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Bringing back the bighorns

F&G plans to release sheep in Cassia today

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

OWYHEE, Nev. – Just above the Nevada border where the Owyhee Canyon cuts sharp ravines through the desert is bighorn sheep country.

Along the East Fork of the Owyhee River lives a bighorn herd of about 300. Six of their number are about to become pioneers. They were captured Saturday with another group of sheep from the Bruneau River and will be re-introduced today near the City of Rocks National Reserve in southern Cassia County.

The new transplants belong to a many-year effort to bring wild sheep back to the high country in the Jim Sage and Albion mountain ranges.

Coming Monday

Watch for details in Monday's newspaper about today's bighorn sheep release and re-introduction in southern Cassia County near the City of Rocks National Reserve.

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"To be able to see bighorn sheep again in their natural habitat is an experience for everybody," says Herb Meyr, a Mountain Home resident who is a member of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep.

Meyr worked with Almo sheep ranchers Roscoe and Joyce Ward and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to bring back wild sheep to the mountains of Cassia County. A herd was planted in the Jim Sage Mountains in 2000. Today sheep from Saturday's capture will be re-introduced in the Albion range south of Cache Peak.

Bighorn country

A crew of biologists and wildlife researchers from the Fish and Game Department hit the road before daybreak Saturday to reach the remote Owyhee Canyon. They had a rendezvous at 8 a.m. with a capture helicopter.

About an hour into the drive south of Mountain Home, daylight peeked over the horizon and the shadows of the desert plateaus came into focus. A jaunt just over the Nevada line and a sharp right turn off the highway and back into Idaho yielded a view of several antelope in a sprint.

Eventually, the steep and narrow Owyhee gorge cut deep through the sea of sage brush. Perfect country for bighorn sheep.

"They like steep, nasty stuff," says Randy Smith, regional wildlife manager for Fish and Game in Jerome.

It was in 1985 that Ken Jafek, a Malta hunter and guide, showed Smith snapshots of bighorn

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Photos by JEREMY STOA/The Times-News

Above, bighorn sheep weren't designed to fly, but Saturday morning eight of them got the ride of their lives. Idaho Fish and Game officials netted the sheep by air and flew them to waiting Fish and Game biologists, who checked the sheep's overall health. Six of the sheep are being relocated to southern Cassia County. Once netted, the sheep were blindfolded and wrapped in slings designed for flying animals.

Left, according to Nampa resident Mike Scott, a research biologist with Fish and Game, bighorn sheep are very susceptible to stress-induced illness, which can kill the animals. The sheep were not drugged, but they were blindfolded and handled very gently. To help keep them from overheating, an indicator that a sheep is under too much stress, Fish and Game workers poured cool water over the animals while other workers took vital signs, samples and tagged the animals with radio collars so they can be tracked after relocation.

Bush prepares to give final push

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON – The Bush administration prepared a final diplomatic push Saturday to prevent the United Nations Security Council from defeating a resolution authorizing military action against Iraq, even as teams throughout the government focus on the increasing likelihood of war.

President Bush

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Urban warfare possible – A11

Advisers mobilized as President Bush charged anew that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is violating U.N. disarmament demands in a "willful charade." He declared in his weekly radio address that the Iraqis are continuing "to play a shell game."

"We are doing everything we can to avoid war in Iraq," Bush said, "but if Saddam Hussein does not disarm peacefully, he will be disarmed by force."

Senior administration officials made clear Saturday that they would be stunned if Saddam satisfied a U.S.-British-Spanish demand to surrender his most dangerous weapons by March 17. One top official said, "He would have to roll out things so fast that the inspectors would have so say, 'Whoa! We can't count all of that so fast.' "

As a Security Council showdown neared after weeks of increasing bitterness and division, the United States and its chief ally, Britain, hurried to persuade six undecided countries to support a resolution authorizing force. Leading the opposition – and holding veto power in the council – France is pursuing the same nations in a campaign to defeat the plan to end U.N. inspections.

President Jacques Chirac's office issued a statement Saturday rejecting the proposal before the Security Council, saying "the ultimatum resolution is not acceptable and therefore will not be accepted by France." French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin set out to argue his case in person in the capitals of three of the undecideds: Angola, Cameroon and Guinea.

The leader of one of the undecideds, President Ricardo Lagos of Chile, said the March 17 disarmament deadline provides "too little time." His comments, along

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Area officials learn ways to fight water weed

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY – Looking back, the Bonner County weed supervisor wishes the county had made it illegal to drive boat trailers with "green matter" hanging off the sides.

If there had been signs at every dock alerting boaters to the stiff fines for transporting water plants, the shores of Lake Pend Oreille might not be choked with Eurasian water milfoil, said Bonner County Weed Supervisor Brad Bluemer.

"It's like having a toxic virus in your home," he said. "Once you've got it you can't get rid of it."

"It's like wildfire once it gets a hold," said Valley County Weed Supervisor John Johann.

Eurasian water milfoil is not just another form of pond scum. It grows quickly into masses too thick for fish to swim through, Bluemer said.

As Magic Valley counties work

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Analysts say bonding plan could give economic boost to Idaho

By Bob Fick
Associated Press writer

BOISE – The maneuvering for higher ground in the debate over balancing the state budget has shoved Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's proposal to revive $67 million in state construction projects to a far back burner.

But the continuing sluggishness of Idaho's economy seems to be slowly overcoming the Republican legislative majority's inherent disdain of going into debt through bonds.

Idaho Legislature 2003

Tempers turn nasty at Legislature – A8

House Appropriations Chairman Maxine Bell of Jerome concedes that moving ahead with the bonding plan – even though it calls for buildings on college campuses in every area of the state – is a tough sell.

"We're already upside down economically," Bell said. "But the other side is there'll never be a better time. And it's economic development."

Kempthorne put the 10 projects on hold along with 30 others last year to free up tens of millions of dollars in cash to help plug a huge budget gap. The governor's proposed tax increase does not generate enough cash to finance the projects without bonds although it would put the state in a solid position to make the annual bond payment of just under $5 million.

Kempthorne's Chief of Staff Brian Whitlock said the administration is ready to renew its campaign for bonding once the budget discussions are on an acceptable course. Until then, advocates of the plan are letting economic news soften up the opposition.

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Rep. Maxine Bell

7 days, 7 reasons to read

A pain from the past
Childhood chickenpox can return as shingles.

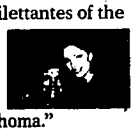
Monday

Makes cents

Club puts value on coins.
Tuesday

Flowers for amateurs
A complete rookie's guide to buying cut flowers.
Wednesday

Learning to shoot
Younger kids can now take Idaho hunter safety courses.
Thursday

Curly & Co.
The Dilettantes of the Magic Valley rediscover "Oklahoma."

Friday

Did you hear?
M-C residents are offering praise for a new pastor.
Saturday

Hard times
Teaching kids the hard realities of layoffs.
Sunday

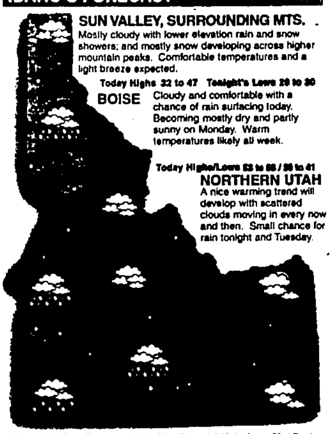
TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cloudy and comfortable with scattered rain showers developing. Highs near 54.
Tonight: A small chance of rain and snow showers forming. Lows near 34.
Tomorrow: Mostly dry and mild with fair skies. Highs near 54

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with a light breeze. A few showers may surface. Highs upper 40s to middle 50s.
Tonight: Scattered clouds and a light breeze. A small chance of rain or snow forming. Lows upper 20s to middle 30s.
Tomorrow: Fair skies and mostly dry. Comfortable. Highs upper 40s to middle 50s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST



SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Mostly cloudy with lower elevation rain and snow showers; and mostly snow developing across higher mountain peaks. Comfortable temperatures and a light breeze expected.
Today Highs 32 to 47 Tonight's Lows 29 to 30

BOISE Cloudy and comfortable with a chance of rain surfacing today. Becoming mostly dry and partly sunny on Monday. Warm temperatures likely all week.

Today Highs/Lows 53 to 58 / 36 to 41
NORTHERN UTAH A nice warming trend will develop with scattered clouds moving in every now and then. Small chance for rain tonight and Tuesday.

Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 59 at Caldwell & Malta Low: 26 at Stanley

weather key: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers, r-rain, sn-snow, fl-flurries, w-wind, m-missing

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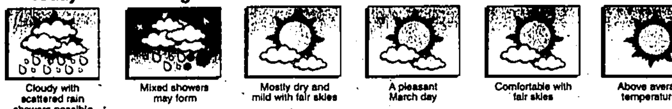
TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST



Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Cloudy with scattered rain showers possible	Mixed showers may form	Mostly dry and mild with fair skies	A pleasant March day	Comfortable with fair skies	Above average temperatures
High 54	Low 34	54 / 35	55 / 33	59 / 36	61 / 37

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prcp
Boise	56	36	Trace
Burley	55	34	0.00"
Challis	49	22	Trace
Coeur d' Alene	43	28	0.90"
Idaho Falls	52	34	0.00"
Jerome	55	34	0.00"
Lewiston	39	34	0.35"
Lowell	34	33	1.00"
Malad City	not available		
Malta	59	37	0.00"
Pocatello	53	31	0.00"
Rexburg	52	33	0.00"
Salmon	46	22	0.00"
Stanley	36	26	0.13"

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature

Yesterday's High	57
Yesterday's Low	34
Normal High / Low	48 / 26
Record High	65 in 1970
Record Low	12 in 1986

Precipitation

Yesterday's	0.00"
Month to Date	0.04"
Avg. Month to Date	0.26"
Water Year to Date	3.06"
Avg. Water Year to Date	5.40"

A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30

Temperature & Precipitation valid through 6pm yesterday

Humidity

Yesterday High	67%
Yesterday Low	32%
Today's Forecast High	85%
Today's Forecast Low	54%

Barometric Pressure

5 p.m. Yesterday 30.05 in.

Sunrise and Sunset

Today	Sunrise:	7:01 AM	Sunset:	6:37 PM
Monday	Sunrise:	6:59 AM	Sunset:	6:38 PM
Tuesday	Sunrise:	6:57 AM	Sunset:	6:40 PM
Wednesday	Sunrise:	6:56 AM	Sunset:	6:41 PM
Thursday	Sunrise:	6:54 AM	Sunset:	6:42 PM

Moon Phases

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

Moonrise and Moonset

Today	Moonrise: 10:07 AM	Moonset: 12:21 AM
Monday	Moonrise: 10:40 AM	Moonset: 1:23 AM
Tuesday	Moonrise: 11:21 AM	Moonset: 2:25 AM

Snowpack

Snake R. above Palisades:	90%
Snake R. Wyoming:	92%

Readings are % of normal valid yesterday

U. V. INDEX

Low Moderate High

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The higher the index the more sun protection needed

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REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Tomorrow Hi	Lo	W	Tuesday Hi	Lo	W
Boise	56	38	sh	57	38	pc	58	41	pc
Bonners Ferry	42	34	r	45	32	sh	45	33	mc
Burley	53	35	mc	55	33	mc	56	32	mc
Challis	45	30	sh	47	26	mc	43	26	pc
Coeur d' Alene	43	36	r	48	34	sh	48	35	mc
Elko, NV	54	29	mc	52	30	mc	54	27	pc
Eugene, OR	58	44	r	60	42	mc	57	46	r
Gooding	56	35	mc	56	36	pc	57	34	pc
Grace	50	28	mc	48	26	mc	47	24	mc
Hagerman	57	33	mc	57	34	pc	58	32	pc
Hailey	49	34	mc	50	28	mc	50	32	mc
Idaho Falls	45	31	mc	47	28	mc	48	29	mc
Kalispell, MT	35	30	mc	41	27	mc	42	29	pc
Jerome	52	35	mc	53	29	mc	53	33	mc
Lewiston	61	41	r	55	39	mc	55	41	mc
Malad City	54	29	mc	52	27	mc	51	25	mc
Malta	50	32	mc	52	30	mc	53	29	mc
McCall	39	26	fl	41	21	mc	42	26	mc
Missoula, MT	37	31	mc	44	33	mc	45	30	pc
Pocatello	53	33	mc	51	31	mc	50	29	mc
Portland, OR	57	45	r	59	43	mc	57	46	mc
Rupert	53	37	mc	55	35	mc	56	34	mc
Rexburg	42	29	mc	43	25	mc	42	25	mc
Richland, WA	52	43	r	53	39	mc	58	43	mc
Rogerson	54	35	mc	54	36	pc	55	34	pc
Salmon	47	31	sh	49	27	mc	45	27	pc
Salt Lake City, UT	56	37	mc	56	36	mc	55	36	mc
Spokane, WA	47	36	r	50	34	mc	49	37	mc
Stanley	37	23	fl	41	18	mc	41	20	mc
Sun Valley	41	25	fl	45	20	mc	45	22	mc
Yellowstone, MT	32	15	mc	35	13	mc	35	15	mc

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Tomorrow Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	67	44	mc	65	46	pc
Atlantic City	57	21	pc	39	16	su
Baltimore	56	25	pc	40	21	pc
Billings	29	24	mc	46	31	pc
Birmingham	67	38	mc	67	46	pc
Boston	45	20	mc	29	19	su
Charleston, SC	73	49	mc	66	45	pc
Charleston, WV	48	24	mc	35	24	mc
Chicago	20	7	pc	24	18	pc
Cleveland	26	12	pc	26	15	su
Denver	57	32	pc	56	31	pc
Des Moines	21	9	mc	26	24	mc
Detroit	25	10	pc	25	16	su
El Paso	73	43	su	75	42	su
Fairbanks	19	-26	su	13	-15	su
Fargo	1	-7	pc	16	12	mc
Honolulu	81	66	su	83	67	su
Houston	77	56	mc	76	56	mc
Indianapolis	33	14	mc	28	20	mc
Jacksonville	76	56	th	72	50	pc
Kansas City	31	21	mc	40	32	mc
Las Vegas	74	49	su	75	51	su
Little Rock	58	35	pc	60	43	pc
Los Angeles	66	52	su	67	53	su
Memphis	57	36	pc	59	43	pc
Miami	87	72	pc	85	71	pc
Milwaukee	18	4	pc	22	17	su
Nashville	51	30	pc	49	35	mc
New Orleans	74	52	mc	72	63	pc
New York	49	27	pc	36	26	su
Oklahoma City	61	40	pc	63	39	pc
Omaha	25	13	mc	32	25	mc
Orlando	85	63	mc	78	60	mc
Philadelphia	53	26	pc	38	24	su
Phoenix	81	54	su	83	56	su
Portland, ME	39	6	mc	26	9	su
Raleigh	66	37	pc	57	34	pc
Rapid City	33	15	mc	42	19	mc
Reno	58	34	pc	59	35	mc
Sacramento	65	46	pc	67	46	mc
St. Louis	37	23	mc	29	29	fl
St Paul	12	-2	pc	21	17	mc
Salt Lake City	56	37	mc	55	36	mc
San Diego	67	54	su	67	55	su
San Francisco	62	49	pc	64	52	pc
Seattle	53	45	r	52	42	mc
Tucson	80	48	su	82	48	su
Washington, DC	62	31	pc	44	29	pc

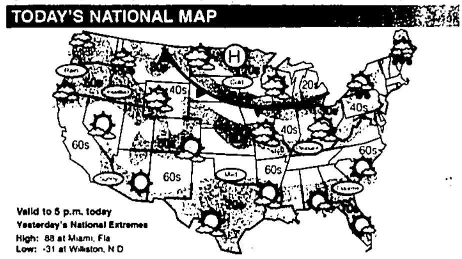
WORLD FORECAST

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Tomorrow Hi	Lo	W
Acapulco	91	68	su	91	66	su
Athens	55	45	r	55	45	sh
Auckland	68	61	r	68	63	r
Bangkok	95	82	sh	91	81	sh
Beijing	48	30	su	50	28	su
Berlin	52	34	pc	48	36	sh
Buenos Aires	86	70	r	86	70	r
Cairo	72	54	su	70	52	su
Dhahran	79	63	pc	77	67	sh
Geneva	45	34	mc	52	34	mc
Hong Kong	64	54	pc	61	52	sh
Jerusalem	66	43	su	59	45	pc
Johannesburg	79	58	su	78	56	su
Kuwait City	77	59	su	79	57	mc
London	52	41	sh	57	46	pc
Mexico City	79	54	su	82	55	pc
Moscow	27	12	su	23	9	mc
Nairobi	86	55	su	84	59	pc
Oslo	36	32	fl	39	30	fl
Paris	55	43	pc	59	43	pc
Prague	46	28	pc	41	34	sh
Rio de Jane	86	77	r	81	75	r
Rome	63	43	pc	63	43	pc
Santiago	90	68	sh	86	64	mc
Seoul	43	36	mc	48	32	pc
Sydney	77	70	mc	79	64	sh
Tel Aviv	68	54	su	64	55	pc
Tokyo	55	39	pc	50	36	su
Vienna	50	34	mc	48	30	fl
Warsaw	41	21	su	45	23	mc
Winnipeg	-2	-18	su	1	-17	mc
Zurich	48	34	pc	52	37	mc

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today Hi	Lo	Wx	Tomorrow Hi	Lo	W
Calgary	-4	-15	mc	3	-13	mc
Cranbrook	33	29	mc	44	25	mc
Edmonton	-9	-27	su	-6	-26	mc
Kelowna	30	14	fl	39	25	sn
Lethbridge	-4	-15	mc	3	-9	mc
Regina	-8	-26	su	-4	-24	pc
Saskatoon	-9	-18	su	-6	-15	pc
Toronto	37	7	sn	27	9	fl
Vancouver	41	30	sn	46	39	r
Victoria	47	38	sn	23	20	r
Winnipeg	-2	-18	su	1	-17	mc

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Yesterday's National Extremes
High: 88 at Miami, Fla
Low: -31 at Williston, N D

Nation's lawmakers enjoy annual laugh on themselves

WASHINGTON (AP) – Wrapping up a Saturday night of laughs on a somber note, President Bush toasted American armed forces surrounding Iraq and declared them ready for war if needed.

"Because they serve, our freedom will be secure and our peace will be safe," he told the annual Gridiron Club dinner of journalists and their high-powered guests.

With 250,000 troops poised to disarm Saddam Hussein if ordered to action, the commander in chief said, "They are prepared if necessary to remove a gathering danger."

Bush's brief remarks were a contrast to an evening of songs and satirical skits by journalists who lampooned Republicans and Democrats alike.

Sen. John Edwards, the wealthy North Carolina trial lawyer who hopes to be the Democrat who ousts Bush from the White House in next year's election, poked fun at his own background in giving the Democratic "response."

"President Bush says frivolous lawsuits have never helped anyone," he said. "Yeah, tell that to my new house in Georgetown."

Bush's closing remarks underscored a feeling among Gridiron members that current topics of the day do not easily lend themselves to levity.

"We had some concerns about writing humor in the face of war, threatened terrorism and economic woes," Walter Mears, retired Associated Press special correspondent and vice president, noted in opening the show.

Nonetheless, the show mined serious subjects for humor set to familiar tunes. One skit portrayed Secretary of State Colin Powell crooning that North Korea's president "has a nuclear bomba ... what if he sells it to Osama?" Another had a jazzy Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Richard Myers singing "Yakety yak, attack Iraq."

The Gridiron Club, consisting of 60 Washington newspaper bureau chiefs, columnists, reporters, cartoonists and editors, exists only for the annual roasting of politicos.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, a heart surgeon from Tennessee, used a model and a pointer to demonstrate how the legislative journey compares to the human digestive system – starting at the mouth, or introduction of legislation, and ending at the other end – where everything comes out. "As you might imagine, the president often doesn't want anything to do with what comes out down here," he said.

Frist said he often wonders how someone like Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy from "such a tiny state' like Vermont "can cause stomach trouble and pain and keep things from passing. Then I remember the little kidney stone. The man is a human kidney stone."

Nor did Frist spare fellow Republicans. He claimed to have given a checkup recently to former Sen. Bob Dole, who he described as being "so proud of the results of that Viagra he takes. ... I said, 'Strip to your waist.' Bob took off his pants."

Bighorns

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sheep skulls found in the Albion Mountains by the late Bill Bruesch when he was a child. Other information, including a pioneer diary that describes spotting a wild sheep herd in the area, adds to the body of evidence that sheep once climbed Cassia County's steep mountain peaks.

These historic details helped secure the area as a place for potential sheep re-introduction.

But domestic sheep and wild sheep shouldn't mix, biologists say, because of the high risk for wild sheep to develop pneumonia from bacteria carried by domestic herds. When Roscoe and Joyce Ward decided they couldn't make a living any longer on the family's century-old sheep ranch, they spread the word that they were converting to cattle and wanted to bring bighorns back to the mountains.

"We wanted to do it for our grandkids," Joyce Ward said.

Reintroduction will provide wildlife viewing and eventually bighorn hunting opportunities.

"It is one of the most sought-after trophy game animals in North America," Smith said.

The hunting opportunities are few. Last year, there were only 15 bighorn sheep permits statewide.

Besides hunting and recreation opportunities, bighorn re-introduction can benefit the ecosystem by adding another element of diversity, Smith said.

Capture

The sky proved clear and the breeze light Saturday. It was good news, because high winds would have grounded the capture helicopter. And that had the potential to postpone the project for a year. The window for capture is short in late winter when the weather remains cool and the ewes aren't too far along in their pregnancies.

Two teams of six people each set to work at base camp Saturday to prepare for incoming sheep. Tarps were spread. Jugs of cold water set out. Ear tags, radio collars and an ultrasound to check ewes for pregnancy were readied. Biologists, technicians and a veterinarian prepared swabs and syringes to test animal health. They planned to screen for a pneumonia-causing bacteria in wild sheep and give injections of vitamin E and of antibiotics, as a preventative measure while the animals are kept overnight in confined quarters.

The ground crew's goal: Accomplish all of the procedures within five minutes to minimize stress on the sheep.

The chopper arrived shortly with its crew of daredevils for hire – professional aerial netgunners contracted by the Fish and Game Department. It's precise and expensive work.

The department – funded by sportsmen's fees – pays about $600 an hour to rent the capture service, said Dale Toweill, leader of Fish and Game's statewide trophy species program. It takes an average of about a half an hour to capture each sheep.

The helicopter crew spots sheep from the air and within seconds descends to hover some 20 feet above the running animals. A gunner harnessed into the chopper stands at the open door. The netgun's explosive charge fires the net from a canister. Weighted at all four corners, the net falls to the ground and entangles the animal.

The chopper lands and the crew untangles the sheep, blindfolds it to minimize stress, secure its legs and wraps its body snugly in a carrying drape to prevent it from struggling and injuring itself. The sheep – sometimes two or three at a time – are carried through the air to the base camp where biologists await.

Within minutes of its first trip out, the chopper radios camp. Two ewes – female sheep – are on the way.

Action

The helicopter nears and the ground crew moves into action. Three or four people carry the sheep to the tarps and the camp goes quiet with a "whispering only" rule strictly enforced to reduce stress on the sheep.

The animals immediately are rubbed with cold water.

"Sheep tend to overheat," Smith said.

It's one of the biggest risk factors involved in their capture. Body temperature is monitored carefully during handling.

The best thing to do for an overheated sheep is turn it loose, said Mike Scott, a Fish and Game research biologist based in Nampa. Scott headed up operations at the Owyhee capture site.

The first two ewes put up with the handling and struggled only briefly. One lost most of her blindfold, a top priority to correct.

Biologists managed to have the sheep processed and in the trailer in about 10 minutes. They improved their speed with practice.

They don't need to wait long for the next test. The helicopter crew radios in that three more ewes are on the way. This time Fish and Game veterinarian Phil Mamer determines one of the ewes is close to delivering a lamb – unusually early – and she is set free.

One more ewe is delivered. Her body temperature is too high. Mamer administers treatment and she is released.

The last delivery brings in another ewe and a young ram. At least a couple of rams are needed for the new herd in the Albion mountains, but biologists don't like to mix many males in capture trailers. Males might be preoccupied with a show for dominance – a position gained through a head-butting competition.

By noon Saturday five ewes, some of them pregnant, huddle around the lone ram in the back of the horse trailer parked along the Owyhee Canyon.

Then the helicopter pilots toward Bruneau to meet the second capture group.

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Milfoil

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to prevent Eurasian water milfoil from spreading into the Snake River, county weed workers have the opportunity to learn from those who have already lost the prevention battle.

Cassia County Weed Supervisor Gordon Edwards wants to place signs at some boat launch areas, do spot checks on boats and talk to boating clubs.

A small piece of Eurasian water milfoil stuck to the bottom of a boat, or sandwiched between a boat and trailer can take root and spread once it hits water. To keep the plant out of the river there should be signs at every boat launch, and a fine should be imposed to make boaters take it seriously, Bluemer said.

"Officials need to get real busy and real serious," Bluemer said.

There is some evidence that indicates birds can spread the weed too.

The situation is not hopeless though, Bluemer said. In midwest and eastern states managers have been successful in keeping the weed out of some waterways.

The weed could harm the Minidoka National Wildlife Refuge, refuge manager Steve Bouffard said. Eurasian water milfoil chokes out the native plants which bugs need to survive, he said. When the plants go, the bugs that eat those plants disappear. The fish and birds rely on these bugs to survive, he said.

Eurasian water milfoil changes bodies of water to make them favorable for the growing of Eurasian water milfoil, and not much else, Idaho weed awareness campaign coordinator Roger Batt said.

Lake Walcott has a built-in defense against the weeds: Each winter the lake drops, exposing the shallows and killing perennial water plants.

"Theoretically if it got started it would get started in the shallow water," Bouffard said.

Yet Bouffard plans to put up signs all the same.

Some potent herbicides kill Eurasian milfoil, but these chemicals are allowed only in closed ponds, not in rivers or reservoirs, Batt said. In cases where chemicals cannot be used, divers uproot the plants and feed them into a vacuum dredge. While divers can keep the plant from becoming too thick, this treatment costs about $1,200 per acre, Johann estimated.

"It's extremely expensive," Bluemer said.

Scientists are exploring the possibility of introducing an insect to control the weed, Batt said.

Edwards had mentioned the possibility of inspecting boats at the Idaho Regatta.

At a race in Washington, where the weed is common, officials inspected racers' boats before they went in the water, said racer Glen Dilworth of Burley. But most racers do not like to have "things growing in their boats," Dilworth said. He said he'd be happy to have his boat inspected if it would prevent the spread of the weed, but he thinks recreational boaters are a more likely target than race boats.

Recreational boaters also travel from place to place. Wake boarders, water skiers and fishermen often drive long distances to boat on the Snake River in Mini-Cassia, Burley boat retailer Gordon Hansen said.

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Report: Al-Qaida plans attacks

Operations would be tied to war in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) – Al-Qaida operatives are planning to strike at U.S. and allied forces taking part in a war in Iraq, according to information acquired by American intelligence agencies, counterterrorism officials said Saturday.

The operatives are subordinates of Abu Musab Zarqawi, whom CIA officials describe as a senior associate of Osama bin Laden. Some are in Baghdad; others are elsewhere in Iraq, the counterterrorism officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The intelligence does not suggest any kind of coordination between the government of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and the al-Qaida operatives; instead officials believe the terrorists are looking to capitalize on the chaos created by any military conflict to strike at American and allied troops.

A CIA report, passed to senior government officials last week, warned of the potential strikes.

A CIA spokesman declined to comment.

The New York Times first reported the information Saturday on its Web site.

The counterterrorism officials said operatives may be planning to use explosives or toxins to conduct the attack.

The new information comes against a murky backdrop regarding whether Iraq supports al-Qaida, or to what extent there are ties.

However, intelligence officials have generally agreed they have nothing to document that Saddam Hussein had a hand in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks or that Saddam and Osama bin Laden are coordinating terrorist operations.

Women protest war plans

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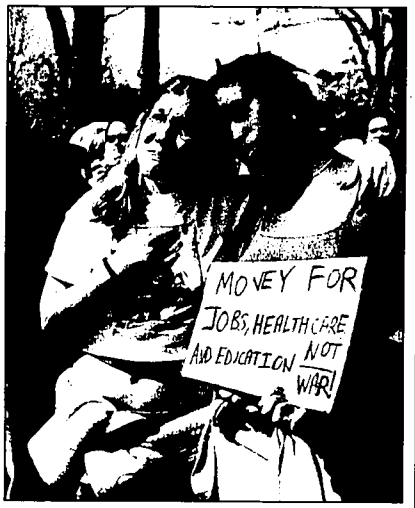
WASHINGTON – Several thousand women clad in pink marched near the White House Saturday to protest against war in Iraq and to urge President Bush to back down from his threatened war against Saddam Hussein.

The colorful Washington march, staged under sunny skies in spring-like temperatures, represented what organizers called a Code Pink for peace, hoping it would contrast with the government's color-coded alerts against terrorist threats. Protestors ranged from schoolgirls to grandmothers. They were kept far from the White House. Uniformed Secret Service guards and U.S. Park Police expanded the secure area around the White House, refusing to let the marchers enter Lafayette Park across the street from the executive mansion or onto Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the house. Marchers walked around the complex to the Ellipse.

Iranians call for more freedom for women – A16



AP photo

Brittany Noble, left, and Hillaria Goodgame, both students at Rider University in Lawrenceville, N.J., listen to poetry during the CodePink Women's Peace Vigil Saturday in Washington.

The crowd, estimated by organizers at between 5,000 and 7,000, stretched along several city blocks as it wound its way along the streets near the White House. "We're taking to the streets because Bush refuses to listen," said Kristi Laughlin of Oakland, California, one of the organizers. "He's determined to go to war, but we're here to bring the voices of women and children to demand peace, and to demand a non-violent solution."

Protestors sang songs such as Give Peace a Chance, chanted refrains such as, "This is what democracy looks like," and carried signs including, "Drop Bush, not bombs," "No Bombs on Iraqi Moms, and "Blessed are the Meek, Cursed are the Warmongers." Several carried signs thanking France for opposing war.

Most protestors said when asked that they oppose Saddam Hussein, but that they believe there are peaceful ways to contain him or force him to disarm. Many said they were resigned that Bush has made up his mind for war.

Many also said the war would take money away from other domestic priorities. "There are plenty of other things like unemployment we should focus on," said Lynn Hasselbarch, a sophomore from the University of Michigan.

The Washington march was one of several demonstrations in the United States and around the world using International Women's Day as a stage to protest war. In Tokyo, thousands of anti-war demonstrators marched as their government signaled its support for Bush.

Allegations of terror ties shake mosque community

NEW YORK (AP) – Al-Farooq mosque is filled most days with working class people who say they struggle to contribute enough money to keep the paint from peeling and the rest rooms supplied.

But a federal complaint unsealed last week says the storefront mosque in Brooklyn was a lucrative source of funds for al-Qaida, that some of the millions of dollars raised by a Yemeni cleric for the terrorist group was collected at the mosque.

Worshippers said the mosque is a place of reflection and devotion.

"There's nothing going on here except prayer. This is like any other mosque in the world – we go in and pray, and we go home," Yemeni-born worshipper Idris Alward said as he arrived for noontime prayers last week.

Some acknowledged being troubled by the new allegations – the mosque has had ties to extremists dating back more than a dozen years – and said they want to learn more. Others insisted any money raised at Al-Farooq goes only to worthy causes.

"The donations at this mosque are for kids with no parents, for people who have nothing," said Nassar Hoason, a gas station owner.

The second-floor mosque sits on Atlantic Avenue, a bustling thoroughfare populated by immigrants from around the world, many of them Muslims.

It is a 15-minute walk from the federal courthouse where the complaint was unsealed, revealing allegations that Sheik Mohammed Al Hasan Al-Mowyal used the mosque to raise money for Osama bin Laden's terrorist network in 1999.

The Yemeni cleric is being held in Germany, after he allegedly told an FBI informant that he supplied al-Qaida with more than $20 million, recruits and weapons in the years before the Sept. 11 attacks. The U.S. government is seeking to extradite Al-Moayad.

Much of the money came from contributors in the United States, including the Al-Farooq mosque, prosecutors said. The federal complaint uses an alternative spelling for the mosque, Al Farouq.

Buffett's shareholders make $4.2B

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) – Despite the sluggish economy, Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway made dramatic gains for 2002, pulling in $4.2 billion in net income just one year after it posted earnings of only $795 million.

Insurance gains fueled the increase, compared with 2001 when it paid out huge claims following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Buffett said Saturday in his annual letter to shareholders.

Berkshire owns businesses and stock in a wide variety of industries, including insurance, furniture, restaurants, candy and newspapers.

Buffett also addressed corporate scandals at Enron and other companies accused of dishonest accounting, saying major investors should watch chief executive officers closely and keep boards of directors honest.

"Twenty, or even fewer, of the largest institutions, acting together, could effectively reform corporate governance at a given company, simply by withholding their votes for directors who were tolerating odious behavior," he said. "In my view, this kind of concerted action is the only way that corporate stewardship can be meaningfully improved."

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First debate leaves Dole displeased

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) – Former U.S. Sen. Bob Dole says he's displeased with the first of at least 10 debates against former President Bill Clinton that will air on "60 Minutes."

The two 1996 presidential opponents taped a debate Thursday morning about the wisdom of a tax cut in wartime. It will air tonight.

"I think it needs to be a little tougher," Dole said Friday before speaking at a Lincoln Day dinner held by Guilford County Republicans. "It needs to have a little more edge to it for people to be interested."

Clinton picked the first topic and Dole will choose the next.

Each of the debates will feature about 45 seconds of commentary from each man.

"I don't know how they'll get it into 60 minutes," Dole said. "To try to get (Clinton) to say anything in 45 seconds is pretty hard."

Both men are spouses of U.S. senators. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., and Sen. Elizabeth Dole, R-N.C., were "both terrified" about what their husbands may say, Clinton has said.

Chelsea Clinton takes six-figure consulting job

NEW YORK (AP) – Chelsea Clinton will start a six-figure consulting job after she receives a master's degree from Oxford University later this year, Newsweek magazine reports on its Web site.

The daughter of former President Clinton will work in the New York office of London-based McKinsey & Company, newsweek.com reported Friday.

Clinton, 23, accepted the position Friday after she reportedly turned down McKinsey's offer of $100,000 a year to work at its London headquarters, according to the Web site.

A spokesman for McKinsey did not immediately return a call for comment Saturday, nor did Bill Clinton's office.

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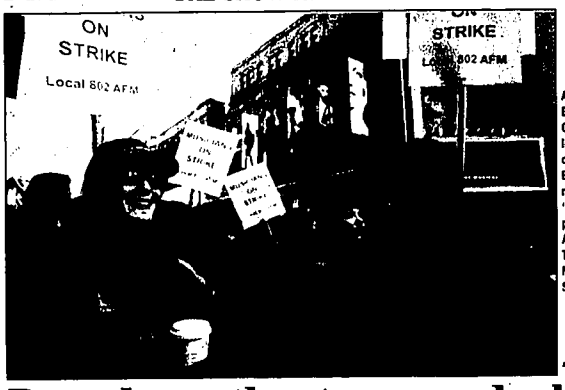


Actress Belle Calaway, left, a star of the Broadway musical 'Chicago,' pickets the Ambassador Theatre in New York Saturday.

AP photo

Broadway theaters are dark as musicians walk picket lines

NEW YORK (AP) – What caused much of Broadway to go dark as contract negotiations between theater producers and striking musicians collapsed, silencing virtually every musical?

No negotiations were planned Saturday, and each side met privately with its own members to assess the situation. But both sides couldn't even agree on what they were talking about.

The union insists the fight to keep minimums – the number of musicians required for each show – is part of a larger battle to preserve live music on Broadway. The League of American Theatres and Producers see it in terms of artistic freedom, hiring only the musicians they say they need.

And as musicians became convinced the so-called virtual orchestras, computer-generated music brought in to replace them, wouldn't work well, they hardened their position on minimums and walked out Friday.

What producers didn't expect was that actors and stagehands would refuse to cross their picket lines.

Originally producers proposed the number of musicians required for the large Broadway theaters be reduced to seven, a figure they later raised to 14 and most recently to 15. The minimums at those large theaters currently range from 24 to 26.

> "Broadway has a very strong emotional bond with its customers and it's a compact that has been broken now."
>
> – Jed Bernstein, president of The League of American Theaters and Producers

"Theatergoers are the ultimate losers," Jed Bernstein, league president, reiterated Saturday. "Broadway has a very strong emotional bond with its customers and it's a compact that has been broken now."

Eighteen musicals, from "Hairspray" to "The Producers" to "The Lion King," are dark through today and possibly beyond, the first shutdown of shows in more than 25 years.

