuine dialogue between the public and elected officials, and they have been a real success," Jaquet said.

Craters open house will take place today

RUPERT - People have a final chance today to comment on proposed alternatives for managing the Craters of the Moon National Monument in an open house setting.

An open house is scheduled from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Rupert City Hall.

Craters officials say the meeting will open with a brief presentation and then people will be asked to

headquarters in Meridian - commemorates Idaho law enforcement officials killed in the line of duty.

The special commemorative license plates went on sale this month and were made possible by a bill sponsored in the Idaho Legislature by Sen. Patti Anne Lodge, R-Huston.

The special plate cost \$35 more than normal license plates - with \$25 going to the memorial fund and \$10 to the Idaho Department of Transportation. Renewal on the commemorative plates is \$25 extra, with \$15 going to the memorial fund and the rest going to the Transportation Department.

In addition to maintenance on the memorial, money from the fund goes into scholarships for the children of slain officers or to help officers' families.

The commemorative plates can be viewed at the Twin Falls Police Department, or online at www.idaho-post.org.

Dietrich fire department considers buying property

DIETRICH - The fire department might be interested in buying a small section of land from the Dietrich School District to build a new fire house.

Fire Chief Lyle Towne reported to the School Board this week that the department has purchased land adjoining school property on

which to build the new fire house. Depending on how it is built, the district could be interested in buying a section of property from the school.

Board member Leon Hubsmith said the Idaho School Association of Attorneys had researched the matter and determined some of the outlying school property could be sold in parcels.

Also this week, two construction firms and one architectural firm offered their opinions on the best way for the district to move forward in its plans to build a new gymnasium. There was also talk about remodeling the existing building, which may be further down the road.

Skiers help North Valley Trails with donations

SUN VALLEY - The North Valley Trails struck gold this winter with its new Gold Pass program.

More than 270 individuals gave an extra \$50 to the North Valley Trails when purchasing their season passes.

For their donation, they received a smart-looking pin identifying them as Gold Pass supporters, and the North Valley Trails system got an extra \$13,500 with which to maintain trails and keep pass prices affordable.

- compiled from staff reports

Kasota booklet

"During the winter of 1956 I had a Quonset built so that when we arrived at the end of May 1957 we moved into the Quonset," Anderson said. "Of course it didn't have inside plumbing and we had to haul fresh water from the pump down at the river. Baths were taken in either a tin round tub or in the canal."

Homestead land was free, but the farm was not exactly without debt. Most homesteaders incurred debt from clearing and leveling the land, building ditches, buying farm machinery, and building farm buildings such as cellars, sheds and granaries.

Having domestic wells drilled was another big expense. And the cost in hard work is evident from many homesteaders' stories.

One of the toughest tasks they faced was irrigating.

"Every homesteader knows about the loose dirt ditches being readied before crops could go in," says a story told by Elizabeth Werner, in the Kasota booklet. "We carried all the empty gunny sacks we could find and fill them

with dirt. They helped hold the soon-soaked-through ditch banks."

One morning they discovered all the water was gone. "It had breached the ditch bank and washed a deep gulley," Werner said. As her husband, Paul, went to get more gunny sacks, she worked to stop the breach.

"I lowered myself onto my knees, leaned forward a bit and found I could hold it. It was a snag in the sand."

After some time, she heard the startled voice of their ditch rider asking her if she needed some help.

"Thanks, but no thanks," she responded. "Paul will be back with his gunny sacks."

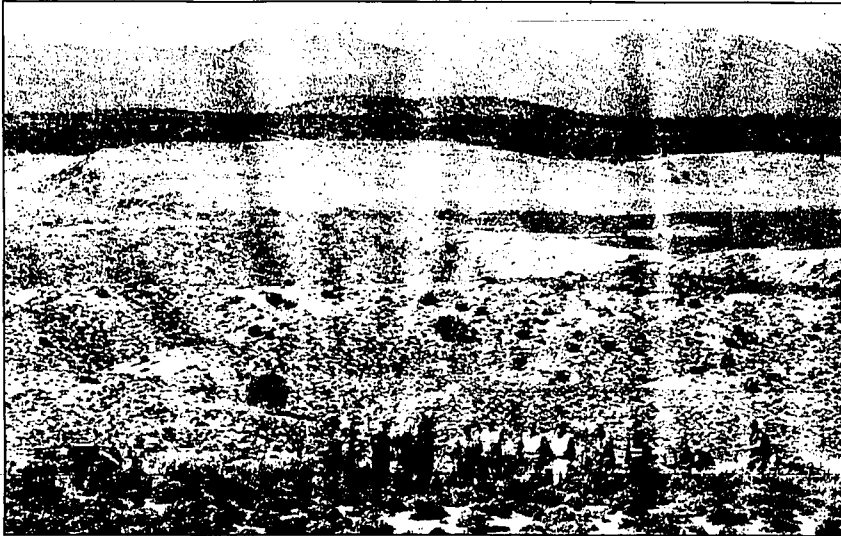
The ditch rider went on his way and met some neighbors.

"Guess what our little Dutchwoman was doing this morning?" the ditch rider asked. "She's sliding the hole in their dike not with a tinner or fist, but with her son-to-beborn baby, no less."

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SHUTTLE DEBRIS SEARCH



Deputies from the Nevada Civil Air Patrol unit based in Las Vegas search for shuttle debris in a remote desert location near Panaca, Nev., about 170 miles north-east of Las Vegas Friday.

Volunteers scour Nevada countryside

PANACA, Nev. (AP) — Deputies and volunteers painstakingly searched 30 square miles of sagebrush desert Friday, looking for pieces of space shuttle Columbia that might have fallen between this small town and the Nevada-Utah state line.

Meanwhile, NASA officials have asked the Washington County sheriff's office to help recover a piece of shuttle debris.

Sheriff Kirk Smith was contacted by NASA Friday morning after the space agency's tracking equipment located a piece of debris about seven to eight miles outside Virgin, Utah, in the state's southwest corner, Smith said.

Washington County search-and-rescue teams were preparing for a grid search that would begin Friday night or this morning just outside Zion National Park. The state department of public safety was lending its helicopter to the search, and a search-and-rescue team from Iron County immediately to the north may be tapped as well, Smith said.

NASA pinpointed the debris to within a 10-square-mile area of a valley with some mild slopes and thick undergrowth, Smith said.

"It's not going to be an easy search, but we've certainly got rougher areas in our county," Smith said.

Washington County contains Zion National Park, famous for towering cliffs and deep canyons. Only a small portion of the search area NASA suggested was in the park, but the terrain was fairly mild, Smith said.

Smith does not know how large the piece of debris is, but he guesses that it would have to be a sizeable piece for NASA radar to have tracked it to the ground.

"Maybe they're sophisticated enough that they would track a piece of tile all the way down,"

Smith said. But "to me, it would have to be a significant size to be able to track it all the way to the ground."

In Nevada, searchers using global positioning devices, picked spots and walked five feet apart in straight lines, marking the grid with red and yellow surveyors' tape.

"Talk about the proverbial haystack. We don't even know what we're looking for."

— Derek Foremaster, Lincoln County, Nev., sheriff's deputy

Ken Dixon, search and rescue commander for the Lincoln County sheriff's office, said searchers on foot, riding all-terrain vehicles and flying overhead

think they're looking for a heat-deflecting tile from the shuttle that broke apart and crashed in pieces Feb. 1 while streaking toward its planned landing in Florida.

Dixon said NASA officials believe air traffic control radar might have tracked parts of the shuttle falling into Nevada and Utah.

Lincoln County Sheriff Dahl Bradfield said the debris could be as small as 6 inches square.

"Anything that we find west of Fort Worth (Texas) is an item that Columbia shed early on in its re-entry," said James Hartsfield, a spokesman for Johnson Space Center in Houston. "It could provide us with very important clues to determining the cause of Columbia's accident."

"There is still a lot of optimism we can find something," he said.

Dixon, the search leader, said NASA sent instructions to touch anything believed to be from the shuttle, but to photograph it.

"We've been told probably it is not toxic," he said.

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Court guards say they are being forced out

BOISE (AP) — The U.S. Marshals Service is facing accusations of discrimination by Idaho contract workers and others who guard federal courthouses and judges.

The agency is named in a class-action lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Boise accusing the government of a campaign to reclassify dozens of court security officers as medically unfit for the job.

The lawsuit includes four plaintiffs from Boise and one from Pocatello.

The suit claims the Marshals Service and six companies that provide courthouse security on contract have required 68 people to repeat medical screenings in violation of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

A spokesman for the Marshals Service said the tougher testing is part of the agency's effort to bolster security at courthouses and other federal buildings following the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

"We certainly understand how this could lead to some problems for our employees, but we have to stick to our major consideration here, which is safety," said Dave Turner, a spokesman for the U.S. Marshals. "We're not backing off the standards because of lawsuits."

Most of the federal courthouse security officers are retired police officers working a

second career. They are not sworn deputy marshals, but they are armed and trained to handle courtroom disruptions and immediate threats.

Boise attorney Robert C. Huntley, who filed the suit, said the program to hire retired law enforcement officers to perform courthouse security functions was intended to allow deputy marshals to ease into the jobs after retirement.

But in the beginning, the agency needed to fill all the positions quickly, so the service hired anyone who was qualified, leaving little room for retiring deputies, Huntley said.

Several years ago, in order to make room for marshals' deputies, the agency attempted to fire people based on age and "finally realized that there was a law against age discrimination," Huntley said.

The latest complaint is based on a recent rule change related to hearing and other health standards, Huntley said. For example, he said that in a number of the cases the agency has refused to let the security officers take their hearing tests with their hearing aids, as has been past practice.

"It's all pretty silly," Huntley said. "They're even violating their own health standards, which provide that you are qualified if you can meet the standards using hearing aids."

Sandpoint residents call for boat restrictions

SANDPOINT (AP) — Sportsmen and environmentalists say wildlife is dwindling on the Pack River as motorboat and personal watercraft use increases.

With the steady increase in Bonner County's population, some fear the river that flows into Lake Pend Oreille could become unsafe for paddle boats and swimmers as well as moose and river otters.

To protect the river's wildlife, shorelines and ensure the safety of nonmotorized users, dozens of residents are calling for restrictions on motorized boats on the river.

New uses will drive out traditional uses unless we take action today," Lang Baker told a Thursday public hearing on the issue. He presented a proposed ordinance that would ban boats above the U.S. Highway 200 bridge and restrict the delta area

to only boats with electric motors and up to 10-horsepower gasoline motors.

But the Bonner County Waterways Committee postponed a decision until next month.

The proposal is supported by the Bonner County Sportsmen's Association, the Northern Panhandle Green Party and the Lake Pend Oreille Idaho Club.

The waterways committee also is considering an ordinance that would designate just the river north of the highway a nonmotorized zone. The committee already has recommended the entire delta area as a no-wake zone.

The idea of a motorboat ban arose last fall after Hidden Lakes Resort golf course owners applied to the state to build a boat dock on the river to serve guests.

Utah Legislature sharpens budget pencil, plans to release convicts

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Few of the Legislature's budget cuts rankle Gov. Mike Leavitt more than the plan to "turn prisoners loose."

The Legislature is moving to give 300 convicts a get-out-of-jail card and shut down a prison wing to save \$3.485.300 a year.

House budget leader Ron Bigelow said the state already paroled 250 inmates a month, so what's wrong with doing a one-time release for another 300?

No sexual or violent offenders will be let go, promises Senate criminal justice Chairman Chris Burfars.

But it's up to the Board of Pardons to find low-risk offenders for release. Because the state reduced that pool of candidates with a special 2001 prison parole board Chairman Michael Shebette says another round could threaten public safety.

"You start getting into some dangerous people," Leavitt contends. "We have to find a way to balance the budget other than releasing prisoners."

Leavitt in early January vetoed

a legislative attempt to let hundreds of prisoners go, but the plan is back on the table.

The Legislature's Executive Appropriations Committee started sorting last week through a hefty, 590-page list of items meant to balance the budget.

The roll call of \$99 million in state government cuts is long and varied. It ranges from cutting publication of an administrative bulletin (saving \$11,600) to laying off a water rights adjudicator (saving \$39,000).

Not all of the cuts are certain to happen. The Legislature got a revenue forecast last week that said it could collect \$63.7 million more than expected this fiscal year and next starting July 1.

Legislators don't want to spend all that money, but it comes on top of more than \$40 million in one-shot revenue they were planning to grab to shore up the budget.

Some cuts probably won't hang around. Medicaid recipients broke into applause Wednesday when a House committee restored health benefits for as

many as 6,000 of the working poor who were told they'd be cut off March 1.

Other potential cuts include:

- The Utah Colleges of Applied Technology, which have suffered millions of dollars in cuts since they were created, could lose another \$752,000 in a 2-percent reduction. "It would really help" if that money wasn't cut, Sen. Scott Jenkins, R-Plain City, pleaded before the Executive Appropriations Committee.

- The Department of Environmental Quality will shut down 11 of its air-quality monitoring stations. Rep. Don Bush, R-Clearfield, justified it by saying those stations weren't detecting air quality problems.

- The Transportation Department could get rid of Lake Powell's two ferry boats, which cost \$200,000 more a year to maintain than the department earns on the service. The boats could be sold to a private concessionaire or the National Park Service, Bush said.

"It makes no difference that the lawsuit was dismissed," said Paul Tierney, president of the Treasure Valley Chapter of Autism Society of America. "They acted in an extremely excessive and frightening manner."

He said teachers and school resource officers should undergo more sensitivity training to prevent similar incidents.

"They should not assume that anyone is on drugs or is dangerous just because they act differently," he said.

Colorado fire-starter faces prison

DENVER (AP) — A former Forest Service employee who admitted setting Colorado's largest ever wildfire was sentenced to six years in prison.

Terry Lynn Barton, 39, was sentenced for starting last summer's 138,000-acre blaze southwest of Denver, then lying to investigators.

"The fact that I hurt people kills me each and every day because I do love people," she said. "So I'd just like to say I am sorry."

She pleaded guilty in December to the federal charges and last month to a single state arson charge, which was filed to cover property damage.

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Judge absolves school, police in autism clash

NAMPA (AP) — Autism Society officials are calling on local school officials and police to undergo more sensitivity training after official tackled a teenager with Asperger's syndrome.

U.S. Magistrate Larry Boyle has dismissed a lawsuit filed by Jerry and Debra Havenga on behalf of their son, Gary, now 16. The syndrome is a form of autism.

Three years ago, Gary was tackled and pinned by Angela Weekes, a Nampa police resource officer in West Middle School. Court papers said that a few

weeks before the Feb. 25, 2000, incident, Gary clashed with the resource officer and school officials over disciplinary issues.

Gary became disruptive and Weekes was again called to the classroom. All students except him left. As Gary attempted to go, Weekes pinned him to the ground and handcuffed him as a video camera rolled. He was transported to a hospital and placed on a mental hold.

The Havengas sued Weekes, the Nampa Police Department and the Nampa School District.

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Should Congress legalize the use of marijuana?

Yes

Marijuana prohibition is a failed public policy that is wasting valuable law enforcement resources, and needlessly destroying the lives and careers of hundreds of thousands of good, productive citizens each year in this country. The costs of prohibition are far worse than any harm that may be caused by marijuana itself.

We spend an estimated \$10 billion annually in a futile effort to identify, arrest and prosecute marijuana smokers and those from whom they purchase the drug.

This is an almost unbelievably stupid use of resources that is almost certainly fighting serious and violent crime, including terrorism. Is anyone really more frightened by marijuana smoking than by violent crime? Who decides these priorities?

The result is that more than 700,000 Americans are arrested on marijuana charges each year, and 88 percent of those arrests are for simple possession of marijuana, not cultivation or sale.

We have declared war against a whole segment of our popula-

U.S. wastes billions fighting it

KEITH STROUP

tion, without cause. The vast majority of marijuana smokers are good citizens who work hard, raise families, pay taxes, and contribute in a positive manner to their communities. They are not criminals, and we must stop treating them like criminals.

Treating the responsible use of marijuana by adults as a criminal matter is a misapplication of the criminal sanction and invites government into areas of our private lives that are inappropriate.

Most of us agree that the government has no business coming into our home to learn what books we are reading, the subject of our personal telephone conversations, or how we conduct ourselves in the privacy of our bedroom.

Similarly, the government has no business getting involved in the decision of whether we smoke marijuana or drink alcohol when we relax in the evening. In a free society, those are decisions we permit the individual to make, free from government interference.

In 1977, then President Jimmy Carter, in a speech to Congress

calling on lawmakers to decriminalize minor marijuana offenses, said, "Penalties against drug use should not be more damaging to an individual than the use of the drug itself. Nowhere is this more clear than in the laws against the possession of marijuana in private for personal use."

Carter's words remain true. It is time we stopped arresting responsible citizens who happen to be marijuana smokers.

Additionally, NORML supports the establishment of a legally regulated market for marijuana, with age and quality controls, where consumers could buy marijuana for personal use from a safe legal source.

As we learned with our failed experiment with alcohol prohibition in this country, only a legally regulated system will eliminate the crime, corruption and violence associated with a "black market."

Let's end this misguided war against our own citizens and stop arresting responsible adult marijuana smokers.

Keith Stroup is the founder and Executive Director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, a non-profit public interest lobby seeking to end marijuana prohibition and the practice of arresting marijuana smokers.

No

In his January State of the Union address, President Bush said, "Another cause of hopelessness is addiction to drugs. Addiction crowds out friendship, ambition, moral conviction, and reduces all the richness of life to a single destructive desire."

He asked for \$600 million more to treat another 300,000 addicts. Only a week earlier The Journal of the American Medical Association reported a study confirming the gateway hypothesis that youthful use of marijuana leads to later use of cocaine, heroin and other drugs. The president is hoping to save 300,000 of those current and future addicts before they are lost for good.

Perhaps "destructive desire" and gateway risk were on the minds of voters last November as they dealt a significant setback to state initiatives legalizing pot. In Ohio, Arizona, Nevada and South Dakota voters overwhelmingly rejected the opportunity to oppose the drug war instead of the drugs.

