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House eyes consolidating M.V. schools

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE — Many Republicans view the state's budget shortfall as the perfect opportunity to remodel the public school system. It's a chance to reduce expenditures, they say.

The House Education Committee — overall a conservative bunch — has been busy crafting legislation geared toward increasing efficiencies in public schools. So far, about 20 proposals have surfaced. A couple of those bills causing consternation among people in the Valley School District in eastern Jerome County, said Superintendent Laurel Nelson, are those that would force the district to consolidate with Jerome School District 20 miles away. By Thursday, Nelson said, she had 53 e-mails from residents who were against merging Valley with Jerome.



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Each House Bill 285 would force school boards in each of the state's 44 counties to work jointly to hire a county school superintendent by no later than the beginning of the 2003-2004 school year. School districts with more than 10,000 students would get to split off into another district with another superintendent.

Each school district would get to keep its own board, but administration would be centralized in one office, proponents say. Also, each district would keep its own indebtedness.

"We're going to have this discussion," said Rep. Fred Tillman, R-Boise, who chairs the House Ed Committee. Tillman, a former home-schooler, questioned the fairness of expecting state taxpayers to fund myriad administrators for the multitude of tiny school districts throughout the state. Centralizing administrative functions theoretically could save between \$4 million and \$5 million, Tillman figures.

Tillman has another proposal: House Bill 286, the purpose of which is to require the

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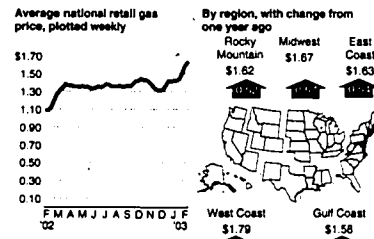
FULL TANKS, EMPTY WALLETS



Delivery driver Carol Robinson loads a pizza into her car at Domino's Pizza in Twin Falls. Robinson said escalating gasoline prices cut into the amount of money she takes home from her job. The average price of unleaded gas has risen 22 cents since the beginning of the year in the U.S.

Surging gas prices across the country

The average retail price of regular unleaded gasoline has risen 22 cents since the beginning of the year to \$1.66 a gallon on average.



U.S. drivers feel pinch of high gasoline prices

The Times-News and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS — As gas prices across Idaho rise to record levels for February, Carol Robinson is starting to become conscious of the money she is spending in general, not just on fuel.

Robinson delivers for Domino's Pizza in Twin Falls, and though the company pays Robinson 17 cents per mile, the rate of reimbursement does not fluctuate with fuel price. The difference costs Robinson about \$4 a day, which makes her more hesitant to spend money and

drive. Gas prices affect Robinson "tremendously," she said.

The prospect of war in Iraq and an oil workers strike in Venezuela have driven oil prices up. And experts expect the trend to continue. The rising cost of getting products to market and people to work could slow the recovery of the national economy. A U.S. senator has asked the Federal Trade Commission to investigate the possibility that the prices are artificially high.

"At a time when a country is

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Economist predicts rising joblessness in T.F. area

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley's major labor market will lose jobs this year if it doesn't manage to land any major new employer, a local economist predicts.

Last year Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding counties combined saw 0.8 percent growth in their annual total of nonagricultural jobs, the Idaho Department of Labor projected this month. Hundreds of positions added at

A look at local labor

Dell Computer Corp.'s new Twin Falls call center, and at north-Twin Falls stores and restaurants, offset losses elsewhere for a marketwide gain of 310 nonfarm jobs. That's up from an earlier estimate of 0.5 percent average job growth in 2002 for the three coun-

ties. Even gains of less than 1 percent are nothing to sneeze at in a state that's shedding jobs.

The projection for the three-county market's 2002 unemployment rate remains at a low 3.9 percent.

But don't expect a similar performance this year, said Gregory Rogers, the department's regional labor economist for Magic Valley.

"It is expected that nonfarm payroll jobs will decrease slightly, perhaps 0.5 to 1.0 percent. In 2003," Rogers said in a forecast he

released last week, in advance of the Labor Department's publication. "The reason for the projected decline is that there appears to be a lull in retail growth and it is uncertain whether another large employer such as Dell can be recruited."

Local economic-development leaders are mounting a new effort to fund business recruitment and expansion incentives. But they have a tough national economy in

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Nightclub tragedies worry U.S. cities

Communities look at rewriting fire laws

The Associated Press

Two nightclub tragedies in which 117 people were slain or burned to death in the span of a week have cities across the nation rewriting old fire and building codes and demanding immediate inspections to head off more disasters.

Less than a day after a band's pyrotechnics turned a small Rhode Island club into a raging inferno that killed nearly a third of the crowd, the governor of neighboring Massachusetts mobilized a task force to begin immediately. A unanimous inspection of every nightclub in the state.

In the country music capital of Nashville, Tenn., officials also began spot checks to confirm that all nightclubs had unlocked exits and that those using fire-works had fire inspectors to supervise their use. And in the District of Columbia, Mayor Anthony Williams told aides to inspect clubs and meet with owners to ensure they meet building codes.

Just days before the Rhode Island blaze, officials in Chicago were discussing requiring clubs to install panic bars, the push bars commonly found on movie theater doors, following a deadly stampede early Monday at the

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A man wipes his eyes after laying memorial flowers and visiting the wreckage of The Station nightclub in West Warwick, R.I., Saturday.

7 days, 7 reasons to read

Superbugs?

Many Twin Falls kids are carrying antibiotic-resistant bacteria.
Monday

On the road

Old drivers learn new tricks.
Tuesday

Ask the expert

Jim Dulleys answers home improvement questions.
Wednesday

Stay sharp

Eastern Idaho archers hone their skills during the winter months.
Thursday

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The Magic Valley Symphony tunes up for its winter concert.
Friday

Healing hurt

New Christian group celebrates recovery.
Saturday

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A new controversy brews in the Idaho Legislature.
Sunday

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cooler and not as windy with partly cloudy to cloudy skies. Highs in the upper 30s.
Tonight: Increasing clouds. Lows in the teens.

Tomorrow: Mostly to partly cloudy with a few scattered showers possible. Highs in the 30s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Not as windy and cooler. Highs in the mid to upper 30s.
Tonight: Increasing clouds. Lows in the teens.

Tomorrow: Mostly to partly cloudy with a few scattered showers possible. Highs in the 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Not as breezy today, but partly to mostly cloudy skies. An increasing chance for snow will develop over the higher mountains Monday and Tuesday.

Today Highs 18 to 35 Tonight's Lows 23 to 29
BOISE Cloudy and not as breezy. Cool with highs 30s and 40s today through Tuesday. A few showers will develop Monday through Wednesday.

Today High/Low 37 to 42 / 14 to 18
NORTHERN UTAH A few high mountain snow showers today, otherwise partly cloudy and breezy.

Yesterday's Boise Extremes - High: 52 at Caldwell, Malba. Low: 22 at Starley
Weather key: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, nc-not mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers, r-rain, s-snow, R-rain/snow, w-wind, m-missing

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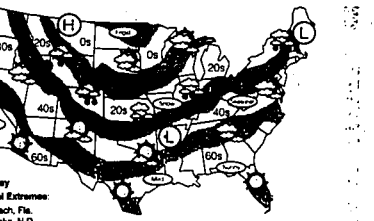
NATIONAL FORECAST

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WORLD FORECAST

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CANADIAN FORECAST

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Nightclub

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A security guard on the E2 dance floor had shot pepper spray into the crowd to break up a fight, sending hundreds of people in a frantic rush for the exit that crushed 21 people to death on a narrow staircase.
Tragedies like the stampede and Thursday night's fire at the Station in West Warwick, R.I., often spur quick criticism of security and fire code changes.
Missouri state Fire Marshal Bill Farr said he hopes the Rhode Island blaze raises awareness of the need for safety regulations. Missouri has no fire code for privately owned buildings, although larger cities such as St. Louis and Kansas City have their own. "It's always a shame to get anything done in the United States as far as code adoption. It takes large life loss," Farr said.
In 1995, the state of Maine began regulating indoor pyrotechnics after four people were hospitalized because a "flash pot" exploded at Portland, Maine's Birds nightclub.
Los Angeles, which has thousands of clubs, hotels and restaurants, has never had a deadly nightclub fire, but it has learned from disasters elsewhere. Fire Department spokesman Brian Humphrey said.
After a 1942 blaze in Boston killed 492 trapped inside the Coconut Grove club, city leaders in Los Angeles passed a law there requiring panic bars on nightclub doors. It now has one of the strictest fire safety codes in the world.
"Every single line in that code is the result of a disaster," Humphrey said.
More than 130 Los Angeles

inspectors now monitor public venues in a 470-square-mile area. "I can't think of one that hasn't had a fire violation," Humphrey said, though most have been minor: "A light bulb burned out in an exit sign, or a laundry bag blocking an exit."
Because of terrorism concerns, inspectors already were focusing on Sunset Boulevard nightclubs in West Hollywood, Calif.
"This is a hot spot that everybody in the world wants to come to ... the stars do hang out in this town," explained Los Angeles County fire Capt. Stanley Perkins.
He advised people going to clubs to read up on fire safety a second exit even before they find their first drink.
"If you feel unsafe in a club, leave," Perkins said. "Just turn around and walk out. Ask for your money back. Too crowded?"
Nightclubs in the Detroit suburb of Royal Oak, Mich., are now required to notify customers to every exit before any show, by order of the city fire marshal.
Pittsburgh law requires that the city be officially informed before any open flame on stage, even as small as an actor's cigarette. A city fire inspector also has to be backstage, armed with a radio and a fire extinguisher, said a city Fire Bureau Chief Peter Mitchell.
"If there is a problem, he has the authority to stop the show at a minute's notice," the chief said.
Overhead sprinklers - a safety measure that wasn't required and wasn't present in the Rhode Island club that burned, killing 96 people - are required as of this year in any New York venue public venue accommodating 100 people or more.

Miami Beach officer runs over sunbathing sisters, killing one

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) - A police officer searching for robbery suspects on the beach drove over two tourists Saturday, killing one and critically injuring the other.
Miami Beach police officer George Varon was driving a marked sports utility vehicle along the crowded shores, searching for two robbery suspects

believed to be on the beach. He apparently didn't see two French sisters lying in the sand, police said.
Stephanie and Sandrine Tunc were taken to a hospital, where Stephanie, 27, died. Sandrine, 26, was listed in critical condition Saturday evening. Police said the sisters, who lived in Britain, were on vacation.

Several witnesses said the officer's actions were reckless and that he wasn't using a siren.
"The cop was just running around like a crazy man," Stacy Kandell told WFLG-TV in Miami. "I don't know what he was doing to run over two girls."
Officials said speed did not appear to be a factor in the death. Varon, a seven-year veteran,

was placed on administrative leave following the accident; said Bobby Hernandez, Miami Beach police spokesman.
A decade ago, another European sunbather was killed by a police car on a Florida beach. Christina Lina Emilia, 67, of Berlin, was accidentally hit and killed by a police car in New Smyrna Beach on March 29, 1993.

Gasoline

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trying to come out of recession, it's the last thing we want to see," said American Automobile Association spokesman Dave Carlson.
Not everyone is worried about the increases. The average price for gasoline is \$1.66 in Idaho, a cent below the national average, Carlson said. Those prices are reasonable, said Tim Hinton of Glenns Ferry.
"It hasn't changed my habits," Hinton said.
If the price went to \$2 per gallon, Hinton would start to pay attention, he said.
People with long commutes notice the rising prices. David Martinez can tell you the exact distance from his house in Twin Falls to the house he is working on in Sun Valley, 73 miles. It was all right when he was paying \$7 a day for gas. Now he has stopped driving his truck in favor of a fuel-efficient car, and he is still paying \$9 a day. If the United States invades Iraq, the prices might become unaffordable, he said.
"I hope we don't go to war," Martinez said. "I won't be working for myself. I'll be working for my car."

Price gouging?

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., called on the Federal Trade Commission last week to investigate gas industry practices. In a letter to FTC Chairman Timothy Muris, the senator said: "It appears as if price gouging is taking place across the country."
AAA supports Schumer's request, but stopped short of using the word gouging.
"We feel that most of the increase has been due to fear and speculation, rather than any change in the supply or demand for crude oil or gasoline," AAA spokesman Jeff Sunstrom said.
Regardless of the reasons, Sunstrom said today's high prices could be a harbinger of even costlier fuel by the end of April.
Gas station owners say they are not to blame. They say suppliers have been raising their "rack

prices for weeks and that station owners are merely passing along those increases to customers.
Richard Loeber, owner of a gas station in Union Beach, N.J., said his supplier has raised the rack price by 16 cents a gallon in less than three weeks and that he has maintained his 8-cent-per-gallon margin all along.
"People know they're getting gouged, but believe me, it's not from the dealers," Loeber said.
Retailers also are hurting from the increased price of oil, said Brad Adams of Adams Petroleum in Burley. When retailers pass the price increase on to consumers, people buy less oil, he said.
"It doesn't help consumers, and it doesn't help us," Adams said. "It's going to be a hard year."
While the consumers and retailers are suffering, refineries are raking in profits, Carlson said.

Dow Jones Newswire reported recently that U.S. refiners' profit margins more than doubled in a single week. Industry executives were quoted in the story as saying that even if Iraq and Kuwait remain aloft through the summer.
The petroleum industry contends gasoline prices are higher mainly because of traders' fears of supply disruptions in the event of an Iraq and Kuwait oil strike.
"The fundamental thing is that crude prices have gone up dramatically," said John Felmy, chief economist at the American Petroleum Institute.
About 40 percent of the retail cost of gasoline is attributed to the price of crude oil, which has risen 19 percent since the start of the year to \$36.79 per barrel.
Gas prices typically rise during spring, when refiners shift from winter- to summer-grade fuel. The switch to cleaner-burning gas requires shutting down equipment, scrubbing it clean and starting it up all over again - a process that causes supplies to contract and prices to move higher even under the best conditions.

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which to recruit.
"Natural attrition and small-business closures will cause a drain that will probably not be offset by new job creation, hence a decrease in the overall number of jobs," Rogers said.
Labor Department analysts expect the three-county market's annual, seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate to rise from 3.9 percent to about 4.5 percent in 2003.
"The reasons for the rise are that dairy growth has flattened, especially in Twin Falls, Gooding and Jerome counties, and so the downward pressure on unemployment rates from this source will let up," Rogers said.
Dairy industry leaders last week released results of a Boise State University study that said direct employment on dairies and in milk- and cheese-processing plants in 2001 accounted for 7,943 jobs across southern Idaho, with Magic Valley homes to the bulk of those jobs. An additional 11,517 jobs throughout all economic sectors are indirectly related to the dairy industry for a total of 19,460 Idaho jobs, the study said.
But if Magic Valley sees further dairy expansion, it will probably be outside the core of Gooding, Jerome and Twin Falls counties, perhaps toward Burley, one of the BSU researchers said.
Rogers listed other factors in his

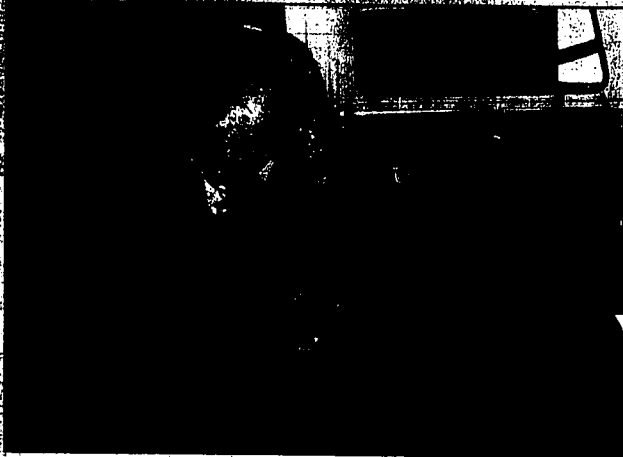
prediction of a rising Magic Valley unemployment rate.
The retail sector showed some decline, especially late in 2002, and employers seem to be cautious in hiring. It is expected that this caution will continue into spring hiring," he said. "On the plus side, there are some labor shortages in such industries as health care and, given the large number of new housing permits in 2002, it is expected that there will be an increased demand for general laborers and specialized workers such as electricians, dry wall and carpenters."
For example, Twin Falls' home building set a new, much higher record in 2002 and gave local economy watchers cause for celebration. Last year's 344 building permits issued for new single-family homes eclipsed the previous record of 241 in 2001 - by close to half.
Joblessness of 4.5 percent would be in line with the area's

historical levels and should remain one of the lowest rates in Idaho, Rogers said.
He also expects local consumers to be more cautious this year along with their national counterparts, who are worried about impending war and a bear market in stocks.
"In Idaho, the state budget deficit situation contributes to consumer uncertainty," Rogers said. And the looming closure of J.R. Simplot Co.'s Heuburn potato-processing plant could hurt the consumer psyche on the western side of Magic Valley, too.
"2003 is not expected to be the breakout year that 2002 was in the Magic Valley, but the Magic Valley will continue to be a state leader in new job creation and unemployment."

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West Warwick, R.I., Fire Chief Charles Hall speaks to reporters at the fire headquarters in West Warwick Saturday. A West Warwick nightclub burst into flames Thursday night during a pyrotechnics display at a rock concert, killing 96 people. Now, the town must cope with a loss that seems almost too much to bear; nearly 200 dead in one of the nation's worst fires.

Hard-luck town tries to deal with unspeakable loss in night club fire

WEST WARWICK, R.I. (AP) - Over the years, this town forged by ethnic mill workers has endured in spite of tough times, even as vanishing industries sapped its economy. Now it must cope with a loss that seems almost too much to bear: nearly 100 people dead in one of the nation's worst fires.

People are just heartbroken. We struggle one step forward, two back," said restaurateur Arthur Brown.

A solemn atmosphere pervaded the dining room, where an American flag covers the back wall. At one point, a customer broke into tears without warning, sobbing "It's just so sad," recalled waitress Courtney Baris.

The fire devoured a local nightclub in just minutes late Thursday, trapping and killing almost 100. Few bodies had been identified and there was no word Saturday on how many victims had lived in West Warwick.

"The waiting is killing us," said Sav Giusti, a lifelong resident of the city of 30,000.

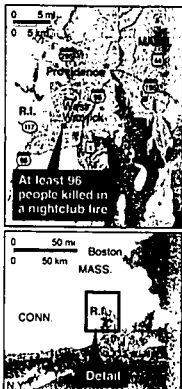
Giusti believes that once all the bodies are identified, most residents will find they knew someone who was in the club during the fire.

"It floored me, and then I thought of my children and friends," said Florence Swanson, a hairdresser in a salon near the burned-out nightclub. "It could be them." It wasn't.

"It's hitting everybody terribly," said Helen Coutmoyer. "The loss is massive for a small city."

West Warwick split off from Warwick in 1913. West Warwick, peopled by descendants of Italians, French Canadians, Irish, Poles and Portuguese, took the busy textile mills, while Warwick kept tourism and a waterfront view of Narragansett Bay. At the time, it seemed like a fair deal for West Warwick.

Today, however, nearly all the



SOURCES Associated Press, ESRI AP

In recent years, many in West Warwick hoped for better days in the prospect of an Indian casino. However, the state has blocked that project so far.

Through it all, West Warwick residents found consolation in family, friends, church and team sports. A sign in front of one restaurant said: "May God bless all victims and their families."

After the fire, the mechanisms of community quickly kicked in. Local banks opened accounts for donations. Local officials checked on prospects for state or federal disaster aid. Planning started for memorial services.

Although it had been clamping down on overtime because of the bad economy, the town government mobilized hundreds of police and firefighters to remove bodies and join the investigation.

Town employees checked on the needs of victims' families and arranged counseling for shaken recovery workers.

"I know they feel like they didn't do enough. They had to leave people in there. The building was collapsing," said Jeanne Marie DiMasi, a Town Council member.

Investigators begin work to identify victims, consider criminal charges

WEST WARWICK, R.I. (AP) - As the painstaking process of identifying dozens of charred bodies began Saturday, investigators continued sifting for evidence in the smoking ruins of a nightclub where a fire sparked by a rock band's pyrotechnics killed 96 people.

Still at issue was whether the heavy metal group Great White had permission to set off the fireworks during their first show late Thursday, igniting foam ceiling tiles and sending more than 300 concertgoers scrambling for the exits as the club quickly filled with thick, black smoke.

Owners of The Station, the one-story wooden nightclub, say they were never told of Great White's plan to use the pyrotechnics, a claim echoed by at least four other venues where the band played in the past month.

"No permission was ever requested by the band or its agents to use pyrotechnics at The Station, and no permission was ever given," said Kathleen Hagerty, a lawyer representing club owners Michael and Jeffrey Derdarian, who are brothers.

But Great White's attorney said the musicians had verbal permission, and singer Jack Russell said their manager made sure they got the OK to send columns of sparks up the sides of the stage. And Paul Woolnough, president of Great White's management company, said they routinely check with clubs before pyrotechnics are used.

At least 96 people were burned to death or crushed and 180 were injured in their frantic fight to escape; on Saturday, 65 people remained hospitalized, more than a dozen critically. One woman who could not be identified was being treated at Massachusetts General Hospital's burn unit.

Witnesses described a voracious fire that tore through the building in minutes.

"I never knew a place could burn so fast," said Robin Petrarca, 44, who said the smoke was so thick she couldn't see an exit just 5 feet away.

Attorney General Patrick Lynch said Saturday that it's too early to know if any criminal

Deadly fires

Some of the deadliest fires at U.S. clubs and dance halls:

- 492 dead, Coconut Grove club, Boston, Nov. 28, 1942. Cause unknown.
- 198 dead, Rhythm Night Club dance hall in Natchez, Miss., April 23, 1940. Cause unknown.
- 185 dead, Beverly Hills Supper Club in Southgate, Ky., May 28, 1977. Defective wiring.
- 87 dead, Happy Land Social Club in New York City, March 25, 1990. Arson.
- 40 dead, dance hall in West Plains, Mo., April 13, 1928 (explosion). Cause unknown.
- 32 dead, Upstairs Bar in New Orleans, June 24, 1973. Arson.
- 25 dead, Puerto Rican Social Club in New York City, Oct. 24, 1976. Arson.
- 24 dead, Gulliver's Discotheque in Port Chester, N.Y., June 30, 1974. Arson fire in nearby bowling alley spread to disco.

Sources: World Almanac (online version), InfoPlease Almanac, Facts on File, news articles.

charges will be filed. "Justice right now for our community is us pulling together," Lynch said. "The criminal investigation will continue. We have not rested yet."

A day before, Lynch said charges could range from assault to murder. A spokesman for the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and

Firearms said there was no evidence for federal charges. Meanwhile, the medical examiner's office - which had only positively identified 15 victims by Saturday afternoon - said it will use dental records, fingerprints and DNA to identify many more who are burned beyond recognition.

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Magdalena Santillan, mother of Jessica Santillan, breaks down during a news conference Friday in Durham, N.C. Jessica received her second heart-lung transplant Thursday after the first was botched. She died Saturday.

Teen who received botched transplant dies

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Jessica Santillan, the teenager who survived a botched heart-lung transplant long enough to get an odds-shattering second set of donated organs, died Saturday, two days after the second transplant.

Doctors declared her brain dead at 1:25 p.m. and took her off life-support machines at about 5 p.m., said Duke University Medical Center spokesman Richard Puff. He said he did not know if the hospital had the family's consent to turn off the machines. An attorney for the family had said hours earlier that the Santillans had wanted to keep Jessica alive and get another, outside opinion on her chance of recovery.

Jessica, 17, whose own heart was deformed, received a heart-lung transplant Feb. 7, but from a donor of a different blood type. Her body rejected the transplant and she was near death by the time the second set of organs was placed in her body early Thursday.

Report: students often do pelvic exams without consent

Many medical students routinely perform pelvic exams on anesthetized women without their consent, according to an article published Friday in an obstetrics journal.

"Consent is a requirement, not a courtesy," Ubel based his article, "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," on research at the five medical schools in Philadelphia, but he is certain the practice happens frequently elsewhere.

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- 2 Introduction to Buddhist Meditation 9a.m. - 12 Noon at 8th St. Center
- 4 Chamber Lunch 12 noon at Grandstands. Speaker: Sheriff Wayne Touseley
- 5 Kiwanis 12 Noon at Grandstands
- 6 Rotary 12 Noon at Grandstands
- 7 West End Men's Assoc. 6:30 a.m. at Grandstands
- 7 Susi Magonda Berquist Print Exhibit at 8th St. Center 5-7 p.m. Exhibit through April 29
- 8 Dance at West End Senior Center 8-11 p.m. \$3.00 per person
- 10 City Council 7p.m. of City Hall
- 10 Clear Lakes Country Club Hosting Pro-Am Tournament
- 12 Kiwanis 12 Noon at Grandstands
- 13 Rotary 12 Noon at Grandstands
- 14 West End Men's Assoc. 6:30 a.m. at Grandstands
- 14 Todd Green Concert & South Pacific Grill Dinner 6:30 p.m. at 8th St. Center
- 15 Community Breakfast at Senior Center \$3.00 per person
- 15 Best Ball Tournament at Clear Lakes Country Club
- 16 Best Ball Tournament at Clear Lakes Country Club
- 17 Saint Patrick's Day
- 18 Chamber Lunch 12 noon at Grandstands. Speaker: Larry Cope from Clear Springs Foods
- 19 Kiwanis 12 Noon at Grandstands
- 20 Rotary 12 Noon at Grandstands
- 21 West End Men's Assoc. 6:30 a.m. at Grandstands
- 23-28 No School
- 25 Chamber Board Meeting 12 noon at Farmers Bank
- 26 Kiwanis 12 Noon at Grandstands
- 27 Rotary 12 Noon at Grandstands
- 27 West End Writers Group 7-9 p.m. at 8th St. Center
- 28 West End Men's Assoc. 6:30 a.m. at Grandstands
- 29 Club Scramble at Clear Lakes Country Club

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Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne speaks at the opening of the National Governors Association 2003 Winter Meeting Saturday in Washington. At left is Maine Gov. John Baldacci.

Governors meet in D.C. seeking assistance

WASHINGTON (AP) — Their states' economies in tatters, governors are hoping to win more federal aid to cover soaring costs for health care, homeland security and education.

State governments' dire finances and disagreements on what would help threatened to strain the traditionally bipartisan tone of the four-day National Governors Association meeting that began Saturday.

"We have serious issues," said the group's chairman, Democrat Paul Patton of Kentucky. "It may be more difficult to get consensus than it has in the past."

Democrats sharply criticized Bush's budget proposals, and even fellow Republicans questioned the details.

There also was some dismay that the governor's association, seeking a unified position on behalf of the states, was too harsh in assessing Bush's spending plan.

Bush's successor as Texas governor, Republican Rick Perry, said the organization, partly to save \$160,000 in annual fees and partly because he was unhappy with what he felt was its criticism of the Bush administration,

his dissertation, a study of secessionist parties in several advanced democracies. When he's not working on a model society that he hopes will be imitated around the world, he's looking for a job as a political science professor.

Plans are under way for an invasion of New Hampshire. Or Wyoming. Or maybe Delaware, Montana or Alaska. Sparsely populated and independent in spirit, they're all attractive targets for a certain bloodless coup in the making.

Libertarians aim to claim a state for themselves

Jefferson City, Mo. (AP) — In its real to save money, a Republican-led House committee inadvertently cut Missouri's budget director out of next year's budget.

spokeswoman Kathy Walt said. "Open criticism of the president is not an approach Gov. Perry favors," she said.

GOP Govs. John Rowland of Connecticut, Jeb Bush of Florida and Bill Owens of Colorado have all been pushing to counter what they see as partisan attacks from the group, Rowland said.

Among the issues on the governors' agenda: • Bush's Medicaid overhaul, which would give more flexibility and increased federal funding in the short term to states that choose to participate.

Underlying the policy discussions is the financial crisis facing the states. New figures released Saturday predicted a combined \$30 billion shortfall for the current budget year.

Next year looks worse, with shortfalls estimated at \$82 billion. Because all states except for Vermont are barred from running a deficit, governors and legislators must agree to cut spending or raise taxes. Three years of cuts are taking their toll.

"I didn't mind making cuts when the cuts were unneeded people," said Mike Huckabee of Arkansas, one of several GOP governors who have stepped away from their party's usual anti-tax stance and proposed raising taxes.

It turned out to be the position held by budget director Linda Luebbering.

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Schools

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consolidation of "small, inefficient school districts." Tilman said the action would reduce the number of state school districts from 114 to 75 and save about \$11 million next year by eliminating superintendents and other central office functions. It would also offer greater academic opportunities through the pooling of resources, he said.

Effects on Magic Valley

Lawmakers representing District 26 or Jerome and Mindokota counties, could find themselves on the outs with eastern Jerome County voters if they take a run at passing HB 286, Nelson said.

"Let the legislators hear this loud and clear," she said. "The patrons in this district are telling me that their kids in this school for a reason."
One of the district's legislators, Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, read a letter from a Pocatello school teacher on Friday to the Legislature's budget committee that she chairs with the District 26's legislators - Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome. The teacher urged him to support cutting administration. She said the public schools are bloated with administrators and her students' families would be better off without tax increases to support the status quo.

Cameron and Bell spent three weekends touring the state recently to find out what voters think about tax increases.
"I heard time and time again on our tour around the state that people support sharing administrative functions," Cameron said.

Cameron's own children attend school in the Mindokota County schools' consolidated district. Just the same, he said he's open to leaving the Valley district alone.

"Obviously, this is something that will have to be studied in the germane committees," Cameron said. "Probably it makes sense to have two districts in Jerome County. However, it also probably makes sense to have some counties with eight school districts do some consolidating."

Across the river from Jerome County is an eight-school-district county. The largest district, in Twin Falls County has about 7,000 students and the smallest often has fewer than 10. Lawmakers say the west end with Castleford, Buhl, Filer and Three Creek might make a likely district. And on the east end, Kimberly, Hansen and Murtaugh are grouped together within 15 miles, making them an obvious target for consolidation.

But then, tiny Murtaugh with fewer than 200 students put up such a legendary fight in the early 1990s against consolidating with Hansen that some area lawmakers still use it as an example of why talk about consolidation is wasted breath.

But in addition, Twin Falls County has an odd geographical configuration of more than 10,000 students, so dividing it into just two districts would be a challenge.

Hansen School Superintendent Dennis Coulter said he thinks there really isn't as much money to be saved as lawmakers are suggesting.

"A county superintendent? That's great as long as they are willing to hire all the assistants they're going to need to help that county superintendent," Coulter said.

In his district of 400-plus students, Coulter often acts as his own secretary by answering the phone and also teaches a biology class. He predicted that if the bill becomes law it would cost the state more money in the short run in order to set up the system. But he's also concerned about the message that lawmakers are sending to educators.

"It's depressing. Our teachers work hard. They do a good job. And all they receive is negative consequences from the legislators," he said.

Complications of merging

Rep. Tim Ridinger, R-Shoshone, also said he is worried about the message all the proposals to overhaul the public school system is sending to educators. He led a charge against a House vote last week to keep teachers from using a federal \$250 deduction for purchasing school supplies.

Ridinger represents Lincoln County, which has three school districts that stand to be consolidated should Tilman's bills pass. Ridinger said he's keeping an open mind on the issue, but he said the first thing that comes to his mind is how one superintendent copes with three school boards.

"You're going to have one person with three meters," Ridinger said. "And that never works." Ridinger wondered about the

problems of charging each district for central office functions. And there is the problem of trying to define what "inefficient" means when describing school districts, he added.
"I think it's painting everything with too broad a brush," Ridinger said. "Each school district is so different."

Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, who sits on the Senate Education Committee and is also married to a Kimberly School District administrator, said he has the opposite view that many House lawmakers have about the budget shortfall presenting the perfect opportunity to overhaul the state's public education system.

"I'm not sure this is a time when we need extra turmoil in our school districts," Noh said. "It would be on top of the additional enormous stresses being applied from both the state and federal level with standards implementation, to say nothing of the enormous challenge of this year's budgeting process. It is a prescription to damage the public school system for years to come."

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House panel approves payday loan restrictions

BOISE (AP) - After agreeing to some minor changes, the House business committee on Friday unanimously passed a bill that places new financial restrictions on so-called "payday" loan establishments.

House Bill 206 would establish a maximum loan amount of \$1,000 and allow customers to return borrowed cash within 24 hours for a full refund.

The committee also adjusted the licensing rules and will require liquid assets of \$30,000 per business license and \$5,000 more per location, along with annual reporting.
Payday loan companies profit

by charging customers a flat fee for each \$100 loaned over a period of about two weeks. They serving a clientele willing to pay nearly 400 percent interest, often rolling the balance over multiple times.
A typical bank or credit union loan would require a higher minimum loan amount but charge far less interest.

Seattle-based MoneyTree Inc. is behind the effort to change the law. Company president Dennis Bassford, an Idaho native, said it was unfair to compare the fees

his industry charges its customers to those charged by banks.
"We are the banks what a 7-Eleven store is to supermarkets," Bassford told the committee.

MoneyTree charges \$15 per \$100 for every loan period, which is typically about 17 days. The annual percentage rate, with most be disclosed under federal truth-in-lending laws, is 391 percent for a 14-day loan.

Bassford told the committee that about 30 percent of his business volume is bad debt, and in-house collection effort may cut that to 20 percent.

"That's the cost of doing business, and we recognize that going

into this," Bassford told the committee.

There was some discussion Friday about unnamed other companies - not MoneyTree - that require customers to write separate checks for each \$100 loaned. If the checks are not honored by the bank, the check writer faces bank charges of \$25 to \$35 per check, plus any collection fees on each check.

The proposed bill would allow only one check per loan transaction.

MoneyTree and its officers gave substantial contributions to Idaho political campaigns this past year.

LEGISLATIVE LOG

The Associated Press

Signed by Governor

H10 (Newcomb) - Requires payment of fee to belong to in-state compact on probation and parole.

H14 (State Affairs) - Permits removal of Social Security number from individual discharge papers filed in public repositories.

H15 (State Affairs) - Clarifies the responsibility for prosecuting for fines

under the Forest Protective Act.

Sent to Governor

H89 (State Affairs) - Makes technical corrections to the State Controller law to conform with 1994 constitutional amendment.

H142 (Revenue and Taxation) - Sets the timeline for appraisals of taxable property in a county.

Killed in House

HB0184 (Education) - Allows school

districts that contract transportation services to negotiate contract for an additional five years without going through the bid process.

Confirmed by Senate

David Bennett, Boise, to the Idaho Food Quality Assurance Institute.

Introduced in House

H10290 (State Affairs) - Clarifier departmental rule making procedures.

H0291 (State Affairs) - Requires a clear and concise statement on ballot initiatives for "yes" and "no" votes.

H0292 (State Affairs) - Limits speaking in public places.

H025 (Appropriations) - Cuts \$39 million dollars from the current budget. HJMS (Ways and Means) - Authorizes interim committee to study truck routes in northern Idaho.

HR2 (State Affairs) - Eliminates the practice of pre-filing bills before the legislative session.



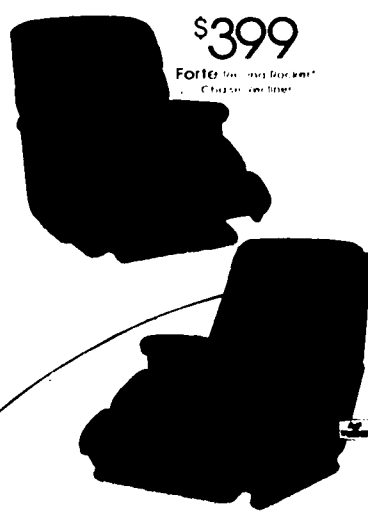
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NASA mulls space station options

The Associated Press

Confined to their orbiting capsule at least until April in the wake of the Columbia accident, the three men aboard the international space station are putting a brave face on their predicament. "We enjoy the environment on the space station," astronaut Kenneth Bowersox said the first time the crew spoke publicly after the Feb. 11 accident. "And we're going to enjoy the next two-and-a-half, three months."

Their bosses on the ground don't have that luxury. With the remaining three space shuttles out of service indefinitely, NASA and international partners face some difficult choices about how to operate the station while its main link with Earth is severed. Space station boosters believe losing the space shuttle for up to a year will have little net impact on the scientific output of an orbiting laboratory. But more critical voices say the station itself could be threatened by a long period of reduced activity.

NASA has grounded the three remaining space shuttles until the cause of the Columbia's destruction Feb. 1 is found and it is scheduled to be corrected. After the Challenger exploded over Cape Canaveral in 1986, no shuttle flew for almost three years.

For the moment, neither the space station nor its crew is in danger due to the shuttle standstill. But in some sense, as long as the three remaining shuttles remain out of service, the space station will languish.

Most significantly, the loss of the shuttles halts construction of the space station, a process that began in 1998 and is scheduled to continue through at least 2006. "We cannot continue assembly without the shuttle fleet," said Michael Kostelnik, NASA's deputy associate administrator for spaceflight.

A 16-nation project, the construction of the station got underway when the United States and Russia each launched capsules that were joined by shuttle astronauts. After 40 deliveries of building materials and supplies spanning almost a decade, the 560 billion cubic feet of space station is intended to have six laboratories and a total interior volume comparable to a 747.