Shutting down these 18 shows has cost about $1.2 million per performance in terms of lost box-office revenue, or nearly $5 million for all four performances this weekend, according to Bernstein.

Picketing took place again Saturday in front of theaters before what would have been matinee performances. Backstreet Boy Kevin Richardson stood with musicians in front of "Chicago," in which he plays shady lawyer Billy Flynn, while two stars of "The Producers," Brad Oscar and Gary Beach, were at the St. James Theatre with orchestra players from their show.

"I think we're all surprised and disappointed – it's not good for anybody," a glum Oscar said.

The strike boosted business for those productions, primarily plays, that are still open. The revival of "Cabaret," the one Broadway musical unaffected because it operates under a special contract, had 50 people in line Saturday morning when its box office opened.

Study: Neanderthals, modern humans didn't mix much

WASHINGTON (AP) – The Neanderthal was a squat, powerful hunter who dominated Europe for more than 100,000 years, but he disappeared forever when modern humans evolved in Africa and moved to the other continents.

There is no convincing evidence, says Richard G. Klein of Stanford University, that Neanderthals and modern humans ever mixed in substantial numbers, which means that when the Neanderthals died out, so did their genes.

"The Neanderthals may thus be regarded as a fascinating, but extinct, side branch of humanity," Klein writes in the journal Science.

This view, based on genetic and fossil studies, contradicts some studies that have suggested extensive interbreeding between the Neanderthals and modern humans. Those studies, based on a comparison of Neanderthal fossils and modern human bones, concluded that Neanderthal genes are a part of European heritage.

"I don't think that is widely accepted any more," said Klein.

He said modern studies of *mitochondrial DNA from* Neanderthal fossils suggest that the modern humans and the Neanderthals had a common ancestor about 500,000 years ago. But he said the studies do not support the notion that there was interbreeding after modern humans evolved in Africa and invaded Neanderthal habitats, starting about 45,000 years ago.

"The Neanderthal was a highly successful species," said Klein, but the reasons they became extinct are still unknown. Some theories have suggested they were wiped out by diseases introduced by modern humans. Another theory is that modern humans had better minds and an organized culture that enabled them to outsmart the Neanderthals for limited resources of game and other food.

"There is little to suggest that Neanderthals could behave in a modern ... way," Klein writes in Science... "This inability may explain why they disappeared so quickly and completely."

Henry Harpending, a University of Utah anthropologist, said he is unconvinced of either Klein's arguments or theories that there was interbreeding between Neanderthals and modern humans.

Harpending said the genetic evidence is only marginal and open to different interpretations.

Judge dismisses lawsuit filed by 12 cities against gun industry

SAN DIEGO (AP) – A judge dismissed gun makers as defendants in a lawsuit filed by 12 California cities but ruled the case can continue against several gun dealers.

Superior Court Judge Vincent DiFidia did not issue a written opinion in ruling Friday in favor of 29 weapons makers and three trade associations.

The remaining claims against three wholesalers and two retailers could go to trial in late April, he said.

The suit accused the defendants of creating a public nuisance by distributing weapons in a way that makes them accessible to criminals through illegitimate markets.

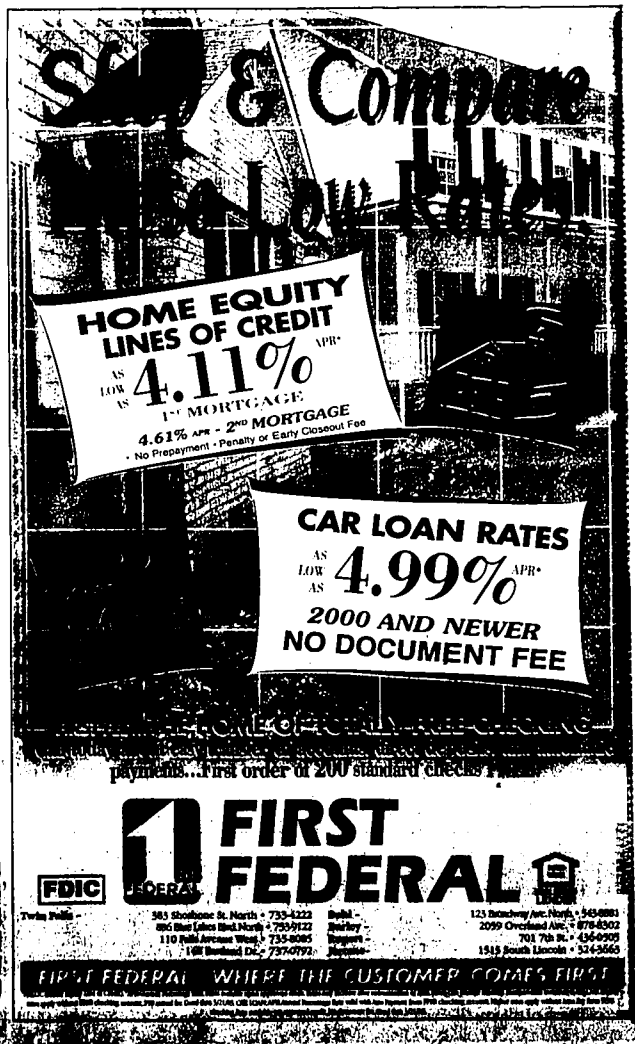
The gun makers had argued that they were too far removed from the point of sale to be held responsible.

"This is a definitive victory for us," said Lawrence G. Keane, general counsel for the National Shooting Sports Foundation, a gun industry trade association.

The suit was filed by Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Sacramento and other municipalities, along with the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence.

Jonathan Lowy, a lawyer for the Brady Center, said he expects the cities will appeal.

The suit, filed in 1999, is one of more than a dozen such actions filed against the gun industry nationwide in the past few years. Several, including suits in Atlanta and New Orleans, were dismissed because of state laws granting immunity to the gun industry.



Iraq

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with Chirac's, illustrated the U.S. difficulty of winning nine votes – and avoiding vetoes from any of the council's permanent members.

In Baghdad, the Iraqi leadership issued a statement calling on the Security Council to denounce the United States and Britain as "liars" and lift 12 years of economic sanctions. Iraq is complying with U.N. resolutions, said the statement, delivered after a meeting chaired by Saddam.

All indications suggested U.S. diplomacy and the president's long-standing determination to topple Saddam were likely to be tested within days. Bush wants to end this stage of the confrontation with Iraq with an up or down vote on the resolution by the end of the week, officials said Saturday. The president has said he is prepared to invade Iraq with or without U.N. approval.

A senior administration official, referring to the proposed ultimatum, said "the final opportunity means final."

More than 200,000 U.S. and British troops are in position in the Persian Gulf. Again Saturday, U.S. and British warplanes struck mobile radar systems in southern Iraq. War plans are far advanced, as are contingency plans for humanitarian relief if the standoff turns to war.

Senior U.S. officials devoted time Saturday to plans for governing a future Iraq as they prepared for the growing possibility that Saddam could be toppled soon, or even quit power. While more pieces are being put into place, still undetermined are the roles of international figures and institutions, and the parts to be played by Iraqis from inside and outside the country.

"I consider this a done deal," one U.S. planner said of the chances for war. "What I'm looking at is Day One on the ground on the day after."

The administration planned its next steps after a Security Council session Friday that seemed to sharpen the determination of Washington's opponents. Chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix credited Iraq with improving its recent cooperation and said it would take months to complete the searches ordered by the council in November.

Asked what Saddam would have to do by March 17 to satisfy the Americans, one senior official Saturday offered an explanation – and predicted the chances of Saddam's compliance as "slim and none."

"He's got one very last, fleeting chance to drive his mobile labs up in front of Hans Blix's headquarters, put all the paperwork in front of him and unveil his programs," the official said. "He would have to come out and flat say, 'I have made the political and strategic decision to disarm and I am going to prove it to you.'"

Such actions by Saddam, he continued, "would definitely slow things down."

Bush intends to renew personal appeals to the leaders of Security Council countries beginning Monday, said aides, who reported that he will ask them for their vote directly as if he were on the campaign trail or working a tight congressional vote. The essential message, a senior administration official said, will be that Saddam is dangerous and the international community cannot afford not to respond.

The president cleared his calendar for much of the week, with no public events scheduled until Thursday, when he will participate in several St. Patrick's Day events ahead of the traditional March 17 celebration, which falls on the deadline for Iraq. He plans to head Friday to the presidential retreat at Camp David, where he is expected to conduct war sessions.

Saturday night, in deference to the times, Bush broke with the presidential tradition of delivering humorous remarks at the annual Gridiron Club dinner, an evening of satirical performances by the Washington media. Instead, he delivered a brief, somber speech that an aide described as "a tribute to our country, to freedom, and to the men and women of our armed forces."

Opposition to a war was not difficult to hear, even inside the White House Saturday. Staffers near the windows could hear the chants of more than 1,000 anti-war activists who linked arms and waved signs with messages such as "Give Peace More Time."

Iraq developments

Developments in the Iraq crisis on Saturday:

- Britain and the United States began a diplomatic push for support for their proposal of a March 17 deadline for Saddam Hussein to fully disarm. British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw insisted that the measure can pass despite opposition from France, Russia and China, which hold veto powers on the U.N. Security Council.
- French President Jacques Chirac pressed his own alternative proposal to the U.S.-backed deadline, a summit of world leaders at the Security Council to work out a compromise. Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said that if the United States launches an Iraq war on its own, it would be a violation of the U.N. charter.
- Iraq resumed the destruction of banned Al Samoud 2 missiles under the supervision of U.N. weapons inspectors after taking a day off.
- After U.N. weapons inspectors praise Iraq's cooperation, Baghdad calls for the lifting of sanctions imposed after the 1991 invasion of Kuwait. It also calls on the Security Council to take action against Israel and American weapons of mass destruction.
- Kurds in northern Iraq unveiled their own version of a Statue of Liberty, commemorating the 12th anniversary of their uprising against Saddam.
- About 25,000 people in the northern English city of Manchester demonstrated against war on Iraq. Tens of thousands of protesters also rallied outside a U.S. military base near the Italian city of Vicenza, chanting "No to the war!" and waving rainbow-colored peace flags.
- The U.N. military [illegible] Kuwait's border [illegible] alert level to [illegible] possible five – [illegible] tions and putting all [illegible] sonnel back to Kuwait City – after the U.S. proposal of a deadline. At stage four, the peacekeepers along the border would stop all operations. In stage 5, they would evacuate the country.

Peace activists intend to mount disruptions

BOSTON (AP) – They have marched and chanted, hoping to use persuasion to prevent war. If that fails, though, activists are readying a more aggressive strategy of sit-ins and social disruptions, meant to restore peace in Iraq.

Protest sit-ins, especially at federal buildings, defense recruiting offices and military bases, have been mapped out for dozens of cities in the first day or two of any war, anti-war organizers say. Some also foresee widespread walkouts at schools and workplaces. A smaller number talk of blocking roads and bridges.

"Once war happens, there will be civil disobedience. It's bringing to a higher level what people have been doing," said coordinator Bal Pinguel at the American Friends Service Committee, an arm of the pacifist Quaker church.

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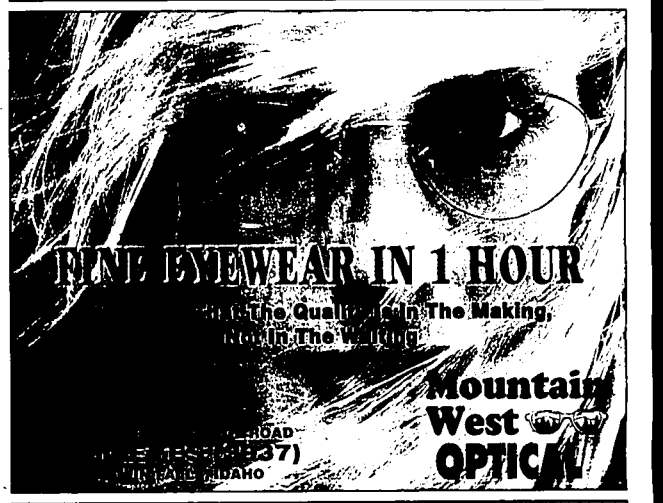

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Tensions rise as session creeps forward

Speaker tries to keep tempers in check

By Chuck Oxley
Associated Press Writer

BOISE – After 60 days of debating flashpoint issues, some stress cracks are beginning to appear in the mood of the Idaho Legislature.

Republican House Speaker Bruce Newcomb interrupted floor debate at least five times last week, bringing members of both parties up short when he thought they crossed the line.

The strongest rebuke came early Friday afternoon.

It was after the lunch hour should have started when freshman Democrat David Langhorst of Boise stood to debate a bill that would narrowly restrict public input on water right protests.

The legislation, he said, is the kind of thing that "gives people the attitude that this government is arrogant."

Slam – Newcomb dropped the hammer.

"Do not besmirch this body or the people in it," Newcomb said, towering over his desk. "Let's keep the campaign rhetoric out where it belongs."

Langhorst apologized to the Speaker after the floor session, and Newcomb said all was forgiven.

"It was the 'arrogance' word that was really inappropriate," Newcomb said later, clearly still annoyed by the comment.

> "Everybody's getting a little testy. This ain't a fun year."
>
> – Rep. Bruce Newcomb

But he saw the confrontation coming. For two days, he stopped to check trespasses by Democrats Wendy Jaquet of Ketchum, the minority floor leam der; Elmer Martinez of Pocatello; and Republicans Steve Smylie of Boise and Joe Cannon of Blackfoot.

Partly, it's just the inexperience of new lawmakers. Partly, it was Newcomb's decision to give Smylie, a junior high school teacher, some extra room in previous debate about a bill that could result in weakening the teacher's union.

"I allowed somebody some latitude, and then they started taking advantage of it," Newcomb said. "When I have to bring people up short, I don't like that, it's no fun. But you can disagree without being disagreeable."

Jaquet herself apologized twice on the House Floor during that same debate, once for airing a piece of information about one of Rep. Dennis Lake's campaign contributions – the equivalent of a political de-pantsing.

"Everybody's getting a little testy. This ain't a fun year. Myself, too – I'm tired already," Newcomb said.

Jaquet takes a different view of what's been happening. She acknowledges the need for decorum, but believes Langhorst should be able to debate on the floor – within House parameters – about what his constituents are telling him.

"Are we all supposed to be Republicans and be on the same page? We should be able to be passionate about things we really care about," she said.

As the Legislature enters its ninth week on Monday, lawmakers start with a clean slate and a new opportunity to be cognizant of each others feelings, Newcomb said.

"The tension isn't going to get any less, it's going to get greater. They're going to have to remember the Golden Rule – and I'm going to have to be the enforcer."

Bonding

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Unemployment hit an eight-year high of 6.1 percent at the close of 2002, and the state has been hit by additional layoffs since then – most notably the announcement by Micron Technology Inc. last month that it is laying off 1,100 workers in southwestern Idaho.

The employment picture appeared to be improving in January and February, but those reports have become suspect because of potential statistical quirks. Analysts did report that businesses reported only a 0.3 percent increase in employment statewide last month.

At the same time, interest rates are at a 41-year low, extending the value of any bond the state might issue.

Economists point out that construction employment was one of the major drivers of the state's economic expansion in the 1990s, posting annual growth rates as high as 17.7 percent.

The plan has gotten support from a number of economists, who agree with Whitlock and Bell that it could provide the kind of economic boost governments provide during downturns.

"In some areas of the state the economy is very difficult," Boise economist John Church told lawmakers during an economic assessment earlier this session. "It would be a positive."

In addition, the state and its local governments have one of the lowest amounts of debt of any state in the nation. State debt on buildings totals about $200 million. It includes payments for two state parks – Billingsley Creek and the Ponderosa expansion – three prisons and the Technology College building at Boise State University.

When combined with school district and other local bonds, the amount of debt statewide is still only $3.1 billion.

Only four other states – Vermont, Wyoming, North and South Dakota – have lower total indebtedness. But no state has a lower per capita debt than Idaho at $2,430.

Charles Clark, who has been the Idaho representative for the Union Pacific Railroad for more than 20 years, said the state trying to stimulate the economy through construction bonds would be a major change in the role government has traditionally played in the life of Idaho residents.

Bonds have only been used to deal with what could arguably be seen as emergency situations. The state has always operated on a pay-as-you-go basis, he said.

Building through bonding

Here is a list of buildings Gov. Dirk Kempthorne wants to finance with borrowed money through bonding. The projects had been approved in the 2001-2002 budget but the money was diverted to deal with the budget crisis.

- Eastern Idaho Technical College, maintenance building expension, $233,000.
- Women's community work center expension in Pocatello, $3.9 million.
- Idaho State Police Training Academy expansion, $2.3 million.
- North Idaho College, Allied Health/Nursing/Life Science Building $11 million.
- Idaho State University, Classroom Building, $12.2 million.
- State Historical Society, Historical Museum Phase II, $1 million.
- Boise State University, academic building on the Nampa campus, $8.7 million.
- University of Idaho, Teaching and Learning Center, $11.7 million.
- College of Southern Idaho, Fine Arts addition, $5.4 million.
- Lewis-Clark State College, Campus Activity Center, $10.9 million.

The total, $67.2 million, would require an annual bond payment of nearly $5 million for 20 years.

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COURAGE at Wolf Creek

Car plunge from wintry mountain pass leaves injured teen as only hope to save children

By Helen O'Neill
Associated Press writer

WOLF CREEK, Colo. – The car soared over the ravine and plunged down the mountain, crashing from boulder to boulder, tossed about like a battered tin can as it was swallowed by the rocks and the snow and the dark.

Inside, three children screamed in terror. Their mother gripped the wheel.

In the front passenger side, Roxanna Vega clutched the little boy. She doesn't remember crying out. She doesn't remember fear. She just remembers the sickening screech of metal against rock, and one overwhelming sensation as she clung to the child: that at 16 she wasn't ready to die. Not now. Not on this remote mountain pass, not without doing everything in her power to save these children and herself.

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"Roxy, wake up. Roxy, I'm scared."

Roxanna blinked, trying to adjust to the dark, the cold, pains shooting through her back and legs and arm. She had no idea where she was or how long she had been lying there.

Four-year-old Christopher was crying, tugging her jacket, stumbling around in the snow.

"Pick me up, Roxy," he wailed. "I'm cold."

Later, doctors would marvel that she didn't simply die then. Her injuries were massive: broken back, broken left ankle and broken left arm.

Christopher's cries kept her from drifting off.

"Don't cry, Tofer," she whispered. "It's OK. Roxy's here."

The moon cast a dusky glow against the snow and she could vaguely make out shapes – the vast silhouette of the mountain above, the crashed car in the snow a few feet away.

Inside Roxanna could hear 8-year-old Carlos whimpering, and 2-year-old Kayla crying.

Thank God, she thought. At least they're alive.

About 15 feet from the car, she could make out another silhouette, of a huge boulder and of someone pinned underneath.

"ALLY!" Roxanna cried, stumbling toward her. "ALLY."

Desperately, Roxanna tried to push the boulder, but it wouldn't budge. She reached for Alison's hands, but her cousin screamed in agony, pushing her away.

Roxanna didn't have time to say goodbye, or even pause to pray.

She had to focus on the children. They mustn't see their mom like this, she thought, groping her way back to the car.

She bundled Christopher into the front seat, fishing a blanket from the back and wrapping it around him. Carlos was whimpering, his legs trapped beneath the crushed steering wheel. Kayla was lying almost on top of him. She didn't seem to be moving.

"How will we get out of here?" Carlos asked.

"I don't know, Bubba; Roxy will find a way."

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It had started as a New Year adventure, an escape of sorts – Alison Mitchell from problems in her marriage, Roxanna from the stifling smallness of her hometown.

Despite an 11-year difference in age, the two were more like sisters than cousins, constantly back and forth to each other's houses though they lived 55 miles apart, Alison in Alamosa and Roxanna in Saguache.

They spent summers together, and holidays. Alison, 27, over the doting mom. Roxanna the tongue-pierced rebel, with her dark expressive eyes, and her brooding poems about life and love.

Alison had confided in Roxanna about strains in her marriage – problems over money, the stress of juggling her teaching job and three small children, the depression that led her to take medication and seek counseling.

And so, after a particularly bad fight with her husband on New Year's Eve, it was natural that Alison ask Roxanna to join her for a few days to visit a friend in New Mexico.

And so they ended up on Wolf Creek pass, bouncing along in the dark with the kids – giggly towheaded Kayla, happy-go-lucky Christopher, and Carlos, the serious one.

They had just come over the pass and were starting their descent when suddenly Alison veered to the left, crossing the traffic lane, accelerating, heading straight for the cliff.

In a flash, Roxanna understood.

Alison had picked her place to leave this world. And she was taking the people she most loved with her.

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Wolf Creek Pass is a desolate place, where a twisting mountain road rises to almost 11,000 feet before descending in a series of hairpin turns to the San Juan River. The mountain has many deadly stories, locals say – including suicides.

Christopher Largo, 5,, left, and his brother, Carlos, 8, hug near their home in Manassa, Colo. on Feb. 14.

The night passed in a blur of pain and cold and dark. The boys dozed fitfully, every now and then complaining about the cold and crying for their mother.

At one point they thought they heard a truck far above, thought they saw headlights, but when Roxanna cried for help, the lights disappeared.

By dawn Roxanna was sure. No one was ever going to find them.

Roxanna was wearing a tank top, thin black jacket and leggings, and clunky high-heeled boots. She stared at the 160-foot cliff of ice and rock. How could she possibly drag her battered body up there?

How could she not?

Roxanna's left foot buckled and her left arm wouldn't work either. So she leaned on her right side, and using her one good hand started hauling herself up the rocks, dragging her bad side behind her.

She climbed a few feet this way, half crawling, half clawing at the rock. At 24 degrees, the air was so cold it stung her lungs. But she knew if she dwelt on the pain it would kill her.

"Just keep moving," she told herself.

She dragged herself up another few feet, pausing to catch her breath. Then another few feet. And a few more.

Every now and then the cliff would give way and send her sliding back down, ice-coated rocks jabbing her back.

Hang in there, Roxy, said the voice in her head.

But her body was closing down; she could feel it. Her legs had grown numb and she no longer had any feeling in her feet.

A couple from Texas found her, bloodied and ragged, stumbling along the road as though in a trance. They pulled over immediately.

"Our car went off the cliff last night," Roxanna said. "Please help my cousins. They're still down there."

Peering over the edge, Dan Bentley gasped. How on earth had this injured girl climbed all that way?

He began edging down the slope. His wife flagged down some other cars and asked the drivers to get help.

Then she turned to Roxanna, covering her with a blanket in the front seat, asking question after question, trying to keep her awake, praying she would live.

Roxanna answered in a monotone, eyes closed, body shuddering.

Her mind was numb except for one thought.

"Do you know," she whispered. "Did Kayla make it?"

At the bottom of the cliff, Dan Bentley placed a pillow over Kayla's head.

"Your sister is in heaven," he told Carlos. "You don't need to worry about her anymore."

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"Some people try to rush you into getting over it," Roxanna wrote a few weeks after the crash. "They say time is everything. But time isn't everything, it's what you accomplish or what you do during that time."

Doctors say what Roxanna accomplished in 12 hours on the mountain on Jan. 2 was miraculous. Investigators and rescuers call her a hero.

Roxanna shrugs off the label, saying she did what she had to.

A month later, Roxanna wears a back brace. She has had two steel pins inserted in her left leg. Her left arm was broken and chunks of skin were ripped off her body.

She knows she couldn't have saved Alison, whose death was ruled a suicide. She has nightmares about not being able to save Kayla. And she worries about what the boys saw and heard: Christopher said his mommy was taking them to see Jesus.

Roxanna believes she had an appointment of sorts on the mountain that night – with God, with fate. In the first few days she thought she had lived purely to save the boys.

But lately she has wondered.

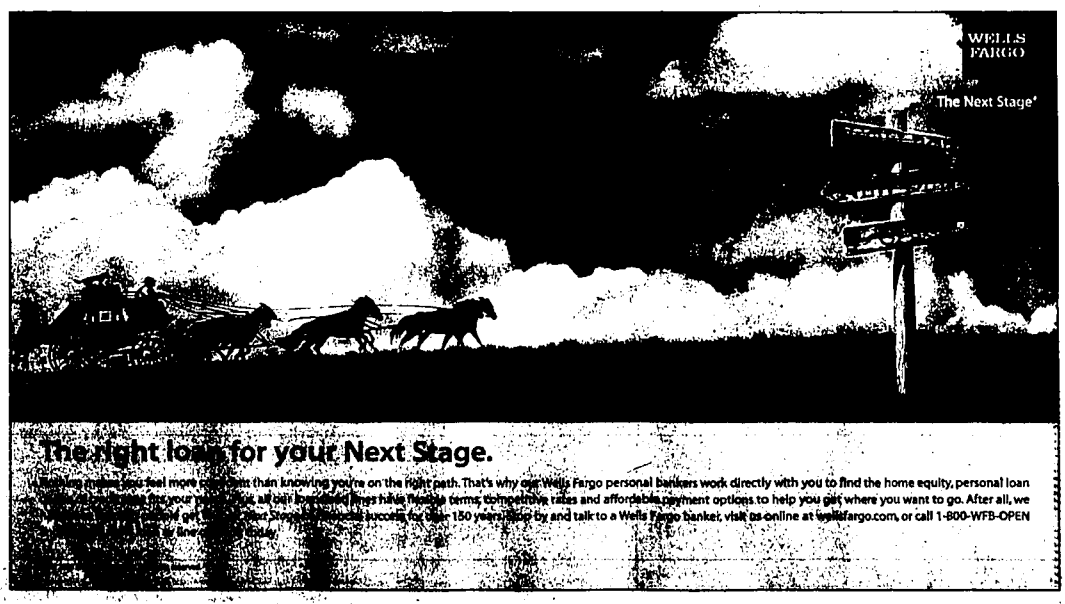
Maybe she was spared for some other reason. Maybe her life is destined for something even greater.

AP photos

Roxanna Vega holds up a photo showing her and her cousin, Alison, from a family picnic in September 2002. Vega, pictured at her home in Saguache, Colo., Feb. 14, climbed 160 feet up a snow bank after the car driven by Alison plunged off the highway in Wolf Creek Pass in early January, breaking Roxanna's back, arm and ankle. Her effort saved her life and the lives of two cousins.

Above, Lori Hunter, left, helps her daughter, Roxanna Vega, 16, put on Vega's back brace.

Left, this view shows the west side of Wolf Creek Pass in southeastern Colorado during a snow shower Feb. 15. It was along the narrow highway through the pass, always treacherous in winter, that a car driven by Allison Mitchell plunged down a snowbank on Jan. 2.



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Commander: U.S. troops are ready

Knight Ridder News Service

> "We can defend Kuwait or we can go on offensive operations if we are required to do that."
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> – Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III

KUWAIT CITY, Kuwait – The commander of the U.S. Army division expected to lead the assault on Iraq says the 20,000 troops under his charge are ready for war whenever President Bush orders military action.

"We're here, and we're prepared to carry out whatever mission the president asks us to do," said Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III, commander of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division. "We can defend Kuwait or we can go on offensive operations if we are required to do that."

Blount's remarks came amid signs that U.S. forces are preparing for a ground attack. The United Nations reported last week that several U.S. personnel in civilian garb had crossed into Iraq from Kuwait. However, Blount said none of his soldiers had crossed the border in preparation for an attack.

More than 250,000 U.S. and British troops are massed near Iraq for a possible military strike, including more than 125,000 ground troops in Kuwait. The 3rd Infantry Division began training its three combat brigades in Kuwait last March on a six-month rotation. The entire division deployed to Kuwait last fall.

Blount said his troops are in top fighting trim and that morale remains high. Many soldiers have been training in the Kuwaiti desert for six months. Many are on their second deployment to Kuwait in a year.

"We've kept them busy. We've kept them focused," said Blount Friday. "They know there's certainly the possibility of war out there so that's kept them interested in training, and it's kept morale up."

Blount's remarks came only days after 3rd Infantry Division soldiers moved from the massive tent cities that had been their home for the past six months to tactical staging areas where they will make final preparations for war. The move made room for 17,000 soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division who began arriving in Kuwait earlier this week and are waiting for their helicopters and other equipment to arrive by ship.

Blount said it was unclear what kind of resistance the 3rd Infantry Division can expect in Iraq, and he gave no details about his tentative plan of attack. Blount said his biggest worry – and that of his soldiers – is the possibility of a chemical or biological attack.

"We're prepared to deal with it," he said, noting that units hit by chemical or biological weapons would decontaminate themselves immediately and "continue on with the mission."

Soldiers will probably go into battle with protective suits already on – with masks, gloves and boots immediately accessible – though "that's not been established yet," he said. During the 1991 Gulf War, nearly all soldiers went into battle that way.

The Washington Post

Intelligence analyst Michael Deguzman holds the battery powered 'Dragon Eye' drone that will provide him with an aerial view of combat in Iraq.

U.S. readies drones for 'Dragon Eye' view

By Jonathan Finer
The Washington Post

LIVING SUPPORT AREA-7, Kuwait – Michael Deguzman is not a pilot, but he will have a bird's-eye view of the battlefield if U.S. forces are ordered to invade Iraq. That's because the 21-year old lance corporal is the only Marine in his battalion with an airplane in his backpack.

Deguzman, an intelligence analyst from Glendale, Calif., operates the military's newest, and smallest, unmanned aerial vehicle, a battery-powered drone called the "Dragon Eye." With a four-foot wingspan, it soars hundreds of feet in the air, recording video images shot by a camera mounted on its nose. Wearing goggles linked to the drone camera, Deguzman can see what the plane can see, and he directs its flight by typing grid coordinates into a laptop computer.

"It's a great challenge using such high-tech gear," Deguzman said, as he unpacked pieces of the white fiberglass plane from a black carrying case. But what he likes best about the Dragon Eye is that it could save the lives of some of his fellow Marines.

"We'd normally have to send scouts into harm's way to find the enemy," he said. "The plane can move more quickly and cover more ground, without putting people at risk. It'll also help prevent friendly fire when units are working real close together."

The Pentagon is increasingly relying on drones for missions that once required men to be put in the line of fire. The Air Force's "Predator" earned its stripes in Afghanistan by flying lower than a pilot might, and in Yemen when it was used to carry a missile fired to kill four alleged al-Qaida terrorists. The Navy and Marines have a medium-sized reconnaissance drone, the Pioneer, that is stationed with the Predator at a pair of airbases in Kuwait. The Army also uses drone aircraft.

The Dragon Eye is the first in what military analysts say will be a new generation of drones to be deployed directly by commanders of small units, at the middle of the fighting, rather than from far away, as was the Predator. Put into service a few months ago – earlier than originally planned – by the Marine Corps Warfighting Lab, the Dragon Eye can be launched, operated, and carried by a single Marine. It has never been used in combat before but will likely make its debut if U.S. forces are sent into Iraq.

Deguzman said each plane costs between $40,000 and $60,000. "It looks like something my kids would play with. I couldn't believe it actually works, but it does," said Lt. Col. Chris Conlin, 43, of Falls Church, Va., the commander of the 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, where Deguzman is assigned. "I could have him pop it over a ridgeline to see what's on the other side. It goes where you don't want to send a pilot or a scout, so it's a big advantage. We've got plans for it, and (Deguzman) will be the one doing the flying."

Deguzman was assigned to operate the Dragon Eye after three years of analyzing satellite images, surveying terrain maps, and other intelligence-related jobs that would have kept him at a rear command post during combat. Now, if an invasion is ordered, he will take his plane across the border with the battalion's weapons company, which operates artillery, maching guns, and other heavy arms.

His complicated job takes a unique ability, his commanding officers said, and Deguzman is one of just a handful of Marines selected for an intense month-long training session on the Dragon Eye in November, as the newest version of the drone was finishing production.

Military prepares to take journalists along

KUWAIT CITY (AP) – They're journalists in hand-spray-painted desert camouflage – reporters, photographers and camera crews massing outside Iraq for U.S. forces' largest-ever experiment in taking the media along for the fight.

Fully 662 journalists representing news organizations from around the United States and the world are going through a process known in military parlance as "embedding," the majority of them assembling in Kuwait.

If war starts, they'll cover it while "embedded" within a military unit – moving with the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines.

Embeddees include retired Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North – now with Fox News – and other conflict veterans, and journalists who've never been outside their home country, heard a shot or seen a desert.

"There are quite a lot of unsettled people around here," said producer Ruth Sparkes, helping to set up an embed for her Japanese TV station.

While news crews wait for the call-up to their assigned units, military field trips for journalists have helped demonstrate the troop build up and kill the time. Atypical was a tour of a British regiment, where a serviceman – no insignia visible – wore a green towel and a large embarrassed smile to show off the regiment's new shower units.

Throughout the week, news media members have been arriving by the planeload as the expected call to war nears. At the U.S.-led press-mustering point in a Kuwait City hotel, camouflage-uniformed Army reservists measure journalists' heads for gas masks.

About 300,000 U.S. service members already are in the Persian Gulf or on their way.

Although journalists have worked alongside U.S. military units in previous conflicts, they have never done so in such numbers, in such an organized fashion, and potentially for the length of a war.

The near military-wide opening of units was born partly out of frustrations over coverage of the 1991 Gulf War and other recent conflicts. Journalists complained about being kept far from the action in the Gulf War and last year's fighting in Afghanistan.

In the Afghan conflict, the American public saw little of their troops fighting.

AP photo

An unidentified U.S. Marine from the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force stands with photographers from various news agencies as they photograph during a sand storm in the Kuwaiti desert south of Iraq Feb. 3.

"This is really a concerted effort to try to figure out, 'Is this the best way?'" said Lt. Col. Franklin Childress, who is helping organize the media deployments.

"It's a historic opportunity to see if this can be done" in a way "that doesn't compromise security," he said. "We're going to allow them to cover the war – the good, the bad and the ugly."

To that end, the military provides the embedding journalists with long shopping lists of flak jackets and bulletproof helmets, goggles against the sand, antibiotics against anthrax and the like.

Press crews have bought out the city's supply of spray paint in green, khaki or brown colors – needed to camouflage their helmets in desert hues.

Savvy speculators, meanwhile, have made one-month fortunes cornering the Kuwaiti market on squat, civilian-modified Humvees – initially snapped up by news crews worried about keeping up with the military in the desert.

For their part, the embedded journalists sign ground rules the military says are meant to protect the operations, the troops and the troops' privacy – such as not revealing ongoing rescue operations, or not showing the faces and names of newly fallen service members.

Traveling with the military brings some extra dangers for the media. One newspaper reporter cites the Geneva Convention clause stipulating – in effect – that noncombatants who cannot reasonably be distinguished from combatants shouldn't be surprised to be shot.

The safety benefits, of course, are traveling to the story under U.S military air and ground cover.

"They say, 'Don't worry, man! We're going to look out for you, man!'" photographer John Partipilo of the Nashville Tennessean said of the privates in his unit.

Journalists more normally travel with the military for shorter periods – as short as hitching a ride on a plane or car – or eschew the troops entirely to try to get directly to the action, without interference.

How close to the action largely will be the call of each unit's commanding officer.

"If there's flexibility and mobility, then we might have a good chance of doing significant coverage," says James Nachtwey, a prize-winning, contributing photographer for Time magazine who has covered armed conflicts for more than 20 years. He'll be embedding with the 101st Airborne Division.

Dissidents: Saudis open bases to American troops

DOHA, Qatar (AP) – Saudi Arabia has allowed U.S. troops to use several of its air bases and offered logistical support for U.S ground forces in a possible war against Saddam Hussein, a Saudi dissident group said Saturday.

The Saudi Islamic Reform Movement said the move came after an understanding reached by the kingdom and the United States under which Saudi Arabia provides facilities to the U.S. forces in a possible conflict with Iraq.

Saad al-Fagih, the London-based representative of the movement, said soon after the agreement was reached six weeks ago, the United States [illegible] 3,000 troops in a [illegible] Saudi Arabia [illegible] border.

[illegible] Saudi Arabia has [illegible] major air bases, including one in the capital, Riyadh, and others in Arar, Tabuk and Hafer al-Baten on the Iraqi border.

Pentagon officials declined comment Saturday about the issue.

Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal denied the dissidents' reports, saying Saudi Arabia will not participate in any military actions against Iraq.

"The kingdom (of Saudi Arabia) does not and will not approve the use of its land for aggression against any Arab and Islamic country, including Iraq," Saud said.

Al-Fagih, whose reports about internal developments in the kingdom have proved credible, said he received his information from Saudi delegates who participated in negotiations with the Americans.

