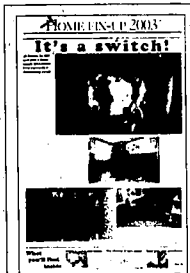




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# Force nears 300,000

## Top commander to brief Bush today on plans

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Army's oldest armored division, "Old Ironsides," got orders Tuesday to head for the Persian Gulf as the total of U.S. land, sea and air forces arrayed against Iraq or preparing to go near 300,000. The commander who would lead the war, Gen. Tommy R. Franks, met at the Pentagon with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and to consult with President Bush at the White House today. Last week Franks reviewed his war plan with commanders at his Gulf command post.

The pace of troop movements and high-level consultations suggested the military was close to ready for the opening of what would be a multidirectional assault to disarm and depose Iraq President Saddam Hussein.

In addition to the U.S. troops based in Kuwait and every other country on the Arabian Peninsula except Yemen, there are five aircraft carrier battle groups nearby, each with about 50 strike aircraft aboard and including 30 to 40 vessels armed with Tomahawk land attack cruise missiles.

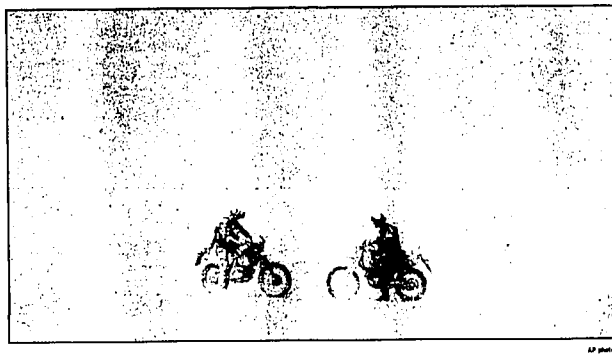
A sixth carrier, the USS Nimitz, is en route to the Gulf to relieve the USS Abraham Lincoln. It still to be resolved was the important question of whether Turkey would allow its territory to be used for tens of thousands of U.S. ground forces to open a northern front against Iraq.

Three dozens ships carrying weaponry and equipment for the Army's 4th Infantry Division, which would spearhead the attack from Turkey, is waiting in the Mediterranean for a Turkey decision.

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said a war against Iraq would be won even without Turkey's help, but he indicated he remained hopeful Turkey would change its mind.

"It will be much more difficult" to execute the war plan without Turkish bases, "and we prefer to have Turkey with us," Myers said in an interview at the Pentagon with WMAL radio's "Chris Core Show." He said U.S. commanders have multiple back-up plans if Turkey refuses.

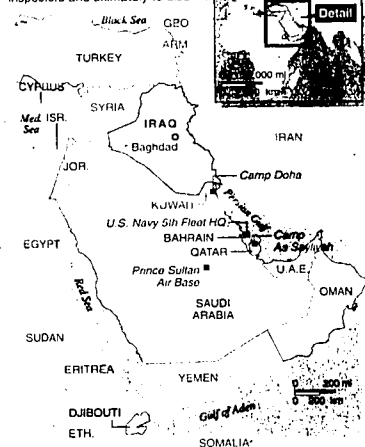
Speaking on the same show, Rumsfeld said that of the many things that could go wrong for the United States in a war against Iraq, the one that worries him most is the "very sizable risk" that Saddam would use chemical or biological weapons against U.S. troops or neighboring countries.



British soldiers Lance Cpl. Cameron Mowbury of Hemel Hempstead, left, and Lance Cpl. Robert Beckwith of Baldock, Hertfordshire, take a break from training on their Honda XR 250 motorcycles during a sand storm Tuesday near their camp in the Kuwaiti desert. Mowbury and Beckwith are dispatch riders for the 9 Parachute Squad Royal Engineers.

## Troop buildup continues in the Gulf

Nearly 230,000 U.S. forces are now in the Persian Gulf area, including 16,000 in and around the Horn of Africa to light the war on terror in Afghanistan. More troops arrive by the day, as pressure continues to build on Saddam Hussein to cooperate fully with inspectors and ultimately to disarm.



**BAHRAIN** - Navy 5th Fleet Headquarters  
**DIEGO GARCIA** - 1,000 civilian members for Military Sealift Command, base for B-52s  
**DJIBOUTI** - About 1,200 U.S. troops at Camp Lemonnier; 400 U.S. Navy, Marine, Air Force and Army troops are aboard the Mount Whitney  
**JORDAN** - Several hundred U.S. troops manning batteries of Patriot missiles  
**KUWAIT** - About 115,000 U.S. forces at multiple army and air force bases; 18,000-20,000 British troops  
**OMAN** - Three-quarters of U.S. Air Force reserve equipment in the Middle East located here; three air bases house B-1 bombers  
**QATAR** - About 3,300 U.S. forces, including air refueling squadrons and F-15 fighter wing; U.S. Central Command headquarters at Camp As Sayliyah  
**SAUDI ARABIA** - About 6,000 U.S. forces, mostly air force, crews and support equipment, including Patriot missile task force  
**TURKEY** - About 1,700 Air Force personnel flying Operation Northern Watch patrols  
**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES** - 4,000 troops backed by Apache attack helicopters, tanks, amphibious armored vehicles, a missile boat and a frigate  
**Carrier Groups** - Persian Gulf: USS Abraham Lincoln, USS Constellation, USS Kitty Hawk, USS Nimitz (Deployed March 3), Mediterranean Sea: USS Harry S. Truman, USS Theodore Roosevelt  
**Each carrier group contains 7,000-9,000 crew members**

SOURCES: Center for Defense Information, GlobalSecurity.org; Associated Press AP

## Ex-Senator expects Saddam to seek exile

By Shelley Ridenour  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Saddam Hussein will wait until the last minute and then go into exile, rather than risk death or injury from a U.S. attack, a retired U.S. senator predicted Tuesday.

Alan Simpson — who spent half a day with Saddam in 1996 — suggested that a full-scale war won't take place in Iraq, because Saddam is too arrogant to risk his life in war. "When it's changing from red to green, when the Tomahawk will be getting turned, at the last minute he'll go to Algeria or he'll go into exile," Simpson said.

Exile is Saddam's only chance to survive, Simpson said. If Saddam stays in Iraq and a war begins, "we'll find him. He'll be digging deep, but we'll find him. We'll control the air, and we'll take down everything that goes up, and he'll be in one of them."

"He knows that under every scenario but one he'll be uprooted like a prairie dog in a hole or shelled in a bunker like Hitler was or blown up when he tries to escape (by air)."

If Saddam does go into exile, there will be no war, because the reason for war will no longer be an issue, Simpson said.

"The issue is regime change. If

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## Panel eases up on cuts to schools

But Kempthorne's veto promise of any cut looms

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

BOISE — A proposal to hold back 1 percent of the 2003 public school budget emerged from the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee on Tuesday with a party-line 16-4 vote.

But even though she voted for it, Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jordan — who co-chairs the committee with Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert — said she thinks it's just another plan that won't work.

"The governor has said numerous times that he will not allow cuts to K-12," she said.

Last week the Senate turned down JFAC's first proposal to resolve the 2003 budget, which was a 2 percent across-the-board cut for all state government.

Bell said she went along with Tuesday's motion to reduce the public school budget by 1 percent, along with cuts to all other state government, because she could see she wasn't going to get the votes necessary to support a motion she had made earlier. That suggestion would have held public schools harmless, but it would have taken more money from the Idaho Department of

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## District might appeal school pledge ruling

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court on Tuesday stayed enforcement of its ruling that the Pledge of Allegiance is unconstitutional when recited in public classrooms, pending an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Judge Alfred T. Goodwin issued the order in response to a request from the Elk Grove Unified School District near Sacramento. The daughter of the man whose suit led the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to find the pledge unconstitutional attends school there.

Had Goodwin not issued the order, public schools in nine Western states would have been banned — beginning next Monday — from reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, with its reference to "under God." Those states are Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

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# HOLY FLASHBACK!

## Ketchum resident, sidekick reunite to play themselves in 'Batman'

The Times News and The Associated Press

**KETCHUM** — Holy reunion! Thirty-seven years after Adam West and Burt Ward put on skintight suits to keep Gotham City safe from the villainous Penguin, Joker and Riddler, the Dynamic Duo is back together for a peek at what really happened behind the scenes.

There were on-set explosions that left Ward injured daily, encounters with lusty female fans, whispers of West and Ward being gay, and complaints from censors about the sexual innuendo in the ABC series that aired from 1966-68.

### A new bat time

"Return to the Batcave: The Misadventures of Adam and Burt" airs at 7 p.m. Sunday on CBS.

"I'm really excited. It's been getting great reviews!" said a buoyed West Tuesday afternoon at his Ketchum home.

"Our show was a lot different," Ward said. "We teased them, taunted them and played with their minds. For kids, it was kept clean. Teen-agers saw all the double meanings and they appreciated it."

West and Ward played off each

other as well, as they do in the CBS movie "Return to the Batcave: The Misadventures of Adam and Burt."

"It's fictionalized to an extent, but most of it really did happen. I'm not fond of reunion things but this isn't that. And it was challenging and wonderful fun to be able to breathe new life into Batman," West said.

In the two-hour movie, West, 74, and a round Ward, 57, are forced to relive their past to find clues to recovering the Batmobile after it's stolen from a Hollywood charity event.

When a bystander suggests calling

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Adam West, left, and Burt Ward pose during the filming of their new television film, "Return to the Batcave: The Misadventures of Adam and Burt."

# TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Developing rain and snow showers with brisk to windy conditions at times. Highs in the 40s.  
Tonight: Showers likely. Lows in the 20s.

Tomorrow: The chances for rain mixing with snow continues. Highs near 40.

# BURLEY/RURERT FORECAST

Today: Developing rain and snow showers with brisk winds at times. Highs in the 40s.

Tonight: Mixed precipitation likely. Lows in the 20s to near 30.

Tomorrow: Windy at times and damp with rain mixed with snow. Highs in the 40s.

# IDAHO FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.  
A couple of wet days are coming up for the region. As much Pacific air moves into the state, valley rain and snow showers and mountain snow showers with several inches of accumulation are a good bet.

Today Highs 24 to 38. Tonight's lows 11 to 27.

BOISE: Later today and into Thursday be prepared for some damp, wet weather to move in thanks to Pacific moisture moving into the state. Also be prepared for some brisk to windy conditions at times.

Today High/Lows 48 to 54 / 34 to 30.

NORTHERN UTAH  
Scattered snow showers along with brisk winds will develop today thanks to a westerly jet stream flowing in moisture from the west.

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# TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Windy at times with developing showers later	Mixed precipitation possible	Continued windy at times with scattered showers	Continued mostly cloudy	Partly to mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy and mild
High 45	Low 26	40 / 24	42 / 25	49 / 26	52 / 30

# ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity
Yesterday's High 38 Yesterday's Low 25 Normal High/Low 45/28 Record High 65 in 1994 Record Low 8 in 1968	Avg. Yearly: 38 Avg. Month to Date: 41 Avg. Water Year to Date: 38.6 Avg. Water Year to Date: 38.6	Trace 0.04" Yesterday's High 80% Today's Forecast High 100% Water Year to Date 0.05" A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30

# Moons Phases

Mar. 11	Mar. 18	Mar. 25	April 1
First Qtr.	Full Moon	Last Qtr.	New Moon

# REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Boise	40-50	38-48	35-45
Idaho Falls	38-48	35-45	32-42
Jerome	35-45	32-42	29-39
Malta	32-42	29-39	26-36
McCall	30-40	27-37	24-34
Meridian	38-48	35-45	32-42
Moscow	35-45	32-42	29-39
Myrtle Beach	32-42	29-39	26-36
Payson	30-40	27-37	24-34
Shoshone	35-45	32-42	29-39
Starline	32-42	29-39	26-36
Thermal	30-40	27-37	24-34
Twin Falls	38-48	35-45	32-42
Yellowstone	35-45	32-42	29-39

# CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Calgary	37-44	35-42	32-42
Edmonton	35-42	32-42	29-39
Regina	32-42	29-39	26-36
Saskatoon	30-40	27-37	24-34
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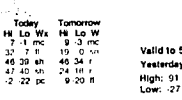
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Jerome	88	88
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Moscow	88	88
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Payson	88	88
Shoshone	88	88
Starline	88	88
Thermal	88	88
Twin Falls	88	88
Yellowstone	88	88

# NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	68-88	68-88
Boston	58-78	58-78
Chicago	48-68	48-68
Denver	38-58	38-58
Houston	68-88	68-88
Los Angeles	68-88	68-88
London	58-78	58-78
Madrid	68-88	68-88
Moscow	58-78	58-78
New York	48-68	48-68
Paris	58-78	58-78
San Francisco	68-88	68-88
Seattle	58-78	58-78
Tokyo	68-88	68-88
Washington	68-88	68-88

# TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



# Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
Boise	43	26	Trace
Idaho Falls	40	23	0.01"
Jerome	38	21	0.01"
Malta	35	18	0.01"
McCall	32	15	0.01"
Meridian	40	23	0.01"
Moscow	38	21	0.01"
Myrtle Beach	35	18	0.01"
Payson	32	15	0.01"
Shoshone	40	23	0.01"
Starline	38	21	0.01"
Thermal	35	18	0.01"
Twin Falls	43	26	Trace
Yellowstone	40	23	0.01"

# Sunrise and Sunset

City	Today	Tomorrow
Boise	7:07 AM	7:06 AM
Idaho Falls	7:06 AM	7:05 AM
Jerome	7:05 AM	7:04 AM
Malta	7:04 AM	7:03 AM
McCall	7:03 AM	7:02 AM
Meridian	7:02 AM	7:01 AM
Moscow	7:01 AM	7:00 AM
Myrtle Beach	7:00 AM	6:59 AM
Payson	6:59 AM	6:58 AM
Shoshone	6:58 AM	6:57 AM
Starline	6:57 AM	6:56 AM
Thermal	6:56 AM	6:55 AM
Twin Falls	7:07 AM	7:06 AM
Yellowstone	7:06 AM	7:05 AM

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City	Today	Tomorrow
Boise	3	3
Idaho Falls	3	3
Jerome	3	3
Malta	3	3
McCall	3	3
Meridian	3	3
Moscow	3	3
Myrtle Beach	3	3
Payson	3	3
Shoshone	3	3
Starline	3	3
Thermal	3	3
Twin Falls	3	3
Yellowstone	3	3

# WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	68-88	68-88
Boston	58-78	58-78
Chicago	48-68	48-68
Denver	38-58	38-58
Houston	68-88	68-88
Los Angeles	68-88	68-88
London	58-78	58-78
Madrid	68-88	68-88
Moscow	58-78	58-78
New York	48-68	48-68
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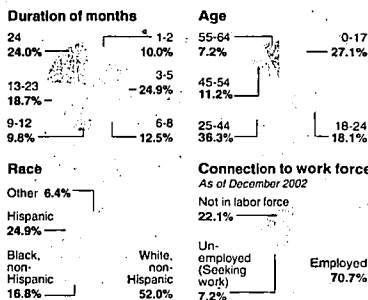
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# Tires, residue might yield shuttle clues

# A profile of the uninsured

In 2001 and 2002, about 75 million people under age 65 went without health insurance for at least one month. Nearly three in four were in working families and more than half were white.



SOURCE: Families USA, analysis of Census data

AP

## Number of uninsured reached 75M in '01-'02

WASHINGTON (AP) — The sluggish economy and rising health costs are combining to cost more people their health insurance, with 75 million uninsured at some point during 2001 or 2002, a study finds.

In tight times, businesses cut back coverage or charge their workers more for it. The result: the ranks of the uninsured now cut deeper into the middle class.

It's a scenario that could spur Congress, stalled now on how to solve the problem, to approve some sort of assistance.

"I think that there's more and more interest as the problem gets larger and larger," said Sen. John Breaux, D-La., who is proposing a major overhaul of the health insurance system.

Breaux wants everyone — including workers, the elderly, the poor and veterans — to get insurance from a central system, with subsidies for those who need help paying premiums.

Others have more modest plans. Some want to expand the Children's Health Insurance Program — CHIP — which offers subsidized coverage for more than 5 million kids in low-income,

### Bush Medicare plan sparks GOP opposition — E6

Uninsured		
The number of residents, by select ed state, without health insurance and the percent of all residents in each state under age 65 who are uninsured. Anyone 65 and older automatically qualifies for health coverage under Medicare.		
State	Uninsured	Percent under 65
Calif.	11,090,000	35.5
Colo.	1,243,000	31.1
Idaho	365,000	31.3
Mont.	217,000	28.6
Nev.	607,000	31.9
Utah	651,000	31.1
Wyo.	125,000	29.2
Nation	74,706,000	30.1

Source: Families USA analysis of U.S. Census data

working families. Some, including President Bush, want to give people tax credits to help people pay for insurance they purchase on their own.

## Senator says vets may need to sacrifice

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist pledged Tuesday to support veterans concerned about President Bush's health care proposals, but also said veterans and others will have to make sacrifices should the nation go to war with Iraq.

The Tennessee Republican told the American Legion that as a physician who served in veterans' hospitals, he had a richer understanding of the importance of their health care issues.

But he later told reporters that the costs of the Iraq war would mean "we all have to sacrifice in various ways as we likely engage in military conflict, which we could not have anticipated a year ago, which is not fully budgeted and which ultimately will have to compete with what many of us want."

"It applies to me in terms of domestic priorities and it applies to groups like the veterans today as they lobby," Frist said.

Frist was among a line of congressional members that spoke at the American Legion's annual legislative conference in Washington. This year the veterans' top priority is to defeat proposals in Bush's 2004 budget request for Veterans Affairs.

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## Dem: White House intimidates critics

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Congress began hearings on President Bush's tax cut proposals, a senior Democrat charged Tuesday that the White House was intimidating critics of one key element in silence.

"Very tough tactics are being used" to mute objections to Bush's proposal to slash taxes on corporate dividends, said Rep. Robert Matsui, D-Calif.

He said he and Democratic aides had heard from corporate lobbyists and others — none of whom he mentioned by name — who say they are "obligated to support it because they've had so much pressure put on them." He added, "This White House has intimidated them."

White House spokeswoman Claire Buchan denied the White House is engaging in strong-arm tactics.

"We have been and are committed to continuing to work constructively with members of both parties to enact the president's jobs and growth plan," Buchan said. "That includes members of the president's economic team,

### Uses 'tough tactics' on tax plan opponents

who are fanning out across the country to talk with people about why this plan is right for the issues facing our economy."

Still, she said, the White House was watching with interest a corporate effort initiated by Verizon. Letters included with dividend payments urge shareholders to contact lawmakers about Bush's plan to cut dividend taxes. Verizon's letter was going

to 1 million shareholders, the company said.

Matsui made his remarks a few hours before Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., head of the House Ways and Means Committee, dropped the chairman's gavel on the opening hearing into Bush's tax cut proposals, which total more than \$1.3 trillion over the next decade.

Bush has proposed a \$695 billion economic growth package, which includes the dividend tax proposal as well as steps to accelerate personal income tax cuts that were enacted in 2001 but have not yet taken effect.

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# Batman

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the police. West in his best deadpan says, "This is a job for actors. We'll find the Batmobile." "We wouldn't even know where to start."

The movie was done by the same team behind the 2001 CBS hit movie "Surviving Gilligan's Island." Dawn Wells, who played West Ann, is co-executive producer. Duane Poole wrote the script and Paul Kaufman is director and executive producer.

"The network realized the value of the 'Batman' series and the way the public responded to 'West and Ward,'" Kaufman said. "There's something about those two."

West said the movie as a chance to reward fans who clamored for additions to the "Batman" franchise when they meet him at conventions.

"They always greet me with warmth and humor," he said. "People do lines from the show, do entire scenes, they ask me to say lines. People are very funny about the show. I've got three generations who come up to me."

The adventure reunites them with Frank Gorshin (Riddler), Julie Newmar (Catwoman) and Lee Meriwether (Catwoman). In one bar scene, Newmar plays a vivacious vixen who grooves with West to the old "Batman" theme.

"That was a reference to Batman drinking the Mickey in that first episode and him doing the Batutini," West said. "I'm always asked, 'Do the Batutini!'"

Viewers of the old show will appreciate the inside jokes as well as familiar touches like a spinning Batmobile, cartoonish exclamations on screen during a fight, and voice-overs (by Lyle Waggoner) leading into commercials asking if the Caped Crusader and Robin the Boy Wonder can solve the mystery.

West and Ward haven't kept up with each other over the years, but they picked up where they left off when filming began.

"I had a fantastic time with Adam," said Ward, who lives outside Los Angeles and runs Boy Wonder Visual Effects, providing 3-D animation and special effects for movies and television. "You put the two of us together and we don't have to say anything and people start laughing. We were doing things on the first or second take."

After the show was canceled in '68, both actors had the same reaction: Holy typecasting! West and Ward were virtually unemployable and got stuck making personal appearances for several years.

"I was rushed into some not very good movies, and I just hit the beach and nursed my wounds for a while," said West, who eventually got work doing voice-overs and guest shots.

Whatever bitterness West felt is gone. He lives in Ketchum, where he and his wife of 31 years moved when they decided their six children were getting a touch too sophisticated living as they were in Malibu and Pacific Palisades.

West assists with charity events for children, gives an occasional speech to corporations like Sprint, does ad voice overs and is currently studying a script for a new TV series.

"You've gotta pay the mortgage," he says.

Still, he isn't above emptying trash cans and opening boxes for Maison et Cadeaux, the upscale boutique his wife Marcelle owns on Sun Valley Road.

And he openly laughs at the local phone directory's attempt to have fun on his account by referring readers who look up Adam West to "Bruce Wayne-Millionaire," then to "Crime Fighters" in the Yellow Pages. And, finally, to "Batman."

"I'm an icon. Call me an icon," he said. "I have such a fondness for it. It's my signature role."

West said Batman gained such a loyal following because Bruce Wayne is a mysterious kind of character with a tragic past.

"He was an ordinary mortal like you and me except he spent years developing his intellectual and physical characteristics. I came along and made it comic, as well," he said.

There's already talk of a sequel. And that twirls West's cape.

"I've done five TV series and over 50 movies and Batman is my favorite role because of the impact it's had," he said. "It took a lot of my life but it became a classic and I'm grateful for that. How many actors get to create a classic?"

# Federal agency chief inspector to resign

Her decision to delay audit of Florida pension fund until after election raised eyebrows

WASHINGTON (AP) — Janet Rehnquist, the daughter of Chief Justice William Rehnquist, will resign as inspector general of the Health and Human Services Department after a controversial tenure.

Rehnquist wrote President Bush that she will leave June 1 to spend more time with her teenage daughters and pursue other professional opportunities. Congress' General Accounting Office is investigating Rehnquist's management as internal watchdog of the huge health and welfare agency. Her management also is under review by the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency, a peer group of inspectors general. Rehnquist's job is to investigate fraud, waste and abuse at HHS, including Medicare fraud.

She delayed an audit of Florida's pension fund at the request of Gov. Jeb Bush's chief of staff. The delay ensured that the audit would not be completed until after the November election, in which Bush won a second term.

Several top career staff members at the HHS inspector general's office either quit or said they were forced out. Rehnquist also had possession of a government handgun in her office, raising questions about whether she was authorized to have the weapon.

Rehnquist was appointed by President Bush in August 2001. The position is considered non-partisan.

In her letter to Bush, Rehnquist did not mention the controversies. "During my first year in office, our organization saved the American taxpayer over \$21 billion," she told Bush. "This was the best year ever for the office, and we are poised to beat those numbers this year."

Rehnquist ordered her legal staff to try and settle the dispute, current and former inspector general officials said.

Prior to the September 2001 episode, the inspector general's office would have shunned involvement in such a matter and would have told groups to take complaints directly to Medicare regulators, according to Rehnquist's predecessor and other officials.

In a letter to GAO last October, Rehnquist said she welcomed the review. "I am confident that your findings will further illustrate our many successes," she wrote.

Insiders have also complained about 19 senior-level staff changes since Rehnquist took over, including the departure of all six deputy inspectors general. All were due to involuntary retirement and reassignments, Grassley said, adding that five of the six former deputies had 30 years or more of experience apiece.

On the Florida controversy, the AP has obtained internal HHS documents that show a draft audit could have been completed before Gov. Bush's re-election if the work had started on time. It was first scheduled to begin last April, but Bush's aide called Rehnquist on April 15 to request the delay. Several postponements delayed

the start for five months, and the audit still is not complete.

Rehnquist has said her decision to grant the delays "was based on the merits and not motivated by political reasons." A spokesman for the inspector general also argued that the audit would not have been completed by Election Day even if it had begun on time, though some documents suggest otherwise.

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- Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers • Daily 7:15
- How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days • Daily 7:00 - 9:30
- Devil of New York • Daily 7:45
- The Bourne Identity • Daily 7:30 - 9:30
- Wedding Crashers • Daily 7:40 - 9:30
- Owners Jung's Book 2 • Daily 7:30 - 9:10
- Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang • Daily 7:30 - 9:45
- Dracula 2 • Daily 7:15 - 9:30

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- How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days • Daily 7:00 - 9:30
- Shanghai Knights • Daily 7:10 - 9:30
- Owners Jung's Book 2 • Daily 7:00 - 9:10
- Dracula 2 • Daily 7:15 - 9:30

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- Just Married • Daily 7:30 - 9:30
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## EDITORIAL

### Supreme Court sends a message on gaming

The odds just got worse for Idaho Indian tribes that want to legalize casino gambling machines.

The Idaho Supreme Court made a significant ruling last week in the case of MDS Investments vs. Idaho, by re-emphasizing Idaho's longstanding definition of slot machines. The high court ruled 4-1 that despite changing technology, video gaming machines are still slot machines — and by definition illegal under the Idaho Constitution.

The ruling means the Indian Gaming Initiative passed last year by the voters is likely to fail in court.

Idaho's tribes spent \$4 million last year to sue the initiative legalizing machines at tribal casinos. Voters approved it 58 to 42 percent.