This is quite a shift from the years between 1996 and 2000 in which the proponents of drug legalization marched from victory to victory until, by the end of 2000,

Voters are saying no to legal use

MANON G. MCKINNON

eight states had approved the smoking of marijuana as medicine and the weakening of anti-drug laws. Well-funded legalizers crafted a message of compassion for the sick and wrongly incarcerated, and the voters bought it.

Based on that background, many expected more drug approval from the states targeted in 2002. Time magazine extolled "The New Politics of Pot," and mused "Can it go legit? How the people who brought you medical marijuana have set their sights on lifting the ban for everyone."

This time it didn't work. The pro-drug initiatives went down by 61 percent in Nevada; by 67 percent in Ohio; by 57 percent in Arizona; and by 63 percent in South Dakota. In Michigan and Florida, pro-drug initiatives didn't make it to the ballot.

What turned the tide? Possibly it was that very recognition of deceit in the medical claims for smoked marijuana and the fiction that rapists and murderers are going free while police fill jails with "nonviolent marijuana users."

Perhaps voters simply realized that they had been lied to, and that legalization would only spread more drug misery.

The voters were right. A joint of today's super-strength marijuana is not medicinally innocent fun. Marijuana enfeebles the immune system; it produces five times the lung damage of tobacco; it assaults the brain and nervous system in the same way as heroin or cocaine, priming the brain for addiction.

Pot erodes memory and learning. It impairs the ability to judge and react. Marijuana accounted for 110,512 emergency room episodes in 2001. The prospect of a drugged citizenry, moreover, does not bode well for our society.

Legalization comes with a code words medicalization, decriminalization and "harm reduction," along with the claim that the war on drugs must be abandoned. A tough and integrated drug strategy based on interdiction, treatment, prevention and law enforcement cut drug use by half during the 1980s. Those strategies are being applied today and teen drug use is again headed down.

Legalizing drugs means more drugs and more drug addicts for whom, said the President, "the fight against drugs is a fight for their own lives." To be sure, "destructive desire" is not something to enshrine into law.

Manon G. McKinnon is a nationally syndicated independent journalist who specializes in reporting commentary about illegal drugs.

LETTERS

Support for seat belt laws can save lives

It is my goal as Miss Magic Valley 2002 to save as many lives as possible with my platform for seat belt advocacy. As part of this goal, I would like to address as many members of our community as possible. It is easy to see that there is a great need for advocacy in our rural agricultural community because people are dying every day due to not buckling up.

One of the primary ways I will be promoting my platform is by educating people as to the reasons why it is best for everyone to buckle up. The reason why I feel so passionately about my platform is because it helps save lives for all age levels. The more adults I can get to buckle up, the more children statistically will be buckled up when they ride with those adults. After the next unbuckled person that is killed or fatally injured in an accident because they didn't buckle up could be someone you know and love. I also will be asking students as well as adults I speak to write letters to the Legislature with the hope that my letter will aid in Idaho's government to adopt primary seat belt laws which will save hundreds of Idahoans' lives each year.

I'm very excited that I've been given the privilege of being the Magic Valley's representative to Miss Idaho, but what excites me even more than that is the fact that I'm going to be saving lives. Let's work together to give the people of our community the information they need to get them to buckle up and protect themselves from serious injury or worse.

KIMBERLY MICHELLE MADSEN

Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Kimberly Madsen is Miss Magic Valley 2002.)

Dumping your pup showed lack of class

To the people who dumped their young male yellow lab. Take just a few minutes out of your day and thank The Times-News staff for the kind ad it ran for a home for your dog. A nice family in Hagerman with two



sweet kids now have the dog. You could have run the ad yourselves and not put that poor dog through being alone, lost, cold and hungry until he strayed into my yard.
SHERY AJA Hagerman

YMCA has long history of shaping youth

With recent articles about the Twin Falls YMCA and the organization of a YMCA in the Wood River community, I felt the need to write a follow-up article.

Going back to its origin in England, the YMCA was begun by a small group of young men who moved to the city for employment. Some of these youth observed their fellow workers drifting into the slippery slope of bars and other destructive pursuits. As a result, a few young men attempted to organize a more positive alternative and thus began the Young Men's Christian Association.

When I grew up in the YMCA in Woodstock, R.I., in the early '30s, we had a small swimming pool, two bowling alleys, a small gym, a lobby with a library alcove, pool table and table tennis

table. Upstairs was the gym balcony, an all-purpose room with two break-out rooms, a board meeting room and a kitchen. On the top floor was a dormitory for young men who had just moved to town seeking employment.

The youth program was a recreation program consisting of gym and swim classes, arts and crafts, Friday evening movies with group singing and occasional refreshments. Older youth served as junior leaders and helped the instructor with programs for younger boys and were not only interested in teaching us recreational skills but, more importantly, in demonstrating that being a leader is a fun, rewarding position to work toward - motivating young members to become junior leaders like them.

Older youth were encouraged to learn life skills that would help them to adjust to adult life - public speaking, money management, career planning, social skills, outdoor living, etc. Some would become Y employees, camp leaders, coaches, etc. A few would go to the YMCA training school at Springfield, Mass. The YMCA use to have a service club for adult men called the "Y's Men's Club" which was similar to the service clubs of today. These were largely men who had come up through the YMCA and their friends, coworkers, etc. Many would end up in Y committees and on the board of directors.

The emphasis of the YMCA used to be to train youth and young men to be leaders in their school, home and community. Some YMCAs still do and more are working to get back into it on a family basis. Many are utilizing the 40 Developmental Asset Research to help them in so doing.

CHIESTER "CHET" BARTLETT

Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Chet Bartlett was a staff member at four YMCA locations, including Twin Falls from 1966 to 1970 and a social worker for the state of Idaho from 1970 to 1990. He has been a volunteer with the Health Net Asset Builders for the last three years.)

Takings bills need to be stopped

On Feb. 18, I attended the House Local Government

Committee hearing for the "takings" bills (HB256, HB257) proposed by the Idaho Cattlemen's Association and others and sponsored by Rep. Bruce Newcomb. During the hearing, it became clear that these bills threaten the very foundation of land-use planning, provide a landowner extraordinary avenues of recourse that are not available to his neighbors and provide new undefined takings categories that leave any zoning ordinance at risk.

The "takings" bills might work like this:

A person owns property next to your church or home and decides to build a tavern on it, though it is not zoned to allow a tavern. As a result, the local government denies the application. These "takings" bills would then allow the owner to obtain a free decision from local officials as to whether or not his land has been "partially taken" (one of the new, undefined categories). If it is found that a "partial taking" has occurred (which is likely because the purpose of zoning is to limit some land use for the common good), what would be the outcome? No one has an answer. Would the local government be required to void the zoning for that ground and grant the request for a tavern, thereby

degrading the neighbor's property? Or if government decided to keep its zoning rules, would it be required to reimburse the tavern applicant for potential lost business?

Interestingly, "takings" would not apply to the tavern's neighbors, nor do neighbors get the same free decision from the local government. Neighbors would have to use their own money to fight the tavern or any degradation (taking) of their own property whether it be the loss of property value, property enjoyment, clean air or pure water or increased traffic, etc.

These bills allow a land owner to undermine legitimate zoning ordinances but give no rights to neighbors. It is not clear why these new categories of takings are being introduced, but unless the reason is clarified, then the worst case scenario is possible. This example can apply to any similar situation next to your property, be it a confined animal feeding operation, a strip club, a pig farm or an apartment complex, etc.

Let your local officials and state legislators know that these bills are not in the best interests of Idaho citizens and must be stopped.

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Docs: Transplant error victim has brain damage

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Jessica Santillan, the 17-year-old girl who underwent a second heart-lung transplant after the first was botched, was found to have severe and perhaps irreversible brain damage Friday.

The girl's chief benefactor said doctors told Jessica's family to prepare for a possible decision to remove her from life support.

Mack Mahoney blamed the grim turn on Duke University Medical Center, saying image-conscious doctors hesitated to take the blame for the first, bungled operation and lost precious time in the hunt for a new set of organs.

"If she dies, they murdered her," said Mahoney, a North Carolina building contractor who started a charity in Jessica's name.

Jessica Santillan

Went through two transplants

sis machines because of damage to her kidneys.

Yesterday after the transplant, we were all very hopeful," Frush said. But now, "the swelling in her brain is severe, severe to the point we fear it's irreversible."

She said additional tests were planned for Friday to confirm the diagnosis.

Frush said there was no sure way to tell when the brain damage occurred. But Mahoney said doctors told the family it was due to the time Jessica was connected to life support.

"Life support ruins kidneys, it ruins brains, it ruins all the organs of the body," said Frush. "What they don't do is played with that little girl's life, trying to make a decision on whether they were going to fess up. They were putting their bottom line before a little girl's life."

"I'm mad. I'm enraged. I'm horrified," Mahoney said. "It's a horrifying thing. You take your child to what you considered to be the best institution in the world for a particular kind of surgery and you get this."

Hospital chief executive Dr. William Fulkerson denied that the hospital had delayed the search for new organs, and pointed out that the second set was found in a matter of days. The second transplant came 13 days after the first.

Doctors begin to charge their patients for phone calls, e-mails

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — People quick to phone their family doctor for medical advice, a prescription renewal or information for a health-history form may soon find themselves paying for the convenience.

Doctors around the country have begun charging patients for services that have traditionally been free, according to the American College of Physicians.

The fees range from per-page charges for copies of medical records to \$10 or \$20 for filling out the forms people need to apply for medical-leave benefits. A few doctors have begun charging patients up to \$20 to respond to e-mail questions about their health.

Dr. Allen M. Dennison of Barrington, R.I., said he charges patients \$2 a minute to diagnose minor ailments over the telephone, and around \$15 to fill out the health history forms parents need to send their children to camp.

"We are really on the ropes financially," he said. "I think the patients know that if they are going to take a doctor's time, they are going to have to pay for it."

Dr. Joel S. Levine, dean of clinical affairs at University of Colorado School of Medicine, said doctors' administrative responsibilities have grown tremendously

over the past two decades.

Most primary-care doctors now spend an average of two to three hours a day on tasks for which they are not compensated, such as returning phone calls and filling out insurance forms, he said.

That means less time to see patients, and the fewer patients doctors see in person, the less they get paid, he said.

Dr. Paul Williams, president of the Pennsylvania chapter of the American Academy of Family Practitioners, said he has considered imposing fees for after-hours phone calls, which he now routinely handles at no charge, but worries patients will react badly.

"If you call your attorney at 4 o'clock in the afternoon on a Friday, they are going to send you a bill. I don't understand why I shouldn't send a bill if someone wakes me out of a dead sleep at 4 a.m.," he said. "The problem is, we get this reaction: 'You are part of a learned profession, and how dare you nickel-and-dime patients.'"

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Program pushes federal relocation cost to more than \$100,000

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a program that would make most private workers envious, the government has paid out \$100,000 or more in hundreds of recent cases to relocate employees.

Heavy bills uncovered by congressional investigators include a \$203,000 move for an FBI employee and three moves of around \$190,000 each for IRS workers.

Much of the money goes for commissions that can exceed 30 percent, paid to firms that provide relocation services.

Paid as a percentage of a property's appraised value, the highest commissions go to firms willing to take the risk of buying and trying to sell a worker's home.

The fee also includes payment of closing costs and services such as househunting trips and finding temporary quarters.

"I worry that the government agencies approving these pricey moves have the attitude that money doesn't matter," Senate Finance Committee chairman Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said. "It's wrong for relocation companies to profit handsomely from the taxpayers, and it's wrong for the government to let that happen."

Government agency spokesmen argue it is sometimes nec-

essary to pay generously to entice employees to move for critical jobs.

"We benefit by having experienced people in locations that often can be hard to fill," said Bill Straubinger, a spokesman for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The home-purchase program — combined with temporary living

expense payments that in some cases would nearly buy a home — help make some government moves far costlier than in private industry, according to relocation experts.

Finance Committee investigators found 388 government moves that cost more than \$100,000 over a three-year period ending Sept. 30, 2001, accord-

ing to records they provided to The Associated Press. Several moves topped \$150,000. An additional 81 workers have received authorizations for moves exceeding \$100,000 but payments are still pending. A committee database, prepared for the AP, did not include names of those transferred.



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“I’m not punting on the season ... but realistically, we’ll probably have a lottery selection this year.”

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—Supernovas general manager Rick Sund, on trading Garry Payton and Desmond Mason to Milwaukee for Roy Allen, unknowns Kevin Ollie and Ronald Murray and a conditional 2003 first-round draft pick

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Men's college basketball
Southern Nevada at CSI, 8 p.m.

Women's college basketball
Southern Nevada at CSI, 6 p.m.

High school boys basketball
SA Region Four-Five-Six Tournament
Minico at Twin Falls, 7 p.m.
Skyline at Pocatello, 7 p.m.
District Four-Five Tournament
Jerome at Burley, 7 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Steelheads visit M.V. Mall today

TWIN FALLS — Corey Morgan and Martin Vasute of the Idaho Steelheads WCHL hockey club will greet the public today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Magic Valley Mall. The players, along with team mascot “Bonk” are part of MIX 103-FM’s “Magic Valley Night” March 1 during the Steelheads’ game with Fresno at the Bank of America Centre in Boise.

The players will sign autographs and give hockey tips to children at center court of the mall.

Special discounted tickets for \$15 are available through MIX 103 by calling 324-9649.

Gooding wrestlers hold spaghetti dinner today

GOODING — The Gooding High School wrestling team is having a state tournament benefit dinner fundraiser today from 5:30 p.m. at the Gooding Middle School lunchroom.

Spaghetti and all the works is the main dish. Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 for a family.

Baseball, softball officials meet Monday

TWIN FALLS — The District Four rules clinic for baseball and softball will be held on Monday at Twin Falls High School. Anyone interested in officiating either sport must attend the mandatory clinic.

The softball meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with baseball to follow at 7 p.m. All district schools must also have a representative on hand. For more information, call Commissioner Craig Mills at 878-6606 or 678-7144.

Lighthouse Christian holds football meeting

TWIN FALLS — All persons and parents interested in the new football program at Lighthouse Christian, are invited to attend an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 4 at 7 p.m.

Lighthouse is located at 255 Main Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Compiled from staff reports

GIRLS STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Jumpin' Jerome

Tigers advance to state title game

The Times-News

BOISE — The Tigers put on basketball clinic Friday night.

With every player contributing, Jerome dispatched District Three champion Bishop Kelly for the second time in three season meetings, 57-41, to advance to the championship of the Class 4A Girls Real Dairy Shootout Friday at Timberline High School.

The Tigers (23-2) will meet top-ranked and defending champion Post Falls (21-3) in the state championship game today at 6 p.m. at The Idaho Center in Nampa.

Post Falls advanced with a 62-48 semifinal defeat of Hillcrest.

Jerome head coach Michelle Skyles said she instructed her team to just play its game.

“I told (them) if you play within your role, we will win this game,” she said.

“That is what this team is all about.” Junior point guard Whitney Clark had the duty of handling the Knights’ press. She made it look easy.

“I have faced some of the best players so I know I can control the ball,” said Clark, who clipped in 11 points.

Danielle Williams led Bishop Kelly (17-7) with 12 points and Anna Schumacher added 11.

Vanessa West, who scored just a single point and fouled out in the fourth quarter in Jerome’s nailbiting, 61-57

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Jerome junior point guard Whitney Clark tries to stay inbound while being tripped by Bishop Kelly guard Dan McCormick during the Girls 4A Real Dairy Shootout semifinal game at Timberline High School in Boise. It was the teams’ third meeting this season, with Jerome winning two games.



Tigers head coach Michelle Skyles gets excited as the bench breaks out in cheers after Jerome downed Bishop Kelly 57-41 to advance to its second state championship game in three seasons. Jerome takes on reigning state champion Post Falls in the title matchup, which tips off at 6 p.m. at The Idaho Center in Nampa. The game will be televised live in the Magic Valley on Channel 60.

Horseshoe Bend drops Shoshone in semifinals

By Joe Paisley

Times-News writer

NAMPA — Horseshoe Bend relied on big 6-foot junior post Candi Bryant early and made even bigger plays down the stretch to hold off Shoshone 37-34, denying the Indians a shot at the state Class 1A championship.

The loss sends Shoshone (21-6) into the third-place game against Kootenai (16-8), 47-41 losers to Rimrock (24-1) in the other Class 1A Girls Real Dairy Shootout semifinal held Friday night at Nampa High School.

The win gives Horseshoe Bend

1A girls state

its third shot at Rimrock, the only team to beat the 20-2 Mustangs this season, 54-34 and 43-29 during the regular season.

While Shoshone lost the battle of the boards 41-31, it was certain key rebounds that proved costliest for the Indians. Katie Fisher’s 10th rebound came on the offensive glass with 2:23 remaining. The postback put Horseshoe Bend ahead 35-30.

Shoshone answered with a 3-pointer by Sarah Hubsmith with

1:45 left but the Indians offense couldn’t sustain the rally. In the final 1:45, Shoshone came up short on the offensive glass, not managing a second-chance opportunity.

“They just hit the big shots when they needed them,” said Shoshone coach Tim Chapman. “We just never seemed to get over the hump.”

A 13-2 lead early in the second quarter put Shoshone behind the 8-ball all game long.

The Mustangs dominated the first quarter with wide-body Bryant denying anything inside. Unable to get forward Katie

Strunk, who struggled just to get position down low against the bigger, stronger Bryant, into the offense frustrated Shoshone. At times, Bryant threw Strunk around like a ragdoll.

But that frustration came to a sudden end when Bryant hit the floor with 6:31 left in the second quarter, having rolled her right ankle trying to haul down a rebound.

The game turned on that ankle.

“We freaked out,” said Horseshoe Bend coach Stephanie Hale. “We collapsed. Scoring just

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Burley’s Thomas signs with Carroll College

Running back signs letter of intent to play for NAIA champion

By Scott Thompson

Times-News writer

BURLEY — Burley senior running back Jed Thomas has signed a letter of intent to play football at reigning NAIA national champion Carroll College in Helena, Mont., in the fall.