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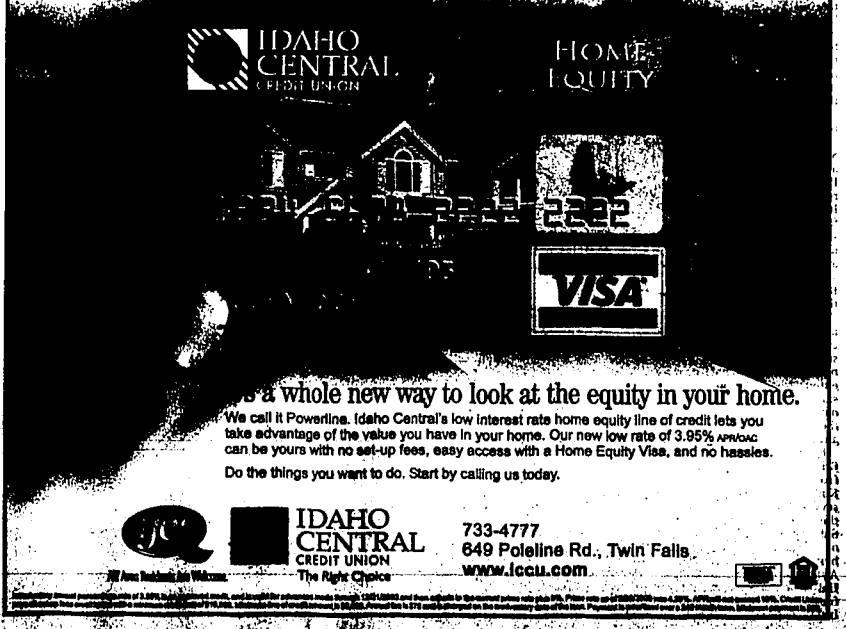

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A portrait of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein hangs on the corner of an alley in Baghdad on Jan. 24. Some analysts believe Iraqi troops would flee to the city in the advent of a U.S. attack on the country, forcing U.S. and British troops to engage in a deadly game of urban warfare.

U.S. invasion could bog down

By John Daniszewski
Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Conventional wisdom in the West is that a war against Iraq would be relatively swift: a brief interval of awesome U.S. and British bombing; a juggernaut invasion by armor fitted with the latest in weaponry; airborne troops swooping down on key installations; many Iraqis rising up against their government; and the Iraqi army and Republican Guard tripping over one another to surrender or desert.

But for all of the U.S. military's technological superiority, many Iraqis – in government offices and in the streets – foresee a more difficult battle awaiting the allies.

They believe their nation has something going for it that could prevent such an easy victory: Iraqi troops, civilians and ruling Baath Party activists would be fighting an invader on their own ground for their own homes and families and, at senior levels of the regime, for their very existence.

If resistance can survive the initial shock of the bombardment and land-and-air assault, these Iraqis reason, they may be able to inflict high casualties and force allied troops into urban warfare. Over time, they believe, they could subject U.S. and British soldiers to stubborn sniping, sabotage and other forms of harassment, bringing about a Vietnam-style quagmire that Iraq could conceivably win.

According to sources in Baghdad and military analysts abroad, the Iraqi armed forces likely would try to be fleet and spread out, having learned to avoid concentrating troops in the open or on military bases that present easy targets from the air. After the initial bombardments, they would try to disperse to civilian areas, retreating from large swaths of territory in the north and south – possibly leaving behind scorched earth in the form of blown bridges and flaming oil fields – until they reach Baghdad.

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Defensive rings have been built around the city, one diplomat here noted. If the expected force of more than 200,000 British and U.S. soldiers is drawn into urban warfare, Iraqis believe that they can contest Baghdad, street by street and block by block, in a war of small arms, heavy machine guns and mortar shells.

So far, the assumption of U.S. military planners has been that the Iraqi people are sufficiently ambivalent about President Saddam Hussein to be unwilling to sacrifice their lives for his regime, so that resistance would start to collapse as soon as an allied victory seems inevitable.

However, Iraq is an old, proud country with a long tradition of opposing foreign domination, especially by non-Muslims. There is a chance that many citizens would resist, viewing U.S. and British troops as occupiers rather than liberators.

In theory, Iraq could field an army of 350,000 troops, along with 2,600 Soviet-era battle tanks, 2,100 artillery pieces and hundreds of rocket launchers and surface-to-surface missiles, albeit all technologically inferior to what the United States and Britain possess.

The stiffest resistance from troops is expected to come from six Republican Guard divisions and the four elite brigades of the Special Republican Guards, which also would guard against civil unrest or coup attempts. The regular army is the worst equipped and in poor morale, Western analysts say. Iraq's small air force is not expected to be a factor.

If all else fails, some Western analysts believe the Iraqi regime could use any chemical or biological weapons it managed to hide from arms inspectors or even the few dozen Scud missiles that it is believed to still possess against Israel or American troops in Kuwait.

U.S.-led forces could be slowed by the mere threat of such attacks, analysts agree. Few Iraqis, even those privately critical of their leader, express faith in the Bush administration's assurances that the U.S. aims are only to remove Hussein's regime from power, eliminate its weapons of mass destruction and bring democracy and human rights to this nation.

An insight into how the Iraqis plan to fight the war could be gleaned from a visit Friday to the village of Abu Srewel, 20 miles north of Baghdad, where residents have been issued machine guns and ordered to dig defensive trenches by the local Baath Party.

U.S. troops "will come here from the north and my task is to stop them here," declared Nahzan Khalifa Jamil, 35, a father of seven boys and two girls. "I have a Kalashnikov in my home and God on my side. And the party promised to give me more guns and ammunition once the fighting begins."

Kurdish militia trains to repel Turkish troops

By Daniel Williams
The Washington Post

ATRUSH, Iraq – A line of 25 soldiers in green uniforms, camouflaged with pine branches stuffed into their ammunition belts, crept along the skirt of a conical hill approaching a bunker. Shots rang out, and the line broke into two, half to storm the bunker from the rear, the other to produce diversionary fire from the front. A few simulated explosions on the hillside, some war whoops, a sprint and the troops took the position.

The choreographed training maneuver was carried out at a camp of the pesh merga, the storied Kurdish militia. The pesh merga were once a ragtag, baggy-pants guerrilla group *famed for stoic perseverance* against better-armed adversaries in the harsh conditions of northern Iraq's mountains. The Kurds are trying to convert the force into a modern fighting group, although still steeped in its guerrilla traditions. It has been refashioned along the lines of the Iraqi army, with spit and polish borrowed from the British.

> The Turks are their historic enemies, having repressed Kurdish nationalism inside Turkey. The Kurds believe Turkey is now poised to do the same inside Iraq.

For the first time since the modernization program began in 1997, the pesh merga are being deployed to defend against an invasion of their territory, a U.S.-protected haven in the northern stretches of Iraq where the Kurds have enjoyed self-rule since the end of the 1991 Persian Gulf War. But the pesh merga are not deploying against the forces of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to the south. Rather, units are taking up posts in towns and villages along the border with Turkey, preparing to repel Turkish troops if they try to occupy the Kurdish zone during the expected U.S.-led war against Iraq.

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The Bush administration appears to be a partner in the Turkish plan. To persuade its NATO ally to provide it with bases and easy access to northern Iraq, the United States has discussed letting the Turks into the Kurdish zone. The Turks say they will move in – reports from Turkey say troops and equipment are already moving toward the border. The purpose, Turkish leaders say, is to prohibit refugees from flowing into Turkey, keep the Kurds from declaring independence and disarm the pesh merga.

The Kurds say they will fight the Turks, creating a formula for a war within a war. While the United States and its allies take on the Iraqis, the Kurds say they will take on the Turks.

No one at this Kurdish base or at military headquarters in Dahuk, 30 miles to the west, believes the pesh merga can stop a Turkish invasion. But with their recent training, the fighters can hurt them, the Kurds contend.

"They will be sorry if they come. Anyone who invades our territory will regret it, especially the Turks," said Gen. Aziz Huwas, commander of the troops in training here.

Pesh merga means "those who face death," and that pretty much sums up their history over the decades. The guerrillas have been battered by Iraqi armies several times and, occasionally, killed one another in internecine wars.

Northern Kurdistan is run by two Kurdish political parties, each with its own pesh merga force of about 30,000 troops: the Kurdistan Democratic Party and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan. In advance of a possible Turkish arrival, the KDP and PUK have agreed to combine their military command. The forces are armed with rifles, mortars and antitank weapons.

Atrush is in the KDP zone. To the east, where the PUK rules, the militia is also being spruced up. "We are trying to mix our own guerrilla experience with modern techniques," said Huwas.

The pesh merga in Atrush put on a recent demonstration. About 250 fighters marched to the beat of drums and chants of "Kurdistan or death." They stomped their feet and saluted in the palms-out British style. Besides the "assault" up the hill, black-shirted martial arts trainees flipped each other over their shoulders, dove through flaming hoops, somersaulted off elevated platforms and hopped over logs and around poles.

It was something that Huwas, a 20-year pesh merga veteran, never experienced. "My training was in a cave. We lived off the land and off the population. It was very different," he said. Huwas is a veteran of several battles with Iraqi troops, and suffered temporary breathing problems from a gas attack during Iraq's use of chemical weapons against the Kurds in 1988.

Shiite militia mobilizes against Saddam

By Karl Vick
The Washington Post

BANI BEE, Iraq – The fighters arrived in the night from Iran, local Kurds say, filling more than 100 white canvas tents that have sprung up in neat rows here over the past week. Visible from the road, the new arrivals to this autonomous stretch of northern Iraq go about their military routines in clean camouflage uniforms, cleaning AK-47 assault rifles under a bright winter sun.

The Badr Brigade, an Iraqi Shiite militia sponsored by Iran and pledged to combat President Saddam Hussein's rule, seems to be on the move. Its fighters have been waiting for two decades, most intensely since southern Iraq's Shiite population rose up against Saddam after the 1991 Persian Gulf War – only to be crushed by Baghdad's security forces while the United States stood by.

A smuggler at the border of northern Iraq and Iran, spiriting crates of television sets to Iran, said he recently saw four green buses loaded with militiamen entering Iraq. It was 2:30 a.m., said the smuggler, who asked not to be identified further, and the convoy carried a 57mm antiaircraft gun.

Estimates of the Badr Brigade's overall strength range from 5,000 to 30,000, but Kurdish officials say that only several hundred have arrived at this little town 40 miles south of Sulaymaniyah and 11 miles west of the Iranian border. The brigade's overall leader, Ayatollah Mohammed Bakir Hakim of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, said in an interview last month at his Tehran headquarters that most of the militia is already living in Iraq, ready to retrieve hidden weapons and spring into action at a moment's notice.

"Our forces have been ready for a long time, for nearly 20 years," Hakim said.

Whatever its numbers and readiness, the lightly armed Badr militia would not figure as a major military factor in a U.S.-led campaign for control of Iraq. But its armed groups could disrupt the civil order that many analysts call the biggest challenge likely to face U.S. forces in this nation of 23 million people in the event of a victory over Saddam's government.

Iran, which arms and hosts Hakim and his militia, maintains a position of "active neutrality" on the question of a U.S.-led war against Iraq. Diplomats smile at the phrase, which contains the tension between Iran's official distaste for what it describes as U.S. "unilateralism" and its relish at the potential demise of Saddam's government, which it battled from 1980 to 1988.

Unlike Turkey, which is preparing to send tens of thousands of troops into northern Iraq in the event of war to guarantee its interests, Iran has made no move to involve itself directly. But it has hosted the Badr Brigade since 1983 and has made it clear that it , too, has interests in its Iraqi neighbor.

"If anyone is seen dabbling, the Iranians will dabble, too," said a foreign diplomat in Tehran.

"The Iranians are very cynical," said a Kurdish official, who asked not to be identified further. "They do a lot of fishing in troubled waters."

Religious and political divides

Iraq has long been a religious, ethnic and ideological mix. The Shiite Muslim Arabs are the majority, but Sunni Muslims are in power.

Ethnoreligious inhabited areas

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Shiite Arab
Sunni Arab
Sunni Arab, Sunni Kurd, Turkoman

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Driving under the influence sentencings

Adrian D. Shabl, 20, 597 Alpine, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; $1,000 fine with $400 suspended; $78.50 court costs; 180 days in jail with 180 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months' probation; shall not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; $35 per month probation fee; complete intense outpatient alcohol treatment; attend AA three times per week; 10 days' sheriff's work detail; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbach.

Antonio L. Velasquez, 21, 614 Grant, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; $500 fine; $78.50 court costs; 180 days in jail with 180 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months' probation; shall not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; $35 per month probation fee; complete intense outpatient alcohol treatment; 20 days' sheriff's work detail; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbach.

Josiah Hanson, 18, 1400 E. 4080 N., Buhl; driving under the influence; amended to driving under the influence under age 21; pleaded guilty; $100 fine; $78.50 court costs; $75 public defender fee; driving privileges suspended for 270 days; 12 months' probation; shall not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbach.

Jason Lee Hettich, 27, 495 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; $500 fine with $500 suspended; $78.50 court costs, uncollectible; 90 days in jail with 41 suspended, credit for 49 days served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months' probation; consume no alcohol; submit to alcohol/drug testing; $35 per month comply with substance abuse evaluation recommendations; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbach.

Clifford C. Keeley, 77, 801 Adell, Filer; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; $500 fine with $300 suspended; $78.50 court costs; suspended driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Misdemeanor sentencings

Jason Lee Hettich, 27, 495 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls; domestic battery; pleaded guilty; $1,000 fine with $1,000 suspended; $63.50 court costs, uncollectible; 180 days in jail with 131 suspended, credit for 49 days served; 24 months' probation; consume no alcohol; submit to alcohol/drug testing; comply with evaluation recommendations; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbach.

Charity Hall, 25, 252 Washington St., Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pleaded guilty; $150 fine; $63.50 court costs; $75 public defender fee; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months' probation; consume no alcoholic beverages; submit to alcohol/drug testing; obtain substance abuse evaluation and comply with recommendations; four days' sheriff's work detail; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbach.

Joshua D. Bray, 19, 2 Silverado Lane, Hagerman; one count underage consumption of alcohol; pleaded guilty; $63.50 court costs; $75 public defender fee; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months' probation; one count possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pleaded guilty; $100 fine; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months' probation; submit to alcohol/drug testing; $35 per month probation fee; obtain substance abuse evaluation and comply with recommendations; four days' sheriff's work detail; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbach.

Court records

Dawn M. Ward, 31, 807 Elm St., Twin Falls; one count possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; amended to frequenting a place where a controlled substance is used; pleaded guilty; $1,000 fine with $500 suspended; $63.50 court costs; 365 days in jail with 351 suspended, credit for 14 days served; 24 months' probation; submit to alcohol/drug testing; $35 per month probation fee; complete intensive outpatient alcohol treatment; attend AA/NA three times per week; five days' sheriff's work detail; one count possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pleaded guilty; $1,000 fine with $500 suspended; $63.50 court costs; 365 days in jail with 351 suspended, credit for 14 days served; 24 months' probation; same probation conditions as count one; five days' sheriff's work detail; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbach.

Julanea Jean Smith, 28, 2657 S. 1050 E., Hagerman; petit theft; amended to willful concealment; pleaded guilty; $150 fine; $63.50 court costs; $75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months' probation; submit to alcohol/drug testing; $35 per month probation fee; complete intensive out-patient alcohol treatment program; attend AA/NA four times per week; four days' sheriff's work detail; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbach.

Clinton B. Moss, 20, 227 Seventh Ave. N., No. 7, Twin Falls; domestic battery; pleaded guilty; $500 fine with $500 suspended; $63.50 court costs; $75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 180 suspended; 12 months' probation; $35 per month probation fee; obtain domestic violence evaluation and comply with recommendations; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Deborah A. Rowbury, 41, 429 Fourth St. N., Twin Falls; petit theft; amended to willful concealment; pleaded guilty; $500 fine with $500 suspended; $63.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

William G. Pinkerton, 63, 1336 S. 2700 W., Aberdeen; driving without privileges; amended to fail to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; $100 fine; $63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Cody James Perkins, 18, 4500 E. 3503-C W., Murtaugh; fail to stop/leave the scene of a damage accident; amended to fail to notify upon striking unattended vehicle; pleaded guilty; $100 fine; $63.50 court costs; $75 public defender fee; five days in jail with five suspended; six months' probation; restitution to victim; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Shery A. Craft, 22, 215B Stevens, Filer; fail to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; $100 fine; $63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Steven W. Matthews, 43, 1115 S. 10th St., Nampa; petit theft; pleaded guilty; $300 fine with $100 suspended; $63.50 court costs; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 24 months' probation; restitution to Shopko; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Brandon Esvig, 18, 531 Filer Ave., No. 3F, Twin Falls; racing on public highway; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; $100 fine; $63.50 court costs; six months' probation; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

David R. Cooper, 75, 712 14th Ave. N., Buhl; petit theft; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; $300 fine with $200 suspended; $63.50 court costs; six months' probation; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Nick Gonzales, 21, 1447 Olympia Drive, Jerome; malicious injury to property; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; $100 fine; $63.50 court costs; 12 months' probation; restitution to victim; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Brian Keith Hagerty, 36, 180 Filer Ave., Twin Falls; one count fail to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; $100 fine; $63.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 24 months' probation; one count carrying a concealed weapon; pleaded guilty; $100 fine; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Alex E. Payne, 24, 701 O'Leary Way, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; $500 fine with $400 suspended; $78.50 court costs; 30 days in jail with 28 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months' probation; submit to alcohol/drug testing; $35 per month probation fee; two days' sheriff's work detail; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Timothy M. Lopez, 19, 259 Pheasant Road W., No. 13, Twin Falls; domestic battery; amended to battery; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; $500 fine with $500 suspended; $63.50 court costs; $75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 180 suspended; 24 months' probation; $35 per month probation fee; complete anger management treatment at Canyon View; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Brandon James Mahnke, 23, 1730 Camarillo, Twin Falls; petit theft; pleaded guilty; $300 fine with $200 suspended; $63.50 court costs; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; six months' probation; $35 per month probation fee; restitution to Winco; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Kimberly D. Jones, 19, 524 Harrison St., No. 1A, Twin Falls; petit theft; pleaded guilty; $300 fine with $200 suspended; $63.50 court costs; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; six months' probation; shall not consume any alcoholic beverages; $35 per month probation fee; restitution to Winco; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Misdemeanor dismissals

Kelly H. Sawyer, 31, 1201 Kimberly Road, No. 1, Twin Falls; one count domestic battery and one count provide false information to an officer; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

TWIN FALLS COUNTY COURTS

The Times-News

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Curtis K. Tall, 44, 433 Addison Ave. W., No. 28, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; $500 fine with $200 suspended; $78.50 court costs; $75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months' probation; shall not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; $35 per month probation fee; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Eugene W. Gamble, 22, 645 Main Ave. N., No. 3, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; $500 fine with $200 suspended; $78.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; two days' sheriff's work detail in lieu of jail; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months' probation; shall not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; $35 per month probation fee; attend court alcohol school; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Misdemeanor sentencings

Charles A. Munden, 44, 2612 Sunnybrook Drive, Nampa; one count possession of a controlled substance, marijuana; pleaded guilty; $100 fine; $63.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months' probation; submit to alcohol/drug testing; $35 per month probation fee; obtain substance abuse evaluation and comply with recommendations; four days' sheriff's work detail; one count possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pleaded guilty; $100 fine; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months' probation; four days' sheriff's work detail; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumbach.

Daniel Keifer, 20, 938 Blake St., Twin Falls; reckless driving; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; $200 fine; $63.50 court costs; five days in jail with five suspended; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Brian S. Cowger, 18, 711 W. Main Circle, Filer; hunt migratory birds after hours; pleaded guilty; $100 fine; $71 court costs; five days in jail with five suspended; hunting privileges suspended for six months; 12 months' probation; complete hunter safety course; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Vernon E. O'Donnell, 61, 343 Second Ave. N., No. 11, Twin Falls; littering; pleaded guilty; $36.50 fine; $63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Jesse F. Brown, 33, 907 Post Circle, No. 1, Kimberly; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; $500 fine with $400 suspended; $78.50 court costs; $75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for two days served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months' probation; prosecutor, William R. Hollifield; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Felony sentencings

Nathaniel H. Whitesides, 19, 1206 Ninth Ave. E., Twin Falls; burglary; pleaded guilty; pleaded guilty; five years' penitentiary, two years' determinate, three years' indeterminate; suspended; three years' probation; $88.50 court costs; 45 days in jail; restitution to victim; complete any treatment/counselling ordered by probation officer; $35 per month probation fee; shall not purchase, possess or consume any alcohol or illegal drugs; submit to alcohol/drug testing; submit to search and seizure; 90 days' discretionary jail time; obtain GED; District Judge John C. Hohnhorst.

Daniel James Fitzpatrick, 24, 720 Soldier Road, Fairfield; grand theft by possession of stolen property; pleaded guilty; pleaded guilty; six years' penitentiary, three years' determinate, three years' indeterminate; suspended; three years' probation; $88.50 court costs; $500 public defender fee; $1,503 restitution to victim; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; $35 per month probation fee; shall not purchase, possess or consume any alcohol or illegal drugs; submit to alcohol/drug testing; submit to search and seizure; 90 days' discretionary jail time; shall not have checking account without permission of probation officer; District Judge John C. Hohnhorst.

Daniel Lee McNabb, 20, 148 Rose St., Twin Falls; delivery of a controlled substance, methamphetamine; found guilty; pleaded guilty; four years' penitentiary, two years' determinate, two years' indeterminate; recommended that defendant be placed in RSAT or Therapeutic Community Program or other long-term substance abuse treatment program; District Judge John C. Hohnhorst.

Mario Jean Smith, 32, 434 Fourth Ave. W., Twin Falls; fraudulent use of a financial transaction card; pleaded guilty; five years' penitentiary, two years' determinate, three years' indeterminate; suspended; three years' probation; $1,000 fine with $250 suspended; $88.50 court costs; $500 public defender fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; $35 per month probation fee; shall not purchase, possess or consume any alcohol or illegal drugs; submit to alcohol/drug testing; enter no establishment that sells alcohol by the drink; submit to search and seizure; shall own or posses no firearms; obtain GED; $433.85 restitution to victim; 90 days' discretionary jail time; 50 hours' community service; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Ryan J. Crisp, 22, 358 [illegible] Drive, Twin Falls; [illegible] rape; pleaded guilty; 10 years' penitentiary, five years' determinate, five years' indeterminate; suspended; four years' [illegible] $1,000 fine; $2,000 civil penalty; [illegible] court costs; complete any [illegible] counseling ordered by probation [illegible] the drink; submit to search and seizure; shall own or posses no firearms; must comply with the Idaho DNA and Genetic Marker Database Act; must register as sex offender; 90 days' discretionary jail time; 100 hours' community service; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Felony dismissals

Fieldon West Lenox, 19, 596 Monroe St., Apt. B, Twin Falls; lewd conduct with a minor child under 16; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Dana Anne De Biccari, 33, 1671 W. Taylorsville Drive, No. 1611, Salt Lake City; possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine; dismissed by prosecutor; insufficient evidence; District Judge John C. Hohnhorst.

Saiid Dabestani, 56, 549 Mountain View Drive, Twin Falls; delivery of a controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Juvenile arraignments

Tosha L. Engman, 14, Highway 26, Shoshone; petit theft; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing March 21; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Jonathon S. Nagel, 14, 630 Washington St. N., Twin Falls; malicious injury to property; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing March 21; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Gustavo G. Farfan, 16, 856 S. 1900 E., No. 3, Hazelton; petit theft; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing March 18; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Andrew J. Suwanrit, 16, 2182 Sherry Lane, Twin Falls; one count curfew and one count possession of a weapon on school property, butterfly knife; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing March 18; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Mark T. Ivie, 14, 537 Elizabeth Drive, Twin Falls; one count possession of drug paraphernalia and one count possession of a controlled substance, marijuana; juvenile waived counsel; pleaded guilty; sentencing hearing March 21; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Juvenile sentencings

Rafael J. Rodriguez, 16, 828 Sprague, Buhl; one count disturbing the peace; dismissed by prosecutor; one count battery; amended to disturbing the peace; pleaded guilty; 90 days' detention, 10 days' discretionary, 80 days suspended, six months' probation; 32 hours' community service with eight hours suspended; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer including alcohol and drug education/treatment; submit to search and seizure; abide by curfew; possess no weapon; shall not possess or use any alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs; submit to alcohol/drug testing; apologize to victim; $20 per month probation fee, waived; $20 court costs; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Juvenile dismissals

Heather M. Edwards, 17, 312 Third Ave. W., No. 4, Twin Falls; two counts incorrigible and one count battery; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Civil filings

Jill Boyd vs. Sherri L. Graffee. Seeking judgment against the defendant for special damages for past and future medical expenses, economic loss; general damages for pain, suffering, disability and loss of enjoyment of life; in amounts to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs; other relief as the court deems just. Plaintiff seeking reimbursement for injuries sustained in a vehicle accident. Plaintiff demands jury trial.

Ami T. Beem vs. Wayne A. Sanders, as driver, and Willard Uhlig, as owner. Seeking judgment against the defendant for special damages for past and future medical expenses, lost income; general damages for pain, suffering, and loss of enjoyment of life; in amounts to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs; other relief as the court deems just. Plaintiff seeking reimbursement for injuries sustained in a vehicle accident. Plaintiff demands jury trial.

Child support cases

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Nicole A. Dessel. Seeking $165 monthly support plus 37 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; $363 attorneys' fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Jason Maurice Haddox. Seeking $667 monthly support plus 70 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; $363 attorneys' fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. William Dale Beliveau. Seeking $254 for medical assistance granted, $988 monthly support plus 77 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; $363 attorneys' fees and costs.

Divorces filed

Sharon Kay Peterson vs. Curt J. Peterson.
Carol J. Easter vs. Rodney K. Easter.
Jeremiah Lee Short vs. Jennifer Short.
Lori Ann Runge vs. Stephen Michael Runge.
Ambert Maurie Silva vs. Christopher Wayne Caldwell.
Raymund Jeffrey Hurley vs. Lori Kaye Hurley.
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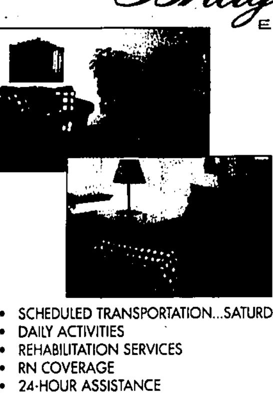

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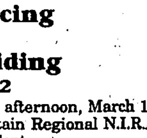

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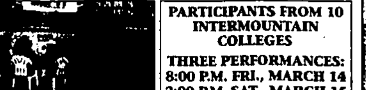

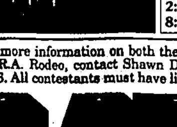

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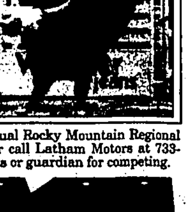

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Idaho native serves passionately on Fish and Wildlife Commission

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) – Dawn Reynolds, known as "wildsalmonwoman" in the world of e-mail communication, remembers growing up in the wilds of northern Idaho within earshot of Clear Creek, near Kooskia.

"You couldn't sleep at night," she says, recalling how spawning salmon flopped amid the shallow waters and propelled their bodies against the unrelenting current.

In a way, she muses, serving on the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission is a similar proposition – an upstream journey through the political, scientific and legal snarls of natural resource management.

"I care passionately about fish and wildlife and their habitat," says the 52-year-old attorney. "There are hundreds of species on our radar screen – everything from butterflies to orcas."

"I've fired guns and did some trap shooting, but I never did hunt." And in that respect, she fit the commission requisite prior to her first appointment in 1999. "They wanted a nonconsumptive user."

But while lacking an inclination to pull the trigger, Reynolds has long eaten wild meat. And she's caught and consumed fish her entire life. So she hardly fits the stereotype of a passive birdwatcher falling prey to pressures from the anti-hunting lobby.

"It's part of my family heritage," she says of hunting. "If you become a predator, you have to put yourself into the environment, know it and appreciate it."

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> – Dawn Reynolds

The sale of hunting licenses has traditionally provided the lion's share of funding for natural resource departments across the country. But that's changing with the sale of nongame license plates, new access fees, solicitation of donations and other funding strategies.

"About 30 percent of our revenue comes from nonconsumptive sources," says Reynolds.

Born at Travis Air Force Base and raised in north central Idaho and eastern Washington, Reynolds says her family and relatives were cowboys and outdoor-oriented people who introduced her to wild country and the ways of nature. She learned early about the complexity of the environment.

A devout Christian and mother of four,

Dawn Reynolds greets a young doe at Washington State University Feb. 27 in Pullman, Wash. Reynolds has been appointed to the Washington State Fish and Wildlife Board. AP photo

Reynolds believes in sound stewardship of the environment and describes her personal link to the land as basic, spiritual and worthy of passing on to the next generation.

"I really think every parent owes it to themselves and their children to get out and enjoy nature. It's very healing."

With an incredulous laugh, she remembers being told as a child that streams purify themselves every 30 feet of flow. But not a single stream in the state, she contends, could measure up to the increasingly stringent standards of the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

Nonetheless, she and the other commission members are committed to ensuring the health of the whole environment, says Reynolds. And on most issues the commission takes a consensus stance based on facts.

Politics and pragmatism, says Reynolds, always temper science. For example, she says the best science shows breaching the dams on the lower Snake River would best benefit anadromous fish runs.

"But I'm resigned to the fact the dams are going to be with us."

The value of restoring fish runs has to be weighed against hydropower, transportation, irrigation and other human demands, she concedes.

Reynolds says the loss of natural resources, like the salmon runs she remembers as a child, will rob future generations of experiencing and appreciating the wonders of the natural world. Mitigation efforts, like hatchery construction and salmon farming, just don't measure up.

"I'm personally very uncomfortable with salmon farming in Puget Sound," says Reynolds. She likens the artificially grown, artificially colored fish to "sea Holsteins."

Coming from a rural background may help in understanding fish and wildlife concerns, says Reynolds. But the job demands drawing on more than experience.

"I think you could be urban and do this. It just depends on your values."

The toughest part, says Reynolds without hesitation, is forming partnerships among the myriad of interest and user groups.

"Everybody needs to come together and say we're on the same team."

Park means a great deal to millions

MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS, Wyo. (AP) – For Suzanne Lewis, who climbs the mountains of paperwork that appear atop her desk every day, Yellowstone National Park might not be the most spiritual place on earth.

But the park's superintendent, now a full year into her job, understands the value of Yellowstone to others, even to those who will never set foot inside its boundaries.

"The letters I get about this place are very personal in nature," Lewis said. "There's a great love and respect for this resource; it's amazing how much this place means to some people. That alone puts my job in a whole different context."

Yellowstone, founded in 1872, is among the Park Service's most-visited destinations.

Lewis hears from thousands each year, and the messages vary from complaints about the quality of the roads to concerns regarding the safety of animals.

"It's pretty amazing once you realize how many people this place touches," she said. "It's an incredible feeling to know that millions and millions of people really care about how this place is managed, and they all care for different reasons."

In any given year, 3.5 million people from countries all over the globe visit Yellowstone.

They traverse the park's network of roads, hike its trails, fish its waters and can often be found gazing wonderingly at a herd of bison, a regal bull elk or watch in amazement as wolves stalk their prey.

"It's special to so many people," Lewis said, "not just the people who live here. It's not just our park. And, to some, just knowing it's there is enough."

Rich Sinatra, a medical recruiter from Cleveland, has never visited Yellowstone, and admits he might never make the trip west.

"But it's good to know it's there," he said. "I would hate to think it was susceptible. It's better to think of it as a preserve that will never be touched by the hands of modern man.I just like the idea of Yellowstone."

Sinatra said though he has never been to the park, he follows the ongoing issues at Yellowstone, like the reintroduction of wolves and the continuing battle to regulate winter access to Yellowstone via snowmobile.

The park is officially designated as an international biosphere preserve, thanks in large part to its flora and fauna. But there is more to Yellowstone than the natural wonders. It is home to the largest satellite branch of the National Library. The park's historical archives date back to Yellowstone's early years when the U.S. Army managed the landscape.

"This place is special, and not just because it's a great place to see elk and bison and grizzly bears," Lewis said. "Yellowstone has a wonderful history, one that dates back thousands of years."

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EDITORIAL

Public computers are no place for pornography

The public library has always been one of the best places you can send your kids. That may no longer be the case. Libraries across the nation may soon be unrestricted in allowing pornographic material to pop up on library computers, if the U.S. Supreme Court permits it.

In a case currently before the nation's high court, some civil liberties groups and libraries want to overturn the Children's Internet Protection Act, which requires libraries to use anti-pornography filters on tax-funded Internet computers.

Attorneys for the American Library Association consider the filters a form of censorship and a blatant violation of the First Amendment's freedom of speech. They also argue that the filters block access to legitimate Web information.

The government contends libraries should install the software as a condition of receiving federal money. Since libraries don't distribute pornographic films or magazines, why should they help Internet users download Web porn?

"Public libraries may reasonably conclude that it best furthers their missions to use a resource that is effective in keeping out pornography, even if that resource keeps out some material that is not pornographic," said Solicitor General Ted Olson.

Congress passed the law in 2000, but a three-judge panel in Pennsylvania struck it down last summer. The Supreme Court heard arguments on the case last week.

Our view:
Tax-subsidized library computers should be required to use anti-pornography Web filters.

What do you think?
We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Whatever the high court rules won't affect libraries (including the Twin Falls Public Library) that already use filtering software voluntarily. If a community library wants to sift out inappropriate material, nothing stands in its way.

But there's also nothing wrong with Congress' effort to protect minors from viewing pornographic material in a public setting, whether at school or a public library.

A sensitive filter may block information for some legitimate topic searches, such as breast cancer or homosexuality. But a library user can still ask a librarian to adjust the parameters, or to turn off the filter temporarily.

The ALA says such a request stigmatizes a person. But that is lame logic. If the research is legitimate, why be ashamed?

The Internet has given society many benefits, but pornography on demand isn't one of them. Many Americans marvel that liberal groups, citing the First Amendment, endorse smut on library computers – yet howl about nativity scenes in public parks.

Thanks to a stretch of legal sophistry, pornography does enjoy First Amendment protection and has spread rampantly as a result.

But taxpayers have a right to expect their public facilities won't distribute it. The Supreme Court should recognize that Internet filters are a legitimate safety net. Otherwise, public libraries may jeopardize their reputation as havens for children's education.

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Hawks fail to persuade most Americans

"IT'S BEEN LIKE THAT EVER SINCE THIS IRAQ MESS STARTED."

It's a sign of the hawkish times that supporters of war against Iraq are able to get away with labeling antiwar doves as wimps and fools. Indeed, some pro-warriors go further, smearing antiwar Americans as dupes of the enemy.

House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, pronounces some antiwar Democrats guilty of "appeasement" toward Saddam Hussein; the neoconservative Weekly Standard makes the same accusation against the entire State Department as well as selected Republicans. Columnist Mona Charen has gone even further; in a new book titled "Useful Idiots: How Liberals Got It Wrong in the Cold War and Still Blame America First," she attacks, among others, Jimmy Carter, Al Gore and Madeleine Albright.

JAMES P. PINKERTON

Charen's title comes from Soviet leader V.I. Lenin's phrase referring to those who unwittingly helped the communist cause.

And last week, Council on Foreign Relations fellow Max Boot blasted all antiwar opinion – not only over the past year but also over the past century – saying protests slowed or thwarted U.S. victories from the Spanish-American War to Vietnam.

Got that?

On its face, this argument may seem absurd, but its true absurdity is found in the criticism of peace movements.

Opposition to the U.S. occupation of the former Spanish colony of the Philippines allegedly gave false hope to Washington's enemies, encouraging them to keep fighting. But was it really a good idea for the American military to subdue the Philippines? It took 70,000 U.S. soldiers to crush the insurrectos, a four-year operation that cost 4,234 American lives and caused the deaths of 200,000 Filipinos. One might ask, what was the upside for the United States?

And who were the protesters against this American imperialism? They included Mark Twain, philosopher William James, industrialist Andrew Carnegie and union leader Samuel Gompers. Did these people have American blood on their hands? Were they "useful idiots" aiding the Filipinos? Or were they simply preferring peace to war?

The intellectual mission of the Iraq hawks today is to erase bad memories of past conflicts so as to wipe the slate clean for future conflicts. "Liberal views, forged in Vietnam and tempered in Central America and beyond, got the world wrong," Charen laments. War opponents, she alleges, were politically and ideologically misguided, although it is likely that most simply wanted to prevent more Americans from being killed in a futile quagmire. Fortunately for the pro-warriors, after 30 years the memories of the Vietnam debacle and its terrible toll have grown dim.

Yet even as the United States was losing the hot war in Vietnam, it was winning the Cold War against the Soviet Union. And that's a victory the hawks don't like to talk about anymore. Why not? Because the favored strategy of the ultrahawks – the forcible "rollback" of the Soviet Union – was not adopted. Instead, presidents from Truman to the first Bush followed a tough-minded strategy of armed containment. Acting in conjunction with allies, in accordance with international law, the United States waited out the Soviet Union until it collapsed of its own dead weight.