But opponents of the initiative have pressed a lawsuit saying the machines in question are forms of slot machines. The tribes contend the games are a form of lottery machines. And since the state lottery is legal in Idaho, so are their machines, they reason.

In the MDS case, state authorities confiscated "free spin" and "free draw" video machines that are commonly used in sports bars. These machines are played when a player inserts a dollar and receives a sports card with a player's image on it. The player also earns 20 credits to play a video screen game that can win additional credits. Any remaining credits at the end of the game can be cashed out.

The plaintiffs in the case argued that the state's ban on "any slot machine of any sort or kind whatsoever" is vague and does not ban the video

machines in question.

But Justice Daniel Eismann, writing for the majority in a carefully detailed ruling, said changes in technology or in payment rewards don't change the machines' status as illegal gambling devices.

Eismann wrote, "... the device is still a slot machine even though the player uses a token, bill, or credit account to place a bet, and the machine pays winnings by dispensing a token or receipt or by adding credits to the player's account."

Although the ruling applies to a different case, the court's logic seems likely to apply to the tribes' gaming machines as well. Eismann's language suggests the tribes may have a tough time convincing the court that their machines are legal.

What about the tribes do they want?

Most likely, they'll try to repeal Idaho's 1992 constitutional amendment restricting gambling. To overturn the 1992 amendment, tribes must get both houses of the Legislature to pass an amendment legalizing slot machines. Then, two-thirds of Idaho voters must likewise approve it at the polls.

The tribes shouldn't press their luck on that one. The tribes won support for last year's initiative by emphasizing fairness, jobs and education revenue. A direct constitutional amendment for slot machines will be harder to sell.

Most Idahoans are wary of the social ills that come with gambling, including increases in divorce, bankruptcy and crime. Idahoans know they can't win with legalized gambling.

### A legacy of generosity

Lots of folks are kind to others, but even the most charitable among us like to take credit for it.

Not Paul Reynolds, the Twin Falls funeral director and civic leader who lost a long battle with cancer over the weekend. When donated food supplies at the soup kitchen he founded at St. Edward's Catholic Parish ran low, Reynolds simply bought groceries out of his own pocket — and left no one of the wiser.

That was typical of his personal philosophy that generosity of spirit makes life worth living.

Reynolds made it his business to raise awareness of our neighbors who are one pay-

check away from the streets, or whose kids go to bed hungry. Valley House, the Twin Falls shelter for homeless families, may never have happened without his good-humored but persistent advocacy for private-sector help for the working poor.

Reynolds was effective because he lived his convictions. He was a man who would, quite literally, give you the shirt off his back.

Yet he was never fond of the word charity. To Reynolds, the notion of alms-giving demeaned both the donor and the receiver. In his view, generosity simply affirms our common humanity.

He'll be missed, but that example will surely endure.

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## Schools still seek task force answers

It wasn't a "code orange" alert from the Department of Homeland Security, but twenty years ago the National Commission on Excellence in Education's landmark report, "A Nation at Risk," was a warning as dire as many had heard from Washington, D.C., in years.

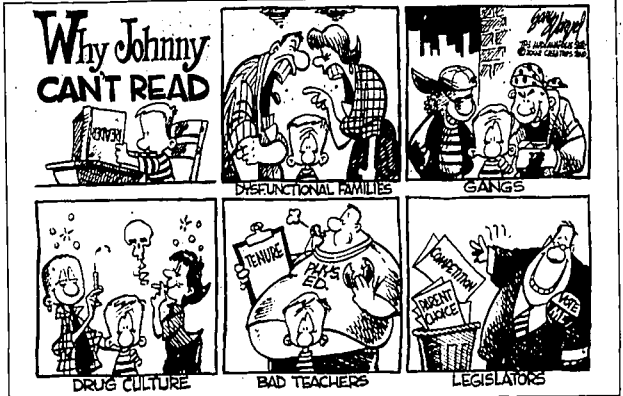
The commission's report hit like a bomb when it declared that the weak performance of America's schools placed the nation itself at risk: "If an unfriendly foreign power had attempted to impose on America the mediocre educational perfor-

CHESTER E. FINN JR.

mance that exists today, we might well have viewed it as an act of war. We have, in effect, been committing an act of unthinking, unilateral educational disarmament. More damaging was the report's dire warning that the foundations of American education were "being eroded by a rising tide of mediocrity that threatens our very future as a nation and a people."

The commission expected its good advice to cause school boards, legislators, teachers, parents, and students to change direction. It assumed that the education system possessed both the capacity and the will to improve and that the missing ingredient was clear direction.

On the eve of the 20th anniversary (April 1983) of the report, enough time has passed to assess its impact. The Hoover Institution's Koret Task Force on K-12 Education has just released



such an appraisal, "Our Schools and Our Future: Are We Still at Risk?" The task force finds that the commission, "for all its good-will, did a better job diagnosing the problem than prescribing an effective remedy."

The task force, having discovered that the tide of educational mediocrity is still rising, unlike the 1983 commission, did not settle for merely diagnosing the problem. Its members call for three major reforms: transparency, accountability, and choice.

To achieve transparency, schools need clear standards and accurate measurement tools. Prodded by the No Child Left Behind Act, the nation is beginning to put these standards and tools in place. Transparency,

however, must be connected to accountability.

For accountability to work, parents must be able to choose their schools. Unless children can leave bad schools for better ones, reform will fall short. The school choice movement has recently made significant strides, opening thousands of charter schools, experimenting with school vouchers, and bringing into being an industry devoted to managing public schools for districts and charter school boards.

Choice will be even more effective, the Koret Task Force believes, when schools become transparent and accountable institutions. Accountability systems make school performance

clear to the outside world. Parents need such information to make wise choices.

In combination, the three strategies—accountability, choice, and transparency—will transform our education system into one that will, at long last, live up to the principles put forth twenty years ago by the National Commission on Excellence in Education.

Chester E. Finn Jr. is a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution and chairman of the Koret Task Force on K-12 Education. He is also president and trustee of the Thomas B. Fordham Foundation. One of his latest books is *The Educated Child*, cowritten with William J. Bennett and John Chubb.

## LETTERS

### Extend drug treatment programs to all students

To the Twin Falls School Board:

Sadly, our educators have had to deal with the problem of drugs in our schools for many years. Until recently, the solution has been the same — arrest of the student, quickly followed by suspension from school and prompt prosecution.

Now, due to drug testing, we have learned that even the "upper echelon" of the student body, the athletes, have succumbed to the temptations of illegal drugs. Well, we certainly can't boot our promising quarterbacks and most-valued players out of school and prosecute them, so a different solution has been suggested for them — drug treatment programs. Could it be that the athletes, generally, come from the more affluent families than the average student and, therefore, are more worthy of salvation as opposed to prosecution? Are they more important than the other kids in school? Or is it "money talks?"

While I agree 100 percent with treatment and education instead of arrest and school suspension for these students, I believe it should be for 100 percent of them, not just a chosen few.

Can you somehow unarrest and unsuspend these previous offenders, get them into these drug treatment programs so they can further their education — even if they can't pass, pass or kick?

DALE NASH  
Jerome

### Maggie, Russian olive letters were interesting

To those of you who wrote in concerning the muggies and Russian olive trees, I found your comments interesting.

Thanks for your input.  
DAVID FRESHOUR  
Jerome

### Dairy waste triggers painful asthma problems

Asthma is a chronic, potentially life-threatening, inflammatory disease of the airways. According to the South Central Asthma Coalition report, 17 million Americans are diagnosed with asthma. It is a profound health problem. People with asthma experience 180 days of restricted activity. The cost of asthma exceeds \$4 billion a year; 4,000 people die of asthma each year.

South Central Asthma Coalition members are from district health units, Family Health Services, Asthma and Allergy of Idaho, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, respiratory therapy departments, Health Net, public school nurses and many others. Members are available for presentations on asthma issues to schools, clubs and any groups interested in children's health. Informing state and local legislators is a priority.

There are many triggers of asthma attacks. Some of these can be alleviated by changing household environments and allergy shots. In a 2002 survey, 97.4 percent said cigarette smoking in the home was cause of their children's asthma attacks. Allergy shots won't help. It is the chemicals in the cigarette smoke that inflames the lungs.

It is the same with cow manure odors! The big confined dairy farms continue to allow the odors from millions of tons of cow manure to blow over our county and towns. The chemicals in ammonia, methane gas and hydrochloric acid causes inflammation of the airways and is a horrendous health hazard. Masks can help the allergens, but the chemicals in these toxic gases are so small that there is no protection from them. The wind can blow them many miles, and they are just as deadly regardless of distance. Why do we allow this to happen?

I have asthma. I know the manure odors trigger asthma attacks. When the odor hits my house, the pleurisy-like pains are real and debilitating. The lobbyists for the dairymen's association are trying to weaken the laws governing "public interest." They ignore the health hazards. We need laws that will insist these factory confined dairies clean up their stinking messes. We need laws that can be enforced.

Please help us protect our children!  
MERLE STODDARD  
Twin Falls

### State cannot afford more cuts to kids' futures

Today, we hear a lot about the state of the economy and how Idaho cannot afford to support school budgets at their current level. This brings to mind a series of questions:

1. Can Idaho afford to further reduce an already inadequate educational program?
2. Are Idahoans truly committed to improving education for all children?
3. Will the number of dropouts be increased because high-interest motivational classes and extracurricular activities will not be provided?
4. Will a greater percentage of students fail to meet the high-stakes Idaho Standards Achievement Test graduation requirement?
5. Do the words pillage and plunder apply to what some are attempting to do to our educational system?

If public schools are to be successful in meeting the federal mandate of "No Child Left Behind," they need more allies in the political and business community. They need teachers, principals and superintendents who are willing to take responsibility to get help to perform their jobs better to elevate the performance of all children. They also

need political leaders who are willing to put children ahead of politics and provide the resources and direction that schools require.

"Educating Today for Tomorrow's World" is the mission of the Jerome School District.

Tomorrow's world will be profoundly affected by what we do today. Dismantling or destroying an educational system that is the only salvation for many of our children could be considered lunacy.

Are less than bare educational necessities enough to meet the demands of today's world? What are bare necessities and can or should that vary from district to district and child to child?

Tomorrow's world is today, not tomorrow, but today!

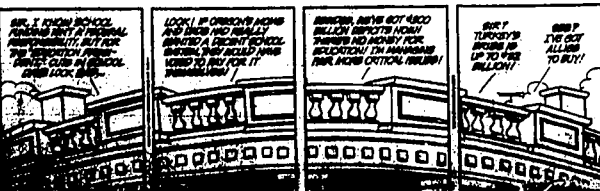
1. Today's world will not accept high school dropouts or non-readers.
  2. Today's world will not accept someone who cannot get along with co-workers.
  3. Today's world demands honesty, dependability and reliability.
  4. Today's world requires the ability to solve problems.
  5. Today's world demands a willingness to treat others fairly and with respect.
  7. Today's world requires the mastery of essential academic and technological skills.
  8. Today's world requires productive citizens to be able to cooperate, communicate and contribute to be able to compete in a changing world.
  9. Today's world requires the ability to set personal life goals.
  10. Today's world demands the willingness and ability to become a lifelong learner.
- Can Idaho afford to abandon its most precious commodity — our children?  
JIM COBBLE  
Jerome  
(Editor's note: Jim Cobble is the superintendent for the Jerome School District.)

### Doonesbury

By Garry Trudeau

### Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley



OPINION

# Not every business embraces president's tax cut proposals

From the heart of the business establishment comes a statement criticizing and rejecting the Bush tax cuts — a stunning repudiation of the president's fundamental economic strategy delivered by the very corporate leaders who make the investment decisions on which recovery and growth all turn.

Along with the criticism of the administration plan leveled last month by Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan, the report being issued Wednesday by the Committee for Economic Development, a blue-ribbon organization of corporate CEOs and civic leaders, is a warning that President Bush's policies risk long-term damage to America's prosperity and the government's fiscal stability.

While administration officials defend the deficits in store for this year and next as small by historical standards and temporary, the CED says that more realistic calculations show that over the next decade we can expect "annual deficits of \$300-\$400 billion, increasing as far as the eye can see."

Those estimates do not take into account the new tax cuts proposed by Bush in January and now beginning to make their way through the House Representatives. "All told, the new budget proposals, if enacted, would raise the 10-year deficit by about \$2.7 trillion and annual deficits 10 years from now by about \$500 billion," the report says. And none of this, by the way, factors in the costs of a possible war with Iraq and its aftermath.

Deficits of this scale, over that many years, would spell economic peril at any time. The business executives say, because they reduce the pool of national savings, diminish needed investments and make us more dependent on foreign creditors.

But they are particularly dangerous at this moment because in only five years, starting in 2008, the vanguard of the baby boomers will reach early retirement age and the demands on Social Security, Medicare and private health and retirement systems will rise dramatically.

The work force is likely to grow barely at all in subsequent decades, thanks to continuing low birth rates, which means that overall economic growth will be limited. Meantime, lengthening life expectancy and the sheer number of boomers will cause retirement and health care costs to explode.

"Staying on our present track, spending for Social Security,



DAVID S. BRODER

Medicare and Medicaid skyrocket, while revenues fail to keep pace. The federal government deficit would balloon, "weakening an already poor savings rate, and "by the 2020s, per-capita income growth would have fallen by more than half, and by 2040 the model predicts growth rates very nearly zero. ... Perhaps for the first time in this country's history, most Americans could no longer expect their children and grandchildren to have higher living standards than their own."

The hard-headed businessmen dismiss as unrealistic any hope that the United States can simply "grow its way out of" the interlocking challenges of dangerous deficits and rising demands from its aging population.

Given the scale of the challenge, no single fix — whether on the spending or revenue side — will be sufficient. The policy recommendations embrace reform of Social Security and Medicare, careful scrutiny of Pentagon and homeland defense priorities and provision for expanded investment in education, research and infrastructure — the building blocks of future growth.

But the main point of the CED

report is that "we must begin immediately in the 2004 budget to deal with the explosion of the long-term deficit."

That does not mean raising taxes or cutting spending now, while the economy is still struggling. But it does mean the government should not adopt "any short-term stimulus program that is not combined with a plan to restore longer-term budget balance. We are specifically concerned that the Jobs and Growth Package proposed by the administration, which would raise the cumulative 2004-2013 deficit by about \$920 billion (including interest) and raise the annual deficit 10 years from now by about \$100 billion, does not meet this test."

Over the decades ahead, considering the demands of an aging population, the threat of terrorism and the growing international obligations of the United States, the businessmen say it is "extremely unlikely that the long-term budget problem can be solved without additional revenues. We therefore urge the administration and Congress to forego at this time any additional tax reductions," including any move to make permanent the tax cuts passed in the make-believe atmosphere of projected budget surpluses in 2001. It is a sobering message, and, considering the source, not one to be ignored.

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### CSI hosts high school Fine Arts Day Friday

TWIN FALLS - High school students from around Idaho are invited to Fine Arts Day from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday at the College of Southern Idaho.

Sponsored by CSI's Student Information Department, Fine Arts Day consists of presentations and hands-on workshops designed to introduce high school students to CSI's art, music, theater and communications programs. Some of the activities include a pottery workshop, a figure drawing class, a keyboard workshop, an invitation to participate with the CSI Chamber Choir and an excerpt from "The Diviners," which is being presented this week and next by the CSI Theater Department.

All activities and lunch are free. For more information, contact Eric Studebaker at 732-6224 or estudebaker@csi.edu.

### St. Benedicts offers child, infant CPR class

JEROME - St. Benedict's Family Medical Center is offering a child and infant CPR Heart Saver and First Aid Class.

The course is for anyone interested in cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The next class will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. March 12 at the hospital's Health Education Center, located on Fifth Avenue West directly across the street from the hospital.

The fee for the class is \$40, which includes a workbook and a two-year CPR and first-aid card. Class size is limited and those interested are asked to register by Friday by calling Sandy Schaefer at 324-1122, Ext. 3359.

### T.F. parks and waterways commission meets Monday

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls County Parks & Waterways Advisory Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday at 450 Sixth Ave. W.

Items on the agenda include approval and/or correction of minutes, naming Rock Creek recreational vehicle park pavilions, the director's report and other items. The public is invited.

### Shoshone grazing board meets next week

SHOSHONE - The Shoshone District Grazing Board will hold a spring funding meeting at 9 a.m. March 12 at the Shoshone District Bureau of Land Management office.

Rangeland improvement projects will be considered and possibly approved. The public is invited to hear comments from the BLM staff and grazing board.

For more information, call Henri LeMoine, secretary of the Shoshone District Grazing Board, at 733-0874.

Compiled from staff reports

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season pack **
Upper Snake River	85%	87%
Salmon Falls	60%	50%
Salmon	88%	71%
Osley	53%	48%
Big Wood	85%	71%
Little Wood	95%	79%
Henry's Fork/Teton	80%	64%
Big Lost	89%	70%
Little Lost	89%	70%

\*A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 30-year average.  
\*\*On the basis of 30-year average for the same watershed.

### Feds deny arrest of Saudi was a witch hunt.

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page B-3.

# Ag committee amends CAFO bill

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

BOISE - Dairy lobbyists were ready to endorse a bill in the House, Agricultural Affairs Committee on Tuesday that would require all counties to hold public hearings for new concentrated animal feeding operations.

"We realize it is very important to include neighbors and the community who are going to live with our businesses," said Bob Naerebout, spokesman for the Idaho Dairyman's Association. "We realize they need to have a voice."

But the committee voted to amend the bill, and now the dairy spokesmen are waiting to

see the end product before backing it.

House Bill 283 stated that all property owners living in their primary residences within one mile of proposed CAFOs would be notified so they could attend hearings on the plans. The bill is a companion piece to House Bill 284, which would limit the scope of the "local public interest" language in water law so that it is applied only to water issues or economics. HB 283 is meant to address the concerns of protesters of water right transfers who say they need to be guaranteed a place to comment about proposed CAFOs.

But during Tuesday's committee hearing, an attorney for Idaho Rural Council suggested



changing the language about one mile so that more people who could suffer as a result of CAFOs could be included. And then an Elmore County resident warned the committee the one-mile limit would not allow King Hill residents to comment on a proposed 15,000-head cattle feedlot right above the town. So Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchikan, made a motion to let counties define the



Wendy Jaquet

don't believe that people from Twin Falls County should have the right to go to another county and testify."

Jaquet said she doesn't see anything wrong with people from other counties telling them their experiences with large dairies.

"Well, maybe we wouldn't be in the fix we're in today if people from Gooding County had talked, or people from Jerome County," she said.

However, it's not just the dairy lobbyists who are apprehensive about the bill. Stan Boyd, who lobbies for the Idaho Cattle Association and the Idaho Wool Growers Association, said his groups don't like any part of the bill.

"Everything is about dairies, but when you really look at this, it doesn't make sense for a lot of things that are going on out there," he said.

Boyd used the example of sheep camps that by federal

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## THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS



BRUCE SMELZER/The Times-News

Former U.S. Sen. Alan Simpson makes a face to demonstrate his dealings with lobby groups that represent retirees while answering questions at the College of Southern Idaho on Tuesday. Simpson spoke at the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's Success Breakfast.

## Success Breakfast speaker Simpson lauds locals

By Shelley Ridenour  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Retired U.S. Sen. Al Simpson of Wyoming was full of compliments for his former Senate colleague, now Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, during Tuesday's Success Breakfast speech at the College of Southern Idaho.

Simpson and Kempthorne served four years in the U.S. Senate together in the 1990s. Simpson retired from the Senate in 1996 after 18 years in the body.

Kempthorne attended most of the speech, but he left shortly before Simpson wrapped up his

90-minute talk, which was filled with his trademark humor, shots at the media and - of course - politics.

Simpson referred to Kempthorne as a good, trusted friend and praised Kempthorne's loyalty, especially to issues the governor believes in. "He's the best, in my book," Simpson said.

Simpson had already met some Twin Falls leaders and joked about how Mayor Lance Clow had been detained by Monday's City Council meeting, as the mayor and council try to "fix the street problem," referring to the ongoing debate of whether and how to rename some of the numbered down-

town streets.

"I know you'll get that done," Simpson said.

Simpson joked about the hassles faced by mayors and City Council members.

"City council - that's the worst job. People call you all the time, at home at night, saying 'Somebody killed my dog. Somebody cut a tree down next to my house - that was my tree.'"

"I used to put Ann (his wife) on the phone for some of those," he quipped.

Simpson shared some tidbits about his visiting lecturer position at Harvard University, which he took on shortly after retiring from the Senate.

"I couldn't have gotten into Harvard even if I'd picked the licks," he said, prompting the crowd to laugh. "I never graduated cum laude. I graduated thank the lorde."

Simpson and his brother, Pete, now teach together at the University of Wyoming.

"He does the play-by-play, and I do the color," Simpson said.

Recognizing the speech was part of the Success Breakfast program, Simpson shared his grandfather's recommendation for success.

"He said, 'I can't tell you about success, but I can tell you how

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## Craters planners come to Twin Falls

The Times-News

### Meeting tonight

A meeting for the public on Craters of the Moon National Monument planning begins at 6 tonight in Room 276 of the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

Planning proposals and maps can be found online at [www.rps.gov/cmo](http://www.rps.gov/cmo) and [www.id.blm.gov/planning/index.htm](http://www.id.blm.gov/planning/index.htm). Public comments can be submitted in writing by March 14 to the Craters of the Moon National Monument Planning Team, Bureau of Land Management.

The local conservation groups hosting tonight's meeting wanted to bring a public forum to Twin Falls because many people here enjoy trips to the lava flows of Craters of the Moon, said Duane Reynolds, chairman of the Sierra Club. The general public is invited, he said.

The three conservation groups describe their interest in Craters of the Moon as follows, according to a joint news release they issued:

• Allowing for recreational opportunities including cross-country skiing, hiking and caving in the expanded portion of the monument, as they are in the original monument area, while

preserving the landscape for future generations is a focus of the Sierra Club, Reynolds said.

• Bird migratory routes and the declining sage grouse population are of interest to the Pacific Falcon Chapter of the National Audubon Society, chapter member Kent Fothergill said.

• Native plants and habitat and the importance they hold for wildlife and the public are a focus of the Loosa Chapter of the Idaho Native Plant Society, said Miriam Austin, a chapter member.

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## Former Hagerman coach claims discrimination in suit

The Times-News

BOISE - Claiming gender discrimination, a former Hagerman girls basketball and volleyball coach is suing the Hagerman School District, seeking compensatory financial damages.

Shilo Hall filed a complaint in U.S. District Court in Boise last week in which she claims that, during her 2001-02 employment as coach, she was held to a different standard - required to meet greater levels of performance and heightened scrutiny - than were the school's male coaches.

Superintendent Lee Mitchell denied all allegations Tuesday. According to the lawsuit, Hall, who now lives in Montana, endured ridicule and discrimination during her tenure as girls varsity volleyball coach, junior varsity basketball coach and track coach at Hagerman High School. Such actions are a violation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX and the 14th Amendment, the complaint asserts.

When Hall complained to Mitchell about unequal treat-

ment, the superintendent immediately retaliated by "threatening her personal safety, ordering her never to bring up Title IX to him again and threatening to terminate her employment if she did," according to the complaint.

After that meeting, Hall maintained she was subjected to discrimination and ridicule. Among the accusations:

• She was chastised when she demanded that a "false and defamatory" statement be removed from her performance evaluation.

• She was held to a different standard concerning purchase orders and fund-raising for girls sports; girls were required to buy their own uniforms, whereas boys' uniforms were taken care of by the district.

• Her efforts to promote girls sports were sabotaged as the defendants referred to female students as "worthless pieces of s---" and "a waste of time."

• She was humiliated in front of parents and subjected to discrimination.

Ultimately she was terminated.

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## MAGIC VALLEY/NATION

## Federal judge rejects predator plan

BOISE (AP) — A federal judge has quashed a U.S. Department of Agriculture project to kill predators across hundreds of square miles of public lands in southern Idaho to protect imperiled sage grouse.

U.S. District Court Judge B. Lynn Winnick ruled Tuesday that the predator plan devised by the agency's Wildlife Services arm lacked an adequate environmental analysis.

"We hope this decision will put an end to the nonsense that predators are depleting sage grouse populations," said Todd Tucci, the attorney representing the Committee for the High Desert, Western Watersheds Project, Idaho Conservation

League and Defenders of Wildlife.

"Every objective biologist knows that degraded habitat, and not predators, is causing sage grouse populations to plummet."

The plan was a joint proposal between Wildlife Services, which kills livestock predators, and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Under the proposal, Wildlife Services intended to use aerial and ground shooting, traps, poisons and other devices to remove up to 75 percent of the coyotes, foxes, badgers, ravens and other grouse predators from various target areas covering 1,300 square miles over a six-year period.

A year after winning a federal court order barring the predator control campaign in 2001, four environmental groups went back to court last April to block an even more extensive version of that plan.

The federal government agreed to delay the project until the legal challenge was resolved.

The 2001 predator study and control plan was intended to track several localized populations of sage grouse that lived in similar habitats.

Predators would be removed from some areas to determine what effect it would have on the survival of young sage grouse compared with areas where no predators were removed.

## Man faces charges in fatal highway collision

CALDWELL (AP) — Criminal charges have been filed against a man accused of driving the wrong way on Interstate 84, killing a father and his infant daughter.

Edgar Vasquez-Hernandez, 30, faces two felony counts of vehicular manslaughter. Each count carries a maximum sentence of 10

years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Shawn Marti, 24, and 5-month-old Sage Sea Marti were killed in the crash on Thursday night. Shawn's wife, Natalie Marti, is in a coma at a Boise hospital, but responds to relatives' voices.

Idaho State Police said Vasquez-Hernandez was driving

the wrong direction on the freeway.

He was listed in fair condition on late Monday. When he is released, he will be transported to the Canyon County jail.

Police are awaiting lab test results to determine if Vasquez-Hernandez had alcohol or drugs in his system.

## OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is [obits@magicvalley.com](mailto:obits@magicvalley.com). Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

## BUHL



## Phillip Ray Kottraba

Phillip Ray Kottraba of Buhl, passed away on Sunday, March 2, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center after an extended illness. He was 78. A memorial service will be held at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 8, with a gathering of friends and family to follow.