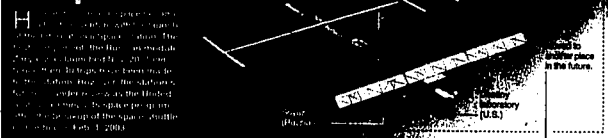
Six crews of three have inhabited the station continuously since 2000. It now consists of living quarters for three, an attached Soyuz lifeboat and a 28-by-14-foot laboratory where crewmembers conduct experiments — about 15,000 cubic feet of space in all. Five shuttle flights in 2003 were to add an array of solar panels. Missions in 2004 and 2005 were scheduled to attach European and Japanese laboratory modules.

Now all of that is on hold. Only the shuttle has the capacity to carry large pieces of equipment into orbit — Russia's Soyuz and Progress capsules are too small. A French-built transport system that is expected to be available in September 2004 could help with supplies and some construction materials, but would not be big enough to carry the major pieces.

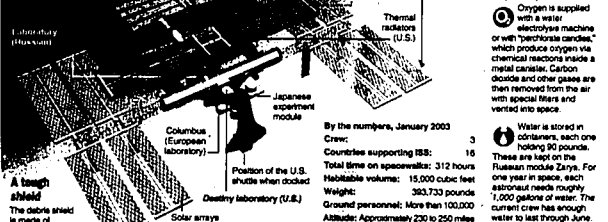
"What would make sense," said John Logsdon, director of the Space Policy Institute at George Washington University, "is to send up a crew and experiment for the crew to do until assembly resumes."

Alex Roland, a Duke University history professor who specializes in NASA, has a different idea. "I don't think we should have it up there anyhow," Roland said. "My recommendation is surely to

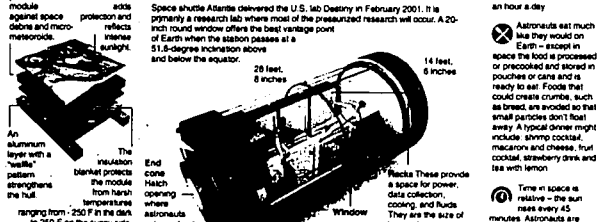
Stationed in space



The future space station. The Columbus European laboratory and the Japanese experiment module are shown in orbit around Earth.



The U.S. laboratory 'Destiny'. Space shuttle Atlantis delivered the U.S. lab Destiny in February 2001. It is primarily a research lab where most of the pressurized research will occur. A 20-inch round window offers the best vantage point of Earth when the station passes at a 51.8-degree inclination above and below the equator.



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SOURCE: NASA

get those astronauts out of it and just close it up."

Right now water appears to be the limiting factor aboard the space station. An astronaut or cosmonaut in orbit needs roughly 1,000 gallons a year.

Because it weighs more than eight pounds a gallon, most of the station's water is delivered on the space shuttle rather than the much smaller Russian vehicles; NASA officials have said that the current station crew has enough water to last through June. After that, more Russian resupply flights will have to be added to the existing schedule to support more than two astronauts.

That means funding the construction of more Progress spacecraft by the Russian space agency. Prior to the Columbia accident, Russia had committed to fly two Soyuz and three Progress ships to the space station this year at a cost of \$130 million.

Each additional Progress, an unpowered ship that can boost two tons of supplies to the space station, would cost \$22 million to build.

The Soyuz are used primarily as lifeboats for the station crew. One is docked to the station at all times, and the Soyuz ships are

rotated every six months to ensure their reliability.

"What was previously done by the United States and Russia will have to be done by Russia alone," Russian Aerospace Agency director Yuri Koptevy said Feb. 13.

Criticized in the past for directing the poorly funded Russians in the space station, NASA now finds itself dependent on a beleaguered space program that has muddled along for a decade with almost no government support.

"It's a wicked situation, but it does provide the opportunity for some creative diplomacy," Logsdon said. "It's an opportunity to demonstrate the benefit of having this program be international."

Some experts question the Russians' ability to provide sufficient transportation to support the space station. They point to financial problems that delayed the occupation of the station by two years, and conflicts between the Russians and the other partners over allowing paying tourists to visit the outpost.

"Having the Russians along from the beginning is what bankrupted the station budget," said James Oberg, a space policy analyst and former NASA flight controller. "Now they're in the driver's seat."

Right now all attention is on the next Soyuz flight. Scheduled for April, the flight was to have been a minor operation. A crew of three was to fly a Soyuz to the station and return in another one that had been serving as the station's lifeboat for six months.

The current station crew was to have been replaced by a new one arriving on a March shuttle flight. But with the shuttle grounded, NASA now has to decide whether to send the replacement crew on the Soyuz or leave the three men now on the station for another six months.

NASA must also decide whether to keep three people aboard the station or reduce its crew to two. If only two people fly on the April Soyuz mission, the small spacecraft's third seat can be loaded with water and other critical supplies.

"I think everything will be done to avoid leaving the space station without a crew aboard," Logsdon said.

It generally takes two people just to keep the space station running. So if NASA does decide to reduce the crew, much if not all of the science will fall by the wayside.

Report: Boeing misled NASA on shuttle safety

Engineers: Inexperienced employees conducted analysis

By Joe Miazga Knight Ridder News Service

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. — Veteran Boeing engineers say their company falsely led NASA to conclude that the space shuttle Columbia was safe to land because top managers assigned the task of assessing damage to employees who had never done that type of analysis for NASA before.

"I think they wanted to paint a rosy picture, and they did," said a thermal systems engineer who did this kind of analysis for 10 years in California before Boeing shifted the work to its Houston offices last year.

"In my experience, I have never seen a strike this big."

Interviews with engineers at the Boeing plant here bolster outside experts' claims that the company grossly erred in its evaluation of wounds the shuttle may have suffered when debris slammed into its left wing during liftoff.

In one internal e-mail circulating among engineers here, an unnamed engineer speculated that NASA is downplaying the debris strike to fend off criticism it might not have done enough to get the astronauts back safely.

"The NASA boys are 'backpedaling' on the original theory of debris impact," the Boeing employee wrote. "I think they are trying to build a case to protect their (butts) for running with faulty thermal analysis."

Several engineers here began conducting their own analysis of the crash using the same data and procedures that were used in Houston during the flight. Their results are not only different, but they indicate that NASA had an emergency on its hands.

"We're redoing the analysis because we think it needs to be done differently," said another longtime shuttle engineer, an expert at calculating debris impact. "The re-analysis is finding things to be more harsh than the original."

It is still not clear what caused the shuttle to disintegrate over the U.S. Southwest. An independent panel investigating the disaster has so far determined only that some type of breach allowed searing gases to enter the shuttle and melt its aluminum frame.

One possible cause of this is that the orbiter's thermal-protective tiles were damaged or missing, leaving the ship's thin aluminum skin vulnerable to a "burn-through."

When debris loughed off the external fuel tank 81 seconds into launch and hit the wing, engineers began focusing on this possibility. With Columbia in orbit, Boeing was asked to evaluate whether the damage could flare up into a burn-through during re-entry.

The engineers at Boeing's plant in Huntington Beach, Calif., say they had done these analyses for 20 years. But this year, they were not asked to.

The reason, they say: Boeing transferred shuttle jobs to Houston in a consolidation that cost the company scores of its

most experienced shuttle engineers in the past two years — including some of those who invented the methodology for debris damage and thermal analysis.

Of 1,500 jobs in Boeing's shuttle program transferred to Houston were transferred last year from California, officials said. Only 100 people actually made the move; scores of veteran engineers left the company or stayed behind, doing other work, according to Boeing spokesman Karl Allen.

So as the clock was ticking toward Columbia's re-entry, Boeing managers relied on a Houston-based team of engineers who had never done this type of analysis in a real situation.

"This was their first flight," said the Boeing thermal systems engineer. "This was the first time they took over."

Allen said Friday she didn't know if that was true. "It's a whole lot of people who put that analysis together. Just because there were four names on the front doesn't mean there weren't many other people."

The Houston team analyzed numerous scenarios, ultimately predicting a "safe return." Boeing executives have defended that analysis as the "best answers possible" from the "best technical minds." On Friday, Allen said the company "absolutely" stood by that statement, even as new e-mails released from NASA last week suggested some inside the agency voiced strong doubts.

Four Boeing employees and contractors spoke for this report. Each has at least a decade of experience with the shuttle program. They asked to remain anonymous because they said company vice presidents often did not talk to the press in a Feb. 13 meeting in the company cafeteria.

After the disaster, the California engineers were shocked to see the data that Boeing and NASA used to reach their conclusions. One chart relied on a computer program called "Crater" to come up with nine different damage scenarios. Any one of them could have been catastrophic, the thermal engineer here said, but the Houston analysts downplayed the results by saying that "Crater" tended to be conservative.

Outside experts say it made no sense to reject methods that brought other shuttles home safely.

"I don't understand how they can run the Crater program and get these results and discount them completely," said Professor Fischbeck.

One scenario, for example, predicted a two-foot-long, seven-inch-wide swath of missing tiles.

"When something like that hits you and your computer program tells you you're all the way through the thermal protection system for that big of an area, you're in big trouble," the thermal systems engineer said.

"We had never seen a chart as bad as that."

Nevada volunteers find possible shuttle debris

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Volunteers looking for a large piece of space shuttle Columbia's landing gear found several small scraps of aluminum in a remote part of Nevada Saturday, but it was not immediately clear whether they belonged to the doomed spacecraft.

"They've found several pieces of material they suspect may be from the shuttle," said Col. Matt Wallace, commander of the Nevada Wing Civil Air Patrol. He said the pieces were several inches long each and looked like aluminum foil.

Ken Dixon, search and rescue commander for the Lincoln County sheriff's office, said the debris had been digitally photographed and sent to NASA experts to determine its origin.

"We are hopeful," he said. "I can't say it's promising but I can't say it's sure."

Eileen Hawley, a NASA spokeswoman in Houston, confirmed searchers recovered five pieces that need to be examined.

recovered from the shuttle, which broke apart Feb. 1, killing all seven astronauts on board.

People have combed vast areas in southern and western portions of the United States, but an area near Lubbock, Texas — some 750 miles southeast of the Nevada

search site — is the farthest west confirmed debris has been found.

The Nevada search of about 30 square miles near Panaca, about 170 miles north of Las Vegas, began Friday and was expected to conclude Monday.

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Many make false claims to capitalize on Sept. 11

Police investigate suspicious reports of loved ones lost

Los Angeles Times

NEW YORK — Cyril Kendall, father of 12, reported his youngest child dead — a brown-eyed young man in a blue suit, last seen on the 91st floor of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001.

Gerard Rinaldi reported the death of his wife, last seen working in the Windows of the World restaurant in the North Tower.

Ricardo Frutos listed three dead relatives, killed as they fled the 2nd floor of the World Trade Center straight off a flight from France.

These were deeply disturbing tales — not for the people who reported them, but for the police detectives who exposed them as fraud.

"Basically, these New York City victims," said New York City Police Sgt. Daniel Heinz, whose Special Frauds Squad has spent longer than a year dismantling the elaborate edifice of lies built by people seeking to profit from the worst terrorist attack ever on U.S. soil.

For all the heroics of the World Trade Center narrative, there is a sad and twisted coda in the bulging pink file folders of the frauds squad. Eighteen months after the towers collapsed, the squad's nine detectives are still investigating suspicious claims of dead loved ones who, all too often, are either very much alive or never existed at all.

Kendall collected \$190,867 from charities. Rinaldi collected \$13,500 and Frutos received \$47,000 before they were charged with filing false death claims for imaginary victims or, in Rinaldi's case, for his unsuspecting estranged wife. For his nonexistent son "Wilfred," Kendall allegedly provided a photo of himself as a young man. After entering guilty pleas, Rinaldi was sentenced to six months in jail, and Frutos got one to three years. Kendall pleaded not guilty and is free on bail awaiting a court hearing.

The frauds have a special resonance for Heinz and other detectives, all of whom lost colleagues or loved ones on Sept. 11. The squad spent the first weeks after the disaster collecting and identifying body parts at the city morgue, making wrenching phone calls to notify relatives of confirmed victims.

"This is an unbelievable responsibility to the people who perished," Heinz said inside his bunker-like office in East Harlem, where mug shots of phony death case defendants hang near a sign reading, in part: "These were not just names and numbers. They were moms and dads — they were our brothers and sisters."

The squad has arrested 38 people who have been charged with filing false death claims. And 158 death reports have been investigated, with about three dozen cases still open and fresh cases still trickling in.

The investigations have helped whittle down what the detectives call "The List," the roster of World Trade Center dead. The tally, which climbed

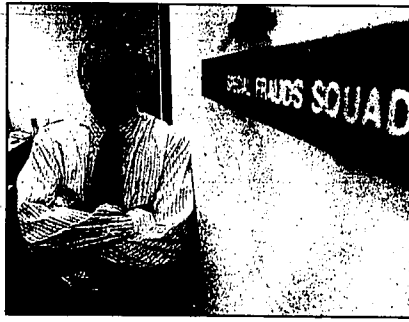
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past 6,000 in the first frantic days after the attacks, dropped to 2,801 by the first-year anniversary of the disaster. The List stood at 2,792 last week, with Heinz predicting that it will continue to contract with each new fraud conviction.

A sense of weary fatalism has settled over those who have spent the months since Sept. 11 attempting to separate truth from fiction in the thousands of claims of lost loved ones, lost jobs and lost possessions. Officials at charities and relief organizations know that every disaster brings out hustlers, but the persistence and audacity of the World Trade Center frauds has still been disillusioning.

"You'd think people wouldn't try anything under these circumstances, but they do," said Cindy Ramsey, a spokeswoman for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, part of a consortium of state and federal agencies intended to root out Sept. 11 fraud. At previous disasters, from floods to hurricanes, FEMA has encountered everything from phony charities to companies offering bogus "FEMA-approved" products.

Among the organizations victimized by fraud is the American Red Cross, which has paid claims ranging from a few hundred dollars to tens of thousands of dol-



Sgt. Daniel Heinz, shown here in his New York City office, is part of the New York Police Department's Special Frauds Squad and has helped to put away many 9-11 fraud suspects.

ars to people whose reports later proved false. The agency says experience has taught it to be compassionate first and skeptical later.

"We are a humanitarian organization. We don't expect people to defraud us," said Deborah Goldberg, a Red Cross official. "People receive what they say they need."

"At the same time, Goldberg added, "We have to be careful to be good stewards of the donated dollar."

Suspicious Red Cross workers have helped authorities arrest and charge a long list of people who received emergency cash after filing false loss claims. Walter Rhoden of Brooklyn, for instance, received \$1,730 to com-

pensate him for the downtown job he claimed to have lost because of the trade center collapse. In fact, police said, Rhoden had been fired from his law firm a week before the attacks. He has pleaded guilty to forgery and other charges.

The Red Cross says it has no estimate of its total Sept. 11 fraud losses, but Goldberg said they represent a tiny fraction of the \$741 million the agency has paid to victims of the disaster.

"Considering the amount of money involved, I think the level of fraud has been remarkably low," said Barbara Thompson, spokeswoman for the Manhattan District Attorney's office, which has prosecuted almost 400 Sept. 11 fraud cases.

U.S. will offer new food aid to North Korea

Knight Ridder News Service

TOKYO — Secretary of State Colin Powell signaled Saturday that the Bush administration would offer new food aid to starving North Koreans, a token olive branch after months of increasing tensions between the United States and North Korea.

"We don't use food as a weapon," Powell said at the beginning of a three-nation Asian trip. Powell indicated that a formal announcement would come soon about the resumption of U.S. food aid, even though Pyongyang has not agreed to abandon its weapons development program.

"The need is still great. You go through all the politics; there are kids out there that are starving. If we can help them, we will."

In recent weeks, the World Food Program has said it is unable to feed vast areas of North Korea because international donors have stopped providing sufficient food aid. Powell said that budget authority recently granted by Congress would allow the United States to once again give donations to the WFP. The United States has not offered any contributions since December.

Powell said the aid would be granted despite his fears that sufficient safeguards are not in place to guarantee that the food reaches starving people, and doesn't end up supporting the nation's million-man army. Thousands of North Korean troops are poised on the narrow belt of the Demilitarized Zone, which separates North and South Korea.

Dems attack Bush in different ways

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. John Edwards led Democratic presidential candidates in attacking President Bush's policies Saturday, but differences began to emerge in their strategies to force Bush out of the White House next year.

In two days of speeches before the party's most devoted activists, the candidates offered differences over potential war in Iraq and their own resumes and personal histories.

"And so, I ask you, and I ask the American people, are you better off than you were two years ago?" Edwards said in his address to the Democratic National Committee. "In two short years, George W. Bush has taught us what the W stands for: Wrong. Wrong for our children, wrong for families, wrong for our values, wrong for America."

"This presidency is a failure for the great middle class of America," he said.

Presidential candidates state cases at gathering

Although most of the Democrats' fire was aimed at the president, the candidates will have to survive a crowded primary contest to challenge Bush next fall. Their speeches included the first subtle digs at their Democratic opponents.

Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri said he's not a flashy, flavor-of-the-month candidate, a line that aides said was directed at Edwards and Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, who did not appear during the two days of candidate speeches because he was recovering from prostate surgery. Gephardt commended to his listeners his 26-year career in Congress, while Edwards, a North Carolina senator in his first term, said his lack of political experience is a virtue.

"If you think the only way to

restore people's faith in our government is someone ... who doesn't in Washington politics for decades, I am certainly not your guy," he said.

Edwards, Gephardt and the Rev. Al Sharpton of New York City said their humble roots mean they understand the worries and problems of average Americans, a swipe at Bush, who grew up wealthy, the product of a politically powerful family. Their biographies also contrast with Kerry's, a leading contender in the race who also comes from wealth.

Sharpton said blemishes on his record — he has faced tax evasion charges, had to pay \$65,000 to a man he wrongly accused of raping a 15-year-old girl, and was accused of inciting a deadly arson attack on a white-owned Harlem business with rhetoric about "white interlopers" — should not disqualify him from the presidential race.

Toys 'R' Us roof collapses; at least eight hurt

LANHAM, Md. (AP) — The roof of a Toys 'R' Us store collapsed Saturday, injuring at least eight people, as heavy rain soaked an area already stressed by the weight of snow from the Presidents Day blizzard, authorities said.

Fire Chief Ronald Blackwell said the injured people, including a 3-year-old, were hospitalized

with non-life-threatening injuries.

Authorities had feared others were trapped inside the 45,000-square-foot building, but rescuers found no one in an initial search and Prince George's County Police reported no missing-person calls, officials said.

Firefighters were planning

another search, but Prince George's County Executive Jack Johnson said he remained "cautiously optimistic" that everyone in the store was able to escape.

About 90 percent of the Toys 'R' Us roof fell in, all the way from the cash registers to the back of the store, Prince George's County Fire Department spokesman Mark Brady said.

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U.S. hopes to begin moving troops, supplies into Turkey

WASHINGTON (AP) - The United States hopes to begin moving troops and equipment into Turkey as early as this week, preparing for an expected second front in a possible war with Iraq, Pentagon officials said Saturday.

They confirmed a tentative agreement on U.S. aid to Turkey, whose parliament could vote on the deal Tuesday. A Turkish official said the deal involved \$5 billion in grants and \$10 billion in loan guarantees from the United States.

But several U.S. officials said significant issues were still under negotiation. One American official said talks centered on the complex terms of the loan.

Turkey, a NATO ally and Iraq's northern neighbor, is pivotal for the Pentagon's plans for a two-pronged invasion of Iraq if President Bush decides on war. Talks dragged on for weeks on the U.S. request to base tens of thousands of troops and supplies, whose citizens overwhelmingly oppose military action in Iraq.

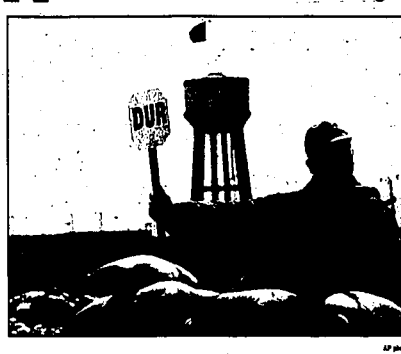
At least a half-dozen U.S. military ships are waiting off Turkey's coast, part of a flotilla of more than three dozen vessels carrying equipment and supplies for the American ground troops.

In Crawford, Texas, where the president was spending the weekend on his ranch, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said negotiations on final details of the deal with Turkey were continuing.

"And I anticipate they will continue for a little bit longer. I think it's fair to say that nothing is agreed to until everything is agreed to," Fleischer said.

Some details of the U.S.-Turkish pact still had to be worked out, officials from both countries said Saturday. Turkish Prime Minister Abdullah Gul said Saturday that the Cabinet would take up the issue of basing U.S. troops in the country, but didn't give a date.

"The relationship between Turkey and the United States is important. We're discussing everything in the framework of mutual trust and respect," Gul told reporters. "Both sides have concerns. These concerns must



A Turkish soldier at a military checkpoint signals cars to stop on the main road leading to the border with Iraq in Sitol, Turkey, Saturday. The U.S. is planning to deploy thousands of combat troops in southeastern Turkey to open a northern front in northern Iraq for a possible war. The sign says 'Stop' in Turkish.



be addressed in the best way possible."

For weeks, negotiators have been discussing a U.S. offer for aid that would help the Turkish economy if there were a war in neighboring Iraq. Turkey fears that a conflict could devastate its tourism industry, which brings in some \$10 billion a year.

Turkey had been asking for \$10 billion in grants and \$20 billion in loans.

The United States had been offering \$5 billion in grants. A Western diplomat said each billion in grants could guarantee \$10 billion in loans.

The agreement for \$10 billion in grants and \$5 billion in grants described by the Turkish official, therefore, would still cost the United States \$6 billion.

Turkey's economy took a multi-billion-dollar hit during the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Turkish leaders worry that a war now, with Turkey's economy in another slump, would mean even harder times.

Ousting Saddam could cost \$40B

Ousting Saddam Hussein could cost the United States \$40 billion or more much if the war drags on, analysts say. And the aftermath could be even more expensive, with the price tag for rebuilding and securing Iraq potentially exceeding \$100 billion.

Pentagon officials refuse to publicly predict the cost of a drive on Baghdad. Private and congressional defense analysts venture only ranges of possible costs because the conflict's duration, intensity, losses and other factors are largely unpredictable.

Nation in brief

new poll.
Nearly six in 10 Americans, 57 percent, say the United States should get a second U.N. resolution before attacking Iraq, and about the same number, 58 percent, say this country does not currently have enough international support for such an attack. General support for military action against Iraq was at 66 percent, but that tends to drop in polls when people are asked about attacking without allied backing. Polls show a majority approves of military action as long as this country has the support of major allies.

Demonstrators blocked the entrance to the U.S. Rhein-Main air base near Frankfurt on Saturday as nearly 20,000 people protested against a looming attack on Iraq.

About 2,000 demonstrators rallied in front of the main gate to the base, a key transit point for U.S. military traffic to Afghanistan and the Persian Gulf, listening to speeches and scrawling anti-war slogans on the road in colorful chalk.

More than 300 police officers kept the protesters away from the base. No incidents were reported.

Earlier Saturday, about 10,000 people marched for peace in the city of Cologne, the latest in a series of big demonstrations that underline public support for Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's opposition to a possible U.S. war in Iraq.

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Pol: U.S. public wants U.N. support for Iraq attack

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U.S. troops hunt Taliban, root out weapons

BAGHRAN VALLEY, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. Chinook helicopters carrying waves of American troops touched down in southern Afghanistan this week to hunt down Taliban leaders believed to be hiding here.

Dubbed "Operation Viper," Wednesday's deployment in Helmand province was one of the largest concentrations of U.S. troops in the field in Afghanistan since last spring, military officials told pool reporters. Several hundred American troops took part.

Two weeks ago, U.S. aircraft bombed suspected Taliban fighters they said had taken up positions in caves on a high-altitude ridge in the area. Afghan authorities are investigating reports that civilians died in the attack, but the U.S. military has said it has not confirmed any civilian deaths.

Initially at least, no fighters were found in Wednesday's raids. Before touching down in the Baghran Valley after a voyage on a twin-rotor Chinook from a base in the southern city of Kandahar, 30 soldiers of the 82nd Airborne Division's 405th Parachute Infantry Regiment were told to expect heavy fire.

None came, and the soldiers stepped out into a field already secured by American troops.

The troops made a two-mile hike down to a dry river bed and set up camp for the night.

"Am I nervous? Yeah," said Sgt. Zachary Yeager, 23, from Spartanburg, S.C. "But scared? No."

Capt. Andrew Ziesenis, from St. Louis, said it would be hard to catch any suspected Taliban lead-



U.S. soldiers patrol Baghran valley, Afghanistan, Wednesday. Taliban have been sighted in the area.

ers off guard because of the large amount of U.S. troops involved.

"With the amount of force — 200 plus soldiers — and I don't know how many Apache (helicopter gunships overhead) it would be hard to take them by surprise," Ziesenis said. But "this is the heartland of the Taliban. This area has not been significantly weakened by coalition forces in a conventional sense. Most people here will see us for the first time."

On Thursday at sunrise, the troops were up making another trek that brought them to Engram, a small village of four compounds.

Soldiers set up sniper positions around the village and the troops moved in.

While armed troops stood guard, one soldier explained to village elder Haji Abdul Had that

the Americans had come to search for weapons as part of the Afghan government's disarmament efforts.

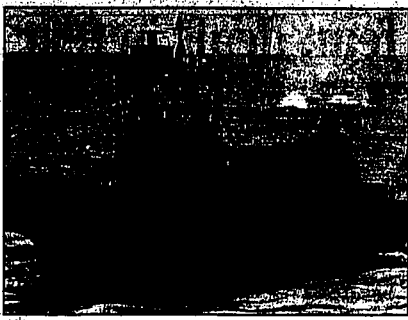
"We do not want to involve ourselves with trouble," Had said, and the soldiers could continue.

With chickens, cows, goats and cows following behind, the troops searched about a dozen clay huts, their floors covered with carpets. In an orchard behind one compound, soldiers found two AK-47

assault rifles beneath a wet burlap sack.

Had, the village elder, said some families kept guns for their own security, but he knew nothing about the two rifles. The soldiers confiscated them.

Through the rest of the day, the soldiers searched four other villages, but found nothing else. Another platoon searching a separate village nearby was luckier, seizing 27 AK-47s.



A rigid inflatable boat, or RIB, designed to deliver and extract commandos during nighttime missions, races across the Persian Gulf recently.

SEALs figure to play bigger role this time

Peter Baker
The Washington Post

IN THE NORTHERN PERSIAN GULF — It looks like something out of a James Bond movie, a jet-powered boat racing through placid Persian Gulf waters at a breakneck pace. But the 50-caliber machine-gun rounds fired off the front or back into the open sea are real enough.

Amid the aircraft carriers and other military vessels in the northern gulf, it would be easy to miss the 36-foot composite fiber-glass boats, and that is how the SEALs prefer it. Painted dark gray to blend into the nighttime sea, each of these boats is designed to deliver eight commandos ashore and extract them after a mission.

The last time the United States and its allies confronted Iraq, Navy SEALs and other Special Operations forces were largely left out of the main attack. This time, after a decade of reinventing themselves and receiving generally good reviews on the fighting ground of Afghanistan, the SEALs and their Army and Air Force counterparts hope to play a more vital part.

"We didn't have a major role," said Capt. Walter Pullar, a SEAL and commander of Naval Special Warfare Group Three operating in the region. "We weren't part of the strategic picture. We were part of the tactical picture — a small one. We've looked for the reason why we didn't get deployed as much as we thought we should. You learn and adjust."

Among other things, the SEALs have tried to force a better command system that would integrate with top generals running any new war. While Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf favored conventional Army power 12 years ago, the current commander of the U.S. Central Command, under Army Gen. Tommy Franks, saw what commandos, including SEALs, could do when they helped in the fight against Taliban and al-Qaida guerrillas in Afghanistan.

SEALs were involved in the biggest U.S. ground battle of the Afghan war, Operation Anaconda, during which U.S. forces pursued Taliban and al-Qaida remnants in the Shahkot Valley in March. Attempts to rescue a SEAL team that came under attack during the operation led to a gun battle in which seven U.S. soldiers were killed.

"Coming out of Afghanistan, whatever the next conflict is, people will remember that SEALs and Special Forces played an important role," said Pullar. "All these things have changed. Who knows what we'll do when we'll do it? But we've learned from all that, and whatever comes, it will not be the kinds of things we did in Desert Storm."

In that war, SEAL commandos searched for mines and potential landing sites on Kuwait beaches. As the ground war approached, SEAL teams swam to the Kuwaiti shore and simulated an amphibious attack by detonating bombs and blasting coastal bunkers with machine-gun fire. Other Special Operations forces established contact with the Kuwaiti resistance while Green Berets searched for mobile Scud launchers in Iraq's western desert.

sance missions to find chemical or biological weapons, seize oil wells and dams or even be inserted into Baghdad before conventional forces to take out key installations or military figures in a bid to avert urban combat.

Already, according to military sources quoted in reports from Washington, two Special Operations Task Forces are after Iraq recruiting defectors and hunting for arms caches.

In the meantime, SEALs have been assigned to chase smugglers trying to get around U.N. sanctions against Iraq, particularly those shipping out oil illegally. About once a week or so, Naval Special Warfare operators stop a ship in the Persian Gulf. Vessels that resist can be boarded forcibly, with the help of helicopter raids or small jet-powered boats like those racing around the gulf this week.

Sometimes Naval operators pursue a vessel identified by intelligence as acting suspiciously — lowering one nation's flag and raising that of another, for instance. They also lie in wait along particular routes after determining transit patterns.

"The tempo is very high," said Jake, a lieutenant junior grade who commands his own small boat and, like other Naval Special Warfare operators, can be identified only by rank and first name. "We're busy."

"The one pattern that has changed is that the amount of oil that has been smuggled out has dropped," said Johnny, a petty officer first class.

Beyond maritime interdiction, the SEALs and their boat crews spend time here training for beach landings, extractions from hot zones and search-and-rescue missions for downed pilots. They refuse to discuss pending or future operations and remain especially mum when it comes to their clandestine side.

Embedded journalists may bring unprecedented view

By Verna Gay
Newsday

The word is "embed." Short, sweet and utterly bland.

But in a few weeks — maybe sooner — "embed" will enter the language in a new and dramatic way. Already, this is the word that everyone in TV news is talking about, the word they toss about as effortlessly as if it had always been a fundamental part of their life and vocabulary.

Which, of course, it hasn't. "Embed" is military jargon for a reporter who is to be stationed with a "unit," which is more jargon for a division, or corps, or perhaps aircraft carrier group. Hundreds of reporters will be embedded in units during a war in Iraq. Approximately 50- or 10 each — will come from the major news networks, ABC, Fox News Channel, NBC, CNN and CBS. "Embeds" could potentially give millions of viewers a front-row seat to the war, live and uncut. And you need only consult your handy TV history book to know that nothing like this has ever happened.

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cled" from the field back to the United States, a process that would take at least two days.

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Saddam Hussein breathes fear, lives in fear, deals in fear

By Rick Montgomery
Knight Ridder News Service

He patted the head of a trembling little boy and grinned. Through a thick peasant accent, he said in Arabic, "Did Stuart have his milk today?"

With that one searing moment in 1990, many American TV viewers got their first good look at Saddam Hussein. The longtime Iraqi president was visiting hostages he had threatened to use as human shields against U.S. air attacks.

And the West wondered, then as now, how the "Butcher of Baghdad" slept at night.

By many accounts, Saddam today sleeps very little. He beds down in a different place each night to keep his countless enemies - inside and outside Iraq - guessing. Short naps in the afternoon are said to keep him alert.

His back hurts. He limps. In 1959, as a hit man for the socialist Baath Party, Saddam took a bullet in the leg in a failed plot to assassinate the then-ruler of his country.

So now, surgically enhanced doubles who purportedly pose as the dictator at public events limp just a little.

Saddam breathes fear in and out, living in it, dealing in it.

For decades he has ordered the murders of people who pose a threat to his rule. His victims have included longtime friends, a health minister whom Saddam personally shot dead at a meeting, and, in 1996, his own son-in-law.

Horror stories detailing the extent of his villainy abound; most are impossible to verify. By one published account, he tossed a Shiite dissident into a tub of acid and watched him dissolve.

He admires Joseph Stalin. And Winston Churchill. Steely men of real power. This may also explain his reported fondness for "The Godfather" films.

There's something else about Saddam that Khidhir Hamza, who wrote a book on being "Saddam's Bombmaker" in the 1970s and 1980s, thinks Americans should know.

"The man is not crazy," says



Iraqi President Saddam Hussein speaks to members of the Iraqi military in this image taken from television in Baghdad Monday.

Hamza, now living in Virginia. "But if he is cornered, he'll do anything."

What, then, will Saddam do if U.S. and British troops, preparing to disarm him, invade a country that has been in his grip for 30 years, where statues, murals and portraits of him adorn every street?

Experts look for clues from his past.

"By all accounts he almost came to pieces," as the U.S. picked apart his forces in the 1991 Gulf war, said David Kay, head of the United Nations team that inspected Iraq's weapon supplies following the 1991 liberation of Kuwait.

Saddam "was almost catatonic, thinking he was going down and the country was coming apart." Saddam still calls his defeat in Kuwait a glorious victory.

After all, he survived, which is the story of his life. Saddam was born poor in a

one-room house outside rural Tikrit in north-central Iraq, when the country was governed by a monarchy planted there by the British.

The only known employment of his mother, Subha Tulfah, was as a clairvoyant. Some Iraqi men would later suggest she also was a prostitute.

His peasant father, Hussein al-Majid, disappeared not long after the infant arrived. Uncertainty surrounds even the date of birth, but officially it's April 28, 1937 - now a holiday in Iraq marked by several days of celebration.

For a time young Saddam lived

with an abusive stepfather known around the village as "Hassan the Liar," according to Coughlin's book. But the boy's mentor and lasting influence would be his mother's brother, Khairallah Tulfah, a feisty Arab nationalist and Nazi sympathizer.

Many believe his uncle instilled in Saddam a deep distrust of foreigners that swells in the tyrant to this day.

Saddam earned a reputation as a street fighter in a region of the world where family honor and tribal loyalty meant everything. A passion for nationalism spurred Saddam to join the insurgent,

pan-Arab Baath Party when he was about 20.

Baathists were fervent anti-Communists - secular thinkers mostly from Iraq's professional circles.

The thuggish Saddam wasted little time showing the party he could handle the dirty jobs. Within a year, he allegedly shot and killed a Communist Party member in Tikrit.

Soon, Saddam was tapped to provide armed cover for a group of conspirators who opened fire on the car of Iraqi leader Gen. Abdul Kareem Qassem in 1959 in a failed assassination attempt.

Return fire injured Saddam, but he escaped. For the next four years he lived in exile in Egypt, where he attended secondary school until he was 24 - at least six years older than the average graduate,

according to "Saddam Hussein: A Political Biography," by Efraim Karsh and Inari Raust.

Saddam's brief exile marked one of the few times he has ever traveled outside his native country.

Journalist Mark Bowden recently wrote that Saddam's adventures in the 1960s, which included an escape from prison, "all added to (his) revolutionary luster" among the smarter, more visible Baath Party elite.

"He was an impressive combination: not just a tough capable of commanding respect from the

thugs but also well-read, articulate and seemingly open-minded," Bowden wrote in *The Atlantic Monthly*. "A natural leader who could steer Iraq into a new era."

The Baathists gained control of Iraq in a bloodless 1968 coup.

Saddam sat atop the first tank to the presidential palace.

In the early stages of the new regime, Saddam appeared content to play the quiet No. 2 man overseeing security for his cousin, President Ahmad Hassan al-Bakr. A modest office and Volkswagen Beetle would do.

In time, however, Saddam revealed a brutal sense for building his own power through terror, Stalin-style.

From behind the scenes Saddam choreographed sensational trials of Jews accused of

being Zionist spies. The show trials played well among Arab Jews at Liberation Square.

Saddam dreamed of turning Iraq into the most developed and, with weaponry, most feared of Arab countries - making him, in turn, the most feared of Arab leaders. A painting in Baghdad

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depicted Saddam on horseback, with sword held high, liberating Kuwait.

"He wanted to be ruler of the whole region," says Hamza, the highest-ranking scientist ever to defect from Iraq.

Biographies make clear that the root of Saddam's bloody, single-minded pursuit of power appears to be simple vanity, Bowden concludes.

He puffed on a Cuban cigar at the 1979 purge.

It happened in a single meeting of Iraq's Revolutionary Command Council, presided over by Saddam just weeks after he assumed the presidency. It resulted in the executions of a third of its members.

Saddam ordered the meeting videotaped, so all Iraqis might see what becomes of alleged plotters and spies. One by one, the names of dozens of party leaders were called aloud by a supposed conspirator fresh out of Saddam's torture chambers.

A spotlight followed each man as guards escorted him away. When one shouted his innocence, the 42-year-old president said, "Get it, get it, get it!"

By the close of the meeting survivors in his government were chanting "long live Saddam," now more powerful than ever, Coughlin writes.

Former U.S. diplomat Ed Peck, chief of mission to Iraq during the Carter Administration, says Hussein at the time did enjoy a measure of popular support for modernizing his country.