Today, the Iraq hawks, in their increasingly Strangelovian fashion, don't want to repeat the Cold War patience. They don't want to let the inspections process chip away at Saddam's arsenal; they don't want the dictator to be lured into exile.

They want a hot war, and they want it now. To get it, they are eager to trash the mechanisms of dispute resolution that have been built up over the decades: the United Nations, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and, more recently, the International Criminal Court.

Polls show that most Americans want to work cooperatively through international institutions to disarm Iraq. In other words, they don't want a rush to war.

But that's exactly what the hawks do want. And so they must squawk loudly, to drown out not only the idea of democratic protest but also the very idea of peace.

James Pinkerton is a Newsday columnist.

U.S. should heed Brits' caution on Iraq

GRAHAM ALLEN

Last week, the biggest legislative rebellion of Tony Blair's tenure sent a clear message not only to the prime minister but also to President Bush: 199 members of Parliament – 121 from Blair's Labor Party – voted for a motion declaring "the case for military action against Iraq as yet unproven." The message was this: Parliament and the British people wish to get off the automatic escalator to war set in motion by Bush. We wish to retain the weapon of war for use only in appropriate circumstances.

The British people have not turned their backs on the United States. They have not gone soft on terrorism or soft on Saddam Hussein. But we are simply not convinced that a war in Iraq now would be right or just or necessary. And if our prime minister took us into war simply to meet Bush's timetable, he could easily be overthrown.

During the debate in the House of Commons last week, Blair promised that he would come back to Parliament for a final vote on the war after the U.N. resolution was considered in New York. I believe that between now and then, the rebellion will grow in Parliament. I believe it is unlikely that he will get a Labor majority for war unless several things happen: The U.N. must authorize war; there must be clear evidence from the U.N. weapons inspectors of a serious breach of U.N. resolutions by Saddam; that breach must be such an immediate threat to other countries that it would be dangerous not to overthrow Saddam by war.

Blair's promise to put the decision before the House of Commons before committing Britain's forces to battle against Iraq is a big change for our country. The United States has a system of shared war-making powers and responsibilities between the executive and the Congress. Our head of government has always been able to take us into war on his own authority, like an old-fashioned king or queen.

Blair can play at being Henry V, although unlike Henry V he does not have to lead our troops in person. But Parliament now has decided that this medieval system is not good enough. It insisted on a vote.

Why are Labor members of Parliament disagreeing with their own party leader over Iraq? Because we are a democracy, and our constituents have been telling us about their doubts over the need for a war now. The British people do not understand why – after more than 10 years of containment – Bush decided that it is now necessary to overthrow Saddam by war.

The British people hate Saddam, but they need more evidence that he is a real and immediate danger. To them, war in Iraq looks "made in the Bush White House." Its motives, its methods, its intended results all reflect the wishes of a tiny coterie around the president and few others. It was never British policy to go to war against Saddam. Our government simply has not convinced us that the new policy reflects British interests.

The United States is Britain's greatest friend, but best friends give candid advice. Our advice is that war is the ultimate weapon – it must not be used until all other means have been exhausted.

We will go to war shoulder to shoulder with our American brothers and sisters whenever it is necessary – and not before.

Graham Allen, a Labor member of the British Parliament, voted against a premature war against Iraq.

LETTER

Hitler also disregarded world opinion on war

Do you suppose Adolf Hitler, in September 1939, ever dreamed of the disaster he was leading his nation into less than six years down the road.

As head of state and commander-in-chief of the world's largest and most powerful military force and allied with the world's second-most powerful military force, it's unlikely he ever had a clue.

Justifying his actions with flimsy, transparent claims and accusations, Hitler launched his brutal aggression, ignoring world opinion and the League of Nations.

In less than six years, his country was defeated, devastated and occupied. Hitler himself, facing certain death as a war criminal, chose suicide.

In the aftermath of World War II, people all over the world repeatedly raised the question, "Why did the German people support and follow that maniac?" I wonder if anybody in Washington, D.C., ever reads a history book.

RICHARD F. BYRD
Rogerson

Editorial states the obvious on Fish and Game

Once again, the editorial writing at *The Times-News* – as usual – brings me humor.

I have long since come to realize your editorial staff would regard fascist leader Mussolini as a liberal. You're not just a multifarious group down there. You like things narrow.

Take, for example, the editorial, "Let elected leaders keep reigns of Fish and Game," in the March 4 edition. You have definitely uncovered a horrible concept when you write, and I quote, "The real goal (of the initiative organizers) is to transform the Fish and Game Department into a wildlife advocacy agency ..."

Wow! What a concept! All this time, I thought the Fish and Game Department was here to grow more potatoes. Thanks for clearing that up for me.

JEFFERY COUPE
Hailey

Write to us

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LETTERS

Some lingering questions over war with Iraq

With the looming shadow war, I have some questions. Here are my top 20:

1. What ever happened to Osama? I thought we were set on getting him and his gang.

2. What is the connection between Osama bin Laden and Saddam Hussein? Osama is a Muslim fundamentalist, Saddam is a secular Suni. When did they become bedfellows?

3. If Bin Laden is a Saudi, the 9-11 hijackers were Saudis, and they were funded by Saudi money, why are we going after Iraq?

4. If Iraq has weapons of mass destruction and is a threat to the region, why are Iraq's neighbors, such as Turkey, not worried?

5. Will a war with Iraq really solve our present economic woes?

6. What about other countries which are known sponsors of terrorism? Libya? Yemen? Kuwait? North Korea? Are We going to take them all on?

7. Iraq is the most modern of the Arab states and 50 percent of its citizens are under age 15. What will be the human cost of this attack?

8. What is our objective? Are we going in to remove Saddam or strip Iraq of weapons of mass destruction? I have heard both concepts exclusively at different times.

9. Will the British still be with us after their April election?

10. How much of this is a personal vendetta by President Bush for Saddam's attempt to assassinate his father?

11. If we attack Iraq, will they immediately hit Israel? If so, how many other regional states will be drawn into the conflict?

12. If we succeed in conquering Iraq and deposing Saddam, how long will we occupy the country and at what cost?

13. When did we begin to ascribe to a doctrine of preemption? Is it really in our national character to attack someone because of a perceived threat?

14. How many American lives will this action cost? In Iraq? In retaliatory strikes at home? In other parts of the world?

15. Will this forever change the way the world sees America?

16. Will other countries begin to fear us, thinking they may be next?

17. Will other countries follow our example, striking out at perceived threats as we have done?

18. What is the risk-benefit ratio of this war?

19. Would Saddam's abdication solve everything? What would happen to the weapons?

20. If we prosecute this war, who then will keep the world safe from democracy?

REV. JIM FRISBIE
Twin Falls

(Editor's note: The Rev. Jim Frisbie is the pastor at the Twin Falls United Methodist Church.)

Groups working on senior center do great service

We have just completed one month of activity at the new senior center (January). We would like to share our pride in all the volunteers who have contributed to the remodeling of our new center. There were 1,415 hours spent in giving of labor by volunteers at the center.

We would like to honor those who have done so much in our behalf.

The Correction Center has sent some of its trustees to help us in our remodeling process. They have done a tremendous job, and we were very pleased with their work and their courtesy. We truly believe their rehabilitation is part of our legacy.

Charity Anywhere spent many hours on Saturdays and some evenings at labor. It gave these young people (20) an opportunity to experience the world of building and working as a team.

The LDS Institute sent 25-plus young adults to share in our labors. We have truly been blessed.

Seventy-five individuals at minimum wage ($6) plus four management team members contributed $14,554 in volunteer labor.

Thank you, Magic Valley.

BOB HUMPHRIES
Twin Falls

(Editor's note: Bob Humphries is the chairman of the Twin Falls Senior Federation.)

LETTERS

Fighting for freedom carries no shame

This letter is in response to the article written concerning both the McFarland Twins from Culdesac as well as the religion they belong to.

It really bothers me that any person or organization in the United States refuses to serve in the U.S. military and claim they maintain a neutral stance toward political affairs. How in the world do you think we maintain the freedoms we now enjoy? How do you think we became the land of the free? Thousands of people have paid and continue to pay the price for your freedoms you obviously take without any gratitude toward them.

How can anyone live in this wonderful country and not support the things that keep us free? Of course, nobody likes to see their husband, wife, sons, or daughters head off to war with the possibility of being killed. How do you think families felt when thousands of lives were given when we broke our ties with the Parliament in Britain? But why do you think all of these heroic people gave their lives? So you and I would have a better life. And one of the many great benefits was the freedom of religion. This freedom of religion should never interfere with our patriotic duty.

Come on, Derek and Harrison, wars are not as simple as pushing a button. Brave men and women fight for your freedom. If fighting for our freedom is a disgrace to any person or religious group in America, then that person or group does not deserve the privilege of this great nation.

I am a religious 37-year-old man with a wonderful family. But if asked tomorrow, I would go and defend my country, even if it meant losing my life. I am a proud American that supports the actions necessary to maintain our freedoms. This includes eliminating anything or any person that supports terrorism.

My solution to anyone not willing to stand up and defend this great country is they need to pack their bags and go live with people like Saddam.

Freedom is not something we have without cost. Both our forefathers and the many great men and women who currently serve and die for our country need the recognition and appreciation from each and every American. These are the great people that make it safe for you and I to raise a family, prosper in this great country and practice whatever religious belief we desire.

MARTY VAN TASSELL
Paul

Burley parks were looking mighty dry last year

This is in regard to the comment the city of Burley said about the golf course and parks manager in the South Idaho Press on how he has done a great job and the parks look better than they have in a while.

In my opinion, Dennis Peterson and his crew did a great job, if not better.

I recently moved out of the area. Last summer, I came to visit and while driving through Burley, the parks and Exit 208 were extremely dry. Wasn't the golf course and parks manager over this? I think City Hall needs its eyes checked.

LADAWN HOBBS GARNER
Nampa

Fish and Game editorial missed significant points

This letter is in response to your March 4 editorial regarding the "WHIP" initiative. While I fully support your right to say and print any opinion you wish, I must point out some shortcomings in this article.

You appealed to the "taxpayer" with the hands-off policy we seek. What you failed to mention is that not one taxpayer dollar goes to the department. Every state and federal dollar is contributed by sportsmen to fulfill the mandates of Title 36. When the Legislature gets involved, things go seriously wrong. That is why Section 36-103(b), Idaho Code specifically prohibits them from interfering with policy administration. They currently interfere by appropriating sportsmen's dollars for programs not supported by biology. Take a look at the "coyotesque" affair if you need an example.

Regarding last year's initiative effort – The Sportsmen's Initiative was put forward with only weeks to obtain signatures. In my efforts I had two people refuse to sign. They simply did not want to register as voters. As with all initiatives, many signatures were deemed invalid for technical reasons. Minor nuances in county requirements do not negate actual support.

The editorial stated, "The attorney general quickly spotted the problem ..." If he spotted it so quickly, why didn't he say so? Near the end of the review process, the attorney general presented that this may be a problem. If this cannot be resolved, you will likely see this portion removed.

With regard to "crushing the governor's power," you are absolutely correct. He currently has the power to remove commissioners at will. This initiative would require him to give a reason first. It eliminates a power that lends itself to abuse and micro-management of the department. I'm sure former Director Sando can give some words of wisdom on that. In short, this initiative does not eliminate accountability. It simply makes it apply up and down the chain.

My final comments relate to your statement, "This year's initiative is yet another attempt to put Fish and Game in the hands of environmentalists and wildlife advocates, shutting out the voices of sportsmen, farmers, ranchers and other taxpayers. Nobody should be fooled."

This initiative is sponsored by a coalition of sportsmen. They ascribe to the wise use of resources (conservation), not radical preservation (environmentalism). No one is shut out.

If you disagree with the initiative, fight it. I only ask that you do so with facts.

THOMAS A. JUDGE
Boise

Money would be wasted on new street names

I would like to know why the city fathers are so bent on destroying the small businesses in downtown. The streets have been as they are for the past 55 years or longer and it has worked just fine. Now some imported people that can't find their way out of a boot that is upside down want to change the street signs of our old town of Twin Falls. Not only is it not necessary but it is an expense that most of the people cannot afford.

In these times of budget problems and cuts, as well as tax hikes, do we need to spend even $1 of our taxpayers money on things that are not necessary to the survival of our town? I say, put that money into our schools, the $6,000 to $8,000 would do a lot of good for kids that are in need of programs to keep them off the streets.

This is just one of many problems in our town. Don't just take it on the chin, Twin Falls! Call, write, do something! Stop the fleecing of Twin Falls! Now!

DON JESSER
Twin Falls

City council goes overboard with street names

It seems that the city council of the great city of Twin Falls has made another ill-informed decision regarding the renaming of the streets in the original town site.

Before they make a final decision on the proper names, let us consider more fitting names for some of the streets. Why not name Third Street East "Ignorance" and Fourth Street East "Stupidity"? With these names, everyone could always find the city council chambers located between "ignorance and stupidity."

Another "great idea" would be for the city council to apply for an urban renewal grant to tear down the "original" town site, changing all streets and avenues to a north-south and east-west direction, thus not confusing the tourists that visit our great city.

Stop and think what this would do for our economy with the amount of people it would employ and the material to be purchased. Wow, it is mind-boggling.

I had better stop or someone will want to appoint me to our "great" city council.

LARRY B. MCKAY
Twin Falls

Blaine County officials follow growing trend

So the Blaine County commissioners had the clarity to declare that war is not good for Blaine County nor for the United States nor Europe nor Asia nor any other spot on this interconnected world.

A teeming multitude of people everywhere said the same Feb. 15 on all seven continents, including Antarctica and 10 cities of the United States of America:

Los Angeles, 300,000 filling four blocks of Hollywood Boulevard; New York, at least 300,000 stretching 20 blocks; San Francisco, 75,000; Seattle, 20,000; Philadelphia, 10,000; Minneapolis, 7,500; Raleigh, N.C., 7,500; Santa Fe, 4,500; Santa Cruz, San Diego, Dallas, 5,000. And so on.

In London, a million; half a million in Berlin. Ten thousand protesters massed on the capitol lawn at Austin, Texas. In all, 10 million people in 600 cities around the world said a loud "no" to war.

They also said, "Regime Change Begins at Home," "It's Not a Game and It Isn't Over," "World War III Starts with Dubya" and "Stop Mad Cowboy Disease."

Martin Sheen told the New York crowd, "There's only one guy who can stop this war, and he lives in the White House." Sen. Robert Byrd, who has been around a while, said, "We are sleepwalking through history," meaning the Congress.

Personally, I say, "Make coffee, not war."

JANET OCROWLEY
Dietrich

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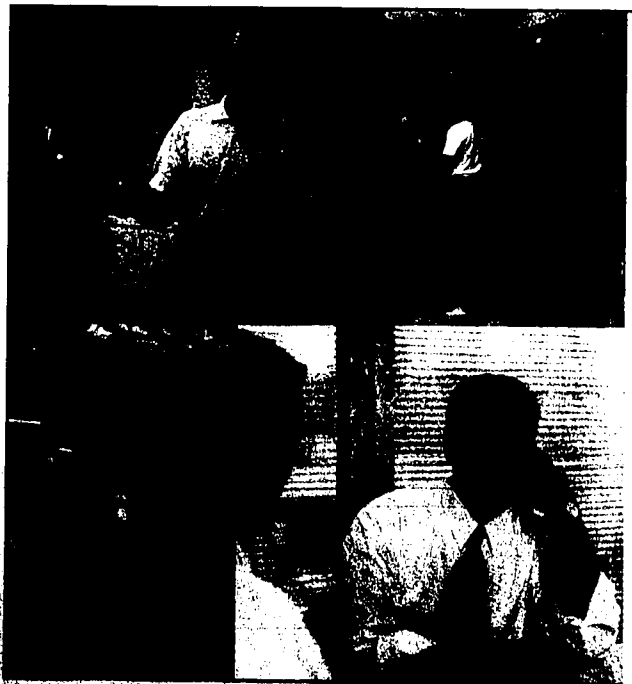

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An Iranian man holds a placard at a gathering on World Women's Day at Laleh Park in Tehran, Iran, Saturday. Hundreds of women and a small group of men gathered to demand social and political rights equal to men.

Iranian women demand equality

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) – Hundreds of Iranian women marked International Women's Day on Saturday with a demonstration demanding equal social and political rights to men, a first in this conservative male-dominated country since the 1979 Islamic revolution.

The women, wearing the headscarves and long coats required by law, and a small group of men held a rally in a central Tehran park. Watching them was a large contingent of police – including some 400 women who in January became the first females to undergo training to be officers since 1979.

"Half of the votes cast in favor of lawmakers were by women. How can you fail to recognise and support the rights of your wives, mothers and sisters? Why aren't women given top managerial or ministerial posts?" activist Zohreh Arzani asked the gathering.

In the crowd, some women held up signs against violence by men – and against a war on Iraq.

Women have been strong supporters of Iran's reform movement seeking to change the Islamic government's tight social and political restrictions. While the reformist-dominated parliament lifted a ban on unmarried women studying abroad, other bills supporting women's rights have been rejected by the hard-line Guardian Council, which must approve all legislation before it becomes law.

Under the strict form of Islamic law used in Iran, a woman needs her husband's permission to work or travel abroad. A man's court testimony is considered twice as important as a woman's. Men can keep four spouses at once, a right not granted to women.

And while Iranian men can divorce almost at will, a woman seeking a divorce must go through a long legal battle and often relinquish rights in return for divorce.

"How can we celebrate this day when our women are not entitled to choose their husbands, are not allowed to demand divorce and get just half the blood money a man gets?" protest organizer Noushin Ahmadi said, referring to the practice of giving the family of a female murder victim about half the average compensation paid to a male victim's relatives.

Speakers said the rally, organized by the non-governmental Women's Cultural Center, aimed to "protest discrimination against women."

In her speech, Arzani deplored Iran's failure to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

"Why has even the reformist-dominated parliament failed to debate and approve the convention?" Arzani asked amid the shrill whistles of girls at the rally.

Iran's senior clerics in Qom, the country's main center of Islamic learning, have rejected the convention as un-Islamic.

Despite being restricted from the nation's highest political posts, Iranian women – 31.1 million of the nation's 66 million population – enjoy greater freedoms and political rights than women in most neighboring Gulf Arab countries, including the right to vote [illegible]

Israelis kill Hamas leader in helicopter attack

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) – Israeli helicopters destroyed a car with missiles on Saturday, killing a Hamas leader and three of his bodyguards. The strike came a day after the militant group claimed responsibility for two deadly attacks that killed 16 Israelis.

The apparent target of Saturday's strike was Ibrahim Makadmeh, 51, who is accused of engineering attacks that killed 28 Israelis. The last was the tank bombing that killed four soldiers in Gaza last month.

He was the highest-ranking Palestinian militant leader killed since Israeli forces killed Abu Ali Mustafa of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine in August of 2001. Mustafa's death prompted the assassination of Israeli Tourism Minister Rehavam Zeevi in a Jerusalem hotel on Oct. 17, which in turn sparked Israel's occupation of the West Bank.

Hamas vowed to avenge Makadmeh, saying no Israeli was safe.

"We encourage our cells to plan and prepare strikes against the occupiers ... especially Jewish political leaders," the group's military wing said in a statement. "The terrorist government will realize the size of the disaster that it has unleashed."

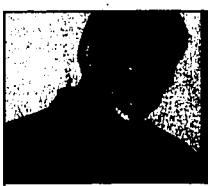
As the Israeli army promised more strikes against militants, Saeb Erekat, a Palestinian Cabinet official, criticized the air strike and said there is no longer due process in Israel.

"This is more like the mafia than the government," Erekat said.

Saturday's strike came amid escalating tensions, as a new hardline Israeli government reoccupied parts of the Gaza Strip on Friday.

Thousands of mourners, firing assault rifles into the air and shouting 'God is great!' packed the streets of Gaza City for Makadmeh's funeral. His body was draped in the green flag of Hamas.

Ibrahim Makadmeh



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Don't park your Pacer in my driveway

My youngest son and his girlfriend, who live in Seattle, came for a visit last month. Carrie, who's from a small town just outside Salem, Ore., had never been to Idaho, so I took them on a short tour of Twin Falls.

We passed sign after sign proclaiming upscale neighborhood housing developments in northeast Twin Falls – Candleridge, Eastridge, Stonybrook, The Grove – and at length she turned to me and said, "Mr. Crump, why don't *you* live in a subdivision?"

Imagine my great shame. *My* neighborhood has no name. No snob-appeal. No *personality*.

Technically, of course, my neighborhood *does* have a name, but I had to look it up on my mortgage loan papers: "Cummings Subdivision No. 2." Gimme a break.

I'm supposed to go to Business After Hours or Jazz in the Canyon, mingle with the swells and casually mention that I have a little place in Cummings No. 2?

DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

My house dates from Eisenhower's administration and Cummings Subdivision from Truman's. It was built during a time when there evidently was not a single forest extant in North America, because every house is brick.

It has its charms, but distinctiveness is not one of them. Distinction is hard to come by when every single home, garage and barbecue pit is dun-colored brick with hunter-green trim.

Still, you gotta figure Mr. or Ms. Cummings could have done better: Maybe, "Purtnear Evergreen" or "PurplishSage" or "KochiaVu" – *something* else.

Yet I suppose that in 1951, Twin Falls developers were unconcerned with ambiance. They were still reeling from the city planners' decision 50 years earlier to build the core of Twin Falls on a 45-degree angle to true north.

Imagine trying to file a plat for a development that was sort of northeast of the northern and eastern quadrant of Twin Falls.

Or in technical terms, "You know where 3200 East is? Well, you don't turn there."

Still, I gotta believe that the absence of a sophisticated label for my neighborhood is making my house worth less than it should be. Can you sue for negligent naming?

If so, maybe I can get the city to rechristen Cummings Subdivision No. 2 something more appropriate.

What would you think of *"CouleeSide,"* perhaps? Or maybe *"SawtoothSchoolZoneMeadows?"*

Or something even more sophisticated. I've been studying the names of some of the gated neighborhoods in the Wood River Valley, every one of which just ooze cachet.

What would you think of renaming my neighborhood "The Ira" (as in Ira Perrine)? Or "The Withering Cottonwood?" Or "The Defile" (that's a 50-cent synonym for "canyon").

Or maybe I should get an impartial view. I asked Carrie what my neighborhood reminds her of.

"It looks like some of the industrial neighborhoods in Salem," he said.

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.*	% season peak**
Upper Snake River	93 %	70 %
Salmon Falls	60 %	52 %
Salmon	96 %	72 %
Oakley	84 %	47 %
Big Wood	82 %	71 %
Little Wood	86 %	79 %
Henrys Fork/Teton	82 %	66 %
Big Lost	91 %	70 %
Little Lost	78 %	58 %

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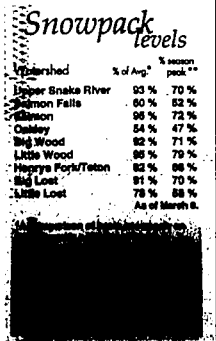
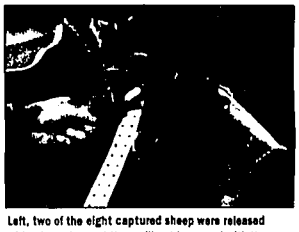


SHIPPING SHEEP

Idaho Department of Fish and Game scientists set up two stations to process the bighorn sheep as they were helicoptered in. When the helicopter arrived with three sheep in tow, a third makeshift station was set up so all three animals could be handled as quickly as possible. Each station had a crew of three who each had specific duties taking samples and measurements at the head and tail, and keeping the sheep cool with water.



Left, two of the eight captured sheep were released without tagging and they will not be moved with the other six. Fish and Game veterinarian Phil Mamer used a brand new $10,000 portable ultrasound to test all the ewes for pregnancy. One was found to be almost two months ahead of schedule and is about to give birth. She was released. The other ewe, shown here along with Jon Rachael, regional wildlife manager, and Angie Henefin, wildlife technician, both for Fish and Game, was released because her temperature rose too high and was close to endangering her health.
Above, keeping the blindfolds on the sheep was a high priority during all the activity of processing the animals, but they seemed to periodically fall off anyway. This ewe was remarkably calm while she was able to see one of the Fish and Game workers preparing to cut off the radio collar's excess strapping. None of the animals captured Saturday had any real difficulty or problems, with the exception of the one ewe overheating. Research biologist Mike Scott credited their calm to the cool water bath, which is a new addition to the process.

Fish and Game employee Kevin Warner enjoyed the least appealing job of the day, that of the 'tail person.' His job was to take two rectal temperatures, a fecal sample and to alert the on-hand veterinarian if anything was abnormal before the sheep was transfered to the waiting transport trailer.

Fish and Game veterinarian Phil Mamer watches as one of the sheep is loaded on to the transport trailer. Covered with wood chips and the addition of plywood walls, the sheep had a safe place to travel as they left their old home along the East Fork of the Owyhee River south of Mountain Home.

Photos by JEREMY STOA/The Times-News
See page A-1 for story

Tractor runs over boy near T.F.

TWIN FALLS – A 10-year-old boy was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center by helicopter Saturday after he fell beneath the wheel of a tractor.

The boy, whose name police did not have, was riding in the tractor cabin with his dad when it appears the door fell open and the boy fell out, said Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Nancy Howell. The boy was run over by the right rear wheel.

The accident occured at 2780 E. 3200 N. and was called in at 9:16 a.m., Howell said.

Fire escapes fireplace, damages home in Buhl

BUHL – A bedroom was damaged Saturday in Buhl when the glass covering a fireplace broke, allowing the flames to escape.

The fire occured at the home of Sharon House at 1624 Maple St., Buhl Fire Department Lt. Travis Brewer said. No one was injured.

Firefighters were alerted to the fire at 12:15 p.m. and finished mopping up at 1:15 p.m., Brewer said.

Most of the fire damage was contained to the bedroom, Brewer said. The fire did an estimated $10,000 in structural damage and $5,000 in damages to the contents of the house.

"It looks like the fire from the fireplace had broken the front window and that's where the fire went out," Brewer said.

Hospital lists man hit by car in good condition

TWIN FALLS – A Twin Falls man was listed in good condition Saturday evening after being struck by a car the day before.

Tony Phillips, 36, had been taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center on Friday to be treated for a right arm fracture and multiple contusions, Twin Falls police Sgt. Steve Ryan said Saturday.

The accident happened at the intersection of Madrona Street and Kimberly Road at 6:58 p.m. Phillips was walking southbound on Madrona when he walked into traffic and was struck by a 1985 Buick Sedan, Ryan said. The car had been traveling westbound on Kimberly Road.

Police were not releasing the name of the driver Saturday and no citations had been issued, Ryan said. The accident is still under investigation, he said.

– compiled from staff reports

Magic Valley in brief

Accident victim from T.F. blames car maker

By Nancy Lofholm
The Denver Post

BOISE – When Brandon Fiala was in the hospital last summer recovering from surgeries that had pieced his shattered pelvis back together, removed enough glass from his body to make a window and stretched his scalp to fill in where it had been scraped away on the pavement of Interstate 70, he wrote a letter to prosecutors blaming Megan Helm for his horrific injuries.

Helm had been driving a van-load of 11 firefighters bound for the Hayman wildfire in Colorado when the 15-passenger Ford vehicle rolled outside Parachute on June 21, 2002, killing five and injuring Fiala and the others. The Twin Falls man wrote that Helm had been careless and should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

In the months since then, Fiala said he has had time to focus on something besides pain, doctors' appointments, therapy sessions and anger at the 21-year-old woman who was at the wheel when he nearly lost his life.

The senior at Boise State University – and former *Times-News* intern – said that after many hours of research on his computer at the college newspaper where he works, after asking many questions of experts and doing a lot of thinking, he is now convinced that another party was guilty in the accident: Ford Motor Co.

Fiala's change of heart helped prosecutors and defense attorneys come to an agreement that allowed Helm to plead guilty last

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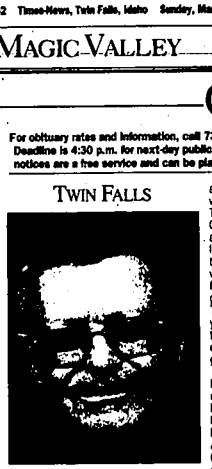
TWIN FALLS



Wilfred (Bill) Fiscus
1931 - 1986

Bill Fiscus, 71, a Twin Falls resident, died Friday, March 7, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center following a brief illness.

Bill was born March 30, 1931, in Brea, California. He was employed at Idaho Fish and Game from 1959 - 1986 and retired from there after 27 years. He then worked for Haney Seed and retired again in 1999. He drove truck for both employers and loved it very much. He often took his wife, Joyce, and their dog, Freckles, along with him on his journeys. He married Joyce on July 6, 1974, in Elko, Nevada. They were married 29 years at the time of his death.

Bill enjoyed camping and fishing and was the Boss of the fish. He was an extremely talented musician and enjoyed playing the organ, trumpet and most of all, the bass guitar. He would even sing along whenever the mood struck him.

Surviving Bill are his wife of 29 years, Joyce; his daughter, Nita (John) Hawes of Walla Walla, WA; two grandsons, Kyle and Ryan; one granddaughter, Brandi; and great-grandson, David (LD). Also surviving is his son, Curt (Deann) Echavarren of Pocatello, ID.

Memorial Services for Bill will be held Tuesday, March 11, 2003, at 10 a.m. at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Private tnurnment will be held at the Garden of Time Columbarium in the Twin Falls Cemetery.

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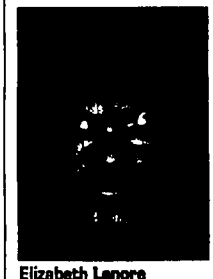

Elizabeth Lenore Jones Meserole

Betty, 73, was called back to her heavenly family on Sunday, March 2, 2003, just before 4 p.m. After a valiant fight with lung cancer, she passed away with sweet serenity, great dignity and wonderful grace at home in Boise with her husband, four daughters and grandson Gabriel Hall at her bedside.

Betty was born June 24, 1929, in Gooding, Idaho, to Chatty and Joseph Jones. She attended high school in Gooding and worked in the nursing field. She married Charles Edgar Meserole July 31, 1948. Betty and Chuck were blessed with four loving and devoted daughters, 10 grandchildren and four great-granddaughters.

The family lived their early years in Gooding. In 1959, the family moved to Glenns Ferry where Betty and Chuck developed a thriving family grocery business. After raising their four daughters there, Betty and Chuck moved to Lake Tahoe where they lived for five years. They then returned to Twin Falls where she lived and enjoyed her later years. In 2001, Betty and Chuck moved to Boise to be near many of their beautiful grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mom was forever admired for her charity and routine, lively personality. She had always enjoyed her work in the nursing field. While in Twin Falls, Betty attended the College of Southern Idaho and achieved licensing as a CNA. She loved the fresh air and birds. She tended her lovely flower garden with great joy and was most comfortable in a lawn chair on the green grass in the warm sunlight. Throughout the many endearing years, Nanny and Pap's home was the precious gathering court for children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her beloved husband Charles E. Meserole, daughters Rene L. Meserole of Palm Springs, California, Tere L. Meserole of Boise, Lore L. Meserole Schureman (Douglas) of Arco, Toni A. Meserole Heath (Eldon) of King Hill and all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her eldest brother Donald Jones of Gooding, her youngest sister Norma June Jones Watters of Merced, California, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private family service was held by her close family members at Aclesa Memorial in Boise on March 4, 2003.

The family would like to express special appreciation to the physicians and staff at her medical facilities, the special nurses and attendants at Life's Doors Hospice, devoted family members and generous, thoughtful friends.

"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters." Psalm 23:2

BUHL

Virginia Viola (Stout) Shaub

Virginia Viola (Stout) Shaub, 89, passed away Thursday, March 7th, 2003, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

She spent the last year of her life there with her family by her side. She has gone to join her beloved grandparents and parents, her sister Jerry Kirby, her husband Eugene Shaub and two children whom she loved and missed every day. She is survived by two sons, JD Marker of Boise, Id., and Denis Shaub of Twin Falls, Id., three daughters, Sandy (Montgomery) Stewart of Mountain Home, Id., Linda (Shaub) Simer of Twin Falls, Id., and Denise (Shaub) Funderburg of Jerome, Id. She also has three nephews, 16 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren!

Viola was born in Burley, Id., Dec. 3, 1913, to Edwin J. Stout and Zalia Bell Kroll. Her maternal grandparents raised her with her sister in Pleasantville, Utah. She met and married Earl James Marker and had two sons (one died at birth). After she divorced Earl, she married Clayton Carold Montgomery. With this marriage she had two more children, this time girls. Sadly again, one died at childbirth. They were later divorced. In 1949, she met and later married Eugene E. Shaub. They settled down in Buhl, Idaho, where she had three children with Eugene, two girls and one boy. This is where she spent most of her remaining years.

Her greatest joys were her family and home. She was a very hard working lady. She always had a large garden and kept the cellar shelves stocked with the bounties of her fall harvest. Canning food was not a hobby but a necessity. She was a wonderful cook; always making sure her family had something good around to eat. In her spare time, she loved camping and fishing and delighted in making beautiful crocheted items for her family.

Funeral Services will be held at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl, Idaho, on Wednesday, March 12, 2003, at 11 a.m., with Pastor Dan Duncan presiding. Graveside services to follow at West End Cemetery.

HILLSBORO, ORE.

Kenneth Max Durk

Kenneth Max Durk, 64, died at a Hillsboro, Oregon, Hospital February 28, 2003.

He was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, the son of Max Raymond and Josephine McRae (Fonley) Durk. Raised and schooled mostly in Murtaugh, Idaho, he grew up on a potato farm and was proud of his roots there. Well educated, he attended the University of Idaho in Moscow, married Deloris "Dee" Knighton December 27, 1959, in Murtaugh and then continued his education at Idaho State in Pocatello. The family moved to Oregon in 1966 when he began his 32 years career at Tektronix, during which time he graduated Summa Cum Laude in Electrical Engineering from the University of Portland. At Tektronix, he first began as an electrical technician and later was moved to the Manuals Department where he was a technical writer. Still later he was a Patent Agent for Tektronix and remained a member of the U.S. Patent Bar throughout the rest of his life. He concluded his career at Tektronix as a Manufacturing Manager, retiring December 1997.

A member of the Hillsboro Elks Lodge, he was also a member of Rock Creek Country Club. An avid golfer, he also loved to fly and maintained his pilot's license for many years. Remembered for his wonderful sense of humor and positive outlook, he especially enjoyed an active role as a grandparent. He and his wife, Dee, also enjoyed their winters in Tucson.

His mother, Josephine Durk, precedes him in death.

Survivors include his wife, *Deloris "Dee" Durk of Hillsboro*, OR; son, Bryan Durk of Portland, OR; daughter, Melanie Ditton of Tigard, OR; father and step-mom, Max and Gertrude Durk of Jerome, Idaho; brother, Larry Durk of Layton, Utah; and two grandchildren, Andrew and Nathanael Ditton of Tigard, OR.

The family suggests that memorials may be made to the OHSU (Oregon Health Sciences University)/Tuality Cancer Center, Hillsboro, Oregon.

A service was held Thursday, March 6, 2003, at 2 p.m. at Fir Lawn Mortuary, formerly Bronleewe-Bass Funeral Home, 1070 W. Main, Hillsboro, OR 97123.

The local service will be held under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho, on Tuesday, March 11, 2003, at 2 p.m.

PAUL

Theo Tibbitts

Theo Lamont Tibbitts, 89, of Paul, died Thursday, March 6, 2003, at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

He was born January 17, 1914, in Providence, Utah, the son of Edgar and Mane Baker Tibbitts. He received his education in Providence, and worked on the family farm.

He married Lavauna Elizabeth Andersen on December 7, 1949, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. They lived in Utah, prior to moving to Burley in 1951, where Theo continued farming and operated a dairy. In 1960, they moved to Paul, where he has since resided. In addition to farming, he worked for more than 30 years at Amalgamated Sugar Company.

He was a kind and wonderful person who loved his wife and children and will be greatly missed. Theo loved to work, work, work, and taught those principles to his family. His greatest interest was working in his beautiful garden.

Prior to his stay at Parke View Care Center, he was lovingly cared for by his granddaughter, Kayelynn Holding. They had a special bond and he responded to her gentleness.

He is survived by his wife, Lavauna Tibbitts of Paul, and their three children, Scott Tibbitts and Scyler Tibbitts of Burley, and Greg (Nita) Tibbitts of Paul; one stepdaughter, Karen (Jan) Comstock of Eureka, Montana; three children from a previous marriage, Richard (Ethel) Tibbitts of Hurst, Texas, James (JoAnn) Tibbitts of Roseville, California, and Dixie (Kenneth) Eames of Logan, Utah; and one sister, Joycelyn Bitters of Providence, Utah. He will be greatly missed by his 18 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; and four sisters.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, 2003, at the Paul Third and Fourth Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 300 South 500 West, Heyburn, with Bishop Kay Catmull officiating. Burial will be in Paul Cemetery. Friends may call at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, on Monday, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m., and at the church on Tuesday, from 1:00 until 1:45 p.m.