The decision was a tough one, Thomas said, as he bounced back



Jed Thomas

Thomas did it all for the Bobcats — running with both speed and power as well as receiving the ball out of the back field. This past season, Thomas ran for 1,484

yards and 16 touchdowns while gaining 7.2 yards a carry.

“Jed can do all the things we ask our backs to do,” Carroll offensive coordinator Nick Howlett said. “He has good speed and he is physical, where he can finish runs. He can also block and catch. It was a true battle between us and Boise State. We’re glad that we got him.”

Former Burley coach Art Roper, who will head up the Valluave programs next season, said both Thomas and Carroll will be happy with the choice.

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CSI basketball closes home schedule with Coyotes

By Kevin Hall

Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It’s a big night all around for the College of Southern Idaho.

Fifteen CSI sophomores will play their final regular season home game Saturday, including 11 two-year players from both men’s and women’s basketball teams.

The school will induct three new members to its Athletic Hall of Fame.

Idaho Girls Real Dairy Shootout

CLASS 5A
at The Idaho Center
Friday’s scores
Semifinals
Timberline 42, Borah 22
Lake City 40, Boise 27
Consolation bracket
Centennial 64, Twin Falls 54
Skyline 60, Pocatello 45
Today’s games
Championship (at Idaho Center)
Lake City (22-2) vs. Timberline (24-1), 8 p.m.
Third-place (at Skyview HS)
Borah (17-9) vs. Boise (20-5), 11 a.m.
Consolation (at Skyview HS)
Skyline (12-15) vs. Centennial (20-6), 9:15 a.m.

CLASS 4A
at Timberline High School
Friday’s scores
Semifinals
Jerome 57, Bishop Kelly 41
Post Falls 62, Hillcrest 48
Consolation bracket
Sandpoint 77, Blackfoot 56
Madison 38, Valley 26
Today’s games
Championship (at Idaho Center)
Jerome (23-2) vs. Post Falls (21-3), 6 p.m.
Third-place game
Hillcrest (18-7) vs. Bishop Kelly (17-7), 11 a.m.
Consolation
Sandpoint (18-9) vs. Madison (21-6), 9:15 a.m.

CLASS 3A
at Kuna High School
Friday’s scores
Semifinals
Shelley 45, Bear Lake 33
Marsh Valley 43, Fruitland 38
Consolation bracket
Prest River 47, Rye 37
Lakeland 50, Lapwai 26
Today’s games
Championship (at Idaho Center)
Shelley (23-3) vs. Marsh Valley (21-3), 3:50 p.m.
Third-place game
Bear Lake (18-4) vs. Fruitland (18-7), 11 a.m.
Consolation
Prest River (18-7) vs. Lakeland (15-9), 9:15 a.m.

CLASS 2A
at Middleton High School
Friday’s scores
Semifinals
Homedale 45, Ganguevie 36
Nampa Christian 68, West Jefferson 47
Consolation bracket
Butte County 60, Soda Springs 40
Lapwai 43, Valley 37
Today’s games
Championship (at Idaho Center)
Homedale (21-5) vs. Nampa Christian (18-5), 1:40 p.m.
Third-place game
Ganguevie (21-2) vs. West Jefferson (17-6), 11 a.m.
Consolation
Butte County (21-3) vs. Lapwai (21-6), 9:15 a.m.

CLASS 1A
at Nampa High School
Friday’s scores
Semifinals
Horseshoe Bend 37, Shoshone 34
Rimrock 47, Kootenai 41
Consolation bracket
Kootenai 34, Clark County 31
Hillcrest 40, Granger 28
Hansen at Clark Fork 40
Detrick 51, Salmon River 24
Today’s games
Championship (at Idaho Center)
Horseshoe Bend (20-2) vs. Kootenai (24-1), 11 a.m.
Third-place game
Shoshone (21-6) vs. Kootenai (16-8), 12:30 p.m.
Fourth-place game
Detrick (21-5) vs. Salmon River (20-45), 10:45 a.m.
Consolation
Rimrock (20-2) vs. Granger (20-2), 9 a.m.

Inside

- Twin Falls loses, finds satisfaction in making state — B2
- Dietrich, Hansen win, face off today for fourth place — B3
- District Four teams fall out of tourney — B2, B3

SWAC standings — B4

And if the men’s basketball team can defeat Community College of Southern Nevada 10, 12, 4-10 Scenic West Athletic Conference), the 20th ranked Golden Eagles (23-4, 9-4) could finally surmount No. 12 Dixie State College (21-5, 10-4) atop the SWAC standings. The Rebels will

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SPORTS

GIRLS STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Bruins' state tournament concludes after two games

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

NAMPA — It was two-and-a-half-hour game for the Twin Falls Bruins girls basketball team.

But the team was in an almost festive mood Friday after falling to Centennial 64-54 in loser-out play at the Class 5A Real Dairy Girls Shootout at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

Ending a 19-year streak without a trip to the state tournament will do that.

"I feel real proud about this year," senior guard Danielle Maloney said after scoring 14 points in her final game. "I think that we showed that we belong here, and the younger girls will expect to get here next year and do even better."

Lake City (22-2) will meet Timberline of Boise (24-1) for the 5A championship game tonight at 8 p.m. Boise (20-5) takes on Borah (17-10) for the third-place game and Skyline of Idaho Falls (12-15) meets Centennial (20-6) for the consolation trophy game at Skyview High School at 9:15 a.m.

For the second straight game, the Bruins (17-8) began quickly, forging a 13-10 on a drive to the basket by Maloney for her seventh point in the early going.

"Danielle played very well today," Twin Falls coach Joe Shepard said. "She carried us through the early part of the game."

"I knew this could be my last game and I didn't want it to be," Maloney said. "But if it was, I was going to go out fighting."

Still, Centennial roared back with a 9-0 run to end the first quarter and begin the second.

And then 6-foot-3 Patriot junior center Emily Williams went to work, scoring many of her 12 first-half points from that point on as Centennial forged a 34-25 lead at halftime.

It didn't help that the Bruins lost starting center Hannah Heidenreich before the tip when the sophomore reportedly had trouble breathing during warmups.

"That didn't help matters," Twin Falls first-year coach Joe Shepard said. "But I don't know



Twin Falls reserves from left to right, Lorena Sanchez, Heather Holston and Jamie Edwards plead with their teammates to try and score in the fourth quarter of their consolation-round game against Centennial at the 5A Girls Real Dairy Shootout Friday at The Idaho Center in Nampa. The Bruins (17-8) cut the deficit to four against the Patriots (20-6) before being eliminated 64-54 in two games. It was Twin Falls' first trip to the state tournament since a 1-2 showing in 1984.

5A girls state

Friday's scores
Centennial 64, Twin Falls 54, loser out
Skyline 60, Pocatello 45, loser out
Timberline 42, Borah 21, semifinal
Lake City 40, Boise 27, semifinal

how much of a factor it was."

The Bruins also were hurt when Maloney turned an ankle in the third quarter and sat on the bench for a large portion of the second half as the Pats built a 40-25 lead.

But the star guard didn't want to blame the loss on her injury or the condition of Heidenreich, who went to the hospital after the game but watched the contest from the stands.

"I think it played a part," she said. "But we had girls step up when they needed to."

Junior guard Amanda Hovey in particular was huge, scoring 12 of her 14 points in the second half as Twin Falls cut the lead to 58-54 when Hovey drained a 3-pointer and sophomore Heidi Reitsma stole the ensuing inbound pass and nailed a turnaround jumper with 1:57 to play.

But then Centennial continued to make free throws as it had the rest of the game.

Williams hit 11-of-12 in the

game as the Patriots shot 24-of-29 as a team. In contrast, Twin Falls shot just six, making only two.

Williams finished with 23 points and 11 rebounds.

Senior guard Tami Hazen joined Maloney and Hovey in double-figure scoring with 10 points, eight of them coming in the first half.

But the significance of the trip to state was the focus of much of the talk after the game.

"I think now that we've seen what it's all about and played two of the best teams in the state today, I think we'll be ready to go further when we go next year," Shepard said.

And then he paused.

"If we go next year."

And if they should go — and the Bruins have a strong group of returning underclassmen — the Bruins hope to be the ones doing the cooking.

Other 5A games

Semifinals

Timberline 42, Borah 21

Timberline took advantage of dismal shooting by Borah on Friday to defeat the Lions 42-21 in the 5A semifinals.

Kali Larson and Maggie O'Hara combined for 24 points for the Wolves (24-1), who shot 50 percent from the field to overwhelm Borah and its 21 percent shooting. Emily Hawley led the Lions (17-10) with seven points.

Lake City 40, Boise 27

Kaitlin Mitchell scored 14 points and Brynn Bemis added 12 Friday to help Lake City of Coeur d'Alene pull away from Boise 40-27 at the Idaho 5A girls state basketball championships.

The Timberwolves (22-2) will play Timberline (24-1) of Boise Saturday for the state title.

Lake City took a 9-7 lead early on and built onto it, leading 30-24 headed into the fourth quarter. Kasey Monteith was the only Brave to score in double figures at 17 points.

Consolation round

Skyline 60, Pocatello 45

Ashley Baldwin's hot shooting produced 35 points for Skyline of

Idaho Falls Friday as the Grizzlies (12-15) beat District Four rival Pocatello 60-45 in a consolation-round game at The Idaho Center.

Skyline took the lead early and continued to pile on the points, reaching a 43-32 edge headed into the fourth quarter. The Indians (15-8) amassed more rebounds, points off turnovers and free throws. But Baldwin hit 12 baskets, including three-of-three 3-

Shoshone

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three points in the second quarter nearly killed us."

With Bryant out, Shoshone matched up well inside and started to control the boards. Strunk scored the next four points to make it 13-6 and scored three of the next five to make it 15-11, Mustangs at halftime.

"For a smaller team, Shoshone really pushed our bigger girls to the limit," Hale said. "We just managed to get the rebounds in key situations. We outlasted them."

Bryant returned for the second half but wasn't as effective and Shoshone's confidence soared once it got back into the game. Strunk put Shoshone up 22-21, the Indians first lead of the game, with 2:25 left in the third quarter. It was nip-and-tuck the rest of the way.

The game ended with Shoshone with a chance to tie with a 1 sec-

pointers and sank eight free throws.

Crystal Alexander led Pocatello with 12 points.

This Falls was
Centennial 64, Twin Falls 54,
17-10-24
Idaho Falls 60, Pocatello 45,
12-15-15
Timberline 42, Borah 21,
15-8-12
Lake City 40, Boise 27,
22-2-2
Skyline 60, Pocatello 45,
12-15-15
Pocatello 45, Skyline 60,
12-15-15
Timberline 42, Borah 21,
15-8-12
Lake City 40, Boise 27,
22-2-2
Skyline 60, Pocatello 45,
12-15-15

onds left. With three fouls to give, the Mustangs wisely fouled, forcing an in bounds pass with 2.2 ticks left. The Indians were unable to get a shot off.

Expect a different result against Kootenai this morning, Chapman promised.

"There's no doubt we'll take home the third-place trophy," he said. "Print it. These girls will be ready."

Shoshone fans can find out sometime after 12:30 Saturday afternoon. Dietrich takes on Hansen for fourth place at 10:45 a.m.

Shoshone Band 27, Shoshone 15
12-21-15-24
Idaho Falls 60, Pocatello 45,
12-15-15
Timberline 42, Borah 21,
15-8-12
Lake City 40, Boise 27,
22-2-2
Skyline 60, Pocatello 45,
12-15-15
Pocatello 45, Skyline 60,
12-15-15
Timberline 42, Borah 21,
15-8-12
Lake City 40, Boise 27,
22-2-2
Skyline 60, Pocatello 45,
12-15-15

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Jerome

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overtime win over Sandpoint Thursday, got things going early. She converted inside, then completed an old-fashioned three-point play for the early 5-2 lead.

Maloney said she knew she had to perform better late in the game because of the pressure of frontcourt mate Jennifer Pond.

"I just put it out of my mind and relaxed and played my game," said West, who finished with 13 points. "We respected them and knew that they were a good team and we had to play well."

She found herself in foul trouble again Friday, however, finding the bench with two fouls in the first three minutes.

Elisa Hope came in and provided instant offense. She scored inside, then added an assist to Mallory Meservy off an inbound pass.

I knew I had to come in strong and do my best," said Hope, who chipped in three points and grabbed five rebounds. "We played good defense and getting good shots."

Hope sparked a 10-2 run with Clark converting two drives and Pond scoring her first points of the game as Jerome held a 17-9 lead after one quarter.

Pond followed up a 30-point effort Thursday with 16 points and nine rebounds Friday.

The Tigers' domination continued in the second period. Katie Thibault finished the 3-pointer, and Clark nailed two drives to the hole as the lead grew to 15 points.

Jerome led 32-17 at the break.

The Tigers shot 50 percent in the first half on 12 for 24 from the field while Bishop Kelly hit just 6-of-24 for 25 percent.

West got things rolling again in the second half, knocking down the first three baskets to push the lead to 12 points. West kept out foul trouble after her early problems, picking up just one more foul in the game.

Dani McCormick sparked the Knights in the third quarter with a three-point play as BK pulled within eight, 40-32. Megan Vincent nailed a 3-ball and Williams scored inside.

Skyline said she reminded her troops how far they'd come.

"I told them we have been here before. We got frustrated and lost," said Skyline, in reference to the Twin Falls game.

All worries for the Tigers came

to an end in the first 90 seconds of the fourth period. Pond took the feed from Meservy off the inbound, Clark drove, then Meservy added another layup and the lead was back up to 14.

Down the stretch the Knights couldn't buy a basket. Meservy dropped another 3-pointer with six minutes remaining, but it would be five more minutes before Bishop Kelly scored again.

The Tigers went 8-of-10 from the charity stripe in the final five minutes.

Jerome 37, Bishop Kelly 21
17-10-24
Idaho Falls 60, Pocatello 45,
12-15-15
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Skyline 60, Pocatello 45,
12-15-15

Consolation bracket

Sandpoint 77, Blackfoot 56

Shandi Keller scored a game-high 32 points, breaking two Idaho 4A Girls Real Dairy Shootout records for single-game scoring and total field goals Friday as Sandpoint downed Blackfoot 77-56 in the consolation round.

Keller's 32 topped the previous record of 22 points in a game by Sarah LeDuc of Skyview and Krystal Keller of Blackfoot. Both set that mark in the 2001 tournament.

Keller hit 10 field goals in the game, breaking the previous mark of eight set by Heather Kennedy of Mountain Home in 2001.

Sandpoint led 41-24 at halftime. The Bulldogs (18-9) outmuscled Blackfoot (16-10) with 20 second-chance points to seven for the Broncos, who were led by Michelle Wadsworth's 19 points.

Madison 38, Vallivue 26

Jennifer Walker scored 20 points as Madison (21-6) beat Nampa's Vallivue, 38-26, Friday in the consolation round of the Idaho 4A Girls Real Dairy Shootout.

Madison made the most of Vallivue (12-10) turnovers, turning in 18 points. The Bobcats also amassed all of their 10 free throws in the last half.

Jenny Gross added eight points for Madison, which meets Sandpoint for the consolation trophy today at 9:15 a.m.

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National Basketball Association

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Atlanta	27	19	81.5	32.5	21.5	7.5	3.5	44.5%	78.5%
Boston	26	20	80.5	31.5	20.5	7.5	3.5	44.5%	78.5%
Brooklyn	25	21	80.5	31.5	20.5	7.5	3.5	44.5%	78.5%
Charlotte	24	22	80.5	31.5	20.5	7.5	3.5	44.5%	78.5%
Chicago	23	23	80.5	31.5	20.5	7.5	3.5	44.5%	78.5%
Cleveland	22	24	80.5	31.5	20.5	7.5	3.5	44.5%	78.5%
Dallas	21	25	80.5	31.5	20.5	7.5	3.5	44.5%	78.5%
Denver	20	26	80.5	31.5	20.5	7.5	3.5	44.5%	78.5%
Detroit	19	27	80.5	31.5	20.5	7.5	3.5	44.5%	78.5%
Golden State	18	28	80.5	31.5	20.5	7.5	3.5	44.5%	78.5%
Indiana	17	29	80.5	31.5	20.5	7.5	3.5	44.5%	78.5%
L.A. Clippers	16	30	80.5	31.5	20.5	7.5	3.5	44.5%	78.5%
L.A. Lakers	15	31	80.5	31.5	20.5	7.5	3.5	44.5%	78.5%
Memphis	14	32	80.5	31.5	20.5	7.5	3.5	44.5%	78.5%
Minnesota	13	33	80.5	31.5	20.5	7.5	3.5	44.5%	78.5%
Milwaukee	12	34	80.5	31.5	20.5	7.5	3.5	44.5%	78.5%
Minnesota	11	35	80.5	31.5	20.5	7.5	3.5	44.5%	78.5%
New York	10	36	80.5	31.5	20.5	7.5	3.5	44.5%	78.5%
Oklahoma City	9	37	80.5	31.5	20.5	7.5	3.5	44.5%	78.5%
Orlando	8	38	80.5	31.5	20.5	7.5	3.5	44.5%	78.5%
Philadelphia	7	39	80.5	31.5	20.5	7.5	3.5	44.5%	78.5%
Phoenix	6	40	80.5	31.5	20.5	7.5	3.5	44.5%	78.5%
Portland	5	41	80.5	31.5	20.5	7.5	3.5	44.5%	78.5%
Sacramento	4	42	80.5	31.5	20.5	7.5	3.5	44.5%	78.5%
San Antonio	3	43	80.5	31.5	20.5	7.5	3.5	44.5%	78.5%
San Diego	2	44	80.5	31.5	20.5	7.5	3.5	44.5%	78.5%
Seattle	1	45	80.5	31.5	20.5	7.5	3.5	44.5%	78.5%
Utah	0	46	80.5	31.5	20.5	7.5	3.5	44.5%	78.5%

Basketball

College, Georgetown at Miami, ESPN, 10 p.m.