As vice president he had pushed to nationalize Iraq's petroleum industry, wresting control of the world's second-largest oil reserves away from foreign companies. He struck a trade pact with Moscow, and as oil production surged, so did revenues

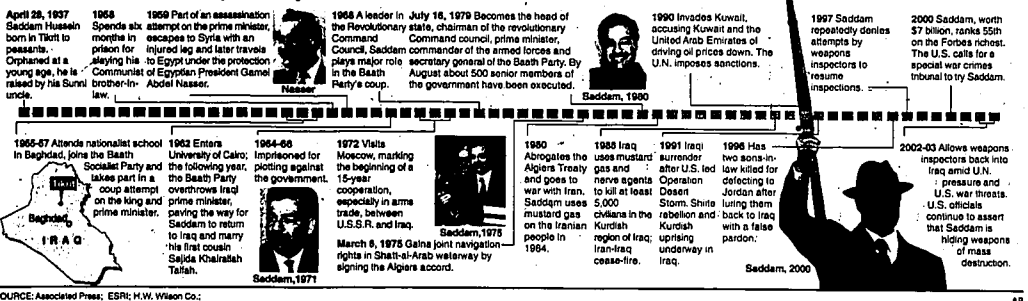
Report: Russia sends former foreign minister to Baghdad

MOSCOW (AP) — Former Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov, in a reprise of the role he played before the 1991 Gulf War, was dispatched to Baghdad on Saturday on a confidential mission for the Kremlin, Moscow media reported.

Primakov, a top member of the ruling communist elite during Soviet days, sought in vain to avoid the first allied war in which a U.S.-led coalition drove invading Iraq forces from neighboring Kuwait.

Both Echo of Moscow radio and the ITAR-Tass news agency said President Vladimir Putin sent Primakov on what they called a confidential mission. He was to arrive in Baghdad Saturday. The Kremlin's press service could not immediately be reached to comment.

Saddam Hussein: A bloody rise to power



SOURCE: Associated Press; ESPN; H.W. Wilson Co.

to the Iraqi government. petrodollars funded massive public building programs — schools, roads, a 5,000-bed hospital.

"Baath Party programs gave Iraq one of the highest standards of living in the entire region," Peck says of the 1970s.

Some Western newspapers wrote of secular Iraq being the best hope for the Middle East region, after Islamic fundamentalists overthrew the Shah of neighboring Iran.

Then, in 1980, Saddam ordered Iraqi troops into Iran to resolve a border dispute. He thought his superior military — armed primarily by the Soviet Union and France — would make quick work of the Iranians.

That proved to be a miscalculation for Saddam who, as a youth, failed to gain acceptance into the Iraqi Military Academy and would forever treat trained military strategists with suspicion.

The fighting lasted eight years, one of the longest conventional wars in the 20th century. It decimated Iraq's economy before Saddam limped away the victor in a U.N.-brokered cease-fire.

The war also showed how vicious the dictator could be when desperate: In 1988 he allegedly ordered poison gas dumped on the Kurdish town of Halabja to punish militants helping Iran. At least 5,000 are said to have perished in the attack.

Iraqis watch music videos praising their dictator every night on TV.

"Has the world ever seen anyone like our father?" goes one uttempo song. "He spread his love equally among all of us. With him at home there is no fear."

Yet fear defines living in Iraq —

entirely for its ruler.

"He's afraid all the time," a former lieutenant colonel in Hussein's security force recently told the Los Angeles Times. "He likes to escape. He likes to hide. He likes to be underground, in bunkers."

As inspectors search for Hussein's secret weapons, some reports from Baghdad portray the 65-year-old leader as increasingly indecisive, giving rambling speeches lacking coherence.

His eccentricities and ego mount. The new Mother of All Battles Mosque, built in honor of his failed incursion of Kuwait, features a glass display of 605 pages of Koran written in a mixture of ink, preservatives and Saddam's own blood.

His inner circle of bodyguards, known as al-Himaya, is now entirely made up of close relatives.

His food is X-rayed and tested before he eats it. Meals reportedly are prepared daily at his palaces around the country so nobody can be sure where he is headed.

Analysts worry about Saddam's two sons being groomed as potential successors. The older, Uday, 38, is known across Iraq for unleashing a temper even more ferocious than his father's, delivering vengeance by revolver or cattle prod.

"In Iraq the stories of Uday are worse than those of Saddam," says Entifallah Qanbar of the anti-Hussein Iraqi National Congress in Washington.

"Killer, thief, rapist," he continues. "I have a relative there, a beautiful girl attending school. When her father heard rumors that Uday liked her, was watching her, he stopped her from going to school."

Uday's brother, Qusay, is the more sober devotee to Saddam. Qusay is in charge of security and intelligence operations. He is 35.

Saddam has been married 40 years to a woman named Sajida, who at one time traveled frequently to western Europe to indulge in shopping sprees.

He reportedly has mistresses, too, but who dares to make it an issue?

Such are the ways of a dictator — one with a peasant's blood and a survivor's soul. And his next step in life could be his most memorable.

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EDITORIAL

Local public interest bills need more work

The long-awaited attempt to redefine the local public interest doctrine of Idaho's public water law has made its debut in the Legislature. But the first bills will need work to achieve the correct outcome.

Lawmakers realize they should close the local public interest loophole, which has been abused by opponents of dairies and other agricultural operations for far too long. Activists and critics use the local public interest to cite odor, lighting and air concerns, and delay water transfers to proposed agricultural operations.

Those complaints might be legitimate in the zoning process - but they don't belong in a hearing for water transfers.

To help end that abuse of the law, Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, and Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, have two new bills to keep local public interest strictly related to water interests, without weakening the power to protect Idaho's most precious resource.

Both bills need further attention. One bill, written for land-use protests, goes too far. The other, for water rights protests, doesn't go far enough. Lawmakers should be wary about passing the first. The second could be added to and then approved.

The first bill proposes changes to land-use planning law in a way that favors protesters. The new law mandates counties to hold at least one public hearing on the siting of confined animal feeding operations, before it goes to the Idaho Department of Water Resources for legal consideration.

But the bill goes too far in allowing counties to "reject a site regardless of the approval or rejection of the site by a state agency."

In other words, even when a dairy or other CAFO proposal is approved by state agencies, the new law gives the county the ability to reject it through the public hearing.

Legislators would make a big mistake if they allow counties, with their infinitely smaller technology and research resources, the power to veto state siting decisions.

Furthermore, the hearing process would get even messier under the bill. The proposal effectively could allow CAFO critics to run over a well-planned project with a loose or wild public hearing. The hearing would fast become a kangaroo court of emotionalism, personal attack, and noisy protest. There is not a county commission in Idaho that could long stand up to this kind of debate.

The second bill draws a tighter definition to local public interest as "the interests that the people in the area directly affected by a proposed water use have in the effects of such use on the public water resource." The bill also restricts local public interest to those parties who have a local economic interest in the proposed water use.

This attempt to fine-tune the local public interest doctrine is a start, but the bill doesn't adequately define who has standing in water transfer disputes.

Standing should be tailored to those who have ownership of property, reside in the area, or live in a specified circle of distance. Outside activists who have no direct relation to the dispute should be excluded from using the doctrine.

As they're currently written, the bills will lack the needed support to pass through the both houses of the Legislature. Ag groups will disapprove of any bill that wipes away the state's authority to site operations with good science. And the second bill doesn't effectively close out opposing interests that aren't actually "local."

The Legislature should tighten these problems in the current proposals before passing any changes to local public interest doctrine. It's better to get the bills right before putting them on the books at all.

Our view: New legislation to tighten the local public interest doctrine of Idaho's water law needs more revision. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



Not all Germans reject war option

Rarely do we have the experience of witnessing firsthand the end of one epoch and the beginning of another. But this is exactly what people all over the world are now living through. This epochal change began with the fall of the Berlin Wall on Nov. 9, 1989, which marked a victory for freedom and the opening of the transatlantic partnership to the East. It continued with the events of Sept. 11, 2001, which shook the United States to its very foundations - with consequences that, to this day, many Europeans have not fully grasped. Because of these decisive events, Europe and the United States now must redefine the nucleus of their domestic, foreign and security policy principles.

As they're on the one hand, assuming new responsibilities around the world, whether in Kosovo or Afghanistan. On the other hand, it is divided, maybe even deeply split. Thus, for example, aid to Turkey, our partner in the NATO Council by France, Belgium and Germany, a situation that undermines the very basis of NATO's legitimacy.

The most important lesson of German politics - never again should Germany go it alone - is swept aside with seeming ease by a German federal government that has done precisely this, for the sake of electoral tactics. The Eastern European candidate countries for membership in the European Union are attacked by the French government simply because they have declared their commitment to the transatlantic partnership between Europe and the United States.

But there is a more positive side to it. An agreement was reached at the emergency summit on Monday: On the basis of U.N. Resolution 1441, participants decided on a coordinated attitude to be adopted by the Europeans in the Iraq conflict. The agreement, which was long overdue, has forced the German federal government to make its

ANGELA MERKEL

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done by the German federal government - as the ultimate means of dealing with dictators. Anyone who rejects military action as a last resort weakens the pressure that needs to be maintained on dictators and consequently makes a war not less but more likely.

I am convinced that Europe and the United States will have to opt for a common security alliance in the future, just as they did in the past. The United States is the only remaining superpower, but even so it will have to rely on dependable partners over the long term. Germany needs its friendship with France, but the benefits of that friendship can be realized only in close association with our old and new European partners, and within the transatlantic alliance with the United States.

A couple of days ago, an article in the Süddeutsche Zeitung, one of Germany's major national newspapers, carried the headline "The End of a Friendship." It included the following passage: "For Germany, a permanent break with America would probably be not much of a liberation but a return to an ugly old new reality, to the completely disillusioned world of the old Europe with its narrow-mindedness and disunity. Gratitude, friendship with America in the future these could still prove to be reasonable feelings."

For the party that I lead, our close partnership and friendship with the United States is just as much a fundamental element of Germany's national purpose as European integration. But both will be successful only if it is possible to build new trust and we are able to formulate our own interests. There is no acceptable alternative to this way forward at the beginning of this new epoch.

Angela Merkel is chairman of the Christian Democratic Union of Germany and the CDU/CSU parliamentary group in the German Bundestag.

Gephardt hopes to captivate a following

ST. LOUIS - Toward the end of his announcement for the Democratic presidential nomination here last week, Rep. Dick Gephardt acknowledged the obvious: "I'm not," he said, "the flashiest candidate around." His rivals genuinely like Gephardt and admire his years of toil in the political mines - more than a quarter century in the House and eight frustrating years as minority leader. But they call him "yesterday's man," and say his time has passed. It has been 16 years now since Gephardt's first run for the nomination. And while he is youthful-looking and energetic at 62, it is virtually unprecedented for anyone to attempt a presidential comeback after that length of time. Richard Nixon had only eight years between his losing race against John Kennedy and his victory over Hubert Humphrey.

The Gephardt strategy for overcoming these odds was summed up in the next two sentences of his speech. After confiding to his lack of pizzazz, he said, "But the fight for working families is in my bones. It's what I come from. It's been my life's work."

Gephardt strategist Bill Carrick says that focus groups in Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina found that Democrats "are looking for someone who can challenge Bush, not just on the issues but in a pretty dramatic personal contrast. They want someone who understands their lives because he has lived it - not another politician." Thus, for Gephardt, autobiography becomes the entry point. That is why he chose to announce his candidacy at his old elementary school down the street from the modest home where he was raised. And that is why virtually every member of his family has a role in parables framing his agenda.

His late father was a milk truck driver and a dreamer, who taught young Dick that a union is the best friend a worker can have. The son counts on labor to help nominate him. His mother, now 95, was a secretary who "changed jobs so many times that she never finished a lifetime of work was. And a mother not even enough to pay utility bills." Daughter Kate decided to be a teacher, ignoring the taunts of classmates about the low pay, but would change careers a family that she is living at home. Son Matt was diagnosed with cancer as a 2-year-old and survived. "But I'll never forget the nights we spent at Matty bedside, talking to the parents of another patient, a family that couldn't afford health insurance." As yet, there is no instructive tale concerning wife Jane - but the campaign is just beginning.

For everyone else, Gephardt has a "bold, innovative program." A "work in pension" plan for workers and employers would contribute, making pensions portable with every change of jobs. An ROTC-style Teacher Corps, paying college costs for those who agree to work in classrooms. And the basic one: Guaranteed health insurance for every worker, financed by tax credits to employers and paid for by rescinding the Bush tax cuts.

These are big ideas, but in many cases they are also big changes from Gephardt's past positions - suggesting that years of work as a legislator have made him a supreme pragmatist.

On trade, there has been urgent regulatory tariffs against nations blocking entry of American products, he now talks about an unlikely international agreement to set worldwide minimum wage, "different for each country." He would raise the federal minimum wage to \$7.25 an hour, "self coming and going." A year ago, Gephardt argued vehemently against Democrats' challenging the 2001 Bush tax cuts, calling it "an exercise in futility." Now, repeal of those cuts is something he would do "my first week in Congress." In 1986, he was the proud co-sponsor of a tax reform that lowered rates while closing many special-purpose credits and exclusions. Now, he would raise taxes sharply while proposing huge tax credits for health insurance, alternative energy programs and other goals.

Consistency may not count for much with the voters. The real question for Gephardt is whether his family anecdotes are compelling enough and his policy ideas so captivating as to make him seem a fresh candidate. That's a tough challenge.

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

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LETTERS

Editorial on Coles lacked fair perspective

Several years ago, you wrote an editorial which plumbd the depths of your historical ignorance by calling then-President Clinton a modern-day Caligula after the depraved Roman emperor. In your Feb. 18 editorial, you wrote a more political gem about the former mayor of Boise. "Coles leaves legacy of mistrust in Boise." I quote you: "He (Coles) made Idaho more like New Jersey." As usual, you're several miles off because your editorial line really should have said New York, as in the corrupt political machine of Tammany Hall in 19th century New York City. Only The Times-News could make a Boss Tweed, who ran the Tammany machine, out of Brent Coles.

I write not to defend Coles but to appeal to the new owners of The Times-News to appoint someone to the editorial staff who has a trace of perspective. Your editorial made no mention of Coles' nine years of public service. Equally absurd is the failure to mention anyone but Coles for

the city's problems. Council members were asleep at the wheel and where was the city auditor? Additionally, do you really think any city in the state of Idaho could survive a \$100,000 forensic audit of its books without some issues surfacing?

I recommend the editors read the Idaho Statesman editorial several days prior to Coles' resignation. It was critical, but fair and balanced.

In conclusion, I believe that I am one of many subscribers who have gone from a state of annoyance to ineluctable resignation that my morning paper's editorial will be poorly researched, spiteful and chronically negative. As for Brent Coles, we can only hope that he does not become an educator in Idaho or we'll never hear the end of it.
BOB ALLRED
Twin Falls

Security mishandled Radio Rondeveo event

I want to take a moment to thank the promoters of a recent concert held at the Radio Rondeveo on Feb. 19. It was

really great of you to arrange for this special activity for Twin Falls youth!

Too bad it was more of a "set up" for a group of energetic young people who thought it was OK to dance and show their enthusiasm in ways that had been acceptable in many other arenas.

The "security" hired for this event obviously did not have a "clue" as to what to expect - a type of dancing and "moshing" foreign to them but not to the bands performing or many of the kids.

This ignorance led to misunderstandings and unnecessary rough handling on the part of the security that could have been avoided.

In most concerts of this nature (and I assure you the music of "Vaux" and "Static Lullaby" was never meant to be enjoyed by an audience sitting on their hands), security is very much present. However, they observe, protect and very rarely interfere with the activity of the crowd.

I have gotten used to these active crowds at many concerts. It all serves a "purpose" - one of expending bottled-up energy in

a way that is in a "safely controlled" environment, i.e. not on the streets. I have seen kids "monitor" themselves by looking out for those around them and helping someone up if needed. I have seen apologies exchanged for absently stepping on someone, and I have seen happy, exhausted kids that have had a great time.

What happened on this particular night was appalling - security interfering with young people who paid to enjoy a concert. This, of course, led to raised anger, upset emotions and shows of disrespect for one another.

I find it hard to believe that the organizers of this event could have been so naive. In the future, I suggest money-hungry radio station promoters should be "bumped" or "struck" by Jimmy Buffet or Gary Puckett for your promotion choices - you are not doing young kids any favors!
GINA HANKINS
Twin Falls

Governments should fully pay for takings

I agree with most of your Feb.

16 editorial on "takings." Indeed, property owners should be fairly compensated when government takes private property for public use. The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution says so. And a partial taking, that is, restricting the use of the property, is surely a taking as well.

What is not clear is your assumption that compensating owners for partial takings would "bankrupt" taxpayers. And (frankly, if this is literally true, it only shows that the government is "taking" too much. So what will it be, just compensation, or not?

The Constitution gives the answer, and Idaho government agencies should comply.
FRANCIS GIBDON JR.
Hazelton

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LETTERS

New legislative bills endanger quality of life

As part of my first campaign for public office in 1976, I did a telephone survey in our legislative district. My first question was, "Why do you live in Idaho?" Every answer had to do with "quality of life," clean air, clean water, low population, and wide-open space.

It's now 2003, and I quote from a recent community assessment conducted for the city of Buhl by the Idaho Association of Cities. This from the education assessment: "In general, Idaho lags behind national figures for teacher and administrator salaries. While this may often cause teachers to initially look elsewhere for work when compensation is a substantial factor in the employment decision, many gifted and highly qualified personnel find themselves coming to and staying in Idaho because the quality of life ultimately supersedes salary as a higher priority."

The assault on Idaho's quality of life is intense. Life here in the once-Magic Valley certainly isn't as high a quality as it once was. This year in the Idaho Legislature, selfish special interests have orchestrated a systematic attack on the laws, rules, regulations and agencies that we have in place to protect what is left of our quality of life. An unholy alliance of the Idaho Water Users, the Farm Bureau, the Idaho Cattlemen's Association, the dairy lobby and the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry are pushing to weaken the local public interest aspect of Idaho water law, pushing "takings" legislation that would weaken an already miserable land-use planning process in Idaho, hamstringing the ability of the Department of Environmental Quality's ability to set pollution standards for our air, trying to take color and smoke out of Idaho trespass laws and nundry other poor pieces of legislation.

Sen. Laird Noh, to his credit, introduced a resolution in the Senate, which calls for, in essence, careful study of natural resource issues. That study is necessary if we are to protect our precious natural resources and come up with a comprehen-

sive process for protecting all of our inalienable rights. If the selfish get their way, and those bills are moving through the Legislature now, Sen. Noh's efforts will be pointless, as we will be forced to deal with the sad consequences.

I urge you all to contact your legislators and tell them to support Sen. Noh's efforts and to turn down the attempts to weaken your rights and the protections of the public good.

BILL CHISHOLM
Buhl

Allow voters their say on land expansion

The city of Burley is hungrily looking at munching on land in Minidoka County and I vehemently oppose it. What their expansion will create is an emergency service nightmare much like the problems Cassia and Minidoka counties face in the Jackson area east of Rupert. Jackson residents have long battled confusing dual addresses with Rupert phone numbers and Cassia County residency.

I know the stuff nightmares are made of. I sat in that 311 hot seat in Cassia County and dispatched services into the Emerson area.

A trailer house was a total loss years ago when the dispatcher who lived in Jerome sent the fire trucks eight miles west of Burley instead of two miles west of Burger King. Fortunately, no lives were lost. Had someone been in the home, the right address would have meant a possible rescue.

I've heard the absolute terror of a young mother with a baby not breathing. I walked her through her first experience with CPR. I know the heroic efforts of two ambulance crews, officers and eventually a tow truck responding a short distance from my own home in a blinding snowstorm to rescue her child. Her child lived because she gave her address as Heyburn.

Burley is looking at a four-square-mile area, that's one-third the size of Burley's city limits and impact in Cassia County. I've collected the signatures of 142 neighbors who oppose Burley's expansion and found only two who want the city.

If the Minidoka County commissioners allow this expansion, they will have discounted the value of the lives of everyone who lives in the area and the thousands of people who travel 400 South every day.

State law provides for a voting process in contested impact areas. In a true democracy, majority rules. We should be allowed to have our voices heard.

JOEY BRYANT
Heyburn

Time is the best weapon to disarm Iraq

A famous warrior said, "Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and not clothed. The world is not spending money alone. It is

spending the sweat of the laborer, the genius of the scientist, the hope of its children. This is not a way of life at all, in any true sense. Under the cloud of threatening war, it is humanity hanging from an iron cross" (President Eisenhower in 1953 after the Korean war).

Beyond the cost of the war, we have had 35,000 troops in Korea since 1953. For 50 years, we have supported these troops that number more than the population of Twin Falls.

The cost of the Vietnam War nearly bankrupted the United States. A no-win war, and if we had won, what would the cost have been?

The Afghanistan war has not brought peace to that region, and because of the destruction to the country, there is mass starvation and insufficient shelter. A sure mix for further prob-

lems and a generator of extreme hate for the United States. Our promise of a democratic system of government in Kuwait has not produced any change from the dictatorship they had before the war. We supply tanks, planes and heavy artillery to Israel to fight a people that are nearly unarmed.

We have had the terrible twin towers disaster, but let us remember that many of these European countries have had cities bombed to rubble.

There is no doubt that Saddam is a bad guy. He killed the father of his grandchildren after promising him safe harbor. If he

has the weapons of mass destruction that our leaders claim he has, there can be little doubt that he will use them if attacked.

With the surveillance that we have, he cannot build any more than he has. Presently, he does not have any nations that support him. Why not continue and increase our inspection system? The more information we have, the easier it will be to dispose of him.

Why not give peace a chance? We have nothing to lose but a little time.
MATT SMITH
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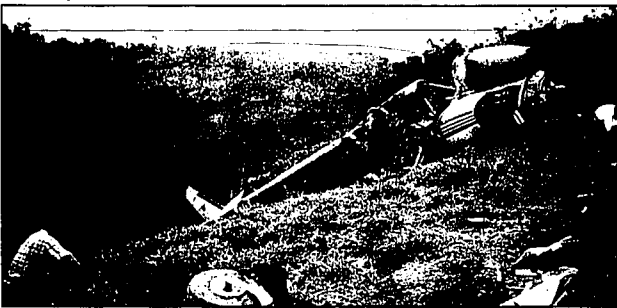
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WORLD



The wreckage of a U.S. government plane that crashed in a rural area near La Esperanza, some 30 miles north of Florencia, in the state of Caqueta, Colombia, is seen Saturday.

Rebels admit to holding U.S. hostages

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) - Leftist rebels on Saturday acknowledged for the first time that they shot down a U.S. plane and are holding hostage three Americans they accuse of being CIA agents. The White House sent 150 soldiers to join the search for the captives.

The Americans were on a U.S. government plane on an intelligence mission when it crashed on Feb. 13. A fourth American and a Colombian army sergeant were shot and killed at the site.

"We can only guarantee the life and physical integrity of the three gringos officials in our power if the Colombian army immediately suspends military operations and overflights in the area," the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, said in a statement.

Gen. Jorge Enrique Mora, Colombia's top military commander, rejected the rebel demand and said the search for the three Americans would proceed in the mountains and jungles of southern Colombia.

"We have hope that we'll be able to get these three people back safe and sound," Mora said, adding that Colombian counter-drug troops who have been trained by American Green Berets and U.S.-donated helicopters were being used in the search.

President Bush ordered an additional 150 U.S. soldiers to Colombia to help in the search, Pentagon officials said Saturday. U.S. officials already have been assisting with intelligence information.

The deployment will bring to more than 400 the number of U.S. troops in the South American nation, and will deepen Washington's involvement in the civil war, which has lasted nearly four decades.

The rebels claimed they shot down the aircraft, contrary to assertions by the U.S. and Colombian governments that the single-engine Cessna went down because of engine trouble, and said the three Americans were CIA agents.

The Americans were on an intelligence mission when it crashed, Colombian Defense Minister Martha Lucia Ramirez has said. U.S. defense officials deny the Americans worked for the CIA and say the men were contractors for the Miami-based U.S. Southern

Command, which oversees U.S. military operations in South America and the Caribbean.

The Bush administration demanded Saturday that the three Americans be freed and declared it holds the rebels responsible for their safety.

This marks the first time U.S.

government employees have been killed or captured in the conflict, which pits the FARC and a smaller rebel army against the government and a handful of outlawed right-wing paramilitary groups. About 3,500 people, mostly civilian, die in the fighting every year.

Bolivia may legalize coca cultivation

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) - The president of Bolivia is considering a plan to resume cultivation of the raw ingredient in cocaine in a remote jungle basin - a move the U.S. government fears would undermine what is viewed as its most successful anti-drug program in South America.

President Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada is studying a proposal to allow cultivation of coca in the Chapare region of central Bolivia

to help calm unrest among growers who have blockaded major highways and put their support behind his political rival.

"We've begun serious dialogues with coca growers with the aim of combatting drug trafficking and maintaining social tranquility," Ernesto Justiniano, the vice minister of social defense, said in an interview with The Associated Press on Friday. Justiniano said the program

would hurt drug traffickers by giving the government more control over what is now a clandestine industry in the jungle lowlands.

U.S. officials staunchly oppose the proposal to allow each grower in the area to plant one-fifth of an acre of coca, saying it would undermine the \$13 billion effort to eradicate coca plantations from the region over the last several years.



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Section B

Singin' the Boise airport blues

Having the airport two hours away has lost its considerable charm for me.

"Oh, I'm as guilty as anyone of grabbing \$39 fares from Boise to Seattle and thus ruining Horizon Air-out-of-business at the Twin Falls airport. But I never stopped to consider the narcotic effects of Interstate 84.

It's a ribbon of concrete designed to stupefy, particularly after having flown for hours in a tiny airliner, wedged between a sumo wrestler and a garlic salesman. There are stretches of I-84 over which the sound of snow tires on concrete works more effectively than three shots of Jack Daniels.

Plus, it's an endurance on your bladder.

Face it, there are just three rest areas along I-84 between Boise and Twin, two of which are located within five miles of the two cities. If you miss the rest area west of Bliss, your options are limited since there are few roadside bushes.

Worse, I-84 between Twin and Boise must be the most truck stop-deficient stretch of highway in the country. You'd think somebody in Hammett would have realized that over the past 40 years and made a killing.

But no one did, so if the urge to pause doesn't occur to you until after you've passed the Boise Stage Stop, your only alternative is to drive as fast as you can in the old days. Fearless Farris signs ("If you lived here, you'd be home now") kept drivers awake, but alongside the beautified I-84, the most interesting roadside object is Tuttle.

I found myself a couple of weeks ago driving along with all windows rolled down, singing "O Solo Mio" into the moonlit night. ("Ninety-nine Bottles of Beer on the Wall puts you to sleep.") It was 14 degrees outside, and I was still nodding off.

Seems to me it's the responsibility of the Idaho and federal transportation departments to enter talk groggy motorists.

In the old days, a string of Burma Shave signs would spell out a joke or a riddle to passing drivers; why wouldn't something similar be appropriate, using flashcards held by members of the Idaho Transportation Board?

Or better still, by legislators. They don't have any money to spend anyway.

Better still, Big Sky Airlines could start flying from Twin Falls to Boise, round-trip for \$14.95, including peanuts.

That's slightly better than you could do by driving, unless you have a tailwind. And you wouldn't have to pay for long-term parking in Boise.

In case you haven't sampled it, the long-term parking area at the Boise airport is in Nampa and it costs slightly more than round-trip airfare to Thailand. Plus there's no guarantee that when you come

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	3 season peak **
Upper Snake River	84 %	81 %
Belmont Falls	86 %	48 %
Salmon	91 %	88 %
Galley	83 %	41 %
Big Wood	88 %	88 %
Little Wood	102 %	77 %
Herrys Fork/Teton	81 %	61 %
Big Lost	84 %	87 %
Little Lost	78 %	83 %

**A comparison of basin snowpack, on Feb. 23, with a 30-year average.

Dems talk taxes, tort reform

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Local Democrats asked for updates on the latest political action surrounding state taxes, education spending and tort reform at a luncheon Saturday with state party leadership.

House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet and Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, both from Ketchum, met with 17 Democrats at Price's Cafe in Burley. The meeting was just one stop on their fourth annual "Pizza and Politics" series that will take them to more than 15 communities statewide, including a stop they had planned for a Saturday evening dinner with Democrats in Twin Falls.

Burley Democrat Robert Rodriguez asked which way state lawmakers were leaning on tort reform.

The House of Representatives passed a bill that would cap personal injury awards for pain and suffering at \$250,000, down from about \$685,000. Driving the push behind the legislation is the skyrocketing cost of medical malpractice insurance that many physicians say is putting them out of business.

The bill was introduced Friday in the state Senate.

"There is going to be more resistance in the Senate, but I still think it's going to pass," Stennett said.

Stennett said he remains undecided on the issue because of its potential to limit

damages to someone whose life could be changed forever by injury.

"I was on the fence until the very end," said Jaquet, who voted for the House bill.

In the end, she said it was the need for good doctors to be able to continue to practice medicine that swayed her vote.

On education, local Democrats wanted to know if spending cuts could be blocked. If education funding cuts are not defeated in the House or Senate, Jaquet said she hoped the governor would exercise his veto power.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne recommended a 1.5-cent increase to the state's 5-cent sales tax to avoid cutting basic state services. Jaquet and Stennett said the Democratic Party supports rolling back

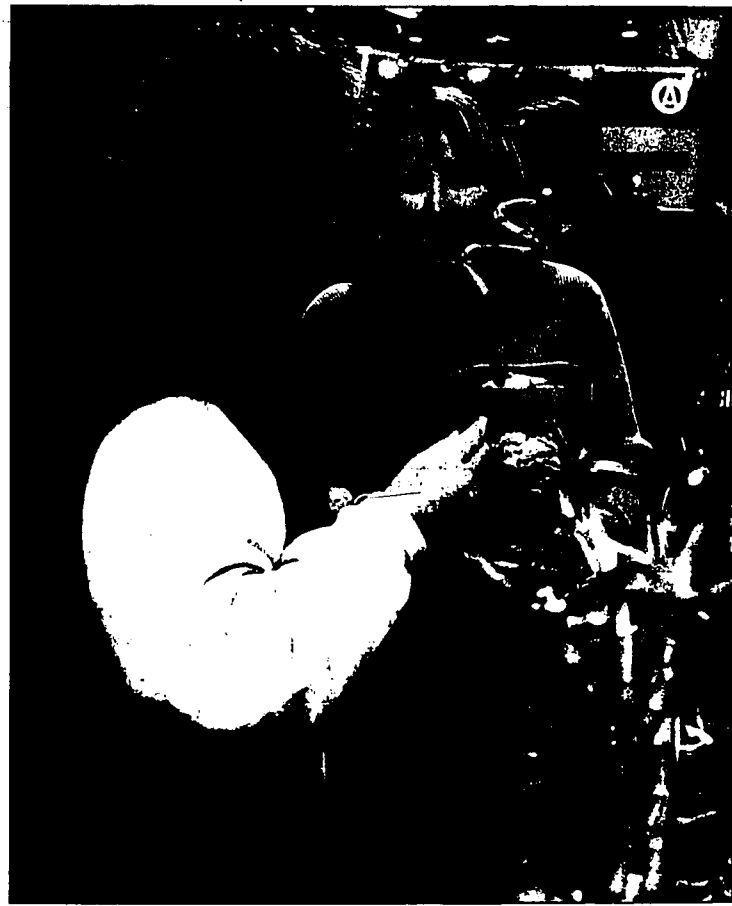
the 2001 income tax cut as its first choice for bolstering the state budget.

But there appears little chance Democrats will receive support from the governor for that plan, so the party has proposed that any sales tax increase be accompanied by reducing sales taxes on groceries.

The Democratic Party supports Speaker of the House Bruce Newcomb's, R-Burley, call for a one-year limit to any changes in state taxes, so that an interim study committee can evaluate the effects before they are made permanent.

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SOMETHING GREEN AND GROWING



Carey resident Linda Patterson visited the 23rd annual Southern Idaho Home and Garden Show Saturday. Patterson picked up some bamboo, with the help of Teresa Roach, left, as well as stone and tile ideas for the home remodeling she is doing. The show continues today at the Expo Center at CSI.

Craters plan views vary widely

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Three tiny southern Idaho towns suddenly have become gateway communities for a major national monument across the desert they know as rugged, unforgiving and beautiful.

About 50 people crowded into the Rupert City Council chambers Saturday to have their say in how the expanded Craters of the Moon National Monument should be managed. Rupert, Carey and Arco border the monument at its southern, western and northern access routes.

In the closing weeks of his administration, President Bill Clinton exercised his presidential authority to expand the monument from 54,000 acres to more than 754,000 acres. About

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Wind whips Magic Valley

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A cold front pushed across southern Idaho Saturday with sustained winds of more than 30 mph and gusts as high as 48 mph at the Twin Falls airport, the National Weather Service reported.

The high winds coupled with slick morning roads contributed to numerous car accidents south of the Salt Lake City Interchange on Interstate 84, the Idaho State Police reported. No major injuries were reported.

A number of morning crashes occurred on U.S. Highway 93 south of Hollister, regional emergency dispatchers said. No major injuries were reported.

Sustained winds of 31 mph with gusts reaching 45 mph in the afternoon were recorded at the Burley airport, the Weather Service said.

Early morning white-out conditions were reported in Camas County.

Ketchum fair teaches concepts and creativity

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — Bode Miller may be on a tear, winning one gold ski medal after another. But that doesn't mean he couldn't use a little push — at least, according to a pint-sized inventor named Bergen Palmer.

Palmer, a fifth-grader at Hemingway Elementary School, pulled the curtains off his Super Skier invention this weekend at the school's annual Invention Convention.

The idea behind the convention is to build a wacky contraption modeled after those of a newspaper cartoonist named Rube Goldberg. Goldberg cheered readers during the Depression with his cockeyed drawings of simple tasks made difficult with the use of levers, pulleys and inclined planes.

Palmer's contraption sent a ball rolling down an incline plane where it hit a rope holding a weight on one end. As the



Nicole Howard demonstrates Howard's Amazing Wedge Machine during Valley Elementary School's Invention Convention last week. weight dropped it hit a lever, which hit the back of a skier. Please see INVENTIONS, Page B7.

Mountain climber builds Mideast schools

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — Greg Mortenson went to Pakistan to climb K2, the world's second tallest mountain.

But he found his field of dreams and his biggest challenge in the valley below.

And, as his country prepares to fight terrorism with smart bombs, Mortenson is quietly fighting to win over the Muslim people in northern Pakistan and Afghanistan by raising money to "build bridges of peace," embodied in schools and bridges and trained health workers and teachers.

"The mountain took me to Pakistan but it's the people who bring me back again and again," he said.

Mortenson came to Ketchum last week — where he had received some of his initial seed money — as a guest of Ketchum's Environmental Resource Center. By the time he left, he had won over many of those who heard him speak, including Halley resident Amy Boyer.

"He's a reminder that we all



Greg Mortenson uses local laptops to teach students in Korpe, Pakistan. Mortenson was in Ketchum last week talking about his efforts building schools and bridges and training health workers and teachers in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

need to find ways to make a difference," she said.

Mortenson, who grew up on the slopes of Kilimanjaro where his parents were missionaries, went to K2 in 1993 to honor the memory of his sister, an epilep-

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For more information about Greg Mortenson's Central Asia Institute, click on www.kaic.org or write to Box 7209, Bozeman, MT 59717.

OBITUARIES

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RUPERT



Steve Benjamin Porch
Steve Benjamin Porch, 67, of Rupert, Idaho, died Wednesday, February 19, 2003, at his home in Rupert.

Steve was born on January 28, 1936, in Great Falls, Montana, the son of Charles and Anna Porch. He graduated from Great Falls High School in 1954. Attended Montana State College for three years, studying architecture. Graduated in 1959 from College of Great Falls with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. Attended additional years to earn credits toward a Master's Degree, majoring in accounting. While attending the College of Great Falls, Steve was honored with a life membership in Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity. Was named to Who's Who among Students in American Colleges and Universities in 1958-59. While attending the college, he worked for a collection bureau, which owned several credit bureaus in Montana, Utah and Idaho. Transferred to Twin Falls as collection manager of the Credit Bureau for two years. Returned to Montana, then two years later was sent back to Twin Falls as Manager of the Credit Bureau.

On June 18, 1967, Steve married Judith Sue Reynolds in Twin Falls. They moved to Burley, Idaho. Steve was active in Twin Falls and Burley Jaycees, and held most of the offices, state and local and awarded most of the awards given by the Jaycees, including in 1971, he was awarded the prestigious J.C.I. (Junior Chamber International) Senator membership by the Burley and the State Jaycees. This is a great honor, to be given by your peers only, and is recognized worldwide.

In September of 1970, Steve and Judith moved to Rupert, Idaho. Steve began his career in the land title business which ended in 2002 because of health. The last three years he was somewhat disabled but worked for the State of Idaho Department of Insurance, where he was an auditor/examiner of title plans. Together they had one son, Cole.

Steve was President of Rupert Chamber of Commerce, Member of the Rupert County Club and was the Secretary/Treasurer for four years. An Associate Member of the Burley-Rupert Board of Realtors. Was a member of the Twin Falls and Rupert Elks for 12 years. Helped create Junior Achievement Program in Twin Falls. He spearheaded the idea of the College of Southern Idaho to be located in Twin Falls. He was a member of the Rupert Rotary. President in 1992 and 1993. He was awarded his Paul Harris Fellowship in 1991. He was elected for the Rupert City Council and served as a councilman until 1996.

He was very active in the Idaho Land Title Association of which he became State President in 1988. On August 2001, ILTA of Idaho made Steve a Honorary Life Member. He also was a member of Magic Valley Chapter of Idaho Escrow Association having served as President and later as the State President of the Idaho Escrow Association.