SERVICES

Erica Van Wells of Twin Falls, service at 10 a.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Paul Raymond 'Jeep' Bowman of Kimberly, service at 11 a.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel; burial will follow at Rock Creek Veterans Cemetery, south of Hansen; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today and one hour before the service Monday at the funeral chapel.

Richard Jack of Heyburn, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Heyburn 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 530 Villa Drive; burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and from 10-10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

William Ross Lewin of Mankato, Minn., and formerly of Shoshone and Rupert, memorial service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Shoshone Assembly of God Church, 120 W. Fourth St.; Shoshone; inurnment at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Rupert Cemetery (Demaray Funeral Chapel, Shoshone).

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

William 'Bill' Strange of Hagerman, service at 10 a.m. Monday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Hagerman; burial will be in the Hagerman Cemetery; visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. today at Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding and before the service at the LDS Church.

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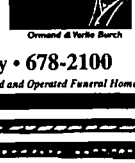
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Man traverses Idaho with snakes

AP photo

Natural Resources Consultant and Wildlife Educator Frank Lundburg of Reptile Conservation Resources holds his 8-year-old Albino Burmese Rock Python named James in his office in west Boise Thursday.

BOISE (AP) – Several times a year, Frank Lundburg climbs into his station wagon with the "I brake for snakes" bumper sticker and takes Rocky, James and the rest of the crew for a ride.

Lundburg and his menagerie of reptiles – including Rocky the Savannah monitor lizard and James the 12-foot albino python – are popular visitors at Idaho schools, where they offer kids a hands-on approach to learning about snakes and lizards.

The once-hobby herpetologist and owner of Reptile Conservation Resources said the educational program all began with Rico the gopher snake. The snake – a harmless species that some people confuse with poisonous rattlesnakes – was brought to Lundburg's home by a guest who may have been hoping to scare him. The guest ended up leaving Rico behind.

"I started watching him and got interested," said Lundburg. "Back then there was hardly any information about snakes out there, so I really had to research and study to make sure I was taking care of Rico correctly."

Lundburg estimates Rico is about 22 years old – despite the typical 15-year life span of his species. Now the elderly serpent has been joined by Savannah and Nile monitor lizards, boa constrictors, pythons, pine snakes, patchnose snakes, corn snakes, rattlesnakes, a handful of iguanas, an endangered Dumeril's ground boa of Madagascar and a Solomon Island skink.

Many of the beasts were rescued and sent to Lundburg.

An iguana named Dumpster was found sealed in a box next to a Boise trash bin. T-Rex, a young Savanna monitor lizard, was found wandering in downtown Boise. The Western patchnose snake was passed on to Lundburg by Fish and Game after it was seized from a poacher.

Because the animals have been exposed to humans and bacteria not found in their native environments, they can not be released.

Darren Beckley, a zoology teacher for the Boise School District, has Lundburg come to his classes every year.

"It really helps the kids learn about biological diversity and the importance of animals that aren't cute and big. When you think about wildlife, most people don't think about snakes," said Beckley. "The students are amazed at how docile a lot of the snakes are and how interesting the biology is and how beneficial they really are."

High school juniors and seniors are not Lundburg's only audience. Children as young as four sat in rapt attention during a recent presentation at the Morrison-Knudsen Nature Center.

"If I'm holding an animal, that really keeps everyone's attention," said Lundburg. "People have a fascination with snakes."

The program has accidental moments of levity. During the Nature Center presentation, Rocky the monitor lizard relieved himself while Lundburg was holding him up for the crowd, sending the group into giggles.

By the end of the program, even some who were scared at first were lining up to pet Rocky's head and stroke James' silky scales.

"When most people think about wildlife, they don't think about snakes," said Beckley. "His presentation really helps the students broaden their perspectives. And when they are able to hold the snakes – I think they remember that lesson for years and years."

One of the biggest misconceptions students have, said Lundburg, is that snakes and reptiles can become friends with their owners.

"A lot of people don't realize that reptiles don't want your attention or love. They don't want to be handled. They just want to be fed," he said.

Teens face charges in guard's stabbing

ROY, Utah (AP) – Authorities charged two Ogden girls with stabbing a guard in an unsuccessful plot to break out of the Weber Valley Juvenile Detention Center.

Melinda Chasteen and Jessica Grundie, both 15, will be tried as adults in 2nd District Court.

They were charged Friday with three felony offenses – attempted aggravated murder, attempted aggravated escape, and possessing a deadly weapon in a jail.

The teenagers were accused of luring a guard to their cell before midnight Dec. 1 and stabbing her in the neck with a smuggled knife. They planned to kill that guard and at least two others, Roy Police Detective Gary Weeks said.

"Had they got past the first one, they probably would have carried out their plan," Weeks said.

Second District Court Judge L. Kent Bachman said there was evidence the girls spent three days planning the escape. He said they planned to slice the vocal chords of the first guard and grab her jail keys, open other cell doors and take over the control center, finally escaping with staffers' car keys.

The girls wrote a message in soap on their cell door, "Where'd we go?"

Bachman ruled the teenagers "came within inches" of carrying out "a serious adult act" and should be tried as adults. Charges against two other conspirators remain in juvenile court.

A disposition hearing for Chasteen and Grundie was set for March 18 before 2nd District Judge Ernie Jones.

The guard has recovered from her stab wounds, which struck her collar bone.

Both defendants have been in and out of detention for years and have a history of behavioral problems and health disorders, according to police records. They were moved to Weber County Jail.

George Handy, a lawyer who represents Grundie's "brokenhearted" father, said the father had turned in the girl for stealing her mother's car.

"She's going to end up doing five-to-life in prison, and it might as well be life," Handy told the Standard-Examiner of Ogden.

PacifiCorp projects growing power demand in Idaho, Utah, Wyoming

BOISE (AP) – PacifiCorp will need to find about 4,000 megawatts of additional power for Idaho, Utah and Wyoming for the next decade, according to a planning document filed with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

The board is taking public comment until March 26 on a game plan filed by PacifiCorp for keeping up with demand for electricity that all regulated electric utilities must file every two years.

PacifiCorp projected demand will spike by 4,000 megawatts over the first 10 years of its 20-year plan for the part of its service district that includes Idaho, Utah and Wyoming.

The company said it will acquire 2,100 megawatts from three natural gas- and a coal-fired generator. The coal-fired plant likely would open in the Rocky Mountains where coal is abundant.

Here's how Pacificorp plans to more than make up the difference:

- 1,400 megawatts from renewable resources, primarily wind and possibly geothermal.
- 1,200 megawatts from "peaking capacity" plants that would operate only during high-use periods such as hot summer days during the irrigation season.
- 700 megawatts from buying power from other generating sources, and
- 450 from conservation programs and direct load control, such as agreements with irrigators who volunteer to reduce load during certain peak times.

DEATH NOTICES

Leona Ruth Wallace

TWIN FALLS – Leona Ruth Wallace, 73, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, March 8, 2003, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Matilda A. Larson

TWIN FALLS – Matilda A. "Tillie" Larson, 81, of Twin Falls, died Friday, March 7, 2003, at BridgeView Estates in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Louis N. Catsoulas

BURLEY – Louis Nickolas Catsoulas, 73, of Burley, died Saturday, March 8, 2003, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Mary Ann Hagen

GOODING – Mary Ann Hagen, 68, of Gooding, died Saturday, March 8, 2003, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Edwin W. Stigile

HAZELTON – Edwin W. Stigile, 92, of Hazelton, died Saturday, March 8, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Beatrice B. Hille

RUPERT – Beatrice Bertha Hille, 86, of Rupert, died Friday, March 7, 2003, at her daughter's home in Malta.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, 2003, at the Trinity Lutheran Church with the Rev. David Poovey officiating. Friends may call one hour before the service Tuesday at the church. Burial will be held at a later date in Norfork, Neb. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Margery E. Stronks

RUPERT – Margery Eileen Lockart Stronks, 81, formerly of Rupert, died Monday, March 3, 2003, in Portland, Ore.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 10, 2003, at the United Methodist Church, 605 H St., Rupert with the Rev. Al Trachsel officiating. Friends may call one hour before the service Monday at the church. A *graveside service will follow at 2* p.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park, 2296 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

The family suggests donations be made to the Rupert United Methodist Church instead of flowers. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

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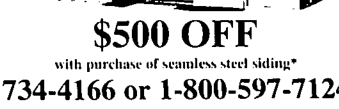

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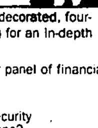

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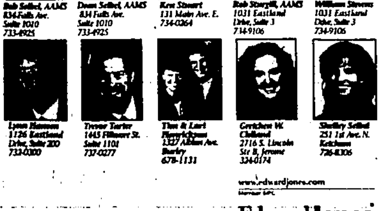

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T.F. man files suit against sheriff

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS – A Twin Falls man who claims he acted in self-defense before being arrested and charged two years ago with felony assault has filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court against the Twin Falls County sheriff and others.

Wayne Goetz was afraid for his personal safety when he retrieved a shotgun during a confrontation with John Hisaw and Charles Hisaw Feb. 22, 2001, at Goetz's tractor repair shop near Twin Falls, according to the complaint filed last month in U.S. District Court.

Another lawsuit – against the Hisaws – was also filed recently in 5th District Court in Twin Falls.

According to the complaint in federal court:

- The confrontation sprang from an apparent disagreement over a bill Goetz charged the Hisaws for work on a tractor.
- Goetz entered his shop, which is adjacent to his house, through a side door – and closed and locked the door behind him. He started making telephone inquiries about a check the Hisaws had just given him.
- John and Charlie Hisaw broke through the door. They started yelling and screaming at Goetz and making apparent efforts to take their tractor out of the shop. Goetz says he repeatedly told them to leave the shop.
- Goetz made two calls to 911, asking for law enforcement.
- Goetz says that at one point, he picked up two shotgun shells and a break-action shotgun. But he says he never loaded the gun, closed its action or pointed at anybody.
- After deputies arrived on the scene and questioned those involved, Goetz was arrested.

Goetz was kept in jail for about two hours. But the charge against him was dismissed when a magistrate judge after a preliminary hearing on Aug. 31, 2001, decided there wasn't enough probable cause to uphold the charge, according to the complaint.

The lawsuit – claiming Goetz was prosecuted maliciously, that his rights were violated and that responding deputies lacked proper training – names as defendants Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousley, deputies Alaina Mecham and Lou Coronado, and Twin Falls County.

Goetz's attorney, Phil Brown of Gooding, declined to comment on the details of the case. He said no hearings had been scheduled in the matter as of Friday.

Goetz, Tousley and Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebs also declined to comment on the case.

When it comes to self-defense, there's no blanket standard, Tousley and Loebs said.

"It's not black and white that anybody can defend themselves any time," Tousley said. "There are different circumstances in every case."

There is a definite set of rules for when and how much force deputies can use defending themselves and others, Tousley said. But his department instructs deputies to handle matters involving civilians' claims of self-defense on a case-by-case basis.

Idaho law pertaining to self-defense is also ambiguous, Loebs said.

"Each case has to be taken on the facts," he said. "You have to have a reasonable belief that you are defending yourself against somebody who is trying to attack you or your family or another person."

Proving in court that a person was justified in using force or the threat of force can be tricky, Loebs said.

"It depends upon the degree to which you were threatened in reality."

Goetz and his wife, Sylvia, on Sept. 16, 2002, filed a lawsuit in 5th District Court in Twin Falls against John and Charles Hisaw, according to court records.

That claim calls for at least $10,000 in damages in compensation for the Goetzes' lost time and suffering arising from the felony charge against Wayne Goetz, according to records.

Attorney Rich Bevan of Twin Falls, who is representing the Goetzes in that case, said it is set for trial on July 29.

Crapo, Craig introduce bill to split court

By Daniel Pulliam
States News Service

WASHINGTON – U.S. Sen. Michael Crapo, R-Idaho, knows what it is like to work in the oversized 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. In his younger years, Crapo was a clerk in the court, and at the time he thought the court was too large.

Now Crapo is doing something about the largest circuit court in the nation. He and U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, have introduced legislation to split the 9th Circuit, creating a new 12th Circuit.

The new court would be based in two cities – Seattle and Portland – and would put Idaho in with Alaska, Hawaii, Montana, Oregon and Washington, as well as Guam and the Northern Marianas. Nevada and California would remain in the 9th Circuit and Arizona would be placed in the 10th Circuit.

"The two reasons are the obvious ones, the slow pace of the court's progress and getting cases through the 9th Circuit because it's just too big a district," said Crapo spokesman Lindsay Nothern.

Nothern said that while there will be political statements concerning the court's recent ruling on the Pledge of Allegiance, for Crapo, it's really about the size.

The San Francisco-based 9th Circuit serves about 51 million U.S. citizens, 15 million more than the next largest, and encompasses almost 40 percent of the United States, according to information compiled by the Idaho attorney general's office. The circuit's population is 2.5 times greater than the other circuits and even if a new 12th Circuit

Sen. Mike Crapo

Sen. Larry Craig

were created, the 9th Circuit would still be larger than the next largest circuit.

The "9th Circuit Reorganization Act of 2003" is similar to the legislation U.S. Rep. Michael Simpson, R-Idaho, introduced in the House of Representatives last month, and while the wording might not be the same, Nothern said there is agreement in the principals of the bill.

While Crapo and Craig both say the main reason for splitting the court is to reduce the "overburdening caseload," that "hinders timely justice for Idahoans," both admit the court's recent rulings have some motivation in their actions.

"The time has come create a new 12th Circuit Court, one that is not only more reflective of the values we in the West hold dear, but one that can more efficiently and effectively deal with the caseload of our expanding population," Craig said in a statement.

The court does have a history of being overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court. From 1990 to 1996, the Supreme Court struck down 73 percent of the 9th Circuit's decisions, while other circuits averaged 46 percent, according to the Idaho attorney general's office. In 1997, the Supreme Court reversed 27 out of 28 9th Circuit decisions.

> The new court would put Idaho in with Alaska, Hawaii, Montana, Oregon and Washington, as well as Guam and the Northern Marianas.

Crapo said a statement that the recent ruling against the use of the Pledge of Allegiance shows that the court is out of step with the proper interpretation of the Constitution.

"To deny God, no matter how he is perceived, is to deny the very fiber of our national character," Crapo said. "In its ruling regarding reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in schools, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals failed to make the distinction between church and state, and God and state."

Crapo said because of this "shortsighted" ruling, the time has come to split the 9th Circuit.

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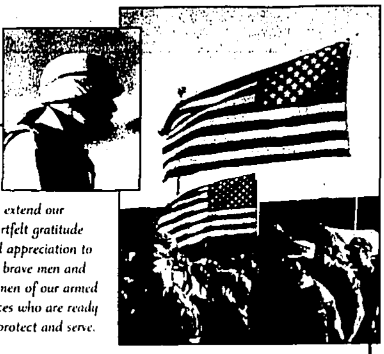

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Mayors: Blaine bus needs support

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY – Blaine County mayors said last week the county needs to step up its financial support of the commuter bus between Bellevue and Ketchum.

Sun Valley Mayor Dave Wilson told more than 80 people attending the annual State of the Cities function Friday in Sun Valley that he thinks the county has money it could throw at the Peak Bus – "That's why they were able to build a new county facility tax free," he said.

Ketchum Mayor Ed Simon and Bellevue Mayor John Barton agreed, with Barton saying he believed the county could re-examine the various programs it's supporting to see if it can take from other areas to help fund the bus.

Currently, Blaine County and the city of Ketchum each give $30,000 to the bus, which started last summer. Sun Valley contributes $20,000; Hailey, $2,000; and Bellevue, $1,000.

Riders and businesses – in particular, *Sun Valley Co. – make up* the remaining 38 percent of the cost of running the bus.

Blaine County Commissioner Dennis Wright defended a statement he and Commissioner Mary Ann Mix recently made questioning the sustainability of the bus in light of the Legislature's refusal to allow local governments to assess a tax for transit.

"The county's position is not anti-transportation," he said. "We just recognize that it can become major expense. I want to see a sustainable way to pay for it because I guarantee ridership won't pay for it. I don't want to get to the point Idaho government is today, spending in good times and having to cut in bad."

The State of the Cities event is organized each year by the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber of Commerce to allow city and county leaders to highlight accomplishments and future projects and answer questions from their constituency.

Some of the highlights:

- Ketchum Mayor Ed Simon said his town plans soon to organize a parking committee and a citizens advisory panel to select a site for a new city hall.

"I've been told I would be better off if I didn't speak my mind," added Simon, who has been the center of contention more than *once since taking office.* "But you can't be afraid of contention and controversy."

- Hailey Mayor Susan McBryant said her city has gotten energized, stronger and more dedicated to doing things to garner the public trust, following former Mayor Al Lindley's resignation over disagreements about the way he did things.

When the final phase of the Balmoral Apartments is complete, Hailey will have 383 income-restricted units, making it by far the biggest supplier of affordable housing in the valley, she added. But it's incumbent for each of the other cities to create their own balance of affordable housing, she said pointedly.

- The city of Carey, which was established only seven years ago, is trying to hold onto its cowboy boot/pioneer heritage given the influx of tourists that could accompany the recent Craters of the Moon National Monument expansion, said Carey Mayor Rick Baird. Craters of the Moon is now the largest national monument in the nation.

- Blaine County Commission Chairman Dennis Wright erased everyone's smile with a lengthy litany of headlines telling of economic gloom and doom from around the world. The good news, he said, is that Blaine *County is not in trouble.*

The county will finish its new $3 million office structure this year and plans to double the size of its solid waste transfer loading facility at Ohio Gulch.

- Sun Valley Mayor Dave Wilson said his city has managed to construct a balanced budget despite local option taxes from lodging and other tourist services being down 11 percent. He added that he expects Sun Valley Co. to unveil its master plan this summer.

- Bellevue Mayor John Barton decried a sewer system that is already close to capacity, despite projections that it would be viable for 10 more years.

Still, "With the economy flattening, I'm wondering if we should shift our concern from growth to economic sustainability," he said.

Medical personnel get smallpox shots

CALDWELL (AP) – More than 150 medical personnel in southwestern Idaho have received smallpox vaccinations against any bioterrorism attack.

Staff members at West Valley Medical Center, Southwest District Health workers and a handful of community physicians volunteered to take the vaccine. They will make up the area's Smallpox Response Team, part of a nationwide effort by the Centers for Disease Control to prepare for a potential bioterrorist attack or smallpox outbreak.

The team would inoculate the public if there is an exposure to the disease.

"It would be wise for me to be immune if I'm going to be giving it to people who might be exposed," West Valley physician Roy McLaughlin said.

"From what I understand, they could call us to go anywhere in the country if they needed additional help," said Ray Reed, a nurse in West Valley's emergency department.

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INEEL builds on national security work

IDAHO FALLS (AP) – The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory is its own city with a power grid, transportation system and communications network.

Officials say that makes it the perfect place to test safeguards for the nation's infrastructure from computer systems to electrical lines.

The testing has taken on urgency since the Sept. 11 terror attacks and is of particular concern to the new Department of Homeland Security.

It is the kind of work the INEEL's National Security Division sought, building on research dating back to the laboratory's early work testing the Navy's long-range guns and designing nuclear reactors for submarines.

The 2003 budget bill recently signed by President Bush includes $3 million for the INEEL's Critical Infrastructure Assurance Program, which could test vulnerabilities in the country's energy, communication and transportation systems.

Bechtel National Inc. and Bechtel Telecommunications have invested about $1 million in testing the next generation of wireless communications.

While homeland security research still accounts for less than half the work being done by the National Security Division in Idaho, it is growing.

New uses are being found for many of the detection and assessment systems designed at the INEEL over the years. The Department of Homeland Security has adopted 20 projects from the Energy Department.

Scientist James Jones created a system that can detect hidden nuclear materials in cargo containers.

Crews are working with the Army to improve tools such as a mobile X-ray system to determine the contents of stockpiled munitions barrels.

INEEL researchers are perfecting a portable, lightweight, wireless camera that National Guard civil support teams could use when they respond to threats from chemical, biological or radiological materials.

Jabil Circuit exec faces prison for embezzlement

MERIDIAN (AP) – A former executive for Jabil Circuit will spend at least four years in prison for embezzling more than $500,000 from the electronics company with help from a Utah money launderer.

Joseph Emil Ricca, 35, of Meridian, who was the company's Global Business Unit materials manager, pleaded guilty to five counts of grand theft and one count of racketeering.

Fourth District Judge Thomas Neville on Friday gave Ricca a 28-year sentence with possibility of parole after four years. He also must pay restitution.

Ricca was arrested in October after $538,000 was funneled from Jabil to an allegedly fake Logan, Utah, company called Great Western Marketing, prosecutors said.

It was the second time Ricca was caught stealing from an employer, Neville said.

Ricca's alleged accomplice, James Erik Kropf of Utah, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Boise last month in the Jabil thefts. Kropf was charged with more than 20 counts of money laundering. He will be arraigned March 18.

If convicted, Kropf faces more than 400 years in prison.

In January 2000, Ricca admitted to taking part in a similar scheme in which millions of dollars were stolen from ICON Health and Fitness in Logan, prosecutors said.

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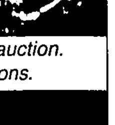
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Minidoka hospital gets new ambulance

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT – Emergency medical technicians are clamoring to take the ambulance out at Minidoka Memorial Hospital these days.

A brand-new "$97,000 and some change" ambulance sits in the ambulance bay behind the hospital.

Hospital Administrator Carl Hanson said the new ambulance was needed to ensure adequate ambulance coverage.

Hospital officials would like to replace ambulances every four years and are a bit behind schedule. However, if circumstances allow, another new ambulance will be added to the hospital's fleet within the year, Hanson said.

The new ambulance is fairly standard, advanced emergency medical technician Bart Koyle said. The box is a bit taller, allowing people to stand fully upright in the back of the ambulance rather than stooping. Koyle also pointed out newer radios inside the ambulance.

SHARI CHANEY/The Times-News

Bart Koyle, right, and Chris Wolff, advanced emergency medical technicians at Minidoka Memorial Hospital, check out the hospital's new ambulance.

Hanson said the ambulance is equipped with four-wheel drive. That is somewhat unique for ambulances and a first for Minidoka Memorial Hospital. Four-wheel drive can be important if there is a lot of snow or muddy conditions.

"This new ambulance sure makes the others look old," Hanson said.

The hospital has 1991 and 1994-model ambulances, both with about 130,000 miles.

Hanson said while ambulances do respond to accidents, they also transport patients to other hospitals in Twin Falls, Salt Lake City, Boise and Pocatello.

Hanson estimated the ambulances are used two or three times a week to take patients to other hospitals and two or three times each day the ambulances respond to emergency calls.

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Court of Appeals upholds driver's license suspensions

By Chad Baldwin
Times-News writer

BOISE – Two south-central Idaho men who lost their driver's licenses for refusing to submit to alcohol breath tests saw their appeals rejected last week by the Idaho Court of Appeals.

Kevin Thompson and Guy Hansen had appealed their unrelated driver's license suspensions in Twin Falls County and Blaine County, respectively.

In Idaho, drivers must consent to take breath tests or lose their driving privileges, as long as officers requesting the breath tests have "reasonable grounds" to believe the drivers are under the influence.

According to the Court of Appeals ruling, Thompson was stopped around 1 a.m. on a Saturday morning for driving 35 mph in a 25 mph zone. When Officer Donald Thom spoke to Thompson, the officer noticed a strong odor of alcohol and bloodshot eyes. Along with refusing to take a breath test, Thompson wouldn't submit to field sobriety tests.

Thompson's attorney, Randy Stoker of Twin Falls, argued that speeding 10 mph over the limit did not give Thom the grounds to ask Thompson to take a breath test. But the Court of Appeals said the request was justified when considering the speeding along with Thom's other observations.

Thompson also argued that he should have been told that if he took the breath test and passed it, he would not be charged with drunken driving. But the court said law enforcement officers have no such obligation.

The court's ruling upheld decisions of 5th District Judge John Hohnhorst and Magistrate Michael Redman.

Hansen's appeal was rejected for a different reason. He had argued that his right to request a hearing concerning his reason for refusing to submit to a breath test was violated when District Judge James May found that Hansen's attorney failed to request such a hearing within the seven-day time limit.

The Court of Appeals upheld May's decision.

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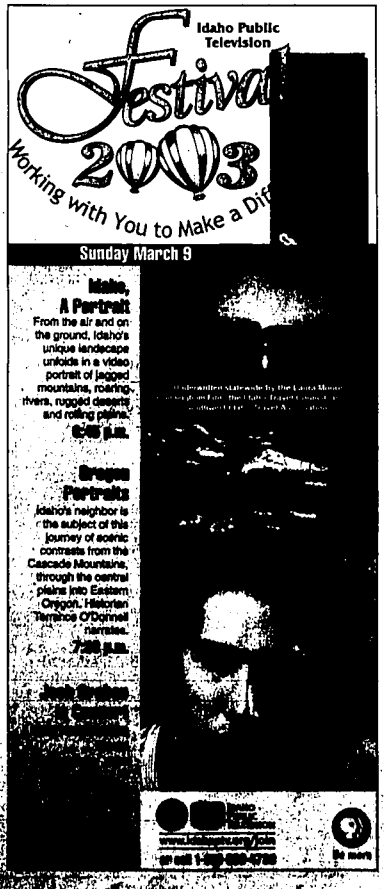

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Doctor collects goods for reservation

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT – Simple things like laundry detergent are hard to come by on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Dr. Don Pates of Rupert recognizes the needs on that South Dakota reservation and for about five years has taken a semi-tractor trailer load of donations from Mini-Cassia residents to the reservation. Pates usually goes in September, but he's spreading word of his trip now in order to have time to gather specific items.

The project coordinator at Pine Ridge has mentioned some specific needs, Karen Turner said. Turner is Pates' daughter.

"The main thing people need is household items," said Janice Richards, Pine Ridge project coordinator. With the unemployment rate so high on the reservation many families struggle for basic household needs, she said.

Turner asked that those considering donating items keep a couple of things in mind – that most of the reservation residents have unreliable transportation at best, and there are no large retail outlets anywhere near the reservation.

"Rapid City is 100 miles away and there isn't much between the reservation and Rapid City except hills and grass," she said.

Pates is looking for someone with a big rig and trailer willing to donate time to make a trip to the reservation. Pates would pay for fuel.

Tax deductible cash donations are also welcome to help defray the cost of the trip and storage, Turner said.

"No money is given directly to the residents of the reservation," she said.

Appliances such as freezers and refrigerators are especially needed, Pates said. He plans to start collecting good working appliances in June. One year he replaced his upright freezer with a new one and donated his old freezer. Washers, dryers and refrigerators are also needed.

"There is no repair facility on the reservation," he said. "Maybe three or four generations are using the same appliances and they get worked to death."

When the appliances wear out, people don't have the money to buy new ones or the equipment or access to repair them, he said.

People on the reservation get excited about getting a table and chairs, Pates said. "Then they don't have to sit on the floor," he said.

Richards agreed.

"People really look forward to seeing the truck," she said. "They get excited every time the September month rolls around."

When the truck comes it does not take long for the load to disappear.

Turner thanked people for past support but urged people to donate again.

"Seems we are always ready to respond to the needs of people in far-away countries, but don't stop to realize there are those in extreme need right here in the USA," she said. "The original inhabitants of this great land are now some of the poorest in the nation. So many things we take for granted are luxuries to many of them."

Richards said the people on the reservation appreciate all Mini-Cassia people have done for them.

"We especially appreciate all the work Dr. Pates, and Karen and Loren (Turner) do," she said. "His love for Native Americans has made a great impact here."

Items needed for Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

Kitchen items: Pots, pans, dishes, utensils.
Personal care items: Soap, shampoo, conditioner, laundry detergent, hair brushes, underwear, socks.
Appliances and furniture: Washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, bed frames, clean mattresses.
Food: Store-bought canned food, beans, rice, flour, pasta.
Other: Blankets, pillows, baby items, warm winter clothing, especially sizes L and XL.
To donate, or for information about where to drop off items, call Dr. Don Pates at 436-3161 or Karen or Loren Turner at 532-4333 or 670-0930.

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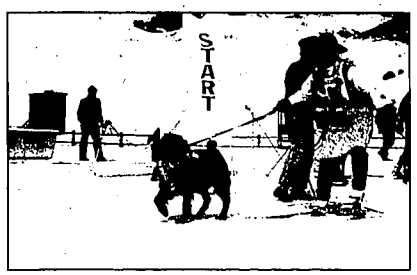

KAREN BOSSICK/The Times-News

Hailey physical therapist Mary Hogan gets a helping paw from Sam as the colorful pair race around the tracks at the Sun Valley Gun Club Saturday. The 18th annual Paw 'n' Pole, billed as 'one of Ketchum's last crazy traditions,' was a benefit for Canine Companions for Independence.

Utah seeks replacement for disgraced judge

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) – Court administrators are taking applications for the job left open by 4th District Court Judge Ray Harding, who pleaded guilty to drug possession charges.

The Administrative Office of the Courts announced Friday it was accepting applications until April 10 for the $103,000-a-year judgeship.

The Judicial Council will interview and narrow down candidates, sending three to five names to Gov. Mike Leavitt.

Leavitt will have a month to choose and ask the Senate for confirmation.

The Senate will have two months to act.

Harding, 49, took a plea bargain on Tuesday to a pair of misdemeanor charges of drug possession. He had been charged with felony possession of cocaine and heroin after police responded July 13 to a domestic call made by his wife.

> 4th District Court Judge Ray Harding took a plea bargain on Tuesday to a pair of misdemeanor charges of drug possession.

Third District Court Judge Timothy Hanson set sentencing for April 28 on charges that could bring Harding two years in jail and fines of $5,000. He is expected to get probation.

Harding completed a three-month drug treatment program at the Betty Ford Clinic in California last October.

His resignation pre-empted a vote of impeachment at the Utah House of Representatives.

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week in Garfield (Colo.) County Court to one count of careless driving rather than 10 counts of careless driving resulting in injury or death. Helm was sentenced to 50 hours of community service and ordered to pay $317 in fines and court costs.

With the exception of one victim's family that is still urging prosecution of Helm – Mike and Angie Zigich of Twin Falls, whose son, Zachary, was killed – all of the victims and their families had already asked for leniency for Helm. They instead focused blame on Ford. They all have filed lawsuits or are preparing suits against the carmaker.

And now Fiala's 180-degree switch adds to the growing pressure on the company.

"Basically, I've become outraged," Fiala said.

Van safety questions

The victims of last summer's accident aren't the first to focus their attention on Ford's Econoline 350 15-passenger vans. More than 70 lawsuits have been filed against Ford in the past decade for injuries and deaths suffered in rollovers of the vans. The suits claim Ford knew the top-heavy vehicles were dangerous.

Accidents in 15-passenger vans made by Ford, the market leader, and by General Motors Corp. and DaimlerChrysler have killed an estimated 647 people since 1990 – 492 of those in single-vehicle rollovers, according to Maryland-based statisticians Alice and Randy Whitfield. More than 1,200 were injured in that time.

Ford spokeswoman Kathleen Vokes said the company would respond to this data, to Fiala's allegations and to the lawsuits only in a prepared statement.

That statement said, in part, "Regarding concerns about the safety of the 15-passenger Econoline passenger wagon, we remain confident that this is a very safe vehicle."

The statement also noted that drivers of 15-passenger vans should avoid sharp turns, excessive speeds and abrupt maneuvers, and should have special training. Drivers of such vans, the statement said, should "understand that vehicles with higher centers of gravity handle differently than vehicles with low centers of gravity" and that "loaded vehicles may handle differently than unloaded vehicles and extra precautions should be taken."

Ford took an image-battering shot in a recent federal court ruling before a trial that had been scheduled to begin in Chicago last week. The trial was vacated when Ford settled the case out of court with the husband of a woman killed and with three people injured in a 1996 rollover accident in Kentucky.

The federal judge in that case ruled earlier this year that Ford falsely denied the existence of test data showing that its 15-passenger vans are prone to rollovers. U.S. District Judge Robert Gettleman said he was going to instruct jurors that Ford hid the tests because they showed that the 15-passenger van is unsafe in handling and stability.

In several other court cases, Ford witnesses and executives had denied there was a computer-simulation stability test done on the 15-passenger van although the test had been performed on other Ford vehicles. Ford changed that assertion after a Ford engineer testified in a deposition last summer that the tests, known as J-turn tests, had been done for the 15-passenger van.

Fiala, 23, had been following the twists and turns of this case. He also has been researching safety reports and studies. Those include a National Transportation Safety Board recommendation that Ford and General Motors test devices that might increase the stability of the vehicles. Ford said in its statement that it is "studying the NTSB recommendation ... as well as evaluating other safety technologies that might provide drivers better control."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration issued a warning that the stability of the vans decreases markedly when 10 or more people are on board. The rollover rates for the 15-passenger vans are three times higher than rates for standard vans carrying 10 or more passengers, according to data from the NHTSA report. The more people on board, the more top-heavy the vehicles become, the report says. And the rear seat in the van extends past the rear axle, so the back end has a tendency to swing out with abrupt movements.

In the June 21 accident involving Helm, Colorado State Patrol investigators determined the left wheels of the van went off the side of the road. When Helm tried to correct that, they said, the rear end slid around and the van rolled down the highway for 250 deadly feet.

Just a name?

Fiala said he was hunched over eating a sandwich he had just bought during a snack stop in Parachute when he felt a bump and then a jerk. Next, he felt what he describes as the same feeling one gets at the top of a roller coaster loop just before it plunges downward.

He was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in nearby Grand Junction and was in such bad shape doctors told his parents he might not be alive when they arrived from their home in Twin Falls.

Five of his fellow firefighters died. Four others were injured, including Robert Heins of Burley.

It remains unclear which passengers were and weren't wearing seat belts. In its statement, Ford said that "in a rollover, seat belt use significantly reduces the risk of ejection, serious injury or death" and that 80 percent of single-vehicle rollover deaths happen to passengers not wearing seat belts.

Helm, who could not be reached for comment for this article, suffered very minor injuries. Her attorney, John Hugger of Evergreen, said she has suffered a lot psychologically. He said he also considers her a victim of Ford's allegedly unsafe vehicles.

"She's had a very tough time recovering. I hope after this week she can begin to heal," Hugger said last week.

Attorney Mark Bocci of Portland, Ore., said it is time now for Ford to deal with the aftermath of the crash. Bocci, whose firm represents seven of the crash victims, said Ford sent a team of investigators from Houston to the crash site the morning after the rollover to "prep for a defense for litigation."

That litigation likely will never take place in an open courtroom. Bocci said most of the suits against Ford are settled out of court. He expects the firefighters' cases will be, too.

Fiala said he is sorry about that. He said he would like information about the vehicles' safety to come out in court. He said he would like to become a crusader who could help heighten awareness and force engineering changes in unsafe vehicles, particularly the 500,000 15-passenger vans estimated to be on the road today.

As it is, Fiala said, "I'll just be a name in a legal data base somewhere at Ford.

"But I'd like Ford to know who I am. I'd like Ford to take notice," he said, "of what they've done to me, to my family and to the other victims."

Note: This story appeared in the Denver Post on Feb. 25.

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"IndustrialPark/Salem." Hmm. I can feel my property value going up already.

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The Washington Post's new Invitational list is out. The paper asks readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting or changing one letter, and supplying a new definition:

- *Reintarnation:* Coming back to life as a hillbilly.
- *Bozone (n.):* The substance surrounding stupid people that stop bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
- *Giraffiti:* Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
- *Sarchasm:* The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
- *Inoculatte:* To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
- *Hipatitis:* Terminal coolness.
- *Osteoporniosis:* A degenerate disease.
- *Decaflon (n.):* The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
- *Glibido:* All talk and no action.
- *Dopeler effect:* The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.