Born in Sandpoint, Idaho, on July 21, 1924, Phil was the youngest of three children born to James Andrew and Florence Mary (McAllister) Kottraba. He moved with his family to Twin Falls at a young age, and attended school there. As a young man he played in the Elks' Band, played baseball for the J. Cowboys of Twin Falls, and took flying lessons.

Phil enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in Salt Lake City on December 2, 1942. He served in the First Division and earned the Good Conduct Medal and a Purple Heart for his service in such South Pacific battles as Peleliu and Okinawa, and the postwar occupation of China.

After returning stateside, Phil arrived home in Twin on January 6, 1947. His second night back, a friend fixed him up with Norma Meyer, and they were married on Saturday, March 26, 1948. It was a good "fit" for almost 55 years.

In 1951, Phil and Norma began a family with the birth of their son, Phillip Kirk. A daughter, Rebecca Jane, was born and lost to him in 1953, and their son, Mark, was born in 1955. They joined the family in 1955. They resided in Buhl, Idaho, and in Reno, Nevada, where Phil worked for Wells Fargo and Norris Fuel for ten years.

In 1966, the family moved to Scottsdale, Arizona, and Phil began working for Ducommun Metals. His granddaughters, Abigail, Ashley and Corie, were born in the Phoenix area, where Phil also roped on the junior rodeo circuit with his son Marc. They returned home to Idaho in 1980, and resided in Buhl until Phil's passing.

While Norma was his strength, and his sons were his source of pride, Phil's grandchildren were his joy. His grandsons, Jody and Edward, spent many hours watching and discussing sports with Grandpa. His granddaughters, Abigail, Ashley and Corie, were teased by him, and made him smile by teasing him back. His new great-granddaughter, West, was met only a week before he passed away, simply stole his heart.

Phil is survived by his wife, Norma; his son Phillip (Kirk), and wife Ann; of Boise; son Marc, and fiancée, Jessica Leavell, of Buhl; his grandchildren, Jody, Corie and West Kottraba, of Boise; Abigail Howe of Mesa, Arizona; Ashley Kottraba and Edward Kottraba, of Boise; his sister, Phyllis Kottraba, of Mesa, Arizona; his brother, Peter, of

law, Donald and Barbara Kottraba of Sun Lakes, Arizona, two sisters-in-law, Beverly Wright, of Glendale, Arizona, and Donna Agler of Mountain Home, and several nieces and nephews whom he loved very much.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter, Becky, his brother-in-law, Jim Agler, nephew Kent Kottraba, and niece Terry Agler.

The family requests that donations be made to the American Heart Association in lieu of flowers. Friends are asked to join the family from 12-2 p.m. at the Eighth Street Center, 200 8th Avenue North, Buhl for a celebration of Phil's life.

## RUPERT



## Ada Jeanette Walters Hyde

Ada Jeanette Walters Hyde, 80, of Rupert, passed away February 25, 2003, in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Ada was born August 6, 1922, in Auburn, New York, the daughter of Levi John and Nina Grace Braithwaite Walters. She grew up in New York during the Great Depression. When she was 15, she and her best friend, Beatrice, joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. After graduation from high school, she worked at an aircraft factory inspecting airplane parts during World War II.

In the summer of 1946 she went to Denver, Colorado, to visit one of her friends who was living there and met Clifford Hyde. They were married on December 20, 1946, in the Idaho Falls Temple. After their marriage they lived in Denver and Salt Lake City, Utah, before settling in Rupert. They moved back to Rupert to work with Clifford's father and brothers on the Clifford's Jersey Dairy in the Pioneer School area.

After Clifford's death in 1977, Ada lived in Rupert; St. George, Utah; Monroe, Utah; and, at the time of her death, Flagstaff, Arizona.

She enjoyed painting, gardening, canning, sewing, and handwork. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and has served in the Primary Presidency, Young Women, and Sunday School. She served in the Tallahassee, Florida, mission April 20, 1974. Her family and her church were the most important things to her. She devoted her life to both. As a family, friends and brothers and sisters in the gospel, we have been blessed by her life.

She is survived by her children: Judy (Tim) Jones of Monroe, Utah; Joyce (John) Christiansen of Rupert; Susan (Andy) Fox of Flagstaff, Arizona; and Wayne (Christie) Hyde of Twin Falls; 25 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; brothers: Ray (Sandy) Walters of Caryoga, New York, and Jim (Pat) Walters of Zephyrhills, Florida. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford and a sister

## Lynne Case

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. March 8, 2003, at the LDS Park Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis Avenue will be held 6-8 Friday, March 7, 2003, at Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 710 6th St. and one hour prior to the services on Saturday. Burial will follow the services at the Rupert Cemetery.

## TWIN FALLS



## Paul D. Reynolds

Paul Douglas Reynolds, 60, was called home to Paradise, Saturday, March 1st, 2003 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born July 18th, 1942, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to his parents, James C. and Rosemary (Jan) Reynolds. Paul attended schools in Twin Falls, Idaho State University and the San Francisco College of Mortuary Science. He worked in partnership with his father at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, for most of his life. He became principal owner of the family business after his father retired. For 40 years, Paul helped many families through the loss of their loved ones, until illness compelled him to retire and sell the business. Paul married his "angel on earth", Matthew, Zachary, Zayne and Zaide, and his mother, Jan Reynolds. He was preceded in death by his father and brother.

A prayer vigil with rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, March 7th at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, with Father Robb Keller officiating. The funeral mass will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 8th, at St. Edward the Confessor, St. Edward Chapel, with Father John Koelsch as celebrant. Friends may call at Reynolds Funeral Chapel Thursday from 3 until 8 p.m. on Friday from 8 a.m. until the time of the rosary, and on Saturday from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be given in Paul's name to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation, St. Lukes Cancer Center, or the St. Edwards Catholic Church soup kitchen. Contributions may be left with funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1142.

Dear Dad: We miss your smile, your sense of humor, your loving heart, your generous spirit, but most of all, we miss your big bear hugs. We know that you have returned home to who is, Was and Shall Be: Jesus Christ. And after you've been there a while, look for us, for we will be there too. Love, Your Family.

## Panel addresses effects of Alaska oil drilling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Oil drilling on Alaska's North Slope over 35 years has disturbed some endangered species and some whaling harder, but it has not caused significant oil spills or a large decline in caribou, a panel said Tuesday.

Oil from the North Slope, primarily around Prudhoe Bay, still accounts for 15 percent of the nation's total production despite reduced output in recent years.

The National Academy of Sciences panel said in a report requested by Congress that

development of the reserve since 1968 has produced large social and economic effects — some positive, such as better schools and health care, and some negative, like increased diabetes and alcoholism.

It said the environmental effects continue to grow despite efforts by the oil industry and regulators to minimize them, including new technologies that have reduced off-road travel and made drilling platforms smaller.

The report, an 18-month effort costing \$1.5 million, offers the

most comprehensive look so far at the cumulative environmental effects of oil drilling in Alaska. It is expected to provide ammunition to all sides in an ongoing debate over whether to expand drilling into areas where it is now banned, including the adjacent Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

The Bush administration welcomed the report. Christie Whitman, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, said it confirms drilling can be done safely.

## SERVICES

Monroe L. O. Dierker of Twin Falls, service at 10:30 a.m. today at Immanuel Lutheran Church; interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Elizabeth "Fay" Gergens of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Dorothy Evelyn McKean of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; interment will follow the service at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls.

Robert "Bob" Arthur Molyneux of Twin Falls, memorial service at 4 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Arthur E. White of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Reva Goodson of Twin Falls, crypt side entombment at 10:30 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park.

Cliseria Padron of Burley, vigil service at 7 p.m. today at the Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus Church, 312 West Ninth St., Burley; service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church; burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery, viewing from 5-7 p.m. today and from 10-11 a.m. Thursday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Lyman Engle of Woodburn, Ore., service at 2 p.m. today at the Burley United Methodist Church with mausoleum entombment to follow

(Cornwell Colonial Chapel in Woodburn).

Ronald Lee Cook of Gooding, service at 1 p.m. Thursday at Gooding LDS Church; burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Demary Funeral Chapel, Gooding).

Maurine Nebeker Hansen of Kimberly, service at 2 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Erdie Schwundt of Twin Falls, graveside memorial service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Burley

Cemetery (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

William Ross Lewin of Mankato, Minn., and formerly of Shoshone and Rupert, memorial service at 11 a.m. March 12 at the Shoshone Assembly of God Church, 120 W. Fourth St., Shoshone; interment at 1 p.m. March 13 at the Rupert Cemetery (Demary Funeral Chapel, Shoshone).

Catherine Mildred Watson Bismarck 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

## Floyd John Eilers

RUPERT — Floyd John Eilers, 88, of Rupert died Sunday, March 2, 2003, at Valley Vista Assisted Living.

The service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 8, 2003, at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St., with Juna Parks and Pastor Keith Wise officiating. There will be no visitation.

The family requests no flowers. Memorials may be made to the Rupert United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

## Richard G. Kunkle

TWIN FALLS — Richard G. Kunkle, 71, of Twin Falls died Tuesday, March 4, 2003, at his home following a long illness. Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral

Chapel in Twin Falls.

## Anna M. Nasura

GOODING — Anna M. Nasura, 70, of Gooding died Tuesday, March 4, 2003, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding.

The service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 7, 2003, at Demary's Gooding Chapel with the Rev. Andy Morris officiating. Burial will be in the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

Family members and friends may call from 1-7 p.m. Thursday at Demary's Gooding Chapel. A complete obituary will appear on a later date.

## Marjorie Stronks

RUPERT — Marjorie Stronks, 81, of Rupert died Monday, March 3, 2003, in Portland, Ore. Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

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# Burley council approves special golf rates

By Shelley Ridenour  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — Reduced spring rates will again be offered at the Burley Municipal Golf Course, the City Council decided Tuesday night.

Council members concurred with a request from golf pro Mike Williams to advertise a special rate in newspapers in eastern Idaho, where typically the golf courses aren't open as early in the spring as in Burley because of snow. However, he cautioned the council, winter weather this year in eastern Idaho hasn't been as severe as last year, and many of those courses are open. That could mean fewer golfers will come to Burley from out of town.

Golfers who take advantage of the special rates must present a coupon from the newspaper ad to get the rates, which allows Williams to track revenue from

the promotion. Last year, after the cost of the ads was subtracted, the spring special generated \$2,025 for the golf course.

Overall golf course revenues were up last year, compared to the previous year, City Administrator Mark Mitton said in response to a question. Mitton didn't have revenue figures at the meeting.

Ed Simpson, who owns the Ponderosa Golf Course, said if promotions aren't helping the city financially, the promotions shouldn't be offered, because last year's weekend specials at the city course "killed our weekend business."

## Sewer bond election

Council members approved, on first reading, ordinances related to the May 27 vote on whether the city should incur debt from the construction of a new sewer plant. One ordinance asks voters to let the city incur \$7 million in general obligation bonds which would be paid for through higher property taxes.

The bonds would be paid off during 20 years. Mitton said the anticipated interest rate for the bonds is 4.5 percent a year.

The second ordinance would place the question of whether the

city could borrow \$18 million from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's revolving loan fund. The anticipated loan rate is 3.25 percent, Mitton said.

City officials want to construct a new 5-million-gallon per day capacity sewer plant and make upgrades to the sewer system. The existing sewer facility can handle 2.5 million gallons of waste a day.

The loan would be repaid with money generated from user fees.

The ordinances will be before the council for two subsequent readings before being finalized.

Other council business included:

- **Parking at new city building** — Council members approved a resolution which prohibits parking at the old Rite Aid building on Pomerelle Avenue, which the city now owns. No parking is allowed between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

The parking restrictions are necessary, City Attorney Randy Stone said, because of potential liability by the city if vehicles parked there overnight are damaged.

Stone said it's not good policy for the city to allow short-term parking at that lot. If the city wants a parking lot, it should be properly developed, he said.

Councilwoman Adria Masoner voted against the resolution.

Councilmen Gordon Hansen, Dave Ringle, Brent Kerbs and Curt Mendenhall voted "yes." Councilman Dennis Curtis was ill and absent from the meeting.

• **Building update** — Mayor Jon Anderson reported that city employees are working at the Rite Aid building, removing places where pigeons had been nesting.

"My wife and I drove by there Sunday night and the pigeons are definitely looking for a new place to park," Anderson said.

• **Stop signs** — The council agreed to place three stop signs along the frontage road near Arby's at a curb cut which allows vehicles to gain access to Overland Avenue from the frontage road, or from Overland Avenue to the frontage road. The stop signs are required by the Idaho Transportation Department.

• **Sandwich signs** — An ordinance allowing sandwich signs to be placed on sidewalks in front of businesses in the parts of the city zoned commercial was approved on a single reading after the council suspended the rules to do so on one reading.

The change doesn't apply to political signs or any other signs that advertise special events, which are prohibited from being on sidewalks in the city.

# Feds deny arrest of Saudi was witch hunt

**LEWISTON (AP)** — Federal authorities rejected claims that the arrest of a Saudi Arabian student at the University of Idaho is an extension of the Bush administration's attempts to drum up support for war in Iraq.

Sami Omar Al-Hussayen, a computer science graduate student, was arrested at his campus apartment last Wednesday and charged with visa violations. He is accused of raising money and creating Web sites for a group that promotes violence against the United States.

"The president, with all due respect, hasn't called me," Assistant U.S. Attorney Terry Derden said Monday.

Attorney Cynthia Miller, who represents Al-Hussayen's wife, last week said the arrest tactics were unwarranted, and authorities could have simply knocked on the apartment door.

"We did knock on his door," Derden said, and when Al-Hussayen opened the door, he was arrested without incident.

Three female agents, including one who spoke Arabic, then entered the house to deal with

his wife, Maha.

"We had to make sure it was proper to encounter her without her veil," Derden said. "The children weren't even woken up. And you know what he said? Thank you for being so kind to me."

The early-morning arrest, said Derden, was due in part to arrests being made simultaneously in other parts of the country. Four other men were arrested on the East Coast last Wednesday, accused of conspiring to violate U.S. economic sanctions against Iraq through a charity called Help the Needy.

David Nevlin, Al-Hussayen's attorney, last week said the counts are merely immigration violations, not terrorism charges. Al-Hussayen pleaded innocent and is scheduled to appear in federal court in Boise March 11 for a detention hearing.

Derden said the arrest and search warrants were issued through an impartial federal judge, and the indictment is the product of a grand jury probe.

"If anybody can read that indictment, I don't see how they can call it a witch hunt," he said.

# Rupert council considers indoor, year-round pool

By Nate Johnson  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** — The City Council says this may be the right opportunity to build Mini-Cassia's first year-round public pool.

The Rupert city council will not open the pool, but will consider it.

"It's done," said Bob Russman, Rupert's public works supervisor.

Pool consultant Don Carey has suggested remodeling the pool. The city hired Don Carey and Associates, of Bellevue, Wash., to advise the council and write grant applications for the facility.

It would cost \$508,656 to fix the pool, plumbing and give it a tune-up, Carey estimated. It would cost a total of \$1.4 million to make the same changes and also put a metal building around the pool, Carey said.

"Considering area population and trends in swimming, and if expertly managed, pool revenues — from a 52 admission fee — would cover 90 percent of costs for either option, Carey said. The indoor pool would bring in more money because it could stay open 12 rather than 2.5 months.

Rupert would be lucky to recover 60 percent of costs in revenue, said City Administrator Roger Bagley. While Bagley said he doesn't doubt Carey, who once can 17 indoor pools as director of parks for King County, Wash., could bring in revenues to cover 90 percent of the costs, that might be unrealistic for Rupert managers.

The pool has paid for itself.

Councilors said they should try for the indoor plan and see if they can find the money to pay for it.

While the pool is mechanically non-functional, the structure is sound, Carey said. The city can remodel the pool while replacing the plumbing for an insignificant additional cost.

The pool is 105 feet long, which makes it unsuitable for

competitive swimming, Carey said. His plan calls for a concrete wall making a 75-by-60-foot lap pool and a 30-by-50-foot toy pool. By making the pool longer-length, the city will better accommodate swim teams and people who swim for fitness.

Carey also raised making the lap pool shallower to allow for water basketball and volleyball leagues.

Most people, unless they are swimming laps, prefer shallow water in a pool. Shallow water would eliminate the diving board, but Carey's plan compensates with a new water slide and a rope swing.

If the pool were heated it could also be used for games and senior water-exercise programs. A shallower, heated, indoor pool would create "cradle to the grave type usage," maximizing the number of people who would come to swim, Carey said.

Carey said he would start writing grants. In the past, companies like Kellogg's have given money to communities that produce the commodities the companies use in their products, he said.

While some may be skeptical of Carey's numbers, "He's done it in the past," City Recreation Director Ron Dietz said.

Institutions like the theater, bowling alley and hotels have already left Rupert, Dietz said. At some point a city council is going to have to make a stand to keep something in Rupert that will attract people, he said.

An indoor pool would create three full-time jobs, 25-30 part-time jobs and would be an enormous addition to the city recreation program, Dietz said.

Russman has extended the life of the city-old pool for years, Carey said.

"He should get an award for Band-Aids," he said.

Times-News writer Nate Johnson can be reached at the newspaper's Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042, Ext. 637, or by email at njohnson@magicvalley.com.

## WHAT WOULD YOU PAY?

Gas station owners in Reno, Nev., found an unusual way to voice their opinion Tuesday on rising gas prices. Moe Alazawi put up the sign Monday saying that, with the high prices, a sense of humor was needed.

## CAFO

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guidelines are defined as CAFOs at 10,000 sheep. He said there are sheep businesses in Idaho with that many head. For three months out of the year, they are corralled, which means operations that have always been well accepted would come under the guidelines of required hearings.

He said the current law that allows counties to take action if needed works well.

"You have the wording in place to respond to people's needs," Boyd said. "If their commissioners don't give them what they want, they can always vote them out of office."

But Jaquet said the bill would

# Kidnapping suspect spotted in Wyoming could be hiding in Utah

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — A kidnapping suspect who was spotted in Evanston, Wyo., may be hiding in the Salt Lake City area with his young victim, the Utah Highway Patrol said on Tuesday.

Authorities in Michigan issued an "Amber Alert" for 14-year-old Lindsey Ryan on Saturday. The girl had reportedly left home with Terry Drake, a 56-year-old ex-convict she met in an Internet chat room.

Utah Highway Patrol spokesman Doug McCleive said his office was treating the case as a possible abduction, though whether the girl left with Drake willingly is unclear.

Drake's white Dodge pickup was reportedly spotted in

Evanston, Wyo., early Monday morning, where he unsuccessfully tried to use his credit card.

McCleive said it's likely the suspect continued west along Interstate 80 into the Salt Lake City area Monday. But from there, his movements are uncertain.

McCleive said he could be resting up in Utah, waiting for the right time to clear out.

"At some point, this guy has to rest or sleep," he said. And the Salt Lake area would make a good place to hide.

But with more than 36 hours past since the last sighting, the two could be almost anywhere, he said. "That's a really long time to allow someone to get out of an area."

But he also said he's puzzled by people who seem to like the money that dairies generate yet at the same insist on restricting them.

"There isn't anybody complaining about the money dairies bring in," he said. "If they don't want dairies, why don't they just stand up and say it?"

## Coach

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from her duties at the high school and demoted to junior high coach.

"All of that is not true," Mitchell said, adding that he was not yet aware of the lawsuit.

## Success

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fall, try to please everyone."

W success only by talking thoughtful ponderings of risks. Don't give up making tough choices so you can be loved. You've succeeded only if you've got integrity, and if you don't have integrity you have nothing."

Simpson touched on current issues, including taxes.

"Tax relief is a 'troubling, strange thing for Republicans," he said. People claim it's "for the rich."

"All of the truth is, Simpson said, that 1 percent of the people in the U.S. pay 30 percent of the taxes and 5 percent pay 52 percent, so

Lennie Funkhouser, football and track coach who is also listed in the complaint, dismissed the purchase order complaint. He said he receives new uniforms on rotation every few years, and the football team received new

uniforms courtesy of a fund-raiser by the team members.

Kevin Cato, the district's athletic director, declined to comment.

Representing Hall are Cynthia Woolley and Michael Pogue of the Roark Law Firm in Hailey.

zons wanting their Social Security."

Simpson, who is 71, said no people in his age group ever paid into Social Security what they'll take out, because there was a cap on payments.

"At the height of my law practice in Cody (Wyo.) I paid \$874 a year. No one my age ever paid more," he said. Today, people on the high end of the wage scale are paying as much as \$10,000 a year into the Social Security system, and it's predicted to be too little.

The only solution is to lower payments or make people pay more, options no one favors, he said.

## Wildlife

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The assessment was done to determine whether the predator control study would merit further and more rigorous environmental analysis before it could begin. In April 2002, Wildlife Services concluded the proposed predator killings would cause no significant environmental impacts. The environmental groups sued.

"In a broader context, the EA (environmental assessment) fails to explain how a regional study encompassing 48,000 square miles will evaluate impacts on discrete 100-square-mile areas," the judge wrote.

Wildlife Services averaged predators numbers per square mile across 48,000 square miles of southern Idaho to determine how many predators may be present in three 100-square-mile study areas, the judge's decision said. The agency proposed to kill more predators than maximum harvest recommendations based on the assumption that predators in

neighboring areas eventually would re-populate the controlled areas.

The agency intended to use aerial and ground shooting, traps, poisons and other devices to remove up to 75 percent of the coyotes, foxes, badgers, ravens, crows and black-billed magpies from various target areas over a six-year period. Those areas include locations in Twin Falls County, Owyhee County and eastern Idaho.

Wildlife Services and Fish and Game have defended the merits of the study.

Deputy Attorney General Clay Smith, who represented the state of Idaho, said Tuesday he was reviewing the judge's decision.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Marc Haws, who represented Wildlife Services, could not be reached for comment.

The federal government's court brief arguing in support of the study opens by claiming that the environmental groups want to eliminate Wildlife Services, are

biased against cattle grazing on public land and would design a different sage grouse research project if they were in charge.

"None of these beliefs, no matter how sincerely held, provides as a matter of law a basis to prevent the continuation of a narrowly focused research project conducted for a maximum of 15 weeks in small areas of Idaho to determine whether predator removal will have any effect on the survival of sage grouse eggs and chicks," the court brief said.

Wildlife Services traditionally has served as the protector of livestock, crops and public safety from predators.

In a 2001 legal challenge by the environmental groups, Wildlife Services agreed to perform the environmental assessment before beginning its sage grouse predator control study.

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## IDAHO/WEST

# Attempt to expand contribution bill fails

BOISE (AP) — House Democrats tried but failed to rewrite a bill on Tuesday that limits the way union members can make political contributions.

House leaders are furious over a bill sponsored by Republican Rep. Dennis Lake of Blackfoot

does nothing to change union membership or how much union members may contribute to political activities.

"We are not interfering with the collection of union dues in payroll deduction. We are interfering with payroll deductions when it comes to political contributions," Lake said. Later, he said a form of the bill had already passed in Utah, Michigan, and about 14 other states.

The bill is headed for a vote by the full House. All Republican leaders in both House and Senate are backing the bill, as is Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's office.

The proposal has already drawn an angry response from leaders of the Idaho Education Association — the state teacher's union — which collects voluntary donations of about \$1.33 a month from about 12,000 members.

The Professional Fire Fighters of Idaho and the Service Employees International Union have also blasted the bill, saying it directly targets their members in an attempt to silence their political voice.

A Service Employees Union rally is planned for today at 5:30 p.m. at the Statehouse.

## Budgets, bills — A1, B1



During a hearing in the Ways and Means committee on Tuesday, Democratic Floor Leader Wendy Jaquet of Ketchum introduced changes to House Bill 316 that would make all other groups, associations and corporations subject to the same kinds of restrictions unions would be required to follow.

"Basically, it broadens the definition to make it an even playing field," Jaquet said. "If we're going to go after the working people, we should go after everyone else."

The proposed change failed 3-4 along partisan lines.

Also during the brief hearing, Lake defended his bill, saying it

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H122 (Newcomer) — Expands exemptions from the state retirement plan.

H123 (State Affairs) — Permits migrators to file for retirement up to 90 days before the election.

H124 (State Affairs) — Exempts commercial members of the Idaho Code Commission from the state retirement plan.

H125 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Requires active real estate license to sell mobile homes, manufactured homes, or floating homes.

H126 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Reviews the minimum requirements for individual real estate licenses.

H127 (Judiciary and Rules) — Technical changes in the Idaho Nonprofit Corporation Act.

H128 (Judiciary and Rules) — Deletes requirements for parental appearance at probate hearings by surviving spouse.

H129 (Judiciary and Rules) — Repeals and adds to existing law to provide the liability of nonprobate transfers for creditor claims, and other changes.

H130 (Judiciary and Rules) — Makes technical changes to the Idaho Nonprofit Corporation Act.

H131 (Judiciary and Rules) — Provides that when there is no surviving spouse, the decedent's children are entitled jointly to the same value of exempt property unless the decedent's will provides otherwise.

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# Bill seeks to double fine for those who don't buckle up

BOISE — Fines against people who don't wear seatbelts would double under new legislation that would cinch up the state's 15-year-old law.

The House Transportation Committee on Tuesday passed a bill that would increase the penalty from \$5 to \$10. Unlike past attempts to amend the law, officers could not pull over a vehicle for a seatbelt violation. But unlike current law, they would be able to cite drivers and even passengers for not buckling up.

American Automobile Association-Idaho spokesman Dave Carlson testified that 70 percent of traffic fatalities in the past five years were unbelted drivers or passengers.

Representing St. Alphonsus Medical Center, attorney E. Eugene said Idaho's conservative, libertarian culture has blocked previous attempts to tighten

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Idaho's seatbelt laws, mainly because they would have allowed officers to stop a driver for a seat belt violation.

## Annexation bill fails in Local Government Committee

BOISE — A bill that would have changed how cities annex land failed in the House Local Government Committee on Tuesday. Although it was sponsored by committee chairman Rep. Lenore Barrett of Challis, it was voted down 6-3. The bill would have required a vote for involuntary annexations.