Steve was actively involved in the First Baptist Church of Burley, Colonial Baptist Church of Rupert, and the Rupert Church of the Nazarene in the capacity of Sunday School Superintendent. The last few years being a member of Saint James Episcopal Church in Burley. Steve had a gift and a ministry to organize, educate and to encourage people. As active he was in his community and state, he used his ministry in Christian ministries in all areas, encouraging people to love the Lord with all their heart.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, his son, Corey Steven Porch of Boise, Idaho, his sisters, Joanna (Billy) Paul of Whitefish, Montana, Terry Stone of Richland, Washington, Luc "Peggy" Cattaou of Columbus, Neb., and many nieces and nephews, Godson, Corey Cameron Kugler of Sheridan, Wyoming, friends, and his favorite Mother-in-law, Bernice Reynolds of Coalinga, Idaho. He was preceded in death by his parents, and two sisters, Shirley Wagner and Margie Henniger.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 25, 2003, at Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 710 6th Street in Rupert, with the Reverend Neil Moller officiating. Burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call Monday evening from 5:30 until 7:30 at Hansen Mortuary and one hour prior to the services at the Mortuary on Tuesday. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Chapel.

TWIN FALLS



Arnold 'Arnie' Bryson

Arnold 'Arnie' Bryson, 82, of Twin Falls, passed away Friday, February 21, 2003, at his home.

Arnie was born July 19, 1920, in Paul, ID, the son of George Walter and Nellie Ford Bryson. He was raised in Paul attending school there. On June 24, 1939, he married Ruth Hiatt in Paul, ID. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple on September 6, 1968. Arnie joined the Navy during WWII serving in the Pacific Theater, where he repaired diesel motors on ships and landing craft used during the invasion of the Philippines. After returning from the war, he and Ruth moved back and forth between Paul and Twin Falls for many years as well as spending a few years in the Kellogg area in Northern Idaho before settling down in Twin Falls. Arnie worked many jobs before joining the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department retiring as the Superintendent in August of 1983.

Arnie was a man who loved to do remodeling and carpentry work on just about anything he thought needed it. He and Ruth did a lot of traveling together, he also enjoyed fishing, collecting birds and onds and helping people.

Arnie is survived by his wife of 63 1/2 years, Ruth; one daughter, Laurie Lee Bryson of Twin Falls; three sons, Doran (Susan) Bryson of Austin, TX, Michael (Dona) Bryson of Clinton, UT, and Timothy (Alana) Bryson of Riggs, AZ; 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sons, Rockford Arnie, live brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services for Arnie will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, February 26, 2003, at the 4th Ward LDS Chapel, 824 Caswell Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. Friends and family may call at White Mortuary Chapel by the Park on Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the services on Wednesday at the church. He is being cared for at the Idaho Home Health and Hospice for their wonderful care and support of the family.

RUPERT



Aleene Patterson Humphries

Aleene Patterson Humphries, 81-year-old, died Friday, February 21, 2003, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

She was born October 31, 1921, in Bloomington, Bear Lake, Idaho, the daughter of Elva Thorcock and Joseph P. Patterson. She attended grade school in Bloomington and graduated from Fielding High School in Paris, Idaho, in 1939. She worked and attended college at Utah State in Logan, Utah, until World War II. She married Eugene M. Humphries in the Salt Lake Temple in 1941. To this union was born one son, Eugene Roy in 1943.

Her husband died in the Line States Navy and for 2 1/2 years she lived in Hollister, California, close to his Naval base. When he was transferred, she went back to Idaho and lived with her parents. After her husband was discharged Christmas 1945, they all returned to Rupert. Aleene attended Union Teachers School and received her Teaching Certificate. She taught elementary school in Rupert for 23 years. Her A.A. degree became a B.A. degree at Idaho State University through night classes and summer school. Poor health forced her to retire in 1964.

Aleene was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where she held many positions. She loved life and she was loved by all who knew her. She will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her husband, Eugene, her son, Gene and his wife Crystal, Laguna Hills, California, her grandchildren, Sage, Margaux, Gene Michael, Hunter and Arianna

Humphries; her brothers and sisters, Joe Patterson of Bountiful, Utah, Virtue Wendt of Paris, Idaho, Wynne Edmonds of Paul, Idaho, and Barbara Hulme of Paris, Idaho; and many nieces and nephews who were very special to her and so many dear friends. Bertie was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, February 24, 2003, at the Rupert 6th Ward Building of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 324 East 18th in Rupert, with Bishop Kevin Bessing officiating. Burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call Sunday evening from 6 until 8 at Hansen Mortuary Chapel and one hour prior to the services at the church on Monday.

TWIN FALLS



Vera May Boyd

Vera May Boyd went peacefully to be with the Lord Feb. 19, 2003.

Vera was born in Kimball, South Dakota, August 15, 1917. She attended Kimball High School and went on to Northwest Nazarene College, where she received her teaching degree. While working in Portland, she met LaVern Boyd. It was there that they were married January 25, 1946. They settled down and raised their family on a 180-acre farm near Hazelton, Idaho, where she taught school for several years. In 1971 they bought a motel in Buhl which they managed for several years before moving back to Twin Falls, where they lived out the rest of their lives.

Vera loved to sing and play the piano. She enjoyed cooking and had a gift of showing hospitality to many. She was known for her sweet, gentle spirit. LaVern and Vera loyally supported the First Church of the Nazarene, where they served for over 56 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband LaVern on Dec. 25, 2002, and is survived by her two sons, Jerry and Lynn Boyd of Monroe, Washington, and Dennis and Neva Boyd of Nampa, Idaho, six grandchildren, Anthony (spouse Marissa), Markus, Bridgett (spouse Clayton Borah), and Jonathan of Nampa and Ryan and Brandon of Washington, one great-grandson, Nathan, and one sister, Maxine Slaten of Durham, California.

Funeral services for Vera will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 24, at the Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N. in Twin Falls. Internment will be in Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at White Mortuary Chapel by the Park, 136 4th Ave. E. on Sunday from 1-5 p.m. The family suggests memorial contributions to the First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

JEROME



Alberta B. 'Bertie' Cobble Gray

Bertie Gray, 86, of Jerome and formerly of Coalinga, Idaho, passed away February 21, 2003, at Creekside Residential Care Center.

Bertie was born in Worden, Montana, on February 2, 1917. She was the child of W.G. and Martha Leonard. She married Ray Cobble in 1938 and together they operated several successful businesses in Coalinga, including Goodrich's until they divorced in 1964. Bertie was later married to Bill Gray and they operated a farm in Meridian, Idaho, until Bill's death in 1989.

Bertie was a tireless worker and had multiple projects going at all times. Many members of the family treasure her crochets, afghans, dollsies and other items. Bertie was an avid reader, card player and she loved to shop. Bertie never met a person that didn't like her and she was always a critical component of her husbands' successful business(es).

Bertie is survived by her son, Jim (Shirley) Cobble, grand children, Mike Cobble, Park City, Utah, Mark (Tara) Cobble, Stamford, England,

and Andrea Cobble, New York City, NY. She is also survived by step children, Judy (Went) Hamrick and Jan (Warren) Reder, step grandchildren, Diane (David) Huett; Doug (Devena) Hamrick and Julie (Craig) O'Neill; as well as several great-grandchildren.

Bertie was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, three brothers, husbands, Ray Cobble and Bill Gray.

The family wishes to express gratitude to Dr. Mark Spencer, St. Benedict's Hospital and the wonderful, caring staff at Creekside Residential Care Center, who made Bertie's final year pleasant, warm and comfortable.

In accordance with Bertie's wishes, there will be no memorial service. Arrangements are under the direction of Farnsworth Mortuary, Jerome.

RUPERT

Sam W. Osgood Jr.

Sam W. Osgood Jr. passed away February 19, 2003, at the Valley Vista Care Center in Rupert.

Sam was born December 23, 1917, in Twin Falls, Idaho. He was raised in Rupert and graduated from Rupert High School. During World War II, he served with the P-38 Fighter Plane Squadron. He owned and operated Osgood's Toxic Service Station and Rock Shop, where he employed several high school students as part-time employees throughout his business years. Sam was an avid rock collector and jewelry maker. He enjoyed the outdoors, spending time with his friends, and he loved to dance. He was a lifetime member of the BPOE #2106 Elks Club.

Sam is survived by his long-time friends, Ray and Jean Stockton of Rupert. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister who passed away at 9 years old, and one brother.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, February 24, 2003, at Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 710 6th St., with Pastor Mike Gill officiating. A private burial will follow at the Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Memorial services for Vera will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 24, at the Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N. in Twin Falls. Internment will be in Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at White Mortuary Chapel by the Park, 136 4th Ave. E. on Sunday from 1-5 p.m. The family suggests memorial contributions to the First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

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SERVICES

Ann Turner of Twin Falls, memorial celebration of life at 2 p.m. Monday at Calvary Episcopal Church, 201 S. Adams St., Jerome.

Clara Mary Bubak of Jerome, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel; burial will follow in the Jerome Cemetery; friends may sign the register book from 5-7 p.m. today at the chapel.

Dorothy M. "Toots" Knoble of Boise, graveside inurnment service at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Dry Creek Cemetery (Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, Boise).

Kenneth L. Cluer of Twin Falls, service of remembrance at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Catherine Mildred Watson

Bism Burks of Paul, celebration of life at 11 a.m. March 22 at the Paul United Methodist Church; interment at 10 a.m. March 24 at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Lawrence W. Isham -

BURLEY - Lawrence Wayne Isham, 75, of Salt Lake City, and formerly of Burley, died Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2003, in Salt Lake City. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Word of Life Fellowship, 1600 S. Overland Ave., Burley, with the Rev. Ivan Smith officiating. Burial will be at the Pleasant View Cemetery with military rites by the local veterans. Friends may call from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Norman C. Potter

HEYBURN - Norman C.

Potter, 94, of Heyburn, died Friday, Feb. 21, 2003, at the Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St., Burley. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Thursday and from 1-4:45 p.m. before the funeral Friday at the Payne Mortuary. A full obituary will appear later in the week.

Theo Mayne

TWIN FALLS - Theo Mayne, 81, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Feb. 22, 2003, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

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OBITUARIES

BURLEY



Ernest P. Kennedy

Ernest P. Kennedy, 75-year-old Burley resident, died Friday, February 21, 2003, at his home in Burley. He was born May 21, 1927, in Rocky Ford, Colorado, the son of Ernest T. and Anna Land Kennedy. He married Pauline Brown on August 8, 1945, in Kansas. They were married 55 years when she passed away on October 31, 2002. He served our country during WWII with the United States Army. Ernest worked at Cassia Memorial Hospital in Burley as an Engineer which he truly loved.

He is survived by his daughter, Kathy (Jim) Gillette of Burley, ID; his son, Larry (Shanna) Kennedy of Lake Havasu City, Arizona, three brothers, Gene, Everett and Allan Kennedy, granddaughters, Dawn (Todd) Stocker and Michelle (John) Blodson, and three great-granddaughters, Shaela, Candice and Tekla. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sons, Paul Wayne Kennedy and Ernest M. Kennedy. He is also survived by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be missed

very much by his family. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday, February 25, 2003, at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 East Main in Burley, with the Reverend Al Trachsel officiating, and military rites by the local veterans. Friends may call Monday evening from 6 until 8 at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel and one hour prior to the services at the Mortuary on Tuesday. Private family burial will take place at a later date in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

TUTTLE



Rita P. Jackson

Rita Pauline Jackson, 64, a resident of Tuttle, passed away surrounded by her loving family on Friday, February 21, 2003, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Rita was born on April 27, 1938, in Norton, Kansas, the daughter of Leland and Edith (Garrett) Brooks. When she was a child, they moved

to the Tuttle area where she grew up. She married Keith Siglar on January 19, 1954. During their marriage she worked with the family businesses, Siglar's Thousand Springs Resort and later Northwest Crane and Rigging. They had one daughter and one son. They were later divorced and she worked as a switchboard operator at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Rita met and married her love, LaVor Jackson on July 22, 1996. They enjoyed traveling through their fifth-wheel camper and were also able to go on several tours, including one to Europe.

Her beloved father preceded Rita in death. She will be greatly missed by her husband, LaVor of Tuttle; her mother, Edith Brooks of Twin Falls; her daughter, Marcella Blass of Filer; her son, Rocky Siglar of Twin Falls; her sister, Susan Brooks Horn of Boise; nine stepchildren, Anna Marie (Sam) Briggs, Craig Jackson, Shante (Verna) Jackson, all of Idaho, Brent (Rochelle) Jackson, Keny (Jolene) Jackson, Shanna Jackson, Tom (Phyllis) Yudhavadhana, all of Utah, Scott Jackson of Mesquite and Jim (Rosa) Yudhava of Texas, 28 grandchildren, including her first grandchild, Amanda Blass Glendinning of Twin Falls and Zack Blass of Filer, two great-grandchildren, and her favorite aunt and uncle, Roy and Dorothy Brooks of Colorado.

One of the greatest joys in her life was death. She will be missed by her husband, LaVor of Tuttle; her mother, Edith Brooks of Twin Falls; her daughter, Marcella Blass of Filer; her son, Rocky Siglar of Twin Falls; her sister, Susan Brooks Horn of Boise; nine stepchildren, Anna Marie (Sam) Briggs, Craig Jackson, Shante (Verna) Jackson, all of Idaho, Brent (Rochelle) Jackson, Keny (Jolene) Jackson, Shanna Jackson, Tom (Phyllis) Yudhavadhana, all of Utah, Scott Jackson of Mesquite and Jim (Rosa) Yudhava of Texas, 28 grandchildren, including her first grandchild, Amanda Blass Glendinning of Twin Falls and Zack Blass of Filer, two great-grandchildren, and her favorite aunt and uncle, Roy and Dorothy Brooks of Colorado.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2003, at 1 p.m. at Dornary's Gooding Chapel with Rev. Mike Holmstrom officiating. Burial will be in the Hagdorn Cemetery.

Farmers ask judge to include more in burning suit

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - A group of Panhandle grass growers defending themselves in court over burning stubble fields want a judge to include more farmers who may have torched their ground.

In a motion filed Thursday in Kootenai County, the farmers say they fear an adverse ruling from 1st District Judge John Mitchell could leave their small group liable for the full cost of health damage to people exposed to field smoke.

They are asking for another 18 farms and farmers to be added to the lawsuit, filed last July against the state and 76 grass farmers and seed companies. Fresh air advocates who filed suit say the field smoke each fall endangers people with respiratory ailments, such as asthma and cystic fibrosis.

The farmers' motion says 18 additional growers allegedly

burned Kentucky bluegrass fields in Kootenai and Blaine and Newah County in 2000 and 2001, contributing to the pollution. Growers say they must burn their fields to shock the grass into growing more seed for sale.

One of the new growers in the motion is Terry Jacklin, who was angry.

"It pits farmer against farmer," he said, but declined to say whether he burned his fields in the years the motion alleges.

The first group of defendant farmers, including Idaho Rep. Wayne Meyer with the largest bluegrass farm on the Rathdrum Prairie, have joined in the motion. Last August, Mitchell dismissed growers' efforts to have the case thrown out. He also ordered them to bale grass stubble before burning and post a \$100,000 bond.

Growers refused to pay the bond and quickly appealed to the

Idaho Supreme Court. Two weeks later, the high court overturned the strict burning conditions, saying Mitchell had exceeded his authority.

The justices prohibited Mitchell from enforcing his order until the lawsuit over the health effects of field burning goes to trial this year.

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Dan Urrutia and Maxine Harris were married February 23, 1963, in Shoshone.

The event is given by their four children, their spouses and nine grandchildren.

No gifts please.

Boise man gets 20 years for murder

BOISE (AP) - A Boise man convicted of killing an acquaintance in the Boise Foothills was sentenced Friday to 20 years in prison.

Mark Person, 28, is convicted of killing Eric Christensen, 25, of Boise on July 1, 2001. Christensen bled to death after being cut in the neck, according to Boise County Sheriff's reports. His body was found the next day by Ada County sheriff's detec-

tives in the desert about 11 miles from Boise, investigators said.

"We are absolutely satisfied with the decision," Boise County Prosecutor Theresa Gardunia said.

Public defender Rob Chastain had recommended 25 years with 10 years fixed, but 4th District Magistrate Kathryn Sticklin followed the prosecutor's recommendation of a life sentence with 20 years fixed.

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Grandparents who are foster parents get help

By John E. Sweazy
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Fern Warren knows how important it is to have someone who will listen to her frustration and offer a hug.

When her 15-year-old granddaughter Tara came to live with her, Warren became one of the millions of grandparents across the country who face the challenges of providing secure home environments for their grandchildren.

In August, Warren found what she needed in a new Grandparents as Parents Support Group.

Organized through the Office on Aging and Adult Services on the College of Southern Idaho campus, and funded with part of a \$128 million National Caregivers Support Grant, the support group provides emotional support and educational access to some of the 1,287 Magic Valley grandparents, according to the 2000 U.S. Census, raising their grandchildren.

"It's nice to have a place to vent and know you're not alone," she said.

Averaging from 20 to 45 participants, the monthly discussions feature guest speakers who cover topics ranging from Idaho law on the custody rights of grandparents and child protection services to the licensing of foster parents.

"The success of the group is that they decide what the topics are, and all the speakers come because of a concern or request," said Page Gasko, public relations specialist for the Office on Aging and Adult Services.

At February's meeting, Lynn Baird, chief of child welfare and social work at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, answered questions on foster care licensing and the priority system for child abuse reports.

Baird suggested that foster licensing could be useful for grandparents when dealing with the child or relatives. The training that accompanies the licensing process exposes grandparents to situations and emotions that may arise when children and parents are separated.

But she also pointed out that certification needs to have been completed before an abuse or neglect situation arises, and being licensed does not assure that grandchildren will be placed with a grandparent.

"We have to consider the rela-

Raising a grandchild?

The Grandparents as Parents Support Group meets at 7 to 9 p.m. on the first Monday of each month in the Twin Falls First Church of the Nazarene fellowship hall at 1231 Washington St. N. The March meeting's focus will be "Grandparents Tell Their Stories." Kimberly resident Robbie Andreas will share the story of her granddaughter Mia.

For more information, contact the Office on Aging and Adult Services at 736-2122 or 1-800-574-8656. Free child care is available during the meetings.

Want to learn more about licensing requirements for the Foster Parents Program? Contact the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare at 736-3020.

tionship of the parent to the child and the grandparent's ability to stand their ground and protect the child," Baird said.

Foster care licensing instruction is offered six times each year and requires 16 hours of class time reviewing child protection law, abuse behavior, grief and discipline. "There's good and bad about Health and Welfare, and that's why I never considered foster parenting," Warren said. "I wouldn't want to put her through the system and maybe never get her back."

The priority system for determining the severity of child abuse reports uses a set of distinct guidelines. Priority I reports are the most life threatening, where physical or sexual abuse requires an immediate response from law enforcement and Health and Welfare.

Priority II cases involve physical or sexual abuse but the child is not in immediate danger. These are followed up within 48 hours.

Priority III situations are those in which the child is not in immediate danger but in an environment of alleged domestic violence, drug use, homicide, or neglect. About 85 percent of the 12,237 physical abuse cases that Health and Welfare sees statewide are drug related.

"In these cases it must be determined whether the child has been injured during an episode; exposed to the production of drugs or given drugs," Baird said. "The more detail that a caller can provide in their report the better it is for the child."

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Who they are

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Industrial Equipments: CAT 97 Grader; Taux Wheel Loader; Huber Road Grader;
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(7) Spudnik 2 & 22' self-unloading beds, elect/hyd 6 pin
Farm Trucks: 75 Kenworth Dump Truck; 67 IH Dump Truck; IH Nurse Truck w/3000-
gal tank; '92 IH School Bus, diesel, automatic, 22-passenger
(18) Farm Pickups: '98 Dodge 4x4 1-Ton; (2) '97 Nissan 4x4; '92 GMC 4x4; '91
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Singer Bale Retrievers; Alton 8827 Rakes; John Deere 12 Gass Seeder
Potato Equipments: Beiler Bar; Dammer Dicer; Spudnik 900 Eliminator; Alloway
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'82 Ford L9000 Aero Max, Detroit 60 Series, 9-spd, Hendrickson 40,000 susp, 20 Gomez bed, high sides & beaters, triple drag chains, slop gate

(4) '82 Ford L9000 Aero Max, Detroit 60 Series, 9-spd, Hendrickson susp, 45,000 S5HD 20 Mohring bed, high sides & beaters, triple drag chains, slop gate (2 trucks have 0 hrs on rebuilt engines)

'82 Ford L9000 Aero Max, Detroit 60 Series, 9-spd, Hendrickson 40,000 susp, 20 Ross bed, high sides & beaters, double drag chain, slop gate

(4) '82 International F2874, L10 Cummins, 24,500 Allison auto, Hendrickson susp, 46,000 S5HD, 20 Gomez bed, high sides & beaters, triple drag chains, slop gate

'88 Peterbilt Conventional, Cummins, 9-spd, Succi Single front, 16 Knight 8030 Pro T-1, Single bed, plo oven

'88 Peterbilt Conventional, CAT 9-spd, Succi Single front, 16 Knight 8030 Pro T-1, Single bed, plo oven

'78 International F2554, D1466, 13-spd, 18 Omer manure bed, triple drag chains, slop gate

'74 International 4800, cab-over, 18 Olander manure bed

'73 Chevy Titan, 18 Olander manure bed

SEMI CONTAINER CHASSIS, 50' tandem axle

(2) Double L. Beds, 20' self-unloading, elect/hyd & plo

'84 Spudnik Bed, 22' self-unloading, elect/hyd & plo, 47' tall, tarp

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Forage Scales, Western portable, 50,000 lb, hyd, 110-volt or 12-volt, new style computer head

HC-8000 Separator, 80, cab, diesel, hydrostatic, 14 header when augers, conditioner

John Deere 2250 Swathbar, gas, 14' sugar header w/conditioner

Lockwood 4589 Harvester, 87, 3-row, bowler, hook primary, rest is belt-drive elevator star table

LOADERS & ACCESSORIES

Fiat-Alfa 643 Wheel Loader, cab, diesel, articulated, 20 5-25 bucket, 3-yr bucket

24,245-63200 Aero Max, 14 Loader

(12) 18L-34 Loader Duals, bot-on Push Blade, 14 blade for Caterpillar 966 loader

Front End Loader, Farmhand (off of Case-IH 520)

TRACTORS & DOZER BLADES

Steiger 87-450 Tiger II, articulated 4x4, 3608 CAT, automatic trans, 4-remotes, 30 52-32, duals (30%), 18 Grower dozer blade, hyd auger

Steiger CS-325 Panther, articulated 4x4, 3308 CAT, automatic trans, 3-yr w/quick hitch, 24 52 32 duals, (25%), 14 Steiger dozer blade, hyd auger (engine, trans & transfer rebuilt in 01)

Steiger P7A-271 Cougar, articulated 4x4, 3308 CAT, automatic trans, 3-year, 24 52-32 duals (40%), 14 Lion dozer blade, hyd auger (engine rebuilt 01, trans rebuilt 02)

John Deere 8830, articulated 4x4, 3-yr, 1000 plo, 3-remotes, 18 438 dual, 12 Degelman dozer blade (2875 hrs on 60 Series engine)

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IH 1285, 2nd, diesel, cab, 540 plo, 3-yr, 540/1000 plo, 2-remotes, 16 58-38 rear, 13 6 24 front

Ford 8888, diesel, 540 plo, 3-yr, 16 58-38 rear

IH 1285, 2nd, diesel, cab, 540 plo, 3-yr, 540/1000 plo, 2-remotes, 16 58-38 rear

Dozer Blade, 10 John Deere, front mount, 18 30-50 series

TRUCKS, TRAILERS & TRUCK BEDS

'88 Ford 8888 Truck, Ford diesel, 9-spd, tandem axle, air brakes, cab & chassis

'88 Peterbilt Semi Tractor, cab-over, 8 3 Cummins, 8-spd trans, single axle

'88 Ford 8888 Ford Truck, 3208 CAT, 653 Allison, Kirby 1000 lead bed

'84 Ford 8888 Truck, CAT diesel, 10-spd, selling w/21 Loran 90 Series self-unloading bed, elect/hyd & plo, 24' tall

'87 Ford 8888 Truck, 350 Cummins, 9-spd, tandem axle, 216' w/ cab & chassis

'79 GMC Truck, 663 Detroit, 13-spd, tandem axle, 16 Knight lead bed

'74 GMC Astro Semi Tractor, cab-over, QMC, 9-spd, tandem axle, steel 14, 8'ldg 5th wheel (new rebuilt engine)

MC Cargo Star Truck, 3208 CAT, 4-spd, Western Way box

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(3) '82 John Deere 8484 Hay Heads, 17

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HAY BALES

'88 Alton 8827 Tule Rake, air hydraulic, 5-speed control

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'91 Kuhn 7882 DL Rakes, rotary style, plo, pneu hitch

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'87 Ford F-150 Pickup, 2nd, auto, trans, 16

'85 Ford Van, panel service body on-board generator

'84 Chevy 1-Ton Pickup, diesel, 4-spd, auto body

'86 Ford F-250 Pickup, diesel, extended cab, (16V)

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 Tuesday: Scrambled eggs, ham
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Pancake on a stick
 Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
 Milk served every day
 Monday: Beef tacos, croissant sandwich or salad bar
 Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, chicken tenders or soup and sandwich bar
 Wednesday: Taco bar or pizza
 Thursday: Grilled chicken and bacon wrap, hamburger or potato bar
 Friday: Chicken nuggets, rib-beef sandwich or salad bar

All schools serve milk with meals.
CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Breakfast menu
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Cheese toast
 Wednesday: Breakfast on a bun
 Thursday: Cereal
 Friday: String cheese
Lunch menu
 Monday: Pizza
 Tuesday: Sloppy joes
 Wednesday: Crispito
 Thursday: Chili
 Friday: Baked potato

Thursday: Hard-shell taco
 Friday: Fried chicken
BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH
Breakfast: Juice and fruit every day
 Choice of salad bar with sandwich or soup or sandwich bar every day.
 Chocolate milk served every day

Monday: Plain, cheese square or chicken-fried steak
 Tuesday: Beef stew, pizza bar or finger stack
 Wednesday: Chicken nuggets or pizza burgers
 Thursday: Chili, barbecue or Hot Pockets
 Friday: Hamburger, burrito, cheeseburger or crispito

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Breakfast menu
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Cheese toast
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Breakfast burrito
 Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
 Choice of white or chocolate milk every day. The middle school has a choice of main line and salad bar each day. The high school has main line, salad bar, take out, sandwich line and pizza line every day.
 Monday: Student's choice
 Tuesday: Hamburgers
 Wednesday: Chicken nuggets

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 Monday: Turkey gravy
 Tuesday: Tacos
 Wednesday: Italian dunkers
 Thursday: Macaroni and cheese
 Friday: Rainbow resources

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY
 Milk served every day
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Scrambled eggs, ham
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Pancake on a stick
 Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
 Monday: Pig arm blanket
 Tuesday: Beef and bean burrito
 Wednesday: Grilled chicken wrap
 Thursday: Chicken-fried steak
 Friday: Peppercorn Hot Pocket

VALLEY SCHOOLS
 Breakfast is served every day.
 Monday: Enchiladas
 Tuesday: Beef stroganoff
 Wednesday: Chicken and noodles
 Thursday: Barbecue beef sandwich
 Friday: Chicken noodle soup

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
 Breakfast is served every day.
 Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main-line menu varies every day.
 Monday: Salad bar, deli sandwich or beef taco
 Tuesday: Coyote grill bar, deli sandwich or chicken nuggets
 Wednesday: Taco bar, deli sandwich or cheeseburger
 Thursday: Deli sandwich, coyote grill bar or pizza bar
 Friday: Deli sandwich, potato bar or pizza

BLISS SCHOOL
 Milk served every day
 Monday: Almond almond
 Tuesday: Chicken patty
 Wednesday: Ground beef stroganoff
 Thursday: Turkey sandwich
 Friday: No school

DIETRICH SCHOOLS
 Salad bar, fruit and milk served every day.
 Monday: Hot dogs
 Tuesday: Ham
 Wednesday: Burrito
 Thursday: French dip
 Friday: Spaghetti

GLENNS FERRY
 Monday: Submarine sandwich
 Tuesday: Egg roll
 Wednesday: Cheeseburger
 Thursday: Soft-shell taco
 Friday: Chef salad

GOODING ELEMENTARY
 Choice of milk served every day. The third choice is for Junior high and high school students only.
 Monday: Fajitas, salad bar or spicy chicken sandwich
 Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, potato bar or burrito
 Wednesday: Corn dog, deli bar or Mexican basket
 Thursday: Soup and sandwich, nacho bar or cheeseburger
 Friday: Chili

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS
 Choice of milk offered every day
 Monday: Turkey pot pie
 Tuesday: Taco
 Wednesday: Hot dog
 Thursday: Pizza
 Friday: Rib-beef sandwich

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND
 Milk served every day
Breakfast menu
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Cereal
 Wednesday: Burrito and gravy
 Thursday: Cereal
 Friday: Hot dogs, hash browns
Lunch menu
 Salad bar and choice of milk served every day.
 Monday: Sloppy joe or turkey sandwich
 Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
 Wednesday: French bread pizza
 Thursday: Hot dog or beef sandwich
 Friday: Beef stew

JEROME SCHOOLS
 Milk served every day
 Monday: Beef stew
 Tuesday: Corn dogs
 Wednesday: Fajita stacks
 Thursday: Oven baked chicken
 Friday: Ham and cheese packet

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS
Breakfast menu
 Milk and juice served every day
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Burrito and gravy
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Pancakes
 Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
 Monday: French dip sandwich
 Tuesday: Spaghetti
 Wednesday: Peppercorn pizza
 Thursday: Chicken nuggets
 Friday: Cheeseburger

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS
 Breakfast and choice of milk served every day.
 Monday: Nachos
 Tuesday: Corn dogs
 Wednesday: Ham
 Thursday: Chili
 Friday: Soft taco

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Christian Academy provides computers

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

BURLEY—Every student has a computer. And lessons come to the student each day on that computer.

Burley Christian Academy this year moved to a fully computerized curriculum, school founder Mike Johnson said.

Schlesinger Schoolhouse provides curriculum and lessons for a variety of subjects for students in grades three through 12. Johnson said students come in each day and log on with their own passwords, bringing up their lessons for the day. A written curriculum is still in place for academy students below the third grade.

Student computers are networked through the main server. Johnson said it is there teachers give assignments, see what students are working on and check how the students did on past assignments.

"At this point, it's all in-house," Johnson said.

Eventually, students might be able to connect to the system via the Internet and take classes from home.

The program is self-grading, Johnson said. Students keep their scores as they progress through the assignment; grades are also given at the end of each lesson and each unit.

Students are tested with provided placement tests so they are placed at the correct learning levels.

Students can be at different levels in each subject, Johnson said.

Students progress at their own pace, although there is a daily lesson plan each student receives with assignments and quizzes which need to be finished that day, Johnson said. If a student is absent, he starts where he left off, rather than catching up to the rest of the class went forward.

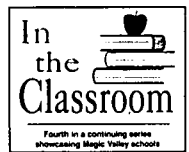
Another benefit of the new system is it easily allows for an updated curriculum each year, Johnson said. History courses, for example, will include events from the last year.

"This is going to be new all the time," Johnson said.

He noted writing skills are



Eleven-year-old Danielle Fisher types at a computer, working on a paper about her dog. Fisher attends Burley Christian Academy, which provides computerized curriculum and a computer for each student.



The school is also setting up a small science lab in conjunction with the computer curriculum. The lab will give students hands-on practice related to what they are studying.

The program emphasizes critical thinking, Johnson said, the answers aren't always laid out in the text. Students have to think a little more and understand what they are reading in order to answer the questions.

"It's harder and at the same time, that's good," Johnson said.

Kari Latta, 17, agreed the problems are harder and make students think.

"And math is not my subject," Latta said as she dove into a math lesson.

Students can move faster with the computer-oriented curriculum, Latta added.

Johnson said, "The computer format."

"My fingers don't get cramped," she said.

The school provides the com-

puters for each student. The computers are being purchased through a lease agreement. Johnson said the school switched to computer learning because enrollment was low this year, meaning fewer computers to buy initially.

Some rewiring was required for the computer project, along with purchasing the server and beginning to buy the student computers. Johnson estimated he spent about \$6,000 to get started.

The program also charges \$4.50 for each unit students take, Johnson said. That cost is covered by the \$30-per-month curriculum fee the school charges. That amount is the same no matter how many units a student takes.

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Interest in education began private school

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Times-News writer

BURLEY—Mike Johnson doesn't run a Christian school to make money.

The \$140-per-month tuition and curriculum fee assessed each student covers the bills at the Burley Christian Academy, but isn't supposed to result in a profit for the school. It doesn't even pay a salary of any kind to any of the three full-time staff members.

"We do it as a ministry," Johnson said.

The school began in 1986. Johnson had two boys in public school at the time, and one day a teacher sent a note home. Johnson said. Johnson asked his wife if students write these notes, and his wife asked why he would ask that. Johnson pointed to two misspelled words in the note.

That experience, and a desire to include religion and faith in educating their boys, led the Johnsons to begin looking into Christian schools and finally to begin their own.

The school is funded solely from tuition and curriculum charges. Even though Johnson is the pastor of Burley Bible Chapel, no money comes from the church, he said. The school has had up to 27 students at one time; 10 are enrolled this year.

Kari Latta, 17, likes attending school at Burley Christian Academy. It's better when more students are attending, but she says, "It's a good school."

Her mom, Bonnie, agrees. Kari Latta has a learning disability; at the end of third grade she couldn't read. She had little self-confidence and little self-esteem. Bonnie Latta enrolled her daughter at Burley Christian Academy.

"It has made a huge, huge difference in her. She's really matured. I'm really happy with the progress she has made," Bonnie Latta said.

Bonnie Latta worried a bit about moving her daughter to such a small school, but that has subsided: Kari is part of a large

family and participates in church and 4-H activities, Bonnie Latta said.

Public school might be a good thing for some students, but not for Kari, Bonnie Latta said.

Cassia County School Superintendent Mike Chesley said private schools give parents another option, but he strongly supports all students attending public schools.

He said his brother attended Orland School in Cassia County — "the wrong side of the tracks," Chesley noted — had great instruction and have become successful.

"I think public schools are the way to go," Chesley said.

Johnson said there are disadvantages to small private schools. One is not being able to offer sports or other after-school activities. The academy compensates with weekly ski trips, bowling outings and using the gymnasium of a church in Rupert.

Bonnie Latta noted another disadvantage. If Kari Latta had to transfer back to public school, for any reason, she said, it's she has earned at Burley Christian Academy would not be recognized.

Students receive diplomas when they finish 12th grade, Johnson said. The school receives credit for credits and subjects. Ability is taken into account when determining those numbers. There are also vocational and academic tracks students can follow, Johnson said.

The school is not accredited like a public school, Johnson said. But those students applying to colleges submit Scholastic Aptitude Test or American College Test scores with their applications. Any problems encountered would be similar to students who are home-schooled.

"Some colleges might hassle them because it wasn't an accredited school," Johnson said.

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tic who had died the year before.

After 78 days on the pyramid-shaped mountain, he was so weak that he had to be nursed back to health by mountain doctors in Ketchum.

Upon asking the local mullah how he could repay their kindness, Mortenson learned that one of every three infants there died before reaching their first birthday, and that the literacy rate was less than 10 percent.

He returned to the United States, sold his possessions and began asking others for money to build a school. At first, it was discouraging. He wrote letters to 60 celebrities and got one reply from NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw.

But a group of four-grads contributed \$2,430 pennies. And Swiss-born Jean Hoerni, a pioneer of the microchip industry with a home in Ketchum, chimed in still more to establish Mortenson's Central Asia Institute. Eventually, he even got \$30,000 from members of the American Alpine Association.

He built a school — the first of 28. Students in his schools now score 72 percent on their national exams — far above the national average of 44 percent. Then he built a 284-foot bridge, providing villagers better access to medical care and trade.

When he learned it would cost \$25,000 to bring an American team of doctors to the area to perform cataract surgery, he spent \$4,200 instead to train one

of the natives. That man now cares for 320,000 people, performing cataract surgeries for \$5. And there hasn't been a childbirth death in one of the villages he's worked with since he trained one of their women as a public health care worker.

He helped one village provide shelter and clean drinking water when 8,000 war refugees inundated them. And with his help a number of porters have removed 32,000 pounds of garbage that climbers leave behind on K2, recycling the tin to make a profit.

Mortenson has survived relentless intelligence investigations from those who thought he was a spy and dozens of high-level meetings with mullahs in the inner sanctum of their mosques over such issues as whether the Holy Koran allows women to receive an education. (It does, they concluded.)

A senior Islamic Shiite spiritual leader obtained a rare letter of recommendation for Mortenson from the Supreme Council of Ayatollahs in Iran when he saw the villagers sacrifice their largest ram in celebration of the first school being completed.

And now, Mortenson said, the people will protect him with their lives.

Mortenson sees a side to Pakistan and Afghanistan not readily seen on the evening news. In the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, for instance, widows gave him eggs to take to the New York widows.

He sees children attending school in the back of army trucks. He sees medical students trying to learn without textbooks or stethoscopes, even though they cost a mere \$12.

He sees CPAs begging on the streets. And he sees a principal who's been paid her \$10 monthly salary only three of the last nine months because the appropriated money is sitting in Washington, D.C.

When he returns to the remote mountain region on Wednesday, he knows his friends will embrace him and then take him to the graveyard to show him who has died as a result of war or disease since he was last there.

Mortenson has engendered the support of people like Rep. Mary Bono, R-Calif., and Hailey resident Clark Gerhardt, a long-time supporter.