College, Fresno State at Creighton, ESPN2, 10 a.m.

College, Miami (Ohio) at Buffalo, FSNN, 10 a.m.

College, TBA, CBS, noon

College, Xavier at Dayton, ESPN, noon

Women's, Nebraska at Texas, FSNN, noon

College, Wisc.-Milw. at St. Illinois, ESPN2, 1 p.m.

College, TBA, CBS, 2 p.m.

College, Wisconsin at Iowa, ESPN, 2 p.m.

Women's, Iowa State at Oklahoma, FSNN, 2 p.m.

College, Bowling Green at Illinois, ESPN2, 3 p.m.

College, Stanford at UCLA, FSNN, 5 p.m.

College, Memphis at South Florida, ESPN, 5 p.m.

College, Oregon at Washington, FSNN, 5 p.m.

NBA, Bulls at Heat, WGN, 6 p.m.

High school, Idaho Girls 4A Championship, CH, 60, 8 p.m.

College, Hawaii at Kent State, ESPN2, 7:30 p.m.

High school, Idaho Girls 5A Championship, CH, 60, 8 p.m.

Auto Racing

NASCAR Busch, Rockingham 200, FX, 11 a.m.

CART, St. Petersburg qualifying, SPEED, 11:30 a.m.

NASCAR WC, Subway 400 practice, FX, 1 p.m.

NHRA, Checker Schuck's Kragen Nationals, ESPN2, 9:30 p.m.

Boxing

Tyson vs. Eubank, SHO or PPV, 8 p.m.

Golf

Euro Tour, Malaysian Open, third round, TGC, 7 a.m.

PGA, Indian Open, third round, ABC, 1 p.m.

Canadian Tour, Challenge, third round, TGC, 2 p.m.

Champions Tour, Verizon Classic, second round, CNBC, 4 p.m.

Yachting

America's Cup, Race 5, ESPN2, 5 p.m.

Area ski report

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APL - The Fickle Hauraki Gulf is at it again.

Race 4 of the America's Cup between Alinghi of Switzerland and two-time defending champion Team New Zealand was postponed Friday (Saturday in New Zealand) because there was practically no wind on the vast patch of water northeast of downtown Auckland.

The race committee will try for a third time to get the race in on Saturday, although the forecast is for light wind. The race originally was scheduled for Thursday, but was called off because wind shifts were up to 30 degrees made it impossible to set a course.

Alinghi has a 3-0 lead over two-time defending champion Team New Zealand. Organizers will decide by Sunday whether to race on Monday, which is scheduled as a lay day.

The 80-foot sloops didn't even go out on the water Saturday. With just four knots of wind at 9:10 a.m., four hours before the scheduled start - principal race officer Harold Bennett told the

crews to stay in port until the conditions changed.

With just two knots of wind at 12:20 p.m., he called it off.

"All around here, it's absolutely flat," he said from the committee boat on the otherwise empty gulf.

Alinghi's shore crew killed time by playing basketball in front of its boat sheds, and the Kiwis sent out crew members on a tender to acknowledge the thousands of New Zealanders lining the waterfront and in the spectator fleet.

Three years ago, four racing days were lost because of light wind on the gulf, and it took two weeks to get in five races. The Kiwis swept Italy's Prada Challenge.

Tennis

Kruger St. Jude

Andy Roddick (USA) vs. Andre Agassi (USA)

First Round, 1st Set, 6-4, 6-3

Second Round, 1st Set, 6-4, 6-3

Third Round, 1st Set, 6-4, 6-3

Fourth Round, 1st Set, 6-4, 6-3

Fifth Round, 1st Set, 6-4, 6-3

Sixth Round, 1st Set, 6-4, 6-3

Seventh Round, 1st Set, 6-4, 6-3

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Twelfth Round, 1st Set, 6-4, 6-3

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Fortieth Round, 1st Set, 6-4, 6-3

Jordan drills Nets for 43 points

Guard is first 40-year-old to score 40; also hits game-winner

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michael Jordan scored 43, becoming the first 40-year-old in NBA history to score 40 or more points and also hitting the game-winning shot as the Washington Wizards beat the New Jersey Nets 89-86 Friday night.

Already the oldest player in NBA history to score 40, Jordan made 18 of 30 shots and 7 of 8 free throws. Jordan's driving layup with 34 seconds to play put Wizards ahead 87-86.

Jerry Stackhouse, an 87 percent foul shooter who was 0-for-4 from the line to that point, made a pair to finish the scoring as the Wizards broke a six-game losing streak to the Atlantic Division leaders.

Richard Jefferson scored 25 points to lead the Nets.

Magic 110, Bulls 96

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tracy McGrady scored a career-high 52 points in three quarters and Drew Gooden added 22 points and 11 rebounds in his Orlando debut.

McGrady was 15-of-32 from the field and 16-for-20 from the line to eclipse the 50 points he scored last season against Washington. McGrady finished one point shy of the franchise record of 53 set by Shaquille O'Neal in 1993-94.

McGrady, who sat out the entire fourth quarter, also came up a point short of Allan Houston's NBA season-high of 53.

Gooden shot 11-of-16 from the field, and Orlando's other newcomer, Gordon Gierck, had 15 points. Jay Williams led Chicago with 20 points.

Mavericks 100, Rockets 85

HOUSTON — Dirk Nowitzki had 34 points and 11 rebounds and led a 14-2 second-quarter spurt as the Dallas Mavericks completed a season sweep of the Houston Rockets, 100-85 Friday night.

Dallas won its fifth straight game and beat the Rockets for the fourth time this season.

Steve Nash shot 6-for-6 and scored 14 for Dallas, and Nick Van Exel added 13 points and seven assists off the bench.

Steve Francis led Houston with 19 points and Yao Ming had 18 points and 11 rebounds.

76ers 119, Cavaliers 99

CLEVELAND — Allen Iverson matched a

season-high with 41 points and the Philadelphia 76ers blew away Cleveland early Friday night and rolled to their fifth straight win, 119-99 over the Cavaliers.

Iverson almost always has a big game against the Cavs, and he added another as the Sixers won their 15th straight against Cleveland. Iverson added six assists and four steals in 41 minutes.

Keith Van Horn scored 22 points, including 13 in the first quarter when Philadelphia opened a 20-point lead. Eric Snow had 20 for the Sixers, who improved to 7-1 in their last eight road games.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas had 19 points and Ricky Davis 16 for the Cavs, who have lost five straight, 15 of 17 and dropped to an NBA-worst 10-45.

Cleveland is winless since the All-Star break and 2-11 under interim coach Keith Smart.

Raptors 92, Suns 89

TORONTO — Antonio Davis had 22 points, including the final four of the game.

Shawn Marion went 3-for-19 from the field and finished with eight points for the Suns, who have lost four of five since the All-Star break.

After Vince Carter missed a jumper and Morris Peterson missed a short jumper, Davis made a tip-in to give Toronto a 90-89 lead with 7.8 seconds left.

Timberwolves 103, Pistons 96

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Garnett had 34 points and 16 rebounds as the Minnesota Timberwolves set a franchise record with 13 consecutive home wins.

Troy Hudson added 12 points and 11 assists for the Timberwolves, who nearly blew a 24-point second-half lead. Wally Szczerbiak added 20 points.

Hornets 125, Grizzlies 123, OT

NEW ORLEANS — Jamal Mashburn ended



Michael Jordan drives for the winning basket past New Jersey's Jason Kidd as the Wizards beat the Nets 89-86 Friday in Washington.

a 50-point performance by grabbing his own rebound and sinking a short jumper with 1 second left in overtime.

In tying his career high and setting a franchise record for points in a game, Mashburn shot 17-of-33 and hit all 12 of his foul shots.

Jason Williams tied the game at 123 with an off-balance layup before Mashburn's final shot. Memphis then rebounded along the sideline to 3-point specialist Wesley Person, but his rushed shot from the corner was long.

The Hornets' victory spoiled a strong Grizzlies debut for Mike Miller, who came off the bench to lead Memphis with 23 points.

David Wesley scored 35 points, his most as a

Tough finish slows Tiger's charge

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tiger Woods was closing in on the lead Friday at the Nissan Open when one bad swing set off a chain reaction of trouble.

Barely able to see his ball in shin-high grass, Woods swung a sand wedge with all his might and watched the ball dribble about 6 inches. The best he could do from there was huck it across the seventh fairway into a bunker.

He wound up with a double bogey, but saw no reason to panic. All that did was turn a spectacular round into a satisfactory one.

"One bad swing cost me a couple of shots," he said. "Overall, I'm pleased with the way I played today — real solid."

Despite a bogey on his final hole, Woods had a 3-under 68 on 18, gorgeous day at Riviera Country Club to keep within sight of the leaders.

Fred Funk, whose 65 in the first round gave him a three-stroke lead, was among several players who had late starts. Funk was at 8 under through nine holes. Nick Price and Charles Howell III were among those trying to keep Funk from running away from the field.

Woods at least is in the hunt.

The Nissan Open is the only tournament he has played at least five times without winning, and it means even more since he grew up nearby in Cypress.

"This is where it all started for me," Woods said.

His game looked to be as sharp as ever, although at 2-under 140, he still has plenty of work left — and plenty of top players in front of him.

One of them was David Duval, who played with Woods for the first two rounds and showed that there are all kinds of ways to post a score.

Woods was nearly flawless except for the one bad swing on No. 7 and a bad break on No. 9, his final hole, that led to a bogey. Duval was in the trees, in the

rough, behind a waist-high picket fence high on a hill over the 18th green, but managed to get out of one jam after another.

He somehow finished with a 1-under 70 and was at 3-under 139.

Faldo withdraws from Match Play Championship

CARLSBAD, Calif. — Nick Faldo, who qualified for the Match Play Championship with a runner-up finish to Ernie Els two weeks ago in Australia, withdrew from the \$6 million tournament Friday because of the flu.

Phil Tatarangi of New Zealand, No. 66 in the world ranking, will replace Faldo in the field and play Tiger Woods in the opening round.

The Accenture Match Play Championship starts Wednesday at La Costa Resort for the top 64 players available from the world ranking.

Rain suspends play at Malaysian Open

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Retief Goosen shot a 7-under 64 Friday to take a one-stroke lead at the Malaysian Open before play in the second round was suspended by rain.

India's Arjun Atwal, who shared the lead with Sweden's Fredrik Andersson after one round, was at 13 under after seven holes when play was halted.

Webb takes second-round lead in ANZ Ladies Masters

GOLD COAST, Australia — Karrie Webb completed a round of 6-under par 66 Friday (Saturday in Australia) to take a one-stroke lead over Laura Davies after the second round of the ANZ Ladies Masters.

Webb, forced to complete the last two holes of her second round Friday after rain delayed play by 2.5 hours on Thursday, finished with two pars to finish at 10-under 134.

Dent victory ensures all-American semis

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Taylor Dent struggled with his first serve but still had enough on his second to beat Vladimir

Volokhov of Belarus 7-6 (1), 6-2 Friday in the quarterfinals of the Kroger St. Jude tournament.

Dent's victory ensured an all-American semifinal in an ATP event for the first time since 1995 when Andre Agassi, Michael Chang, Jim Courier and Mal Washington reached the semifinals at San Jose.

Dent will play Vince Spadea, who beat Marty Fish 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 to continue his best run this year. He has never won a title and has played in only two finals, none since 1999.

Brian Vahaly reached the first ATP semifinal of his career with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 victory over Irakli Labadze of Georgia. Vahaly will play either defending champion Andy Roddick or Robby Ginepro.

On the women's side, third-seeded Amanda Coetzer of South Africa will try to win her first title since 2001 after beating Laura Granville 6-4, 6-1. Defending champion and second-seeded Lisa Raymond played Yoon Jeong Cho of South Korea in the other semifinal, the final match of the day.

Seles, Henin-Hardenne advance to Dubai final

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Top-seeded Justine Henin-Hardenne beat Jennifer Capriati 7-5, 4-6, 6-4 Friday to advance to the final of the Dubai Open against Monica Seles.

Seles moved into the final when second-seeded Amel Mauresmo, the defending champion, retired in the second set of the semifinal because of a right thigh injury.

Capriati lost for the third time in five matches against Henin-Hardenne.

Ferrero injures ankle, drops out of ABN Amro

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands — French Open runner-up Juan Carlos Ferrero dropped out of the ABN Amro tournament Friday after injuring his right ankle in the first set of his quarterfinal match against Raemon Sluiter.

Ferrero was leading 2-1 when he rolled his ankle during a long rally, and fell to the ground, clutching his right leg. He eventually hobbled off the court after receiving treatment.

Tournament doctors said Ferrero tore the outer ligament of his right ankle.

Bucks think Payton can bring playoff success

SEATTLE (AP) — The Milwaukee Bucks were looking toward the playoffs. The Seattle SuperSonics were looking well beyond that.

In the only big trade conducted before Thursday's deadline, Seattle sent nine-time All-Star Gary Payton and promising swingman Desmond Mason to Milwaukee in exchange for Ray Allen and two other players.

As coincidental as it would be, the Bucks and Sonics were scheduled to play Friday night in Seattle, but none of the players involved were in uniform. Under league rules, players have 48 hours to report to their new teams.

Even without that intriguing swap, it wasn't too soon to start talking about what the deal meant for the teams, who are headed in very different directions.

Milwaukee (27-25) entered the day firmly in the No. 7 playoff position in the Western Conference, and coach George Karl is hoping his reunion with Payton will help the Bucks advance deep into the postseason in the wide-open East.

"We're very happy with what we got," said Karl, who coached Payton and the Sonics to the 1996 NBA Finals against Chicago.

Karl should be happy. At 34, Payton is seven years older than Allen but is averaging 20.8 points and a league-high 8.8 assists. And although he's in his 13th season, Payton still is one of the league's better defenders.

The Bucks also get the 6-foot-5

Mason, Seattle's top reserve who's averaging 14.1 points and seven rebounds in just his third NBA season. Karl, in his fifth season with the Bucks and searching for the right formula to turn them back into winners, said he needed some defenders like Payton and Mason for his own mental health.

"I think it's more philosophical than that maybe I'm fatigued by not playing defense for about four years," said Karl, whose Bucks missed the playoffs last season after reaching the conference finals in 2001.

Seattle, meanwhile, traded away probably the best player in franchise history, and the organization must convince fans that it has a plan for rebuilding. The Sonics (22-30) stand 11th in the Western Conference, 5.5 games behind Houston for the final playoff spot.

"I'm not putting on the season, because we're still fighting for the eighth spot, but realistically, we'll probably have a lottery selection this year," general manager Rick Sund said Friday. "Make no mistake: We're rebuilding."

In Allen, the Sonics get a three-time All-Star and one of the game's best shooters. Seattle also gets guard Kevin Ollie, rookie guard Ronald Murray and a conditional 2003 first-round draft pick.

By trading Payton and sending backup point guard Kenny Anderson to New Orleans for center Elden Campbell, the Sonics are hoping they can finish the season with Ollie, a 30-year-old

career backup, as their starting point guard.

Seattle coach Nate McMillan knows the rest of the season could be arduous.

"You're said to see two of your best players go — two good guys who were very important to the structure of this organization and the future of this organization," he said.

Sund is hoping to build the Sonics around Allen and starting point forward Rashard Lewis, whom Seattle signed to a seven-year contract in September. That contract is worth \$60 million in guaranteed salary and another \$15 million in performance bonuses.

Speaking of salaries, Payton is making \$13 million this season, after which he could leave as a free agent. That made the deal a gamble for the Bucks, but Karl said it was worth it.

"I think we're definitely a better team on paper," he said. "I think by the end of mid-April we can be a very serious basketball team."

Karl thinks the Bucks can resign Payton, but he's not going to worry about that now.

"I told Gary, 'Let's not think about the summer. Let's not think about the future. Let's think about three months of basketball,'" Karl said.

Allen made his first public comments about the trade when he talked to reporters after landing at the airport in Milwaukee Friday night.

"I feel real weird," he said. "I went on a road trip to play basketball and I ended up finding a

new city. "I still do have all my stuff here in Milwaukee, and of course all my friends are here. It's just gonna take a while to get used to."

Allen, Ollie and Murray were supposed to be back in Seattle Saturday for a lengthy practice. Then all three were scheduled to talk at a news conference.

Mason attended Friday night's game and sat on the Bucks' bench in his street clothes, but Payton stayed away from the Key Arena after attending the team's shootaround earlier in the day.

At a news conference, Mason, one of Seattle's most popular players, said Thursday's trade "was kind of shocking."

"At first my mind was racing 100 miles per hour," he said. "It was hard to deal with. It was a little disturbing. I'm going to miss Seattle, but I'm going to a team that wants me."

In conversations with Sund, team president Howard Schultz and team president Wally Walker, Mason said he was not to believe he was going to be a big part of the Sonics' future.

"Rick, Howard and Wally told me a lot of things over the last year and a half about being part of this franchise for a long time," he said. "I have a lot of friends here and I was really looking forward to that. But that was cut short yesterday."

Payton and Mason will be in uniform for the Bucks on Saturday night in Portland, where Payton was expected to talk before the game.

Scatchard helps Islanders derail Avalanche streak

Kings stop Sabres, 4-1

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — Dave Scatchard scored twice, and backchecking goalie Garth Snow made 25 saves as the surging New York Islanders handed the Colorado Avalanche their first regulation loss in 15 games with a 4-1 victory Friday night.

The Avalanche were 11-0-2-1 in their previous 14 games and had scored the first goal in each, four shy of the NHL record, but the Islanders continued the fine play they showed on their recent road trip and snapped both streaks.

Milan Hejduk got Colorado even in the second period with his team-leading 24th goal, but Jason Winchester put New York back on top before the middle frame ended.

Jason Blake sealed it by scoring an empty-net goal with 1:28 left.

Stars 2, Coyotes 2

DALLAS — Jason Arnott broke Dallas' power-play drought with 6:27 remaining in regulation to lift the Stars into a tie.