Steve Crump is the Times-News' features editor. Write to him at crump@magicvalley.com.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

AGAPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL AND CHILD CARE CENTER

Milk or juice served every day
Monday: Sloppy joes
Tuesday: Burritos
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: French toast
Friday: Pizza

BUHL SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk served every day. Choice of fruit or juice every day
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: Donuts
Friday: Oatmeal
Lunch menu
Salad bar and milk served every day
Monday: Bean and cheese roll-ups
Tuesday: Sloppy joes
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: Spaghetti
Friday: Turkey dinner

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served every day
Monday: Donuts
Tuesday: Turnovers
Wednesday: French toast sticks
Thursday: Cinnamon rolls
Friday: Scrambled eggs
Lunch menu
Monday: Enchiladas
Tuesday: Oven-fried chicken
Wednesday: Sloppy joes
Thursday: Chinese food
Friday: Pork rib sandwich

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: Chicken
Wednesday: Taco nachos
Thursday: Sliced turkey
Friday: Pizza

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: Chicken patty sandwich
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Beef stroganoff
Thursday: Sliced turkey sandwiches
Friday: Cheeseburgers

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: Scrambled eggs
Thursday: Yogurt
Friday: Long johns
Lunch menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Chicken fajitas
Tuesday: Chili
Wednesday: Chicken burgers
Thursday: Burrito
Friday: Rib-b-cue

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day
Monday: Hamburger
Tuesday: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Oven-fried chicken
Thursday: Dippy day
Friday: Italian sub sandwich

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Nachos
Tuesday: Hamburgers
Wednesday: Roast beef sub sandwich
Thursday: Baked ham
Friday: Chili

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Nachos
Tuesday: Cheeseburgers
Wednesday: Roast beef sub sandwich
Thursday: Potato bar
Friday: Chicken wrap

MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Monday: Soft tacos
Tuesday: Chicken sandwich
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Roast turkey gravy over mashed potatoes
Friday: Ski day

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served every day
Monday: Italian spaghetti
Tuesday: Hamburger
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Popcorn chicken basket
Friday: Nachos

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Tacos
Tuesday: Sloppy joes
Wednesday: Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes
Thursday: Open menu
Friday: Mini corn dogs

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Hot oatmeal
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Buffalo wing basket, popcorn chicken basket or salad bar
Tuesday: Pasta bar, burrito or soup and sandwich bar
Wednesday: Taco bar or pizza
Thursday: Pig in a blanket, grilled chicken and bacon wrap or potato bar
Friday: Hamburger, nachos or salad bar

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: Beef stroganoff
Tuesday: Chef salad
Wednesday: Turkey chow mien
Thursday: Tacos
Friday: Rainbow treasures

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Hot oatmeal
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Monday: Pepperoni pizza
Tuesday: Corn dog
Wednesday: Hamburger
Thursday: Deli turkey sandwich
Friday: Fish sticks

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served every day
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Corn dog
Thursday: Chicken alfredo
Friday: Baked cheese sandwich

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast is served every day
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main-line menu varies every day.
Monday: Salad bar, deli sandwich or rib-b-cue sandwich
Tuesday: Coyote grill bar, deli sandwich or pepperoni hot pocket
Wednesday: Taco bar, deli sandwich or cheeseburger
Thursday: Deli sandwich, coyote grill bar or baked chicken
Friday: Deli sandwich, potato bar or pizza

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Soup and sandwich
Tuesday: Stromboli
Wednesday: Nachos
Thursday: Chicken patty sandwich
Friday: Student's choice

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

Salad bar, fruit and milk served every day
Monday: Chicken patty sandwich
Tuesday: Lasagna
Wednesday: Tacos
Thursday: Biscuits and gravy
Friday: Chicken nuggets

GLENNS FERRY

Monday: Ham and cheese pocket
Tuesday: Breaded chicken breast
Wednesday: Hamburger
Thursday: Steak strips over curly noodles
Friday: Fish and chips

GOODING ELEMENTARY

Choice of milk served every day. The third choice is for junior high and high school students only.
Monday: Pizza, salad bar or chicken strips
Tuesday: Quesadilla, potato bar or cheeseburger
Wednesday: Spaghetti, nacho bar or fried chicken
Thursday: Idaho nachos, salad bar or teriyaki rice bowl
Friday: Soup and sandwich

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered every day
Monday: Macaroni and cheese
Tuesday: Taco
Wednesday: Turkey gravy
Thursday: Nachos
Friday: Chicken sandwich

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Milk served every day
Breakfast menu
Monday: Pancakes
Tuesday: Cereal
Wednesday: Scones
Thursday: Sausage patty and English muffin
Friday: Fried eggs, hash browns
Lunch menu
Salad bar and choice of milk served every day
Monday: Hula sandwich or tuna noodle casserole
Tuesday: Italian spaghetti
Wednesday: Cheese or sausage pizza
Thursday: French dip or peanut butter and jelly sandwich
Friday: Hamburger

JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served every day
Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: Turkey and noodles
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: Tacos
Friday: Lasagna

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served every day
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: French toast
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school
Lunch menu
Monday: Ground beef and macaroni
Tuesday: Hoagie sandwich
Wednesday: Cheeseburger
Thursday: No school
Friday: No school

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

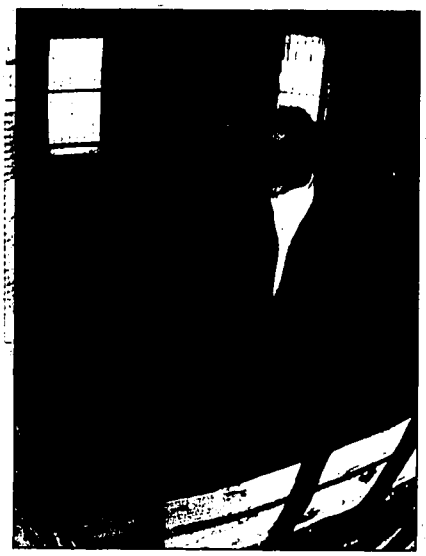
Breakfast and choice of milk served every day
Monday: Cheese bake sandwich
Tuesday: Chicken patty sandwich
Wednesday: Chicken-fried steak
Thursday: Idaho nachos
Friday: Baked chicken

WENDELL SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Burrito
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Hot dog
Friday: Soft taco

School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed with the menus in Sunday's paper, send the menu to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or fax it to 734-5538, Attention: Lunch Menus. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.

Jail linked to Billy the Kid will be restored



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Al Tellez, El Paso County planner, describes plans to renovate the Old County Jail and Courtroom in San Elizario, Texas. According to legend, William H. Bonney, better known as Billy the Kid, freed the only man ever to escape from this adobe jail.

SAN ELIZARIO, Texas (AP) – The thick adobe walls are pitted and bricks are dissolving along the base where concrete footing traps destructive moisture. But help is on the way for the old San Elizario courthouse, where legend says Billy the Kid broke into jail.

El Paso County will spend $105,000 to restore the 1,200-square-foot courthouse that is one of the oldest buildings in the county and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It was built around 1860, when its one room housed a jail and was the seat of county government.

The courthouse will be restored to look the way it did when William H. Bonney, better known as Billy the Kid, made a legendary midnight ride to San Elizario to free a friend.

According to legend, the incident took place in 1876 or 1877 during Bonney's "lost years." He wasn't well known in those years, so there is a spotty record of his whereabouts, said Skip Clark, who researched the legend and wrote his master's thesis about it at the University of Texas at El Paso.

Combining the many versions of the ride – the first of them published by former Sheriff Pat Garrett in 1882, a year after Bonney's death – the incident began when the Kid's friend, Melquiades Segura, went to San Elizario to visit his parents.

Segura's association with Bonney wasn't well received in San Elizario, about 10 miles southeast of El Paso, and at the time the largest town in the county. Segura was hauled to jail.

> The courthouse will be restored to look the way it did when William H. Bonney, better known as Billy the Kid, made a legendary midnight ride to San Elizario to free a friend.

As a mob mentality swirled through town, it looked like Segura might end up dancing at the end of a rope. He sent word to Bonney, who was near Mesilla, N.M., and somehow rode about 80 miles in a little more than six hours.

Bonney arrived sometime after midnight and began banging on the door, identifying himself as a Texas Ranger. In Spanish, he told the jailer, "Turn out, we have two American prisoners."

The jailer reluctantly opened the door and Bonney immediately shoved his revolver in the guard's face.

Another guard, awakened by the noise, quickly surrendered. Bonney ordered a jailer to free Segura, who was shackled to a hefty post anchored in the jail's clay floor.

"All this was accomplished in the time it takes to relate it," Garrett wrote. Just as quickly, the jailers were gagged and bound.

Bonney, stiff from the long ride, urged Segura to use his horse while he loped alongside. They crossed the Rio Grande into Mexico and hid out.

Segura, fearing the noose, decided to head south into the interior of Mexico.

Bonney went on to earn his reputation as a gunslinger in the Lincoln County War, a bloody economic struggle among New Mexico ranchers and politicians. In 1881, Bonney was shot dead at the age of 21 by Garrett, then a New Mexico sheriff.

Some have questioned the jail break legend because it comes from oral histories passed down through generations.

Clark said he found people who speak only Spanish and couldn't have read Garrett's book had passed the story on to their children. Clark said that could mean the legend began in San Elizario when local residents with direct knowledge of the incident began telling the story.

He thinks Garrett, who worked in El Paso as a U.S. Customs collector, might have originally heard the story in Spanish while researching his book.

The story is plausible and "there is generally a grain of truth in every legend or folk story," he said, but added, "I'll never be able to prove it. Nobody will."

The courthouse's early history, like Bonney's, suffers from a lack of information. According to the El Paso County probate court, records about the building were in large part lost, destroyed or casualties of the Civil War.

According to Clark's research, another room was built sometime in the 1870s and two wrought-iron jail cells were added in the 1880s. The heavy and bulky jail cells were mostly likely brought in by train shortly after the rails reached San Elizario.

"All these walls will be repaired and stuccoed," county planner Al Tellez said. "They will use a real lime stucco that allows the adobe to breathe."

The lime stucco is hard, but it wasn't used in San Elizario in the 1880s, so it will be colored brown to resemble the old mud plaster. The plaster would require annual maintenance if used in the restoration, Tellez said.

The walls may take the most repair, particularly around the water-damaged base, said Frederic Dalbin, with Wright & Dalbin, the company hired to plan the restoration. The restoration will start in spring and take about a year to complete.

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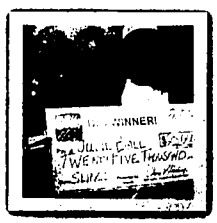

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

"You just grit your teeth and do anything you can for the team."

– Castleford forward Benji Grayhurd, who played through a split lip and injured ankle to score 15 points and pull down six rebounds in the Wolves Class 1A boys basketball championship win Saturday.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

The New York Yankees have made 38 World Series appearances and their record is 26-12. Which team has made the second-most World Series appearances and what is its record?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

Church league softball teams meet

TWIN FALLS – An organizational meeting for Magic Valley Church League softball will be held on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship.

Information for both men's and co-ed leagues will be covered. For more information, call Kevin Newbry at 737-4667 or 734-3169.

Lighthouse Christian is located at 259 Main Ave. E.

Babe Ruth Baseball holds team registration

TWIN FALLS – Magic Valley Babe Ruth Baseball will be holding registration at the Harmon Park Recreation Building on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The registration is open to boys ages 13 and 14 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. A fee of $60 is required at the time of registration, as well as a copy of the player's birth certificate and a release form signed by a parent. Registration for boys ages 15-19 will be held at a later date.

For further information call Gary Leavitt at 733-5532 or Linda Brittsan at 734-2633 or 733-4600.

Registration starts soon for Babe Ruth league

JEROME – The North Side Babe Ruth baseball league for players ages 13-15 in Jerome, Gooding, Lincoln and Blaine counties will begin with registration and player observations on March 14-15 from 5:30-7 p.m. at Rotary Field in Jerome.

Players must be between the ages of 13-15 as of July 31. Players need attend only one of the two sign-up dates and must bring a birth certificate and $55 registration fee.

For more information, call Tom or Darcie Bobrowski at 324-2346. Blaine County residents should contact Steve Anderson at 788-9550.

Twin Falls Rapids advance to semifinals

LAS VEGAS – The Twin Falls Rapids, the 18-year-old boys select soccer team, won two games at the multi-state Silver State Invitational tournament in Las Vegas Saturday.

Tom Wonderlich scored the lone goal in Twin Falls 1-0 victory over the Tempe (Ariz.) Pros while Stefan Schwanebeck scored twice in a 4-2 win over the Elite Force of Phoenix.

Eric Edmunds and Jake Peterson both scored in the win.

The wins sends the Rapids into the tournament semifinals against the Las Vegas Premier, the No.6-ranked team in the country, said Twin Falls coach Ken Edmunds.

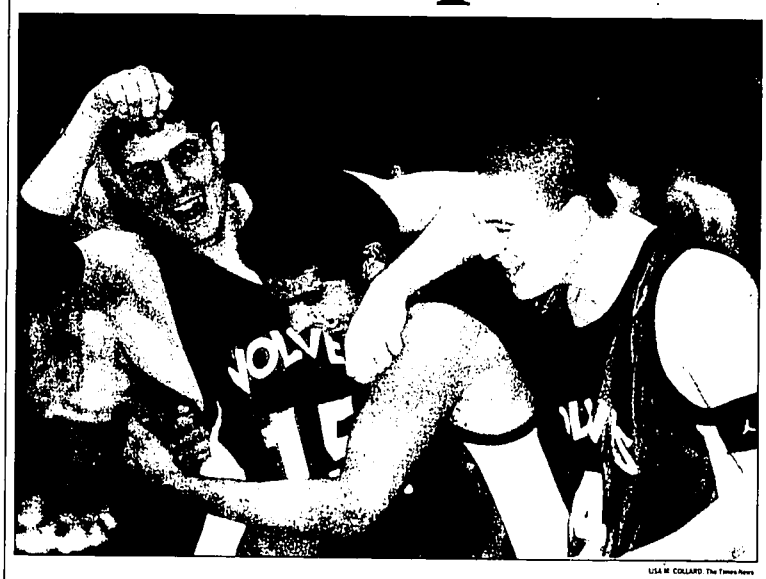
Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

The Brooklyn-Los Angeles Dodgers have appeared in 18 World Series. Their record is 6-12.

BOYS STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

Champions!



LISA M. COLLARD /The Times-News

From left, Castleford's Ben Rodgers, Elvis Medina and Fred Monge celebrate winning the Class 1A Boys Real Dairy Shootout state basketball championship game Saturday at the Idaho Center in Nampa. Castleford defeated Nezperce 64-59.

Medina, Castleford pick up second title of the year

Saturday's results

CLASS 1A
Consolation championship
Genesee 51, Notus 43
Fourth-place game
Clark Fork 52, Hagerman 44
Third-place game
CAREY 61, Cascade 49
Championship
Castleford 64, Nezperce 59

By John Derr
Times-News writer

NAMPA – Add another one to the Castleford trophy case.

Matching the title they earned in football in November, the Wolves topped Nezperce 64-59 for the Class 1A Boys Real Dairy Shootout state basketball championship Saturday at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

Senior Elvis Medina was impressive, posting game highs in scoring (25), rebounding (16) and assists (5).

"This is something we have been working for since we were freshman," said Medina. "We always want to win. We hate losing."

It is the third title for the Wolves and the second for coach Andy Wiseman, who beat Highland-Craigmont in 1990.

"Finishing second last year kind of hurt and the seniors wanted to get back," said Wiseman.

Nezperce fell behind early, just as they did in the semifinals against Carey, then put on a furious rally.

The difference Saturday was the Wolves didn,t let them back in. Close, but not all the way.

Medina said the difference was determination.

"We just wanted to get it. We came out and played defense," Medina added.

Castleford, who finished second to Cole Valley last year, jumped out of the gate quickly. Drew Maves had the hot hand early, scoring eight

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LISA M. COLLARD /The Times-News

Declo's Billy Allphin drives past the Preston defense during the Class 3A Boys Real Dairy Shootout state basketball championship game Saturday at the Idaho Center in Nampa. Declo won 70-46.

Declo claims championship that slipped away last year

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

NAMPA – Forget everything you know about probability, suspend your disbelief.

The Declo Hornet boys basketball team pulled out a miracle again, crushing the Preston Indians 70-46 for the Class 3A state championship in the Real Dairy Boys Shoot Out Saturday at The Idaho Center in Nampa.

There was senior Marc Christensen – younger brother to Mike who hit the length of the court bomb at the buzzer to give the Hornets the Class 2A title in 1998.

All Marc Christensen did was bounce back from two blown knees a year ago, including shredding his anterior cruciate ligament in the Hornets' loss to Snake River in the state championship game.

"That was the lowest point in my life," he said. "I live for basketball and it was taken away from me. Thankfully, I was a junior, so I had the motivation to come back."

He didn't just come back, he gave as dominating a performance as you'll see over the course of three-game state tournament.

"He is the best player in the state," Declo coach Loyd Garey said slowly and emphatically after the game, as if expecting an argument, but getting none.

With 26 points, four 3-pointers, five steals, three assists and three blocked shots, Christensen controlled the game from the earliest goings Saturday.

But we're getting ahead of ourselves.

Because there is Jordan Bagwell, one of seven seniors on

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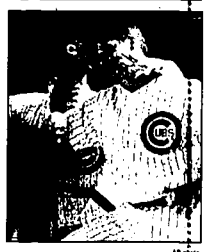
BOYS' State TOURNEY

Saturday's results

CLASS 3A
Consolation Championship
Filer 53, Snake River 46
Third-Place Game
Fruitland 59, South Fremont 48
Championship
Declo 70, Preston 46



AP photo

Cubs Instructor Will Clark, left, talks with second baseman Bobby Hill, right, during a game against the White Sox, Saturday at HoHoKam Park in Mesa, Ariz.

Hill is Clark's first Cubs project

'The Thrill' returns as an instructor

By Nancy Armour
Associated Press writer

MESA, Ariz. – Will Clark got right to work.

The six-time All-Star arrived this week to help the Chicago Cubs at spring training, and was talking with second baseman Bobby Hill shortly after. Hill is off to a dismal start, having gone 0-for-17 in his first seven exhibition games.

SPRING TRAINING

Tigers reach for past glory – C5
Ramirez heats up – C5

"It's just a matter of going in there and saying, 'Hey, relax, have some fun. Enjoy yourself,'" Clark said. "You shouldn't be counting your at-bats in the first week of March.

"We'll see if he responds a little bit."

Besides his experienced, successful staff, new Cubs manager Dusty Baker is getting help this spring from his friends. Hall of Fame right-hander Fergie Jenkins came in to work with the pitchers, and Clark is here to help first baseman Hee Seop Choi – and whoever else needs it.

"He can impart whatever he wants," Baker said of Clark, his first baseman in San Francisco in 1993. "He's a Golden Glove, Silver Bat, All-Star, RBIs, so he can talk offense, defense, hitting, baserunning. He was one of the best baserunners I ever had, definitely the most hustling baserunner I ever had."

Nicknamed "The Thrill," Clark was known as much for his intensity as his sweet left-handed swing. He homered on his first minor and major league at-bats – on first swings both times – and went on to hit .303 with 284 homers and 1,205 RBIs in 15 years.

He spent most of his career in San Francisco, where he was the

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THE AGELESS TRAINER

Threewitt still gets up early to train horses at age 92

By Beth Harris
Associated Press writer

ARCADIA, Calif. – Noble Threewitt arises at 2 a.m., shaves, showers and gulps coffee. By 4 a.m., he's at a local shop buying doughnuts for his stable help and heading to Barn 14 on the Santa Anita backstretch.

By 5:30 a.m., he's read three newspapers in his cozy office and is overseeing the care and training of the five horses that comprise his once powerful stable.

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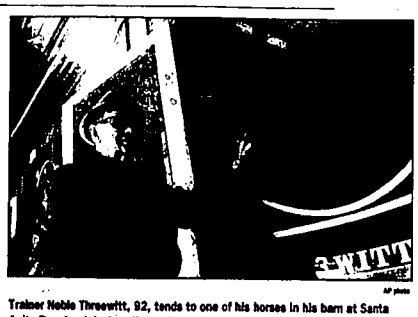

AP photo

Trainer Noble Threewitt, 92, tends to one of his horses in his barn at Santa Anita Racetrack in Arcadia, Calif., Monday. Threewitt, whose career began in 1932, is still going strong after 70 years and 2,000 victories in horse racing.

Dixie State sweeps both men's and women's titles

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

ST. GEORGE, Utah – It was a double dose of Dixie State College.

Both Rebels men's and women's basketball teams claimed championships Saturday at the Region 18 Basketball Tournament at Dixie's Burns Arena.

The Dixie State men (27-5) needed overtime to earn their third consecutive region title and 67th straight win at home, overcoming hot-shooting Ronnie Price and the Utah Valley State College Wolverines, 78-74.

The Lady Rebels (27-5) earned their first-ever region crown, topping Salt Lake Community College, 50-49.

Both teams head to Kansas to play in National Junior College Athletic Association tournaments March 18-22. Dixie's men's team, the defending national champions, will try to defend its national title in Hutchinson, Kan., while the Dixie women head to Salina, Kan.

Men's game

Dixie 78, Utah Valley 74, OT

Tournament MVP Mike Hall scored a game-high 25 points and Spencer Ford added 22, including a clutch 3-pointer with 56.5 seconds left in regulation to knot the game at 63-63.

Price, who followed up his 38-

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Panthers rip Ramblers for third place

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

CALDWELL – This time there was no let-down.

This time, the Carey Panthers got up and went for the jugular in a 61-49 victory over the Cascade Ramblers for third place in the Class 1A Boys Real Dairy Shoot Out Saturday at Caldwell High school.

A day after blowing a late lead in the semifinal against Nezperce, the Panthers (22-3) again got ahead early as they led 35-21 at the half thanks to a combination of holding Cascade to just 17 percent shooting and out-rebounding the taller Ramblers 28-22 at the break.

"I'm real proud of the boys and the way they bounced back," Carey coach Dick Simpson said. "I told them they had from the time they left the lockerroom to the time they got on the bus to get over it. And by the time we got to dinner they were laughing and having a good time. They bounced back good."

John Saili, who had 11 points and seven boards at the break en route to 20 and 12 for the game, controlled the inside while Shawn Hennefer patrolled the outside for the Panthers. Hennefer also had 11 points at intermission and finished with 18 points, including three 3-pointers.

"John's a senior and he didn't have his best game (Friday) night," Simpson said. "But he bounced back real well."

Carey's third-place finish meant that the Panthers brought home a trophy for the second time in three years, including a second-place showing in 2001.

It also meant District Four came home with two trophies this year, including Castleford's state title.

"We take a lot of pride in that district," Simpson said. "We almost always come home with trophies. But there were a lot of good teams here. This was the most even overall tournament I've seen in a while."

The Hagerman Pirates fell in the fourth-place game or there would have been three trophies.

The Panthers weren't about to let the Ramblers (21-5) get another shot at the game as they held a double-digit lead throughout the final quarter.

Josh Murrey had 14 points to lead Cascade and teammate John Davis pitched in nine.

Carey 61, Cascade 49
Cascade 12 9 12 16 - 49
Carey 16 17 13 15 - 61
CASCADE (49) - Brigam 6, Murrey 14, Davis 10, Verdin 9, Dimmett 2, McGlashan 7, Cimbalo 1. Totals 14 17-24 49
CAREY (61) - Hennefer 18, Rivers 2, Saili 20, Ellsworth 5, Simmons 4, Adamson 2, Simpson 8, Serena 2. Totals 19 20-25 61
3-Point Goals - Cascade 4 (McGlashan, Brigam, Davis, Verdin), Carey 3 (Hennefer 3). Total fouls - Cascade 21, Carey 19. Fouled out - Davis, Simpson. Technicals - none.

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Wampus Cats shut down Bates, Hagerman

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

CALDWELL – Austin Knight's 15 points and nine rebounds weren't enough to lift the Hagerman Pirates to a fourth-place finish at the Class 1A Boys Real Dairy Shoot Out Saturday.

Instead, it was the Clark Fork Wampus Cats taking home the trophy at Caldwell High School behind a balanced scoring effort that saw four Cats get into double-figure scoring in a 52-44 win at Caldwell High School. And then there was the matter of Clark Fork's defensive effort on Pirate standout Cooper Bates, who was held to just three points as the Wampus Cats surrounded the 6-foot-6 center in the post all game. Bates got just six shots off.

"They had a great defensive plan on stopping Cooper Bates," Hagerman coach Kevin Cato said. "And no one else wanted to shoot the ball –at least until the fourth quarter."

Bates transferred back to Hagerman from Kennewick, Wash., after his younger sister was diagnosed with leukemia during the Christmas break. After an initial struggle with Bates and the rest of the team in getting used to one another, the Pirates started playing really good basketball down the stretch, Cato said.

"But sometimes when the going gets tough, we look for him too much," he said.

And it would have been hard to get much tougher than it was in the first half for the Pirates, who scored just 11 points and made only three field goals before the break.

Still, they were down only eight at that juncture but they still trailed by eight, 52-44, to open the fourth quarter.

And then the Cats opened the quarter in a stall before knocking down a bucket and free throw by Larry Imeong with 6:18 to play.

It was the only field goal try of the quarter for the Wampus Cats (19-5), who held off the Pirates by connecting on 32 of 44 free throws as the Pirates were forced to foul the entire quarter with Clark Fork trying to run the clock out.

"I don't really like to play that kind of game," Cato said. "But we have to do anything we can to win."

It nearly worked as Hagerman (20-8) twice cut the lead to four but it was too much to overcome with under a minute and a half left.

"I'm real proud of the boys for the way they came back," Cato said. "It's been a good season."

Fourth place
Clark Fork 52, Hagerman 44
Hagerman 4 7 13 20 - 44
Clark Fork 10 8 13 20 - 52
HAGERMAN (44) - Billard 10, Potter 2, Davis 3, White 5, Knight 15, Bates 3, Ravenscroft 6. Totals 12 18-24
CLARK FORK (52) - Wold 10, Imeong 4, McCarthy 14, Morse 11, Trunnell 11, Hewitt 2. Totals 10 32-44 52
3-Point Goals - Hagerman 2 (White, Davis). Total fouls - Hagerman 27, Clark Fork 22. Fouled out - Imeong. Technicals - none

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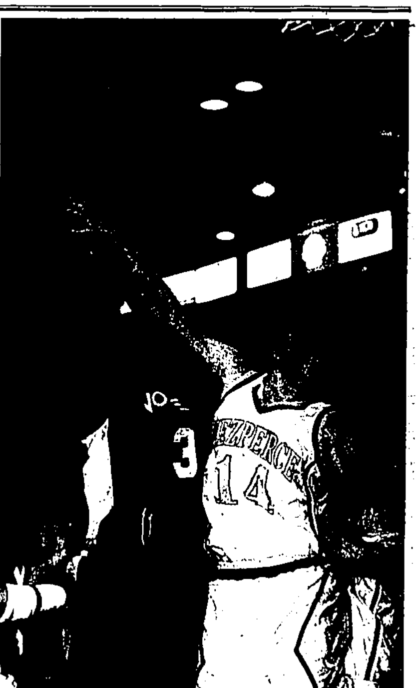

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Castleford senior guard Elvis Medina scores over Nezperce defender Dan Luke Saturday in the Class 1A Boys Real Dairy Shootout state basketball championship game at the Idaho Center in Nampa. The Wolves led the entire game to capture the school's second state title this school year, including the football championship.

Filer makes school history with 3A consolation title

By John Derr
Times-News writer

MERIDIAN – The Wildcats had something to prove Saturday.

Mission accomplished.

After winning the school's first boys state basketball game since 1989 on Friday, they added the first trophy in 19 years by defeating the Snake River Panthers 53-46, capturing the Class 1 Boys Real Dairy Shootout consolation title at Meridian High School.

"We wanted it more. We had something to prove," said Justin Mecham, who paced Filer with 16 points. 'We rose to the occasion."

After struggling in the first round against Preston, the Wildcats responded with a 63-58 victory over Priest River on Friday to stay alive.

On Saturday, Filer got off to a quick start, then saw the lead evaporate to a point before getting it done down the stretch.

"We knew we could beat them," said Luke Gerrish, who chipped in 15 points and 14 rebounds - both game highs.

Gerrish led the early charge, scoring eight points. Justin Mecham added two buckets and an assist while Paul McLaughlin completed the old fashioned three-point play as the Wildcats jumped out to a 10-point edge, 17-7.

Getting inside for easy baskets, the lead grew to 16 points before the Panthers rallied with full court pressure.

The Wildcats were red hot in the first period, but struggled to get any attempts in the second quarter against the Snake River zone.

Seven possessions yielded no points, and five turnovers. Snake River went on an 11-0 to cut the deficit to five.

Mecham hit a late jumper and Filer held on to a seven-point lead at the break, 29-22.

The game remained close in the third quarter. The lead was down to five points, 39-34, heading into the final period.

"Everyone kept yelling at me to shoot," said McLaughlin, who added 14 points. "We just played like it was our last game and got it done."

The lead was down to a single point midway through the fourth quarter when Cody Ehrmantraut made a steal and converted the lay-up.

Gerrish later nailed a long jumper from just inside the arc and Filer led 48-40 at the 2:51 mark.

The Wildcats were able to make their free throws to ice the victory.

"We had nothing to lose and they proved they belong here," said Filer coach Jim Annala. "This was big for us. We battled and bounced back after losing to Preston."

Filer 53, Snake River 46
Filer 21 7 10 14 - 53
Snake River 8 13 12 12 - 46
FILER (53) - McLaughlin 14, Ehrmantraut 5, Mecham 16, Jenkins 2, Garner 1, Gerrish 15. Totals 19-38 13-20 53
SNAKE RIVER (46) - Kelly 4, VanOrden 7, Driscoll 4, Watt 5, Furness 5, Shaver 9, Truman 12. Totals 18-54 7-15 46
3-point goals - Filer 2 (McLaughlin 2), Snake River 3 (VanOrden, Truman 2). Total fouls - Filer 16, Snake River 17. Fouled out - Garner, VanOrden. Technical fouls - none

Centennial blows out Highland 72-49 to claim 5A title

NAMPA – The slipper didn't fit the Cinderella team on Saturday night.

Favored Centennial routed the Highland Rams 72-49 Saturday in the Class 5A Boys Real Dairy Shootout state basketball championship game at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

Centennial (23-5) controlled the game from the opening tip. The surprising Rams finished at 14-12.

Meridian 60, Lewiston 58

CALDWELL – Nate Breashears produced a game-high 20 points Saturday as Meridian eased by Lewiston 60-58 for third place in the Class 5A Boys Real Dairy Shootout state basketball championship tournament.

Lewiston held the lead through most of the game, protecting a 48-43 edge going into the fourth quarter. But the Warriors caught fire with a 17-10 effort, canning seven free throws in the closing minutes.

Andrew Masden paced the Bengals with 18 points.

Borah 64, Timberline 54

CALDWELL – Paul Hautzinger turned in 14 points for Borah of Boise Saturday as the Lions blew out crosstown rival Timberline 64-54 for the consolation title in the Class 5A Boys Real Dairy Shootout state basketball championship tournament.

Timberline had control of the court for the first half and led 27-22 at intermission. But the Lions then connected on 15 of 20 free throws and three of five 3-pointers.

Aaron Hazel led the Wolves with a game-high 17 points.

Keck's 23 lift Bonneville past Madison for 4A championship

NAMPA – Jordan Keck scored 23 points leading Bonneville to a 66-60 win over Madison in the championship game of the Class 4A Boys Real Dairy Shootout state basketball tournament.

Bonneville trailed the Bobcats by six at the end of the first quarter but was able to pick up a 32-28 lead by halftime.

Isaiah Hawkins added 23 points to Madison's score and grabbed five rebounds.

Bishop Kelly 68, Hillcrest 62

CALDWELL – Bishop Kelly defeated Hillcrest 68-62 to claim third-place at the Class 4A Boys Real Dairy Shootout state basketball tournament.

Vallivue 69, Emmett 41

CALDWELL – Vallivue of Caldwell went on a 13-2 run in the second quarter Saturday to roll over Emmett 69-41 for the consolation title at the Class 4A Boys Real Dairy Shootout state basketball tournament.

The Falcons exploded in the second quarter, reaching a 38-25 lead at halftime. They then put together a 19-6 fourth-quarter effort to win.

Matt Bauscher of the Falcons led all scorers with 20 points. Craig Savage paced the Huskies with 13.

Castleford

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points on three jumpers and a lay-up as the Wolves cruised to a 10-3 lead.

"That was beautiful to win the title," said Maves, who finished with 12 points and five steals. "The defense stepped it up more than anything. Nezperce is a tough, scrappy team."

Benji Graybeal, who injured his ankle and got a split lip in the semifinals, was hobbling noticeably. Despite the pain, he stepped up huge for the Wolves, grabbing six rebounds and scoring 15 points.

"I didn,t know how long I would be able to play, but I knew the team needed me," Graybeal said. "You just grit your teeth and do anything you can for the team."

Castleford kept the pressure on, extending the lead to 12 points after one complete behind a three-pointer by Robert Comer.

The Wolves led 31-20 at the break.

Nezperce kept attacking in the second half. Held without a three-pointer in the first 16 minutes, they drained seven after the break.

The lead was still 11 after the third quarter as the teams traded baskets.

The Wolves led 59-47 with three minutes left when the Indians put on their final charge.

Missed Castleford free throws and three long-range bombs cut the lead to four points with 45 ticks on the clock.

Medina went 3 of 4 from the free throw line and the Wolves defense came up with a huge turnover to seal the victory.

Castleford held the Indians leading scorer Kyle Rose, who poured in 24 points on Friday, in check. He didn't get his first points until late in the third and finished with just seven. The job of stopping him went to Ben Rodgers as Castleford ran a diamond and one defense.

> "I just went out and played tough, was physical with him and stayed low."
>
> – Castleford's Ben Rodgers, on shutting down Nezperce leading scorer Kyle Rose

"I just went out and played tough, was physical with him and stayed low," said Rodgers, who chipped in four points and six rebounds. "Two state championships in one season is a great accomplishment. It feels great."

It was the fourth game this season that saw the Indians down only to come back. The first three times they were able to get it done. Not this time.

"The difference was that was a better team," said Nezperce coach Dave Baldus. "Also it was the fourth day of the tournament and we had some tired guys."

Castleford 64, Nezperce 59
Castleford 20 11 14 18 - 64
Nezperce 8 12 14 25 - 59
CASTLEFORD (64) - Cordova 2, Medina 25, Comer 6, Rodgers 4, Maves 12, Graybeal 15. Totals 23-56 15-27 64
NEZPERCE (59) - B Baldus 3, Luke 11, Harris 12, C Baldus 8, Rose 7, Muir 18. Totals 23-55 8-9 59
3-point goals - Castleford 3 (Comer 2, Medina), Nezperce 7 (Harris 2, C Baldus 3, Rose, Luke). Total fouls - Castleford 15, Nezperce 17. Fouled out - none. Technical fouls - none

Grace blows past Firth for 2A title; Melba, New Plymouth pick up wins

NAMPA – Tyler Lloyd scored a game-high 18 points Saturday, leading the Grace Grizzlies to a 62-41 win over Firth and the championship of the Class 2A Boys Real Dairy Shotout state basketball tournament.

Grace came out strong in the first quarter scoring 19 points to Firth's eight. The Cougars were unable to recover and trailed Grace for the rest of the game.

Conrad Orme led Firth with nine points and six rebounds.

Melba 57, Grangeville 50

CALDWELL – Robert Johnson led Melba to 14 points as the Mustangs squeaked passed Grangeville 57-50 Saturday for third place in the Class 2A Boys Real Dairy Shootout state basketball tournament.

Grangeville trailed Melba by one point in the first and [illegible] quarter. The Mustangs [illegible] the third scoring 18 points to Grangeville's 12. The Mustangs finished off the game with 14 points in the fourth bringing them the 57-50 win.

Brad Mundt added a game high 21 points to the boards for Grangeville.

New Plymouth 61, Potlatch 56

BOISE – Drew Johnson connected on nine of nine free throws and produced 20 points Saturday as New Plymouth held off Potlatch 61-56 for the consolation title at the Class 2A Boys Real Dairy Shootout state basketball tournament.

The Pilgrims built up a 45-32 lead headed in the last quarter, but Potlatch caught stride with a 24-16 effort. It was not enough to close the gap.

Darin Nagle had 20 points for the Loggers and Shaun Cochrane added 18.

Declo

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the team and another miracle.

Bagwell missed the last two games of the regular season and the district tournament after suffering a severe back injury that was supposed to end his season.

"I had to at least give it a try," Bagwell said. "I've been with these guys since junior high. I owed them that."

They almost certainly owe him a state title since the 6-foot-2 post battled taller players all tournament as the stronger-than-steel football star used his muscle to negate height in an otherwise minuscule lineup.

So, the miracles happened before the state tournament this time around. They certainly weren't needed at the end as Declo's stifling second-half defense broke open a 34-29 advantage at halftime and turned the title game into a laugher.

"We got tired of the close games," said Trae Jones, who was the only other Hornet in double-figure scoring, finishing with 18 points thanks in large part to 10 of 11 foul shooting. As a team, the Hornets shot 24 of 27 from the line a day after struggling mightily from the charity strip.

However, it was Christensen who carried the Hornets (21-2) early, going on a personal 8-0 run that included a pair of deep 3s as Declo went on a 16-6 run just before the end of the first quarter to go up 20-12. Jones also hit a 3 and converted a three-point play in that stretch.