"I've spent a lot of time in remote areas like this so I can understand what he's trying to do," Gerhardt said.

But Mortenson also gets huge piles of hate mail from Americans calling him a traitor.

"I wish some of our bombs had hit you because you're counterproductive to our military efforts in Afghanistan," wrote one Denver resident.

But Mortenson remains undeterred.

"We can spend billions of dollars amassing a wall around America. But unless we invest even a fraction of that building bridges of peace and understanding, our efforts will be in vain."

Melodrama, begun so long ago that engineers have forgotten where it's supposed to go.

Over a quarter-mile stretch of I-84 in that area — I'm not making this up — you pass roadside warning signs that say, consecutively, "Right lane closed ahead," followed by "Left lane ends."

You just don't have those problems going to the Twin Falls airport. Unless the cows get out.

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wearing the name tag "Bode." The skier then sailed down the ramp across the finish line. In first place, of course.

The idea behind the school's annual convention is to familiarize students with six simple machines — the lever, pulley, wheel or axle, wedge, inclined plane and screw. And, of course, to stoke the imagination.

Among the contraptions the kids came up with this year: An automatic plant waterer, tea bag dispenser, bird feeder, tooth-paste squirter, mouse cookie feeder, hot dog slicer, macro kinetic computer toy, dinosaur extinction machine, paintball smasher, pet washer, orange squeezer, candy dispenser, envelope licker, balloon popper and an amazing tooth detacher which, incidentally, attracted no volunteer testers.

Shirley Hayes placated Mom by developing a "truly sanitized toilet." Just crank the handle to raise and lower the seat. Upon lowering, the toilet drops a sanitized ball down a chute to flush the toilet.

"You never have to touch a toilet seat again," she enthused.

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with the land management agencies.

Safety for the unsuspecting traveler was a commonly shared concern.

People unfamiliar with the deadly fissures and fragile caves could get in over their heads, Anderson said.

"It's a huge area for search and rescue to deal with," Poteet said. "It's not uncommon for people to become lost on the desert north of Rupert, an area known well only by ranchers whose families have driven livestock across the countryside for several generations or local people who frequently venture out there for hunting, cave exploration or other recreational activities."

Rupert Mayor Audrey Neiwirth supports developing a passable, well-marked road from Rupert to Arco to help address the concerns and buoy Rupert's draw as a gateway town.

Ketchum sheep rancher John Peavey is speaking up to safeguard grazing interests. Using well-managed BLM allotments within monument boundaries to showcase high-quality grazing standards would be a good pub-

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Next time the pesky thing wakes her up in the morning, she can simply throw a dart at a balloon. That releases a rope which slides up through a pulley, tipping a cup of birdseed into a funnel. The birdseed goes into a cup and the added weight raises a teeter totter, which releases a ball through a tube to turn off the clock.

And does Reed-McDorman think she can wait that long for the clock to stop ringing?

"It actually works pretty fast," she said. "Next I want to figure out how to put sprinkles on cake trays."

Technology Education teacher Terry Thode says the contraptions the students come up with are getting more convoluted every year.

"And that's a good thing. The trick is to make it complicated and silly. You want something that's fun to watch, not boring," she said.

"And, hopefully, this will inspire kids' curiosity about how things work, as well."

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back, your rig won't be inhabited by a family of rockies.

Contrast that with long-term parking at the Twin Falls airport, which is free and really low-key. Guys drafted into the military after Pearl Harbor left their Model-A's in the Joslin Field parking lot, and they were still there when they returned in 1946, washed and gassed-up.

Resides, by flying out of Twin Falls you don't have to deal with the two longest-running construction projects in Idaho history, the Boise airport and I-84.

The city of Boise has been remodeling its airport terminal since before it was built in 1936. Inspectors during the facility's construction found a design flaw: Parking was permitted closer than 1 1/4 miles of the terminal, so it had to be rebuilt.

Since its completion in 1963, the stretch of I-84 between Boise and Mountain Home has been a road for three years and a parking lot for 37. Farther west, the so-called "Flying Wye" — the junction of the interstate with the Broadway-Childen Connector — is the West's long-running

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Officials halt plan for dairy

CALDWELL (AP) - Canyon County commissioners have rejected a proposal for a huge dairy south of Lake Lowell after state experts warned it could release high levels of particulates and ammonia into the air.

The 10-member board of directors requested to run the 8,000-cow Desert Sun Farms Inc. Two local families have fought the project for a year.

"It was an unexpected victory," Claudia Haynes said Friday. "When the testimony came that we won, we were in shock. We're proud of the Canyon County commissioners. We think it's great that they're looking out for everyone's health."

An Idaho Department of Environmental Quality report said the dairy would produce potentially harmful particulates and other compounds including ammonia levels close to the amount given off by Nampa's Amundson Steel Co. plant.

"I think it will have a significant impact on air quality, Lacey said, but I think that balanced with the proposal, it would not be detrimental to the public convenience and welfare. The operators could find solutions."

An original report produced by a slating team charged with investigating the pollution threats primarily with water quality and odors.

But the state's air report predicted that an 8,000-head dairy would release about 350 tons of ammonia per year, or about 5 percent of the total ammonia emissions in the Boise valley.

Friday's vote overrides the county zoning board's earlier approval of the dairy's conditional permit.

Logging won't pay for forest restoration

LEWISTON (AP) - Timber sales from a stewardship project on the South Fork of the Clearwater would not pay far all the restoration work which is an integral part of the agreement, Nez Perce National Forest officials say.

The Forest Service has finalized plans for the citizen-crafted Meadow Face Stewardship Project.

Meadow Face began four years ago as a pilot written by diverse interest groups such as the timber industry, environmentalists and recreationists. It is supposed to restore habitat and employ local contractors.

But this time around, most of the logging will be sold in a traditional timber sale, and the restoration work will be paid for with other funds.

The final plan includes replanting of 45 culverts, decommissioning of 91 miles of old roads, and the conversion of five miles of roads to all-terrain-vehicle trails.

It also calls for a 7,100-acre prescribed burn, 200 acres of noxious weed treatment, restoration of native plants in McCombs Meadows, improvements to computers, three miles of stream restoration, and harvest of timber on 3,735 acres.

However, the logging of 15 million board feet will not raise enough money to pay for itself, let alone the restoration work.

Hog farm plans to refine waste into fuel

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The same substance that causes a stink near Milford in southwestern Utah could one day provide fuel for diesel engines.

On Friday, Circle Four Farms announced a plan to build a \$20 million "waste-to-energy" plant to convert the farm's hog manure into cleaner-burning biodiesel fuel.

"It's almost too good to be true ... You capture a waste and turn it into a valuable product," said Garth Boyd, director of environ-

mental technology for Smithfield Foods Inc., the Virginia-based parent company of Circle Four.

If successful, Circle Four will solve about half its waste disposal problems, create more jobs in rural Utah, make more money, help clean the air and reduce the nation's dependence on foreign oil.

Circle Four's complex of hog farms, which send about 1 million hogs to slaughter each year, also produces about 500,000

pounds of solid hog feces each day. The waste is channeled into large plastic-lined lagoons outside each pig pen, where it decomposes slowly in an anaerobic process.

But the lagoons are prone to leaks and can produce odors that disturb people living downwind. Circle Four has been fined \$4,500 for waste leakage problems in the past seven years.

The lagoons also are believed to emit nitrogen and ammonia into the air.

To find a solution, Smithfield Foods formed BEST BioFuel LLC, a company that designed and will operate a large-scale "industrial-scale digester" system at Circle Four.

The system will involve piping hog wastes from 23 barns to a facility where a series of digesters, heated to 95 degrees Fahrenheit, will convert the waste into methane gas, then into methanol, a liquid.

From Circle Four, the methanol will be shipped to a

yet-to-be-determined site where it will be mixed with biodegradable waste oils, such as cooking oil, to produce "biodiesel," which can be burned in conventional diesel engines.

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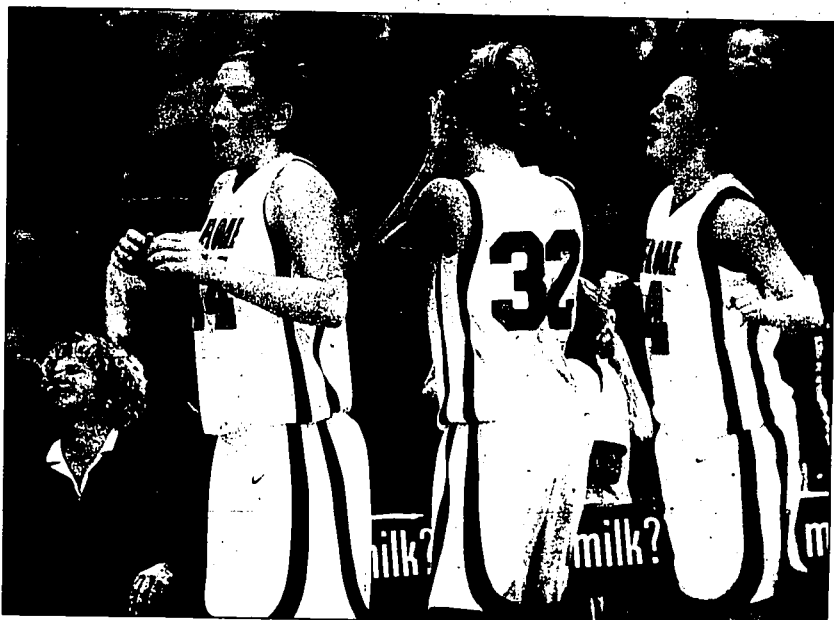
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GIRLS STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Jerome girls end up on the wrong end of a classic finish



Vanessa West, left, Sarah Lott and Mallory Mesery, right, react as Post Falls' Aubree Johnson sinks a shot at the buzzer to win the 4A state championship game. Photos by BRUCE SMELDS/The Times-News

Post Falls star hits buzzer-beater to take title from Tigers

By John Derr
Times-News writer

NAMPA — It was a fitting end to a great game. Star player hits the final shot to win the state title. Unfortunately for Jerome, it was Post Falls that came up with the big shot at the end. Arizona State-bound Aubree Johnson drained a 3-pointer with a Tiger hand in her face at the buzzer giving the Trojans their second straight title, 32-29, at the Class 4A Idaho Girls Real Dairy Shootout championship game at the Idaho Center in Nampa on Saturday.

The Tigers followed their game plan. Just the way coach Michelle Skyles asked of them. "We came up with a game plan and we knew we needed to make it a half-court game," Skyles said. "The kids gave everything they had."

Skyles credited Johnson for making a tough shot. "She hit the shot of the century. We would have needed Yao Ming to block that," she said.

It was Jerome's third appearance in the state finals in six years (1998, 2001 and 2003), each ending in a second-place finish. All three games were played at the Idaho Center.

"They need to move it to a different location," said Skyles, who jokingly said she had worn the same outfit twice now and was going to burn it. "We keep getting here, hopefully sometime it will pay off. We have just run into three great teams and can't seem to get over the hump."

Jerome point guard Whitney Clark had been successful all season driving to the basket. But the Trojans guarded her with

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4A girls state

Quote of the tournament:

“She hit the shot of the century. We would have needed Yao Ming to block that shot.”

— Jerome coach Michelle Skyles, on Aubree Johnson's game-winning with 0.4 left on the clock

More state tourney coverage inside:

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“I'm an ugly guy as it is. I would have been in real trouble.”

— Red Sox pitcher Derek Lowe, on coping with a scar rather than having the tip of his nose kipped off after having a cancerous lesion removed

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
The 2004 NBA All-Star Game will be played at Staples Center. How many NBA All-Star games have been played in Los Angeles and Inglewood, Calif.?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

Allen: Rasmussen accepts job

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls baseball coach Matt Rasmussen has been offered and accepted the head job at Mountain View High School in Meridian, which will open its doors in the fall.

However, Rasmussen has not yet resigned from Twin Falls since his hiring has not been approved by the Mountain View school board, Twin Falls principal Ben Allen said Saturday night.

A call to Rasmussen was not immediately returned.

Matt Harr, who led Burley to a pair of state baseball titles before moving over to take over Twin Falls basketball this past season, is not expected to be interested in the head job, Allen said.

However, some members of the Twin Falls staff most likely would be, Allen said.

Rasmussen will lead the Bruins this season, and the American Legion position is yet to be determined.

Bowling fund-raiser will be Tuesday

HEYBURN — A bowling scholarship fund-raiser will be held at Snake River Bowl on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

The event is limited to 18 five-person teams. Sponsorship levels are \$50 for the event, \$35 individual or \$150 for a team. Everyone who enters wins a prize.

Call for a spot at (208) 679-2695 or the Rupert Chamber of Commerce office at 679-4793.

Pomerelle will hold Competition X Saturday

ALBION — Pomerelle Mountain Resort is holding a triple competition for mountain bikers, skiers and boarders on Saturday.

Registration takes place Saturday from 9-11 a.m. in the lodge, and is open to people of all ages. There is a \$5 entry fee, and all competitors under the age of 18 will be required to submit a release waiver signed by a parent.

The mountain bike competition is set to begin at 10 a.m., with the skiers and boarders beginning at noon. Trophies will be presented to the top three performers from each category.

For more information, call (208) 673-5599.

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 878-6006 or 678-7144.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Two. The 1963 NBA All-Star game was at the Sports Arena in Los Angeles and the 1983 game was at the Forum in Inglewood.



Jerome's Jennifer Pond gets fouled under the Tigers' basket.

Twin Falls puts end to Minico's season

Bruins face must-win game against Pocatello

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

Boys Region Four-Five-Six tourney

TWIN FALLS — Forget what your mama told you: The hare beats the tortoise.

The Twin Falls boys basketball team got off to a quick start against the stalling Minico Spartans and ran off with a 56-31 victory in a Region Four-Five-Six loser-out game Saturday at Baun Gymnasium.

Minico came out in a delay game to negate the superior quickness and depth of the Bruins (15-7) but found itself down 11-1 after the first quarter when Twin Falls converted on its

few chances offensively.

"You worry about your guys and how they'll handle it," Bruin coach Matt Harr said. "But I thought they played all 32 minutes tonight."

That hasn't always been the case for the Bruins, who led Highland by seven midway through the fourth quarter before crumbling down the stretch. And it wasn't the only time Twin Falls has given away

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Tyson delivers devastating KO

Savage right sends Etienne to canvas

The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — There is still some badness left in Iron Mike after all.

In desperate need of a devastating win, Mike Tyson got just that Saturday night, flattening Clifford Etienne with a savage right hand reminiscent of Tyson in his prime.

Etienne was knocked flat on his back in the middle of the ring and he lay there as referee Bill Clancy counted him out only 49 seconds into the scheduled 10-round fight.

Tyson then leaned over and helped Etienne to his feet as the crowd at the Pyramid arena

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Mike Tyson delivers a knockout punch to Clifford Etienne in the first round of their fight Saturday in Memphis, Tenn.

SPORTS

BASEBALL

College Baseball

Table with 2 columns: Team, Record. Lists various college baseball teams and their win-loss records.

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National Baseball Association

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Basketball

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College, Virginia at Wake Forest, FSNW, 4:30 p.m.

Auto Racing

- NASCAR WC, Subway 400, FOX, 10:30 a.m.
CART, St. Petersburg GP, SPEED, 12 a.m.
NHRA, Checker Schuck's Krugan Nationals, ESPN2, 2 p.m.
Trans-Am Series, Speed, 3:30 p.m.
NHRA, Checker Schuck's Krugan Nationals, ESPN2, 6:30 p.m.

Golf

- Euro Tour, Malaysian Open, final round, TBC, 7 a.m.
PGA, Nissan Open, final round, ABC, 1:30 p.m.
Canadian Tour, Tour Challenge, final round, TBC, 2 p.m.
Champions Tour, Verizon Classic, final round, CNBC, 4 p.m.

Football

- Arena, TBA, NBC, 1 p.m.

Bowling

- PBA, Tori Heel Open, ESPN, 10:30 p.m.

Hockey

- NHL, Stars at Blackhawks, ESPN2, 4 p.m.

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Panther scorches Flyers in third

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Roberto Luongo made 44 saves and Marcus Nilson, Matt Cullen and Kristian Huselius scored third-period goals as the Florida Panthers beat Philadelphia 4-2 on Saturday night to snap the Flyers' four-game unbeaten streak.

Viktor Kozlov also scored for the Panthers, who won their third straight game and extended their unbeaten string on the road to five games at 3-0-2. Mark Recchi and Jeremy Roenick scored for the Flyers, 2-0-2 in their previous four games.

PITTSBURGH - Mario Lemieux set up Shawn Heints, first goal in nearly 25 years, giving the Pittsburgh Penguins a 2-1 victory over the St. Louis Blues on Saturday.

Dominating play in overtime, the Penguins missed several good scoring chances before Heints got the puck to Lemieux in the lower left circle. Lemieux gave it right back for Heints' backhander from along the edge of the circle with 26.3 seconds remaining.

Rico Fata also scored for the Penguins, and rookie Sebastian Caron stopped 24 shots for his second straight victory. Pavol Demitra scored for the Blues.

Red Wings 5, Capitals 1
WASHINGTON - Mathieu Dandenault and Pavel Dattuyuk each had a goal and an assist as the Detroit Red Wings beat the Washington Capitals 5-1 on Saturday night.

Tomas Holmstrom, Luc Robitaille and Kris Draper also scored to help the Red Wings improve to 5-0-0-1 and move into a first-place tie with St. Louis in the Central Division.

Sergei Gonchar scored for Washington, which has dropped three straight and five of seven.

Senators 4, Predators 0
OTTAWA - Patrick Lalime made 18 saves for his NHL-leading eighth shutout of the season and Magnus Arvedson scored two goals as the Ottawa Senators beat Nashville 4-0 on Saturday night.

Lalime has 28 career shutouts. Daniel Alfredsson and Brian Pothier added goals to help Ottawa push its league-leading points total to 86, three more than Dallas. The Senators have won seven of 10 since the All-Star break.

Maple Leafs 5, Canadiens 3
MONTREAL - Tie Domi, Nik Antropov and Gary Roberts scored late in the third period as the Toronto Maple Leafs beat Montreal 5-3 on Saturday night to extend their winning streak to five games.

Domi tied it at 3 with 5:27 left, and Antropov put Toronto ahead 4-2 with 2:22 to go. Roberts scored into an empty net with 23:2 left as Toronto won its seventh straight road game.

High Schools

Saturday's Basketball Scores

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Michael Jordan attempts a layup against the Nets on Friday. Jordan poured in 43 points just four days after turning 40.

One for the aged: Jordan is NBA's first 40-40 player

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michael Jordan's latest accomplishment came with a stern warning to his Washington Wizards teammates: He has no intention of ending his career as a loser.

Jordan scored 43 points in the Washington's 99-86 victory over New Jersey on Friday night, becoming the first 40-year-old NBA player to reach 40 points in a game. Jordan's birthday was Monday.

His team needed every one of his points to beat the defending Eastern Conference champions. With the Wizards trailing 86-85, Jordan — who had been nailing jumpers all night — accelerated toward the basket and made a layup with 34.4 seconds left to decide the game.

Jordan has said that this season will be his last, and he is fiercely determined to get to the postseason for the first time since 1998, when the Chicago Bulls beat Utah for the last of their six titles with Jordan. The Wizards (26-28) are tied with Orlando for the eighth and final playoff spot in the conference.

Although his teammates see Jordan's passion and energy every day — he always arrives at practice early and has an unparalleled workout regimen — it hasn't rubbed off on a team that lacks confidence and has performed well below expectations.

"If they can't see that, if they can't see my love for the game, then obviously they don't need to

be in uniform," Jordan said. "And they definitely don't need to be on this team. Sometimes you've got to lead by example."

Before Friday night's win, Washington had dropped three straight and had just lost its third-leading scorer, Larry Hughes, for three weeks with a sprained ankle.

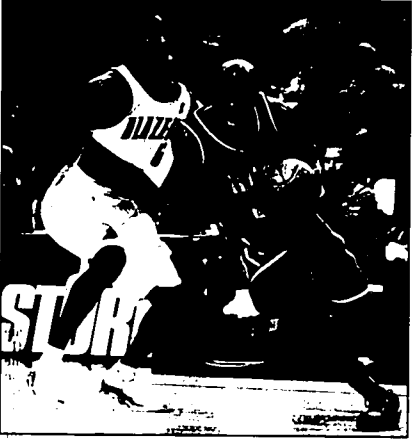
Jordan was sensing some anxiety in the locker room. He said it was because of the disappointing record and because of Thursday's trade deadline — even though the team didn't make any deals.

But enough is enough, he told the team. It's almost March. He missed the playoffs last season for the first time, and he's not in the mood to spend another May at home.

"I told the guys, I've got 28 games left. I'm going down with no bullets," he said. "I'm going all out. It's the end of my career, and I don't want to see it end in a negative way. I want to see it end positive. I want to have fun."

Now if only Jordan's teammates could master the art of playing with him. Even Jerry Stackhouse acknowledged there's a balancing act of letting Jordan do his thing while still trying to play as a team.

"He was in such a rhythm, the only thing he needed to do was get a little space," Stackhouse said. "We were all trying to make a conscious effort to help him out without getting in his way."



Milwaukee's Gary Payton moves past Trail Blazers' Jeff McInnis during the first quarter in Portland, Ore., Saturday.

Payton takes parting shots at Seattle before Bucks debut

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Gary Payton insists it isn't personal, but he is definitely glad to be out of Seattle and rid of SuperSonics management.

At a news conference before his Milwaukee Bucks debut against the Portland Trail Blazers on Saturday night, Payton was not shy about hiding his feelings for Sonics owner Howard Schultz, who made a veiled comment about Payton's leadership following Thursday's trade between Seattle and Milwaukee.

"He just talks, that's all he does," Payton said. "He just took over that team a year ago and now he knows everything about basketball."

"I really don't think he knows anything about basketball." Following the trade that sent Payton and Desmond Mason to the Bucks in exchange for Ray Allen, Kevin Ollie, Ronald Murray and a conditional 2003 draft pick, Schultz remarked that the Sonics now having a leader in Allen, implying Payton was not.

"Payton, who found out about the trade through the media, repeatedly insisted there was no personal animosity toward the Seattle organization. However, he was also highly critical of the SuperSonics."

"That's just the way that organization works," he said of Seattle's handling of the trade. "I

wasn't putting anything past the Sonics people. I knew they weren't going to come to me and tell me. They made it personal, so we just had to make it back personal."

Payton did make it clear he appreciated the support of Seattle's fans.

"It had nothing to do with the Seattle community, the fans of Seattle," he said. "They're great. It's all about the organization."

Payton comes to a Milwaukee team that has lost four in a row, including Friday night's defeat at Seattle when it set a franchise low with 58 points.

It's always strange to put a different uniform on," Payton said. "But George Karl has been my coach for seven, eight years. I'm glad it's him."

Karl coached Seattle and Payton from 1991-98, a run that included a trip to the NBA Finals in 1996 when Seattle lost to the Chicago Bulls.

Payton is averaging 20.8 points and 8.8 rebounds a game, both better than any other Milwaukee player. His 4.8 rebounds a game is fourth-best on the team.

"I can't come in here and be stiff and be on my tippy toes," he said. "I've just got to play basketball."

Payton did not rule out re-signing with the Bucks — if the team makes a playoff run.

Malone ties his career-high 10 assists

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Karl Malone scored 20 and tied a career-high with 10 assists as the Utah Jazz defeated Denver 99-89 Saturday night, the Nuggets' 14th consecutive road loss and eighth straight overall.

Calbert Cheaney scored 15 points, Matt Harpring had 14 and John Stockton and Scott Padgett each added 11 as Utah used a big third-quarter to finish its five-game homestand with a 3-2 record.

Jovan Howard had 20 points and Junior Harrington scored 16 for the Nuggets.

After an uninspired, sloppy first half that ended in a 41-41 tie, the Jazz held the Nuggets scoreless for the first 4:25 of the third quarter on their way to outscoring Denver 27-13 in the period.

Malone scored seven points during an 11-2 run that gave Utah a 54-43. The Nuggets got the deficit back to nine moments later, but the Jazz scored seven quick points and led by 11-0 by less 10 again until the game's final minute.

Denver rallied to get within six, 95-89, with 47 seconds to play but it was too late for the Nuggets' late Harpring and Stockton, who scored all 11 of his points in the second half, made free throws to seal the win.

Hornets 93, Pistons 91

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Jamal Mashburn scored 29 points and hit a turnaround jumper with 0.2 seconds left to give the New Orleans Hornets a 91-87 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Saturday night.

Mashburn took an inbounds pass, dribbled on the right wing to run down the clock, then hit a jumper over Shaquille Billups to give the Hornets their third win in a row. Mashburn scored a franchise-record 50 points and hit the winning shot in a 125-123 overtime victory over Memphis on Friday night.

Mashburn also had 10 assists and five rebounds, while David Wesley added 27 points.

Richard Hamilton led the Pistons with 23, while Billups added 22. Detroit has lost two



Jazz forward Karl Malone gets fouled by Nuggets guard Vincent Yarbrough during the third quarter Saturday in Salt Lake City. The Jazz beat the Nuggets, 99-89.

straight after taking over first place in the Eastern Conference earlier in the week.

Heat 100, Bulls 90

MIAMI — Eddie Jones returned from a four-game absence to score 23 points and help the Miami Heat snap a three-game losing streak.

Jalen Rose scored 31 points

before fouling out with 1:56 remaining and reserve center Eddie Curry added a career-high 26 for the Bulls, who fell to 3-29 on the road.

After Miami built a 17-point lead early in the fourth quarter, Chicago used a 15-4 run to pull within 89-83 with three minutes to go. Malik Allen then hit a foul-line jumper and two free throws to give the Heat a 10-point lead

Bobbitt hits for 25 as Cincy routs Louisville

CINCINNATI (AP) — Leonard Bobbitt had 31 points and former College of Southern Idaho stand-out Tony Bobbitt added 25 for the Bearcats, who shot a school-record 58 free throws, to beat No. 4 Louisville 101-80.

Cincinnati (15-8, 7-5 Conference USA) won for the second time in seven games; its worst slump during coach Bob Huggins' 14 seasons.

Since winning 17 straight games, Louisville (19-4, 9-3) has lost three of four. The Cardinals lost their poise as well Saturday, drawing four technical fouls. Coach Rick Pitino got two and was ejected with 11:02 left in the game and Cincinnati ahead by 31 points.

Reece Gaines had 18 points for Louisville.

Cincinnati was 42-of-58 from the free throw line — both school records — while Louisville went 15-of-35.

No. 1 Arizona 92, Arizona St. 72

TEMPE, Ariz. — Luke Walton scored a season-high 23 points and grabbed 10 rebounds and No. 1-ranked Arizona won a 74-5 run late in the first half and early in the second to beat Arizona State 92-72 on Saturday night.

The blowout came in front of the fourth-largest crowd ever at Arizona State. It was the first time the Sun Devils have hosted a top-ranked opponent.

Channing Frye, coming off a career-best 25 points against USC last Saturday, also scored 23, 17 in the first half for the Wildcats (21-2, 13-1 Pac-10). The 6-foot-10 sophomore from nearby Phoenix was 9-for-11 from the field and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Rick Anderson tied his career-high with 19 points and had a season-best 12 rebounds as Arizona dominated the boards 43-32.

The Sun Devils (17-4, 9-5) had won four in a row to lead a crowd of 14,421, including 300 standing room only, the largest at Wells Fargo Arena in 23 years.

But they couldn't stay with the deep, talented Wildcats, who shot 57 percent in one of their best games of the season.

No. 16 Oklahoma State 82, No. 3 Texas

STILLWATER, Okla. — Victor Williams scored 20 points, includ-

College basketball

ing four big free throws in the closing seconds, and No. 16 Oklahoma State beat No. 3 Texas 82-77 on Saturday.

The Cowboys (20-5, 9-3 Big 12) survived a career-high 32 points by T.J. Ford to end a two-game losing streak.

James Thomas had 21 points and 17 rebounds for the Longhorns (18-5, 9-3), who erased a 15-point first-half deficit but came up just short.

Melvin Sanders scored 19 points and Tony Allen had 16 for Oklahoma State.

No. 7 Florida 77, Vanderbilt 74, OT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Matt Walsh scored 19 points, including the last four of overtime, to lift Florida over Vanderbilt.

Florida (22-4, 10-2 Southeastern Conference) also got 18 points from Anthony Robinson, whose driving one-handed with 4.7 seconds left in regulation sent it to overtime. Matt Bonner added 17 points.

Matt Freije scored 24 points to lead the Commodores (10-13, 3-9), who lost their fifth straight.

Vanderbilt led 72-70 in overtime when Robinson hit a long 3-pointer to put the Gators up by one. Russell Lakey then drove inside to give the Commodores their last lead at 74-73.

No. 8 Duke 79, N.C. State 68

DURHAM, N.C. — Dahntay Jones scored 19 points and Daniel Ewing added 18 as the Blue Devils (19-4, 9-4 Atlantic Coast Conference) won their 27th straight game at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Julius Hodge had 18 points and Clifford Crawford added 17 for N.C. State (14-9, 7-5), which dropped to 1-8 on the road this season.

No. 9 Pittsburgh 86, Rutgers 65

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh, the Big East's top defensive team, held Rutgers, the conference's worst offensive team, to 14 points in the first half and the Panthers cruised to a victory.

Pitt (19-4, 9-3) moved into a

three-way tie with Notre Dame and Syracuse for the Big East West Division lead by winning its 20th consecutive home game.

No. 11 Marquette 79, TCU 68

FORT WORTH, Texas — Dwyane Wade had 22 points and 14 rebounds and Robert Jackson had 20 points and 12 rebounds for the Golden Eagles (20-4, 11-2 Conference USA).

Junior Blount had 25 points and Corey Santee added 18 for TCU (8-17, 2-11).

No. 12 Notre Dame 98, Virginia Tech 76

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Matt Carroll scored 25 points and Chris Thomas had 21 points, 13 assists and six rebounds for the Irish (21-5, 9-3 Big East).

Terry Taylor, who had sat out Virginia Tech's loss at Boston College on Wednesday for violating team rules, scored 27 points for the Hokies (10-15, 3-9).

No. 13 Maryland 96, North Carolina 56

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Steve Blake scored 18 points and Drew Nicholas had 17 as the Terrapins (17-7, 9-4) matched the most lopsided Atlanta Coast Conference victory in school history.

Ryan Randle scored 16 points for the Terrapins, who have won four straight against North Carolina for the first time since 1990-92.

Melvin Scott scored 12 points for North Carolina (13-12, 4-8), which is 1-6 on the road in the ACC this season.

No. 14 Xavier 73, No. 25 Dayton 72

DAYTON, Ohio — Lionel Chalmers scored on an offensive rebound with 24 seconds left to give Xavier its 10th straight win and David West had 27 points and eight rebounds for Xavier (20-4, 11-1 Big Ten).

Keith Walkerowski had 18 points for the Flyers (19-5, 11-2), who had been 1-3-0 at home this season.

No. 17 Creighton 67, Fresno St. 66

OMAHA, Neb. — Kyle Korver made seven 3-pointers and scored 27 points for the Bluejays (24-3) in the Bracket Buster matchup

with 2:29 left. Chicago failed to get closer after that.

Spurs 105, Pacers 96

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan scored 21 points and Tony Parker added 14 during a decisive third-quarter run to lead the San Antonio Spurs to their 10th win in 11 games with a 105-96 win over the Indiana Pacers on Saturday night.

The Spurs, up by 11 at the half, broke the game open with a 24-4 run to start the third quarter. Parker, who finished with 18 points, made all five of his shots in the period.

Indiana missed 11 consecutive shots over a seven-minute span during in the third, and made only five of its 20 attempts during the period.

The Pacers, who have lost four straight, cut San Antonio's lead in the final minutes, as Eric Strickland made four 3-pointers in the fourth quarter.

Strickland led all scorers with 22, while fellow reserves Al Harrington and Austin Croshere added 19 and 13, respectively. Jermaine O'Neal led Indiana's starters with 12, well below his 19.8 average, on 4-for-15 shooting.

Raggio Miller finished with four points.

Rockets 93, Grizzlies 82

HOUSTON — Cuttino Mobley scored 29 points and the Houston Rockets, playing without star Steve Francis, held off a late Memphis Grizzlies rally for a 93-82 victory Saturday night.

Mobley had 20 points in the first half as the Rockets snapped a three-game home losing streak. Yao Ming had 18 points and seven rebounds while Mookiech Norris, starting in place of Francis, had nine points and nine assists.

Steve Francis sat out the game with a strained lower back. He will be reevaluated on Monday prior to a game at Boston.

The Rockets held a 25-point lead at 84-59 early in the fourth but the Grizzlies outscored Houston 23-10 in the final quarter to make the game close. Lorenzen Wright led Memphis with 24 points.

Terry Pettis scored 17 points for the Bulldogs (19-6), who had a chance to tie the but Damon Jackson shot an air ball on a 3-point attempt and Renaldo Major put in the rebound at the buzzer.

No. 20 Illinois 73, Northwestern 61

CHICAGO — Roger Powell scored a career-high 20 points and Brian Cook had 13 of his 17 in the second half for the Illini (18-5, 8-4 Big Ten), who beat Northwestern for the seventh consecutive time and improved to 3-3 against the Wildcats (10-14, 2-11) dating to 1994.

Jason Burke led the Wildcats with 15 points.

No. 21 Stanford 93, UCLA 84

LOS ANGELES — Julius Barnes scored 27 points in Stanford's sixth consecutive victory at Pauley Pavilion, the most by any UCLA opponent.

The Cardinal (21-6, 12-3 Pac-10) won its fifth straight overall and ninth in 10 games.

No. 22 Georgia 76, South Carolina 69

AITHENS, Ga. — Jarvis Hayes scored 26 points and Ezra Williams scored eight of his 16 during a game-turning run at the end of the first half for the Bulldogs (10-7, 8-4 Southeastern Conference), who won their third straight and improved to 11-0 at home this season.

Chris Warren scored 15 points for South Carolina (11-12, 4-8), which had won four in a row.

Ohio St. 52, No. 24 Purdue 44

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Brent Darby scored 16 points for the Buckeyes (11-11, 6-7), who improved to 1-3 against ranked opponents in five seasons at Value City Arena.

Willie Deane had 13 points for Purdue (16-8, 8-5), which lost twice this week to Ohio, out of a tie for first place in the Big Ten.

Boilermakers' lost starting guard Kenneth Lowe, their second-leading scorer, when he dislocated his left shoulder with 5:16 left in the first half.

SPORTS

Howell puts on one-man show at Nissan

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Charles Howell III turned the Nissan Open into a one-man show Saturday, making birdies on the first two holes to open a big lead and then keeping his distance with a 3-under 68.

One stroke ahead of Nick Price to start the third round, Howell was four shots ahead after just two holes and didn't do anything to suggest he was going to come back to the field.

Leading by as much as five at one point, Howell settled for a three-stroke advantage over Price going into the final round, his first time as the 54-hole leader.

Howell was at 11-under 202, and the list of contenders was short. It didn't include Tiger Woods, who hit his opening tee shot into the parking lot, hit another shot left-handed and finished with a 2-over 73. Woods was 11 strokes behind, his largest third-round deficit since the Memorial last year (12 shots).

It also was only the second PGA Tour event since 1999 that Woods had two rounds over par. He opened with a 72.

Webb overcomes Davies at ANZ Ladies Masters

GOLD COAST, Australia — Carrie Webb parred the only two holes she played to take a one-stroke lead over England's Laura Davies in the rain-shortened ANZ Ladies Masters.

Webb, the Australian seeking her fifth victory in the tournament in six years, finished off a 6-under 66 with a 25-foot putt, giving her a 134 total on Royal Pines East Course.

After completing the suspended second round in drizzle, play was called off for the rest of the day and the tournament was reduced to 54 holes.

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Charles Howell III tees off on the second hole of Riviera Country Club in the third round of the Nissan Open in Los Angeles Saturday. Howell started the day in the lead at 8-under-par, and picked up three strokes for the lead at 11-under-par, three strokes ahead of second-place Nick Price.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

UConn's Calhoun returns with win over St. John's

STORRS, Conn. — Jim Calhoun's return to the Connecticut bench 16 days after prostate cancer surgery was successful and dramatic.

Ben Gordon scored 18 points and Emeke Okafor dominated inside with 12 rebounds and nine blocks as the Huskies held on for a 77-69 victory over St. John's on Saturday.

The 60-year-old head coach was expected to take three-to-four weeks off but felt strong enough to come back early and he received a huge ovation from the sellout crowd at Gampel Pavilion as he walked to the court before the game.

Meanwhile, his counterpart, Mike Jarvis, made an early exit after picking up two technical fouls in a one-minute span midway through the second half.

With his nine blocks, Okafor became the school's career leader with 248 rejections. He surpassed Donyell Marshall's mark of 245 set from 1992-94.

Moya beats Kuerten to gain final in Buenos Aires

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Top-seeded Carlos Moya of Spain defeated Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil 7-6 (8), 6-1 Saturday to reach the final of the Copa AT&T tournament.

Moya will play eighth-seeded Guillermo Coria of Argentina on Sunday for the title. Coria beat fourth-seeded countryman Gaston Gaudio 6-3, 1-6, 6-3 in the other semifinal of the \$380,000 clay-court event.

The Moya-Kuerten match featured players who were once ranked No. 1.

Kuerten, seeded sixth, was broken three times in the second set, which lasted only 25 minutes. He was ahead for most of the tiebreaker in the first set.