Similar legislation was attempted in 2001 and passed the Senate, but failed in the House.

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## It's a switch!

**48 hours, \$1,750 and just a little magic transform two rooms in a decorating swap**

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

Who do you trust?  
A perfect stranger, perhaps, to take a single room in your house and reimagine it into something you never imagined?  
"Yeah, you wonder a little at the beginning," said Ann Parker of Shoshone. "But it's exciting, isn't it?"  
Parker and her husband, Rusty, swapped houses for two days with Rane Capps of Jerome and her sister, Gloria Falconburg, for "It's a Switch," a promotion of The Times-News, Franklin Building Supply, Wilson-Bates and Target.

Each team got a budget - \$1,750 per room in merchandise from the sponsors - and a designer, supplied by Franklin and Wilson-Bates, respectively. And both had access to a carpenter and flooring installers.

The result?  
"Wonderful," Ann Parker said.  
"Ann and Rusty did a really nice job," according to Capps.

The project began last fall when the Times-News solicited applications from homeowners willing to turn a room in their homes over to someone they never met.

The Parkers - they live in the country - offered their master bedroom. Capps, who lives in town, nominated her family room.

One ground-rule: No peeking once work has started.

"It's kind of fun to walk into a room and start using your imagination," said Trieste Walker, a carpet sales associate and Franklin's designer on the project.

"Your first thought is, 'We've got a lot of work to do,'" said Donna Kirkdorffer, a decorator and Wilson-Bates' "It's a Switch" designer.

The Parkers' 12 1/2-by-15 1/2-foot bedroom had light-colored walls, was dominated by a large bed and dresser and, like the rest of their home, was decorated in a Southwestern motif exemplified by the Parkers' bedspread.

So Walker suggested the greens and other earth tones in the bed covering as a starting point for the project.

And a project it turned out to be: The carpet came out, replaced by a hardwood floor, and new paint and wallpaper went up. But Capps, Falconburg and Walker weren't happy with the dresser.

So out it came, and its contents ended up on new shelves in the closet.

"That was the biggest surprise," Ann Parker said. "I never thought they'd touch the closet. It was just like, 'Let's shut the door and forget about it.'"



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The shelves were an inspired solution, Capps agrees, but a time-consuming one. "I think they spent almost as much time on the shelves as on the floor," she said.

Both Ann Parker and Capps say they were most intrigued by the many small decorating touches that the decorating trio lent to the Parkers' bedroom, such as a wall treatment fashioned from an oak branch that came from a tree in the yard.

"Those things were fun to do," Capps said. "But they kept us busy; we were either working or designing for all but four or five hours of the two days we were in their house."

Meanwhile back at the Capps residence, Kirkdorffer and the Parkers were laboring to open up a rather dark 14-by-16-foot family room.

Lighter-color paint went on some of the walls, the old blinds came down, beige-colored carpet went on the floor and shelves up on one of the walls.

"We decided we wanted to go with a Southwestern look," Ann Parker said. "Beige with red and black accents."

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Above, Rane Capps, center, tries out the position of a decorated horseshoe while Trieste Walker, left, and Gloria Falconburg hold up an oak branch on a bare wall in the Parker residence in Shoshone. Capps and her helpers were participating in the "It's a Switch" contest and won the chance to completely redecorate a room in the Ann and Rusty Parker residence while the Parkers were decorating a room in the Capps house.

Left, hardwood floors and a completely revamped closet are just a few of the touches that shocked and delighted Ann and Rusty Parker when they returned to their Shoshone home.

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Left, Ann and Rusty Parker watch and take a break while the carpet-layers start putting down the new carpet they selected for the Rane Capps' new recreation room that the Parkers were remodeling.

Above, the Capps' finished basement family room was done in a Southwestern theme with several decorations handmade by Ann Parker including the ladder and a set of elk shoulder blades hand-painted with woodland themes.

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## HOME FIX-UP 2003

Get decorating help  
at the click of a mouse

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A new look for your living space just might be found in cyberspace.

Interior design and decorating help can now be had via e-mail. The method is still fairly rare, and even its proponents say it has its limits. Nevertheless, e-mail can be a fast and easy way to get a few fresh ideas or just exchange information with a design pro.

One decorator who's jumped into online design is Los Angeles rearranger Katie Anglin, who offers an e-mail consultation that's essentially a pared-down version of her one-day home makeovers. The client sends photos, room dimensions and other information, and she e-mails back a summary of suggestions to make the room more attractive and functional using furniture and accessories the client already owns.

The results aren't as professional as they would be if she and her assistant were in the client's home doing the work, Anglin said. But the service is significantly cheaper — \$75 per room, compared with her usual fee of \$500 for two rooms plus \$100 for any additional room done the same day.

E-arranging brings decorating help to people who otherwise might not be able to afford it, she said. "It's a good, inexpensive way for people to see how much difference rearrangement can make."

It's also a way to instill confidence, said Daria deGolian, an Atlanta rearranger who started her Daria on a Dime e-mail consulting service about six months ago. She finds that clients often have a pretty good idea of what they want to achieve in a room, but they need a few concrete suggestions to pull the look together. DeGolian might suggest that a client paint a fireplace, for example, or perhaps add a bookcase or swap the curtains for something in a lighter color.

"They're getting just a little bit of direction," she said. "They're really just looking for someone to say, 'It's OK.'"

Even though deGolian's service is affordable — like Anglin, she charges \$75 — it has yet to become a big part of her business. She figures she gets about one contact for the service a month.

E-mail-only services may have a low profile simply because so few of them exist. It's far more common for designers and decorators to use e-mail as an adjunct to the design process rather than as a substitute for a traditional designer-client relationship.

Bath Township, Ohio, interior designer Susan Lobalzo, for example, often uses her computer to communicate with clients and is relying on it to keep in touch with a couple who are wintering in Florida while she works on the

## Where to look

Here are some sources for interior design, decorating and rearranging help via e-mail:

• Daria deGolian, Daria Designs, Anglin.com or 630-637-0695.  
• Katie Anglin, Los Angeles, www.renhanceit.com or 213-280-6782.

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• Gail J. Tucker, Finishing Touches, Bloomington, Ill., www.finishing-touches-homesite.com or 847-323-6617.

• Diana Ezerins, Diana Ezerins Interiors, Chicago, www.dianaezerins.com or 773-604-8421.  
—Source: Akron Beacon Journal (Akron, Ohio)

renovation of their condominium in Bath. Lobalzo uses e-mail to send computer-generated drawings and communicate in other ways with her clients.

It's convenient — no missed phone calls, no having to work during strict hours — and it's faster to e-mail documents than to mail them. Still, Lobalzo said she'd never substitute an online relationship for the real thing.

For one thing, she insists on visiting the places she works on. "I have to feel a space," she said, and the impressions she gets from walking through can't be duplicated in photos or room layouts.

Lobalzo also recognizes how easily the written word can be misconstrued. She needs to see her clients' expressions, hear the inflections in their voices and read their body language. "I will never give up the face-to-face meeting," she said.

Even Lobalzo's somewhat restricted use of e-mail is a relative rarity in the Akron area. Phone calls to about 30 designers and decorators turned up only a smattering who said they regularly use e-mail for client communication, and none who has relied solely on that method.

Laurie Smith has, however. Smith, an interior designer in suburban Chicago, once redesigned an entire room via e-mail, supplemented by a couple of phone calls. "At first I wasn't certain how we could make it work," she admitted, but she was satisfied with the results.

The situation was unusual: The client, a California woman, had seen a magazine photo of a room designed by Smith, and she wanted the same look in her own home. The client supplied photos, measurements and other essentials. Smith e-mailed back the room layout and specifics such as a design for a window treatment the woman could have made locally. Fabrics were mailed to the client.

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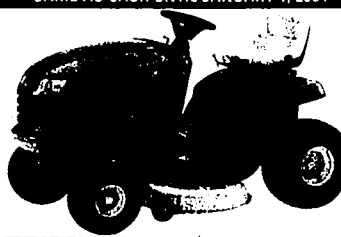
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# HOME FIX-UP 2003

## Pop culture bubbles over with hot tubs

Knight Ridder News Service

Shannon Oliver knew it was coming: They were gonna ask her to take her clothes off.

As a contestant on the ABC reality series "The Bachelor," the 25-year-old Addison, Texas, resident was hoping and praying she could bypass the "hot-tub scene," a spicy staple of reality shows such as "The Real World," "Joe Millionaire," "Meet My Folks" and "The Bachelor."

And for a while there, it looked like she had. In fact, weasled out of weaseling out of her clothes. A month into filming, though, bachelor Alex Michel popped the question: Wanna get in the hot tub?

"It was me, Alex - and 15 crewmen," says Oliver, an operations specialist for a financial planning company. "It's one thing to jump in a hot tub with friends and have a good time. But jumping in a hot tub when America's watching and critiquing every inch of your body, that's another story."

It's a story that's getting longer and longer. One of this season's most talked-about movie moments occurs in "About Schmidt," when zany actress Kathy Bates character bares all as she takes a dip in the spa with Jack Nicholson.

And for reality shows and real-dating series such as "Blind Date" and "ElimiDATE," hot-tub scenes are becoming as mandatory as crying contestants.

"Hot-tub scenes exist for the whole purpose of seeing women in swimsuits," Oliver says. "Seems like every single dating show has a hot-tub adventure in it. It's like they're required."

Pop culture's renewed interest in hot tubs may account for an increase in national hot-tub sales. According to Jim McClure, chairman of the National Spa and Pool Association, hot-tub sales jumped more than 30 percent between 2000 and 2002. McClure adds that 375,000 hot tubs were sold last year in the United States; this year, McClure says, sales are expected to reach around 420,000.

"These reality shows tend to surround their atmospheres with a lot of material items, and that's one of them," says McClure, who's also the chief operating officer for Vista, Calif.-based Dimension One Spas. "The fact that they're on TV so much is just another indicator that hot tubs have become more mainstream."

For years, people have purchased spas and hot tubs in the name of hydrotherapy, said to stimulate the body's nerves and circulatory system. Hydrotherapy also is credited with helping relieve pain from arthritis, back problems, rheumatism and muscle-related ailments.

### Spa basics

◆ **Price:** \$1,500 to nearly \$10,000, depending on size and the number of jets and whistles. Starting ground is a built-it-yourself model that's about 6 feet in diameter and comes with six jets; about five people can squeeze in it.

◆ **Installation:** Most hot tubs are professionally installed, but the do-it-yourself market is booming.

◆ **Materials:** The most common material is an acrylic tub with a fiberglass

back. Contex, a tough thermal plastic, is another material used in tubs, but it comes only in white. Acrylic tubs with ABS plastic and backed with foam or fiber is the third kind of popular tub.

◆ **Sizes:** The most common tub holds 450 to 500 gallons of water and six adults. Two- and four-person tubs are also available.

◆ **Placement:** Nine-tenths of hot tubs are installed outdoors.

The origins of the hot tub are rooted in such therapy, when early man used natural hot springs for warmth and pain relief. According to [www.hottubsdirectory.com](http://www.hottubsdirectory.com), ancient Egyptians used hot baths. And around 600 B.C., says the Web site, one of the first hot tubs was built for the king of ancient Persia.

Over time, Greece, Japan and China caught on, crafting tubs that bubbled with water from hot springs. The Roman Empire constructed many chambers and temples around springs, including the complex maze of bathing areas in the city of Bath in England.

In the mid-1900s, wine and olive tanks and water troughs were used to manufacture the first real hot tubs. Ceramic and concrete soon replaced them.

Hot tubs took on a new face in the '70s as a symbol of the free-love times. Although that image has cooled some, the sexy stigma remains - a key reason why reality programs show so much love for them - and in them.

"Hot tubs are inherently sexy," says Scott Satin, executive producer of the NBC reality show "Meet My Folks," in which hot-tub scenes occur frequently. "They're relaxing and soothing. If you're inclined to get romantic, they certainly put you in that frame of mind."

"Plus, for us, it's a great way to put people in next-to-nude clothing in a confined space. They've got nowhere to go," Satin says. "Call it foreplay, if you will."

Hot-tub manufacturers are certainly pleased to see people on popular TV shows loitering around in their products. But they cringe at the steamy subject matter of such shows.

"There's no question about it, from a pop culture standpoint, shows like 'The Bachelor' are making hot tubs a bit more prevalent," says Brian Quint, president of Aqua Quip Pool & Spa, a Seattle-based company with eight retail stores. "In terms of sex appeal, there's definitely a social aspect to being in one or owning one. It doesn't hurt to get that sort

of the hot tub in the manner in which we're trying to portray it. We're looking at them as more of a family product."

Matter of fact, Quint attributes climbing hot tub sales to a post-Sept. 11 atmosphere in which families are doing less traveling and, instead, are turning their homes into amusement parks.

"Clearly, people aren't getting on airplanes as much," he says. "What we're seeing is people who want to stay at home and invest in their home. With the money they're saving from not traveling, they're refinancing and refurbishing their houses, and adding a hot tub to their home is just one of many ways they're doing this."

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## Remodeling? Hire a contractor with these helpful tips

## The Orange County Register

This time of year, more than any other, people take the first steps toward remodeling their homes. Bringing together your ideas, your designs, your plans and then presenting them to an architect, home designer or contractor can bring great satisfaction.

It's what happens next — the creation and signing of a contract — that might make the difference between realizing your dream or constructing a nightmare.

There are many details to consider when dealing with a contractor. But there are some basic principles to keep things honest between you and the contractor:

◆ Everything should be in writing. This includes everything from the basics to the details, from the date of the start of the job to the date of the finish, if you and the contractor can agree. If you don't have some-

thing in writing, the contractor doesn't have to do it. Unless, of course, you're willing to shell out extra money.

◆ If something about the contract changes, get that in writing as well. Don't accept an oral promise. If the construction is under way and you or the contractor need something extra done, get it in writing as an addition to the contract.

◆ Don't sign anything unless you absolutely understand that what you are signing is a contract. There are contractors who will give you a bid and ask you to sign to acknowledge you accept the bid. If you do sign you could be held to that as a contract. Read or have anything you are expected to sign read by an attorney or a trusted adviser before you sign.

The Federal Trade Commission offers the following tips for hiring a contractor:

- ◆ Ask friends, neighbors and coworkers for referrals.
- ◆ Contact local trade organizations, such as the local builder association or remodeling group, for the names of members in your area.
- ◆ Check out the contractor with local or state consumer protection officials.

## By the numbers: 10 tips

◆ Ask the contractor for customer references from similar projects and call the references yourself.

◆ Ask for a copy of the contractor's current insurance certificates.

◆ Get written estimates from several firms. Make sure the bids are based on identical project specifications.

◆ Get all guarantees, warranties and promises in writing.

◆ Agree on start and completion dates and write them into the contract.

The Maryland Home Improvement Commission also advises homeowners to:

- ◆ Pay no more than one-third of the contract price as down payment.
- ◆ Ask to see a building permit before work starts. If a permit is needed.

—Source: Washington Post

## How savvy are you? Find out with this quiz on home improvement

## The Washington Post

Do you know how to protect yourself from contracting con jobs? Take this quiz from the Federal Trade Commission and find out. (Answers are below.)

1. The most common home repair scams involve:

- A. Roofing
- B. Gutter cleaning
- C. Driveway paving
- D. Furnaces
- E. All of the above

2. You should not do business with someone who urges you to sign a contract before you have had a chance to review it. True or false?

3. An advertisement in the "home improvement" section of the Yellow Pages is your assurance that a contractor is reputable. True or false?

4. A less-than-reputable contractor:

- A. Solicits door-to-door.
- B. Offers you discounts for finding other customers.
- C. Just happens to have material left over from a previous job.
- D. Is unavailable by phone except for an answering machine.
- E. All of the above

5. If you decide to hire a contractor, get a written estimate and contract. A well-written contract should include the contractor's name, address and phone number. If a license is required in your state, the contractor's license number should appear. Your contract also should specify:

- A. Costs for products and labor.
- B. The brand names of materials used, model and stock numbers.
- C. Whether materials will be new, used, rebuilt or reconditioned.
- D. Start-up and completion dates.
- E. All of the above

6. What kind of insurance should a contractor carry?

- A. Personal liability
- B. Workers compensation
- C. Property damage
- D. All of the above

7. Your payments should be made by credit card or check. True or false?

8. Avoid making the final payment or signing an affidavit of final release until you are satisfied with the work and have proof that the subcontractors and suppliers have been paid. True or false?

9. If you use your home as security for a home-improvement loan and you do not repay the loan as agreed, you could lose your home. True or false?

Answers:

1. E. All of the above. Other home repair scams often involve chimneys, windows, electrical wiring, tree pruning and pest extermination.
2. True. High-pressure sales tactics usually indicate you are dealing with an unscrupulous person. A reputable contractor does not pressure you to sign a contract and accepts that you need time to review a contract or consult a friend or relative.
3. False. Anyone can advertise in the Yellow Pages. An ad should not be considered an indication of the quality of a contractor's work. It's still best to get recommendations from friends, neighbors and coworkers who have had repair and maintenance work done. Contractors who are required to be licensed often list their license number in their ads. Check out the contractor with the Better Business Bureau and state and local consumer protection officials. They can tell you if there are unresolved consumer complaints on file. One caveat: No record of complaints against a particular remodeler doesn't necessarily mean no previous consumer problems. It may be that problems exist but have not been reported, or that the contractor is doing business under several names.
4. E. All of the above. You also should be wary of contractors who tell you your job will be a "demonstration," pressure you for an immediate decision, offer exceptionally long guarantees and ask you to pay for the entire job upfront.
5. E. All of the above. The contract also must spell out what jobs will and will not be performed.
6. D. All of the above. Avoid doing business with contractors who do not carry the appropriate insurance. Otherwise, you may be liable for any injuries and damages that occur during the project.
7. True. Your credit card statement or canceled check give you proof of payment, in addition to the contractor's receipt. Paying with a credit card also may give you extra protections. For example, if you have a problem with merchandise or services that were charged to your credit card and you have made a good faith effort to work out the problem with the seller, you have the right to withhold from the card issuer payment for the merchandise or services. You can withhold payment up to the amount of credit outstanding for the purchase, plus any finance or related charges. However, because state laws vary, your right to stop payment on checks, it is best to get legal advice before doing so.
8. True. Lien laws in your state may allow unpaid subcontractors and suppliers to "attach" your home through a "mechanics lien." That means the subcontractors and suppliers could go to court to force you to sell your home to satisfy their unpaid bills from your project. Protect yourself by using the contractor, and every subcontractor and supplier, for a lien release or lien waiver.
9. True. The lender can take your home and sell it, using the proceeds to pay off the loan and any foreclosure costs.
10. True. The FTC's cooling-off rule gives you three days to cancel the contract signed in your home or at a location other than the seller's permanent place of business. During the sales transaction, the salesperson (contractor) must give you two copies of a cancellation form (one to keep, one to send to the company) and a copy of your contract or receipt. The contract or receipt must be dated, show the name and address of the seller, and explain your right to cancel.

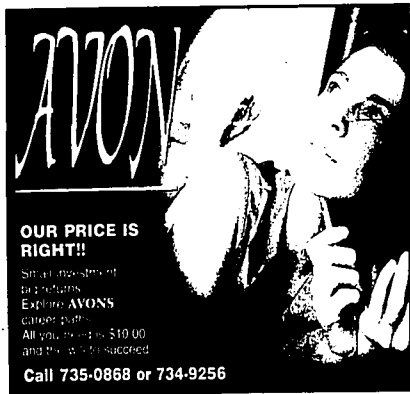
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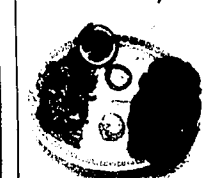
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## HOME FIX-UP 2003

## Experts: Spend money on kitchens, bathrooms

The Baltimore Sun

Spending on residential remodeling has set records during the past two years as more people invest their home equity in new kitchen cabinets, granite countertops and whirlpool baths.

Renovation experts said the extent to which those investments may increase a home's value depends on the real estate market and the neighborhood as well as the quality of the improvement. Appraising experts said homeowners can expect their best return from investing in kitchens, bathrooms, basements or additions.

Almost everything else — landscaping, fireplaces, gutters, pools — is considered an amenity and won't likely add instant value to the house unless a buyer is looking for such items.

The best returns are in the bathroom, where money spent on additions and renovations is likely to increase values the most, according to Remodeling Magazine's annual cost vs. value report. The magazine puts the best national return on a mid-range bathroom addition costing \$15,058, estimating that it would earn about 94 percent back in a resale. A major kitchen remodeling that cost \$70,368 would earn about 80 percent in a resale, the magazine said.

"It's the best remodeling market that there has ever been," said Walt Steppelerwerth, publisher and partner of Homestech Information Systems Inc., a Bethesda, Md.-based software company that studies contractor costs and helped perform the market analysis for the magazine. "Home prices keep going up, and people are investing in their houses."

That's one reason Maryann Sharp decided to have the kitchen redone in the family's Darnestown, Md., home last month. The upgrade was needed, Sharp said, because the family wanted more counter space, new appliances and cabinets.

"We've talked about it since the day we moved in," Sharp said of the 1977 home into which the family moved eight years ago. "We always said it was a wonderful house — if you could fix the kitchen."

She said renovation costs for the kitchen will total more than \$40,000. The family has already spent \$40,000 on bathroom renovations and other improvements.

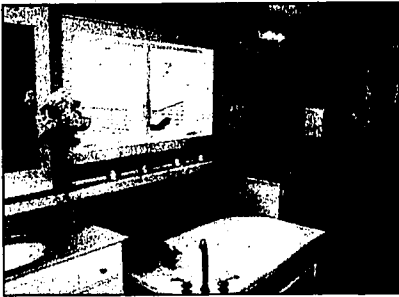
Sharp said the slowing economy almost prompted them to put off the renovations. But then they considered rising home values, low-interest rates on home equity loans and the comfort in knowing that the kitchen upgrade could be recouped in a resale.

"We looked at buying other houses and moving, but we really like our neighborhood and decided this was a good investment," Sharp said.

Americans spent \$214 billion on home renovations last year, according to Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies. That was up about 2 percent from the previous year, and the group expects renovation spending to jump by 4 percent in 2003.

University researchers found that home improvement spending increased despite the slowing economy because of the growth in home equity and record refinancings that freed up more money for reinvestment.

Given the record spending, lining up a contractor to renovate a home is likely to be an experience in patience. Most renovation companies said the process



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Can take from a month to more than 90 days with designs, ordering supplies and scheduling crews to complete the work.

"We've been swamped for the last couple of years," said Christopher Dorsey, a designer with Kenwood Kitchens and Baths, based in Rosedale, Md.

"And people are already under the impression that it's going to be a good investment to make."

Thirty-year interest rates have remained below 6 percent during the past several weeks and averaged 6.5 percent last year. The Mortgage Bankers Association of America predicts that rates will average 6.2 percent this year. Refinancing activity hit \$1.5 trillion last year, and almost 43 percent of those who took out those loans said they would use part of the money for home improvements.

Given the increase in equity that most homeowners have secured, some real estate experts

caution that renovation is not necessarily the most prudent way to increase a home's value. Instead, they said, improving the neighborhood's reputation as a safe place to live and helping area schools do better in educating children are more important value drivers.

"What really matters is the norm of your neighborhood," said Robert Rabin, a Los Angeles-based real estate broker, whose recent book, "Improve the Value of Your Home up to \$100,000: 50 Sure-Fire Techniques and Strategies," talks about getting involved in the community and increasing the curb appeal of the home through cosmetic improvements such as painting and reducing clutter.

"If other people have improved their kitchen, then you need to improve yours. If nobody has done anything and you've spent a lot of money on renovations, you may likely be creating a white

elephant in the neighborhood."

Homeowners willing to be the first to add a sun room, for example, should make the improvement because they want to enjoy it, experts said. Unless the rest of the neighborhood starts adding similar rooms, the increased value isn't likely to translate into a higher selling price right away, they said.

"Those folks who get out and push the envelope first and go with significant additions and upgrades, they're going to be hanging out there for a while until the rest of the neighborhood comes along," said Don Kelly, vice president for public affairs for the Appraisal Institute in Washington. "For a lot of these, it's a matter of personal preference. While it is a significant investment and expense, most people don't look at their home as they do in buying stock. They like to think that it's going to appreciate, but that's not why they buy it. They bought it for shelter."

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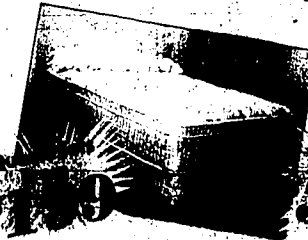
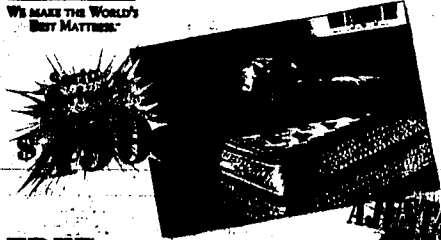
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# HOME FIX-UP 2003

## Cibola offers lots of sunny spaces

By Associated Designs

Ten-foot-high ceilings throughout give an airy, spacious feel to the Cibola, a mid-size family home with a sunny Southwestern flavor. A wealth of windows line the rear-facing walls, creating exceptionally bright family living

space. At the heart of the plan is a wide open great room with a fireplace. Light streams through French doors, slender windows flanking the doors, and through an expansive window bay in the kitchen. Transom windows cap these and most other windows throughout the house.

If your family likes to cook together, this kitchen is a dream. It's got counter space on four sides, and a work island with built-in cook top right square in the center. The sink faces onto a court that spans most of the rear. Other features include a built-in oven, a microwave and dishwasher, a long eating bar and a step-in pantry.