"Marc has done that for us ever since junior high," Jones said. "He sparks us and then he draws double teams and he'll find us."

Christensen said it's simply his role on the team.

"I don't try to single myself out," he said. "But ever since seventh grade, my teammates have kinda pushed me out front to take the big shots."

Still, the Indians (19-6) narrowed the gap to five points by quarter's end and kept it within reach at half down those same five points.

"We weren't getting anything that we wanted out of our offense and we kept having breakdowns on defense," said Garey, who collected his second state title as a coach with the victory. "It was the craziest thing. We were up but we talked a lot about senior leadership and getting the job done."

The Hornets got it done in the second half, holding Preston to 9 percent shooting and just two field goals in the final 16 minutes.

The knockout blow came when the Hornets went on a 13-0 run to end the third quarter and start the fourth.

Surprise, surprise: It was Christensen who started it when he nailed his fourth and final 3 of the game. And then hit a pair of back-to-back three-point plays in that same stretch.

That run put Declo up 54-35 with 7:10 remaining and effectively ended the game.

"I still don't think it's hit me, yet," Christensen said. "But whatever it is, it feels real good."

Chris Larsen led the Indians with 14 points and Kelly Rawlings netted 10. The Indians usually start five juniors but point guard Kyle Heusser injured an ankle in Preston's semifinal victory over Fruitland, so senior Chase Harris started in his place.

In addition to Christensen, Jones and Bagwell, the Hornets rely on seniors Billy Allphin, Spencer Glenn, Terry Darrington and Adam Heward as the core of their rotation."

"I think that's a lot of why we've won," Christensen said. "We've been best friends forever."

Declo 70, Preston 49
Preston [illegible] - 49
Declo [illegible] - 70
PRESTON (49) [illegible]
DECLO (70) [illegible]
3-Point Goals [illegible]
Total fouls [illegible]

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SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Toronto	8	2	.750
Cleveland	7	3	.700
Kansas City	7	3	.700
Minnesota	7	4	.636
Oakland	7	4	.636
Seattle	7	4	.636
Baltimore	6	4	.600
Chicago	6	4	.600
Anaheim	4	6	.400
Boston	4	6	.400
Texas	4	6	.400
New York	3	6	.333
Detroit	2	7	.222
Tampa Bay	1	7	.125

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Cincinnati	7	3	.700
Colorado	6	3	.667
Houston	6	3	.667
Arizona	7	4	.636
New York	7	4	.636
Atlanta	6	4	.600
St. Louis	6	4	.600
Montreal	5	5	.500
Florida	5	6	.454
Los Angeles	4	5	.444
Chicago	4	6	.400
Milwaukee	4	7	.364
Philadelphia	3	7	.300
Pittsburgh	3	8	.273
San Diego	2	6	.250
San Francisco	2	7	.222

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Saturday's Games
Montreal 3, Houston 2
Atlanta 11, Detroit 0
Florida 7, Los Angeles 0
Toronto 6, Tampa Bay 2
Minnesota 6, Baltimore 4
Cleveland 7, Philadelphia 1
N.Y. Mets 14, St. Louis 2
N.Y. Yankees 7, Pittsburgh 4
Oakland 13, Anaheim 1
Colorado 12, Texas 5
Arizona 8, San Diego 5
Kansas City 7, Seattle 1
Chicago Cubs 3, Chicago White Sox 2
Milwaukee 11, San Francisco 6

Today's Games
Toronto vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Atlanta vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Montreal vs. Los Angeles at Vero Beach, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Florida vs. Baltimore at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Minnesota (ss) vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Tampa Bay at St. Petersburg, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Cincinnati vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Cleveland (ss) vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Minnesota (ss) vs. Cleveland (ss) at Winter Haven, Fla., 11:05 a.m.
Texas vs. Anaheim (ss) at Tempe, Ariz., 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 1:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. Colorado (ss) at Tucson, Ariz., 1:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (ss) vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 1:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (ss) vs. Oakland (ss) at Phoenix, 1:05 p.m.
San Francisco (ss) vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim (ss) vs. San Francisco (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 1:05 p.m.
Oakland (ss) vs. Chicago White Sox (ss) at Tucson, Ariz., 1:05 p.m.
Colorado (ss) vs. Chicago White Sox (ss) at Tucson, Ariz., 7:05 p.m.

BASKETBALL

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	38	25	.603	—
Philadelphia	36	25	.590	1
Boston	36	26	.581	1½
Orlando	32	31	.508	6
Washington	30	32	.484	7½
New York	27	35	.435	10½
Miami	20	42	.323	17½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	38	23	.623	—
Indiana	38	24	.613	½
New Orleans	36	27	.571	3
Milwaukee	32	31	.508	7
Atlanta	24	39	.381	15
Chicago	22	42	.344	17½
Toronto	19	39	.329	17
Cleveland	11	52	.175	28

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	48	14	.774	—
San Antonio	42	18	.700	5
Minnesota	40	24	.625	9
Utah	35	27	.565	13
Houston	32	30	.516	16
Memphis	20	41	.328	27½
Denver	13	50	.206	35½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	44	19	.698	—
Portland	40	22	.645	3½
L.A. Lakers	34	26	.567	8½
Phoenix	33	28	.541	10
Golden State	30	32	.484	13½
Seattle	28	33	.459	15
L.A. Clippers	20	42	.323	23½

Friday's Games
Milwaukee 85, Washington 82
New York 111, Orlando 102
Dallas 81, Miami 89
Boston 83, L.A. Clippers 72
New Orleans 102, Cleveland 76
Sacramento 108, Utah 105, OT
Philadelphia 108, Seattle 99
L.A. Lakers 106, Minnesota 96

Saturday's Games
Toronto 107, Atlanta 98
Memphis 115, Cleveland 89
Denver 98, Miami 92
Dallas 101, Utah 77
Houston 83, New Jersey 71
L.A. Clippers 103, Chicago 97
Milwaukee 138, Golden State 133, OT
Portland 94, Indiana 80

Today's Games
Washington at New York, 11 a.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers, 1:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Boston, 4 p.m.
Denver at Orlando, 4 p.m.
Memphis at Toronto, 4 p.m.
Golden State at Detroit, 4 p.m.
New Jersey at New Orleans, 5 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Sacramento, 7 p.m.

NBA Boxes

RAPTORS 107, HAWKS 98

TORONTO (107)
Peterson 2-9 1-2 5, J.Williams 4-7 1-2 8, A.Davis 5-12 3-4 13, A.Williams 5-10 0-1 10, V.Carter 18-24 6-8 43, Alston 1-4 0-0 2, Bradley 0-0 0-0 0, Lenard 9-17 1-1 23, McCoy 1-1 0-0 2, Jefferies 0-1 0-0 0, Baston 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 43-88 12-18 107.
ATLANTA (98)
Robinson 9-21 10-11 29, Abdur-Rahim 9-18 4-5 22, Ratliff 9-15 2-2 20, Terry 4-15 0-0 8, Glover 4-4 1-3 9, Henderson 1-4 1-2 3, Newble 2-3 1-2 5, Ham 0-0 0-2 0, Dickau 0-1 0-0 0, Jackson 0-0 0-0 0, B.Willard 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 39-82 19-27 98.

Toronto	25	24	24	34—107
Atlanta	25	25	29	19—98

3-Point Goals—Toronto 9-21 (V.Carter 5-8, Lenard 4-10, A.Williams 0-1, Peterson 0-1, Alston 0-1), Atlanta 1-10 (Robinson 1-4, Newble 0-1, Dickau 0-1, Terry 0-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 51 (J.Williams 15), Atlanta 49 (Abdur-Rahim 12). Assists—Toronto 24 (A.Davis 8), Atlanta 22 (Terry 8). Total fouls—Toronto 22, Atlanta 19. Technicals—Robinson. A—19,445 (19,445).

GRIZZLIES 115, CAVALIERS 89

MEMPHIS (115)
Miller 7-10 5-7 21, Swift 6-13 2-4 20, Gasol 11-13 5-9 27, Williams 0-5 0-0 0, Person 4-8 0-0 8, Battier 4-11 2-2 10, Batiste 5-7 2-2 12, Knight 2-6 0-0 4, Watson 5-7 1-3 11, Trybanski 0-1 1-2 1, Archibald 0-1 0-2 0. Totals 47-82 18-31 115.
CLEVELAND (89)
Miles 2-3 2-2 6, Boozer 6-13 5-6 17, Ilgauskas 7-12 1-2 15, Palacio 0-1 0-0 0, Davis 6-12 5-6 18, Mihm 0-4 0-0 0, Jones 6-12 6-6 17, Parker 2-5 3-3 8, T.Brown 2-4 0-2 4, Diop 1-2 0-0 2, Stewart 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-70 16-24 89.

Memphis	28	28	30	34—115
Cleveland	18	25	18	16—89

3-Point Goals—Memphis 3-13 (Miller 2-2, Person 1-3, Batiste 0-1, Battier 0-2, Watson 0-2, Williams 0-3), Cleveland 7-17 (Jones 5-10, Davis 1-2, Parker 1-4, Palacio 0-1). Fouled out—Diop. Rebounds—Memphis 54 (Swift 10), Cleveland 39 (Jones 8). Assists—Memphis 33 (Williams 10), Cleveland 17 (Palacio 5). Total fouls—Memphis 21, Cleveland 26. Flagrant fouls—Diop. A—10,339 (20,562).

NUGGETS 98, HEAT 92

DENVER (98)
Tskitishvili 2-6 0-0 4, Howard 5-11 2-3 12, Hilario 8-10 0-3 16, Harrington 8-11 7-8 19, Yarbrough 3-10 0-0 7, Barovic 4-8 1-1 10, Williams 4-8 2-3 11, Camby 3-7 3-3 9, Boone 0-0 0-0 0, Andersen 1-2 0-0 2, Harvey 3-3 4-4 8. Totals 39-76 19-28 98.
MIAMI (92)
C.Butler 5-11 1-1 11, Allen 4-8 3-3 11, Grant 6-10 4-4 16, Best 1-1 0-0 2, R.Butler 8-16 3-3 22, Jones 8-14 0-2 16, Haslem 0-0 4-0 4, Carter 3-4 3-4 9, Mahe 1-0 0-0 2, Langley 0-0 0-0 0, Hamm 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 35-76 17-23 92.

Denver	8	29	30	30—98
Miami	18	27	28	19—92

3-Point Goals—Denver 2-8 (Barovic 1-1, Yarbrough 1-2, Williams 1-3, Camby 0-1, Tskitishvili 0-2), Miami 5-11 (R.Butler 3-5, Jones 0-2, Carter 0-1, C.Butler 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Denver 61 (Howard 8), Miami 60 (Grant 10). Assists—Denver 17 (Howard, Yarbrough 4), Miami 22 (Jones 6), Total fouls—Denver 23, Miami 24. Technicals—Miami Defensive Three Second. A—14,795 (16,500).

CLIPPERS 103, BULLS 97

L.A. CLIPPERS (103)
Odom 1-7 3-4 5, Parks 3-9 0-0 6, Rooks 2-4 0-0 4, Miller 5-9 2-3 12, Maggette 8-14 9-9 25, Ely 3-6 1-1 7, Richardson 8-16 2-2 21, Wilcox 6-9 0-0 12, Jaric 3-7 0-0 6, Piatkowski 1-5 2-2 5. Totals 40-86 19-21 103.
CHICAGO (97)
Chandler 4-7 2-4 10, Marshall 5-12 0-0 10, Curry 10-15 6-8 26, Crawford 2-10 2-2 7, Rose 12-21 3-5 30, Hassell 0-5 0-0 0, Williams 2-3 0-0 6, Baxter 3-5 2-2 8, Hoiberg 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-78 15-21 97.

L.A. Clippers	28	31	22	22—103
Chicago	30	17	23	27—97

3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 4-13 (Richardson 3-6, Piatkowski 1-4, Jaric 0-1, Maggette 0-2), Chicago 6-17 (Rose 3-8, Williams 2-3, Crawford 1-5, Marshall 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 47 (Rooks, Wilcox 6), Chicago 47 (Marshall 15). Assists—L.A. Clippers 29 (Miller 10), Chicago 29 (Rose 11). Total fouls—L.A. Clippers 22, Chicago 20. A—22,303 (21,711).

ROCKETS 83, NETS 71

NEW JERSEY (71)
Jefferson 3-11 4-4 10, Martin 6-12 4-8 16, Collins 3-6 4-4 10, Kidd 3-12 0-0 6, Kittles 4-9 0-2 8, Williams 0-3 2-2 2, Harris 1-3 2-2 4, Rogers 1-8 0-0 2, Johnson 2-8 0-0 4, Scalabrine 2-2 1-2 5, Slay 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 27-75 17-24 71.
HOUSTON (83)
Posey 2-7 0-0 4, Griffin 5-11 0-0 11, Yao 4-13 4-4 12, Francis 8-13 0-0 17, Mobley 7-15 2-3 18, Cato 1-2 1-2 3, Taylor 2-8 1-2 5, Norris 0-3 0-0 0, Rice 4-8 2-2 12, Hawkins 0-0 0-0 0, Maddox 0-0 1-2 1, Morris 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 33-82 11-15 83.

New Jersey	16	8	20	27—71
Houston	23	21	18	21—83

3-Point Goals—New Jersey 0-9 (Jefferson 0-1, Rogers 0-3, Kidd 0-5), Houston 6-14 (Mobley 2-4, Rice 2-4, Francis 1-1, Griffin 1-2, Morris 0-1, Posey 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—New Jersey 55 (Jefferson 13), Houston 53 (Yao 10). Assists—New Jersey 16 (Kidd 4), Houston 15 (Francis, Posey 5). Total fouls—New Jersey 17, Houston 21. A—16,285 (16,285).

BUCKS 138, WARRIORS 133

GOLDEN STATE (133)
Jamison 14-21 11-14 40, Murphy 4-7 4-5 12, Dampier 3-4 0-0 6, Arenas 9-20 8-9 30, Richardson 8-13 5-6 22, Sura 2-8 1-1 5, Dunleavy 2-3 0-0 5, Foyle 1-2 0-0 2, Boykins 4-7 2-3 11, Mills 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 47-87 31-38 133.
MILWAUKEE (138)
D.Mason 9-20 1-2 19, Thomas 13-22 0-1 21, A.Mason 0-4 0-0 0, Cassell 10-14 8-10 28, Payton 11-22 3-4 28, [illegible] 2-0-0-0, Redd 9-16 1-1 22, Kukoc 6-9 2-2 17, Carty 1-5 1-2 3. Totals 56-116 16-22 138.

Golden State	23	34	36	29 11—133
Milwaukee	25	24	32	41 16—138

3-Point Goals—Golden State 8-17 (Arenas 4-7, Dunleavy 1-1, Jamison 1-2, Boykins 1-2, Richardson 1-3, Sura 0-1, Murphy 0-1), Milwaukee 10-21 (Kukoc 3-4, Redd 3-6, Payton 3-6, Thomas 1-5). Fouled out—Richardson. Rebounds—Golden State 62 (Murphy 22), Milwaukee 53 (Thomas 9). Assists—Golden State 26 (Arenas 7), Milwaukee [illegible] (Cassell 13). Total fouls—Golden State 25, Milwaukee 24. Technicals—Thomas, Payton. A—16,324 (18,717).

MAVERICKS 101, JAZZ 77

UTAH (77)
Harpring 3-8 2-2 8, Malone 6-16 4-6 16, Ostertag [illegible], Stockton 3-5 1-2 7, Cheaney 3-6 0-0 6, Mase [illegible], Jackson 0-1 0-0 0, Kirilenko 4-7 [illegible], Padgett [illegible], Stevenson 3-6 1-3 7, Amaechi 0-4 0-0 0, Arroyo [illegible]. Totals 31-72 14-21 77.
DALLAS (101)
Finley 5-12 2-2 14, Nowitzki 8-15 3-4 21, [illegible], Bell 1-4 0-0 2, Nash 4-7 [illegible] 12, Van Exel [illegible], Najera [illegible], Bradley 4-7 3-3 11, Griffin [illegible], Abdul-Wahad [illegible], Jones 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 38-82 [illegible] 101.

Utah	14	18	21	24—77
Dallas	22	33	26	20—101

3-Point Goals—Utah 1-2 (Padgett 1-1, [illegible]), Dallas 7-[illegible] (Nash 3-4, Finley 2-2, Nowitzki 2-6, Griffin [illegible], Van Exel [illegible]). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Utah 46 (Padgett [illegible]), Dallas 50 (Bradley, Nowitzki, Griffin 6). Assists—Utah [illegible] (Arroyo 5), Dallas 18 (Nash 4). Total fouls—Utah [illegible], Dallas [illegible]. Technicals—Utah Defensive Three Second. A—20,123 (19,200).

Friday's late NBA Boxes

SIXERS 108, SUPERSONICS 99

PHILADELPHIA (108)
Hill 0-3 0-0 0, Van Horn 11-19 2-3 26, Coleman 5-[illegible], Iverson 15-27 8-8 40, Snow 4-6 [illegible], McKie 2-8 [illegible], Buckner 1-2 0-0 2, Salmons 3-4 2-4 8. Totals 41-[illegible] 108.
SEATTLE (99)
Evans 1-1 1-1 3, Lewis 5-13 1-2 12, Ekezie [illegible], Allen 8-23 3-4 24, Barry 3-6 6-6 14, Radmanovic 7-12 2-2 [illegible], Ollie 5-8 2-2 12, James 2-3 3-6 7. Totals 34-72 19-23 99.

Philadelphia	30	25	30	23—108
Seattle	25	22	25	26—99

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 5-11 (Van Horn 2-3, Iverson 2-4, Coleman 1-2, McKie 0-2), Seattle 13-23 (Allen 5-8, Radmanovic 4-6, Barry 2-4, Lewis 1-2, Evans 1-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 44 (Coleman 14), Seattle 38 (Allen 7). Assists—Philadelphia 17 (Snow 10), Seattle 24 (Barry, Allen 7). Total fouls—Philadelphia 21, Seattle 24. A—17,072 (17,072).

LAKERS 106, TIMBERWOLVES 96

MINNESOTA (96)
Szczerbiak 3-8 1-2 8, Garnett 6-17 3-6 15, Nesterovic 4-[illegible], 1-1 19, Peeler 6-8 0-0 15, Hudson 4-12 3-4 12, Wally 2-4 [illegible], 4, Gill 2-4 2-2 6, M.Jackson 1-5 5-6 7, Smith 1-2 0-0 2, Trent 3-3 0-0 6, Rancevic 0-1 0-0 0, Woods 1-1 0-1 2. Totals 36-75 15-22 96.
L.A. LAKERS (106)
Fox 5-11 2-3 13, Madsen 5-7 0-0 10, O'Neal 16-25 8-14 40, Bryant 12-24 4-4 30, Fisher 3-14 3-5 9, Horry 3-5 0-0 [illegible], George 2-6 0-0 4, Pargo 0-1 0-0 0, Walker 0-1 0-0 0, Rush 0-1 0-0 0, Shaw 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 43-94 17-26 106.

Minnesota	22	21	30	23—96
L.A. Lakers	28	24	25	29—106

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 5-10 (Peeler 3-3, Szczerbiak 1-2, Hudson 1-3, Garnett 0-1, Gill 0-1), L.A. Lakers 3-6 (Bryant 2-4, Fox 1-3, Fisher 0-1). Fouled out—Nesterovic. Rebounds—Minnesota 43 (Garnett, Szczerbiak 10), L.A. Lakers 55 (O'Neal 14). Assists—Minnesota 22 (Garnett 6), L.A. Lakers 23 (Bryant 7). Total fouls—Minnesota 25, L.A. Lakers 21. Technicals—Minnesota coach Saunders, Garnett, L.A. Lakers Defensive Three Second, Horry, Fox. A—18,997 (18,997).

NBA Leaders

Through March 7

Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
McGrady, Orl	57	627	430	1796	31.5
Bryant, LAL	60	659	436	1839	30.7
Iverson, Phil	61	594	426	1679	27.5
O'Neal, LAL	45	450	287	1187	26.4
Pierce, Bos	59	504	450	1546	26.2
Nowitzki, Dal	59	496	321	1429	23.9
Marbury, Phoe	60	520	291	1403	23.4
Duncan, S.A.	60	523	343	1394	23.2
Webber, Sac	48	478	156	1114	23.2
Rose, Chi	63	511	331	1454	23.1
Garnett, Minn	64	563	316	1473	23.0
Francis, Hou	60	439	349	1330	22.2
Allen, Sea	55	421	226	1219	22.2
Stackhouse, Wash	53	380	350	1172	22.1
Houston, NY	62	476	263	1367	22.0
Mashburn, N.O.	63	527	237	1378	21.9
Jamison, G.S.	61	487	304	1321	21.7
Marion, Phoe	60	492	139	1283	21.4
Walker, Bos	58	476	136	1237	21.3
Robinson, Atl	57	447	210	1185	20.8

FG Percentage

	FG	FGA	PCT
O'Neal, LAL	450	795	.566
Brown, N.O.	247	467	.529
Nesterovic, Minn	343	655	.524
Yao, Hou	307	590	.520
B.Miller, Ind	293	571	.513
Gasol, Mem	398	778	.512
Grant, Mia	259	512	.506
Hilario, Den	231	458	.504
Brand, LAC	379	754	.503
Garnett, Minn	569	1144	.497

Rebounds

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Wallace, Det	58	223	621	844	14.6
Garnett, Minn	64	182	660	842	13.2
Duncan, S.A.	60	185	591	776	12.9
Brand, LAC	53	232	361	593	11.2
Grant, Mia	61	196	461	657	10.8
O'Neal, Ind	57	151	446	597	10.5
Murphy, G.S.	61	175	458	633	10.4
Nowitzki, Dal	59	60	522	582	9.9
Marion, Phoe	60	158	403	561	9.4
J.Williams, Tor	53	175	318	493	9.3

Assists

	G	AST	AVG
Payton, Mil	60	520	8.7
Kidd, N.J.	60	514	8.6
Marbury, Phoe	60	499	8.3
Stockton, Utah	61	473	7.8
Williams, Mem	54	417	7.7
Tinsley, Ind	57	421	7.4
Terry, Atl	61	442	7.2
Miller, LAC	58	414	7.0
Nash, Dal	61	428	7.0
Snow, Phil	61	426	7.0

Continental Basketball Association

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	QW	PTS	AVG
y-Rockford	31	15	108.5	201.5	4.4
Gary	24	23	92.0	164.0	3.5
Grand Rapids	22	25	98.0	164.0	3.5
Great Lakes	19	28	78.5	135.5	2.9

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	QW	PTS	AVG
y-Dakota	30	16	115.0	205.0	4.5
x-Yakima	28	19	103.0	187.0	4.0
Idaho	16	31	88.0	136.0	2.8
Sioux Falls	17	30	66.0	118.0	2.5

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched conference

Teams receive three points for a win, one point for each quarter won and .5 point for any quarter tied. No points awarded during overtime.

Friday's Game
Gary 111, Grand Rapids 105 (3, 7)

Saturday's Games
Great Lakes at Rockford
Dakota at Gary
Sioux Falls at Grand Rapids
Today's Game
Idaho at Yakima

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Auto Racing

- NASCAR, Winston Cup, Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500, **Fox, 10:30 a.m.**

Basketball

- College, Pittsburgh at Villanova, **CBS, 10 a.m.**
- Wizards at Knicks, **ABC, 11 a.m.**
- College women, Atlantic Coast Conference, semifinal 1, **FSPT, 11 a.m.**
- College, Kansas at Missouri, **CBS, noon**
- College women, Conference USA, championship game, **ESPN2, noon**
- Sixers at Lakers, **ABC, 1:30 p.m.**
- College women, Atlantic Coast Conference, semifinal 2, **FSPT, 1:30 p.m.**
- College women, Southeastern Conference, championship game, **ESPN2, 2 p.m.**
- College, Duke at North Carolina, **CBS, 2 p.m.**
- College women, NCAA tournament, Pac-10 Conference, semifinal 1, **FSPT, 3:30 p.m.**
- College women, NCAA tournament, Pac-10 Conference, semifinal 2, **FSPT, 4 p.m.**
- College, Maryland at Virginia, **FSPT, 6 p.m.**
- College, West Coast Conference, semifinal, **ESPN, 10 p.m.**

Bowling

- PBA, World Championship, at Taylor, Mich., **ESPN, 10:30 a.m.**

Football

- Arena, Los Angeles at New York, **NBC, 10 a.m.**

Golf

- European PGA Tour, Dubai Desert Classic, final round, **TGC, 2 a.m.**
- Nationwide Tour, Clearwater Classic, final round, **TGC, 11:30 a.m.**
- PGA Tour, Ford Championship, final round, **NBC, 1 p.m.**
- Champions Tour, MasterCard Classic, final round, **CNBC, 4 p.m.**

Hockey

- Bruins at Blackhawks, **ESPN, 1 p.m.**
- Red Wings at Mighty Ducks, **ESPN2, 4 p.m.**

Horse racing

- NTRA, thoroughbreds, Louisiana *Derby*, at *New Orleans*, **ESPN, 4 p.m.**

Motorsports

- AMA 250 Grand Prix, at Daytona Beach, Fla., **SPEED, 8:30 a.m.**
- BMW Boxer Cup, at Daytona Beach, Fla., **SPEED, 9:30 a.m.**
- AMA Superbike, Daytona 200, at Daytona Beach, Fla., **SPEED, 11 a.m.**

Tennis

- ATP Tour, Franklin Templeton Classic, championship match, **ESPN2, 7 p.m.**

Saturday's Men's College Basketball Scores

[illegible]
End of Regular Season

EAST
[illegible]

SOUTH
[illegible]

MIDWEST
Cent. Michigan 74, Ball St. 66
DePaul 65, Houston 63
Iowa 77, Northwestern 61
Kansas St. 74, Iowa St. 63
Kent St. 73, Ohio 62
Marquette 73, Cincinnati 61
Michigan St. 72, Ohio St. 58
Minn. Duluth 68, Northern St., S.D. 65
Minn. Moorhead 72, Bemidji St. 74
Park 76, Oklahoma City 54
Purdue 69, Michigan 61
St. Cloud St. 82, Nebraska-Omaha 78
Toledo 68, Bowling Green 64
W. Michigan 77, N. Illinois 67, OT
Xavier 96, Temple 63

SOUTHWEST
Baylor 74, Texas Tech 68
Mississippi 64, Arkansas 54
Oklahoma St. 77, Texas A&M 52
Prairie View 75, Alcorn St. 64
Rice 82, Fresno St. 71
SMU 84, Louisiana Tech 61
TCU 75, South Florida 63
Texas 76, Oklahoma 71
Texas Southern 79, Southern U. 65

FAR WEST
Air Force 68, New Mexico 60
Arizona 88, Oregon 80
Arizona St. 74, Oregon St. 64
BYU 67, Colorado St. 55
Colorado 84, Nebraska 69
Fort Hays St. 86, Nebraska-Kearney 82
Metro St. 76, Fort Lewis 61
Montana St.-Billings 87, Nova Southeastern 66
Southern Cal 86, Washington St. 68
UNLV 83, San Diego St. 72
Utah 86, Wyoming 70
Utah St. 75, Pacific 70

TOURNAMENT
Atlantic Sun Conference
Championship
Troy St. 80, UCF 69
Big Sky Conference
First Round
Idaho St. 85, N. Arizona 74
Big South Conference
Championship
N.C.-Asheville 85, Radford 71
Colonial Athletic Association
Quarterfinals
Delaware 61, George Mason 42
Drexel 61, Old Dominion 52
N.C.-Wilmington 76, Hofstra 56
Va. Commonwealth 73, James Madison 53
ECAC Div. III Metro
Semifinals
Mount St. Mary, N.Y. 87, N.J. City 86
ECAC Tournament
Semifinals
DeSales 61, Penn St. Behrend 45
Great Lakes Conference
Championship
Michigan Tech 68, Findlay 66
Gulf South Conference
Semifinals
Ala.-Huntsville 60, Lincoln Memorial 56
Henderson St. 50, Harding 47
Horizon League
Semifinals
Butler 58, Detroit 53
Wis.-Milwaukee 75, Ill.-Chicago 73
MIAA Tournament
Semifinals
Washburn 80, Missouri Southern 81
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
Second Round
Fairfield 66, St. Peter's 60
Niagara 81, Iona 75
Missouri Valley Conference
Quarterfinals
Creighton 67, Indiana St. 58
S. Illinois 75, Illinois St. 63
SW Missouri St. 65, Evansville 51
NCAA Division III
Second Round
Amherst 84, S. Vermont 80
Buena Vista 94, Rockford 72
Gustavus Adolphus 75, Wis.-Stevens Pt. 62
Hamilton 72, St. John Fisher 69
Hampden-Sydney 58, Savannah Art 54
Hanover 65, Maryville, Tenn. 64
Illinois Wesleyan 65, Washington, Mo. 73
Montclair St. 85, Catholic 78

[illegible]
Ramapo 92, [illegible]
Randolph-Macon [illegible], [illegible] 7 OT
Rochester 71, [illegible]
Scranton 77, [illegible]
Williams [illegible]
Wis. Oshkosh [illegible]
Worcester [illegible]
NYCAC Tournament
Championship
Albany 72, [illegible]
Northeast Conference
First Round
Fairleigh Dickinson 71, Monmouth, N.J. 51
Quinnipiac 75, St. Francis, Pa. 57
St. Francis, NY 67, Cent. Connecticut St. 62
Wagner 66, Long Island U. 66
Ohio Valley Conference
Championship
Austin Peay 63, Tennessee Tech 57
PSAC Tournament
Semifinals
California, Pa. 62, West Chester [illegible]
Millersville 73, Clarion 57
Patriot League
First Round
American U. 72, Navy 57
Bucknell 57, Lehigh 47
Holy Cross 58, Army 42
Lafayette 89, Colgate 76
South Atlantic Conference
Semifinals
Lenoir-Rhyne 65, Wingate 77
Presbyterian 63, Carson-Newman 52
Southern Conference
Championship
ETSU 71, Chattanooga 90
Sun Belt Conference
Quarterfinals
Denver 72, Louisiana-Lafayette 68
W. Kentucky 71, Fla. International 60
West Coast Conference
Second Round
San Francisco 70, Loyola Marymount 55

Sun Belt Conference
Quarterfinals
Arkansas St. [illegible], New Mexico St. [illegible]
W. Kentucky [illegible], North Texas 53
West Coast Conference
Semifinals
[illegible], San Diego 53
[illegible], [illegible] 61 OT

Saturday's Women's Basketball

Major Scores

EAST
Binghamton 70, New Hampshire 68
Columbia 66, Princeton 63
Dartmouth 84, Yale 77
Hartford 77, Northeastern 61
Harvard 83, Brown 51
Maine 71, Boston U. 62
Penn 65, Cornell 52
Vermont 82, Stony Brook 57

SOUTH
Florida Atlantic 91, Stetson 79
Gardner-Webb 90, Campbell 73
Georgia St. 77, Belmont 46
Grambling St. 75, Alabama St. 67
Hampton 73, Norfolk St. 53
Jackson St. 83, Alabama A&M 50
Mercer 76, Troy St. 68
N. Carolina A&T 54, S. Carolina St. 53
Samford 78, Jacksonville St. 71, 2OT
UCF 60, Jacksonville 46

MIDWEST
Drake 64, Bradley 63
N. Iowa 63, Creighton 55
SW Missouri St. 107, Evansville 53

SOUTHWEST
Hawaii 68, UTEP 57
Prairie View 64, Alcorn St. 53
Rice 59, Fresno St. 54
Southern U. 71, Texas Southern 60
Tulsa 73, Nevada 61

FAR WEST
New Mexico 63, BYU 44
San Jose St. 73, Boise St. 61
Utah 67, Air Force 42
Weber St. 72, Idaho St. 63

TOURNAMENT
Atlantic 10 Conference
Semifinals
George Washington 64, Temple 59
Rhode Island 52, Xavier 48
Atlantic Coast Conference
Second Round
Georgia Tech 64, Florida St. 59
North Carolina 80, Clemson 71
Virginia 66, N.C. State 56
Big East Conference
First Round
Miami 77, Syracuse 64
Notre Dame 73, Pittsburgh 65
Seton Hall 58, Georgetown 55
Virginia Tech 66, West Virginia 60
Big South Conference
Semifinals
Liberty 78, Coastal Carolina 68
Conference USA
Semifinals
Cincinnati 81, DePaul 64
TCU 78, Charlotte 65
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
Semifinals
Manhattan 71, Canisius 57
Siena 91, Niagara 56
Mid-American Conference
First Round
Buffalo 72, Cent. Michigan 53
E. Michigan 66, Bowling Green 54
Kent St. 83, Ohio 60
Marshall 70, N. Illinois 58
W. Michigan 101, Akron 80
Mid-Continent Conference
First Round
Chicago St. 58, Ind.-Pur.-Indpls. 53
Oakland, Mich. 81, UMKC 62
Valparaiso 94, Oral Roberts 56
W. Illinois 65, S. Utah 56
Northeast Conference
First Round
Long Island U. 51, Sacred Heart 48
Monmouth, N.J. 51, Wagner 48
St. Francis, Pa. 80, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 63
UMBC 66, Quinnipiac 47
Ohio Valley Conference
Championship
Austin Peay 85, SE Missouri 61
Pac-10 Conference
Quarterfinals
Arizona 70, Oregon St. 66
Stanford 60, California 35
Washington 64, Southern Cal 63
Southeastern Conference
Semifinals
LSU 78, Vanderbilt 69
Tennessee 76, Mississippi St. 75
Southern Conference
Championship
Chattanooga 66, Georgia Southern 62

Area ski report

Bogus Basin — Sat 5:28a partly cloudy 32 degrees 5 new packed powder groomed 51 - 55 base 51 of 51 trails, 7 of 8 lifts, 100% open, Wed-Fri: 10a-10p; Sat/Sun: 9a-10p; open Wed-Sun

Brundage — Sat 6:30a sunshine 20 degrees 4 new powder groomed 78 - 108 base 38 of 38 trails, 25 miles, 1340 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri 9:30a-4:30p Sat/Sun 9:30a-4:30p.

Lookout Pass — Sat 5:20a mcldy 24 degrees 6 new powder groomed 84 - 126 base 18 of 18 trails, 340 acres, 2 of 2 lifts, 100% open, Thu/Fri 9a-4p, Sat/Sun 9a-4p;

Magic Mountain — Fri 10:30a packed powder groomed 50 - 55 base 10 of 11 trails, 330 acres, 2 of 2 lifts, Thu/Fri 9:30a-4p, Sat/Sun 9:30a-4p; open Thu-Sun

Pebble Creek — Sat 4:30a packed powder groomed 28 - 59 base 54 of 54 trails, 3 of 3 lifts, Mon-Thu: 9:30a-4p, Fri: 9:30a-9:30p; Sat: 9:30a-9:30p, Sun: 9:30a-4p open Wed-Sun

Pomerelle — Sat 7:00a snowy 24 degrees 2 new packed powder groomed 70 - 99 base 24 of 24 trails, 500 acres, 3 of 4 lifts, 100% open, Mon: 9a-4p; Tue-Fri: 9a-10p; Sat: 9a-10p; Sun: 9a-4p.

Schweitzer Mountain — Sat 6:16a mcldy 24 degrees 2 new powder groomed 68 - 95 base 59 of 59 trails, 2500 acres, 6 of 6 lifts, 100% open, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat: 9a-8p, Sun: 9a-4p; a

Silver Mountain — Sat 5a ice snow? new powder groomed 76 - 97 base 55 of 55 trails, 6 of 7 lifts, 100% open Mon-Thu: 9a-4p, Fri: 9a-9p, Sat: 9a-9p, Sun: 9a-4p.

Soldier Mountain — Fri 9:23a snow 34 degrees packed powder groomed 28 - 44 base 2 of 2 lifts, 100% open, Fri: 9a-4p, Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Sun Valley — Sat 6:30a mcldy 28 degrees 3 new packed powder groomed 33 - 59 base 75 of 75 trails, 17 of 20 lifts, 100% open, Mon-Fri 9a-4p, Sat/Sun 9a-4p.