Spurs activate Robinson from injured list

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs activated center David Robinson from the injured list on Saturday, before the team's game against Indiana.

Robinson, who was not expected to start against the Pacers, missed the previous seven games with lower back

spasms and a sore right knee. It was the second trip to the injured list this season for the 7-foot-1 center, playing in his 14th and final NBA season.

In late January, he missed three games due to back spasms.

Robinson, 37, has had low-level back trouble since the 1996-97 season, when he missed all but six games.

Robinson is averaging 9.4 points and 8.7 rebounds in 45th games this season.

Fan violence leads to suspended game in Italy

TURIN, Italy — Fans hurled seats toward the field and police fired tear gas to restore order, prompting the referee to call off an Italian league game in the second half.

The mayhem began when Torino fans clashed with police after their team fell behind 3-0 to AC Milan on Saturday night.

Play was stopped after fans tossed seats onto the track, ringing the field and tried to break a plexiglass partition separating them from the field.

Eventually, the fans climbed the partition and began throwing seats at the police in Stadio delle Alpi. Police responded with tear gas.

Referee Luca Palanca did not halt the Serie A game until the 53rd minute, when tear gas began drifting onto the field.

The violence began at halftime, when fans set team banners afire.

Butler hospitalized with flu-like symptoms

MIAMI — Miami forward Caron Butler, the NBA's top rookie scorer, missed Saturday night's game against the Chicago Bulls after being hospitalized with flu-like symptoms.

Butler, who left Miami's practice Friday after feeling ill, was admitted to Doctors' Hospital in Coral Gables, Fla., on Saturday.

Butler was expected to remain hospitalized overnight, a team spokesman said.

The 6-foot-7 Butler has averaged 14.1 points and 5.3 rebounds in 54 games.

Compiled from wire reports.

NASCAR postpones Busch Series race for storm

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. (AP) — Gray skies, high winds and a steady rain is not what North Carolina Speedway needed in its bid to keep two races.

Bad weather wiped out all of the on-track action Saturday, as both Winston Cup practices were canceled and the Busch Series race was rescheduled for Monday.

That gives NASCAR another reason to take a date away from Rockingham.

Under the realignment proposal NASCAR first brought up last month, tracks could lose races in 2004 for a combination of criteria, ranging from attendance, availability of hotels and restaurants, and weather on Saturday.

On NASCAR's checklist, the tiny track in the sandhills of North Carolina would fail in every category: Sunday's race is not sold out, the surrounding area has limited attractions, and abysmal weather limited the Winston Cup cars to just one hour of track time Friday in preparation for the Subway 400.

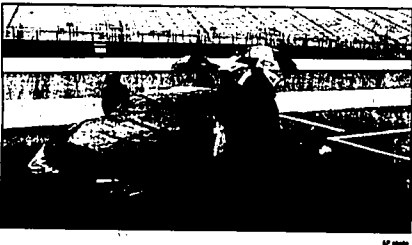
One area in which the track does receive high marks is driver preference, with most of the field fond of the high-banked, 1.017-mile oval.

"I hope we always run two races at Rockingham — heck, I'd run 10 races a year at Rockingham if I were in charge of NASCAR," said Johnny Benson, who scored his only Winston Cup win here last November.

Drivers enjoy Rockingham because the emphasis is on skill, instead of how good the race car is. With more than one groove, passing is frequent, and cars are able to easily slice through the field, avoiding the follow-the-leader routine often played out at other tracks.

"I think Rockingham is an awesome race track from a driver's standpoint and from a fan's standpoint," said Ryan Newman. "I'll always say that a real race track is one you don't have to go out and figure out if there is a passing groove or if we can run the outside line."

"A lot of drivers will tell you they can come from the back here with a good race car and pass, whereas at other tracks you get stuck in the back with a good



Crew members for driver Chad Blount push their race car back to garage area at the North Carolina Speedway near Rockingham, N.C., Saturday after the Rockingham 200 Busch Series race was postponed due to stormy weather.

race car."

But Newman acknowledges that the facilities lag behind the new race tracks NASCAR wants to give Rockingham's races to, so regardless of driver opinion, the track probably is in trouble.

"If it was up to me, and if I was a race track promoter, I'd build a race track like this at a different venue, provided the market was right, just because I think this is a good race track," he said.

Kalitta claims top NHRA qualifier position again

CHANDLER, Ariz. — Doug Kalitta claimed his second consecutive top qualifying position this season, leading a parade of track-record performances Saturday at the Checker Suck's Kracken Nationals.

Tony Pedregon and Bruce Allen also were top qualifiers at Firebird International Raceway.

Kalitta drove his dragster to a track-record time of 4.512 seconds at 328.62 mph to top the 16-car Top Fuel order for the second time in as many races.

Pedregon claimed both ends of the track record in Funny Car while taking his first No. 1 qualifying position of the season and the 18th of his career. He ran a 4.789 at 322.11 in a Ford.

Defending event winner Allen

earned his first top position at this track and 15th overall, leading the 16-car Pro Stock lineup. He clocked a track-record time of 6.831 at 201.31 in a Pontiac.

Rookie Bourdais wins CART pole in first outing

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Champ Car rookie Sebastien Bourdais is a quick study.

The 23-year-old Frenchman retained the top spot in Saturday's qualifying for the inaugural St. Petersburg Grand Prix, becoming the first CART driver since Nigel Mansell in 1993 to win a pole in his first race.

Bourdais now has a chance to become the first rookie since Mansell — who came to Champ Cars as the reigning Formula

One champion — to win his first CART race.

"In Formula 3000 last year, you had no free practice before qualifying, so you had to adapt to conditions and to the track very quickly," said Bourdais, who won the 3000 championship. "With practice each day before qualifying (in Champ Car), it is easier to make the adjustments."

Bourdais took the provisional pole Friday and easily held it during the frustrating final round of qualifying, which was marred by five red-flag stoppages.

"It was a bit difficult to manage the red flags," Bourdais said. "But it was a perfect situation for us. We just saved the tires, and we're ready for the race."

He drove his Ford Cosworth-powered Newman/Haas Lola to a lap of 106.710 mph, a considerable improvement over his first-day lap of 105.415.

Teammate Bruno Junqueira, last year's Champ Car runner-up behind fellow Brazilian Cristiano da Matta, wasn't as happy as Bourdais after falling from second place on Friday to seventh. Junqueira improved to 105.291, which would have been good for fourth on the 19-car grid, but he lost his last lap for causing one of the red flags.

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Pitcher returns after bout with cancer

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — It began with a spot on his nose. Derek Lowe kept looking in the mirror. A clogged pore, he thought, maybe a pimple. But it kept getting bigger.

"By the middle of December, I finally had to get it biopsied," he said. "They took it completely off, and it comes back two days later. They got cancer."

The Boston Red Sox pitcher is fine now after having the cancerous tissue removed Dec. 31. But it was a stressful end to a year that started so well.

After losing his job as closer, Lowe moved back into the rotation for the 2002 season. In his first start, he took a no-hitter into the eighth inning. In his fifth start, he pitched the first no-hitter at Fenway Park in 37 years.

He finished 21-8 with a 2.58 ERA and was third in the AL Cy Young voting. And he had a whole offseason to work out and look forward to basking on that.

His arm felt fine. His confidence had returned. But he kept wondering about the spot that he first saw in late November.

It got so big — "the size of my thumbprint" — and so red that he began calling himself "Rudolph." It was so sensitive that his eyes watered when he touched it.

"I never, ever in a million years thought it was cancer," he said. "My wife said, 'You've got to go.' She couldn't stand looking at me anymore."

Neither could his teammates. "I was down here throwing with Derek and I'm like, 'Hey, you've got to go in. You've got to get that checked,'" reliever Alan Embree said. "He was kind of in denial. I'm saying, 'It's not going away, Boss. You might want to get that checked.'"

Lowe was diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma, a normally slow-growing lesion that is less dangerous than melanoma. He was shocked at first but felt at ease when he was told that his type of cancer rarely spreads.

"Identified promptly and removed promptly, it is almost always cured," said Dr. Harley A. Haynes, vice chairman of dermatology at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

The spot grew quickly, but the cancer was restricted to his nose. The procedure to remove it left a scar, but the alternative would have lopped off the tip of his nose.

"I'm an ugly guy as it is," he said. "I would have been in real trouble."

Lowe took three weeks off and resumed workouts about a month ago.

Now the blond-haired and fair-skinned right-hander is in his big camp with the Red Sox, the scar the only sign of his scare.



Boston Red Sox pitcher Derek Lowe works for the first time in spring training as pitchers and catchers began workouts Saturday in Fort Myers, Fla. Lowe had a 21-8 record last season.

"This is strictly from sun exposure. It's not a hereditary thing," he said. "It's basically what you've done to your own body."

Haynes, who was not involved in Lowe's case, said most people get most of their exposure to sun by age 20, because children have summers free and often go outside for recess during school.

Lowe said he'll talk to children about the dangers of sun exposure.

"Kids sometimes listen to people they see on TV more than their parents," he said. "Hopefully, one person goes home

and tells their mom, 'Hey, I saw Derek. He was talking about skin cancer.' Their parents will make them use it."

As a youngster in Michigan, Lowe's ears would peel and his lips would get blisters from the sun.

An avid golfer who rarely used sunblock, he's lived in sunny Fort Myers since 1997.

Dr. Bill Morgan, the Red Sox team physician, said all players were screened for signs of skin cancer at the All-Star break or during the second half of the season. Lowe showed no signs of

a problem.

"It's addressed every year. It's the same as smokeless tobacco," Morgan said. "But some people choose to heed those warnings, and some people don't. It's the old, 'It won't happen to me' sort of thing. It always happens to the other guy."

At their spring training complex, the Red Sox keep bottles of sunblock next to the shaving cream, mouthwash and hair gel in the clubhouse bathroom.

"Now you just put sunblock on when you brush your teeth in the morning," Lowe said.

Boston signs former 15-game winner Person

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Robert Person agreed to a minor league contract with the Boston Red Sox on Saturday, two years after winning 15 games for Philadelphia.

Person is a veteran pickup on a pitching staff filled with them. If he makes the team, he'll provide depth in the bullpen and an emergency starter.

The right-hander thinks he'll be ready to pitch for Boston opening day after coming back from arthroscopic operations on his shoulder and elbow, one last August and the other in September.

"That's what I've been working so hard for this offseason," Person said. "I don't see it as my last chance. I see it as an opportunity."

Pitching coach Tony Cloninger was impressed as Person hit 90 mph during a 50-pitch workout Saturday and a 45-pitch tryout last Tuesday. But Cloninger indicated Person wouldn't start the season with Boston.

Person, 33, is 51-42 with a 4.60 ERA in parts of eight seasons with the New York Mets, Toronto and Philadelphia.

Tejada reports to A's

PHOENIX — Miguel Tejada wants his two children to have a stable education in the United States, and that's why he says he is so anxious to get a long-term commitment from the Oakland Athletics.

Once 3-year-old Alexis starts kindergarten, Tejada doesn't want her to be switching schools.

The reigning American League MVP reported to the A's spring training facility Saturday after being delayed for two days because he was caring for his ill son.

Tejada missed only two full-squad workouts, and manager Ken Macha wasn't too concerned that the star shortstop will be behind, because he had been playing winter ball for his native Dominican Republic.

"Tejada's here!" someone hollered through the clubhouse when he arrived Saturday morning. He was greeted with several handshakes, and hugs as he dressed for his first practice of the spring.

Tejada's contract status is expected to be a big topic of conversation during spring training. The 26-year-old Tejada has said repeatedly he wants a long-term contract to remain with the A's.

Tejada has not said how much money he will ask for. He made \$3.65 million last season and will get \$5 million this year.

Young slugger impresses Mets

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Left-handed slugger first baseman Craig Brazell is putting on an impressive display of hitting for the New York Mets.

During live batting practice the 6-foot-3 Alabama native peppered Johnson with 24 hits, 24 with 15 homers and 58 RBIs in 129 games last season.

Johnson hurt the wrist last Aug. 7 while catching a line drive by Kansas City's Raul Ibanez. Johnson underwent an MRI on Thursday, and the team said Friday the results were negative.

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McLemore works the field and the crowd for Mariners

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — Mark McLemore wants to set the record straight. He's not a utility man.

"A utility guy plays once or twice a week. I'm an everyday player. It's not a utility role. I just happen to play everywhere. There's a definite difference."

Last season, McLemore's 14th full year in the majors, the Seattle Mariners' all-around specialist pitched 104 games. He started at designated hitter, second base, third base, left field, center field and right field.

"I think I excel at all of them," McLemore said. "I could play a few of those positions on an everyday basis. There's not a doubt in my mind. A couple of them, I have. It's by no means a matter of excelling at any one of them."

McLemore's value doesn't stop there.

He's a switch hitter, batting 270 last season in 337 at-bats. He's also a power hitter, delivering big hits in the clutch. And when the Mariners need a laugh, he's one of the team jesters.

"Truth be known, I'm a clown," he said.

Just watch McLemore at spring training, hammering it up for fans. He steps onto the field and asks how they're feeling, drawing a cheer. He takes cuts in the batting cage, then takes a bow on his way out.

With the Mets he did at first base with Mo Vaughn holding down the position. Both Ty Wigginton and Joe Mauer could play the spot if needed and the Mets recently signed switch-hitter Tony Clark to a minor league deal.

However, it's the 22-year-old Brazell who is drawing attention for hitting mammoth home runs on a daily basis.

"He needs to work on pitch recognition," Mets general manager Steve Phillips said after Brazell hit several balls into and onto the maintenance shed behind Field No. 4. "He only had 14 walks last year, but he can hit a baseball."

Brazell played for both the St. Lucie and Binghamton affiliates last season and was the first Mets minor league player to drive in more than 100 runs since Chris Latham in 1996.

Cards Ankiel, Morris throw well

JUPITER, Fla. — Rick Ankiel had another successful throwing session.

"Facing batters for the second time this spring, Ankiel threw 30 pitches Saturday as he tries to overcome bouts with wildness and injuries and make the St. Louis Cardinals' roster a reliever."

"It was all right and I'm where I should be," he said. "It's too early to say much about how I will fit in the bullpen. We have to wait until the games start."

Ankiel, who missed all of last season with elbow surgery and struggled in the past with wildness, has been shifted to the bullpen in a move meant to ease the pressure on him.

Once one of the most promising young left-handers in baseball, Ankiel has not been able to overcome an embarrassing bout of wildness in the 2000 playoffs. The 23-year-old Ankiel won 11 games as a rookie in 2000 but has struggled with his health and control since.

He last pitched in the majors in May 2001.

Ace Matt Morris also faced batters for the second time this spring, throwing between 40 and 50 pitches.

Johnson will have bone scan on wrist

TAMPA, Fla. — New York Yankee designated hitter and first baseman Nick Johnson will undergo a bone scan Monday on his ailing left wrist.

Johnson has stopped taking batting practice because of the lingering injury. He did take grounders and threw during a workout Saturday.

Johnson hurt the wrist last Aug. 7 while catching a line drive by Kansas City's Raul Ibanez. Johnson underwent an MRI on Thursday, and the team said Friday the results were negative.

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Meche could be on edge of returning to majors

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — Only three years ago, Gil Meche was part of the Seattle Mariners' regular rotation. Yet it feels like a distant memory to him.

"It seems like a long time ago that I pitched in the big leagues," Meche said on Sunday. "You look back and it's only been a couple of years."

He could be on the brink of returning.

Meche missed the 2001 season recovering from arthroscopic surgery to repair a frayed rotator cuff. In October, he had exploratory surgery to check a joint in his throwing arm.

Being sidelined was a big change for Meche, a fast-rising star who was Seattle's first-round draft pick in 1996.

When he broke into the majors in July 1999, Meche was three months from his 21st birthday, making him the youngest Mariners player to reach the big leagues since Alex Rodriguez did it just before turning 19 in 1994.

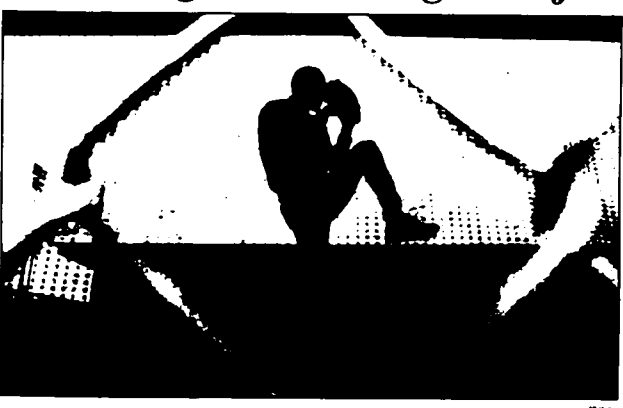
"I'm only 24 years old now," Meche said. "I'm still really young. I've still got a lot of time to play the game."

That's what the Mariners are counting on, and Meche looks good in spring training. He's throwing strong, able to place his fastball over both sides of the plate against hitters in batting practice.

Meche feels good to throw his fastball. "Meche said, 'Nothing's bothering me in my shoulder. I'm not getting sore the next day or the day after that. I feel like I'm healthy, like I never got hurt.'"

He has a good arsenal. His fastball curve and slider are strong, with an effective change-up.

Gib's ready to go, Mariners manager Bob Melvin said. "He's finally healthy and pitching the way everybody expected him to. He just needs to get it into



Seattle Mariners' Gil Meche readies a practice pitch from behind a wire fence and mesh screening at spring training Wednesday in Peoria, Ariz. The Mariners are getting an early start on spring training. Catchers and pitchers reported Sunday, and workouts began Monday as Seattle prepares for a season-opening series in Japan against the Oakland Athletics.

games and get his confidence going."

Meche spent last season at Double-A San Antonio, and his one-year layoff was apparent when he started 4-6 with a 6.51 ERA in his first 25 appearances, which included 13 starts.

"I was putting too much pressure on myself, wanting to go five innings for the team in San Antonio," Meche said. "My arm really wasn't ready."

He agreed to work from the bullpen but was slowed by soreness and spent three weeks on the disabled list to help his recovery.

"When I came back it was even better," he said. "My velocity was returned to the rotation stronger and able to go

deeper into games. He went 1-2 with a 3.33 ERA in his final seven starts, allowing runners to score in only three of his final 10 games.

"I just got better as the year went on," Meche said.

Encouraged by his comeback, the Mariners asked Meche to pitch in Venezuela over the winter. He was reluctant at first but went 2-1 with a 3.54 ERA in five starts.

"It was the best thing I could have done," he said. "I had one bad game but three of the five starts were excellent. I had a six-inning shutout, a seven-inning shutout and another game, seven innings with one run."

C Ben Davis went home to rest after complaining of flu-like symptoms. RHP Jeff Haverlo, who missed last season following reconstructive shoulder surgery, was too sore for live batting practice and threw on the side. Melvin intends to manage both teams in Monday's intrasquad game.

Camp Notes
LHP Ryan Anderson had a

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No sweeps seem likely this Grammy year

By Nekesa Mumbi Moody Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Since Santana's Grammy sweep three years ago, nobody has dominated the awards ceremony — a trend likely to continue tonight.

An unprecedented eight artists — among them Bruce Springsteen, Eminem and Norah Jones — led the nominations with five apiece.

While some acts are favored, it's doubtful any will outpace the pack to emerge as the night's big winner at Madison Square Garden.

Some Grammy watchers say that's a testament to the strength of this year's field.

"Sometimes the competition is so keen that by necessity it gets spread around, and in this year it's very tough," says J Records founder Clive Davis.

Steve Leeds, senior vice president of promotions at Virgin Records, says the range of nominees reflects increasingly diverse public tastes.

"The media and society has moved from an artist-driven culture to a song-driven culture," he says. "I don't think they're as married to an artist."

While Eminem had 2002's top-selling album with "The Eminem Show," he had just two hits: "Lose



Pop singer Sheryl Crow arrives at the 2003 MusiCares 'Person of the Year' 13th annual gala Friday in New York. She has been nominated for five Grammys this year.

Show time

The Grammy Awards will air at 7 p.m. tonight on KMYT.

wasn't a major radio hit. And while Springsteen's "The Rising" received plenty of hype along with critical acclaim, it didn't have a major hit either. It has sold almost 2 million copies, though.

"Even though Springsteen's album is critically applauded and did well in terms of sales... there's nothing off 'The Rising that you can hum,'" says Tom O'Neill, author of "The Grammys."

In general, he says, "There was nothing that dominated the industry."

Newcomers Avril Lavigne and Ashanti also made a major impact in 2002, while rapper Nelly had two of the year's biggest hits — "Hot in Herre" and "Dilemma," both up for Grammys.

All had five nominations, as did Grammy veteran Sheryl Crow and neosoul singer-songwriter Raphael Saadiq.

More than a dozen artists were nominated for two or more awards, including India Arie, Vanessa Carlton, Tony Bennett, Elvis Costello, the Dixie Chicks and Alan Jackson.

"It's like musical democracy in

action," says Leeds. Craig Marler, editor of Blender magazine, says: "It's also probably a reflection of a more diverse and stronger year in music, that there are so many different candidates from so many different fields."

Last year, rockers U2 won four awards, while R&B songstress Alicia Keys and the rootsy, country soundtrack to "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" each nabbed five.

The year before that, Eminem, Steely Dan, U2 and Faith Hill each took home three Grammys.

Actually, it's not often that a Santana or Michael Jackson-like sweep occurs.

"It's very rare," says Davis, who produced Santana's "Supernatural" disc, which netted nine Grammys. "Only occasionally do you get a transcendental work."

O'Neill, whose Web site goldberby.com handicaps the Grammy race, says the Recording Academy tends to divvy up awards among two groups: "They divide it between trying to get it right among today's stars and passing it on to deserving veterans."

That's how this year's Grammy race will conclude, according to Marler, who expected Springsteen and Jones, both critical favorites, to be the big winners.

Art Garfunkel, Paul Simon may team at the Grammys

Knight Ridder News Service

Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel have built a bridge over their troubled waters and may even sing at Sunday night's Grammy Awards in their first public performance together in 10 years, reports ABC News.

A spokesman for Simon said the two — who often had strained relations — sang together in a private setting on Wednesday, uniting for the first time since 1993.

"They got together yesterday and had a wonderful time," the spokesman said. "They're thinking of performing at the Grammys, but they're not sure if they have enough time."

Sources close to the situation said the two were to meet the award show's writer-producer Ken Ehrlich on Thursday at Madison Square Garden, where rehearsals for the show were getting underway.

Neither Ehrlich nor a spokesman for Cossette Productions, the company producing the Grammys, were available for comment.

Another source confirmed that managers for the artists,

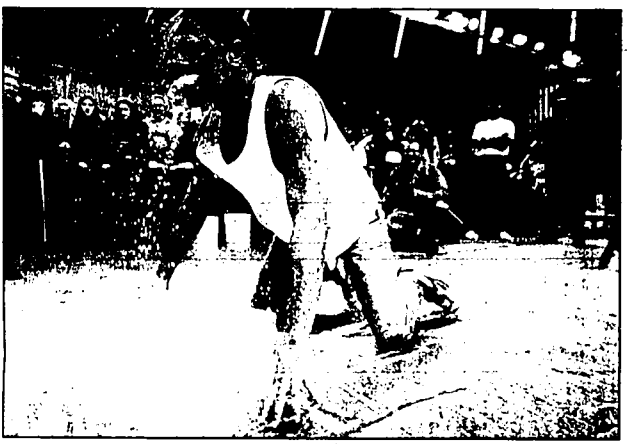
“They're thinking of performing at the Grammys, but they're not sure if they have enough time.”

— Paul Simon spokesman

who has reunited only a few times since splitting up 33 years ago, have been discussing a public reunion at the Grammys. Simon & Garfunkel are considered the most successful folk-rock duo of the 1960s for creating such enduring hits as "Sound of Silence, Homeward Bound" and "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

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FRESH SUSHI?



Mike Kask of Yakima, Wash., comes up with a live, slippery trout in his mouth in a time of 4.8 seconds during the Bobbing for Trout contest at the Central Washington Sportsman Show at the SunDome in Yakima Friday. Kask had the fastest time out of six contestants, winning a raffle trip for two on the Wenatchee River.

Internet purchases swamp college mailrooms

Los Angeles Times

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — In a 19th-century basement at Brown University, cartons are stacked floor-to-ceiling, like columns from an ancient temple.

Huge containers house big-screen TVs, refrigerators, bicycles, computers, car tires and exercise benches. There are room-sized rugs and bulky boxes marked "office furniture." Crates of books from Amazon.com are sprawled alongside packing envelopes from J.C. Crew, Victoria's Secret, Abercrombie & Fitch, the Gap.

This is the 21st-century crisis that many colleges were unprepared for: mailroom gridlock. Fred Yattaw, Brown's mailroom manager, and his staff last year processed 130,000 parcels for a student body of 5,700. With hundreds of yellow package-reminder slips stuffed in student mailboxes, Yattaw said this year's container crisis is running higher still.

One is the era when these package handlers seldom had to process anything larger than a box of cookies from grandma. Mailroom overload is the latest symptom of just how wired American campuses have become.

At campuses across the country, many professors now hold online office hours. Calendar lists have gone electronic. The ride board — where, only a decade ago, students clogged car transportation to anywhere — has all but vanished, and so have campus travel offices, because kids just buy their own tickets on the Internet.

But the overcrowded campus mailroom offers the most visible evidence of how a narrow and distinctive demographic sector known as college students lives and shops online. And, apparently, spends like crazy. Born when personal computers came on the market, undergraduates today boast unprecedented comfort — and

competence — with technology. Especially at small independent colleges such as Brown, many also lay claim to their parents' credit cards. For these students, the 24-hour high-speed Internet connection is a cultural assumption, like toothpaste.

All around them, civilian America is shopping online with the same fierce enthusiasm of any Ivy League. But those parcels go to separate addresses. At schools like Brown, Yattaw said, "Everyone just seems to be getting more and more packages." Since dormitories won't receive packages, they all end up in the mailroom.

Recently, Brown sophomore Yuri Yashiro exchanged a yellow package slip for a carton that stood 6 feet tall. It turned out to contain a full-size piano keyboard. Scott Caldwell, a Brown mailroom manager, remembered a large box that spilled open not long ago, revealing a cache of erotic toys.

At California's Pomona College, one student had a half-case of "pretty decent" wine delivered in care of the campus mailroom, school officials said. And another California school that insisted on anonymity said that after some students discovered a Web site for water pipes, boxes of bong — the smoking devices clearly marked — began arriving at the mailroom.

"It's certainly overloaded here," said Thomas Slobok, chief information officer at Occidental College in Los Angeles — not the school where the hookahs were headed. In fact, he said, the mail has "increased to a point where it's almost a crisis."

Since 1995, he said, the number of packages delivered to students has quadrupled.

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Comedienne apologizes for language

HOLLAND, Mich. (AP) — Vicki Lawrence has plenty to say about her years on "The Carol Burnett Show," her stint as a television talk-show host and the No. 1 song she had 30 years ago. But some here wish she'd put it less colorfully.

The Rev. Jim Lankheet, pastor of a church where Lawrence appeared Tuesday evening, said he received several complaints about Lawrence's language during her 90-minute appearance.

"Obscene language and inappropriate humor cheapens our dignity as human beings made in the image of God," he told The Grand Rapids Press for a story published Friday. "It degrades life and relationships. People laugh, but there is no joy in it." Lawrence issued an apologetic statement Friday. "I only ever want to make people laugh and have a good time, and... I received an enthusiastic standing ovation," Lawrence said. "I am sorry if the Beechwood Reformed Church and Pastor Lankheet were offended by anything that I said."

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Advertisement for Orpheum Theatre listing movies like 'The Italian Job' and 'The Untouchables'.

Advertisement for Twin Cinema 12 listing movies like 'About Schmidt' and 'Shogun: The Beginning'.

Advertisement for 'Dark Blue' movie featuring Kurt Russell. Text includes: 'Now at the Odyssey Theatre'.

Advertisement for 'The Life of David Gale' movie featuring Kevin Spacey. Text includes: 'Now at the Odyssey Theatre'.

Advertisement for 'Gods and Generals' movie featuring Jeff Daniels. Text includes: 'An unforgettable story of the Civil War from the Director of "GETTYSBURG"'.

Advertisement for 'The Hours' movie featuring Nicole Kidman. Text includes: 'Now at the Twin Cinema'.

Advertisement for 'School of Rock' movie featuring Dick Van Dyke. Text includes: 'Now at the Odyssey Theatre'.

Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

Business Plus III

Business Plus III is a six-county initiative that by April 30 aims to raise \$1.44 million to invest in Magic Valley's economic health over five years.

Of that money, \$1.15 million would be for business attraction and business-retention incentive grants, \$250,000 for regional marketing, and \$40,000 for operations, overhead and investor relations.

The Business Plus III campaign's weekly update of its fundraising was unchanged from a week earlier. The status as of Friday:

Number of investors: 24
Total raised to date: \$1,004,500

Potential investors may call 736-1085 for more information.

Source: Rebecca Wildman of Business Plus III

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Hunting, fishing help Idaho economy

JEROME - One economic booster for Idaho's economy is hunting and fishing sports, with the two outdoor activities bringing in \$1,217,425,983 in 2001.

That's according to Kelton Hatch, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's regional conservation educator for the Magic Valley region. Idaho potatoes bring in roughly \$2.5 billion, according to the Idaho Potato Commission's Web site, for 15 percent of Idaho's gross state product, Hatch said. Hunting and fishing contributes nearly 7 percent, or \$1.2 billion a year.

Here is the partial breakdown Hatch provided:

• Retail sales - Hunting contributes \$193,067,286, with fishing bringing in \$409,453,451.

• Wages and salaries - Hunting produces \$125,790,189 and fishing \$157,402,757.

• Jobs - Fishing provides 7,773 jobs, with hunting adding an additional 6,197.

• Sales/fuel tax - Hunting, \$17,670,032, and fishing, \$22,889,647.

• Idaho income tax - Fishing, \$6,846,807, and hunting, \$4,063,023.

• Federal income tax - Hunting, \$12,687,394, and fishing, \$15,856,844.

CSI offers technology class on home theater design

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho is offering a technology class, "Home Theater Design ADA," from 6 to 8 p.m. March 6 in Shields 102.

The course is for designers and architects. Topics include basic room architecture, examples of the best theaters in the world, design impact on a project, sound absorption fabric choices and more, organizers said. Students will work on common issues that confront system integrators and learn how architects can make or break a great room. A certificate of course completion will be provided.

Cost is \$250, which includes materials.

This course is part of Maestro Tech Boot Camp, a series of new technology-based classes. Follow-up workshops include Phone System Installer, How to Make Your Room Sound Great, House Audio Systems, Low Volt System Installer, Basic Car Audio/Video, Plan a Career in the High-Tech Industry and more.

For information or to register, call 732-6288 or 732-6290.

Check out Qwest CEO's remarks on the Internet

TWIN FALLS - Denver-based Qwest Communications International Inc.'s chairman and chief executive, Richard C. Notebaert, will speak at the Merrill Lynch Global Communications Conference in New York this week.

Notebaert's remarks, at 11:45 a.m. Monday, will be available via webcast at www.qwest.com/about/investor/meetings/.

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

Compiled from staff reports

Winning respect for Idaho wine

State's wineries find niche for undervalued product

The Associated Press

PARMA - On a small hill overlooking the Snake and Boise rivers, a winemaker tends to five acres of grapes.

Parma Ridge Vineyards is the retirement dream of Dick Dickstein and one of Idaho's newest wineries. Like other vintners, Dickstein is trying to find his place in the Northwest's boutique wine market.

Officials with the Idaho Grape Growers and Wine Commission say it all comes down to timing and public perception.

But that can be tough in a state best known for a certain other agricultural product.

"When people think Idaho, they're not going to think grapes. They're going to think potatoes, and that's something Idaho is going to have to battle with," said Andy Perdue, editor of Wine Press Northwest magazine.

Still, he said, local wines have an advantage that more established vintners in California, Washington and Oregon are leaving behind.

"One of the hallmarks of the wines there is that they are undervalued and underpriced, which means they are hitting a segment of the market that Washington wines don't hit as much as they used to," Perdue said.

"People just don't think of Idaho for wine, even though we produce some of the best grapes in the Northwest," said Ted Judd, a historian for the Idaho Grape Growers and Wine Commission.

Judd said it is partly because Idaho got a slow start after prohibition.

"Prohibition killed the wine industry. Grape growers had to use the ground as something else if they wanted to make a living," said Judd. "After prohibition, religious influences in the state made the industry very slow to get started. It's really only in the last 30 years that the wineries have started to come back," Judd said.

Dickstein, a former resident of Las Vegas, chose Idaho for his winery despite its reputation.

"Washington state probably would have been a better place for a winery but my wife and I didn't like the area around Oregon's was too cold, and with California's political climate, I wouldn't go back there on a bet," Dickstein said. "In Idaho, I like the land and the people,

and the growing season is just right for grapes."

Idaho wine surprises people, Dickstein said.

"Nobody takes Idaho wines seriously, but nobody took Oregon wines seriously at first," Dickstein said. "We're all growing up together."

Magic Valley's Frank Hegy, owner of Hegy's South Hills Vineyard and Winery, uses the typical consumer reaction as a marketing gimmick.

He uses specialty humor labels to make his wine stand out, including a black-and-white generic label that simply reads "Cheap Wine."

The same wine is available in a bottle with an Idaho-themed cartoon label and a traditional label.

"We get a lot of people that buy it as a gift, and don't think it's real wine in there. Then once they try it they call us up and say, 'Hey, that's good wine,'" Hegy said. "It takes some catch to get them to try it, and once they do they come back for more."

In the past decade, the number of wineries in the state has nearly doubled, Perdue said.

The newest vintner is the Winery at Eagle Knoll, owned by Mike and Joy Kauffman and scheduled to open by June.

Mike Kauffman said he is not worried about breaking into the wine market - in part because wine sales will not be the only source of income for the company. With ponds, a waterfall and picnic tables, the 18-acre vineyard is available for weddings and parties.

More established wineries within the state offered advice and helped him plan the business, he said.

"It's not competitive, because we're all doing the same thing to get Idaho wines acknowledged," he said.

Bob Corbell, executive director of the Grape Growers and Wine Producers Commission, says most of the wine made in Idaho stays in Idaho.

"Studies we have done show Idaho wine drinkers are 35 or older, make a middle or higher income, and prefer white wines," he said. "We're about the place Washington was 20 years ago, but I believe our reds will become known as the premium red wines."

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Carlos Navarrete, field manager at Parma Ridge Vineyards in Parma, pours a sample of chardonnay wine into a beaker at the winery about 45 miles west of Boise Friday to test for things such as alcohol content, acidity and PH levels.



Parma Ridge Vineyards owner Dick Dickstein holds a glass of Merlot wine after taking a sample from one of the many oak barrels of wine in the aging process at his winery in Parma Friday. Like other vintners, Dickstein is trying to find his place in the Northwest's boutique wine market.

'Phantom wineries' please palates, pocketbooks

The Associated Press

SANTA ROSA, Calif. - For as long as there's been quality wine for the buying, consumers have taken up the hunt for good bargains on great wines. And their supply-and-demand hankering has led to a slow but steady rise in the quality of available labels.

Take a look at dramatic bargains available at specialty wine stores. What's going on at the upper end of the market? And how can you take advantage of the trend?

The most interesting thing to transpire has been consumers' discovery of the "phantom winery." While it's been around for a while, the phenomenon whose name suggests the intrigue of a Hitchcock thriller, has caught on. It's one of several ways consumers can get great deals on good, inexpensive wines. And these wineries are having a huge impact on the bargain-wine market.

A "phantom winery" is best described as somewhat elusive. The winery may have a physical

site, but it doesn't register with consumers because it isn't named after one wine brand with a recognizable name. Think of it as a giant processing plant churning out different brands of wine. It may have a name as generic as "Classic Wines" or the "Purple Wine Company."

"Phantom wineries are basically outliers for the bulk wine market," said Tony Marti, owner of Sebastopol Fine Wines. "In the last year there have really been a few that have really

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Scientist shows white wine can kill germs

The Associated Press

YAKIMA, Wash. - Dry white wine might one day be as common under the kitchen sink as it is upon the dinner table - as a sort of "wine-sol" to disinfect countertops and cutting boards.

"Simply put, the wine kills bugs," said Mark Daeschel, a food scientist at Oregon State University in Corvallis.

Centuries ago, wine was considered a "hygienic drink," imbued with the power to prevent or minimize food-borne illness, a serious matter in times when there was no real refrigeration and cooks weren't required by law to wash their hands.

Even today, some people won't eat raw oysters without an alcohol

chaser, and many savvy travelers believe that a glass of wine consumed with food that's served in unsanitary conditions can ward off tummy troubles.

"We've always heard it's safer to drink the wine than it is the water," Daeschel said.

So Daeschel and research assistants Jessica Just and Joy Waite decided to study wine's germ-killing properties against some of the common culprits in food-poisoning: salmonella and E. coli bacteria.

In test tubes of chardonnay and pinot noir, the germs died off within an hour. In test tubes of grape juice, the bacteria survived up to 16 days.

The antimicrobial punch of wine is a synergy of alcohol and

acid, which is why beer or vodka don't deliver the same germ-killing kick.

"Alcohol weakens the cell wall, allowing the (wine's) acid to penetrate and kill it," Daeschel said.

The researchers also made a model stomach to determine what protective effect the wine might have with cuisine of questionable origin.

"Drinking more wine with less food is better," he said. "The more food you eat, the less effective it is."