Sunlight spills into the vaulted sun room from three angles. The rear exterior walls are more glass than anything else, and the room

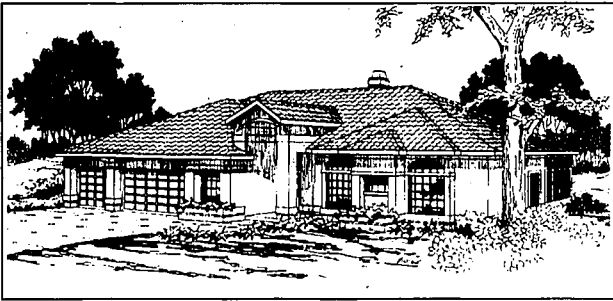


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has give skylights. French doors separate the sun room from the formal dining room.

Outfitted with a secluded sitting area, the master suite serves as an adult retreat. Other amenities include a huge walk-in closet, and a private bathroom with skylight, two basins, shower and soaking tub.

Utilities and a small powder room are adjacent to a three-car garage with shop and storage. The Cibola's three secondary bedrooms share a bathroom. The room closest to the entry could be used as a home office, study or guest room.

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## Mix and match in your garden

By Ridder News Service

A lot of gardens could be classified as mixed, having woody trees and shrubs, vines and annuals and perennials.

And while it's fun for the gardener to luxuriate in a grand variety of stuff, the resulting garden can be like a closet stuffed to the gills, a jumble that falls short in vision, art and impact.

Tracy DiSabato-Aust brings organizational magic to the art and science of making a garden in a book, "The Well-Designed Mixed Garden" (Timber Press, \$29.95).

The author, known for her previous book on maintaining perennials, walks readers through design principles and site considerations as well as nitty-gritty aspects of plant selection and maintenance.

A mixed garden, she writes, offers advantages over one that is totally herbaceous. For one thing, a mixed garden can be more interesting to look at, with its greater variety of sizes, shapes and colors. And a well-designed mixed garden that includes woody plants can remain attractive all year, with a more natural feel than a perenni-

ally border.

The latter is what many gardeners cultivated during the 1990s' perennials craze. As she toured to promote her 1998 book "The Well-Tended Perennial Garden" (Timber Press, \$29.95), DiSabato-Aust says she realized people kept talking about just perennials or just bulbs or just shrubs, as though they existed in a vacuum, not a plant community.

"There seemed to be a need in how we combine all these other wonderful plants with perennials," DiSabato-Aust says. It became fodder for the new book, which she says she wrote for gardening beginners as well as advanced types and professionals. It begins with considerations of cost, maintenance, the site and objectives. Soil gets its due. According to DiSabato-Aust, 80 percent of plant growth problems are caused by soil issues and she urges readers to complete soil tests and incorporate organic matter at planting sites.

For those addicted to the cut-throat, prune-that aspects of DiSabato-Aust's earlier work, which has become Timber Press' top seller, the new book has a

chapter on how to maintain a mixed garden with ingredients for a fertilizer she uses on acid-loving plants, a discussion of why a gardener might want to coppice a shrub and instructions on how to overwinter tender bulbs and tubers.

A chapter showcases plant combinations DiSabato-Aust particularly admires, like the pale yellow chrysanthemum called Autumn Moon with orange Indian grass. Each combination of two or more plants includes her discussion of design and maintenance specifics.

DiSabato-Aust, her husband and their son live in central Ohio on 35 acres with more than 6,000 square feet of pesticide-free gardens called Hiddenhaven. In recent years, she has dug and replanted to incorporate more trees and shrubs, bulbs, annuals, tropicals and ornamental grasses as well as high-color garden art. Among her favorite annuals are the dashing Cerise major purpurascens and self-sowing fillers like love-in-a-mist and Brazilian verbena. DiSabato-Aust has a new conservatory for overwintering tender striped cannas and elephant ears.

## Switch

Continued from C1

A Southwestern-style area rug went in the middle of the floor, on top of the carpet, and when the wooden blinds that Kirkdorfer had ordered didn't fit, she hit upon a novel alternative.

"I love horses," she said. "So we went to D&B and got a horse blanket and put it up on the window."

Ann Parker's most interesting creation was a full-sized ladder that she painted and weathered and installed on one wall.

"That was a lot of fun," she said.

So, she adds, was creating the other Southwestern touches - framed pictures and other bric-a-brac - that provided grace notes for the room.

She was involved in getting the materials, but I wasn't able to be there until the second day," Kirkdorfer said. "But the Parkers got in there and went to

work, and they did a great job."

Under the ground rules, each team received up to \$1,000 in paint, carpeting, cabinetry, vinyl and laminates from Franklin, up to \$500 in furniture, appliances and accessories from Wilson-Bates and up to \$250 worth of linens and accessories from Target. Both stayed comfortably within budget.

"I think they did a wonderful job with what they had to work

with," Walker said.

Ann Parker, for one, hopes there's a second round.

"It was funny, I should have been tired when it was all over," Capps said. "But I was so excited, it took me a couple of days to calm down."

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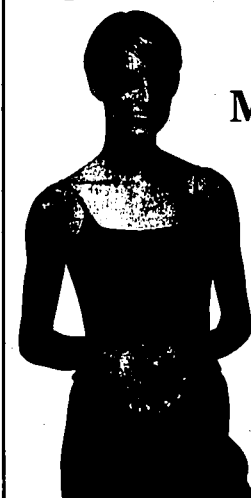


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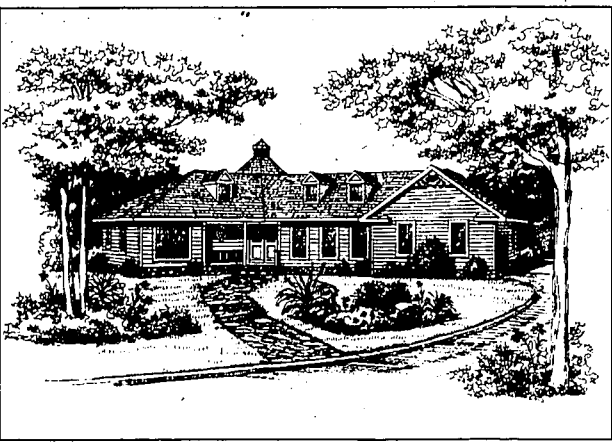
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The Times-News

## HOME FIX-UP 2003



Paint, trim and eye-catching landscaping details are the essence of great 'curb appeal.'

## Discover alchemy of 'curb appeal'

The Orange County Register

What is curb appeal? It's the first impression a home makes on a visitor "pulling up to the curb." It's what differentiates one home from another, what makes it special or seem to be special.

Increasing your home's curb appeal doesn't mean having a bigger house than the one next door or necessarily spending a lot of money. Curb appeal can be obtained by large and small efforts and expenditures.

In "Adding Value to Your Home," published by Creative Homeowner Press, \$16.95, it states: "Appearances certainly do matter when it comes to a house. Because the exterior view of a home is the first thing we see, it will invariably influence our impression of the entire home, as well as our impression of its value."

This importance was not lost on Shannon Lusignan. Two years ago, Lusignan, her husband and two small boys moved into a 50-year-old, cottage/ranch-style home in an old section of Anaheim, Calif.

Neither Lusignan nor the house has been the same since. Bit by bit, she is adding curb appeal.

Here's some of what she's done:

- A light slate-blue color now adorns the exterior window shutters, contrasting nicely with a fresh coat of paint on the entire house.
- The two prominent front windows closest to the street have pediments (think of them as moldings) above the windows. Lusignan combined straight wood and off-the-shelf molding and painted them.
- Most of the windows have window boxes, which she also made and painted white. She grows several types of flowers in the boxes, including petunias, pansies, snapdragons and violets.
- On one side of the house in front, she has potted plants on a white-painted garden bench she made herself.
- On the opposite front side she has vines growing on a 5-foot-high white-painted obelisk that she also made from scratch.
- A low brick planter extends across the front of the house in which she has a mixture of plants and shrubs.
- A small, white picket fence forms the "entrance" to the home's front walkway.

Don't get it wrong; this is not a house you're likely to see on the

cover of House Beautiful. It is a simple home much like thousands of others. Many homes in Lusignan's neighborhood are as well done or better. But Lusignan's home is typical of what can be done to beautify a home without busting your budget.

"I'd like to do a lot more, but it's just not in our budget," Lusignan said. "So I'd look at something I like in someone's yard or see it in a store and sometimes say to myself: 'I can make that myself.' And then I did."

Adding curb appeal to her home has not been easy, though it has been fun, Lusignan said.

"This house was a major fixer-upper when we bought it," she said with a deep sigh. "Nothing had been cared for for years inside or out."

Despite her lack of experience

in fixing up a house — this is her first home — Lusignan began by walking through neighborhoods, spotting homes she liked then figuring out why she liked them.

"I've also had to ask a lot of questions at places like Home Depot and Builders Surplus and at nurseries," she said.

Not everything has worked perfectly.

"I've made some mistakes on what I planted and where," she said with a chuckle, "but I'm learning as I go and I've made some progress."

"I guess you could say it's all part of an ongoing experiment."

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## Gardening for Mind and Body by Doris A. Black

Have you ever wondered why you enjoy gardening so much? What is it about working with plants that satisfies the soul? Gardening has long been thought of as a therapeutic tool. Benjamin Rush, a pioneer in early mental health therapies, found that his patients responded positively to working in the garden. During the 18th century, a doctor in Scotland was actually thought to have cured insanity by letting his patients work on his farm. When it first opened about one hundred years ago, Pontiac State Hospital in Pontiac, MI, had patients help with food production. After health officials realized the therapeutic values of such activities, the emphasis shifted to healing programs through horticulture.

There are many social benefits to horticultural therapy. Tending a plant is similar to raising a pet. They both

require regular food, water and attention to survive. This fosters a feeling of dependence in the individual, a feeling of responsibility for its care and survival. Many individuals thrive in an environment where they feel needed.

Under most circumstances, plants flourish readily; therefore, a certain degree of success is almost guaranteed. Individuals involved in plant therapy programs often experience increased pride for a project well done. Nurturing a plant from seed to fruit is an accomplishment creating satisfaction in one's own mind and even recognition from others. It generates interest and enthusiasm for the next project and promotes creativity. A horticulture and therapy program, when properly designed and executed, can be of great value.

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## Greenhouse effect: Some swear by it

The Washington Post

In the depths of winter, Ruth and Victor Lazarowitz could retreat to their own tropical paradise. Attached to the side of the couple's brick home in Vienna, Va., a greenhouse provides 230 square feet of winter tonic.

Ruth Lazarowitz has spent 20 years tending the treasures within: hundreds of orchids of various form and flower either resting, growing or bursting into bloom. The air is warm and moist and tickles the skin as it breezes past. The flowers cast their exotic spell. It is not a bad place to be marooned in a blizzard.

"Lots of people have music piped in," said Sam Grasso, who sells greenhouses for Janco Inc., a large manufacturer in Laurel, Md. "I don't know anyone who has a phone in them."

In the three decades that Grasso has been in the business, he has seen the profile of the average domestic greenhouse buyer shift from owners of wealthy estates to hobby gardeners, who wanted a place to start seeds indoors. Now that segment has all but gone, and the home glasshouse is the domain of plant hobbyists like Lazarowitz, most of whom grow orchids. Are they clinging to some quaint anachronism, or do they know something we don't?

"It's the most wonderful solace after a hard day's work, especially at this time of year," said Stefanie Jarrell, who equipped her Alexandria, Va., home with a 10-by-20-foot greenhouse two years ago. "The orchids are blooming, it's warm, moist. It's so relaxing. It's like going to a different world."

It is not, however, a feature to be considered lightly. A fully equipped, professionally built greenhouse can cost at least \$15,000 before you stick one gardenia in it. In addition to the financial commitment, there's a continuing obligation to the plants within.

First, an explanation: The glazed sanctuary for people variously called the sun room, solarium or conservatory can be used for house plants and for overwintering tender outdoor plants. The range of plants that will flourish in such a place, however, is limited. Unheated, the sun room can become too cold for many plants. Heated for human comfort, it can



Freestanding greenhouses have their own appeal: primarily, they contain more room to grow plants. But they have drawbacks compared with simple lean-to structures attached to the house, which are less obtrusive, easier to plumb and wire, and afford easier access in the worst winter weather. They are also about \$10,000 cheaper.

become too hot and dry for plants, stressing them and inviting pests such as spider mites. The greenhouse, on the other hand, is primarily for plants (and the people who love them). It has a sustained environment in which daytime and nighttime temperatures and humidity levels are maintained.

In such a place, plants that otherwise would drop leaves, fail to bloom and struggle through fall and winter can be given conditions that will allow them to flourish and flower.

The greenhouse environment, warmed and sheltered by the structure itself, needs these additional elements: heating, cooling, air circulation and humidifying.

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### Heating

Orchid growers like Ruth Lazarowitz must keep nighttime temperatures in fall and winter in the low to mid-50s. She has a gas heater; others rely on electric forced-air heaters, and some have

hot water pipes connected either to a boiler in the house or a hot water heater. These pipes can be buried in the floor or set above

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ground as aluminum fin tubing. Electric heaters consume twice as much energy as gas ones for the heat produced. Hot air heaters dry the air and create a greater burden on the gardener to humidify. Radiant heat is best, but greenhouse owners in the Washington area report that the buried tubing isn't enough to do the job and they must supplement their heat on the coldest nights. Moral: If you can afford it, go for aluminum fin tubing.

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You won't miss your old flame

DEAR JIM: I like to sit by a fireplace, but I hate all the hassles of it. I want to use it year-round. Do complete electric log fireplace/mantel kits really have realistic flames and sound? Do they produce much heat?

-PAT W.  
DEAR PAT: If you have not seen electric fireplaces recently, you will be amazed at how well the new technologies produce realistic-looking flames. Some even produce the sounds of real crackling logs. It takes about 10



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just is a small light bulb or two, a tiny motor and a fan that use very little electricity so operating it won't increase your air-conditioning bills.

Since an electric fireplace is plugged into a standard wall outlet, the heat output is limited to about 5,000 Btu/h, similar to most electric space heaters. It won't do a lot to heat up a large room, but when you are sitting in front of it, the heated air will keep you toasty warm. If you have an existing fireplace, you can just install an electric log/heater unit in it. For the most attractive fireplace, it is better to install a complete kit with a fireplace surround and mantel. These are made to be freestanding, so you can move them around like a piece of furniture.

The surrounds and mantels for electric fireplaces are often more attractive than for real wood or gas logs because concern for high heat is not a factor. Hand-polished wood and lacquered brass trim can be closer to the opening. Some complete space-saver fireplaces are only eight inches deep.

The types of controls vary among the models. The best ones allow you to vary the appearance of the fire from lazy flames to a raging fire by turning a knob. Thermostatically controlled heat and a multi-speed blower improve comfort. Some even have TV-type handheld remote control units. There are many ingenious design methods used to create realistic flames. One unique method uses a frosted glass screen with dancing lights projected on the back of it from reflective ribbons and a fan. Another design uses a rotating lens in front of multicolored light bulbs. Some logs sets are made of real wood logs instead of imitation painted ceramic ones.

Other simple-to-install complete fireplace kits use natural alcohol-based fuel made from grapes or corn to produce realistic wood flames. The alcohol is available gelled or as thickened liquid. They are very convenient to use, but produce heat, so they are not the best to use during the summer. No local codes ban alcohol models as some do for vent-free gas fireplaces.

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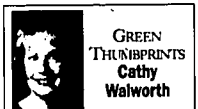
I read somewhere that some guy thinks mulch keeps the ground warmer. And, he thinks, that mulch-warmed soil keeps roots warmer, so they're not damaged by cold winter temperatures. Wrong, wrong, wrong. Let's talk about what mulch is.

Mulch is a blanket. It slows the fluctuation of soil temperatures. That means that if there's a big difference between day and night temperatures, a mulch-covered soil will stay somewhere in the middle, without nodding to the thermometer's wild swings.

Mulch is a water conservation tool. A few inches of bark chips or sawdust or compost will keep the top of the soil from drying out as quickly as it would if it were bare.

Mulch is generally a loose, organic substance. That allows the soil to breathe and carry on microscopic science projects that keep it alive.

Now about those winter-damaged roots. Once a substance is frozen, especially if encased in an ice cube, it's not going to get much colder. And if that substance is frozen in an ice cube, it



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cannot dry out. It's the drying out that most often kills roots in winter.

That's why we water until the soil cannot hold any more water in late fall. And then we water every few weeks - whenever we can during the winter - to keep those roots from drying out. If roots are not kept moist, they're freeze-dried, just like some brands of instant coffee. Your plant dies.

Mulch piled around the base of a plant can help keep the water in and unseasonably high daytime temperatures from melting the ice cube below.

Mulch piled high around rose canes, for example, will keep them from drying out in winter winds.

I find that if I pile bark chips around the base of a rose until

it's several inches high, then water the whole pile, everything stays in place until spring.

Mulch insulates. Soil took about a month to get as cold as it is.

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-ALREADY BUGGY

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## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

It's just like we were kids again playing against each other, but now it's a big rivalry.

— New York Yankees first baseman Jason Giambi, on facing brother Jeremy, in the fierce Yankees-Red Sox rivalry Tuesday

### TRIVIA

QUESTION:  
Who are the two players to have hit for the cycle in both the American and National leagues?

...answer below

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

#### College basketball

Region 18 Tournament, at St. George, Utah  
CSI vs. North Idaho, 7 p.m.  
High school boys basketball  
1A Real Dairy Shootout, at Caldwell HS, Valluue HS  
At Caldwell HS  
Carey vs. Council, 1:15 p.m.  
Shoshone vs. Sho-Ban, 3 p.m.  
At Valluue HS  
Castelford vs. Genesee, 1:15 p.m.  
Hagerman vs. Cole Valley, 8 p.m.

### IN BRIEF

#### Cassia baseball team holds tryouts

HEYBURN — Tryouts for the Heyburn-Paul traveling all-stars baseball team will be held from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday and from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Monday, March 10, at the Heyburn ballpark, located at 600 18th St.  
All 11- and 12-year-olds who will not turn 13 before Aug. 1 are encouraged to attend.  
For more information, call Vince Francis at 438-5657 or Joe Chavez at 678-7154.

#### Babe Ruth league hosts meeting tonight

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Babe Ruth Baseball organization will be hosting an informational meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Macie's.  
This meeting is for all past and prospective coaches interested in coaching a baseball team. Babe Ruth Baseball consists of boys from 13-19 years of age through out the Magic Valley. The season will begin in May and end in June.  
For any questions or information, please contact Linda Brittain at 733-4600.

#### Dodge Rodeo hits Pocatello March 19-22

POCATELLO — The 17th Annual Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo will be held March 19-22 at Holt Arena in Pocatello.  
Among the 192 contestants are two defending All-Around title winners, 12 world champions and three champions from past DNGFR events. Some of the names include Lan LaJeunesse, Cody Hancock (former College of Southern Idaho cowboy), Fred Welfield and Bobby Mote who will compete for \$425,000 in total prize money.  
For tickets or more information, call (208) 282-3267 or (208) 233-1546.

### Correction

The wrong site was listed in the bracket for the Class 2A boys state basketball tournament on Tuesday. The tournament is at Capital High School in Pocatello.

The Times-News regrets the error.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:  
Alan Olerod and Bob Watson.

# Class 1A powers collide in first round

By Scott Thompson  
Times-News writer

The coaches are having a hard time agreeing on a favorite headed into the Class 1A Boys Real Dairy Shootout, but on this they all agree: Today's matchup between Castelford and Genesee in the first round of the tournament could well have been the championship game.

With Castelford's loss to the Hagerman Flames in the sub-district tournament, the Wolves fell to the District Four's third seed, setting up today's matchup with the Bulldogs at 1:15 p.m. at Valluue High School in Caldwell.

BOYS

Team capsules, bracket

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"Castelford took second last year and Genesee got third and they both brought most of their teams back," Shoshone coach Larry Messick said. "I would have said they might have been the favorites going in but then they have to face each other."

And the Wolves (21-3) come in behind District Four's top seed, Carey, and second seed, Hagerman.

Carey (19-2) takes on a very big Council team (18-6) in the first round at 1:15 p.m. at Caldwell High School. Hagerman (18-6) faces reigning state champion Cole Valley Christian (12-10) at 8 p.m. at Valluue.

It would not be a huge surprise for either area team to take home some hardware. District Four's lone darkhorse is Shoshone (17-9), which takes on Sho-Ban at 3 p.m. at Caldwell High School.

But the premier matchup of Day 1 is the Castelford-Genesee game, which is a rematch of the semifinal from a year ago that the Wolves won, 35-29.

Castelford doesn't want a repeat of that score as it will try to pick up the pace. But the Wolves definitely want a repeat of the result, followed by three more victories to add another state title to their state football championship from this past fall.

"After getting so close a year ago, I know the kids really want to win it all," Castelford coach Andy Wiseman said. "But it's something that we don't talk about a lot because if they stub their toe, we don't want them to feel that the tournament is over and just give up. We want them to play as hard as they can every game so that

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# Showtime in St. George

## CSI opens Region 18 tourney with NIC

By Kevin Hall  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It couldn't have come at a worse time.

But the game suspension served by sophomores Jaison Williams and Jeff Williams last Saturday in a demoralizing 75-56 loss to Utah Valley State College may turn out to be the best thing to hit the College group for Southern Idaho men's basketball team as it prepares for its Region 18 Tournament opening-round game with North Idaho College tonight at 7 p.m. at Burns Arena in St. George, Utah.

Not to say it was a positive. Anytime you have to sit your starting shooting guard in Jaison Williams, who's averaging nearly 30 minutes a game and 14.5 points, and an experienced, versatile 6-foot-7 guard in Jeff Williams for violating unspecified team rules on the eve of the season's biggest game is never a good thing.

But one can only hope both players learned a lesson after letting their teammates, coaches and school down.

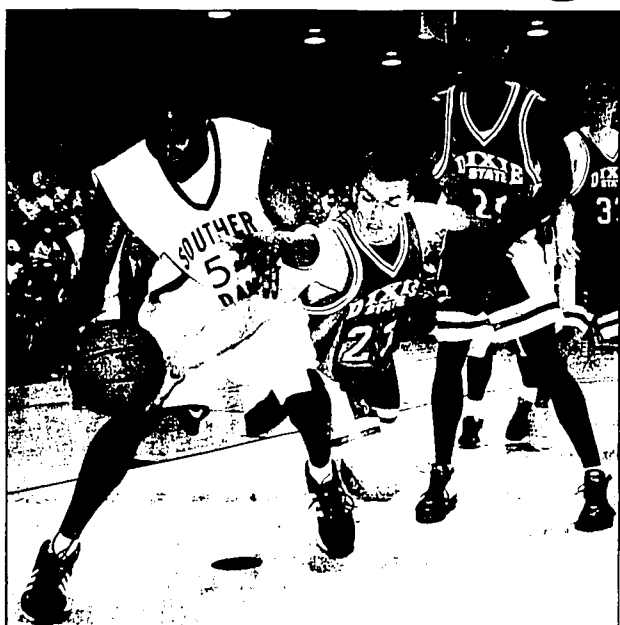
"It was just a lack of respect for the coaching staff, their teammates, that type of thing," CSI head coach Guy Beach said Tuesday. "But it's over with. It may have changed the way our team plays but let's hope we got all 11 guys healthy and dressed and ready to go for the tournament. Because until Saturday night, we were playing the best basketball in the league."

No joke. The Golden Eagles (25-5) were riding an eight-game winning streak before the loss. Now CSI has to regroup for the biggest week of its season.

Sophomore Sakrid Dent said the team has sat Saturday behind them and is focused on this week, starting tonight with the Cardinals.

"We're ready. That loss we took Saturday was nothing but a wake-up call," he said. "Ain't no pressure on us. We just got to stick together. And we got to stay focused, go out, and play hard and take one game at a time."

"It's a whole new season and CSI is going to be ready to play." The No. 2 seeded Golden Eagles face a seventh-seeded North Idaho team that has lost five of its last seven games, including an 89-49 thrashing to CSI on Feb. 8. Wednesday's game caps the opening day of games at the tournament, with No. 4 Snow



Diex State College guard Chris Huber tries to steal the ball from CSI's Sam Ibrahim during the first half of CSI's 72-62 win Feb. 1 in Twin Falls. The Golden Eagles hope to possibly end the Rebels' 65-game home winning streak this week at the Region 18 Tournament in St. George, Utah. Diex is the No. 1 seed and CSI won a coin flip to take the second seed.

College (21-9) taking on No. 5 Salt Lake Community College (20-10) at 1 p.m. and No. 6 College of Eastern Utah (18-12) facing third-seed Utah Valley (24-6) at 4 p.m.

The men take a day off Thursday while the women's tournament gets under way. A CSI win puts the Golden Eagles into a Friday semifinal and possible rematch with the Wolverines at 2 p.m. Top seed and host Dixie State College (25-5), which has a current 65-game home winning streak at Burns Arena, meets the winner of Salt Lake and Snow at 7 p.m.

But Beach and his team aren't looking past the 17-11 Cardinals, who pulled off a surprising 76-70 victory over CSI in December. With a backcourt of Rob Sullivan and Curtis Lincoln who have a combined 145 steals between

them and average a combined 30 points, North Idaho is capable of pulling off another upset.

"That's the backbone of their team, those two guys," Beach said. "Lincoln is more of a slasher

## Region 18 Tournament

<b>at Dixie State College, St. George, Utah</b> <b>Wednesday-Saturday</b> <b>All Times MST</b> <b>Men's bracket</b> <b>Wednesday's games</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Salt Lake vs. Snow, 1 p.m.</li> <li>Eastern Utah vs. Utah Valley State, 4 p.m.</li> <li>North Idaho vs. CSI, 7 p.m.</li> </ul> <b>Friday's games</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CSI/NIC winner vs. UVSC/CEU winner, 2 p.m.</li> <li>Snow/SLLC winner vs. Dixie State, 7 p.m.</li> </ul> <b>Saturday's game</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Championship, 7:30 p.m.</li> </ul>	<b>Women's bracket</b> <b>Thursday's games</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Snow vs. North Idaho, 1 p.m.</li> <li>CSI vs. Salt Lake, 4 p.m.</li> <li>Eastern Utah vs. Utah Valley State, 7 p.m.</li> </ul> <b>Friday's games</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CSI/SLLC winner vs. UVSC/CEU winner, noon</li> <li>Snow/NIC winner vs. Dixie State, 5 p.m.</li> </ul> <b>Saturday's game</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Championship, 5 p.m.</li> </ul>
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and penetrator, and Sullivan is more of a catch-and-shoot player. We've got to keep it at them all night."