Arnott snapped his team's 0-for-35 power-play slump, notching his 14th goal of the season when he fired a loose puck from close range past Coyotes goaltender Brian Boucher.

The Coyotes are unbeaten in their last five games (4-0-1).

Daniel Briere had given the Coyotes a 2-1 lead midway through the second period. Kelly Buchberger added a first-period short-handed goal for Phoenix, 0-3-2 in the season series against Dallas that concluded on Friday night.

Kings 4, Sabres 1

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Bryan Smolinski and Ziggy Palffy each scored twice for the Kings.

Eric Boulton scored for Buffalo, which

lost to the Kings at home for the first time since March 15, 1993, breaking a seven-game unbeaten streak.

Lightning 2, Hurricanes 2

RALEIGH, N.C. — Jeff O'Neill scored his team-leading 24th goal midway through the third period as the Carolina Hurricanes spoiled Tampa Bay's bid for a share of the Southeast Division lead.

Devils 3, Bruins 2

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Jeff Friesen scored on a 40-foot breakaway shot that Boston goaltender Jeff Hackett missed with 6:27 to play as the Devils rallied to win.

John Madden scored a goal and set up Jiri Bicek's game-tying tally earlier in the third period as the Devils snapped a three-game winless streak (0-2-1).

Joe Thornton scored twice for Boston.



The Kings' Ziggy Palffy (far right) scores on Buffalo goalie Ryan Miller Friday in Buffalo.

SPORTS

Palmer plans to buck trends as NFL draft approaches

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Carson Palmer understands the history.

Heisman Trophy winners usually don't get picked first in the NFL draft, and Cincinnati's first-round picks often fail.

Palmer wants to change those trends. "I've not met a whole lot of people like me," he said Friday at the league's scouting combine. "I think I can go in and turn it around."

The former Southern California quarterback won the Heisman in December, and now the question is whether NFL scouts will see him as the best player available in the draft. Only one vote will count when the draft is held April 26 in New York, and it belongs to the Cincinnati Bengals.

Palmer, who's not short on confidence, believes he can do for Cincinnati what he did for the Trojans last season: turn around a faltering team.

The Bengals, who are picking first for the third time in nine years, haven't made the playoffs since 1990 and have gone 55-137 since then. Their track record with drafting quarterbacks is even worse. The last two times Cincinnati selected a quarterback in the first round, they went with David Klingler and Akili Smith. Both were busts.

Palmer has heard the horror stories about the Bengals, but he isn't worried.

"I don't know what the big knock on them is," he said. "All I heard coming in here were negative things. It doesn't look bad to me. It looks like a good place for a quarterback to go."

Palmer proved he can help a team go from mediocrity to title contender during his senior year at USC. After going 16-16 in his first three seasons, he got the Trojans into the top 10 and led them to

the Orange Bowl.

At a school known as Tailback U., he was the first of the school's five Heisman winners to play quarterback. If he is the first pick in the draft, Palmer would become the first Heisman winner chosen No. 1 since Tampa Bay selected Vinny Testaverde in 1986.

"It would be great to be the No. 1 pick, for all the reasons everyone knows," he said. "I just want to end up with the right team and in the right system."

But in a quarterback class some analysts have compared with the 1993 draft — which produced John Elway and Dan Marino — there is no consensus on Palmer going No. 1. He, and Marshall's Byron Leftwich are ranked by most analysts as the top two quarterbacks in the draft. The rest of the class includes Florida's Rex Grossman, whose stock has been steadily rising, Louisville's Dave Ragone

and Texas' Chris Simms.

Determining who's the best, however, hasn't been easy.

Palmer and Leftwich both possess prototypical size. Palmer was measured at 6-foot-4, 232 pounds, and he calls himself a pocket passer who can move around.

Leftwich came in at 6-5.75, 240, and he may have more mobility. He also claims to have a stronger arm, but leg injuries the last two seasons are keeping the doctors busy this week.

Leftwich said Friday that he's healthy, and that too much was made of what he described as a hairline fracture in his lower left leg. The school initially reported it as a sore shin.

"We didn't want anyone to know it was broken, because I knew someone would try to take me out," Leftwich said.

Palmer, meanwhile, had impressive stats last season — 32 touchdowns, 10

interceptions — and experience in the West Coast offense. He has helped teams having played in two different offenses, and under two different coordinators at USC will help speed his adjustment to the NFL.

Who's the better? "I'm going to answer that question," Leftwich said before glancing at a Bengals official. "I'm going to let them answer that."

Palmer seems just as content to let everything play out. All he wants is a chance to rewrite history.

"I think my leadership is different. The way I approach the game is different," he said, referring to the Bengals' past failures. "I'm very meticulous going into the game, and I'm meticulous about the situation I'm going into. I like to watch the guys, like Peyton (Manning), who have made it."

Hampton gets fresh start

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press writer

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Mike Hampton stroled off the mound, having completed another baby step in the rehabilitation of his career.

Granted, it was just batting practice, and spring training was just getting started. Hampton's only a week old. Still, Hampton's pitches had some of his former bite, plunging toward the dirt as they crossed the plate.

"I'm starting to see some of the old movement," he said, relaxing later in the Atlanta Braves clubhouse. "It wasn't perfect, but it's the best I've been all camp."

Yes, he seemed to be jelling himself, things are getting better. Of course, they can't get much worse.

Hampton's career veered horribly off course during two years in the thin air of Colorado. The guy who put up a dominating 22-4 record in 1999 was nowhere to be found, replaced by some hack who made everyone look like Barry Bonds.

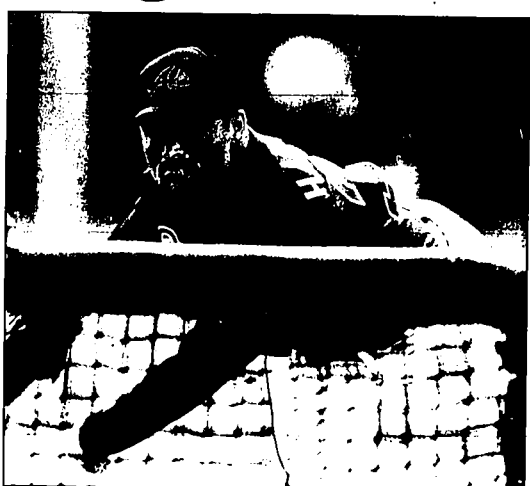
After a 9-2 start with the Rockies, he went 12-26 with a 6.62 ERA the rest of the way, becoming so frustrated that he became a little more than a pitcher in a futile attempt to make his pitches move like they once did.

He remembers facing his old team, the Houston Astros, and getting plenty of puzzled looks from former teammates such as Jose Bautista and Craig Biggio.

"They were like, 'What the hell are you doing? When did you start throwing sidearm?'" Hampton recalled. "I was trying to make the ball sink, and I carried out some bad habits that I got over the road. It became part of my repertoire."

Last season, Hampton went 7-15 with a 6.15 ERA — the highest of any full-time starter in the big leagues. And it wasn't like he was just getting knocked around at the hitters' paradise known as Coors Field. Hampton actually pitched worse on the road (3-12, 6.44) than he did in Denver (4-3, 5.68).

"Somewhere, it all went south," Hampton said. "It was mechanical things, nothing



Atlanta's Mike Hampton throws Feb. 14 at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

major. But all those little things add up."

As the situation worsened, his mind became cluttered with all sorts of thoughts and ideas. From a pitching point of view, he was a psychological mess.

"When I'm on the mound, the least I'm thinking about, the better," Hampton said. "Instead of just gripping it and letting it go, I was thinking, 'Is it going to cut like I want? You can't pitch that way.'"

Hampton, a Florida native, wanted to sign with the Braves two years ago but couldn't pass up Colorado's staggering \$121 million, eight-year offer.

He finally got to Atlanta via a complex, three-way trade, starting fresh with a team known for dominating pitching during its run of 11 straight division titles.

Pitching coach Len Mazzone didn't even bother watching film of the last two seasons, preferring to draw his own conclusions after seeing Hampton in person.

The left-hander wanted to get started right away. He showed up for "Camp Leo," a pre-spring training session at Turner Field, where Mazzone immediately picked up some flaws in Hampton's arm positioning.

At spring training, they have continued to work on breaking Hampton's habit of dropping his arm when he throws his slider and four-seam fastball.

So far, Mazzone is happy with the results. "The other day he broke out all his pitches," the coach said. "Everything was moving good. He looked very good."

Mazzone rolls his eyes whenever the last two seasons are brought up. As far as he's concerned, the Braves acquired one of the top pitchers in baseball. No need to worry about what happened in Colorado.

"I'm just trying to make sure he doesn't try to do more than he can," Mazzone said. "All I think about is where he is now and how

he can improve so he has a good year."

The 30-year-old Hampton is part of a revamped rotation in Atlanta. Tom Glavine now pitches for the Mets. Kevin Millwood was traded to the Phillies. Damian Mota was dealt to San Francisco.

At spring training, Hampton immediately got an idea of the shoes he'll be filling — he got Glavine's prime locker space next to the lounge and training room.

"I'm not here to replace anybody," Hampton said. "I'm number 32, not 47."

In some ways, Hampton is like a rookie. He listens intently whenever Mazzone has a suggestion. He probes the mind of four-time Cy Young Award winner Greg Maddux. He is open to anything that will help close the book on the last two seasons.

"I'm making a consistent effort to put that in the past and move on," he said. "I'm going to get there."

Tyson's career comes to another crossroads

Silly week aside,
Tyson must fight well

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Eight months after Lennox Lewis gave him a brutal beating, Mike Tyson returns to the same ring Saturday night trying to resurrect his career against a fellow ex-con who has trouble staying upright.

After a silly week that did more to spark interest in the fight than it deserves, the newly tattooed Tyson goes into the ring in desperate need of a spectacular knockout if he wants future fights with Lennox Lewis or Evander Holyfield.

If Tyson can't beat Etienne, it could be the beginning of the end for a tumultuous yet always interesting reign of a man who was once the most feared heavyweight around.

The fight is scheduled for 10 rounds, but if it goes that far, even Tyson's handlers acknowledge they may have to reassess the fighting future of the puncher who once terrorized the division.

"He not only has to win, but he has to win strong," said Showtime executive Jay Larkin, who has been Tyson's promoter since he was released from prison in 1995.

To ensure that he does win, promoters came up with what they believe to be a perfect opponent for Etienne — a raw fighter who stands in front of his opposition and isn't afraid to trade punches.

Even better is that Etienne tends to go down after he's hit with those punches — seven times in one fight alone against soft-hitting Eric Oquendo.

"Contrary to what people say, he can take a punch," said Les Bonano, Etienne's manager. "He can take one on the chin. It's when he gets off balance and gets hit in the temple, that's a different story."

Etienne shouldn't have much trouble spotting Tyson's temple. On the left side is a tattoo inspired by a Maori tribal design that's supposed to indicate Tyson is a warrior.

No one doubts that, but he's an aging warrior who was beaten and battered before being stopped in the eighth round by Lewis on June 8. Tyson took his beating like a man, but it raised questions about his future in a division now populated by heavyweights much bigger than he.

"I know how to fight," Tyson said. "I'm just going in there to do my thing."

The 36-year-old Tyson managed to land only 45 punches against Lewis and seemed unable to throw more than one punch at a time. But Lewis fought on the outside, while Etienne will be right in front of Tyson and ready to be hit.

Still, Tyson didn't train for a week because of various ailments and ailments — both real and imagined — and his trainer was concerned he could look bad if he doesn't get an early knockout. He was forced to spar two days before the fight, making himself more of an extended sparring session than a real bout.

"I'm worried about his conditioning if the fight goes into the later rounds," Freddie Roach said.

Though the public hasn't lost its fascination with the young fighter to win the heavyweight title 17 years ago, even Tyson



Mike Tyson is weighed in in Tunisia, Miss., Thursday. Tyson is scheduled to fight Clifford Etienne tonight.

(49-4, 43 knockouts) knows his fight may be running out if he can't stop Etienne.

Assuming he does — and odds-makers make him a 4-1 favorite — Tyson has a guaranteed rematch with Lewis and a potentially lucrative third fight with Evander Holyfield.

"Probably I'll fight Holyfield, then I'll fight Lennox if he's not with Don King," Tyson said.

Etienne, who started boxing while serving 10 years in prison for armed robbery, has played the part of opponent perfectly, though he almost cost himself his biggest payday ever when he staged a one-day boycott to protest Tyson's stage handout of the fight.

Etienne (24-1, 17 knockouts) will make nearly \$1 million — more than in his previous fights, combined. That's not bad for a fighter coming off a draw in his last fight, against a lumbering Francois Botha, who knocked him down twice.

"I think I'll probably knock Mike out in the fourth or fifth round," Etienne said.

Tyson may be a fading heavyweight, but if a week's worth of wordiness is any indication, he's still the oddest fighter on the planet, if not the baddest.

During that time, Tyson skipped training, claimed he had a bad back and then said he was too tired to fight. A day after the fight was called off, he woke up feeling better and declared it back on.

Not so fast, said Etienne, who staged a protest of his own before his wife told him he'd better fight or find another bed to sleep in.

"I think he has a mental problem, but Mike has to live with that," Etienne said.

Psychologists agreed with that several years ago when Tyson was forced to undergo a battery of tests after biting Evander Holyfield's ear before being allowed to resume boxing.

He was on medication, then off medication. Now those close to him refuse to say if he is taking anything.

If the main event isn't enough of a freak show by itself, fans in Memphis will be treated to one on the undercard.

There, Tonya Harding will try to complete her transformation from skater to fighter when she makes her pro debut against Samantha Browning. Harding had one fight, a celebrity match against Paula Jones, while Browning says she has been in plenty of bar fights but never with gloves on.

Selig calls for talks on banning ephedra

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball commissioner Bud Selig called Friday for new talks with the players' union to ban ephedra, the nutritional supplement that may have contributed to the death of Baltimore pitcher Steve Bechler.

Bechler died Monday, a day after collapsing at spring training with heatstroke. A Florida medical examiner said the death may have been linked to an ephedra-based diet pill, Xenadrine. Friday.

While ephedra is banned by the NFL, the NCAA and the International Olympic Committee, use of the substance, which is available without prescription, is rampant in baseball.

During labor bargaining last summer, owners talked about banning ephedra, but they did not include a ban in their proposal after the union told management lawyers that it would not agree.

"Selig and the clubs have been consistent in advocating the ban of and testing for all illegal drugs as well as over-the-counter dietary and nutritional supplements that pose a health risk to players," the commissioner's office said in a statement Friday.

"In light of the apparent circumstances surrounding the tragic and untimely death of Baltimore Orioles pitcher Steve Bechler, Major League Baseball and the clubs are prepared to meet with the Major League

Baseball Players Association regarding the use or abuse of potentially dangerous dietary and nutritional supplements. Also, we will continue and accelerate our efforts to have Congress ban those substances."

Players have opposed banning any substances that are legal for others to take. The new drug agreement calls for players to be tested for drugs of abuse, such as cocaine, and for illegal anabolic steroids.

Union head Donald Fehr, speaking earlier in the day in Peoria, Ariz., said it was too early to draw any conclusions on ephedra.

"At some point down the road — I'm not personally familiar with how long it takes — we'll have some scientific reports, which will tell us some things," Fehr said. "We may be able to draw conclusions from that. We may not. We'll just have to wait and see."

Obviously, it's something you discuss internally. You take another look at things as circumstances warrant."

Rep Henry Waxman, the ranking Democrat of the House Committee on Government Reform, sent letters Friday to the heads of the NBA, NHL and Fehr asking why they have not acted to ban ephedra. Waxman sent a similar letter to Selig on Thursday.

Fehr says response to All-Star proposal is weeks away

PEORIA, Ariz. — Baseball players won't respond for several weeks to management's proposal to give the league that wins the All-Star game home-field advantage in the World Series.

"We still have some internal discussions to have, and then some discussions with major league baseball," union head Donald Fehr said Friday after a meeting with Seattle players, the first stop on his tour of the 30 teams.

Last year's game ended in a 7-7, 11-inning tie, and owners approved the link to the World Series in a unanimous vote last month. However, the change can't be made unless players agree to it.

Fehr also expressed confidence that baseball's security department will ensure players are safe during the season-opening, two-game series between the Mariners and Oakland Athletics in Tokyo next month.

"We have a very, very good working relationship with major league baseball's security people," Fehr said. "If there's something to be concerned about, I'm sure we'll know about it."

Baseball: Rose reinstatement unlikely by Reds owners

NEW YORK — It looks like the

Cincinnati Reds' new ballpark will open on March 31 without Pete Rose.

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig doesn't plan to consider Rose's application for reinstatement before opening day, a high-ranking baseball official said on the condition of anonymity.

Rose met with Selig in November and Rose's agent met with Bob DuPuy, baseball's No. 2 official, the following month. Rose's application for reinstatement seemed to be gaining momentum before a report that a \$151,689 lien was placed on his Los Angeles-area home by the Internal Revenue Service, which says Rose owes taxes from 1999.

Baseball officials also were disturbed by reports that he was seen in a Las Vegas casino and sports bar, and are investigating Rose's current activities.

Cincinnati Mayor Charlie Luken had written to Selig in November, urging that Rose be reinstated by the first game in the Reds' new stadium, Great American Ball Park.

Asked if there was any chance of that occurring, the baseball official said it was "almost a certainty" that Selig wouldn't take any action in the next two months.

Rose's manager, Warren Greene, declined comment and Selig didn't return telephone calls seeking comment.

Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

County-by-county sales

Here are county-by-county sales results for all industries for Jan. 1 through Jan. 31. Total sales include both taxable and nontaxable.