From there, came the idea for a very different kind of white wine "spritzer," a disinfectant spray for the kitchen that's environmentally safe.

It would be attractive to people. Please see GERMS, Page D3



Mark Daeschel, a food scientist at Oregon State University, holds a bottle of wine in his laboratory at the university's campus in Corvallis, Ore., Feb. 6. Daeschel is working on converting waste wine to antibacterial spray for kitchen counters.

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Stephanie Crumrine

TWIN FALLS - Stephanie Crumrine joined the Southern Idaho Learning Center as director of development.

Crumrine will direct fundraising, special events and public relations for the center.

She has a bachelor's degree in history from San Francisco State University and a master's degree in counseling from Albion College of Idaho. She coordinated a successful fund-raising campaign for the Cover the Pools project in Twin Falls and has worked for 17 years as office manager of an electrical contracting company. She was a member and chairwoman of the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission and is a member of the National Home Builders Association, Idaho Building Contractors Association and Magic Valley Builders Association.



Stephanie Crumrine

Crumrine and her husband, Glenn, have two children and live in Twin Falls. The Southern Idaho Learning Center is a nonprofit organization that serves as a regional diagnostic and treatment center for learning problems in children ages 5 to 21. Crumrine can be reached at 734-3914.

Tim Brown

TWIN FALLS - McClure Engineering Inc. recently hired Tim Brown, a structural engineer in training.

Brown graduated from Idaho State University with a master's degree in engineering structures and mechanics and a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He received the ISU Outstanding Student Achievement Award for the College of Engineering in 2001. At McClure Engineering,



Tim Brown

he worked on the design of a new bridge over the Snake River. He is currently working on the design of a new bridge over the Snake River. He is currently working on the design of a new bridge over the Snake River.

Brown will work in structural, hydraulics and environmental design.

Paul Thomassen

BURLEY - Paul Thomassen, traffic manager at Tessenderlo Kerley Inc.'s metam sodium plant in Burley, has assumed the sales and marketing responsibilities for Sectagon 42 metam sodium in Idaho in addition to his current duties.

Thomassen, an eight-year veteran with TKI, will report to Jim Owens, Sectagon 42 regional sales manager.

Tessenderlo Kerley, headquartered in Phoenix, produces and markets specialty chemical solutions, including fertilizers, soil fumigants and process chemicals and services, to industries serving agriculture, process, mining, pulp and paper and oil and gas refining. TKI, a part of the Tessenderlo Group of Brussels, Belgium, has 13 manufacturing plants in North America.

Gerald Kenyon

TWIN FALLS - United Parcel Service recently inducted Gerald Kenyon into the Utah/Idaho district's Circle of Honor program, which recognizes UPS drivers who have attained 25 years or more of accident-free driving.

Kenyon was recognized for completing 26 years without an accident. He works out of the UPS facility at 1632 Elm St. N. in Twin Falls and presently provides delivery service in the Buhl area.

The dinner ceremony honoring Kenyon's safety record was held in Salt Lake City.

Kenyon and his wife, Sally, live in Twin Falls. They have two grown children and a grandson. Kenyon will retire from UPS in April.

UPS said its safe-driving performance is 10 times better than the transportation industry's national average, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation studies on accident frequencies.

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MILESTONES

Computer, imaging store opens in Burley

BURLEY - Lasertone Computers and Imaging Supply has opened at 1246 Overland Ave. in Burley.

The business has sold from a Web site since 1996 and is now selling locally. The Web address is www.lazertone.com.

The business can be reached at 878-8991. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. **M o n d a y t h r o u g h**

Saturday. The business is locally owned and operated by Jeremy Wilkinson and Debbie Shaw. They said they are authorized resellers for Intel, Microsoft, Seagate, 3Com and Hewlett-Packard, and the reseller of Lasertone Ink, an inexpensive replacement for name-brand cartridges. The business offers computers, computer hardware, computer repair and imaging supplies such as printers, ink, toner and refill services at discount prices, owners said.

Hotel holds ceremony to mark new name

TWIN FALLS - A grand opening to celebrate the new name of the hotel at 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Beginning Wednesday, the WestCoast Twin Falls Hotel will be known as Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs.

Peggy Durham is the general manager, and Robin Bammer is director of sales. The hotel, owned by WestCoast Hospitality Corp., offers hotel and convention facilities. The office can be reached at 734-5000.

Celebrating the conversion of the Twin Falls hotel and 21 sister hotels to the Red Lion flag, a new program offers guests the opportunity to earn a free night, good towards a future stay, with each stay, valid for check-ins from Wednesday through April 30.

The offer is available at all 63 of the newly expanded Red Lion Hotels that spread across 13 states. Guests will receive a certificate at checkout entitling them to one complimentary night for their next two-night minimum stay at any Red Lion hotel. To qualify, guests must be enrolled in the GuestAwards program. Enrollment is free and can be done online or at check-in. Earned certificates must be redeemed by May 31.

Irwin Realty opens location in Buhl

BUHL - Irwin Realty is now in Buhl, with Judy Hoffman and Tracy Woolman as agents.

Hoffman has been a licensed broker and Realtor for 25 years and is a past president of the Twin Falls Association of Realtors.

Hoffman received the Realtor of the Year Award in 1997, taught classes in Realtor Code

of Ethics and Professional Standards throughout southern Idaho and is an accredited buyers representative and certified residential specialist. She is also past president of Twin Falls Business & Professional Women, Buhl Business & Professional Women and the 20th Century Club.

Woolman has been a licensed Realtor for nine years, is active in the Twin Falls Association of Realtors, and is a member of the Buhl Rotary Club.

Both women have the graduate of Realtor Institute designation. "We are excited to have Hoffman and Woolman who both live in the area on our team; they fit the profile of the professional we want," said Bob Veeh, Irwin Realty managing broker.

The office at 212 1/2 S. Broadway in Buhl is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., throughout the week, but Hoffman and Woolman can be reached any time by cell phone - Hoffman at 308-5680 and Woolman at 420-2222.

Bank customers can use Web collaboration

TWIN FALLS - Wells Fargo & Co. announced it has Web collaboration available to consumers on its Web site.

That enables online customers and service agents to view the same screen from different locations, while talking on the phone.

"Providing Web collaboration adds a high-touch component to online banking and bill pay, by assuring customers immediate, interactive assistance," said John Stumpf, group executive vice president. Wells Fargo has trained several hundred customer service agents to simultaneously use the phone and Internet to service customers.

By seeing what's on the customer's screen, these agents are better able to quickly and accurately address a customer's questions.

The Web collaboration service allows a service agent to move a cursor on the customer's screen, for example to help the customer set up online bill pay. First, a customer clicks on the "Live Help" button on Wells Fargo's personal finance page and enters his or her name and phone number. Within seconds the customer receives a phone call from an agent.

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Jim Faulkner, Smith's Food and Drug store director, left, presents a check to Leanne Trappen, community services director, and Ken Robbette, executive director of South Central Community Action Agency.

South Central Community Action Agency recently received a \$5,500 check from the Kroger Co. Foundation and Smith's Food and Drug for their "Dollar per Pound Program."

Smith's Food and Drug sponsored the event, in which customers could donate a food product, while shopping at Smith's, to the South Central Community Action Agency's food bank. The foundation then matched one dollar for every pound donated. A total of 5,500 pounds was collected.

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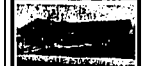
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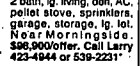


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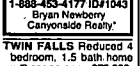


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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: When the opponents open one of a suit, how should I play a jump cue-bid in that suit? Some of my partners want to play that as natural, but I am unconvinced.

Western Front, Holy Springs, Minn.

ANSWER: A jump cue-bid of an opening major suit should promise a solid minor suit, asking partner to bid three no-trump with the enemy suit stopped. I prefer to use the jump as natural and pre-emptive over a minor suit.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I held ♠ J-3-2, ♥ 5-3, ♣ A-J-9-5, ♦ A-Q-4-3 and heard my opponents bid one heart on my left, two hearts on my right. What were my options? I passed and we missed a partscore in diamonds.

Silent Treatment, Fort Worth, Texas

ANSWER: This is a nasty problem. However, when relatively short in hearts, you must bite the bullet and make 1 double. Your overall shape and high cards are acceptable for this action—and partner is not likely to go over-board, since he has heard both opponents bid.

Dear Mr. Wolff: When partner overcalls at the one-level, how strong is a response of one no-trump to that—and how strong is a jump to two no-trump?

Advocate Warning, Reno, Nev.

ANSWER: Opinions differ on the answer here. I'd say the range is 8-11 or maybe 12 for a one-no-trump response, with a jump to two no-trump being up to 15 HCP. With strong hands, however, one can normally start with a cue-bid, particularly where you have moderate support or better for partner.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I held ♠ K-J-7-5-3, ♥ A-Q-5-3, ♦ A-9-5, ♣ 3 and opened one spade. My partner responded two clubs (game-forcing), and I rebid two hearts, raised by my partner to three hearts. Should I now bid three no-trump, four hearts, or cuebid something?

Star Search, Farmville, Va.

ANSWER: Assuming that your partner's three-heart call showed more than a jump to four hearts, I think you are just worth a cue-bid of four diamonds, given your nice shape and good trumps. But bidding four hearts would not be wrong—you do, after all, have only a 14-count.

Dear Mr. Wolff: As responder I bid one heart, holding ♠ J-3, ♥ A-Q-5-3, ♦ Q-9-5, ♣ 10-8-4-3, after my partner opened one diamond. My LHO bid one spade, my partner rebid two hearts, and my RHO bid two spades. What should I do now?

Halmis, Buckeye, Ariz.

ANSWER: Since your partner might have only three hearts, I think you should pass and hope your partner can act again with some extra shape. Even if your partner has four hearts, you may find that your last chance for a plus score on the board will come from defending two spades.

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Considerate, fun-loving SW/M, 30, likes to travel. Seeking nice woman, 20-30, for LTR. 3265773

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FACE TO FACE
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SWM 38, 5'7", blonde/hazel, N/S, very outgoing, enjoys camping, hiking, fishing, and more. Seeking a woman, 20-30, who is fun, outgoing, and enjoys life. 3265773

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LET'S TALK UP
SWM 42, 5'7", 120lbs, blonde/blue, Cancer, N/S, enjoys golf, hiking and camping. Seeking SWF 27-42, N/S, who enjoys golfing, camping, and hiking, for friendship. 3265773

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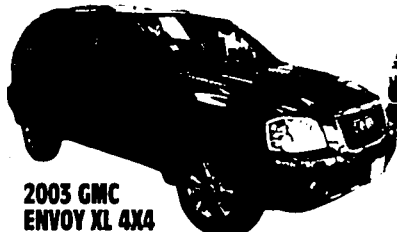
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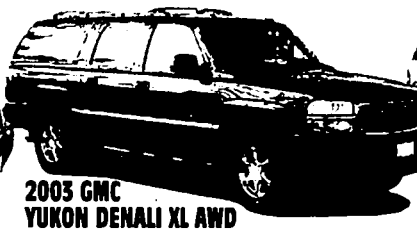
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- Air Conditioning • AM/FM Cassette

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LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2487**

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Stock #4813, 60 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.

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RETAIL PRICE **\$8528**
LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2451**

\$5988 OR \$0 DOWN \$119 MO.

Stock #8104, 60 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.

1998 FORD TAURUS

- Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning
- Cruise Control • AM/FM Cassette

RETAIL PRICE **\$8177**
LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2188**

\$6988 OR \$0 DOWN \$139 MO.

Stock #2391, 60 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.

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- Power Windows, Locks • AM/FM • Camper Shell

RETAIL PRICE **\$9888**
LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2888**

\$6988 OR \$0 DOWN \$139 MO.

Stock #1240, 60 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.

1998 FORD WINDSTAR

- Automatic Transmission • Rear Air • CD
- Power Windows, Locks • AM/FM Cassette

RETAIL PRICE **\$10733**
LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2745**

\$7988 OR \$0 DOWN \$159 MO.

Stock #1213, 60 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.

2001 FORD FOCUS

- Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning
- Power Windows, Locks • Cruise • AM/FM

RETAIL PRICE **\$11334**
LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2348**

\$8988 OR \$0 DOWN \$179 MO.

Stock #1805, 60 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.

2000 PONTIAC GRAND AM

- Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning
- AM/FM CD • Cruise Control

RETAIL PRICE **\$11459**
LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2471**

\$8988 OR \$0 DOWN \$179 MO.

Stock #3104, 60 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.

1998 SUZUKI GRAND VITARA 4x4

- 5-Speed Transmission • Air Conditioning
- Power Windows, Locks • AM/FM • Cruise

RETAIL PRICE **\$11044**
LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2058**

\$8988 OR \$0 DOWN \$179 MO.

Stock #1319, 60 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.

2000 CHEVY VENTURE

- Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning
- AM/FM CD • Cruise Control • 7 Passenger

RETAIL PRICE **\$11453**
LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2485**

\$8988 OR \$0 DOWN \$179 MO.

Stock #9720, 60 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.

1997 FORD EXPLORER 4x4

- Automatic Transmission • Cruise Control
- Power Windows & Locks • AM/FM Cassette

RETAIL PRICE **\$12133**
LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2145**

\$9988 OR \$0 DOWN \$199 MO.

Stock #1661, 60 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.

2001 HONDA CIVIC

- 5-Speed Transmission
- Air Conditioning • CD

RETAIL PRICE **\$13878**
LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2888**

\$10988 OR \$0 DOWN \$189 MO.

Stock #9229, 72 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.

1998 GMC SAFARI

- Automatic Transmission • AM/FM CD
- Power Windows, Locks • Cruise • 7 Passenger

RETAIL PRICE **\$13848**
LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2880**

\$10988 OR \$0 DOWN \$189 MO.

Stock #6411, 72 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.

1998 TOYOTA 4-RUNNER 4x4

- 5-Speed Transmission • Air Conditioning
- Power Windows, Locks • AM/FM CD

RETAIL PRICE **\$15144**
LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$3158**

\$11988 OR \$0 DOWN \$199 MO.

Stock #1274, 72 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.

1998 ISUZU TROOPER 4x4

- Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning
- AM/FM Cassette • Cruise Control

RETAIL PRICE **\$14582**
LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2584**

\$11988 OR \$0 DOWN \$199 MO.

Stock #6641, 72 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.

1998 HONDA CRV 4x4

- 5-Speed Transmission • Air Conditioning
- AM/FM CD • Cruise Control

RETAIL PRICE **\$18448**
LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2480**

\$13988 OR \$0 DOWN \$229 MO.

Stock #5449, 72 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.

1998 GMC 1500 4x4 3 DR

- Automatic Transmission • AM/FM CD
- Power Windows & Locks • Cruise • Leather

RETAIL PRICE **\$18772**
LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2784**

\$15988 OR \$0 DOWN \$269 MO.

Stock #6444, 72 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.

2000 TOYOTA TACOMA SR5 4x4

- 5-Speed Transmission • Air Conditioning
- AM/FM Cassette • Cruise Control

RETAIL PRICE **\$19003**
LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$3015**

\$15988 OR \$0 DOWN \$269 MO.

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Germ, I'd like you to meet Mildew

What is in a name? One study conducted at a West Virginia college reported that people who dislike their first names tend to dislike themselves. Other research statistics note that more than half of the people in the United States go by first names that are different from the names on their birth certificates.

A Web site dedicated to the subject recently released the list of the most popular names in the United States in the year 2002.

According to babynames.com, today's No. 1 name is Madison—for either a male or a female. That's followed by Ethan (male), Bailey (either), Caleb (male), Hannah (female), Alexis (female), Aidan (male), Jordan (male), Chloe (female) and McKenzie (either).

There's your Top 10. Last year, Madison was No. 2 and Hannah was No. 3, with Alexis changed his because he figured Alphonso D'Abruzzo would be hard to fit on a playbill. And Whoopi Goldberg probably wanted something flashier than Caryn Johnson.

Christopher. First names tend to evolve slowly, and the popularity of each can be fleeting.

Even then, many people just plain don't like their names. Movie stars have always changed their names. Alan Alda probably changed his because he figured Alphonso D'Abruzzo would be hard to fit on a playbill.

And Whoopi Goldberg probably wanted something flashier than Caryn Johnson. Michael Dumble-Smith kept the Michael and became Michael Crawford. For obvious reasons.

But "ordinary people" change their names sometimes, too. When I was growing up in Illinois, my grandmother told me about a couple named Mr. and Mrs. Bugg.

They moved away by the time I was born, which made me a bit skeptical. But Grandma insisted that they named their twin girls June and Yura May-Bugg.

Of course, the celebrities who change their own names are famous for giving their own children all sorts of unusual monikers.

Just this month, supermodel Elle Macpherson gave birth to her second child, Aurelius Cy Andrea, who joined big brother Arpad Flynn at home. Claudia Schiffer just gave birth, too. A baby boy named Casper.

But for some unexplained reason, there is a list of nearly 20 celebrities who have named their offspring Jack. Plain old Jack. These stars include Christie Brinkley, Matt Lauer, Ozzy Osbourne, Susan Sarandon and Luke Perry.

If you're looking for unusual names for your own kids, you might check out any of the TV soap operas.

You'll find "Frisco" on "General Hospital" and "Leopold" on "Days of Our Lives" and both "Jazz" and "Boobie" on "The Young and the Restless." Among dozens of other examples.

But before you make your final choice, think about how your children will fare in elementary school with names that are already strange. Those are the years when kids obtain their unsolicited nicknames, even if their real names are "normal." Thus, "Jeremy" becomes "Germ," and "Mildred" becomes "Mildew."

Still having trouble deciding on a name? The babynames Web site has you covered. Just click on "personalized naming service."

Or, if you feel really bold, click on "rename yourself."

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

A tale of distant thunder

Magic Valley Reads looks at Idaho novelist's debut book

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Lots of folks spend a season or two in the Wood River Valley, never realizing that it was ever anything other than a ski mecca.

But Blaine County's rough-and-tumble legacy stuck in the consciousness of a Community School senior named Heather Parkinson after she moved to Ketchum from Boise a decade ago.

She spent just a year there, moving on to Willamette University in 1994. But an aspiring writer, she'd discovered the stuff of her first novel.

In 1996, Parkinson was awarded an undergraduate research grant to study the early settlers of the Wood River Valley, and she learned more than most Blaine County residents have forgotten about their community.

"It's a place with a colorful history, and many colorful characters," said Parkinson, whose novel "Across Open Ground" is the featured book of the second annual Magic Valley Reads program. "I guess if I was surprised by anything, it was the magnitude of the sheep industry there during World War I — 2.6 million sheep at one time, second only to Australia."

Parkinson always knew her historical research would be used for fiction.

"To me, doing research is like building the frame for a house," she said in a telephone interview from her home in Boise, where she's working on her second novel. "Writing fiction without knowing the facts behind what you're writing is just incomplete."

Bloomsbury, a New York-based publisher, bought her story about a 17-year-old Wood River Valley sheepherder who falls in love with a beautiful trapper in the months before America enters World War I. It was published last year.

"I've always been interested in historical fiction," said Parkinson, who's 28. "My second novel is set in Seattle at the end of World War I, and the outbreak of the Spanish flu."

A committee of local librarians, journalists, educators, business-folk and readers chose the book, which they hope the whole Magic Valley will read. Last year's selection was Kentucky novelist Wendell Berry's "The Memory of Old Jack."

The notion that everybody in one community should read the same novel isn't new; it's an exercise in community literacy tried



Carola Buckner, a librarian at the Twin Falls Public Library, shows off the newest selection in the Magic Valley Reads program. The book is "Across Open Ground" by Heather Parkinson and is a novel set in the Wood River Valley in the early 1900s.

Magic Valley Reads events

- **Thursday:** Idaho novelist Heather Parkinson will discuss "How characters get their hats" at 7 p.m. in Room 277 of the Taylor Administration Building at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. It's free, open to the public, and a reception will follow.
- **Friday:** Parkinson will visit with CSI and high school classes from 12 p.m. in Roper Auditorium at Twin Falls High School. It's free, and the public is welcome. From 4-5 p.m., she'll sign copies of her novel, "Across Open Ground," at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1239-A Pole Line Road E. At 6:30 p.m., Edward Zwick's 1994 film version of the Jim Harrison novel.
- **Legends of the Fall:** "Legends of the Fall," will be screened again at the Lamphouse Theater in Old Towne. After the movie, Parkinson and a panel will discuss the movie and the book.
- **Saturday:** Parkinson will conduct a writers' workshop starting at 10 a.m. in the Program Room at the Twin Falls Public Library. From 2-3 p.m., she'll sign copies of her novel at Hastings Books, Music & Videos, 870 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. At 1:30 p.m., "Legends of the Fall" will be screened again at the Lamphouse Theater.
- **March 2:** "Legends of the Fall" will be screened at 1:30 p.m. at the Lamphouse Theater in Old Towne.



From "Across Open Ground"

... a year ago, she was out trapping south of the valley near Craters of the Moon, where the land might just as well have been shellacite ... She said they'd been getting news about a war in Europe through the papers, as she sat there and looked at the land, she thought, that's how the corn could look, that's the picture I put with the war when I read about it, that desert ... I don't have a story about watching one man kill another to tell you how war will not end war. But I looked at how desolate and empty and pitted out that land looked, and I thought that's what we might become. The war will take the best of you."

they called back and told me it would be my book.

She'll be in Twin Falls Thursday through Saturday, highlighted by the Magic Valley Reads' keynote speech Thursday night in the Taylor Building on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho.

"Across Open Ground" sells for \$23.95 and is available from most Magic Valley bookstores.

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Educator pushes parenting with logic

Knight Ridder News Service

Jim Fay believes he has a fool-proof way for parents to avoid arguing with their children. He calls it "going brain-dead."

For example, next time your child utters a familiar phrase like "That's not fair," just say with a smile, "I know."

Practice the phrase, Fay told the audience gathered for his lectures at a Detroit-area high school.

Stretch out the O's in "know," he advises. Keep your voice to a whisper.

Suddenly, 600 parents are chuckling. The laughter grows each time Fay imitates an argumentative child.

"That's not fair," just say with a smile, "I know."

"You're so mean," Fay says. "I know-o-o-w," the crowd responds.

"You're a terrible parent," Fay says. "I know-o-o-o-o-o-w," the crowd answers.

"You don't love me," Fay continues. "That's not true," the crowd says.

"Nice try," the crowd says. Twenty years ago, Fay, a long-time Colorado teacher and principal, forced himself to change from his drill-sergeant style after a physical confrontation with a student.

Eager to find a new approach, he took psychologists to lunch. He studied parenting books. He jotted down the best advice he could find. Then he went back to school to teach parenting skills.

Now Fay, 68, is a highly sought-



Japan's littlest royal, Prince Aiko, walks as Crown Princess Masako watches at their residence, Togu Palace, in Tokyo earlier this month. According to educator Jim Fay, love is what parents show children when they make a mistake. Logic is what children learn from their own mistakes, he says.

after speaker, making some 100 appearances a year. His appeal is that he uses stories — not theory or psychobabble, as he calls it — to convey Love and Logic, the term he's coined for his approach and for the Love and Logic Institute, a Golden, Colo., parent resource group.

The love is what parents show children when they make a mistake. The logic is what children learn from their own mistakes.

Love and Logic has three simple rules:

- Give choices within limits.
- Set limits through enforceable statements.

Pop the big question with these helpful hints

• **Be sure you are both ready.** If you're going to ask someone to marry you — especially if you're going to do it in public — you had better be sure the answer will be "yes." If not, you may just scare off your significant other.

• **Think of what your partner really wants.** Propose the way your partner would like to be proposed to, not the way you'd like to be proposed to. If you are outgoing but your partner is introverted, she's not going to enjoy a Jumbotron proposal, even if you would.

• **Timing is key.** Be sure to ask when your partner is comfortable. One of the worst proposals I've heard of the guy goes out and buys a ring and keeps it in his pocket wrapped in tissue, it said Fred Cuellar, author of "The World's Greatest Proposals." "He's like, 'I'll know when the moment is right.' Finally, he's in his apartment and he's like, 'I can't take it any more. Right now, wherever she is, I'll pop the question.' He starts hollering for her and she's in the restroom. Right there when she's on the throne, he pulls out the ring."

• **Keep it simple.** The more complicated the proposal, the more likely it is that something will go wrong.

• **Don't be too obvious.** "You always hear about proposals where the woman's like, 'Well, he picked me up in front of my house in a limousine,'" said Paul Alden, founder of 2propose.com. "If you don't do that on a regu-

lar basis, don't start your proposal out that way because she's going to know immediately." If you want to surprise her with something out of the ordinary anyway, make up a story to throw her off. For example, tell her you had a drawing for a free limo ride.

• **Don't hide the ring in food.** "You cannot believe the amount of times people have swallowed a ring or chipped a tooth on a ring," Alden said.

• **Don't forget to ask.** Many people get so nervous or excited they fumble or forget to ask the actual question. "Sometimes, somebody will have rented out a movie theater to propose and he's done all this stuff and she's like, 'Aren't you going to get down on your knee?'" said Carley Roney, co-founder of TheKnot.com. "They've gone to all this trouble and what she really wants is the Prince charming picture in her head of him doing it on one knee."

• **Relax and enjoy the moment.** Don't get so stressed and caught up with the details that you don't have fun.

• **Bring a cell phone.** Both of you are going to want to call friends and family after the proposal.

—Source: Knight Ridder News Service

FAMILY LIFE

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive
 Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
 Monday: Burritos, refried beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, baked apple
 Tuesday: Spaghetti, green salad, Italian vegetables, french bread
 Wednesday: Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, green beans with ham, fruit salad, roll, ice cream, cake
 Thursday: chicken cordon bleu, au gratin potatoes, peas with onions, cottage cheese salad, muffin
 Friday: Swiss steak, potatoes, gravy, vegetables, fruit salad
 Activities
 Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Monday
 Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Foot clinic; make appointment
 Tuesday
 Ticket Tuesday
 Blood pressure check from 10:11-45 a.m.
 Commission of the blind
 Wednesday
 Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 Elks card game
 Birthday meal
 Thursday
 Pinocle at 1 p.m.
 Friday
 Quitting
 Lunch bingo
 Blood pressure check

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl
 Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.
 Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Lunch prices are \$3.50 and evening meals will be \$2.50. Sunday dinners are \$4. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Call the center by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the center, everyone is welcome.
 Sunday: Fried chicken
 Monday: Turkey and dumplings
 Tuesday: Roast beef
 Wednesday: Chili
 Thursday: Swiss steak

Friday: Center closed Activities

Thrifty shop open every day. Quitting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Roseland Band plays from 8-11 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. Admission is \$4.
 Sunday
 All-you-can-eat pork roast dinner buffet; \$4 for seniors, \$4.25 for non-seniors and \$2.50 for children under age 12.
 Monday
 Exercise from 10-11 a.m.
 Tuesday
 Exercises from 7-8 a.m.
 Quitting from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Treasure Tuesday
 Crafts from 1-4 p.m.
 Wednesday
 Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
 Thursday
 Exercises from 7-8 p.m.
 Quitting from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Bingo from 1-3 p.m.
 Friday
 Center closed
 Saturday
 Center closed

Flier Senior Haven

222 Main St., Flier
 Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.
 Tuesday: Beef sandwich
 Thursday: Oven fried chicken

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main N., Kimberly
 Monday-Friday: Menu not available
 Activities
 The thrift store is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday and from 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.
 Tuesday
 Bingo at 7 p.m.
 Wednesday
 Dominoes at 1 p.m.
 Thursday
 Crafts at 1 p.m.
 Friday
 Bingo at 11:55 a.m.
 Pinocle at 1 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield
 Meals are served at 12 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The suggested donation for seniors is \$2.50. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under age 10. To eat a meal at the center, call ahead at 764-2226.
 All menus are subject to change without notice.
 Tuesday: Macaroni ham and cheese casserole, green beans, salad, dessert, bread

Wednesday: Meat loaf, creamed potatoes, mixed vegetables, cole slaw, bread, dessert

Friday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, steamed cabbage, broccoli salad, bread, dessert
 Activities
 Monday
 Art class at 1 p.m.
 Tuesday
 Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Wednesday
 Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Thursday
 Quitting from 1-3 p.m.
 Friday
 Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Birthday party at 12:45 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.

308 Senior Ave.
 All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.
 Monday: Meat loaf, Scandinavian vegetables, potatoes, gravy, beefs, french bread, cookies
 Tuesday: Chili, baked potato, Normandy vegetables, corn bread, carrot and raisin salad, pudding
 Wednesday: Chicken parmesan, noodles, spinach, green salad, garlic bread, brownie
 Thursday: Roast turkey, potatoes, gravy, peas with pearl onions, penny carrot salad, roll, pumpkin squares

Shoshone Senior Center

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
 Tuesday: Meat, beans and gravy, California vegetable mix, green salad, boiled potatoes, homemade roll, orange juice, milk, coffee
 Wednesday: Chicken noodle soup, egg salad sandwich, peach pie, orange juice, milk, coffee
 Friday: Roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, squash, mixed salad, homemade rolls, birthday cake, ice cream, orange juice, milk, coffee
 Activities
 Monday
 Exercise from 9-9:30 a.m.
 Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
 Quitting at 10 a.m.
 Tuesday
 Lunch at noon
 Pinocle at 1 p.m.
 Wednesday
 Lunch at noon
 Early bird at 6 p.m.
 Bingo at 7 p.m.
 Thursday
 Exercise from 9-9:30 a.m.
 Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
 Arts and crafts at 10 a.m.
 Friday
 Pinocle at 1 p.m.

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.
 All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.
 Monday: Spaghetti, garlic bread, green beans, tossed salad, fruit, cookies
 Tuesday: Polish sausage, au gratin potatoes, sauerkraut, fruit medley, carrot cake

Wednesday: Three meat pizza, juice, peas, broccoli salad, butterscotch pudding

Thursday: Barbecue chicken, parsley potatoes, California blend vegetables, pasta salad, peach cobbler
 Friday: Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, corn, fruit, ice cream, cake
 Activities
 Monday
 Aerobics at 11 a.m.
 Zora's Band
 Tuesday
 Pinocle at 1 p.m.
 Snack bar at 6 p.m.
 Early bird bingo at 6:45 p.m.
 Bingo at 7 p.m.
 Wednesday
 Aerobics at 11 a.m.
 Pinocle at 7 p.m.
 Friday
 Aerobics at 11 a.m.
 Pinocle at 1 p.m.
 Birthday dinner

'Richfield Senior Center

Monday: Ham, scalloped potatoes, buttered beets, tossed salad, birthday cake, ice cream, orange juice, milk, coffee
 Thursday: Hamburgers, vegetable soup, apple pie, orange juice, milk, coffee

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Halley
 Meals are served at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
 Milk, juice, coffee and tea are served with all meals
 Tuesday: French dip sandwich, au jus, pasta salad, three bean casserole, peach cobbler with blueberries and cream, cowboy cookies
 Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, mushrooms, parsley potatoes, biscuits, buttered carrots, ambrosia, butterscotch brownies
 Friday: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, cranberry Jell-O, salad, green salad, hot rolls, green beans, coconut cream pie
 Activities
 Monday
 Taxes from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Citizens

203 Wilson, Eden
 Open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is

\$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee.

Mondays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar-bake days. Home delivered meals are delivered Monday through Friday.
 Tuesday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, salad, applesauce, cake, ice cream, rolls
 Wednesday: Bake day
 Thursday: Sausage patty, potatoes, gravy, Jell-O salad, green beans, cherry pie, bread
 Activities
 Wednesday
 Bingo at 7 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior/Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman
 Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lunch is served at noon on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2. Coffee, tea, juice and bread served with all meals
 Monday: Taco pie, salad, dessert
 Wednesday: Turkey dinner
 Friday: Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad
 Thrift store open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert
 Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals.
 Monday: Sloppy juice, oven browns, peas, pudding, assorted salad
 Tuesday: Lasagna, carrots, grilled toast, sherbet
 Wednesday: Chicken and rice,

green beans, rolls, sherbet

Thursday: Chef salad, Texas toast, cake
 Friday: Smorgasbord
 Center gift shop is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Blood pressure taken from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month. Quitting and pool table daily during center hours. Crafts every day. Home delivered meals are available Monday through Friday upon request. Volunteers are needed to do grocery shopping for shut-ins. Call Riddleys at 436-1200
 Monday
 Exercise from 10-11 a.m.
 Songfest from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 Tuesday
 Pinocle from 1-4 p.m.
 Wednesday
 Bingo from 1-2 p.m.
 Thursday
 Pinocle from 1-4 p.m.
 Friday
 Exercise from 10-11 a.m.
 SHIBA Medicare supplemental insurance assistance from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call George Schwinderman at 436-9107.
 Friday
 Pinocle from 1-4 p.m.
 Bingo at 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland, Burley
 All dinners are served at noon.
 Monday: Turkey pot pie, biscuit, fruit salad, oatmeal cookie
 Tuesday: Pastrami and Swiss hoagie, potato soup, three bean salad, peaches, ice cream
 Wednesday: Beefy tomato macaroni, corn, hard roll, cole slaw, roll, strawberry short cake
 Thursday: Potato bar, green salad, egg, roll, berry cheese-cake
 Friday: Meat loaf, green onion potatoes, carrots, herb roll, fruit salad, vanilla custard
 Activities
 Monday
 Pool at 10 a.m.
 Exercise at 11:15 a.m.
 Pinocle at 1 p.m.
 Tuesday
 Tax help from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 Pool at 10 a.m.
 Exercise at 11:15 a.m.
 Computer class at 1 p.m.
 Bingo at 7 p.m.
 Wednesday
 Pool at 10 a.m.
 Exercise at 11 a.m.
 Pinocle at 1 p.m.
 Thursday
 Pool at 10 a.m.
 Exercise at 11 a.m.
 Friday
 Pool at 10 a.m.
 Exercise at 11 a.m.
 Bingo at 1 p.m.
 Pinocle at 1 p.m.

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Seniors Are Seeing The Benefit Of Pumping Iron

"Mom! Grandma's hogging all the free weights, and won't let me do my wrist curls!"

Hmmm...did you ever think you'd hear that statement outside of a far-from-reality TV sitcom? Believe it or not, that scenario could easily exist these days...as doctors, physical therapists and a whole bunch of seniors are touting the benefits of weightlifting for persons of all ages, including (yes, for real) those in their 90s.

The fact is, lifting weights is great for practically anyone after they've stopped growing, and the benefits remain unchanged regardless of age. Of course, experts don't necessarily encourage octogenarians to start training for dead-lift competitions, but neither are they limiting them to a few repetitions with one-pound barbells, either.

Weightlifting in the senior years may actually be more beneficial than in earlier years, as it can counteract the natural loss of muscle mass that occurs as we age. Normal exercise such as walking, swimming and aerobics may tone muscles, but the actual addition and strengthening of muscular mass may prevent a number of age-related health problems.

According to the American College of Sports Medicine (www.acsm.org), a group of nursing home residents in their late 80s to early 90s improved their muscle strength by a whopping 180% after just two months of weight training. Great, you may think, these seniors are getting buff... but what you may not know is that they are walking better, falling less and doing far more than they were before.

Before beginning weight training, everyone, not just seniors, should have a checkup. Once cleared for the activity by your physician, look to a professional at a health club or similar facility for the right kind of program. If you haven't been physically active for some time, expect to start out slowly, but be patient. Eventually, in a few months or so, the benefits will become apparent. Remember, even Arnold Schwarzenegger didn't get where he is overnight.

by Dan Aspell

HEALTHY CHEF

Cottage Cheese-Orange Salad

INGREDIENTS:

- Dissolve one 3-oz. package of sugar-free orange Jello in 1/2 cup boiling water.
- Add 3 or 4 ice cubes, stirring until Jello starts to gel. If it gels before the ice has melted, remove the ice.
- Add one can of Mandarin Oranges, drained, one to two cups low fat cottage cheese, and one cup Cool Whip (optional). (Dream Whip made with 1% or 2% milk may be used instead of Cool Whip.)