But the Cardinals are short on

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# Jones, Tyson add badly needed spark

## Heavyweight division remains in sad shape

By Tim Dahlberg  
Associated Press writer

LAS VEGAS — In just a week, Roy Jones Jr. and Mike Tyson did their part to add a spark to a heavyweight division paralyzed by Lennox Lewis' inactivity.

It's easy to dismiss Tyson's 49-second knockout of Clifford Etienne as little more than a freak show, but people are fascinated by Tyson and will pay to watch every time he steps into the ring.

They won't necessarily pay to see Jones. But Jones has credibility, because he did what only one other light heavyweight champion has done — win a piece of the heavyweight title.

Look closer, though, and this much becomes clear: Jones didn't

beat a real heavyweight champion on Saturday night, and he probably won't ever fight one.

John Ruiz is a nice enough guy and a decent fighter who took advantage of the opportunity an aging Evander Holyfield gave him to win the WBA title. He didn't deserve to be called "Johnny Louie" by Lewis, but no one outside of the South American-based WBA really considered him the world's heavyweight champion.

Does that make Jones' win tainted? No, because he did beat a legitimate heavyweight, title or no title.

But a look at his future options reveals limited possibilities if Jones remains a heavyweight.

Sure, Jones could fight IBF champion Chris Byrd in a battle of pretenders. That's the bout promoter Don King would like to make — and then lure Lewis in to

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Roy Jones Jr. celebrates after beating John Ruiz for the WBA Heavyweight championship Saturday in Las Vegas.

# Corporate sponsors keep wary eye on USOC turmoil

The Associated Press

DENVER — Corporate sponsors that give about \$50 million annually to the U.S. Olympic Committee are keeping a close eye on its disarray.

While few will comment publicly, many sponsors have expressed concern in private conversations with USOC officials.

"We've made clear with them that we want them to get their house in order," Xerox spokesman Carl Langenkamp said. "The Olympic focus needs to be on the athletes, and I shouldn't be on issues affecting the USOC."

Sponsorships are the USOC's No. 1 source of funding in non-Olympic years, and they rank second to TV rights fees when there are Olympics.

They account for roughly 40

percent of the USOC's budget. And with many sponsorship contracts set to expire after the 2004 Athens Games, now is not the best time for turmoil.

"If we don't get this settled down, I think there's going to be a decrease in corporate sponsors," Colorado Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, a 1964 Olympian in judo, told a gathering at USOC headquarters last week.

"And you're all going to get hurt." Since the spiraling scandal started with a conflict-of-interest investigation of CEO Lloyd Ward late last year, eight USOC officials have resigned. The departed include Ward, president Marty Mankamer and ethics compliance officer Pat Rodgers. COO Fred Hoffschlaeger stepped

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## SPORTS

## Meet the Class 1A field

## Cary Panthers

Coch: Dick Simpson, first season

Record: 19-2

Road to state: District Four champions

Key players: 5-8 sr. G Shawn Hemmelf; 5-11 G Destry Simpson; 6-2 sr. F John Sall; 5-6 sr. G Robbie Ellsworth

Scouting report: The Panthers come into the state tournament on a tear after crushing Hagerman 57-42 in the 1A District Four title game. ... The Panthers' strength is team quickness combined with good outside shooting.

## Cascade Ramblers

Coch: Jim Simpson, 14th season

Record: 19-3

Road to state: District Three champions

Players to watch: 6-4 sr. P Josh Murray (17 ppg); 5-11 jr. G John Davis (11 ppg); 5-8 sr. G Steve Cimbalik (10 ppg)

Scouting report: Cascade is making its 10th trip to state in Simpson's 14 years. ... The Ramblers played in the District Three championship game seven other times, but this is the first time they have won it. ... They are short but quick. ... Most of the players were on the football team that advanced to the state semifinals.

## Castelford Wolves

Coch: Andy Wiseman, 11th season

Record: 21-3

Road to state: Third place District Four

Key players: 6-1 sr. G Elvis Medina; 6-2 sr. F Ben Rodgers; 6-1 jr. G Robert Comer; 6-2 sr. F Ben Graybeal

Scouting report: The Wolves stumbled a bit in the stretch after falling in sub-districts but they are tournament tested as Castelford made it to the state title game a year ago and won the eighth-man football title this past fall. ... Medina is one of the best players in the state regardless of class, doing it all for the Wolves. ... Rodgers is the muscle inside who can also score and Comer is a streaky shooter who likes to bomb away from 3-point land. ... Don't be surprised to see this third seed make a strong run.

## Clark Fork Wampus Cats

Coch: Brian Powell, fourth season

Record: 16-4

Road to state: District One champions

Key players: 6-1 sr. PG Joe McCarthy (15 ppg, 4 rpg, 4 apg); 6-5 sr. P Peter Morse (14.6 ppg, 6.0 rpg); 6-2 jr. G/F Anthony Trunnell (12.9 ppg)

Scouting report: The Wampus Cats went undefeated in the Star League and weren't touched at district, defeating Kootenai 53-31 for the title. ... Clark Fork is making its sixth straight trip to state and the Wampus Cats are looking for some hardware after failing to grab a trophy in two previous attempts with trophies at stake.

## Cole Valley Christian Chargers

Coch: Brad Carr, third season

Record: 13-10

Road to state: District Three No. 4 seed

Key players: 6-2 jr. F J.P. Sach; 6-5 jr. P Alan Akerman

Scouting report: The Chargers return virtually nothing off their state championship team from a year ago but they do bring back tradition. ... Cole Valley got out of the gates slowly, losing its first six games including a pair of losses to Murtaugh and Valley at

Murtaugh's holiday tournament. ... Carr isn't expected at the tournament since he is dealing with a death in his family in Oregon, leaving assistant Matt Beglinger to coach the team. ... CVC has only two seniors on the club.

## Council Lumberjacks

Coch: David Howe, seventh season

Record: 8-6

Road to state: District Three No. 5 seed

Players to watch: 6-6 jr. Nick McConnell (17 ppg, 8 rpg, 4 apg); 6-4 sr. Jeremy Stoker (10 ppg, 7 rpg); 6-0 sr. Shawn Coffelt (9 ppg, 4 apg, 3 spg)

Scouting report: The Lumberjacks lost in the first round of the District Three tournament, then proceeded to beat the next three teams by an average of 27 points to earn the fifth seed. ... Jacks make their sixth straight appearance, going 3-10 since 1998. ... Jacks were bounced from last year's tourney by two District Four teams, Shoshone and Murtaugh.

## Genesee Bulldogs

Coch: Jeff Boyd, first year

Record: 22-1

Road to state: District Two champions

Key players: 6-1 sr. F Mike Davis (14.5 ppg, 7.5 rpg, 3.3 apg); 6-4 sr. F Chad Long (14 ppg, 7.1 rpg, 2.4 apg); 5-9 sr. G Brent Jacobs (8.9 ppg, 2.8 apg)

Scouting report: Bulldogs have won 16 in a row, despite a back to a 40-32 loss against Class 2A qualifier Grangeville on Jan. 3. ... Davis and Jacobs have started since their freshman season, and Long was a key contributor that season as well. All three will be playing in their fourth state tournament. ... Genesee finished third a year ago after losing to Castelford, this year's first-round opponent, in the semifinal.

## Hagerman Pirates

Coch: Kevin Cato, third year

Record: 18-6

Road to state: District Four runners-up

Key players: 6-5 sr. P Cooper Bates; 6-2 sr. G/F Austin Knight; 5-11 sr. G J.J. Potter

Scouting report: Cato said before the season began that the only thing the Pirates were missing was a big body, and then Cooper Bates moved back to town. ... The 6-foot-5 senior can dominate the interior and the Pirates are loaded on the perimeter with quick, athletic players coming off the bench in waves. ... Knight is the only other player along with Bates who has much experience off last year's consolation championship team. ... Pirates are making their third consecutive trip this year.

## Idaho City Wildcats

Coch: Quinn Aldous, fourth season

Record: 16-8

Road to state: District Three third seed

Players to watch: 6-3 sr. Jesse Webb (23 ppg, 15 rpg, 5 apg); 5-11 sr. Charles Hope (14 ppg, 13 rpg, 6 spg); 6-1 sr. Bob Callahan (13 ppg, 10 rpg)

Scouting report: Idaho City is headed to state for the first time since the school opened in 1995. Webb, the leading scorer in the Long Pin Conference, is a scoring and rebounding machine for the Wildcats.

## Kendrick Tigers

Coch: Clarke Bradley, 17th season

Record: 12-12

Road to state: District Two No. 3 seed

Key players: 6-0 sr. G Jon Eichner (12 ppg); 5-9 jr. G Davey Steele (11 ppg); 6-1 sr. F Drew Brammer (9 ppg)

Scouting report: The Tigers finished third in District Two despite being the third seed. ... Injuries and lack of depth have hampered Kendrick all year. ... Eichner is a four-year starter who is going to state for the third time. ... Heier is returning from a broken hand but he is nowhere near 100 percent.

## Kootenai Warriors

Coch: Mike LaFontaine

Record: 12-10

Road to state: District runners-up

Key players: 5-11 jr. G Mike Wiedmer (12.7 ppg); 5-11 sr. PG Gus Gustin (11 ppg); 6-0 sr. G Adam Donohue (10.7 ppg)

Scouting report: With just two players over the 6-foot mark, the Warriors must make up for lack of height with quickness and full-court pressure. ... Kootenai is making its second trip to state in three years.

## Mackay Miners

Coch: Randy Nelson, first season

Record: 19-2

Road to state: District Five-Six runners-up

Key players: 6-1 jr. C Justin Gillish (16.8 ppg, 7.4 rpg); 6-1 jr. G T.J. Park (15.4 ppg, 3.8 spg); 6-2 sr. G/F Chance Peterson (11.9 ppg); 6-0 sr. G/F Ryan Donahue

Scouting report: The Miners were undefeated in conference play, but were upset in the District 4-6 Tournament Championship. Beat Rockland 73-60 in the second-place game. ... Mackay likes to run and gun. Gillish, Park, Peterson and Donahue can and have scored 20 points in a game. The Miners are all strong athletes who have the green light to shoot 3-point goals. ... Sho-Ban surprised Mackay 72-70 in the district title game, but the Miners recovered to whip Rockland.

## Nezperce Indians

Coch: Dave Baldus, third season

Record: 18-5

Road to state: District Two No. 2 seed

Key players: 6-2 sr. G Kyle Rose (17 ppg); 6-0 sr. G Dan Luke (11 ppg); 6-1 sr. P Mat Mixer (9 ppg); 5-11 jr. G Chris Baldus (10 ppg)

Scouting report: The Indians are making their first trip to state since 1980. ... Three of the team's losses have come to powerhouse Genesee. ... Rose is a solid outside shooter who is backed up by a handful of players capable of stepping up and leading the team in scoring on any given night.

## Notus Pirates

Record: 20-2

Coch: Tim Dranginis, 14th season

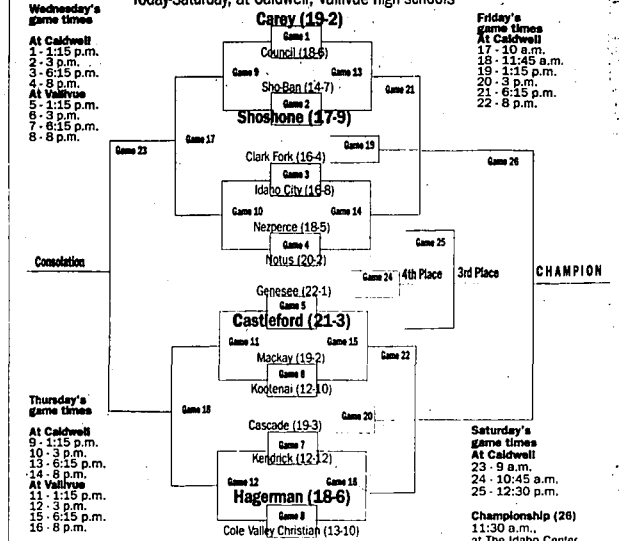
Road to state: District Three runners-up

Key players: 6-4 sr. P Alan Williams (16.5 ppg, 9.0 rpg); 6-0 sr. G/F Michael Burdine (11.3 ppg); 6-0 sr. G/F Cody Dranginis (12.9 ppg, 4.5 apg); 6-0 sr. P Ben Guevara (10.5 ppg)

Scouting report: This is the Pirates' third trip to state the past three years and eighth in the past 11. ... Notus was runner-up in 1994 and 1995 and consolation champ in 1998. ... This year also marks the sixth time in the past 11 years that the Pirates have won 20 games. ... Their only two losses this season were to Cascade in the district final, and defending state champion Cole Valley Christian.

## Class 1A Boys Real Dairy Shootout

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## Sho-Ban Chiefs

Coch: Merle Smith, first season

Record: 14-7

Road to state: District Five champions

Key players: 6-1 jr. G Skyler Dixey; 5-6 jr. G Alex Graves; 6-0 soph. Jr. Running Horse

Scouting report: The Chiefs return much of their lineup from a year ago and have been coming on strong of late as Sho-Ban avenged

two regular season losses to Mackay with a District Five championship victory. ... The Chiefs like to run and gun and fire away from the 3-point line. ... Went 3-17 two seasons ago.

## Shoshone Indians

Coch: Larry Messick, 29th season

Record: 17-9

Road to state: District Four No. 4

Key players: 5-9 sr. G Mike Fitzgerald; 6-1 jr. P Tony Pereira

Scouting report: A typical well-coached Shoshone team, with Fitzgerald the only player with much experience off the Indians team that went to state a year ago. ... Pereira gives the Indians a good inside presence to go along with the all-around game of Fitzgerald. ... Both players will have to be huge for Shoshone to advance.

... Scott Thompson

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# Raptors edge Washington, Jordan leaves with back spasms

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Washington Wizards lost a game to Toronto and lost Michael Jordan to back spasms.

Voshon Lenard, 40-for-6 entering the fourth quarter, scored all 14 of his points in the final 12 minutes, and Vince Carter had 24 as the Raptors beat the Wizards 89-86 Tuesday night, dealing yet another blow to Washington's playoff hopes.

Jordan left with a 434 remaining in the second quarter after scoring four points in 15 minutes. He will be evaluated Wednesday to determine whether he will play in that night's home game against the Los Angeles Clippers. Jordan hasn't missed a game this season.

Jerry Stackhouse scored 21 points for the Wizards.

## Pistons 96, Rockets 83

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — The Pistons broke a seven-game losing streak and Chauncey Billups added 26 points and three rebounds. The game was Detroit's first after it finished an 0-5 West Coast trip with a loss Sunday in Portland. Houston has lost four in a row.

Curtino Mobley led the Rockets with 25 points and Yao Ming added 20.

## Bucks 100, Heat 91

MIAMI — Sam Cassell held the hot

hand for the second straight game, scoring 25 points as the Bucks climbed back to .500. Milwaukee moved one game ahead of Washington for the eighth and final playoff berth in the Eastern Conference.

Cassell followed his 28-point outing Sunday against Atlanta with a strong effort against the Heat. He was 9-of-14 from the field.

The Heat were playing without leading scorer Eddie Jones, who sprained his right ankle in practice Monday and is expected to miss at least two weeks.

## Knicks 89, Cavaliers 80

NEW YORK — Allan Houston scored 25 points for the Knicks. Houston scored eight

of his points in the fourth quarter, when the Knicks had some trouble shaking off the team with the NBA's worst record.

The Cavs lost for the ninth time in 10 games.

Ricky Davis, held out of the starting lineup by coach Keith Smart, led Cleveland with 24 points.

## Hawks 92, Nuggets 86

ATLANTA — Shaheed Abdul-Rahim hit a hook shot before Glenn Robinson made a clinching 3-pointer in the final minute as the Hawks handed Denver its 13th straight loss.

Abdul-Rahim finished with 30 points and 10 rebounds, and Robinson atoned for a tough shooting night to give the

Hawks their second victory in six games. Robinson was 4-for-14, and missed all seven of his shots in the 20 half.

Juan Howard had 21 points for the Nuggets.

## Mavericks 88, Nets 79

DALLAS — Steve Nash scored or assisted on 16 straight fourth-quarter points, helping the Mavericks snap the Nets' seven-game losing streak and beat the New Jersey Nets 88-79 Tuesday night.

Dirk Nowitzki finished with 24 points and 13 rebounds. Nash had 24 points and eight assists.

Kenyon Martin, playing in front of his hometown, had 17 points and nine rebounds. Jason Kidd had 13 points.

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## St. Louis knocks off Nashville in overtime

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## Region 18 Tournament men's field

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a win or lose they can walk off the floor holding their head high."

The Bulldogs (22-1) like to go to senior forward Mike Davis inside and 6-foot-4 senior Chad Long outside. They will surely try to keep the score in the 40s as the Wolves, who average 67.4 points per game, try to pick up the pace.

"They are a good rebounding team, so we're going to have to do a good job on the boards," Wiseman said.

The Wolves are led by sensational guard Elvis Medina, sharpshooter Robert Comer and defensive aces Ben Rodgers and Benji Graybeal.

District top seed Carey makes its return to the state tournament after a year off, facing six-year veteran Council in the first round. Nick McConnell, a 6-6 junior, and 6-4 senior Jeremy Stoker give the Lumberjacks a big height advantage.

But the Panthers should hold the advantage in quickness as Carey tries for another title run after losing in the 2001 title game. Senior John Sallie was a starter on that team and senior Sh. Hennefer saw a lot of playing time.

"We're going to try to get pressure on the ball in the halfcourt and up and down the floor," Carey coach Dick Simpson said.

He doesn't expect his team to get intimidated by the taller Lumberjacks after facing Hagerman's Cooper Bates, Murtagh's Ben Roseborough and other bigger, taller players all season.

Simpson said he feels that the Panthers might be the favorites to come out of the top of the bracket, and Wiseman walked away impressed after watching Carey throttle Hagerman, 57-42, in the district championship game.

"I hadn't seen them before and they looked awfully good," Wiseman said. "They will be tough to beat."

The Cole Valley team that Hagerman faces is not near as good as it was a year ago when it won the title.

"But they're still solid," Hagerman coach Kevin Cato said. "They like to get up and down the floor, and we'll have to get back in transition."

The Pirates will try to pound the ball down low to Bates and Austin Knight as their first option while forcing the Chargers into a half-court game.

As for the Indians, they will rely on Mike Fitzgerald and Tony Pereira as they will also try to keep the run-and-gun Chiefs grounded.

"To be honest with you, we're pretty happy just to be there again," Messick said. "For us to be successful, Mike and Tony are going to have to be at the top of their games and we're going to have to have some players step up in support."

But that doesn't mean that the Indians won't be looking to advance.

"I think you can throw a blanket over a lot of the teams and any of them could be the dark horse that wins the whole thing," Messick said. "I don't think there is an overwhelming favorite."

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## No. 1 Dixie State Rebels

Coach: Jeff Kidder, sixth season

Record: 25-5 (12-4 SWAC)  
Probable starters: Chris Huber, 6-1 fr., PG (8.6 ppg, 3.9 apg); Mike Hall, 6-3 soph, SG (15.5 ppg, 5.2 ppg, 5.8 steals); Nick Hammer, 6-6 fr., SF (12.0 ppg, 4.8 rpg, 4.2% 3-f); Terren Harbur, 6-7 soph, PF (12.6 ppg, 6.4 rpg); Charles Johnson, 6-7 fr., FC (8.7 ppg, 5.5 rpg).

Key bench players: Johnny Mathies, 6-0 fr., G (7.8 ppg, 5.5 steals); Spencer Ford, 6-7 fr., F (5.9 ppg, 4.3 rpg); Steve Castleberry, 7-0 soph, C (3.5 ppg, 3.6 rpg); Andrew Carpenter, 6-2 fr., F (2.0 ppg).

Notes: Reigning NJCAA national champions host their third regional in a row and are riding a 65-game home winning streak. Rebels have played for or won the regional championship six out of the last seven years. Begin season ranked No. 5 and are currently No. 13 in the nation. Are on a two-game winning streak. Dixie is seventh in scoring (77.4), second in points allowed (63.5), fourth in free-throw percentage (.65%), fourth in field goal percentage (.48%) and fourth in rebounding (39.8). Rebels earn the bye and play the winner of Snow College and Salt Lake CC on Friday.

## No. 2 Southern Idaho

## Golden Eagles

Coach: Guy Beach, second season

Record: 25-5 (11-5 SWAC)  
Probable starters: Ryan Davis, 6-0 soph, PG (5.9 ppg, 3.5 apg, 24 steals); Jason Williams, 6-3 soph, SG (14.5 ppg, 4.3 apg, 61 steals); Dante Sawyer, 6-5 fr., SF (15.7 ppg, 5.0 rpg, 3.7 apg, 48% 3-f); Yakhouba Diawara, 6-7 soph, PF (15.5 ppg, 7.2 rpg, 30 steals); Sani Ibrahim, 6-10 fr., C (14.9 ppg, 10.9 rpg, 80 blocked shots).

Key bench players: Sakrid Dent, 6-3 soph, PG (7.6 ppg, 40% 3-f); Aking Elting, 5-10 fr., PG (5.2 ppg, 4.8 rpg, 34 steals); Clint

Deak, 6-7 soph, F (2.9 ppg, 5.5 rpg); Guillaume Yango, 6-7 soph, F (4.4 ppg, 2.8 rpg).

Notes: Sophomore-dominated team comes off first loss in nine games Saturday at No. 3 Utah Valley State. Golden Eagles are ranked either first or second in 10 league categories. Started season 12-0 and climbed to as high as sixth in the national poll, where Eagles are currently 18th. Only player to have committed next season is freshman Akin Elting, who is headed to DePaul. Dent has been one of the hottest players late in the season, posting games of 19 points in loss at UVSC and career-high 29 at Snow Feb. 15. Open with North Idaho at 7 Wednesday, teams split season series with NIC winning 76-70 in Coeur d'Alene and CSI taking an 89-49 victory Feb. 8. Top-scoring team in the league (89.6), fourth in points allowed (71.1), second in free-throw percentage (.68%), second in field goal percentage (.49%) and first in rebounding (43.6).

## No. 3 Utah Valley State Wolverines

Coach: Dick Hunsaker, first season

Record: 24-6 (11-5 SWAC)  
Probable starters: Jamaal Brown, 6-0 fr., PG (15.3 ppg, 4.6 apg, 38 steals); Ronnie Brown, 6-2 soph, SG (14.6 ppg, 3.6 rpg); Pierre Thomas, 6-4 fr., SF (9.5 ppg, 4.6 rpg); Jim Hanchett, 6-6 soph, PF (15.4 ppg, 11.3 rpg, 54 steals); Jared Parrish, 6-7 fr., FC (3.3 ppg, 2.4 rpg).

Key bench players: Mike Christofferson, 6-0 soph, G (2.7 ppg, 2.3 apg); Jon Bell, 6-7 fr., F (6.3 ppg, 7.1 rpg); Drew Wallace, 6-6 soph, F (5.3 ppg, 3.9 rpg).

Notes: Athletic, guard-oriented team that relies on its league-leader defense (57.7 ppg allowed). Brown, a 29-percent shooter from the 3, went 3-of-12 in the 75-56 win over CSI last Saturday. Wolverines' last appearance in the Region 18 Tournament as they go to NCAA Division I next season. Sixth in

the league in scoring (78.6), eighth in free-throw percentage (61%), sixth in field goal shooting (47%) and second in rebounding (43.4).

## No. 4 Snow Badgers

Coach: Jon Judkins, 10th season

Record: 21-9 (10-6 SWAC)  
Probable starters: Jake Schroeder, 6-2 fr., PG (14.8 ppg, 4.2 rpg, 50 steals); Jeff Gardner, 6-1 soph, SG (18.0 ppg, 5.7 rpg, 59 steals); Troy Goodell, 6-7 soph, SF (17.1 ppg, 8.8 rpg); Jeron Glazier, 6-4 fr., SF (8.7 ppg, 5.8 rpg); Nate James, 6-7 fr., FC (9.2 ppg, 4.5 rpg).

Key bench players: Andy Towery, 6-6 fr., F (6.9 ppg, 4.3 rpg); Rob Stafford, 6-5 soph, G (3.5 ppg); Clint Adams, 6-6 fr., F (3.2 ppg, 2.6 rpg); Nick Morales, 6-2 fr., G (3.4 ppg).

Notes: Consistent program, played for region championship last season, losing on last-second game. Badgers have three players averaging double figures in scoring, led by Gardner's 18.0 and Goodell's 17.1, good for third and fourth in the league, respectively. Second in scoring (86.6), seventh in points allowed (81.3), first in free-throw shooting (74%), fifth in field goal percentage (48%) and fifth in rebounding (39.6).

## No. 5 Salt Lake CC Bruins

Coach: Norm Parrish, 12th season

Record: 21-9 (10-6 SWAC)  
Probable starters: Josh Neeley, 6-2 fr., G (4.2 ppg, 5.2 steals); Tim Henry, 6-5 soph, SG (19.6 ppg, 4.3 ppg, 45 steals); Jeff Blackett, 6-7 soph, SF (14.3 ppg, 6.1 rpg); Daniel Nyoni, 6-6 soph, PF (7.2 ppg, 4.6 rpg); Cameron Goettsche, 6-9 soph, C (9.6 ppg, 7.7 rpg).

Key bench players: Jordan Brady, 6-5 soph, F (8.5 ppg, 5.5 rpg); Brady Van Brocklin, 6-2 fr., G (5.7 ppg); Jack Marlow, 7-0 soph, C (5.2 ppg, 3.1 rpg).

Notes: Henry is second in the league in scoring and is catalyst to Bruins' offense. Bruins lead

Tournament officials

TWIN FALLS - This is a list of the officials with their home states or cities who will work the Region 18 Basketball Tournament for both men and women. Officials are graded by schools and awarded points by Cal Jones, who is the supervisor of officials for the Scenic West Athletic Conference. Officials were rated "preferred," "acceptable" or "not acceptable."