County	Total Sales	Taxable Sales
Blaine	\$51,247,443	\$31,082,934
Camas	\$1,094,272	\$454,345
Cassia	\$3,349,284	\$13,214,269
Gooding	\$11,807,409	\$3,249,768
Jerome	\$25,910,781	\$12,090,147
Latah	\$1,944,193	\$1,498,226
Minkidoka	\$28,954,259	\$6,881,746
Twin Falls	\$155,918,692	\$55,432,134
TOTAL	\$312,228M	\$123,903M

Those exclude sales by some businesses that have locations in more than one county. (If those companies each file just one sales tax return, they aren't included in county-by-county numbers.) Also excluded from county totals are sales by businesses headquartered outside of Idaho.

Source: Idaho State Tax Commission

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Target sees earnings rise in fourth quarter

MINNEAPOLIS — Target Corp. reported a 4.4 percent increase in fourth-quarter earnings, crediting the gain to less post-Christmas price slashing and tight control of inventory levels.

The retailer — which has a discount store in Twin Falls — reported net income of \$666 million, or 75 cents per diluted share, for the quarter ended Feb. 1 compared with \$658 million, or 72 cents per diluted share, for the same period a year ago. The quarterly result was in line with Wall Street expectations. For the year, Target earnings increased 20.9 percent, to \$1.65 billion, or \$1.81 per share.

"We are pleased with our overall financial results for fiscal 2002, especially in light of our relatively soft sales performance," Target chief executive Bob Ulit said.

The retailer's performance slipped in the final quarter, however.

Sales at stores open at least a year — a key industry measure — fell 2.2 percent companywide. Its discount Target chain, the driver of the company, reported a 1.1 percent sales decline while sales dipped 6.2 percent at Marshall Field's and 9.3 percent at Mervyn's.

J.C. Penney reports higher quarterly earnings

PLANO, Texas — J.C. Penney Co., which has stores in Twin Falls and Burley — more than doubled its fiscal fourth-quarter earnings, the latest proof that the century-old retailer's efforts to reinvent itself are taking hold.

Net income in the three months that ended Jan. 25 rose to \$202 million, or 68 cents per share of common stock, from \$95 million, or 32 cents a share, a year ago. Revenue rose to \$9.54 billion from \$9.54 billion as increases at the company's department stores and Eckerd drugstores offset a plunge in catalog sales.

More fashionable merchandise, promotional events and new conveniences such as centralized checkout areas helped J.C. Penney win back customers, the company said. Sales at department stores open at least a year rose 1.9 percent from last year's fourth quarter.

Vanessa Castagna, chief executive of J.C. Penney's stores, catalog and Internet business, said shoppers will see more improvements this year. Stores are getting outfitted with better lighting, cleaner floors, a larger selection of handbags and jewelry, and new items including contemporary apparel by Blou Blou and the True Beauty by Emme collection of women's plus-size clothing.

Compiled from wire reports

'THE 99-CENT LIFESTYLE'



Dave Gold sits in a shopping cart at one of his stores Dec. 24, 2002, in Commerce, Calif. Gold is the founder of the 99 Cents Only Stores chain.

Even wealthy consumers hunt for low-priced merchandise

The Associated Press

COMMERCE, Calif. — Extreme-value retailing is the fastest-growing retail trend in the country. And Dave Gold is the king of extreme value, also known as deep-discount retailing. Gold is the founder of the 99 Cents Only Stores chain and the probable inventor of what's fast becoming known as the 99-cent lifestyle.

Although Gold started out in areas where people were financially challenged — and still caters to those customers — he soon realized that "rich people love bargains if they're of good quality."

Lately, with the new frugality of the rich turning into a trend, Gold's success has skyrocketed in what he calls high-end areas: Huntington Beach, Scottsdale, Ariz., and a branch he euphemistically calls "our Beverly Hills store," which is actually across the boundary from Beverly Hills in L.A.

It's easy to understand why people on fixed incomes and tight budgets would hunt for bar-

gains at the 99-cent stores. But there are also those well-dressed types who pull up in pricey cars and can be seen scouring the well-stocked aisles like archeologists on a dig. They scoop up jars of white asparagus and artichoke hearts, hand-painted china, leopard-print thong undies, bottles of wine and Pellegrino water — each priced at under \$1.

"It's amazing. It's fun. I love to go there," says Dorothy Goodman, a law firm administrator who drives a Mercedes, owns a hillside house overlooking L.A.'s Westside and for years fulfilled her household shopping needs at upscale supermarkets in her neighborhood.

Then she discovered the 99-cent lifestyle — the thrill of the hunt, the allure of super-bargains, the idea of getting something for almost nothing, something she knows would cost much more elsewhere.

Goodman's daughter, music producer Michelle Hart, says the 99-cent habit has rubbed off on her. "At Christmas we ran out of paper to wrap gifts. I didn't go to the drugstore nearest us. I went

to the 99-cent store because they have amazing gift bags at two for 99 cents that would have cost about \$2.50 each elsewhere, and huge rolls of gift-wrap paper.

"It's comforting to shop these stores," Hart says, because "you feel in control. In other places,

the paper you fall in love with can be \$4.99. The mouthwash you choose can set you back a small fortune. Here, it's a disciplined form of recreation."

Dave Gold, 70, is an unassuming guy with rumpled hair and clothes to match. He drives a Toyota hybrid car because it gets 52 miles to the gallon, and he lives in the same house with the same wife he started out with in the 1950s.

He is also on the Forbes 400 list for 2002, with 142 stores in his ever-expanding chain, no corporate debt, and an estimated personal fortune of \$650 million. He is, according to some calculations, the 37th richest man in Los Angeles.

You'd never know it. Dave, as everyone calls him, is extremely accessible. You want to come see him? Sell him some of your firm's discontinued or overproduced perfume, pantyhose, pork and beans? You want to show him some kitchen towels or plastic bowls you could produce in Asia, especially for his stores? Just drop in any Tuesday or Friday with samples. No appointment needed.

Web sites offer tax preparation online

Knight Ridder News Service

The following is a list of online tax preparation sites recommended by the IRS for the Free File program.

• **TaxACT** (www.taxactonline.com): Free federal online tax preparation and e-filing if you have an adjusted gross income of \$50,000 or more OR if you use Form 1040EZ.

• **CompleteTax** (www.completetax.com): Free federal online tax preparation and e-filing if you have an adjusted gross income of \$33,000 or less.

• **Free Tax Return** (www.pot-income-tax-return-submitting-specialist.com): Free federal online tax preparation and e-filing if you have an adjusted gross

income of \$27,500 or less.

• **EFile-Tax Returns** (www.e-file-tax-returns.com): Free federal online tax preparation and e-filing if you have an adjusted gross income of \$28,000 or less.

• **TurboTax for the Web** (www.taxfreedom.com): Free federal online tax prep and e-filing if your adjusted gross income is \$27,000 or less OR you can claim the earned income credit.

• **Taxslayer** (www.taxslayer.com/americanpledge): Free federal online tax prep and e-filing for all active-duty military OR if your adjusted gross income

Taxes 2003



is \$30,000 or less.

• **FreeTaxSA.com** (www.free-tax-usa.com): Free federal online tax preparation and e-filing if you have an adjusted gross income of \$30,000 or less.

• **E-File Tax Returns** (www.free1040taxreturn.com): Free federal online tax preparation and e-filing if you have an adjusted gross income of \$28,000 or less.

• **TaxSimple** (www.taxsimple.com): Free federal online tax preparation and e-filing if you have an adjusted gross income of \$28,000 or less.

• **H&R Block** (www.hrblock.com/taxes/partners/gov/fi): Free

federal online tax preparation and e-filing if you have an adjusted gross income of \$28,000 or less.

• **TaxBrain Online Tax Center** (www.taxbrain.com/openaccess/rs.htm): Free federal online tax preparation and e-filing if you are age 50 or older OR if your adjusted gross income is \$12,000 or less.

• **eTaxReturn.com** (www.etaxreturn.com/efile): Free federal online tax preparation and e-filing if you have an adjusted gross income of \$40,000 or less and file a 1040EZ with schedule W-2.

• **Online Taxes** (www.onlinetaxes.com): Free federal online tax preparation and e-filing if you are age 20 or younger

Numerous tax scams flourish this time of year

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Don't give money to anyone who promises to get you a tax refund or credit for slavery reparations, Social Security taxes, disabled access to pay telephones or any of the other scams that flourish during the tax-filing season.

Common schemes include:

• **Special tax refund for descendants of slaves.** Unscrupulous promoters persuade victims to pay them to prepare a slavery reparations claim.

The tax code has no such provision.

• **No tax withheld from wages.** Schemes to get employers not to withhold federal income or employment taxes from wages are illegal.

• **Pay taxes, win a prize.** Typically, a caller says you've won a prize and only have to pay the income tax due on it. If you've really won a prize, you may need to make an estimated tax payment to cover the taxes that will be due at the end of the year, but the payment goes to IRS, not the caller.

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Bad news can turn good at tax time

By Mark Schwanhauser
Knight Ridder News Service

Let me put this as politely as I can. You might be as rich as you'd like to think. At tax time, however, that can have its advantages.

Are you one of the millions who are out of work? Have your overtime, commissions or bonuses shriveled? If you're retired, has your investment income evaporated?

Just because you made too much money to qualify for some tax breaks during boom times, don't assume they'll be out of reach this year, too. Your adjusted gross income — or AGI — might

have slipped enough to unlock valuable credits and deductions.

One tax expert is already practicing how to deliver the good news. He's been busy helping clients this tax season. "Congratulations, you've got the credit," says Karen Brown, director of financial planning at Almoan & Co. in Palo Alto, Calif. "The bad news is it's because your adjusted gross income is so low."

To be sure, it's much more desirable to prune your AGI strategically than to have it buzzsawed off by a layoff or recessionary slowdown. The result is the same, however. The lower your AGI, the closer you'll get to a variety of tax breaks, some

IRS offers advocate service for taxpayers

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — If trying to resolve a tax problem with IRS has brought you nothing but high blood pressure, there's a place that will help: IRS.

Within the Internal Revenue Service is the Taxpayer Advocate Service. Its job is to help taxpayers who haven't been able to resolve tax disputes through the regular IRS process.

Call the advocate if you have an ongoing problem with IRS that is taking more than 30 days to resolve, don't like the way tax laws have been applied to you or don't think you've gotten a fair hearing. Also call if you would suffer a hardship — economic or otherwise — as a result of IRS actions like garnishing your wages to pay a tax debt.

The tax advocate is supposed to represent your interests by cutting through red tape and putting things on hold until it can do an independent evaluation of your case. But you have to go through the regular IRS channels first.

"We are not a substitute for the normal administrative processes of IRS," says Neil Olson, a former private tax attorney who heads the advocacy service. "Absent an economic hardship where something has to be done immediately, they need to work through the system."

There are taxpayer advocate offices in every state and IRS service center.

To reach the taxpayer advocate, call 1 (877) 777-4778. You may also file form 911, "Application for Taxpayer Assistance Order," or request that an IRS employee fill out a form on your behalf. A list of local advocate offices is found in Publication 1546, "The Taxpayer Advocate Service," which may be downloaded from www.irs.gov or ordered by calling the IRS form order number, 1 (800) 829-3676.

As a taxpayer, you're entitled to certain rights when dealing with IRS: privacy, courteous treatment, or other representation if you are summoned to an IRS interview, help with unresolved tax problems, an appeal of IRS judgments and the waiver of any tax penalty or interest that is the result of IRS errors or delays.

According to the National Taxpayer Advocate's 2001 report to Congress, the most serious problems taxpayers face are:

• **Being unable to reach IRS** on its toll-free line, especially during the tax-filing season.

• **Confusion over the rules** by which children qualify as dependents or for the earned income tax credit.

• **Difficulties understanding** estimated tax payments.

• **Unclear math error** notifications from IRS.

• **Refund delays.**

• **Difficulties computing capital gains tax.**

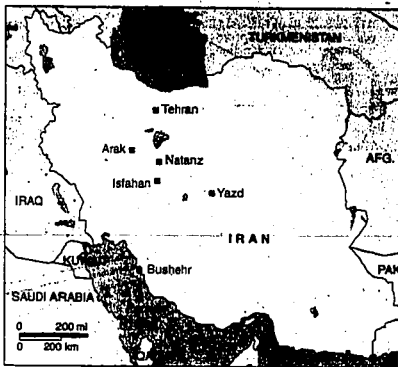
new, some old. For example:

• **Deductions for miscellaneous itemized deductions.** These deductions include a grab bag of write-offs such as union dues, magazine subscriptions and tax preparation fees, but you can write off only the expenses that exceed 2 percent of your AGI. If your income fell because of a layoff or tight time at work, then more of your job-hunting and unreimbursed business expenses will be deductible.

• **Deductions for medical expenses.** Most Americans can't write off their medical bills because the deduction is limited to the expenses that exceed 7.5 percent of their AGI. If your AGI slumped in 2002, you might clear

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WORLD



Natanz	Nuclear enrichment plant under construction	Isfahan	Plant under construction for processing uranium ore into fuel
Arak	Facility under construction	Yazd	Uranium reserves discovered recently
Bushehr	First nuclear power plant under construction		

SOURCES: Associated Press; GlobalSecurity.org; ESRI

U.N. nuke chief arrives in Iran to visit facilities

NATANZ, Iran (AP) — The top U.N. nuclear inspector on Friday visited the site of a nuclear plant that Iran says will be used for peaceful purposes but that the United States insists is intended to fuel a secret weapons program.

Mohamed ElBaradei, accompanied by two top officials from the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency, visited the Natanz nuclear plant, under construction at the foot of a mountain in central Iran.

ElBaradei told state-run radio that his visit was to observe Iran's "peaceful use of nuclear energy" and ensure the safety of its facilities.

"New facilities have been set up in Iran and I need to visit them to have a clear understanding of Iran's nuclear program in order to determine the fields the IAEA can help Iran in," he said.

During the two-day visit, ElBaradei was also scheduled to visit a nuclear facility in Isfahan

in central Iran and to meet Iranian President Mohammad Khatami. The two IAEA officials were expected to stay behind to tour a nuclear facility in Arak, also in central Iran.

Reporters were kept away from the Natanz site, in the desert about 200 miles south of Tehran.

In December, U.S. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said satellite imagery showed some structures at the Natanz plant were being covered with earth, indicating Iran is building "a secret underground site where it could produce fissile material."

"That facility was probably never intended by Iran to be a declared component of the peaceful (nuclear) program," Boucher said at the time.

But Ali Akbar Salehi, Iran's envoy to the U.N. agency, said Friday that the walled compound is built partially underground for safety reasons.

Venezuela's Chavez: Strike leaders must go to prison

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — President Hugo Chavez demanded 20-year prison terms Friday for two prominent opponents who directed a nationwide strike that devastated Venezuela's oil-based economy.

Carlos Fernandez, head of Venezuela's largest business chamber, and Carlos Ortega, leader of its biggest labor confederation, are charged with treason and other crimes for the two-month strike, which cost more than \$4 billion.

Fernandez was arrested by secret police Wednesday and hauled into court Friday. Ortega went into hiding when a judge issued an arrest warrant.



Hugo Chavez

handing land titles to peasants in Trujillo state.

He demanded a 20-year term for Fernandez, president of the Federación de Fabricantes de Alimentos, and for Ortega, of the Venezuelan Workers Confederation, for allegedly sab-

"These oil-garbs believed that they were untouchable. There are no untouchables in Venezuela. A criminal is a criminal."

Chavez thundered during a ceremony



Carlos Fernandez

Oil is Venezuela's strategic industry, and its exports were the fifth-largest in the world before the strike began Dec. 2. The strike ended Feb. 4, but Chavez's government is battling a continuing walkout in the oil industry.

staging the oil industry, inciting civil disobedience "and trampling the human rights of the Venezuelan people."

The treason charge carries a 20- to 26-year prison term.

Citing nationwide hardship caused by gasoline shortages, Chavez condemned Fernandez and Ortega as "terrorists" who failed to topple his government — both during a brief April coup and this winter.

The tempestuous president also had a message for foreign critics: The United States, Organization of American States and other entities voiced concern that Venezuela's crisis is escalating.

"I want to remind all the governments of the world that Venezuela is a sovereign country. We are nobody's colony!" Chavez shouted.

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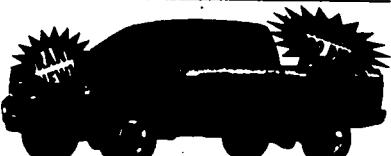


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Preparing for - whatever

By show of hands, who went out and bought a few extra emergency supplies during the past week?

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And so in the true spirit of free enterprise, we went shopping. We laid in a little extra peanut butter and Spam. We checked the batteries in the flashlight and the propane in the barbecue. We ran through the emergency exit drill a few times at home and at work. And, we all felt a little better as a result.

VALUE SPEAK

Joseph Walker

Thankfully, nothing violent happened - this time. But it seems likely that something will happen - eventually. Even the most optimistic government sources indicate that another terrorist attack on the United States isn't so much a matter of "if" but "when." And then there are the other sobering eventualities of life - earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes and, in case you weren't paying attention over the weekend, the Snowstorm of the Century (OK, maybe the century is only three years old; it still was quite a storm, wasn't it?). Whenever it does happen - whatever "it" is - we're all going to be a little better prepared as a result of our recent efforts.

For many of us, the concept of preparedness hasn't entered our minds much since we last heard the story of the ant and the grasshopper. You remember that one, don't you? The grasshopper prefers to sing and dance and play away the summer, while the ant works hard to store the food he will need to last through the winter. Of course, the grasshopper has a lot more fun than the ant - until the snow falls and he finds himself out in the cold, hungry and homeless.

Do the characters sound familiar? A lot of us can relate to the grasshopper. We're inclined to live life for today without giving much thought to preparing for tomorrow. And we probably know people who, like that ant, seem to be so busy preparing for tomorrow that they never really have time to enjoy today. But isn't there a happy medium somewhere - an approach to preparedness that stops short of boarding up the windows and heading for the hills?

I think there is. It seems to me that it is just as foolish to become obsessed with potential disaster as it is to ignore its possibility. And so in a reasonable way, we can prepare for any eventuality just as we prepare for anything else in life - a little bit at a time.