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THE Sunday Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS**
- 1 Spicy condiment
 - 10 In a state of
 - 15 Blind with hope
 - 19 Show subservience
 - 20 Site of the 1952 Winter Olympic Games
 - 21 Weasel-like mammal
 - 22 Sign for Bird
 - 23 Unparalleled
 - 26 I've had!
 - 27 Misses in Madrid
 - 28 Author of "Hiders of the Purple Sage"
 - 29 and feathered
 - 31 Leopard of "Star Trek"
 - 32 Lump of clay
 - 33 Son-in-law to Eternity Oscar winner
 - 34 Tack
 - 35 Burn up the highway
 - 36 Sign at all
 - 40 Ultramarine
 - 46 Fort Knox bar
 - 47 Show of hands
 - 48 Fly with a tail
 - 49 Niagara noise
 - 50 The Who drummer
 - 51 Veggie
 - 52 Hazards
 - 55 112.5 degrees
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- 58 Dirty
- 59 Mortals
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- 64 Dirty spots
- 67 Fall-fair ones
- 69 Armored
- 70 Claret relative
- 71 Young wolf
- 73 Now-seen everything!
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- 77 Heavy hammer
- 78 Ben and Bobby
- 81 Department store department
- 83 Vocalist Vusi
- 84 Fly with a tail
- 85 Run ... of the law
- 86 Standout
- 89 Cheese
- 90 evergreen tree
- 91 Dunkable treat
- 92 Bakery buy
- 93 German dramatist
- 94 Hautmann
- 94 Bar-code reader
- 95 Rum to woe
- 96 Worn away
- 97 unevenly
- 100 Liquefied
- 101 Source of dietary fiber
- 102 Flora
- 106 Geometry
- 107 Definition
- 107 Preeminence
- 110 Party action
- 111 Electric
- 112 Toward shelter

- 113 Lethargic
- 114 Mamo
- 115 Intermittently
- 116 Rocky crags
- 117 Furtive look!
- DOWN**
- 1 Downhill gliders
- 2 Jack Spratt's diet
- 3 Unsurpassed
- 4 In working order
- 5 Tea Party locale
- 6 Composition
- 7 Celebrant robes
- 8 Fiddle (with)
- 10 "The Jetsons" dog
- 11 Founded
- 12 Abide by
- 13 Under the weather
- 14 Southpaw
- 15 Part of Newfoundland
- 16 On guard
- 17 Take the helm
- 18 Accord compact
- 19 College acronym
- 25 Dome-shaped building
- 30 From scratch
- 31 Tearing to a point
- 32 Pteridophyte
- 33 Actor-Pickens
- 34 Picnic sound
- 36 "Covers" vein
- 37 Moral obligation
- 38 Uneven halicut
- 40 Exudes slowly
- 41 Pine fitting
- 42 Slight coloration
- 43 Pine product
- 44 Blasted, as
- 45 Cactus
- 43 Frock
- 47 Moving vehicle
- 48 Wafers, as a lawn
- 51 Long-gone birds
- 52 Rise up
- 54 Window-sledge
- 57 Goose egg
- 58 Outlying district
- 60 Brand's best
- 61 Acened
- 62 Embankment
- 63 Bakery fixtures
- 64 "A Visit from St. Nicholas" poet
- 66 Pat of mowse
- 69 Seuss or Spook
- 72 Coloration
- 73 "Of _____ and Man"
- 78 Cape near Lisbon
- 79 Essex's region
- 80 Peak-to-peak
- 81 Fashion feature
- 82 "The Flintstones" speech
- 84 Contract in
- wrinkles
- 99 Gantry or Fudd
- 101 Automatic
- 102 Advances at
- 103 Winslow
- 104 Equestrian game
- 105 Palm-reader's
- 106 "It's _____ of Wraith"
- 104 Choice spot in the road?
- 105 Age-forming
- 106 Adjust
- 107 Firing line
- 108 Mousse bird
- 96 Looks ...
- 97 Firing line
- 98 Newman or Travis

Taurus: Lie low, don't force issues

IF FEBRUARY 23RD IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are a blend of intellectuality and sex appeal. You are drawn to writing and psychology. You're romantic and have a tendency to hurt, but you are always willing to give romance another chance. Gemini, Virgo and Sagittarius may play active issues. Money flows in your life, could have these letters in names: E, N, W.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): On this Sunday, debates continue to rage. It could be time for you to use the rebuilding program. Scorpio will play outstanding role.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Lie low, don't force issues. Money flows will be paid; remain on diplomatic terms. Read and write, take notes that could be the start of a diary. Gemini involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will be invited to join an exclusive group. Give full pull to intellectual curiosity; the more questions you ask, the better for all.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Protect self in emotional clinches.

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Don't give up something of value for temporary pleasure. Define terms, outline boundaries. You will be regarded as a "mystery figure."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You come face to face with adversity. Don't flinch; your anger is going to walk away a winner. You will inspire and be inspired. Capricorn, Cancer natives will verify your courage.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Some people want to throw you off track. Maintain emotional equilibrium and ability to laugh at your own foibles. You stand tall and gain additional admirers. Aries represented.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You discover different ways of increasing income. Highlight independence, original thinking, take a chance on your own capabilities. You are ready

to get let nothing stop you!

SCORPIO (Nov. 23-Nov. 21): Attention revolves around you; ability to handle domestic strife. You will be fulfilled and proud. You have worked long time - this is the time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): What you feared will turn out to be a laughing matter. Do not fear the unknown. Another Sagittarian will help you strengthen ties.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Many of your hopes, wishes could come true; don't wish for more than you can handle. Love relationship intensifies, neither one of you will be seriously burned.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Almost anything you touch could turn to gold! Read and write, teach and learn. This will be a day to remember with a smile and gratitude. Virgo will play amazing role.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Attention revolves around home, family and ability to gain greater degree of financial security. You will have some unusual music, march or dance to your own tune.

Tag-team discipline works - if it is well-coordinated

Q: My husband's 8-year-old son lives with his mother. We see him every other weekend and for two weeks in the summer. He has major problems in school, mostly with not finishing his work. He's well-behaved when he's with us, but his mother lets him get away with a lot. Also, she doesn't believe she should punish him if he gets in trouble at school. She thinks the teacher should punish for school problems, she should punish for home problems - but she doesn't. We discuss it, but she has planned a trip to Disney World and has told Charlie that if he doesn't do his schoolwork between now and then, we will not give him spending money for the trip. He did his work for one week, then stopped. Now we're second-guessing our decision. What do you think?

A: My general rule is that when divorced parents do not agree on discipline for their children, the toddler parent (NCP) should not discipline for misbehavior/problems that occur while the child is in the care of the custodial parent (CP). The rationale is practical, not philosophical. In a situation of this sort, punishment merited out by the NCP is not likely to have any lasting positive effect and may cause the child to begin resisting visitation. The CP may also seize the opportunity to



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John Rosemond

"score" with the child by compensating for, and thus effectively neutralizing, the NCP's discipline.

Under the circumstances, the original problem may well worsen. Let's say you follow through with your original plan and give Charlie no spending money for the trip. When he returns to his mother's, she makes it up to him by taking him on a relatively lavish shopping spree. Ultimately, Charlie is rewarded for not doing well in school. Then, with his mother's subtle (or not-so-subtle) encouragement, he begins resisting visitation. Suddenly, despite the undeniable fact that you have Charlie's best interests at heart, you are the villain in an unfolding soap opera that has the potential of spiraling quickly downward. In the end, Charlie is the loser, big time.

So, when you arrive at Disney World, just give Charlie a reasonable amount of money to use as frivolously as he chooses. Don't

even say, "We've changed our minds." Just give it to him. Do all you can to create a family experience that will forever stand out in Charlie's memories of his childhood. Disney World, after all, is not to place to make an issue of things that have happened in Real World.

Q: So, John, are you saying it's all right for divorced parents who agree on disciplinary matters to be a "tag team" where discipline is concerned?

A: That's exactly what I'm saying, but the "tag team" approach should be limited to major behavior or school performance problems and only be employed upon request of the parent in whose "territory" the problem occurred or is occurring. Needless to say, it is not appropriate for a parent who simply

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does not want to discipline to hand that responsibility off to the other parent. In the above example, if Charlie's mom had requested her ex to be "in" low through with certain consequences when Charlie fails to do his work in school, it would be appropriate for him to do so. As do all children in all family situations, Charlie needs to hear the same message from every significant adult in his life. But again, I wouldn't deliver the message at Disney World.

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Adverbs can hurt so bad

DEAR EDITOR: When I was a grade schooler I was taught that some adjectives became adverbs by adding "ly" to the word. I was also told there were exceptions to the rule. For example, it would not be correct to say "He felt badly." He felt bad. Can you verify my recollection and elaborate?

-C.T., LIVINGSTON, N.J.

DEAR C.T.: Yes, we can, but we should point out first of all that the "bad" of "He felt bad" is actually an adjective. "Felt" in this context is a linking verb that is followed by an adjective complement, as in "He felt good," "He felt happy," and so on. But "bad" is in fact used as an adverb in contexts like "He played badly" and "He hurt me badly." Adverbs of this kind are called "flat adverbs," meaning they have the same form as their adjectival counterparts, like "fast" in "drive fast." Flat adverbs have been a problem for grammarians and schoolmasters for a couple of centuries, and usage writers continue to wrestle with them.

Flat adverbs were more abundant and were used in greater variety formerly than they are now, as in Daniel Defoe's "Robinson Crusoe" of 1719: "the weather was so violent hot." You would be hard pressed to find many modern examples that use "violent" as an adverb.

Originally such adverbs were not identical to adjectives but were marked by case endings, usually just an "e." But over the course of Middle English these endings disappeared. Grammarians of the 18th century could not explain how these words were adverbs. They saw them as adjectives and considered it a mistake to use an adjective for an adverb. Their preference was for the adverbial ending "-ly."

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lowered the status of quite a few others. Many of those that continue to use, like "bad," "bright," "close," "fair," "loud," "sharp," and "tight," compete with an "ly" adverb form. A flat adverb like "fast" and "soon" have survived as the only choices.

The controversy or uncertainty over the status of flat adverbs is a legacy of the early grammarians' insistence on Latin as a model. Latin grammar cannot explain how the same word can be used as both an adjective and adverb.

But English has many words that can function as both. If the early grammarians had realized that English was not the same as Latin, a lot of agonizing might have been avoided, and we might also have avoided such adverbs as "munchy" and "thusly," formed in accordance with the grammarians' preference for "ly" forms.

DEAR EDITOR: While reading about the Washington, D.C., area I came across the expression "Foggy Bottom." Is this a geographical area, the state of mind of some of our leaders, or what? Please lead me out of the fog.

-D.M., HORTON, MICH.

DEAR D.M.: Some might say it's both. "Foggy Bottom" is first of all a section of Washington, D.C., down along the Potomac River. Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Tenth Edition, defines "bottom" in its relevant sense as "low-lying land along a watercourse."

"Foggy" in this context has been ascribed to the morning mists along the river and also to the fact that the area now known as Foggy Bottom was at one time

the location of a gasworks. In 1947, the State Department set up shop in a new building at this site, and not long after that the name for the site became synonymous with the State Department itself, in the same way that "the White House" commonly represents the executive branch of the government and "the Pentagon" stands for the Defense Department. "Foggy Bottom" in this use has never caught on to quite the extent of those two, but it still occurs from time to time.

DEAR EDITOR: In a museum recently, I saw a painting of a cavalier on a rearing horse. The painting was done in the 17th century. I don't recall the painting's full title, but it had the word "levade" in it. I have not been able to find the word "levade" in the dictionary. Can you tell me what it means?

-S.F., NASHVILLE, TENN.

DEAR S.F.: "Levade" is a term from the field of dressage, which is the performance of precision maneuvers by a trained horse in response to barely noticeable signals from its rider. The levade is a movement in which the horse raises its forequarters, brings its hindquarters under itself, and balances with its haunches deep bent and its forelegs drawn up. If the horse raises its forequarters higher than 45 degrees, the maneuver is known as a "pesade."

"Levade" and "pesade" (and "dressage" itself) come from French. "Levade" is related to the French verb "lever," "to raise."

This column was prepared by the editors of Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Tenth Edition. Readers may send questions to Merriam-Webster's WordCoach, P.O. Box 281, 47 Federal St., Springfield, Mass. 01102.

When's Washington's birthday?

It was originally February 11



SKYWATCHER
Chris Anderson

Ask someone when George Washington was born, and they'll probably answer, "Feb. 22, 1732." Yet Washington's early writings list it as Feb. 11, 1731. What's going on here? The annuals of astronomy tell the answer.

The source of the confusion dates to 44 B.C., when Julius Caesar introduced a new calendar, in which the year began on the spring equinox, then March 25. As a result, every four years a leap day was added, making a calendar year of 365 days, 6 hours. While close to the actual length of a tropical year (365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, 45.216 seconds), by 1582, the error had accumulated to the point where the equinox was now falling on March 21. So the Catholic Church (arbitrarily of such matters in those days) decreed that the "New Year" should begin on March 21 henceforth.

Of course, that didn't fix the problem, and by 1582 the equinox was falling on March 11. Once again the church stepped in, in this case correcting the error rather than judging it. New timekeeping methods determined that by skip-

ping three leap days every four hundred years, the error would only amount to about 27 seconds per year.

Pope Gregory's calendar also shifted New Year's Day from March 21 to Jan. 1. This incidentally, is why for example October - whose root, octo-, means "eighth" - is now the tenth month.

Most of the Catholic world adopted the new Gregorian calendar immediately, and riots promptly ensued when landlords tried to collect rent at the end of a month that was only three weeks long. So you can't blame Britain and the Colonies for failing to adopt the new system until 1752. In that year, Washington's 1731, the day after Sept. 2 was Sept. 14.

Sky calendar
(through Saturday)

- Planets:
 - One hour before sunset: Venus, SE, very low
 - Mars, SSE, low
 - One hour after sunset: Saturn, S, very high
 - Jupiter, E
- Moon:
 - Third quarter today, 9:56 a.m. near Mars Monday and Tuesday morning
 - Near Venus Thursday morning

The future president, whose birthday had been Feb. 11, 1731 under the Julian calendar, had to begin writing it as Feb. 22, 1732 thereafter.

Next week: The old moon in the new moon's arms.

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On Dec. 21, the Southern Idaho Snake River Bros held their drawing for a 2002 Honda Fourtrax ATV. The winner was Michael Lewis, on the ATV, of Buhl. The club held the raffle as one of its many fund-raisers, which help needy children and various children's charities in the Magic Valley, Wood River Valley and northern Nevada. The organization gave over \$10,000 to various organizations and individuals in 2002. With the winner are the 2002 Snake River Bros officers, from left to right, Phil Labat, sergeant at arms; Roger Bolton, treasurer; Kevin Sketton, president; Kregl Bell, vice president; and Wes Wall, owner of Adventure Motorsports and cosponsor of the fund-raiser.



Snake River Bros

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Gooding HS lists honor students

GOODING - Gooding High School announces its first semester honor roll.

3.0-3.429 GPA

Sophomores: Mike Bauser, Brett Cheney, Joshua Jensen, Kenneth McCrae, Ryan Mortensen, Herbert Siro, Anthony Kouze, Brian Sauer, John Reed, Andrew Rich, Carl Hart, Abby Abramowski, Anna Daniel, Lane Gerritt, Tiffany Hayden, Melissa Myers, Lisa Valente, Amy Strickland, Kyle Kaska, Fred Miller, Steve Shultz.

Juniors: Zachary Bezan, Erin Fox, Melissa M. Donald, Ray M. Mordie, Eric Akala, Julie Lagunauche.

Seniors: Saundra Arkoosh, Anneli Hoffman, Theresa Keaholalo, John Schaefer, Travis Eichert, Kathryn Rice, Travis James, William Seifert.

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Festival features award-winning singer

DECLO - The Mini-Cassia Junior Music Festival is scheduled to Feb. 28 to March 1 at Declo High School.

The event will feature Mei Zhong of Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. She will adjudicate the festival and scholarships on March 1.

She also will perform in conjunction with a two-hour master class at 6 p.m. Feb. 28. Those included in the master class session are senior students, preferably pursuing a degree in voice. All private voice teachers are invited to include students in the master class. Class size is limited to eight to nine students, and pre-registration is suggested. Cost is



Mei Zhong

\$8 per person or \$20 per family.

For more information or to register call Leslie Crafton at 532-4626.

Zhong received a doctorate of music from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, master's degree in performance and practice from the University of California at Los Angeles, bachelor's degree in piano performance from Hunan Teachers

University, and a diploma of voice for advanced study from Shanghai Conservatory of Music. Zhong also has taught at Idaho State University and Human Teachers University, has been a visiting professor at four universities, and guest editor of music education for the Conservatory of Music at Nanjing Teachers University in China.

Among her honors, she was the first prize winner of the National Vocal Competition for the Alice Abel National Vocal and Instrumental Awards, won the Idaho District Vocal Competition twice, and was awarded an ISU Faculty Research Grant and the Artist Honor from Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

Kimberly HS names honor students

KIMBERLY - Kimberly High School announced its honor roll for the first semester.

High honor roll

12.5 to 4.0 GPA

Ninth grade: Kira Lullinger, Marcelline Glavin, Kara Paine, Alison Price, Megan Stradey, Laura Wright.

Tenth grade: Elizabeth Wright, Chelsea Cochran, Kelly Stout, Kathryn Baldwin, Jordan Funk, Saylor Gardner, Kaitlyn Hanchey, Morgan Lantz, Joseph Mason, Morgan Giles, Daniel Baez, Zachary Jones, Heather Catherine, John Hanchey, John Henneman, Lindsay Johnson.

Eleventh grade: Elizabeth Wright, Chelsea Cochran, Kelly Stout, Kathryn Baldwin, Jordan Funk, Saylor Gardner, Kaitlyn Hanchey, Morgan Lantz, Joseph Mason, Morgan Giles, Daniel Baez, Zachary Jones, Heather Catherine, John Hanchey, John Henneman, Lindsay Johnson.

Twelfth grade: Cameron Allen, Charlene Balba, Jesse Crane, Whitney Lebert, Erin Lehmann, Allison Lewis, Emily Malwee, Justin Baurer, Aubrey Wilcox, Nakya Zedlow.

Seniors: Jordan Crane, Emily Flowers, Mistie Flowers, Whitney Funk, Zachary Taylor, Jordan Atkinson, Jacob Averbach, Kara Lullinger, Danielle Everitt, Cole Wright, Desiree Berba, Corey King, Lindsey Cunningham, Jayde Graham, Shay Lawrence, Krista Lawer, Chad Watts, Jason Godfrey, Cassie Chapin, Erin Conley, Alexis Kenyon, Lauren Almand, Darin Mauer, Samantha Perkins, Adam Wells, Brent Higley, Koby Kreyer, Jennifer Workman, Andrew Foulad, Melissa Larsen, Jack Evans, Cole Howland, Melissa McKill, Kendal Nield, Ashley Silvers.

Eleventh grade: Melissa Larsen, Kim Wade, Lindsay Belin, Steven Lee, Ashley Kenemay, Ashley Ballinmet, Lara Bradshaw, Shantel Brughurst, Jennifer Gardner, Kory Krieger, Haerle Smith, Jason Cook.

Twelfth grade: Adam Egan, Juan Gomez, Lynn Hathaway, Lynn Olsen, Johannes Giesen, Jarel John, Andrew Hill, Clifford White, Melissa McKill, James Calderon, Hannah Robbens, Haerle Bradley Butler, Martin Ginder, Nicholas Marshall, Wesley Shinn, Amy Hopkins, Jared Beard, Marc Camis, Nicholas Marshall, Brandon Muser, Aaron Osborne, Lynn Paulson, John Robson, Steven Swartzfild.

Declo High announces honor roll

DECLO - Declo High School announced its honor roll for the second quarter.

Ninth grade high honors

Chad Allen, Jana Insh and Beth Moorman

Tenth grade high honors

Richard Wheeler, Jeff Lowe, Aloha Zollinger, Jason Turner, Luke Rice, Jason Kellie, Rebekah Christensen and Kayla Dorton

Eleventh grade honor

Amanda Blaw, Lacey Kuvana and Sara Smith

Twelfth grade honor

Teresa Moonson, Erin Love, Mackenzie Pines, Brennon Baker, Megan Young, Jordan Bagwell, Holly Monroe, Cole Howard, Marc Christensen, Mitchell Suter, Ashley Husvaker, Lanes Hendrix, Monica Fish, Whitney Anderson, Eric Neale, Devin Harper, Nancy Mitchell, Craig Rivers, Ashley Huggins, Holly Bell, Cassie Brown, Ryder Carlson, Benjamin Gibbs, Tristan Muller, Melissa Turner, Yvonne Backler, Terry Harrington and Brooke Whiting

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Grace Meighan Mulick, daughter of Anne and Edward Mulick of Bellevue, was born Monday, Feb. 3, 2003.

Jennifer Mae Jordan, daughter of Joseph and James Jordan of Halley, was born Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2003.

Beatriz Adriana Sanchez-Alvarez, daughter of Alicia Alvarez and Fernando Sanchez of Halley, was born Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2003.

Sophia Alexandra Hernandez, daughter of Catrina and Raymundo Hernandez of Halley, was born Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2003.

Ryder Zachary Price, son of Dana and Daryl Price of Halley, was born Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2003.

Priscilla Marie Rodriguez, daughter of Claudia and

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Rebecca Marie Rhoades, daughter of Rama Maxwell and Roy Lavar Rhoades of Filer, was born Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003.

Dakota Jakob Graham, son of Tammy May and Timothy Wayne Graham of Murtaugh, was born Thursday, Feb. 13, 2003.

Ree Elizabeth Newey, daughter of Tarlynn and Chad David Newey of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Feb. 13, 2003.

Claira J. Darrow, daughter of Wendy Michelle and Brian Justin Darrow of Castleford, was born Thursday, Feb. 13, 2003.

Aubree Nicole Johns, daughter of Amy Elaine and Marcus Johns of Jerome, was born Friday, Feb. 14, 2003.

Hailey Marie Herman, daughter of Heather Dawn Herman of Hazelton, was born Sunday, Feb. 16, 2003.

Abagail Scott Martinez, daughter of Sarah Marie and Brian Scott Martinez Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003.

Frederico Rodriguez of Halley, was born Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003.

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Filer Public Library announces new additions

FILER - Recent additions to the Filer Public Library, 219 Main St., were announced.

Fiction: "A Place Called Rainwater" by Dorothy Garlock, "Sons of Fortune" by Jeffrey Archer, "The Arrangement" by Steve Martini, "Sea Hunters II" by Clive Cussler and Craig Dugale, "Answered Prayers" by Danielle Steele, "Basket Case" by Carl Hiaasen, "The Penwith Curse" by Catherine Coulter, "Truly Madly Manic" by Nora Roberts, "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Kidd Monk, "Crossroads of Twilight" by Robert Jordan, "A Victorian Rose" by Catherine Palmer, "Jerusalem's Hope" by Bodie and Brock Thoene, "Catherine's Heart" by Lawrence Sanders, "Home to Harmony" by Philip Gulley, "Swift As Desire" by Laura Equival, "Fat Ollie's Book" by Ed McBain, "Hill to King" by George Pelecanos, "The King of Torts" by John Grisham, "By the Light of the Moon" by Dean Koontz, "After the Fire" by Belva Plain, "Ghost Town at Sundown" by Mary Pope Osborne, "Dolphins" at

Daybreak

by Mary Pope Osborne and "The Bad Beginning," "The Reptile Roo," "The Wide Window" and "The Miserable Mill" by Lemony Snicket.

For more information, call the library at 326-4143.

Vendors are needed for Mini-Cassia Craft Fair

RUPERT - Booth space is available for crafters and commercial vendors for the Spring Mini-Cassia Craft Fair Home and Garden Show, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 15 at Minico High School.

The event will cover two gyms with more than 100 booths. Door prizes will be given away throughout the day, as well as a cart full of groceries. Admission is 50 cents at the door or free with advance tickets, which will be available from area merchants. Lunch will be available. Booth space is limited, and vendors are encouraged to call early to ensure availability.

Former Utah Jazz player Antoine Carr will sign autographs at the event, and have autographed basketballs for sale. Proceeds will go to scholarships

Buhl Community Ed announces classes

BUHL - The Buhl Community Education and Recreation Association announced the following upcoming classes:

"Wedding Planning Ideas" will be offered from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Mondays, beginning March 3 in the Buhl High School Library, 525 Sawtooth Ave. The class will run for four weeks. The cost is \$9.

An ornament workshop will be held from 7-9 p.m. March 3 in the Buhl High School art room. Participants will create driftwood ornaments with the face of a leprechaun. A sample is on display at Concepts 'N' Motion, 125 S. Broadway Ave. in Buhl. Participants should bring small brushes if they have them. The cost is \$6 plus \$3 for supplies.

For more information, call

Antique tractors pulls up to Magic Valley Mall

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Antique Tractor Pullers will bring a ton of metal to the Magic Valley Mall when it hosts its 13th annual antique tractor show Feb. 28-March 2.

The show will run in conjunction with the AgriAction farm show, which will be held that weekend at the College of Southern Idaho.

The antique exhibit will include about 20 tractors, 50 stationary engines, farm equipment, a peddle tractor display, miniature toys and other farm-related items.

The exhibit is free and open to the public.

TFHS student performs senior recital Saturday

TWIN FALLS - Jeff Crandall, son of Monte and Ann Crandall, will perform his senior recital at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the O'Leary Junior High School auditorium, 2350 Elizabeth Blvd. in Twin Falls.

He will be assisted by mem-



Jeff Crandall

bers of the Twin Falls High School Chamber Singers.

Crandall, 17, has studied saxophone with Linda Auferdeide, voice with Serena Jenkins Clark and piano with Teala Percin.

Crandall is a senior at Twin Falls High School, where he is active in Chamber Singers, Key Club, National Honor Society and band. He is co-president of JVE and an Eagle Scout.

He has won the Music Teachers National Association State and Northwest Regional High School Woodwind competitions last year on saxophone. He also participated in the All-Northwest Choir.

Crandall will attend Brigham Young University in the fall.

CSI offers class on 'Ballroom Aerobics'

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer "Ballroom Aerobics" from 10:11

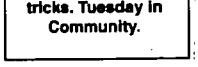
am. Thursdays, March 6 through April 10 at the Dance Center, 434 Main St. in Twin Falls.

The cost is \$30, and the instructor is local dance teacher, Melissa Belliston.

The class will focus on learning and enhancing basic ballroom steps in an aerobic frame of mind. No partners are needed, and students should wear comfortable clothes and work-out shoes.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

Course teaches old drivers new tricks. Tuesday in Community.



ENGAGEMENTS

CRYSTAL-GODFREY

RUPERT - Shalet Maria Crystal and Greg Brent Godfrey announce their engagement.

Crystal is the daughter of Steve and Karma Eherington of Rupert and David Crystal of Burley. She attended Brigham Young University-Hawaii and graduated with an associate's degree from Idaho State University.

Godfrey is the son of Brent and Jill Godfrey of Clarkston, Utah. He served an LDS mission to Sacramento, Calif. He is attending Utah State University. The wedding is planned for Thursday at the Logan LDS Temple. A reception to honor the



Greg Godfrey and Shalet Crystal couple will be held at 7 p.m. March 8 at the Rupert West Stake Center.

AIKEN-PICKERING

TWIN FALLS - Jaymane and Jerry Aiken of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Michelle Aiken, to Daniel Huggins Pickering, son of Tony and Brownwyn Pickering of Mount Vernon, Wash.

Aiken is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and Washington State University in Pullman, Wash. She is employed at Project PACE Inc. in Portland, Ore.

Pickering is a graduate of Mount Vernon High School and Western Washington University in Bellingham, Wash. He is employed at Stanwood Grill in Stanwood, Wash.



Daniel Pickering and Jill Aiken

The wedding is planned for May 3 in Mount Vernon. A reception will be held following the ceremony.

KEPNER-RASMUSSEN

TWIN FALLS - Marilyn and Jerry Kepner of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Kepner, to Cody Rasmussen, son of Rocky and Sharla Rasmussen of Jerome.

Kepner is a 1995 graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is employed at the Twin Falls School District.

Rasmussen is employed at Twin Falls Truck Accessory Center.



Cody Rasmussen and Nicole Kepner

The wedding is planned for September.

GIBSON-KELSO

HANSEN - Tom and Jeanne Gibson of Hansen announce the engagement of their daughter, Ondrea Nicole Gibson, to Ryan Hal Kelso, son of Hal and Debbie Kelso of Eden.

Gibson is a graduate of Hansen High School and the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at D.L. Evans Bank Mortgage Center in Twin Falls.

Kelso is a graduate of Valley High School. He is employed at Pepsi-Cola in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for Saturday at the Twin Falls Nazarene Church. A reception



Ondrea Gibson and Ryan Kelso

will be held Saturday at the Turf Club following the ceremony.

BALTZOR-TATTERSALL

EDEN - Bill and Maria Baltzor of Boise announce the engagement of their daughter, Natasha Less Baltzor, to Jabe James Tattersall of Boise, son of Jim and Valda Tattersall of Eden.

Baltzor is a graduate of Borah High School and is attending Boise State University. She is employed by Springa Networks.

Tattersall is a graduate of Valley High School. He is employed by American Paving Co.

The wedding is planned for March 8 in Filer.



Natasha Baltzor and Jabe Tattersall

SILVA-BROOKS

TWIN FALLS - Diane Silva and Seth Brooks, both of Twin Falls, announce their engagement.

Silva is the daughter of Serafina Silva of California and the late Jose Silva. She is a graduate of Arroyo High School in San Lorenzo, Calif., and is employed at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Brooks is the son of Jack and Bonnie Brooks of Twin Falls. He is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is employed at Jerome Cheese in Jerome.

The wedding is planned for



Seth Brooks and Diane Silva July 12. A reception will be held at Alexander's Barn in Filer.

Survey: Women say aging isn't so bad

Night Rider News Survey

A majority of women age 50-plus say getting older isn't as bad as they expected, a new survey shows.

(A third of the older women say aging is worse. These less contented women - most of whom are unmarried - belong to a group whose numbers are on the rise.)

But for the most part, the study by the National Center on Women and Aging at Brandeis University challenges a stereotype that aging is a drag.

Other findings of the poll, which queried 1,001 women in August of last year, include:

- Age isn't necessarily the issue. Disability can hit at any age. And once serious health conditions surface, it affects women's ability to pay for health insurance and health care, as well as saving for the future.

- Taking control of what you can makes a difference. Four keys to aging well are staying as active as you can, both mentally and physically; living within your means; saving some money; and keeping connections to family, friends and community strong.

- Working is good for contentedness and finances. Women who work are significantly more likely (58 percent of women in the workplace vs. 49 percent who aren't) to report aging as "better" than expected and almost twice as likely to express confidence in their financial futures.

- Working women see age discrimination in the workplace. One in five women who are working say they never plan to retire. Three of four say they may return to paid employment after retirement. But women in the work-

Time for a reality check?

Test yourself on the following statements. Are they true or false?

- Old age guarantees some physical limitations. (False. When asked about health problems that limit daily activities, older women are no more likely than younger women to report a disability, the poll shows.)
- More women age 60 and older consider themselves in good health than younger women do. (True. Interestingly, women age 80-plus are significantly more likely than younger women to report they're in good health. America's oldest women say they are mentally healthy. And though most women in their age group live alone, most say they have someone to take care of them if needed.)

- Source: Saint Paul, Minn., Pioneer-Press

place believe perceptions about aging will work against them in getting a job in later years.

- Cost of prescription drugs and health care is a big concern. Almost a third of women in the survey find it difficult to pay for prescriptions. More than a fourth say they struggle to pay for health insurance or health care.

As for aging happily, marriage history colors women's attitudes. More than half of married women and an equal number of never-married women say aging is turning out better than they'd hoped. Only 45 percent of divorced and widowed women agree. Money worries, more prevalent among the previously married, account for part of the reason.

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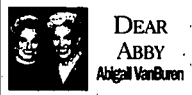
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FAMILY LIFE

Pre-nup or else? Get a lawyer

DEAR ABBY: My cousin's daughter, "Lisa," plans to be married in May. She is a 34-year-old schoolteacher and her fiancé is a successful 39-year-old radiologist. He has just informed her that she must sign a pre-nup or there will be no wedding.

Abby, Lisa has asked me for advice about this, and I'm not sure what to tell her. When I heard about the pre-nup, my first reaction was she should walk but now I'm not so sure. Could you share your thoughts on this?



DEAR ABBY:
Legal VanBuren

-AWAITING A REPLY IN NEBRASKA
DEAR AWAITING: A prenuptial agreement is for the protection of both parties. Rather than advising the young woman to "walk," tell her to get a lawyer of her own to review and explain the document before she signs anything.

DEAR ABBY: Recently my husband and I invited his son and daughter-in-law for dinner. We also invited two other couples. They know each other, so we felt confident everyone would be comfortable. Our guests seemed to have a great time.

A few days later, I received a note from the wife of my husband's son. It read: "Thank you for having us for dinner last Thursday. Everything was lovely! However, we would have dressed more appropriately had we known it was going to be a 'dinner party.'"

They both had worn jeans. The

husband of the second couple came dressed in a coat and tie, and the third couple called beforehand to ask if the men should wear a tie. I said no.

How should I respond to this note?

-PERPLEXED IN TEXAS
DEAR PERPLEXED: Tell the young woman how pleased you were that they could attend and how much their presence added to your dinner party.

Suggest to her that in the future she might do as you do when you're not sure of the "dress code." Call ahead and ask what others will be wearing so that embarrassment can be avoided.

DEAR ABBY: My youngest son, "Jason," is a senior in high school and an all-around good kid. All of a sudden he's decided to let his hair grow. Although it's really not that long, my husband is very critical of it and threatens to cut it almost every day.

I feel it's time for Jason's dad and me to let him make some decisions on his own. His hair doesn't bother me as long as he maintains his grades, behaves himself and keeps it clean. (I

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don't think it's any longer than the Beatles when they first came on the scene.) I look at other boys our son goes to school with, and some of them have short hair, while others wear their Jason's length or longer.

What do you think about this? How can I convince my husband to back off? (He let his hair and sideburns grow when he got out of the service.)

-PEACEMAKING MOM IN ARIZONA
DEAR PEACEMAKING MOM: If your son is doing well socially and academically and keeps his hair clean, your husband should not turn its length into a control issue.

Learning to make decisions is an important part of a teen's development. It's also important for parents to pick their battles carefully.

P.S. Dig out some photos of your husband with longish hair and sideburns and tell him it's time to get back in touch with his sense of humor and stop obsessing about things that are not important.

Dear Abby is written by Jeanne Phillips.

Parenting

Continued from E1

Teachers at Park Lane Elementary in Aurora, Colo., have used Love and Logic training and tapes for about 12 years, says principal Judy Griswold.

She credits the program with reducing behavior problems and freeing up more time for teaching. "Our-behavior management is so outstanding," she says. "Teachers know how to reduce conflict with kids. Teachers are not spending time hassling kids, or kids aren't spending time hassling the teachers. We don't react to kids and let them push our buttons."

For eight years, Edison Elementary in St. Joseph, Mo., has sent teachers to the Love and Logic summer conferences. "You learn you have to change your whole way of thinking," says Susan Colgan, family involvement coordinator at the school.

Edison Elementary works with parents to understand how to react if a child forgets homework or encounters a problem, Colgan says. "The mom gives empathy, and says something like, 'I'm really sorry.' The problem becomes the child's, who, it is hoped, will learn from the experience and not forget homework again."

Parents "want to fix everybody's problem. But they need to learn how to give away as much of the control as they can," she says.

Colgan recalls a conversation on one Love and Logic tape about a boy who made an obscene gesture in a school picture. In the tape, Fay calls the boy into his office and says only, "We have a problem."

"In Love and Logic, there's no place for arguing," Colgan says. "In the tape Fay says, 'Maybe you better call your mom to let her know you have to call the photographer and the call is long distance. You will need to pay for that.' Then when the boy calls home, his mother asks, 'What do you think you could do?' You show lots of empathy. You might ask, 'How do you think that will work?' And you wish them good luck."

The tape is one of some 60 items, from videos to books, available through the institute.

Fay has counseled several of the material with Bob Sornson, a special education specialist. Sornson, Fay and Dr. Foster Cline, a psychiatrist with the institute, wrote one of Love and Logic's more popular books, "Meeting the Challenge, Using Love and Logic to Help Children Develop Attention and Behavior Skills" (\$22.95; available through the institute).

"Parents need their own support network," says Sornson. "Kids today are better at developing networking strategies with other kids, over the Internet, than their parents are," Sornson says. The Love and Logic network is just another way for parents to compare notes and devise strategies to work with children, much the way children talk to their friends about how to deal with parent problems.

Fay and Sornson try to keep parenting advice simple. That's part of their appeal.

"I tell parents I can change their lives by teaching them two things," Fay says. "The first is that parents have a job setting limits. The other is that kids have a job testing those limits. Down deep, a kid needs to know his parents care enough to hold the line, and not let me be out of control. If you try to settle something with kids, and don't have skills to get past the manipulation - the it's not fair, my friends don't have to do that' - then parents make the mistake of trying to reason with them."

Once parents know how to stick to the limits they set, Fay teaches them how to delay consequences.

"It drives kids crazy when you say, 'We'll talk about it later. Try not to worry about it.' Parents meantime have time to calm down, maybe call some friends for advice and think things through."

If the approach sounds old-fashioned, it is, Fay acknowledges. But for generations now, indulgent parents have robbed children of the chance to learn from affordable mistakes, Fay says.

He calls them limousine parents, adults who want to help their children avoid any stress or difficulty in life by taking over

problems children need to learn to solve. Homework. Chores. Paying for auto insurance. The list of responsibilities and bills parents these days take on for their children is endless, Fay says.

He believes children develop survival skills by taking responsibilities for their lives. He gives parents phrases and examples of how to respond to common household problems, like not picking up toys or expecting parents to pay college tuition for below-average grades.

"Self concept is developed through struggle and achievement," says Fay. "Love and Logic is a balance. The parent has to be the model, a loving authority figure. Kids are treated with dignity and respect. We don't rob them of that."

"Empathy is the engine that runs love and logic."

Fay tells parents to avoid arguing by keeping words to a bare minimum in bad times. "The great parents don't use lots and lots of words. They save those for happy times. The minute you start arguing, all chance of learning goes out the door," he says.

The Love and Logic Institute can be reached at 800-338-4065.



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Autistic son would qualify if parent gets benefits

Knight Ridder News Service

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A: The only way your son would qualify for Social Security now is as a dependent on your or your husband's Social Security record. In other words, one of you would have to be getting Social Security retirement or disability benefits before your son could be eligible. And then he would get benefits

Social Security Q&A

not because he's autistic, but because he's your dependent child. We run another program that does pay disability benefits to children. It's called Supplemental Security Income. It's a program for people with low income. So if your family is having a hard time making ends meet, your son might qualify for a monthly SSI payment. And if he gets SSI, he might also get Medicaid coverage.

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