Men's officials

Top vote-getter: Kent Sowby, Utah

Kim Nelson, Utah

Brian Shelly, Utah

Brian Palmer, Pocatello

Paul Coole, Spokane, Wash.

Darryl Wynn, N/A

Alternate: Chris Singer, Utah

Women's officials

Top vote-getter: Brandt Kerbs, Burley

Kelly Hutton, Utah

Laure Rabe, N/A

Caroline Strepper, Utah

Mel Besham, Utah

Randy Ketterling, Burley

the league in field goal percentage at 50.5 percent. Big physical team led by the 6-9 Goettsche and 7-0 Marlow, who tips the scales at nearly 300 pounds. SLCC has had a rollercoaster season, winning two of its last six games but playing Dixie to a two-point game on the road and beating CSI. Fifth in scoring (80.2), third in scoring defense (69.7), third in free throw percentage (66.5%) and third in rebounding (41.0).

## No. 6 Eastern Utah Golden Eagles

Coach: Bryan Zollinger, fifth season

Record: 18-12 (7-9 SWAC)  
Probable starters: Patrick Stinnett, 6-1 soph, PG (10.9 ppg, 4.2 apg, 44 steals); Anthony Grant, 6-4 fr., SG (16.5 ppg, 4.2 rpg, 45 steals); Chris Langhorne, 6-7 fr., SF (8.0 ppg, 34 steals); Derrick Turner, 6-4 fr., PF (11.2 ppg, 6.2 rpg, 81 blocks); Mindaugas Katelynas, 6-9 soph, FC (9.9 ppg, 6.9 rpg).

Key bench players: GJ Macon, 6-8 soph, F (8.1 ppg, 5.2 rpg); Lance Yates, 6-6 fr., F (1.8 ppg, 2.8 rpg).

Notes: Utempo, run-and-gun team that likes to take quick shots in transition and zone up on defense. Opened season 8-0, but lost five of last eight games. Moved into sixth seed with last-second win over Salt Lake in season finale. Also had a buzzer-beater at NIC earlier. Fourth in

scoring (80.6), sixth in points allowed (74.7), ninth in free-throw shooting (57.7%), third in field goal percentage (48%) and seventh in rebounding (36.6).

## No. 7 North Idaho Cardinals

Coach: Hugh Watson, seventh season

Record: 17-11 (7-9 SWAC)  
Probable starters: Rob Sullivan, 6-1 soph, PG (13.5 ppg, 5.6 apg, 68 steals); Curtis Lincoln, 5-10 fr., SG (16.5 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 77 steals); Tyler Hayes, 6-5 fr., SF (14.3 ppg, 4.0 rpg); Adisa Tobin, 6-7 soph, PF (11.6 ppg, 4.6 rpg); Jonathan Holden, 6-8 fr., C (8.9 ppg, 4.4 rpg).

Key bench players: Jackson Wilkey, 6-2 fr., G (4.3 ppg, 5.1 rpg); Darnell Williams, 6-3 fr., G (4.6 ppg); Kenny Holston, 6-2 fr., F (6.4 ppg).

Notes: CSI's first-round opponent. Beat all three top teams at home, where they went 10-3. Won 11 of first 13 games. Cardinals are in state of deciding whether to remain in Scenic West or move to NWAACC. A decision is expected soon, possibly this week. Cardinals lost two key players in Mo Bility (left school), Steve Ward (knee injury) this season. Region 18 champions in 1997. Eighth in scoring (76.1), fifth in scoring defense (71.9), seventh in free-throw shooting (62%), seventh in field goal percentage (46%) and eighth in rebounding (30.9).

-Kevin Hall

## Last-minute bucket helps Georgia upset No. 3 Florida

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) - Jarvis Hayes banked in a 12-footer with 14 seconds remaining and No. 25 Georgia beat No. 3 Florida 82-81 on Tuesday.

Florida (24-5, 12-3 Southeastern Conference) had a chance at final shot, but Matt Walsh slipped trying to penetrate and David Lee couldn't get the ball off before the buzzer.

Georgia (18-8, 10-5) was playing its second game against a top three team in three days. On Sunday the Bulldogs lost to No. 2 Kentucky 74-66.

More troubling, Georgia's program is under NCAA investigation because of charges made by a former player.

Matt Bonner led Florida with 24 points.

## No. 4 Texas 74, Kansas St. 60

AUSTIN, Texas - James Thomas had 22 points and 15 rebounds to lead the Longhorns who finished their home schedule undefeated for the first time in

## Top 25 college basketball

nine seasons.

Brandon Mouton scored 13 points and T.J. Ford added 11 points and eight assists for Texas (21-5, 12-3 Big 12), which went 14-0 this season at the Frank Erwin Center.

Former College of Southern Idaho player Matt Siebrand scored 12 points for Kansas State (12-16, 3-12), which lost its 16th straight conference road game and sixth straight overall.

## No. 5 Oklahoma 76, Nebraska 51

NORMAN, Okla. - Hollis Price scored 20 points and the Sooners (21-5, 12-3 Big 12) used a 25-0 run that spanned both halves to take control and ran their homecourt winning streak to 37 games, longest in the nation.

Andrew Drevo had 24 points for Nebraska (11-17, 3-12), which dropped to 0-7 on the road in the Big 12.

## CSI

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depth with only eight or nine players available to them. Mr. Bility, a 6-5 guard, who played against CSI in NIC's win, left the team at Christmas and Steven Ward is out for the season with a knee injury.

Add to that CSI's size advantage inside (NIC's tallest player is 6-7) and Beach likes the matchup.

"We're better inside and we're deeper," he said. "I think the matchup is good. We need to take them out of their sets, which we did here. They like to run flex and a couple of quick-hitting things. If those don't work they kind of pull the ball out on you and hold it a little bit. We need to put them inside. And we need to rebound and run because they are not as deep. We need to get the ball off the glass and go."

Beach said he expects North Idaho to double the post inside while trying to run its offense through Lincoln, Sullivan or 3-point threat Tyler Hayes.

"They'll probably mix defenses up but they'll probably from the post," Beach said. "We've got to do some high-low and we've got to hit the offensive glass to get

some second and third shots. We need a blueprint of the way we played them here."

Dante Sawyer netted 22 points and sophomore reserve Guillaume Yango broke out with a 15-point game in the win over North Idaho. After a back-and-forth start, the Eagles opened up first half leads of 2-9 and 37-22 and 59-32 with 12 minutes to go in the game.

"I don't think they're going to do anything much different down there because they don't have all of their weapons," Beach said. "If CSI can get by the Cardinals, it could mean a rematch with UVSC."

"If we end up playing Utah Valley, there isn't going to be any fire and brimstone speech to get them ready to play because we got embarrassed on Saturday," Beach said. "And that's why they played so well against us, because we embarrassed the hell out of them here. It was just a mirror image of the game. It surprised me that we didn't have some guys step up. Nobody tried to put the team on their shoulders and we just got drilled."

Beach said that won't be the case this time.

"Now it's loser goes home and I

think we're going to get another crack at Utah Valley," he said. "I think there's a good chance as anybody to win this thing."

As for the rest of the field, Beach said he thinks it's probably a four-team chase between the Golden Eagles, host Rebels, Utah Valley and Salt Lake. Ultimately, however, some team is going to have to end Dixie's winning streak if it is to break the Rebels' two-year run at the national tournament in Hutchinson, Kan.

"I don't think there's any paties in this tournament at all. I think anybody can beat anybody," Beach said. "Now do I think anybody can win the tournament? No. There's maybe three or four teams that can win the tournament. Utah Valley, because they guard well and I think Salt Lake is talented enough ... and then us and Dixie. Not that CEU can't win it, but I don't know if CEU can beat Dixie on Dixie's floor - and that's what it is going to have to happen, somebody is going to have to do it."

Sports Editor Kevin Hall covers CSI basketball and will be at the Region 18 Tournament this week. Leave him a message at [kevin@timesnewsvalley.com](mailto:kevin@timesnewsvalley.com).

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"Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring"	\$113 million
"Star Wars Episode II"	\$112 million

Source: Box Office Mojo

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Kmart officials pledge changed company

NEW YORK — Kmart Corp. officials pledge to emerge from bankruptcy as a business "culturally" changed, with more financial controls in place, and say they are still on track to make that goal by April 30.

Kmart is no longer operated "by the seat of its pants" but is "grounded in financial reality," Julian Day, who was named president after the company's bankruptcy last year and added the chief executive title in January, said Tuesday.

The retailer, which filed for bankruptcy protection in January 2002, is rebuilding itself around a vastly reduced number of stores and a management focused on honesty, integrity, discipline and leadership — a "four cornerstone approach," Day said during a two-hour discussion with a group of reporters at a hotel.

Kmart has a store Twin Falls but closed its Burley location.

### Kraft declares regular quarterly dividend

RUPERT — Illinois-based Kraft Foods Inc. — which has a cheese plant in Rupert — on Tuesday declared a regular quarterly dividend of 15 cents per common share.

It's applicable to Class A and Class B stock and payable April 4 to stockholders of record as of March 14.

### Teen retailer reports jump in net income, sales

ANAHEIM, Calif. — What a difference a year makes.

Teen retailer Pacific Sunwear — which has a store in Magic Valley Mall — posted an 80 percent jump in net income for fiscal 2002 and a 24 percent increase in sales. In fiscal 2001, the company reported its first earnings decline since 1995.

At a time when many retailers are struggling because of the soft economy, 791-store Pacific Sunwear is on a hot streak.

"Usually in this industry, there's something holding you back — one of your divisions isn't working, something is really pulling you down," Chief Executive Greg Weaver said. "There's not a category holding us back right now. I'm entering 2003 more bullish on the company's business than I have been in seven or eight years."

Net income for the year ended Feb. 1 reached \$50 million, up from \$28 million in 2001. Sales rose to \$685 million from \$685 million.

The fourth quarter was particularly strong. Net income rose 63 percent to \$23 million compared to \$14 million in the same period last year. Sales jumped 28 percent to \$266 million from \$208 million.

### Martha Stewart's firm posts quarterly loss

NEW YORK — The insider trading investigation surrounding Martha Stewart is taking a toll on her namesake company, contributing to the media and retailing company's first-ever quarterly loss and projections of larger losses ahead.

Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc. reported its first-ever quarterly loss Tuesday.

For the three months ending Dec. 31, the media and retailing company lost \$2 million, or 3 cents per share, in contrast to a profit of \$5.7 million, or 13 cents per share, in 2001. The latest results marked the first time the company has reported a quarterly net loss since it went public in 1999.

Excluding a \$7.7 million restructuring charge, the company earned 8 cents per share in the fourth quarter — putting it ahead of the 3 cents per share that analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call had forecast on a comparable basis.

Compiled from staff, wire reports

# Chamber honors achievers

## Four share annual awards given at Success Breakfast

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The business community Tuesday honored two people who threw a party for the Olympic torch's Twin Falls appearance, and two who help lead the College of Southern Idaho.

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and CSI, at their annual Success Breakfast, awarded 2002 Chamber Person of the Year honors to both former Mayor Elaine Steele and automobile dealer Randy Hansen. It's the first time the annual award has been given to more than one individual or couple.

CSI President Jerry Meyerhoeffer and Curtis H. Eaton, the college's vice president of institutional planning and development and executive director of the CSI Foundation, each took home a 2003 Lifetime Achievement Award. Double recipients are more common for that honor.

Chamber executive Kent Just estimated breakfast attendance at just under 600 — down about 100 from last year's attendance.

"For one thing, we had a very short time frame in which to sell tickets," Just said. Also, this year some people opted to save the \$25 or \$45 to stretch their budgets elsewhere.

"I think the economy might have had something to do with it," he said. "But (the event) was still highly successful."

### Chamber People of the Year

The Magic Valley's Olympic torch relay party Jan. 26, 2002, drew thousands to north Twin Falls, made celebrities of local torchbearers and received rave reviews from visiting observers.

"It was a high time in Twin Falls, and we have a committee of volunteers who spent countless hours getting ready, arranging for family venues and all kinds of displays ... It was awesome. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for most of us," the chamber said in prepared remarks Tuesday. Steele and Hansen, it said, "lit the fire within."

Steele chaired the Twin Falls Olympic Torch Relay Committee. Hansen, a local Chevrolet dealer, helped organize the Twin Falls events; Chevrolet was one of the sponsors of the 2002 Winter Olympics.

The chamber said Steele "displayed outstanding leadership qualities" as she arranged for a number of ways for Magic Valley residents to be involved.

"She made assignments and took on much of the work herself. Elaine lived the two-hour torch run that took place Jan. 26, 2002, nearly every day of her life for the preceding year," reads the plaque she received Tuesday.

"I am very grateful and very thankful for this," Steele told the December issue of some long-promised clarification on who can exclude home-sale profits from taxation.

Most homeowners know that in 1997 tax laws were changed to allow home sellers to keep more of any profits they made on the sale. For married couples, up to \$500,000 worth of gain from the sale of a house is excluded from taxation. For single sellers, the exclusion is for up to \$250,000 in profit. (There were no more rules about needing to buy another home or to be over 55 to get the exclusion.)

To qualify for the tax exclusion, sellers need to have owned their home for at least two years and have lived in it for at least two of the past five years, although the two years need not be consecutive.

Those who have to sell before owning the home for two years can get an exclusion — pro-rated for how long they've been in the home — but only if they have to sell because of a change in employment, a change in health or because of "unforeseen circumstances."

For years, the exceptions to the two-year



Curtis Eaton, Elaine Steele, Jerry Meyerhoeffer and Randy Hansen were honored Tuesday by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and the College of Southern Idaho. Steele and Hansen led the preparations for last year's Olympic torch run through Twin Falls, which included events at CSI. Meyerhoeffer and Eaton, both in CSI executive positions, were recognized for community achievements.

volunteers and saying she hopes the celebration spirit will continue through next year's observation of the Twin Falls centennial. Hansen's plaque says he "suggested getting the schools and the business community involved as partners, and they did so with nearly 100 Olympic displays. His efforts in organizing the four corners at Blue Lakes and Pole Line into a myriad of displays, exteriors, celebrities and entertainment brought thousands of people to that point to see the Olympic torch."

Hansen on Tuesday praised Steele for jumping immediately on the chance for a torch stop in Twin Falls.

### Lifetime Achievement Awards

For Eaton, the CSI position is a third career after 12 years of law

practice in Twin Falls and a decade and a half in banking.

"A son of Twin Falls pioneers, Curtis H. Eaton has distinguished himself for a lifetime of outstanding service at a very young age," reads the plaque given to Eaton Tuesday.

His record in part: member of the Idaho State Board of Education from 1993 until 2001, and a former board president; former president and vice chairman of Twin Falls Bank & Trust Co.'s board; former board member of First Security Bank of Idaho, which acquired Twin Falls Bank & Trust and later merged with Wells Fargo; Wells Fargo's south-central Idaho division president until his 2001 switch to CSI; past director of the Salt Lake City branch of the Federal Reserve's 12th District; charter board member of the CSI Foundation; and assistant Idaho

attorney general in 1974-76. But Eaton made light of that record on Tuesday.

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## Commerce Dept. sets preliminary wheat tariff

### Move would counter Canadian subsidies

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Commerce Department imposed a preliminary 3.9 percent tariff on Canadian wheat imports Tuesday, saying the action may be needed to counter Canadian wheat subsidies.

The ruling requires the Canadian Wheat Board and other exporters to post bonds equal to the preliminary duty on all hard red spring wheat and durum wheat shipped to the United States. A final decision on the tariff is expected in July.

The U.S. wheat groups that sought the tariffs welcomed the decision, although some said the Canadian subsidies are being under-estimated.

"Some of these subsidies are cleverly hidden in the policies regulating grain transportation and marketing in Canada, which go hand in glove with the monopoly Canadian Wheat Board," said Larry Lee, a Velva, N.D., wheat farmer who serves as chairman of the North Dakota Wheat Commission.

The Canadian Wheat Board and Canadian government officials have rejected the U.S. farmers' accusations. They say they trade fairly and abide by all international treaties.

The investigation was prompted by petitions filed last year by the North Dakota Wheat Commission, the U.S. Durum Growers Association and the Durum Growers Trade Action Committee.

The Commerce Department still is considering claims that Canadian wheat is dumped on the U.S. market at less than fair market value. Its preliminary ruling on those claims is expected by May 1.

If the department again sides with the wheat farmers, the complaint will go back to the U.S. International Trade Commission for a final ruling on how badly the Canadian practices hurt U.S. farmers.

The commission made a preliminary ruling on that issue in November, saying it found evidence that undervalued Canadian wheat imports drive down the price of wheat grown in the United States.

## Tracking expenses helps kids set goals

Sometimes the best dollars-and-cents lessons for kids are the ones that don't work out exactly as planned.

That's my hope, anyway, after my one-month experiment at trying to teach my kids to keep track of where they spend their money. Down to every penny, nickel and dime.



KIDS AND  
BUSINESS  
Steve Rosen

I write all the time in this column about the importance of teaching kids to handle money and that it is never too soon to start. Granted, none of my kids — ages 10, 14 and 17 — could be classified as free spenders who take a money-is-no-object attitude. They generally make their own purchasing decisions; most of my input comes only when they want to tap my wallet.

Yet I thought a budgeting lesson could help them further understand how to view their spending decisions more intelligently. After all, they need to learn to manage their coins and cash before they graduate to checks and credit cards, right?

So, at the beginning of January, I handed each of them spending logs. Their marching orders were to record every

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# IRS clarifies rules on home-sale profits

Knight Ridder News Service

Just in time for homeowners to start pondering their 2002 tax returns, the IRS in December issued some long-promised clarification on who can exclude home-sale profits from taxation.

Most homeowners know that in 1997 tax laws were changed to allow home sellers to keep more of any profits they made on the sale. For married couples, up to \$500,000 worth of gain from the sale of a house is excluded from taxation. For single sellers, the exclusion is for up to \$250,000 in profit. (There were no more rules about needing to buy another home or to be over 55 to get the exclusion.)

To qualify for the tax exclusion, sellers need to have owned their home for at least two years and have lived in it for at least two of the past five years, although the two years need not be consecutive.

For years, the exceptions to the two-year

rule were that vague. But they've been clarified:

• "Change in employment" means your new job — or that of another "qualified person" in the household — is at least 50 miles farther from your old home than your old job was.

• "Change in health" means a doctor recommends a change in residence for health reasons, or that you need to care for a sick relative.

• "Unforeseen circumstances" include death, divorce or legal separation, becoming eligible for unemployment compensation, a change in employment that leaves you unable to pay your mortgage or living expenses, having twins or other multiple births, damage to the home resulting from disaster and condemnation or seizure of the property.

There are also a few basics to remember when preparing your tax returns.

As a homeowner, the amount you paid in real estate taxes during the year can be deducted from your income taxes. So can the interest you paid on your home mortgage.

If you bought a home last year and paid

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## Those with home offices can keep more profits

Knight Ridder News Service

There was one big change to real estate taxation rules for 2002: Those with home offices will get to keep more profits if they sold their home than in years past.

Until the 2002 tax year, sellers who took deductions for home-office expenses had to pay taxes on a portion of their gain, regardless of the capital-gains taxation exclusion rules.

For example, if 20 percent of the home was being used as an office, when the owner sold, 20 percent of any gain was taxable. The other 80 percent of the gain was subject to the home sale exclusion rules.

Now the IRS says taxpayers with home offices no longer have to allocate part of their gain as taxable. All of the gain is eligible for exclusion from capital gains tax, said CPA Sharon Kreider, except for depreciation the owner deducted for the business use of the home after May 6, 1997.

"It's a really big deal for small-business owners," she said. "It was a surprise, because the IRS isn't usually that small-business-friendly."

## MONEY

## Stocks fall on fears of war, terrorism

NEW YORK (AP) — Renewed fears about war and terrorism slammed Wall Street Tuesday, sending the Dow Jones industrial average to its lowest level in nearly five months.

Analysts said skittish investors unloaded stocks in response to a bomb blast in the Philippines and concerns about a U.S.-led attack on Iraq. Auto stocks sagged on downgrades of General Motors and Ford.

"We had disappointing news in the autos and generally we were having disappointing news on corporate profitability," said Stephen Musso, president of Pacific Growth Equities. "That coupled with continued concerns over Iraq continues to weigh on the market."

The Dow fell 132.99, or 1.7 percent, to 7,704.87, having declined 53 points Monday. It was the lowest level since Oct. 10, when blue-chip stocks finished at 7,533.95.

The broader market also finished lower. The Nasdaq composite index lost 12.52, or 1 percent, to 1,307.77. The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 12.82, or 1.5 percent, to 821.99.

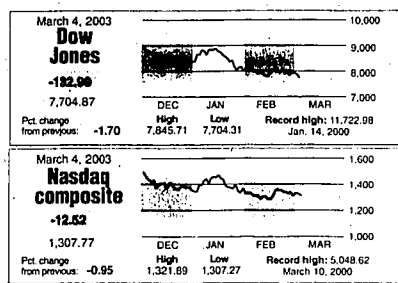
On Tuesday, a powerful bomb hidden in a backpack exploded at an airport in the southern Philippines, killing at least 19 people, including an American.

## Taxes

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points when you get a mortgage, in most cases you can deduct the amount you paid in points.

If you refinanced your mortgage last year and you paid points when doing so, you can deduct the amount of the points. But the deduction must be spread out over the life of



and wounding more than 100. The government called it a "brutal act of terrorism." No one claimed responsibility for the blast.

The attack exacerbated an already tense mood on Wall Street. Analysts said investors have been unwilling to commit to stocks on fears of a possible war with Iraq that could threaten a fragile economic recovery.

"It's the war and terrorism," said James Berman, head trader at Robert W. Baird & Co. in Milwaukee. "In order for the market to take a longer-term

trend to the upside, people are going to have to have a better sense of what the prospects are for stocks."

The United States said it was seeking a vote next week on its U.N. resolution authorizing war in Iraq as Saddam Hussein's government continued to destroy banned missiles in a bid to state off an armed conflict.

Meanwhile, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan declared Tuesday that war must be a last resort and Russia indicated it might use its veto against the resolution, raising

investor concerns that the United States might act unilaterally.

General Motors dropped \$1.89 to \$31.27 and Ford lost 33 cents to \$7.74 after Deutsche Bank lowered their stock ratings to "sell" from "hold," citing concerns of falling demand for cars and trucks.

Homebuilders took a hit after Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said surging housing sales, one of the economy's few bright spots, might lose momentum this year. Lennar dropped \$3.91 to \$55.55, and Pulte Homes fell \$3.90 to \$46.80.

BJ's Wholesale Club dropped \$3.26 to \$10.34 after the discount retailer reported a drop in fourth-quarter income and said it expected earnings for the fiscal year to fall below analysts' expectations.

Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia fell 30 cents to \$7.25, after reporting a fourth quarter loss.

Abold said 43 cents to \$3.63 after saying it had received subpoenas from the U.S. Justice Department amid questions about possible accounting irregularities at the global supermarket chain.

Gainers included EchoStar Communications, which rose \$1.70 to \$25.65.

## Cruise industry struggles with economic, war concerns

Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — Economic doldrums and the threat of war are creating a tough environment for cruise lines, which are cutting prices to fill a growing number of ships.

Still, the situation isn't scaring cruise operators away from the Mediterranean this summer. But they're also deploying more vessels to regional ports in the United States, allowing passengers to drive rather than fly to their vacations.

Cruise line executives laid out a mixed picture of health Tuesday in their 19th annual State of the Industry Debate at the Seatrade Cruise Shipping Convention. The event runs through Thursday at the Miami Beach Convention Center.

They boasted of the industry's resilience after the terrorist attacks and the value of a cruise vacation. But they lamented current reductions in prices and yields, the results of lowered demand and a relentless trend of last-minute bookings.

"We're giving away a phenomenal value at ridiculous prices, and I continue to think that is an obscenity," said Bob Dickinson, president of Carnival Cruise Lines.

Overall, the industry is in the midst of a rather dismal "wave period," a period of higher bookings that begins about the second week of January and lasts through March.

"This is a more disappointing wave period than many of us had hoped for," admitted Richard Fain, chairman of Miami-based Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.

The cruise lines, which added 13 new ships last year, carried 8.66 million worldwide passengers — 15.5 percent more than in 2001, said Bob Sharak, vice president of Cruise Lines International Association. Yet cruising still composes only 3 percent of the leisure travel market, he said.

New shipbuilding orders have slowed, but \$10 billion of ships remain on order. This year, capacity is set to rise by another 8 percent with 14 new ships introduced — at a time when economic sluggishness and looming war are overshadowing the travel market.

"Uncertainty is the great enemy of our business," said Colin Welch, chief executive of Norwegian Cruise Line.

At Miami-based Carnival Corp., which is adding 18 percent capacity this year, the immediate concern is boosting demand and the pressure that's putting on prices.

"We're going through a very difficult period right now, quite honestly," said Carnival Corp. Vice Chairman Howard Frank. "I think like everything else, it's just going through this period. But our second quarter will be a difficult challenge. People are waiting for the next shoe to drop in Iraq and are hesitating to make travel decisions."

Still, later this year, prospects should improve, he said. "We haven't given up on the year by any means," Frank said.

Despite the current environment, various cruise lines will remain in Europe this summer, including brands of Carnival Corp., Crystal Cruises and Royal Caribbean.