First, we can make sure everyone in the household knows what to do in the immediate aftermath of disaster - where to go, what to turn off, how to get help and how to handle critical first-aid problems until help arrives. Then, we can make sure we have on hand enough food, fuel, clothing and money to see us through for a few days. Then, we can expand our supplies to include provisions for a couple of weeks. Then a couple of months. Then six months or a year.

It may take a while to pull everything together. But we can do it - a little bit at a time.

And once we have what we need on hand we can forget about it - at least as much as it is possible to forget about such things. Aside from an occasional update and rotation of food, clothing and batteries, we won't need to worry so much about terrorist attacks, earthquakes, floods, fires or snowstorms (or, for that matter, the ups and downs of the economy) because we're prepared. As it has been said: "If you are prepared you don't need to fear."

Even if you are not, by nature, an ant.

Joseph Walker is a freelance writer from American Fork, Utah.

Group encourages women to realize potential

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - Women are being encouraged to realize their own potentials serving God.

The AGAPE Women's Interfaith Ministries of Gooding is hosting a retreat titled "Women of Substance." Women in attendance will discover how God's word applies to life situations and how their talents and abilities can further God's work.

The ministries is a group of interdenominational women

who started meeting in 1979, group member Susan Westendorf explained. AGAPE is a Greek word meaning God's love, the purest kind of love.

Jane Henley, a marriage and family therapist in Ketchum, will speak at the workshop. Henley, who holds degrees from California State University at Northridge and Fuller Theological Seminary, will facilitate a workshop designed to help women discover their



Jane Henley

Bible workshop

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roles in life. She has led conferences in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

and Kansas. In Kansas, she developed courses for young mothers and for professional women. In Los Angeles, she pioneered an outreach program called "Body and Soul."

Henley has traveled with her husband, a Presbyterian minister, to 35 countries. In Third World countries, she said, she found women whose lives are limited and constrained. In northeast India, she noted, people are born into castes, with their lives and jobs set at birth - and women in

the lowest cast are only allowed to clean latrines.

In India, Henley worked in a rural Presbyterian movement, teaching usable life skills like sewing, gardening, animal husbandry and farming.

Henley's AGAPE talk will focus on women in Scripture. She will include questions like "What is God's plan for women in general?" and "What is God's plan for me as an individual woman?"

The group will also discuss "Who are we?"

Church seeks AIDS awareness

Special quilt helps promote understanding

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

FILER - A well-traveled quilt is coming to the Filer Mennonite Church on March 2. It's already been to Canada, parts of the United States, Italy, Amsterdam and most recently, France. In August, it will head for Zimbabwe, Africa.

The AIDS quilt is spreading awareness of the deadly disease, and raising funds for the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) to help African churches in their work with victims of AIDS.

Lois Hooley, committee contact person for the Filer church, said there are four things the money will be used for: To care for vulnerable children, support clinics and hospitals, provide home care for people with AIDS and prevent AIDS by teaching biblical principles.

She said the quilt hasn't stayed exclusively within Mennonite circles. It has spent some time with the Lutheran community, too.

"When it was in the Lutheran church, it was used to raise funds for the Lutheran church's 'Stand With Africa' Program," she said. "The problem involves so many people that there's not just one denomination reaching out."

The quilt also was used by the American Red Cross for World AIDS Day presentations in Indiana.

"I think it's neat that so many people are seeing it in different contexts," she said.

The AIDS quilt was made by Pauline Aguilar, quilting coordinator for the West Coast Central Mennonite Committee in Reedley, Calif. Aguilar will accompany the quilt to the Filer church and speak during the morning service.

In a telephone interview, Aguilar said she made the quilt a year ago this month.

"A few years ago, I thought of making quilts and comforters to speak about some of the projects the Mennonite Central Committee is working on," she said. "And one of the projects is AIDS in Africa."

When Aguilar decided to do an AIDS quilt, she used fabric she had asked people to bring back with them from travels to various areas of Africa. She chose fabric from Ghana with a design of human forms in black and beige



Jan Siemens, left, assistant director of the Mennonite Central Committee Human Resources, and Clare Ann Ruth Heffelflower, former central committee Indonesia representative, stand next to the AIDS quilt at a recent conference on AIDS at the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary in Fresno, Calif. Below is a detail from the AIDS quilt, which is used to raise awareness about the disease, and funds to help its victims.

The AIDS quilt

Where: Filer Mennonite Church, 109 Fifth St.
When: At the 11 a.m. service on March 2.
Donations will be accepted at that time, or call 326-5150 or the Mennonite Central Committee at (559) 638-6911.

to be the central piece connecting the colorful squares from different villages, representing the connection between people. She said people have responded positively to the quilt, looking at it as an art form. But more than that, they connect with the specific goals and purpose of the fund-raising. So far, \$35,000 has been donated.



Old Ascension church sanctuary goes on sale

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - With the Twin Falls centennial approaching, it might be a good time to buy a part of its history - the original Episcopal Church of the Ascension building.

The new church facility on Eastland Drive will soon be ready for the congregation to move in, and the sanctuary portion of the old building on Blue Lakes Boulevard is up for sale. If no buyer is found, it will have to be razed to make way for the expansion of the nearby Alberston's grocery store.

The Rev. Brian Thom, the church's rector, said the old building was their original church downtown.

"All the churches that were meeting in Twin Falls when they

More information

For more information about purchasing the old sanctuary of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, call Jack Stanley at the Western Real Estate Group, 733-7653. The asking price is \$50,000.

plotted the city were given a plot of land around city square," he said. "That's why the Presbyterians, the Methodists, the Catholics and Episcopalians got one of these."

He said the building was constructed sometime between 1917 and 1923. Then in 1953 when the church needed to expand, it purchased the Blue Lakes Boulevard property and relocated the building there.

"From what I understand, it was a very controversial move

because it was so far out of town," he said. "And then four years later, they built the rest of the building - the classrooms and the parish hall."

Because the approximately 110-by-23-foot building was moved once, it can be done again. However, the original claspboard was covered with bricks, and to move it again, the veneer would have to be removed.

Inside is the original hardwood floor and open beams. For good stewardship, the church would like to revitalize the old building rather than seeing it torn down, Thom said. And, that would ease the congregation's heartache over losing the building.

"It would make a great barn, a great machine shed or tool shed," he said. "Maybe, a mother in law cottage."



The old sanctuary of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension was constructed between 1917 and 1923 in downtown Twin Falls. In 1953, it was moved to the present site on Blue Lakes Boulevard.

By Berta Delgado
The Dallas Morning News

By Jon Yates
Chicago Tribune

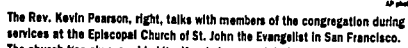
Still, the formation of all-Muslim troops is relatively new, Scouting officials say.

Gregg Shields, spokesman for the Boy Scouts of America, based in Irving, Texas, said there are 58 Boy Scout units sponsored by mosques in the U.S., a sliver of the country's 125,000 total units. Of the 3.3 million youths in Boy Scouts, only 1,100 are in Muslim units.

But many churches spend way beyond that.

By Lisa Lott
The Associated Press

The group never pretended it



would use the dances to further the Christian gospel. But according to parishioners on both sides of the debate, Pearson's predecessor, the Rev. David Nogard, saw it as an opportunity to inject

Rhythm society members strenuously deny that they either tolerated or encouraged drug use at their events.

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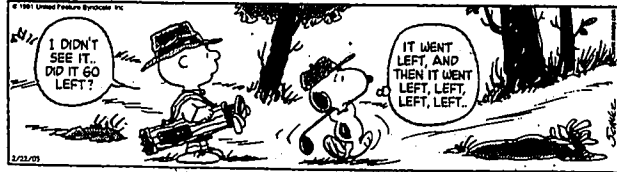
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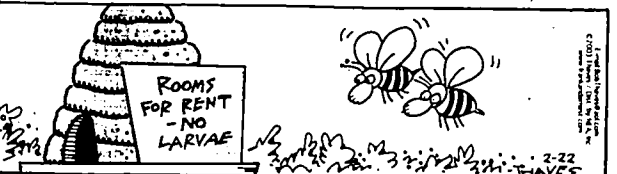
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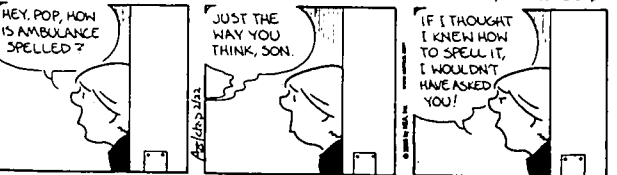
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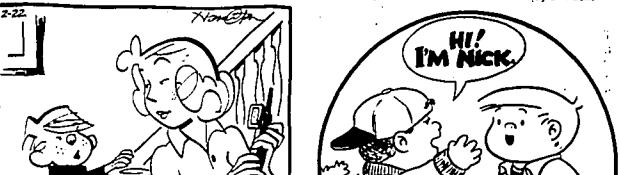


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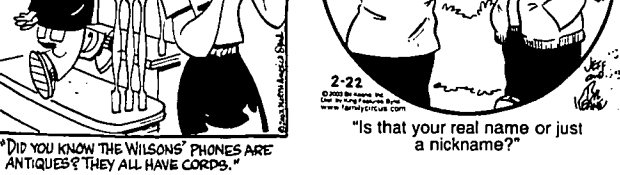
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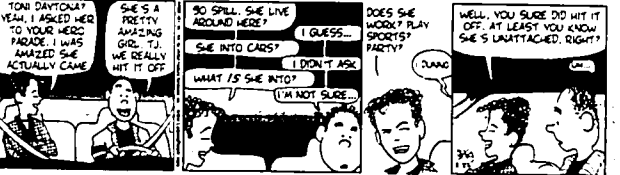


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DANCE FORCE REVIEW HITS THE STAGE

The Spartan Dance Force from Minico High School will hold its annual dance review at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the school auditorium. The cost is \$3 in advance from any Dance Force member or \$5 at the door. Other teams also will perform. The Dance Force is planning to return to Las Vegas, where they had brought home several first place trophies from a competition. Funds raised from the review will help them travel to Las Vegas for this year's contest.



Photo courtesy of STEVE THOMAS

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Clothing - The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center needs clothing for men, women and children. Items may be dropped off from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Call Aleksandra at 736-2166.

Buzz Langdon volunteers - The Buzz Langdon Visitor Center needs volunteers to work weekly shifts or to substitute. Volunteers are especially needed on the weekends and holidays. Call Judy at 733-3974 or Judy Harr at 733-8465.

Respite - Volunteers are needed to give respite to elderly

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of region with volunteer help.

If you need a volunteer, call Judy Tipton, director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), at 736-2122, Ext. 312. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho.

Please submit a request before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publi-

homebound clients so their main caregivers can take a break. Volunteers are needed in the Gooding, Wendell, Buhl, Twin Falls, Jerome and Eden areas. Call Edith or Judy at 736-2122 or Kirby at 436-0727.

Clerical, fund-raising - Idaho Home Health and Hospice needs volunteers for patient/caregiver support, clerical duties and fund-raising. Volunteers are especially needed in Rupert, Jerome, Buhl and Twin Falls. Hospice and OSHA training are offered each month for new volunteers. Call Susan or Grace at 734-4061 or 1-800-540-4061.

Adult tutors - The College of Southern Idaho Adult Basic Education program needs volunteer tutors for adult students in math, English as a second language and computer literacy. Call Ruth Scott at 736-6536 or 1-800-680-0274, ext. 6536.

SERVICE NEWS

Former T.F. resident retires from Air Force

Major Kris Oliver, son of Noah and Veda Oliver of Twin Falls, has retired from the U.S. Air Force. He was stationed with the 9th Airlift Squadron at the Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

At the age 13, he joined the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program, and received his private pilot's license when he was 16. At 18, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, and was accepted to the Warrant Officer Rotary Wing Aviator course at Fort Rucker in Alabama. He was assigned to Air Troop, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fulda, Germany, where he served for three years as an AH-1 Attack Helicopter Pilot.

Oliver also attended Officer Training School at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas and Undergraduate Pilot Training at Williams Air Force Base in Arizona. He was a distinguished



Kris Oliver

graduate, and remained at Williams as a T-38 instructor pilot.

In 1997, Oliver was reassigned to the 9th Airlift Squadron, and served as flight examiner aircraft commander, among other positions. He was a command pilot with more than 5,500 accident-free flying hours.

Oliver is a graduate of the USAF Squadron Officer School, US Army Warrant Officer Advanced Course (honor graduate), US Army Aviation Maintenance Officer Course and T-38 Pilot Instructor Training (distinguished graduate). He holds degrees in computer science from the University of Maryland and professional aeronautics and aerospace manage-

ment from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

His decorations include Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, AF Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, AF Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with one bronze star, Southwest Asia Service Medal with one bronze star, Humanitarian Service Medal, AF Training Ribbon, NATO Medal (Kosovo) and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

He is a 1981 graduate of Twin Falls High School. He and his wife, Gail, have three children. Following retirement, Oliver will work for Southwest Airlines, and join the 326th Airlift Squadron.

M.V. Duplicate Bridge lists weekly winners in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club announced its weekly winners.

Feb. 13: first, Riley Burton and Bobette Plankey; second, Gloria Hann and Susan Morris; third, Mike Noss and Max Thompson; fourth, Dick Kevan and Betty Sabo.

Feb. 15: first, Beverly Burns and Bobette Plankey; second, Joe Astorquia and Jessie Lingna; third, Harold Bulcher and Linda Fix and fourth, Renee Bulcher and Wilma Driscoll. Flight B winners: first, Bonnie Aspitarte and Veeta Roberts and second, Joe and Helen Stastny.

Feb. 17: first, Don and Shelley Montgomery; second, the Hyllton and Doris Watts; third, Dick and Carmen Kevan; fourth, Doug Strand and Tom Wagner and fifth, Mary Tucker and Dorothy Young. Feb. 18 for north/south: first, End Cook and Polly Mulliner; second, Emma

Lou Andrews and Veeta Roberts and third, Ruby Grimes and Joyce Johnson. East-west: first, Faye Koelneff and Mary Lee Pfeiffer; second, Mary Ferrell and Gloria Hann and third, Norcen Cregan and Betty Sabo. Feb. 19 for north/south: first, Renee Bulcher and

Peggy Hackley; second, Ruby Grimes and Doris Watts; third, Joe Astorquia and Jessie Lingna; fourth, Al and Frances Anglin; East-west: first, Wilma Driscoll and Ruth Rabe; second, Kay Hager and Max Thompson; third, Marilyn Borkin and Ilse Hyllton and fourth, Elaine

Bowen and Ruth Skeem. The club meets at 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday and at 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. Refreshments are served. For a partner, call 323-2000.

Published BSU dean's list omits Carey students

BOISE - Carey students attending Boise State University were omitted from the recently published list of students who made the dean's list.

They include: High honors (3.75-3.99 grade point average) Michael Alberto Cenarrusa Honors (3.50-3.74 grade point average) Miry Lee Patterson and Julie Marie Royal.

CSI Mini-Cassia Center offers dog obedience class

RUPERT - The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center will offer a dog obedience class from 7-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24 to April 28, in the Minidoka County Fairgrounds in Rupert. Instructor Virginia Hansen will cover basic obedience for pets and their companions. Dogs must be under 100 pounds and safety class. Owners attend without pets for the first class.

The cost is \$40. For more information, call 678-1400.

Buhl chamber, Head Start host community fair

BUHL - The Buhl Chamber of Commerce and West End Head Start will host the annual Buhl Community Fair at Popplewell Elementary School, 200 N. Sixth Ave.

More than 50 informational booths on health care providers, organizations and the revitalization of downtown Buhl will be available. Dinner is free with a coupon that was mailed. There also will be entertainment.

Participating sponsors are First Federal Savings Bank, Seneca Foods, Wells Fargo Bank, West End Men's Association, Coca-Cola Bottling Company and United Dairyfarm of Idaho.

The purpose is to help people in the community and surround-

ing area become aware of health and safety services.

For more information, call the Head Start at 886-7784.

Buttons and Bows group holds dance at Legion hall

JEROME - The Buttons and Bows will hold a plus-tie dance from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday at the American Legion Hall in Jerome.

No pre-requests will be held. Members should bring finger foods.

CSI starts sign language class next month

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer the zero-credit class, "American Sign Language" from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, March 4 through April 8 in Shields Room 107 on the CSI campus.

The cost is \$50, and the instructor is Emma Lorada. Students will experience American Sign Language with an emphasis on personal experiences and typical family interactions. This class is intended for anyone who wants to communicate with deaf and

hard of hearing people.

For more information or to register, call 732-6288 or 732-6290.

BJ Duplicate Bridge Club announces results

RUPERT - Results for the BJ Duplicate Bridge Club for Feb. 18 were: north/south first, Al and Frances Anglin; second, Nancy Gibson and Trudy Carver; third, Pat Stephenson and Mildred Wolf; and fourth, Harry Warnke and Bill Novasek.

East-west winners were, first, Vera May and Nanette Woodland; second, Jackie Brown and Nancy Price; third, Dee and Jane Keicher; and fourth, Faun and Warren McEntire.

Play continues at 1 p.m. each Tuesday at the Rupert Elks. The public is invited.

Mount Harrison Quilters meet at Trinity Lutheran

RUPERT - The Mount Harrison Quilters will meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Trinity Lutheran Church Parish Hall, located at the corner of Eighth and I streets in Rupert. Lois Hiltbrand will demon-

strate piecing from A to Z.

Declo High School wrestlers hold fund-raiser

DECLO - The Declo High School wrestling team will have a benefit dinner from 6-8 p.m. Monday in the multi-purpose room of Declo High School. Cost for dinner is \$3, and includes a baked potato bar and homemade cinnamon rolls. Hair cuts will be available by donation, the wrestlers will be auctioned for a day of labor, and there will be a raffle. Tickets are \$1, and available at the event. Items to be raffled include gift baskets, toys, dinner certificates and more. Proceeds will help the wrestling team attend state tournaments.

Snake River Elks Lodge hosts fish fry on Friday

JEROME - The Snake River Elks Lodge 2807 will host a fish fry from 6-9 p.m. Friday at the Elks Lodge, 406 E. 200 S. Highway 93 in Jerome. The public is invited. The suggested donation is \$8 per person. For more information, call 324-0200.

Hazelton couple celebrates birthdays at open house

EDEN - Charles J. and Cathleen Orr will celebrate their birthdays with an open house from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the Senior Citizens Center, 210 E. Wilson in Eden. Charles will be celebrating his 85th birthday, and Cathleen will celebrate her 80th birthday. He was born Feb. 24, 1918, and she was born April 3, 1923.

The couple has four children, 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Their children and grandchildren are hosting the event.



Motorcycle group continues its support for children. Sunday in Community.



Photo courtesy of LORRAINE RAPP

During the official BPA Day, members dressed in business attire. They include, from left, back row: Twin Falls High School BPA adviser Lorraine Rapp, Kyle VanEps, Kris Hunter, Nicole Bulcher, Morgan Ford, Jacob Mills, Emily Ogden, Katie Small, Alyssa Draves, Teresa Arenz, Casey Tucker, Leah Meeks and Jon Stone; front row: Jenna Benkula, Caitlin McAllindin, Erin Daniels, Sarah McClellan, Whitney Field, Amber Dunford, Brenda Padia, Amanda Chamberlain and Shauna Porath.



Left, Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow signs a proclamation officially declaring the week of Feb. 9-15 as Business Professionals of America Week. From left to right are Jenna Benkula, BPA vice president; Leah Meeks, BPA president; and Teresa Arenz, BPA treasurer. Right, BPA members, from left, Emily Ogden, and Brooke Jardine, BPA publicist, recruit future BPA members at O'Leary Junior High School in Twin Falls.

TFHS students qualify for state contest

TWIN FALLS - Several members of the Business Professionals of America chapter at Twin Falls High School have earned the right to compete at a state competition.

The students competed at the Regional BPA Conference Jan. 20 at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. The following students now are headed to state competition in March in Boise:

C plus programming, first, Scott Henscheid. Network design team, first, Jon Stone and Casey Tucker. Administrative support concepts, first, Jon Stone. PC troubleshooting, first, Jon Stone.

CISCO, second, Hans Heeling. Network computer technology, second, Casey Tucker. Presentation Management team, first, Erin Daniels, Sarah McClellan and Desi Hempleman.

Web site development team, first, Adam Day, Amber Dunford, Hans Heeling and Scott Henscheid.

Fundamental accounting, third, Cody Goodnight. Payroll accounting, second, Jacob Mills.

Advanced accounting, second, Jacob Mills. Keyboarding, second, Emily Ogden and third, Nicole Bulcher.

Medical concepts, first, Brooke Jardine, and third, Emily Ogden.

Parliamentary procedures, third, Brooke Jardine. Integrated office applications, second, Jenna Benkula.

Economic research project, individual, second, Leah Meeks. Prepared speaking, first, Chris Arenz.

Job interview, third, Sarah McClellan, fifth, Desi Hempleman. Financial math analysis, fourth, Nick Mindock.

During BPA Week Feb. 9-15, several events were held at the school including, more than 100 cookies delivered to the faculty, a bake sale with all the proceeds going to the Idaho Children's Fund and a bowling party.

COMMUNITY

Displaying a first place plaque and banner are Buhl automotive students, from left to right, Matt Busby, Chris Wolf and Chris Oglesbee, who took top honors in the technical brake category at the recent 2003 Weber State University Automotive Contest.



Buhl auto students place at competition

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News writer

BUHL — The Buhl automotive team did it again. Students Matt Busby, Chris Wolf and Chris Oglesbee took first place in the best performance in the technical brake category at the recent 2003 Weber State University Automotive Contest for automotive students from several states and surrounding areas.

The contestants were given 15 minutes to do a task in brake unassemble and reassemble. Twenty-four teams started the job, but only the Buhl trio completed the task in the required time limit.

The teams had to do 12 different automotive tasks to score points for an overall score to be mailed to the class instructor, Justin Tate.

The trio will now compete in other competitions around the state in the spring.

"Winning the brake competition will earn us a name in the automotive field and industry," Busby said.

The Buhl trio had scored well on the written tests, which qualified them to participate in the hands-on championship round in the contest at Weber State

University, which is located near Salt Lake City, Utah.

Joe Brown, Codi Robinson and Tyson Wright, from the Cassia Regional Technical Center in Burley also qualified as finalists. Their automotive teacher is Randy Daniel.

Weber State officials said that reaching the finalist stage was an honor in itself. About 540 students from 57 high schools in several states competed.

TFHS announces first semester honor roll

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High School announced its honor roll students for the first semester.

4.0 GPA

Sophomores

Norikami Bandolin, Anca Banica, Katherine Baxter, Drew Bernhard, Justin Blau, Amy Bratvold, Nicole Bulcher, Laurie Burgemeister, Kempton Griffin, Allison Habel, Renata Hladic, Carrie Harter, Jessica Hartley, Mandi Heberg, Hannah Heidenreich, Chelsea Ima, Emily Jackson, Kristin Johnson, Heather Jones, James Kahle, Megan King, Kayce Lamb, Matthew Lee, Michael Macchia, Zachary Mathers, Jack Mitchell, Michelle Mulliken, Erica Morgan, Westly Morishita, Eric Nielson, Vanessa Olmstead, Martin Pothier, Sherry Riebel, Heidi Reitsma, Katie Rencher, Eric Rievel, Michelle Rohde, Lindsey Roper, Joel Rupprecht, Cori Sterling, Sabrina Stone, Susan Tanaka, Whitney Tupper, Alexia Turner and Justine Williams.

Seniors

Kristin Allen, Jaime Barborika, Jennifer Benkula, Sharon Bokma, Randall Brown, Kevin Brumback, Abbey Burgess, Jed Butler, Tara Denney, Diane Dennis, Marthammy Draine, Eric Edmond, Erin Ferlic, Brandon Fife, Blaine Gibby, Erin Harpner, Ashli Hartman, Melanie Hartwell, Jason Hobbs, Stephanie James, Brooke Jardine, Amanda Johnson, Kevin Jussel, Brandi Keane, Matthew Kershaw, Behnny Krumm, Heather Kvale, William Leonard, MaryAlice Lopez, Amber Lovell, Megan Lund, Tara Lupton, Nyle Matsuka, Alyson Mayes, Ashley McDowell, Lashel Meyers, Pamela Mills, Emily Ogden, Sean Parish, Jordan Rayborn, Kellie Schen, Cassandra Schiffer, Jacob Smith, Michael Sorensen, Carina Talley, Mary Ann Valentine, Danielle Van Dyk, Brett Weich and Megan Wunderlich.

3.5-3.99 GPA

Sophomores

Codi Adams, Christopher Arnez, Kille-Ann Arrington, Justin Aslett, McKenzie Bateman, Matthew Bennett, Whitney Bond, Holly Brittain, Cassie Bryan, Hailey Buehler, Anna Bury, Chrysta Chapman, Aspen Clontz, Jacinda Conrad, Luisa Cortes, Evan Crowley, Darren Cragle, Todd Czapka, Alyssa Draves, Kelsi Evers, Nathaniel Elsworth, Hailey Eviston, Michael Frew, Kara Gambrel, Kirsten Graham, Rachel Green, Tiffany Greene, Alexander Harmon, Andrew Harris, Jennifer Hohnhorst, Nicholas Hubbell, Bradley Jacobson, Timothy Jelavich, Riley Jucker, Keith Kavan, Guy Kim, Caitlin Kirby, Kristian Leavitt, Jessica Lupton, Chelsey Martin, Caitlin McMillin, Jessica Mitchell, Adnan Muminoic, Whitney Nail, Shawna Nelson, Jacki Nipper, Steven Norris, Riquel Olander, Jonathan Plot, Donna Quach, Marissa Reimann, Jeni Rhodes, Kristin Richter, Christina Sipe, Caitlin Stanley, Jennifer Sullivan, Alexander Trucan, Sierra Widmer, Andrew Wilkin, Jenna Wilson, Kendra Wilson, Christine Wood, Jessica Woodland and Paul Young.

Juniors

Jared Adams, Amanda Adams, Rudy Ashenbrenner, Jessica Barleus, Contrera, Amanda Barton, Erin Beale, Kristina Bennett, Leila Berberovic, Bryan Berrett, Anne Blackwood, Krige Blamires, Lenzi Bowman, Jennifer Brown, Julie Brown, Heather Callen, Lindsay Chandler, Mark Chappell, Jared Conover, Danee Crowley, Joslin Davidson, Lindsey Debie, Sarah Dossie, Amber Dunford, Whitney Frahm, Katherine Grill, Katherine Harding, Kylene Hart, Marcie Hatt, Alexander Hill, Ryan Holmes, Cassie Humbert, Diamond Isaham, Kersti Johnson, Vanessa Jones, Melissa Keegan, Maggie Lott, Eric MacMillan, Randi May, Melissa McCoy, Brooke McCreery, Brennee McGrew, Almya Medjuncat, Jill Miller, Jacob Mills, Nikolas Windick, Amanda Mingo, Domka Moore, Jone Morse, Catrina Mueller, Lladana Music, Jeffery Myers, Eric Natch, Kyle Ochner, Brandon Oliver, Erin Patton, Virginia Reynolds, Heather Sartin, Brian Scott, Sierra Seaman, Katrina Sergeeva, Angela Silva, Maja Simic, Viktoria Sjostrom, Brittany Slaymaker, J Ryan Springer, William Stevens, Hanna Thomas, Jacob Thomas, Andy Weigel, Lucas Weik, Tina Yenter and Ilgen Yoon.

Twelfth grade

High honors

Tessa A. Whiteles
Elissa A. Clark
Danielle C. Compton
Amanda N. Critchfield
Tiffany Gay
Stephanie L. Muehler
Brandy V. Mullen
Erin D. Woodhouse
Kristina M. Carena
Patricia H. Demack
Sean Z. Spearin
Maverick A. Milton
Isabelle D. Severe
Honor roll
Tara A. Emery
Blaine E. Hawkes
Shenela J. Gower
Stephanie J. Hanes
Aimee J. McBride
Ruck C. Nelson

Oakley High School names semester honor students

OAKLEY — Oakley High School announced honor roll students for the first semester.

Seventh grade

High honors

Elise Marchant
Joshua R. Greenwell
Timber L. Muhlstein
Lindsay Nilsen
Colton J. Bedke
Honor roll
Michael J. Bedke
James J. Cooper
Ian M. Archibald
Shalaye E. Newman
Temperance A. Davis
Katie Cooper
Mace A. Helms

Eighth grade

High honors

Thomas J. Whittle
Koryl Wadsworth

Ninth grade

High honors

Tyrell G. Marchant
Brooke E. Critchfield
Lindsay Critchfield
Jenna Cooper
William C. Rose
Rudley M. Hawkes
Marta B. Wadsworth
Blake E. Bedke
Jenna K. Papp
Teresa J. Papp

Honor roll

Katrina L. Smith
Amy K. Wells
Jesse C. Larsen
Rocco C. Arango
Daxson S. Haden
Brandon C. Mullen
Owen J. Wadsworth
Vernie B. Alvaraz
Bryan R. Carrea
Yomara Lara
John F. Pickett
Seth A. Hale
Richard M. Conner
Marlen R. Tellet

Tenth grade

High honors

Talia Parsh
Ashley A. Pickett
Laura L. Wells
Al M. Cranney
Robert C. Critchfield
Kortina Sanders
Honor roll
Erin Z. Elson
Kara V. Raulston
Sara A. Archibald
Cathy C. Taylor
Kyle D. James

Eleventh grade

High honors

Valerie C. Bedke
Alice E. Helms
Honor roll
Jacob A. Muehler
Tiffany D. Bell
Vernie B. Peterson
Alyssa M. Elson
Kara A. Pickett
Danielle C. Compton
Viviana M. Baraja
Codi Payne

Cassia Education Center lists Renaissance students

BURLEY — The Cassia Education Center honored students at the second quarter Renaissance assembly.

Students of the month

November — Chance Bailey
December — Robert Zamora
January — Maryelena Villacana

Gold cards — 3.5-4.0 GPA

Tony Diaz
Marilyn Jacobbe
Maryelena Villacana
Robert Zamora

Silver cards — 3.0-3.4 GPA

May Melych
Daryl P. Wadsworth
Rosario Villacana

Scott Scott

Grade nine — Luis Nolasco and Marlu Nolasco
Grade 10 — Kimberly Clugston, Matt Freestone, Bianca Salazar and Jessica Smith
Grade 11 — Hyun Jin Bae, Karl Heun Blumhagen, Holly Brown, Bonnie Freestone, Jessica Johnson, Kristina Kenney, Alison Loveless and Angela Wilson
Grade 12 — Cody Powers, Amber Hanson and Gregory Norris

White cards — 2.5-2.9 GPA

Josh Fernstermaker
Joe Rocha
Dallas Caldwell
James Shelby
Anthony Castillo
Jose Contreras
Nasha Paday

Hansen Schools list students on semester principal's list

HANSEN — Hansen Schools announced its principal's list for the first semester.

3.0-3.4 GPA

Grade seven — Jessica Arevalo, Rachael Okuma, Jason Parker and Julia Rasmussen

Grade eight — Joshua Couler, Monique Day and Shelly Pedersen

Grade nine — Kure L. Butler, Ashley C. Hanson, Ryan Leiver and Ruben Salazar

Grade 10 — Ashley Butler, Sam Chavez, Cassandra Hamilton, Kyle King, Melissa Ayres, Bridger Kosen and Retha Stanger

Grade 11 — Kayla Bates, Christopher Clugston, Michael Schulteis, Mitch Thewes, Fernando Vargas and Melissa Webb

Grade 12 — Brandy Anderson, Chase Fink, Jessica Ratto, Jessica Reichel, Brianna Stanger, Rebecca Stanger, Brandon Teeter, Landon Teeter and Edith Weber

3.5-3.9 GPA

Grade seven — Joshua Clugston, Amy Jacobbe
Grade eight — Jessica Beaver, Betsy Kinch, Jennifer Lewis, Britt Loveless and Amanda Urie

Grade nine — Luis Nolasco and Marlu Nolasco
Grade 10 — Kimberly Clugston, Matt Freestone, Bianca Salazar and Jessica Smith
Grade 11 — Hyun Jin Bae, Karl Heun Blumhagen, Holly Brown, Bonnie Freestone, Jessica Johnson, Kristina Kenney, Alison Loveless and Angela Wilson
Grade 12 — Cody Powers, Amber Hanson and Gregory Norris

Grade nine — Horacio Nolasco and Chelo M. Rahr
Grade 10 — John Johnson
Grade 12 — Danielle Van Dyk

Raft River HS releases semester honor roll

MALTA — Raft River High School announced its honor roll for the first semester.

Seventh grade

High honors

Natilie Greenwood
Hailey Hutchison
Jessica Jones
Kately Ward
Kris Barkhand
Nicole Harper

Honor roll

Jennifer Harris
Douglas B. Hurst
Jonathan T. Harper

Eighth grade

High honors

Reagan Ward
Todd J. Zollinger
Benjamin Barrington
Michael Anderson
Kimberly Harper
Kathryn Branch

Honor roll

Halle Scott
Brooke Boden
Lindsay Hutchison

Ninth grade

High honors

Ramiro Delon
Brittany Hansen
Jonathan K. Durfee
Brandon Golf
Jason Streeter
Cesar Lopez

Honor roll

Savanna Jones
Leland Lloyd
Ryan Anderson
Patterson
Eric Look

Tenth grade

High Honors

Benjamin Barrington
Stephanie Durfee
Landon Hansen
Joseph Edwards
Brandon Branch
Jessie Koyle
Alan Branch
Shawn Harris
Tray Tuttle

Honor roll

Semantha Teeter

Eleventh grade

High honors

Annette Durfee
Katie Haden
Norman L. Kimber
Amanda Neeson
Zachary Nye
Lorena Soreen
Quinn Harper
Lisa K. Lovings
Kendra Booth (Shultz)

Honor roll

Chad Evans
Brodie Hutchison
Aime Neeson

Twelfth grade

High honors

Summer Hansen
Vincent Tellier
Jenna M. Rigby
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Everything hinges on the play in clubs. The "normal" play is to lead toward one honor and then toward the other top honor on the next round. However, the bidding suggests that suits may not be breaking well, though it is likely that the same hand will not be short in both black suits.

Ruff the diamond lead and cash the spade ace. Say, as here, that East shows out; then cash the heart ace, ruff a heart, ruff a diamond, ruff a heart (all following), and play a spade to your queen. Now lead a club toward dummy, covered by West's nine, dummy's king, and East's ace. When East returns a low club, you face the moment of truth. Would West have bid six diamonds with 2-6-3-2 distribution? Surely it is more likely that he has a singleton club, even if he did not lead it at trick one. Let East's club run to dummy's 10, playing East for the jack.

Had it been West who was void in spades, you would have expected East to hold the club shortage. You would have played a club toward your queen and later finessed in clubs, making your contract whatever singleton East held.

NORTH		02 22 A
♠ K 9 5 3 2		
♥ 5		
♦ 7 5		
♣ K 10 7 6 3		
WEST		
♠ 8 7		
♥ K J 10 9 8 7		
♦ K J 10 6		
♣ 9		
EAST		
♠ Q 4 2		
♥ A Q 9 8 4 3 2		
♦ A J 4		
SOUTH		
♠ A Q J 10 6 4		
♥ A 6 3		
♦ Q 8 5 2		

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♥	4 ♠	1 ♠
5 ♥	6 ♣	6 ♣	Dbl.

All pass

Opening lead: Diamond jack

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:		♠ 8 7
		♥ K J 10 9 8 7
		♦ K J 10 6
		♣ 9

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♠	Pass

ANSWER: Bid two hearts. Your hand has a lot of playing strength, but your partner's discouraging auction should sway you to hold back from inviting with a three-heart bid. Similarly, a call of two diamonds here would be forcing and would show more high cards than you have.

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