## New York Stock Exchange

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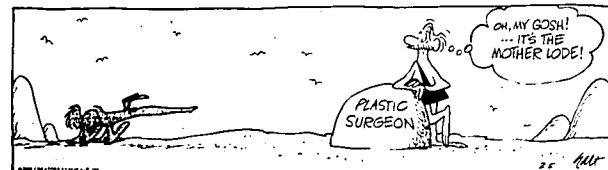
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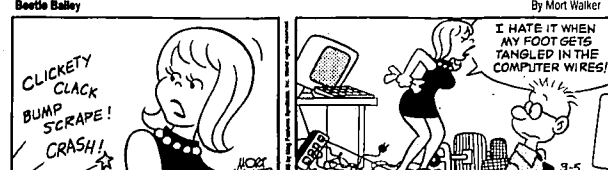
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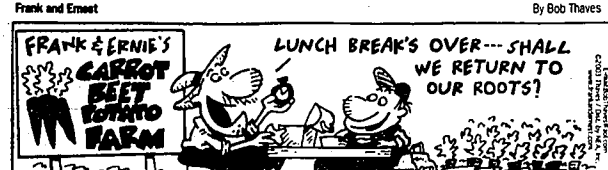
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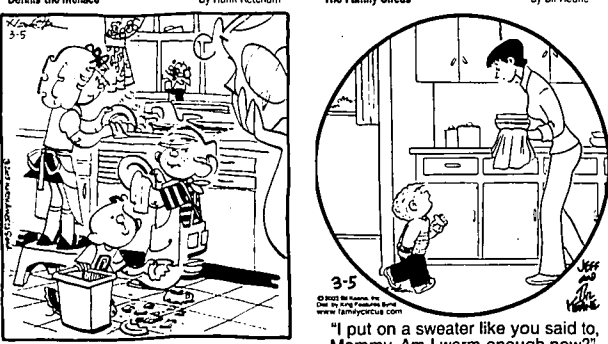


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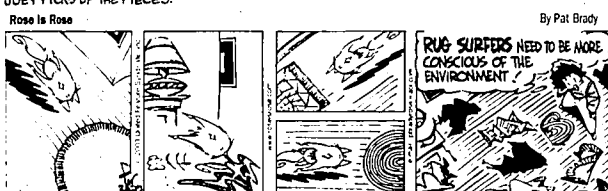
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By Wiley



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Times-News

Wednesday, March 5, 2003

### People for Pets cancels meeting today

**TWIN FALLS** - The People for Pets - Magic Valley Humane Society meeting scheduled for today has been canceled.

### Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

**TWIN FALLS** - The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club announced its weekly winners.

Feb. 26 first, Harold and Renee Bulcher; second, Steve Hale and Marjorie Rainbolt; third, Don and Ruth Rake.

Feb. 22 first, Herb Burgess and Riley Burton; second, Peggy Hackley and Nathan Hager; third, Mary Ferrell and Tom Schmidt; fourth, Joy Astorquia and Ruby Grimes and flight B, Beverly Reed and Sam Smuty.

Feb. 24 first, Nancy Strand and Dennis Wagner; second, Marilyn Boss and Yi Crowsaw; third, Beverly Reed and Betty Sabo and fourth, Wallace Hobkirk and Sam Smuty.

Feb. 25 for north/south first, Emma Lou Andrews and Vetta Rortz; second, Doris Finney and Joyce Johnson and third, Dottie Miller and Mary Lee Pfeiffer.

East/west first, Mary Ann Siegel and Lee Wond; second, Mary Ferrell and Betty Grant and third, Dick and Betty Sabo.

Feb. 26 for north/south first, Beverly Burns and Mary Kienlen; second, Harold Bulcher and Wilma Driscoll; third, Joy Astorquia and Betty Frantz; fourth, Dick and Mary Cook and flight B, first, Al and Frances Anglin and second, Jeanne McCombs and Doris Watts.

East/west first, Peggy Hackley and Kay Higer; second, Riley Burton and Ruth Rake; third, Evelyn Meyer and Sue Skinner; fourth, Lennie Burns and Jessie Lingnaw; and flight B, Patti Cooper and Polly Mulliner.

The club meets at 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday and at 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. Refreshments are served.

For a partner, call 324-2000.

### Farm Bureau accepts scholarship applications

**JEROME** - Students whose families are members of the Jerome County Farm Bureau can apply for the Farm Bureau's scholarships.

Two scholarships are awarded at the county level - one for a student majoring in agriculture related studies and one to a student majoring in non-agriculture studies. The county recipients are eligible for 2003 Idaho Farm Bureau scholarships.

Applications for the scholarship must be returned to the Jerome County Farm Bureau office by March 14. Applications can be picked up at the Jerome County Farm Bureau office at 300 East Ave.

For more information, call Judy Zeller at Valley School at 829-5353, Joni Smith at Jerome High School at 324-8137 or call Cathy Roemer at 324-0220.

**CSI North Side Center offers massage class**

**GOODING** - The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center will offer "Basic Swedish Massage" from 7-9 p.m. March 18 and March 20 at the center, 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding.

Instructor Joan McKenzie will discuss basic anatomy, including major muscle groups, followed by a demonstration of a full-body massage. The student and their partner also will take turns practicing massage skills. It is important to sign up with a partner.

The fee for this non-credit course is \$20 per person.

For registration information, call 934-8678.

**All-star tryouts will be held at the Heyburn ball park**

**HEYBURN** - Tryouts for the Heyburn-Paul traveling all-stars baseball team will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday at the Heyburn ball park, 600 18th St.

The tryouts are for 11 and 12 year olds who will turn 13 before Aug. 1.

For more information, call

Vince Frank at 438-5657 or Joe Chavez at 678-7154.

### Girl Scouts sell cookies at flea market this weekend

**FILER** - Girl Scouts will sell cookies at the monthly indoor Filer flea market from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer.

Admission is 50 cents, and preschoolers are free.

New vendors are always welcome. For more information, call 532-4439 or 431-9939.

**Restitution coordinator talks to Community Watch**

**TWIN FALLS** - The Community Watch Group will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. March 13 in the third floor conference room of the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

The guest speaker will be JoAnne Cramer, restitution coordinator from Twin Falls County Juvenile Probation.

The group also will discuss upcoming court cases and subjects of interest to the community.

Meetings are always held on the second Thursday of the month in the courthouse unless stated otherwise. The group's purpose is to keep abreast of local court proceedings and issues of interest in the community. It does not take sides or voice opinions to the courts.

For more information, call Barb Powers at 734-4014 or 733-8150 or Mary Dana at 423-5479.

**Pinocle party takes place at Masonic Lodge**

**PAUL** - A pinocle party will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Paul Masonic Lodge, 113 E. Idaho St. in Paul.

Dessert and coffee will be served at 6:30 p.m., and cards start at 7 p.m. The public is invited.

**4-H club sends goat around town for fund-raiser**

**TWIN FALLS** - The Craft-N-Critters 4-H Club is holding a

fund-raiser where they will send a goat to someone in the Twin Falls and Filer area for 15 minutes.

Person can then pay a small donation to send the goat to another person.

For more information, call Kim Deitch at 736-2538.

### Job Service consultant will assist M.V. veterans

**TWIN FALLS** - Magic Valley Job Service veterans' consultant Johnny Moreno will be available to assist veterans around the Magic Valley.

**Twin Falls** - 1-3 p.m. Thursdays at the College of Southern Idaho in room 220 in the Meyerhoeffer Building.

**Buhl** - 2-4 p.m. the third Thursday at the Buhl Public Library.

**Gooding** - 9-11 a.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month at Gooding City Hall.

**Shoshone** - 9-11 a.m. the second and fourth Wednesday at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

**Heyburn** - 9-11 a.m. the third Monday at the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce.

**Burley** - 9-11 a.m. the fourth Thursday at the National Guard Armory.

Moreno's services include job referrals; information on veterans education, training and other programs; vocational guidance and referrals to community-based organizations.

For more information, call 735-2500, ext. 3643 or visit Magic Valley Job Service, 771 North College Road, Twin Falls.

### Minidoka Senior Center holds auction, chili lunch

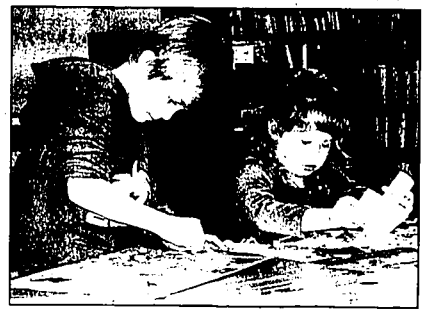
**RUPERT** - The Minidoka Senior Center will hold an auction and chili lunch at 11 a.m. Saturday at the center, 702 11th St. in Rupert.

The cost is \$3 per person. Proceeds will support the center.

The center is still accepting new food and good items for its auction. Volunteers will pick up any donations, which are tax deductible.

For more information, call the center at 438-9107.

## TOUCHING ART



Kindergartners Krystine Flowers and Gunner Adams from Lynette Roe's class at Albion Elementary made 'touch collages' using everything from cereal to velvet to plastic. Roe's kindergarten and first and second grades studied the five senses, and the teacher encouraged them to create a picture that would be fun to feel. Roe said the idea came from a book she read the class, 'Lucy's Picture.' In it, Lucy's grandfather was blind, and used his sense of touch to 'see.'

## ROTARY RAISES FUNDS



Carl Kasper, left, and Terry Kramer help youngsters with their prizes in the egg surprise drawing at the annual Buhl spaghetti dinner and silent auction on Feb. 25 at Pappell Elementary School. The proceeds will go toward the creation of a West End Boys and Girls Club for area young people.

### Civic

**Rotary Clubs** - Twin Falls - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at WestCoast in Twin Falls; call 736-4001.

**Burley** - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Burley Inn Convention Center; call 824-2380.

**Buhl** - 12:05 p.m. Thursdays at The Granddads; call 244-6428.

**Gooding** - 7:15 p.m. Thursdays at the Lincoln Inn; call 434-4265.

**Haller** - 7 p.m. Friday at the Senior Center of Blaine County; 788-0077 or 788-2114.

**Jerome** - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at China Valley, 1224 Alder; call 733-7000 or 734-4211.

**Ketchikan** - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Ketchikan and Pinta Restaurant; Bob Stone at 724-4100.

**Rupert** - 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge; call 824-6920.

**Shoshone** - 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the Senior Citizens Center; 806-2221 or 806-2881.

**Twin Falls** - 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the Turf Club in Twin Falls; 736-4271 or 734-4549.

**Uions Clubs** - Burley - 7 p.m. Fridays at Pines Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave.; Keri Bell, 678-5255.

**Burley Spring** - 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday at Farm Bureau conference room, 444 E. 5th N. Alfredo Road; Janet Eilenberger, 678-0368.

**Gooding** - 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays at Lincoln Inn; call 434-4265.

**Haller** - 7 p.m. first and third Wednesdays at the Buhl Elks; call 434-4265.

**Heyburn** - 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Heyburn fire station, Clyde Ling at 679-2641.

**Jerome** - 7 p.m. first and third Mondays at Jerome Civic Center; 244-7910.

**Kimberly** - 7 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at Grosvenor United Methodist Church; 423-5288.

**Rupert** - 7 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays at Westside Cafe; 438-5799.

**Rupert Springs** - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at United Methodist Church; 605-1118, 436-8662.

**Twin Falls** - 7 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays at the Jade Restaurant; 736-4563.

**Twin Falls** - 7 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at the North's Chuck Wagon in Twin Falls.

### Religious

**Alpha Omega Chapter** - 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays; Sept. May, in Burley; 423-6244 or 416-2611.

**Ni Mu Chapter** - second and fourth Thursdays; call Rachel Evans at 424-4745.

**Alpha Kappa Chapter** - second and fourth Thursdays; first and third Thursdays in Gooding; call 434-4265.

**Preceptor P.C. Chapter** - Burley - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays; 733-7000 or 734-4211.

**Gooding Chapter** - Twin Falls - 7 p.m. third Wednesdays; call Stacy at 737-0007.

**Mace Valley Chapter** - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays; 736-4271 or 734-4549.

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**Jerome Chapter** - 7:30 p.m. first Wednesday at War Memorial Hall; third and fourth Wednesdays; call 734-4211.

**Elks** - 8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at 913 Galt Ranch on Highway 91, 16 miles north of the Perrine Ranch; call 434-4265.

**Ladies of the Elks** - 7 p.m. first Tuesday at Elks Lodge; 913 Galt Ranch on Highway 91; call Mary Ann at 733-2421.

**Mace Valley Toastmasters** - 12:10 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays at Addison West Restaurant; 344 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls; call 734-5408 or 734-4101.

**Jerome County Historical Society** - 7:30 p.m. second Thursdays at Jerome Civic Library.

**Loyal Order of the Moose, Lodge 612** - 8 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at 452 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls; call Dennis or Bob at 733-6673 or 733-6961 (evenings).

**Women of the Moose** - 8 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at 835 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls.

**Support Groups** - Family Connections, Down Syndrome Support group - 7 p.m. first Friday at various member homes; call Tina at 734-1975.

**Gambler's Anonymous** - 7:30 p.m. first Wednesday Fellowship Hall in Twin Falls; call 733-8137.

**Men's Group of Multiples Club** (parents of multiples) - first Tuesday at Sentinel Center, 640 Filer Ave. W. in Twin Falls; third Tuesday at New Beginnings Church; call Ralph at 295-2537.

**Therapeutic or chronic pain** - 7 p.m. first Tuesday in Fireplace Hall at Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert; call Shirley Kras at 438-0106 or 438-0108 at 438-6180.

**120th Anniversary** - 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Rural School Room at Burley; 736-4271 or 734-4549.

**Parent Information** - 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at Minidoka Memorial Hospital; 737-0007 or 734-4549.

**Beta Sigma Phi Sorority** - 7:30 p.m. first and third Thursdays; call Deb at 543-5322 or

To retain or add a listing for your club or organization, please send in a notice with: Name of the organization or club; Time, day and week (s) of the meeting; Place of meeting; and Telephone number of a group contact person.

**Weight** - July 4, 6:45 p.m. Jan. 6, 7:45 a.m. 736-4271.

**Chapter 309** - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 475 Cowell Ave. W. in Jerome; call 734-4211 or 734-7105 at 734-5455.

**Chapter 418** - 6 p.m. Wednesdays at the Jerome Public Library; 734-7000 or 734-4211.

**Chapter 113** - 11 p.m. Mondays at St. Edwards Parish Hall, 206 Seventh Ave. E. Call 734-4687.

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# MORNING BREAK/NATION

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16 Fatally hurt  
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20 News source  
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23 Puh-lease  
24 Concave  
26 Weigh heavily on  
30 Genoa  
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33 Agony  
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42 Catapult  
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**Tuesday's Puzzle Solved**

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Discreetly  
Zesty flavor  
Manipulated  
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## Disabled deserve human, legal rights

DEAR READERS: In the hope that it will raise awareness about the rights of people with disabilities, I am continuing the subject of yesterday's column.

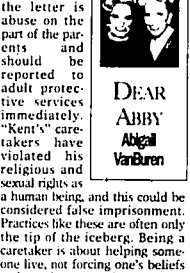
DEAR ABBY: I'm writing about "Kent," the 40-year-old man, bedridden with muscular dystrophy, who asked his friend, "Vic," to arrange his first sexual experience. His deeply religious parents were offended and now refuse to allow him any contact with his friend.

Abby, those parents have a right to determine what happens in their home. While the son lives there, he should respect the rules of the house. This is called respect!

—MARGE  
IN CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

DEAR MARGE: Respect should work both ways. Those parents could learn a lot from meeting other parents of adult children with disabilities. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am a social worker and advocate for individuals with disabilities. What was described in the letter is abusive on the part of the parents and should be reported to adult protective services immediately. "Kent's" caretakers have violated his religious and sexual rights, and this could be considered false imprisonment. Practices like these are often only the tip of the iceberg. Being a caretaker is about helping someone live, not forcing one's beliefs and practices on another.



DEAR ABBY  
Abby Cadabby

IN SAN JOSE, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: It is illegal to prevent an adult dependent from having consensual sex or seeing friends. (This would not be the case if the woman had charged for her services — which she did not. If she had, the parents would have the right to prohibit "illegal activities" in their home.)

Facility accreditation statutes prohibit such restrictions, but often it is not brought to the attention of the local human services department. Thank you for addressing this, Abby.

—DISABILITY ADVOCATE IN IOWA

DEAR ABBY: What do these parents think will happen to their son when they die? "Kent" needs to start learning to hire and deal with attendants, manage an apartment from his bed, coordinate medical care and all the rest of the skills that life on his own will involve.

Abby, he needs intervention and possibly legal services. These are listed in the phone book under headings such as "disability services" and even "legal aid."

—CATHRYN  
INDIANVILLE, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: When I answered the letter from "Vic," I did not realize that what the parents are doing could be interpreted as abuse. I want to thank you and my other readers for pointing that out.

DEAR ABBY: "Vic" deserves a medal for what he did for his friend. My husband and I are disabled with different disabilities. We must constantly deal with people who think we should give up our freedom. Thank you for printing that letter. If anyone can get the public to realize that adults with disabilities need to be regarded as worthwhile human beings, it's you.

Please don't reveal our name or location. We live in a small town with small-minded people.

DEAR X: In addition to your letters I have printed, I have received many from the writers poured out their hearts about the isolation they feel because of their disabilities. They want to love and be loved, to be recognized as having a right to be able to offer to those around them. Everyone has different qualities that make them unique and special. In today's world, people with disabilities have rights — and being regarded as a sexual being is only one of them.

## Al-Qaida leadership



## Terror's score card

With seven dead and 12 captured, the locations of many of al-Qaida's leaders remain unknown.

SOURCE: Associated Press

## Anti-terrorism officials tout progress against al-Qaida

WASHINGTON (AP) — New terrorism indictments and a key al-Qaida captive show the United States gaining ground in the global war on terrorism, three top Bush administration officials told Congress on Tuesday.

Facing a Senate Judiciary Committee that includes prominent administration critics, Attorney General John Ashcroft, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge and FBI Director Robert Mueller highlighted recent successes and stressed prevention efforts.

Lawmakers applauded the victories — but many questioned the government's tactics and the need to expand anti-terrorism laws that already raise constitutional questions.

Ashcroft said the weekend capture in Pakistan of al-Qaida operations chief Khalid Shaikh Mohammed was "a severe blow" that could "destabilize their terrorist network worldwide" by providing a trove of intelligence that will prevent new attacks.

He also announced that a Yemeni cleric and an assistant were charged in New York with helping finance al-Qaida. The cleric, Sheikh Mohammed Ali Hassan Al-Mozay, personally handed Osama bin Laden \$20 million to finance the terrorist group, Ashcroft said.

Also, U.S. officials say another senior al-Qaida operative and a suspected financier of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon also have been taken into custody.

The alleged senior operative, Mohammed Omar Abdel-Rahman, is a son of the blind Egyptian sheik accused of inspiring the 1993 bombing of the

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The younger Abdel-Rahman was caught several weeks ago in Quetta, Pakistan, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity. Pakistani officials have suggested the Quetta arrest helped lead authorities to Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, although American sources disputed that, saying Mohammed was found by other, unspecified means.

Government officials said Abdel-Rahman ran a training camp in Afghanistan before the Sept. 11 attacks and also had a role in operational planning. He is considered a senior al-Qaida operative, one of several operations chiefs who rank one tier below Mohammed in the al-Qaida hierarchy.

Officials also identified a man captured with Mohammed on Saturday as Mustafa Ahmed al-Hisawi, a Saudi and suspected financier of the Sept. 11 attacks.

To date, more than 200 criminal terrorism charges have been brought since the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks, Ashcroft said, with

108 convictions or guilty pleas. FBI Director Robert Mueller added that "well in excess of 100" terrorism plots have been thwarted worldwide.

The recent successes muted growing criticism on Capitol Hill about the slow progress of the war on terrorism. The concerns reached a high point last month when a new bin Laden audiotape surfaced and the nation was put on high alert for a possibly imminent terrorist attack.

The Judiciary Committee's senior Democrat, Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, noted that the hearing came at an "auspicious time" because of the arrest of Mohammed, described as the mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Added Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga.: "This is the kind of success that makes us all feel better." Ashcroft said some of the successes were the result of anti-terrorism laws passed by Congress soon after Sept. 11 that expanded the powers of the Justice Department and led to spy on terror suspects and use intelligence information to bring criminal cases.

Some lawmakers say the current powers threaten civil liberties and have sharply criticized a leaked Justice Department draft proposal to augment the law. They are especially upset since there has been no consultation with Congress about possible changes.

Leahy accused an unidentified Ashcroft aide of lying to his staff about whether such a bill was in the works. "I think it shows a secretive process in developing this," Leahy said.

## Bush's Medicare plans gets cool greeting from many Republicans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican lawmakers showed the same disdain for President Bush's latest Medicare prescription drug plan Tuesday as they did his first one a month ago, promising that after two failed attempts by the White House they will write their own plan with bigger benefits for older Americans.

The administration spent the day explaining facets of the proposal, which offers a general outline but leaves specific to Congress. At the center of it is a plan to offer older people seniors increased prescription drug coverage if they join HMOs or other private health plans.

As Bush was outlining his proposal in a speech to the American Medical Association, senior Republicans in Congress were busy putting legislation together that would be picked up in April.

"The way I see it, we need a universal drug benefit so seniors who don't stay in traditional Medicare get a prescription drug

plan that's just as good as those who chose a new option," said Senate Finance Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa. House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Billy Tauzin, R-La., analyzed the situation with a terse comment about his mother: "You couldn't drive her out of Medicare with a bulldozer." He said the plan his panel will write will have a traditional Medicare drug benefit that is "as strong if not the same as private market plans."

"We've got to respond to that population that wants to stay," said Tauzin. "My committee almost certainly will want a strong and adequate prescription drug benefit within free-for-service (traditional Medicare)." Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said, comparing the White House plan with a congressional plan. "The striking point will be slightly different. Even Senate Majority Leader

Bill Frist, R-Tenn., a close Bush ally, appearing at the AMA meeting before the president, indicated the senators will produce their own bill. "The Senate is going to go through the Finance Committee," Frist said.

President Bush has said he wants to spend \$400 billion over 10 years to overhaul Medicare and add a prescription drug benefit. House Democrats unveiled their drug proposal Monday, which would cost \$700 billion to \$900 billion over 10 years. And Senate Democrats have reintroduced the same \$594 billion 10-year plan they offered last year. Both plans would establish low deductibles and premiums along with benefits available for all Medicare beneficiaries.

"Leaders of both political parties have talked for years about this issue. ... The time for action is now," Bush told the AMA on Tuesday. "A modern Medicare system must offer more choices and better benefits to every senior."

## Gemini: Don't fall for get-rich-quick scheme

IF MARCH 5TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are attractive, dramatic and sexy. You have skills as writer, composer and actor. You enjoy "flirting" but may give little heed to consequences. Some claim you are difficult to live with, but they would not want to do without you. Gemini, Virgo and Sagittarius natives play important roles in your life; could have these letters in names: E, N, W. During this cycle, you correct past mistakes; you put your life in order. April, September, November.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Much occurs behind the scenes; you could be a part of a clandestine meeting. Discussions could involve family matters and measures to be taken for one who is ill or has "misbehaved."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You obtain the proverbial "lucky break." What seemed a disadvantage could be turned into profit, but only if proposals are honest; don't fall for a get-rich-quick scheme.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Career matters take on a brighter hue. You obtain a promotion, but be in charge of a project that will bring fame, fortune. In romance, you "meet your match." Capricorn involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Accent on publishing, advertising and dealing with persons at a distance. Your words have an impact, can be quoted far and wide. Say what you mean, and mean what you say!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You discover that partner, mate has more assets than anticipated. If

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you probe too deeply, you might learn more than you care to know. Good period to change a will, accounting system.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Lie low, play waiting game; time is on your side. Permit partner or mate to state views; don't interrupt and keep calm, cool and collected. You gain by displaying cooperative spirit, diplomacy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): This can be your lucky day; if speculating, stick with number 3. Relationships with co-workers improve if you utilize a sense of humor. If seeking employment, financial and other needs are met.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A romantic dalliance might be getting too hot to handle. Know when to back down, to say "Enough is enough!" Youngsters may need more supervision, discipline. Be firm but understanding.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Good day to apply artistic touch to living, others quiver. Your creativity — and sex appeal — draws new admirers. A flirtation is fun, not necessarily lasting. Virgo involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Just when you desire to relax, there is a surge of phone calls, doorbells to answer, and letters and packages to handle. Good news: You receive a surprise gift — something "comfy."

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Dark dream: What seemed an illusion can become reality. Funds come from a "mysterious source." Don't look a gift horse in the mouth! Some whisper words of love; be wary.

## Salamanders always have twins

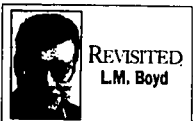
Salamanders always have twins. Q. What are the most common forms, in order, of suicide? A. Poison, i.e., overdoses, pills, whatever. Hanging. Shooting. Jumping from heights. Cockroaches are cleaner than cats.

You can make salt water that's 28 percent salt but not saltwater that's 29 percent salt. Retired people in the United States outnumber the whole population of Canada.

Takes five times as much heat to boil freezing water into steam as it takes to bring freezing water to a boil. Q. While the early English sailors were eating lions to prevent scurvy, what were the sailors eating sailing for the same reason?

A. Chamberlains. Q. How does the Sahara compare in size to the United States?

A. About the same. Q. What is the only thing that doesn't get you through time?



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A. Color, say the experts. Tell your baby that "diaper" comes from the Greek "diapores" meaning "pure white."

Q. Why are "bumblebees" called that?

A. In the English of old, "bumble" meant "hum."

Q. What's the difference between "basal" tears and "tearful" tears?

A. Basal: continuous for lubrication. Tearful: temporary in emotion. Chemically, they're quite different.

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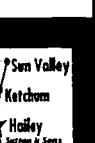
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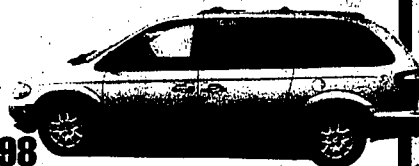
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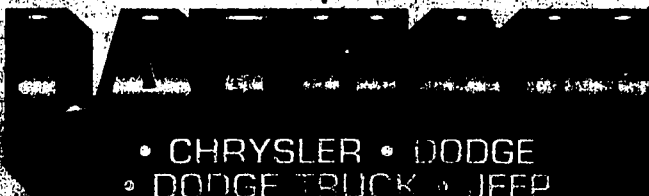
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