GOLF

Ford Championship at Doral

Saturday's leaders
At Blue Monster, Doral Golf Resort
Miami
Purse: $5 million
Yardage: 7,125; Par 72
Third Round

Scott Hoch	66-70-66—202	-14
Brett Quigley	65-68-69—202	-14
David Toms	67-68-68—203	-13
Jim Furyk	68-66-69—203	-13
Mike Weir	70-67-67—204	-12
Billy Mayfair	68-72-65—205	-11
Craig Perks	70-69-66—205	-11
Brad Faxon	68-71-66—205	-11
[illegible]	72-66-68—206	-10
[illegible]	68-69-69—206	-10
Skip Kendall	69-71-67—207	-9
Tim Petrovic	70-70-67—207	-9
Jeff Sluman	70-63-74—207	-9
Dean Wilson	75-66-67—208	-8
Mike Sposa	74-67-67—208	-8
[illegible]	69-71-68—208	-8
Carl Paulson	71-70-67—208	-8
Ed Fryatt	72-68-68—208	-8
Fred Couples	72-66-70—208	-8
Heath Slocum	68-71-69—208	-8
Matt Peterson	68-71-69—208	-8
Neal Lancaster	69-69-70—208	-8
Olin Browne	69-69-70—208	-8
Brent Geiberger	67-70-71—208	-8

Dubai Desert Classic

Saturday's leaders
At Emirates Golf Club
Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Purse: $1.8 million
Yardage: 7,201; Par: 72
Third Round

Alastair Forsyth, Scotland	65-69-69—203
Ernie Els, South Africa	66-68-69—203
David Lynn, England	68-66-69—203
Thongchai Jaidee, Thailand	70-68-67—205
Kyung-Ju Choi, South Korea	68-69-68—205
Ian Woosnam, Wales	69-66-70—205
Robert-Jan Derksen, Netherlands	67-72-67—206
Phillip Price, Wales	71-67-68—206
Thomas Bjorn, Denmark	69-66-71—206
Mark Foster, England	73-66-68—207
Mikko Ilonen, Finland	67-67-73—207
Paul Lawrie, Scotland	70-72-67—208
Gary Orr, Scotland	71-69-68—208
Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain	68-69-71—208

Nationwide Clearwater Classic

Saturday's leaders
At Clearwater Resort
Christchurch, New Zealand
Purse: $500,000
Yardage: 7,122; Par: 72
Third Round

Ryan Farmer	69-63-71—203
Arron Oberholser	70-68-68—206
Stephen Collins	70-71-68—209
Peter O'Malley	72-64-73—209
Kevin Johnson	73-70-66—209
Nick O'Hern	74-68-68—210
Rick Price	71-67-73—211
Joe Ogilvie	67-73-71—211
David McKand	70-70-71—211
Jeff Freeman	67-73-71—211
Andrew Buckle	74-70-67—211
Chris Downes	72-71-68—211
David Branshaw	71-71-69—211

Champions Tour MasterCard Classic

Saturday's leaders
At Bosque Real Country Club
Lomas Altas, Mexico
Purse: $2 million
Yardage: 7,227; Par 72
Second Round

Tom Jenkins	70-65—135
Eamonn Darcy	67-68—135
Bruce Lietzke	67-68—135
Tom Kite	72-65—137
Isao Aoki	68-69—137
Steven Veriato	73-65—138
Walter Hall	71-68—139
Hale Irwin	70-69—139
Bobby Walzel	70-69—139
David Eger	69-70—139
Sey Ebihara	68-71—139
Bob Gilder	73-67—140
Dana Quigley	71-69—140
Billy Kratzert	71-69—140
Fuzzy Zoeller	75-70—140
Jerry McGee	68-72—140
Allen Doyle	65-75—140

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

All Times MST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	39	17	6	5	89	178	140
Philadelphia	35	18	11	3	84	158	140
N.Y. Islanders	30	27	8	2	71	181	186
N.Y. Rangers	28	31	9	2	67	186	205
Pittsburgh	25	35	4	5	59	167	211

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
x-Ottawa	42	18	7	1	92	216	147
Toronto	37	26	5	1	80	200	178
Boston	31	26	8	3	73	203	196
Montreal	24	29	8	8	64	170	200
Buffalo	21	32	8	6	56	151	178

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	32	25	8	5	77	193	186
Tampa Bay	30	23	10	5	75	185	182
Florida	21	27	12	9	63	157	201
Carolina	20	34	9	6	55	142	183
Atlanta	22	34	6	4	54	174	234

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	38	17	9	3	88	216	167
St. Louis	38	18	8	8	84	214	178
Nashville	27	25	10	5	69	165	165
Chicago	26	29	10	5	63	160	174
Columbus	24	33	7	3	58	175	214

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	38	18	11	1	88	218	175
Colorado	34	16	11	7	86	201	165
Minnesota	33	24	9	1	76	180	144
Edmonton	29	23	8	8	74	182	187
Calgary	23	31	10	4	60	154	195

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	37	14	15	2	91	207	140
Anaheim	32	25	8	4	76	164	166
Phoenix	27	28	8	4	66	175	184
Los Angeles	28	31	4	4	64	173	183
San Jose	25	31	6	5	61	184	198

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.
x-clinched playoff spot

Friday's Games
Carolina 1, Minnesota 0
N.Y. Rangers 5, Philadelphia 1
Detroit 7, St. Louis 2
Florida 2, Atlanta 1
Tampa Bay 4, Colorado 3
Calgary 2, Chicago 0
Nashville 2, Dallas 1
Edmonton 4, Anaheim 1

Saturday's Games
Boston 5, Washington 4, OT
Calgary 3, Columbus 2, OT
Vancouver 3, Toronto 3, tie
New Jersey 4, N.Y. Islanders 2
Ottawa 5, Pittsburgh 1
Buffalo 4, Florida 0
Colorado 2, Philadelphia 1, OT
Phoenix 6, San Jose 4
Montreal at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games
Boston at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m.
Detroit at Anaheim, 4 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 5 p.m.
San Jose at Dallas, 5 p.m.

NHL Sums

BRUINS 5, CAPITALS 4, OT

Washington	1	2	1	0—4
Boston	3	1	0	1—5

First Period—1, Boston, Axelsson 13 (Grosek) 6:05 (sh). 2, Boston, Murray 36 (Thornton, Axelsson) 7:33 (pp). 3, Boston, Murray 37 (Thornton) 10:04. 4, Washington, Konowalchuk 14 (Bondra, Nylander) 13:05 (pp). Penalties—Gonchar, Was (interference) 7:19; Gonchar, Was (holding) 7:21; Olesz, Bos major (fighting) 10:08; Peat, Was major (fighting) 10:08; Stock, Bos major (fighting) 10:12; Hentz, Was major (fighting) 10:12; Thornton, Bos minor-major (roughing, fighting) 11:33; Witt, Was major (fighting) 11:33; Zubrus, Was (diving) 17:36.
Second Period—5, Washington, Gonchar 15 4:46 (sh). 6, Boston, Knuble 19 (Murray, Thornton) 14:18. 7, Washington, Lang 18 (Kolzig, Jagr) 15:43 (pp). Penalties—Zubrus, Was (tripping) 4:15; Laponte, Bos (hooking) 15:36.
Third Period—8, Washington, Bondra 25 (Nylander, Jagr) [illegible]. Penalties—Gill, Bos (tripping) 4:54; Grosek, Bos (interference) 12:48; Gonchar, Was (roughing) 10:48.
Overtime—9, Boston, O'Donnell 1 (Murray, Axelsson) 2:15. Penalties—None.
Shots on goal—Washington 6-7-11-0—26. Boston 9-12-8-6—34.
Power-play Opportunities—Washington 2 of 3; Boston 2 of 4.
Goalies—Washington, Kolzig [illegible]. Boston, Hackett 13-16-2 (26-22).
A—16,152 (17,565). T—2:44.
Referees—Brad Meier, Marc Joggi. Linesmen—Brian Murphy, Jean Morin.

DEVILS 4, ISLANDERS 2

New Jersey	1	2	1—4
N.Y. Islanders	1	1	0—2

First Period—1, N.Y. Islanders, Weinhandl 4 (Isbister, Yashin) :50. 2, New Jersey, Friesen 21 (Langenbrunner) 4:36. Penalties—None.
Second Period—3, N.Y. Islanders, Yashin 17 (Bates, Timander) 2:35. 4, New Jersey, Gionta [illegible] (Madden, Pandolfo) 4:25. 5, New Jersey, Gionta 12 (Elias) 16:44. Penalties—Langenbrunner, NJ (tripping) 1:25; Gomez, NJ (roughing) 18:41.
Third Period—6, New Jersey, Niedermayer 14 (Langenbrunner, Stevens) 13:46 (en). Penalties—Cairns, NYI (slashing) 5:51; Friesen, NJ (roughing) 7:02.
Shots on goal—New Jersey 7-5-7—19. N.Y. Islanders 18-8-14—40.
Power-play Opportunities—New Jersey 0 of 1; N.Y. Islanders 0 of 3.
Goalies—New Jersey, Brodeur 35-19-6 (40 shots-38 saves). N.Y. Islanders, Osgood 17-14-4 (18-15).
A—17,234 (16,234). T—2:21.
Referees—Marc Joannette, Kerry Fraser. Linesmen—Gerry Gauthier, Dan Schachte.

CANUCKS 3, LEAFS 3

Vancouver	1	0	2	0—3
Toronto	2	0	1	0—3

First Period—1, Toronto, Corson 7 (Belak) 5:11. 2, Vancouver, Bertuzzi 37 (Morrison, Naslund) 6:00. 3, Toronto, Nolan 23 (Reichel, Renberg) 18:14 (pp). Penalties—Langdon, Van (roughing) 7:06; Roberts, Tor (roughing) 7:06; Belak, Tor (interference) 12:30; Bertuzzi, Van (interference) 12:13; Langdon, Van (holding) 16:53; Corson, Tor (tripping) 19:01.
Second Period—None. Penalties—Belak, Tor (hooking) 7:17; Linden, Van (tripping) 7:20; Renberg, Tor (high sticking) 15:13; Belfour, Tor served by Roberts (high-sticking) 18:11.
Third Period—4, Toronto, Nolan 24 (Renberg) 2:26. 5, Vancouver, Bertuzzi 38 (Jovanovski, Naslund) 8:04 (pp). 6, Vancouver, Sedin 7 (Jovanovski, Bertuzzi) 10:43. Penalties—Sundin, Tor (holding) 5:03; Ruutu, Van (interference) 11:36; Antropov, Tor (hooking) 13:58.
Overtime—None. Penalties—Jovanovski, Van (roughing) 4:36; McCabe, Tor (roughing) 4:36.
Shots on goal—Vancouver 7-10-15-1—33. Toronto 9-11-[illegible] 4-19.
Power-play Opportunities—Vancouver 1 of 6; Toronto 1 of 4.
Goalies—Vancouver, Skudra 8-5-5 (19 shots-16 saves). Toronto, Belfour 30-19-4-33 (30).
A—19,366 (18,800). T—NA.
Referees—Terry Gregson, Mick McGeough. Linesmen—Pierre Champoux, Steve Miller.

FLAMES 3, BLUE JACKETS 2 OT

Calgary	1	0	1	1—3
Columbus	0	1	1	0—2

First Period—1, Calgary, Drury 21 (Freer, Lydman) 3:12 (pp). Penalties—Berube, Cal major (fighting) :05; Shelley, Clm major (fighting) :05; Niedermayer, Cal (hooking) :40; Spacek, Clm (slashing) 4:40; Leopold, Cal (hooking) 5:35; Knutsen, Clm (high sticking) 6:56; Nichol, Cal major (fighting) 12:23; Shelley, Clm (roughing) 12:23; Ling, Clm major (fighting) 12:23; Shelley, Clm (boarding) 18:18.
Second Period—2, Columbus, Pronger 7 (Vyborny, Pirjeta) 10:45. Penalties—Richardson, Clm (high sticking) :58; Conroy, Cal (slashing) 2:25; Iginla, Cal (goalie interference) 8:31; Yelle, Cal (tripping), 13:41; Conroy, Cal (holding stick) 15:19.
Third Period—3, Calgary, Saprykin 7 (Gelinas, Ference) 8:52. 4, Columbus, Klesla 2 (Salinger) 18:50. Penalties—None.
Overtime—5, Calgary, Iginla 30 (Conroy) 4:52. Penalties—None.
Shots on goal—Calgary 7-11-8-3—29. Columbus 6-9-10-3—28.
Power-play Opportunities—Calgary 1 of 5; Columbus 0 of 6.
Goalies—Calgary, Turek 21-25-7 (28 shots-26 saves). Columbus, Denis 23-34-7 (29-26).
A—18,136 (18,136). T—2:30.
Referees—Dennis LaRue, Paul Stewart. Linesmen—Pat Dapuzzo, Brad Lazarowich.

SABRES 4, PANTHERS 0

Buffalo	1	2	1—4
Florida	0	0	0—0

First Period—1, Buffalo, Campbell 2 (Afinogenov, Boulton) 16:33. Penalties—Cullen, Fla (high sticking) 1:44; Jokinen (boarding) 4:29; Cullen, Fla (holding) 18:10.
Second Period—2, Buffalo, Barnes 11 (Warrener) 8:56. 3, Buffalo, Hecht 6 (Fitzpatrick, Pyatt) 10:33 (pp). Penalties—Laus, Fla (tripping) 4:10; Cullen, Fla (tripping) 10:05; Warrener, Buf (hooking) 14:44; Warrener, Buf (cross-checking) 19:02.
Third Period—4, Buffalo, Kotalik 17 (Brown, Satan) 3:47. Penalties—Butler, Buf (cross-checking) 4:52; Grattan, Buf (holding stick) 10:21; Satan, Buf (closing hand on puck) 11:46; Brown, Buf (high sticking) 17:53.
Shots on goal—Buffalo 9-11-5—25. Florida 4-12-13—29.
Power-play Opportunities—Buffalo 1 of 5; Florida 0 of 6.
Goalies—Buffalo, Noronen 1-7-1 (29 shots-29 saves). Florida, Hurme 4-8-6 (25-21).
A—19,250 (19,250). T—2:10.
Referees—Blaine Angus, Tom Kowal. Linesmen—Kevin Collins, Brad Kovachik.

SENATORS 5, PENGUINS 1

Ottawa	1	2	2—5
Pittsburgh	0	1	0—1

First Period—1, Ottawa, Rachunek 2 (Chara, Spezza) 15:32 (pp). Penalties—Lintner, Pit (high sticking) :23; Hainsey, Pit (roughing) 7:39; Robitaille, Pit (high-sticking) 14:20.
Second Period—2, Ottawa, Arvedson 13 (Chara, White) 6:52. 3, Pittsburgh, Lemieux 29 (Straka) 12:53 (pp). 4, Ottawa, White 22 (Redden, Alfredsson) 16:57. Penalties—Hossa, Ott (roughing) 11:47; Hossa, Ott (holding stick) 14:05; Hnidy, Ott (roughing) 16:42; Manderville, Pit (roughing) 16:42.
Third Period—5, Ottawa, Arvedson 14 (Alfredsson, Phillips) 8:03. 6, Ottawa, Alfredsson 24 (Arvedson, White) 14:42. Penalties—Bonk, Ott (hooking) 11:24; Arvedson, Ott (interference) 11:38; Nieminen, Pit (holding) 18:33; Lalime, Ott, served by Alfredsson (delay of game) 17:35.
Shots on goal—Ottawa 15-7-9—31. Pittsburgh 9-13-13—35.
Power-play Opportunities—Ottawa 1 of 4; Pittsburgh 1 of 5.
Goalies—Ottawa, Lalime 32-17-6 (35 shots-34 saves). Pittsburgh, Hedberg 14-17-3 (31-26).
A—14,354 (16,958). T—2:20.
Referees—Eric Furlatt, Chris Rooney. Linesmen—Derek Amell, Tony Sericolo.

AVALANCHE 2, FLYERS 1 OT

Colorado	0	1	0	1—2
Philadelphia	0	1	0	0—1

First Period—None. Penalties—Blake, Col (tripping) 10:46; Johnsson, Phi (cross-checking) 17:51.
Second Period—1, Colorado, Forsberg 23 (Vrbata, Reinprecht) 8:14 (pp). 2, Philadelphia, Johnsson 8 (Recchi, Handzus) 10:16 (pp). Penalties—Tanguay, Col (hooking) :46; Aubin, Col (hooking) 4:11; Philadelphia bench, served by Lefebvre (too many men) 8:42; Shantz, Col (hooking) 9:58; Warriner, Phi (hooking) 12:02; Johnsson, Phi (closing hand on puck) 18:37.
Third Period—None. Penalties—Foote, Col (roughing) 17:48; Recchi, Phi (roughing) 17:48.
Overtime—3, Colorado, Forsberg 24, :28. Penalties—None.
Shots on goal—Colorado 6-12-11-1—30. Philadelphia 7-16-6-0—29.
Power-play Opportunities—Colorado 1 of 4; Philadelphia 1 of 4.
Goalies—Colorado, Roy 27-15-11 (29 shots-28 saves). Philadelphia, Cechmanek 26-15-8 (30-28).
A—19,712 (19,519). T—2:16.
Referees—Dan Marouelli, Stephen Walkom. Linesmen—Stephane Provost, Lyle Seitz.

COYOTES 6, SHARKS 4

San Jose	3	0	1—4
Phoenix	0	4	2—6

First Period—1, San Jose, Dimitrakos 3 (Fahey, Hannan) 10:43 (pp). 2, San Jose, Ricci 11 (Fahey, Selanne) 13:33 (pp). 3, San Jose, Cheechoo 9 (Graves) 16:07. Penalties—Wiseman, SJ (ob. hooking) 3:39; Nazarov, Pho match penalty 10:20; Harvey, SJ major (fighting) 16:14; May, Pho major (fighting) 16:14; McGillis, SJ (tripping) 18:44; Selanne, SJ (interference) 19:20.
Second Period—4, Phoenix, Nagy 16 (Doan, Sampson) 6:45. 5, Phoenix, Doan 19 (Numminen, Brière) 17:51 (pp). 6, Phoenix, Radivojevic 9 (Savage, Doan) 19:05. 7, Phoenix, Savage 4 (Doan, Radivojevic) 13:34. Penalties—Fahey, SJ (roughing) 5:27; Vaananen, Pho (roughing) 5:27; Berehowsky, Pho (roughing) 11:47; McLaren, SJ (roughing) 16:58.
Third Period—8, Phoenix, Nagy 17 (Johnson, Langkow) 3:21. 9, San Jose, Dimitrakos 4 (Damphousse, Fahey) 18:43. 10, Phoenix, Vaananen 2 19:37 (en). Penalties—Smith, SJ (holding stick) 16:49; Vaananen, Pho (cross-checking) 17:47.
Shots on goal—San Jose 7-8-5—20. Phoenix 9-13-9—31.
Power-play opportunities—San Jose 3 of 5; Phoenix 1 of 5.
Goalies—San Jose, Nabokov 19-25-6 (30 shots-25 saves). Phoenix, Burke 9-4-0 (20-16).
A—15,417 (16,210). T—2:18.

Friday's Late NHL Sum

Oilers 4, Mighty Ducks 1

Edmonton	0	2	2—4
Anaheim	1	0	0—1

First Period—1, Anaheim, Vishnevski 1 (Kariya, Havelid) 12:17 (sh).
Second Period—2, Edmonton, Isbister 2 (Ferguson, Moreau) 1:42. 3, Edmonton, Marchant 10 (Hemsky, Semenov) 15:52.
Third Period—4, Edmonton, Pisani 3 (Reasoner, Moreau) 14:27. 5, Edmonton, Moreau 10 19:09 (en).
Shots on goal—Edmonton 7-12-4—23. Anaheim 6-8-12—26.
Goalies—Edmonton, Salo. Anaheim, Giguere. A—15,818 (17,174). T—2:13.

NHL Scoring Leaders

Through March 7

	GP	G	A	PTS
Naslund, Van	66	42	45	87
Lemieux, Pit	57	27	58	85
Forsberg, Col	61	22	62	84
Thornton, Bos	62	32	50	82
Hejduk, Col	67	40	40	80
Demitra, StL	64	29	48	77
Bertuzzi, Van	66	36	40	76
Kovalev, NYR	66	33	40	73
Modano, Dal	65	27	46	73
Jagr, Was	68	36	36	72
Murray, Bos	67	35	36	71
Mogilny, Tor	62	27	44	71
Palffy, LA	61	30	40	70
Alfredsson, Ott	64	23	44	67
Whitney, Col	65	21	46	67

West Coast Hockey League

	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Idaho	43	12	4	90	223	152
San Diego	37	18	3	77	197	144
Bakersfield	33	17	9	75	207	153
Fresno	30	22	7	67	203	194
Long Beach	17	36	4	38	140	212
Anchorage	16	41	3	35	178	291

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory, one for a shootout loss. Shootout losses are separate from losses.

Friday's Games
Idaho 2, Bakersfield 1
San Diego 3, Fresno 2, SO
Anchorage 6, Long Beach 3

Saturday's Games
Bakersfield at Idaho
Fresno at San Diego
Long Beach at Anchorage

Sunday's Games
Long Beach at Anchorage
Fresno at Bakersfield

FOOTBALL

Arena Football

All Times MST

American Conference

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Grand Rapids	4	1	.800	301	246
Dallas	4	2	.666	340	316
Indiana	3	2	.600	248	234
Chicago	2	3	.400	190	187

Western Division

	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Los Angeles	3	2	.600	281	272
San Jose	3	2	.600	322	229
Arizona	3	3	.500	296	313
Colorado	1	5	.166	281	348

National Conference

Eastern Division

	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	3	2	.600	205	186
Detroit	3	3	.500	266	313
Las Vegas	2	3	.400	234	278
New York	0	5	.000	274	329

Southern Division

	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Orlando	5	0	1.000	293	231
Georgia	3	2	.600	215	225
Tampa Bay	3	2	.600	286	251
Carolina	0	5	.000	156	291

Friday's Games
Dallas 71, Colorado 55
Arizona 51, Detroit 41

Saturday's Game
Buffalo at Tampa Bay, late

Sunday's Games
Las Vegas at Carolina, 10 a.m.
Grand Rapids at Georgia, 10 a.m.
Los Angeles at New York, 10 a.m.
San Jose at Chicago, 4 p.m.

Monday's Game
Indiana at Orlando, 5:30 p.m.

TENNIS

WTA Tour Pacific Life Open

Saturday's results
At Indian Wells Tennis Garden
Indian Wells, Calif.
Purse: $2.1 million (Tier I)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Third Round

Meghann Shaughnessy (23), United States, def. Eleni Daniilidou (12), Greece, 6-4, 6-3.
Lindsay Davenport (4), United States, def. Elena Likhovtseva (25), Russia, 6-3, 6-0.
Jennifer Capriati (2), United States, def. Denisa Chladkova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-2.
Magui Serna, Spain, def. Angelique Widjaja, Indonesia, 7-5, 6-2.
Vera Zvonareva, Russia, def. Svetlana Kuznetsova, Russia, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4.

ATP International Tennis Championships

Saturday's results
At The Delray Beach Tennis Center
Delray Beach, Fla.
Purse: $356,000
Surface: Hard-Outdoors
Singles
Semifinals

Jan-Michael Gambill (4), United States, def. Robert Kendrick, United States, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (5).
Mardy Fish, United States, def. Marcelo Rios (1), Chile 6-3, 6-4.

Doubles
Semifinals

Raemon Sluiter and Martin Verkerk, Netherlands, def. Paul Goldstein and Robert Kendrick, United States, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (4).

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
SEATTLE MARINERS—Optioned LHP Steve Kent, LHP Ryan Anderson, LHP Matt Thornton, RHP Jeff Heaverlo, RHP Rett Johnson, RHP Aaron Looper, OF Jamal Strong and OF Kenny Kelly to Tacoma of the PCL. Optioned C Ryan Christianson to San Antonio of the Texas League. Reassigned RHP Allan Simpson to their minor league camp.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Signed RHP Vinnie Chulk, RHP Pasqual Coco, OF Jason Dubois, LHP Mark Hendrickson, C Ken Huckaby, INF Orlando Hudson, RHP Aquilino Lopez, RHP Gary Majewski, LHP Dagoberto Markwell, C Guillermo Quiroz, INF Dominic Rich, RHP Francisco Rosario, RHP Mike Smith, OF Jayson Werth, C Tom Wilson. Assigned RHP Scott Cassidy, RHP Mike Smith and LHP Scott Wiggins to their minor league camp.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
BOSTON CELTICS—Signed G Bimbo Coles.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed WR Derrius Thompson to a three-year contract.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed PK Paul Edinger to a five-year offer sheet.
Arena Football League
CHICAGO RUSH—Signed L Fumell Hankton for the remainder of the season.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
DALLAS STARS—Assigned D John Erskine and RW David Oliver to Utah of the AHL.
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Reassigned RW Pierre Dagenais to San Antonio of the AHL.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Reassigned G Jan Lasak to Milwaukee of the AHL.
American Hockey League
AHL—Suspended Binghamton C Alexandre Giroux and G Ray Emery, Rochester RW Joe Rolton for three games as a result of their actions in a March 5 game in Binghamton. Fined both teams an undisclosed amount.
East Coast Hockey League
LOUISIANA ICEGATORS—Signed G Andy Davis.
PEORIA RIVERMEN—Signed F Rod Taylor. Acquired F Trevor Baker from Worcester of the AHL.
COLLEGE
LOUISVILLE—Announced basketball C Marvin Stone will sit out the final regular-season game because of a rules violation.
MISSISSIPPI—Fired Ron Aldy, women's basketball coach.
VILLANOVA—Suspended men's basketball G Gary Buchanan, F Ricky Wright, F Andreas Sloch, G-F Chris Charles, C Jason Fraser, G Lou Ruskey and F Andrew Sullivan unspecified games for allegedly making unauthorized telephone calls.

SPORTS

Bruins clip Capitals in OT; Senators pound Penguins

BOSTON (AP) – Sean O'Donnell scored his first goal of the season halfway through overtime Saturday, leading the Boston Bruins past the Washington Capitals 5-4 for their third straight win.

Boston let an early 3-0 lead slip away, but it still moved within two points of Tampa Bay for the sixth spot in the Eastern Conference.

Glen Murray had two goals – giving him 37 for the season – and two assists for the Bruins. P.J. Axelsson and Mike Knuble also scored for Boston. Robert Lang, Peter Bondra, Steve Konowalchuk and Mike Grier scored for Washington.

Senators 5, Penguins 1

PITTSBURGH – Magnus Arvedson scored twice and the Ottawa Senators took over the NHL points lead while running Pittsburgh's losing streak to eight.

Arvedson also set up Daniel Alfredsson's 24th goal as the Senators won their second in a row – giving them 92 points, one more than idle Western Conference leader Dallas. Ottawa has never won the Presidents' Trophy. Ottawa also maintained its three-point lead over New Jersey for the Eastern Conference lead.

Mario Lemieux scored for the Penguins.

Maple Leafs 3, Canucks 3

TORONTO – Owen Nolan scored twice in his first game for Toronto as the Maple Leafs tied Vancouver.

Nolan, acquired Wednesday from San Jose, gave Toronto a 2-1 lead in first and a 3-1 lead early in the third.

Vancouver's Todd Bertuzzi and Henrik Sedin later scored to tie it at 3. Bertuzzi had two goals and an assist. Shayne Corson also scored for the Maple Leafs.

Devils 4, Islanders 2

UNIONDALE, N.Y. – Brian Gionta had his first two-goal game in the NHL as New Jersey beat New York.

Gionta tied it at 2 4:25 into the second period and put the Devils ahead with his 10th goal about 12 minutes later.

Martin Brodeur made 38 saves. Mattias Weinhandl and Alexei Yashin scored for the Islanders.

Sabres 4, Panthers 0

SUNRISE, Fla. – Mika Noronen made 29 saves for his first career shutout and first victory of the season as the Buffalo Sabres beat the Florida Panthers 4-0 on Saturday night.

Noronen, 1-7-1 this season, was making only his second start since being recalled from the minors Feb. 22.

Stu Barnes and Jochen Hecht scored 37 seconds apart in the second period to help Lindy Ruff tie Scotty Bowman as the winningest coach in Buffalo history with 210 victories.

Flames 3, Blue Jackets 2, OT

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Jarome Iginla scored his 30th goal with 7.4 seconds remaining in overtime for Calgary.

Columbus defenseman Rostislav Klesla scored his second goal of the season with 1:10 remaining in regulation to tie it at 2.

Avalanche 2, Flyers 1, OT

PHILADELPHIA – Peter Forsberg scored his second goal of the game 26 seconds into overtime for Colorado.

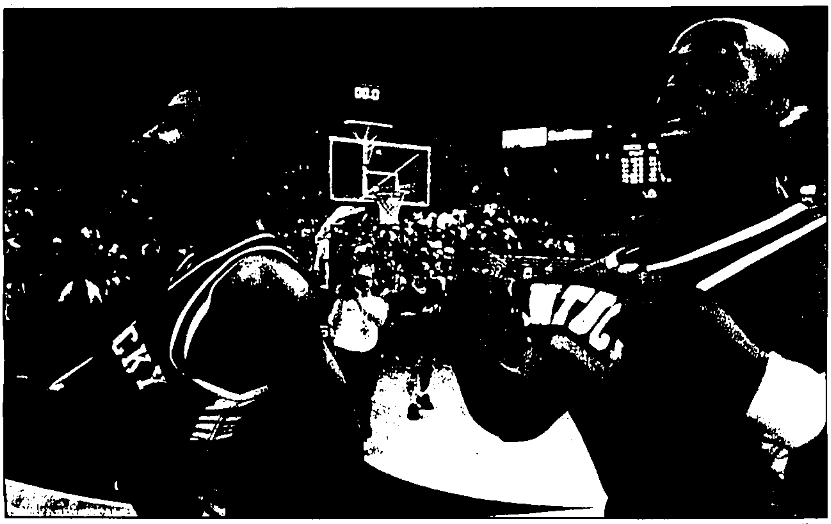
Forsberg poked the puck away from Philadelphia's Eric Desjardins at the blue line and beat goalie Roman Cechmanek with a backhand shot. Forsberg's 23rd and 24th goals of the season extended his scoring streak to eight games.

Coyotes 6, Sharks 4

PHOENIX – Ladislav Nagy scored two goals and Shane Doan had a goal and three assists as Phoenix rallied from a 3-0 deficit.

Branko Radivojevic, Brian Savage and Ossi Vaananen added goals as the Coyotes kept their slim playoff hopes alive with their fourth victory in six games.

'Cats complete SEC sweep



AP photo

Kentucky's Gerald Fitch, left, and Keith Bogans taunt Florida fans after the Wildcats beat the Gators Saturday in Gainesville, Fla., to cap an undefeated season in the SEC. Kentucky finished 16-0.

Kentucky beats Florida to go 16-0 in league

No. 4 Texas holds off No. 5 Oklahoma

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – Gerald Fitch had 18 points for Kentucky, which finished unbeaten in the Southeastern Conference by defeating No. 3 Florida 69-67.

The No. 2 Wildcats (26-3, 16-0) snapped the Gators' (24-6, 12-4) school-record, 19-game home winning streak.

With Florida trailing by two freshman Anthony Roberson got the ball after two missed free throws by Keith Bogans. His 22-foot heave at the buzzer caught nothing but air and Kentucky won its 20th straight game – the longest active streak in the country – and became only the second team to go 16-0 in the SEC. Kentucky did it in 1996 en route to the sixth of its seven national titles.

Matt Bonner had 25 points for Florida.

No. 1 Arizona 88, Oregon 80

TUCSON, Ariz. – Jason Gardner scored 21 of his season-high 27 points in the second half and No. 1 Arizona pulled away to beat Oregon 88-80 on Saturday.

The Wildcats (25-2, 17-1 Pac-10) took control with a 17-2 run that put them up 66-56 with 6:39 to play on Salim Stoudamire's 16-footer.

Stoudamire, benched in the second half against Oregon State on Thursday night because coach Lute Olson didn't like his attitude, had 19 points, 17 in the second half.

Luke Ridnour had 26 points and seven assists for the Ducks (20-9, 10-8), who were swept on their Arizona trip. Ridnour broke Oregon's season assist record with 188, surpassing the mark of 184 set by Ron Lee in 1975-76.

No. 4 Texas 76, No. 5 Oklahoma 71

NORMAN, Okla. – T.J. Ford scored 14 of his 18 points in the [illegible], including a big [illegible] with 20 seconds [illegible] Longhorns [illegible] 15-point deficit.

Top 25 college basketball

Royal Ivey had 16 points for Texas (22-5, 13-3 Big 12), which ended Oklahoma's 37-game home winning streak. The victory means Texas is the No. 2 seed in next week's Big 12 tournament. Oklahoma will be the third seed.

Hollis Price had 22 points for Oklahoma (21-6, 12-4), but didn't score over the final six minutes.

No. 8 Marquette 70, Cincinnati 61

MILWAUKEE – Dwyane Wade scored 26 points and the Golden Eagles won their first Conference USA title.

Wade had 10 rebounds, including four consecutive in the closing minutes to help Marquette (23-4, 14-2) become the first team other than Cincinnati to win the regular-season title outright in the eight seasons Conference USA has been in existence.

Leonard Stokes had 10 points for the Bearcats (17-10, 9-7).

No. 9 Wake Forest 78, N.C. State 72

RALEIGH, N.C. – Josh Howard scored 27 points, including six free throws in the final 1.7 seconds, as the Demon Deacons won their first outright Atlantic Coast Conference title since 1962.

Wake Forest (23-4, 13-3) set a school record for league wins, closing out ACC play by winning 11 of 12.

Marcus Melvin and Julius Hodge each had 17 points for the Wolfpack (16-11, 9-7).

No.11 Xavier 96, Temple 65

CINCINNATI – Romain Sato scored 29 points and Lionel Chalmers and David West each had 17 as the Musketeers (24-4, 15-1 Atlantic 10) tied a school record with their 15th consecutive win, matching the mark set in 1987-88.

Alex Wesby had 24 points and David Hawkins added 20 for Temple (13-[illegible]), which had won six in a row.

No. 16 Notre Dame 86, Georgetown 80

WASHINGTON – Chris Thomas had 29 points and seven rebounds as Notre Dame snapped a three-game losing streak.

Thomas was 9-for-16 from the field, including 3-for-8 from 3-point range, and 8-of-9 from the free throw line, including four after Georgetown pulled to 82-80 with 20 seconds left.

Notre Dame (22-8, 10-6 Big East) completed its best regular season since 1988-89 with its fourth straight win over Georgetown (14-13, 6-10), which got 26 points and nine rebounds from Mike Sweetney.

No. 18 Memphis 90, UAB 79

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Chris Massie had 27 points and 11 rebounds and Antonio Burks had 11 points and 12 assists as the Tigers won their 11th straight.

Demario Eddins led UAB (16-11, 8-8) with 18 points.

No. 20 Oklahoma St. 77, Texas A&M 52

STILLWATER, Okla. – Ivan McFarlin had 17 points and 14 rebounds as Oklahoma State ended a three-game losing streak.

Melvin Sanders also had 17 points for the Cowboys (21-8, 10-6 Big 12).

Bernard King had 17 points for the Aggies (14-13, 6-10).

No. 23 Mississippi St. 67, Auburn 45

STARKVILLE, Miss. – Derrick Zimmerman had 15 points and eight assists as Mississippi State clinched the Southeastern Conference West title.

Mississippi State (19-8, 9-7) won the West Division for the first time since 1995-96, and earned a bye in next week's conference tournament.

Marquis Daniels had 14 points for the Tigers (19-10, 8-8), who finished the season losing five of seven.

Four teams lock up year's first NCAA tournament bids

By The Associated Press

Troy State and North Carolina Asheville are going to the NCAA tournament for the first time with very different records.

They were two of four schools – Austin Peay and East Tennessee were the others – to win conference tournament championship games Saturday, and the automatic berth to the 65-team NCAA field that goes with it.

Penn qualified by winning the Ivy League regular season title.

Ben Fletcher had a season-high 29 points for Troy State in its 80-69 victory over Central Florida in the title game of the Atlantic Sun tournament.

The Trojans (26-5) joined Division I in 1993 and the Atlantic Sun is their third conference.

North Carolina Asheville beat Radford 85-71 to win the bid from the Big South Conference and become the 17th team to qualify for the NCAA tournament with a losing record.

The Bulldogs (14-16) immediately became an early favorite to appear in the NCAA's play-in game at Dayton, Ohio on March 18, just as Siena did last season when it won the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference tournament with a 16-18 record.

Austin Peay beat Tennessee Tech 63-57 to win the Ohio Valley Conference for the third time and earn its fifth NCAA bid and first since 1996. The Governors (23-7) have won six straight and 14 of 15.

Tim Smith, a 5-foot-9 freshman, had 25 points to lead East Tennessee to a 97-90 victory over Chattanooga to win their first Southern Conference tournament title since a run of four straight from 1989-92. The Bucs (20-10) upset third-seeded Arizona then lost to Michigan's "Fab Five" in their last NCAA appearance.

Thirty-one conferences receive automatic berths to the NCAA tournament and all but the Ivy League have a tournament to decide who gets it.

Balanced Mavericks blast Utah, 101-77

DALLAS (AP) – The Dallas Mavericks could tell that the Utah Jazz were weary, and they took advantage.

Dirk Nowitzki's 21 points and Adrian Griffin's 16 sent the Mavericks to a 101-77 rout of the Jazz Saturday night.

Both teams played and traveled on Friday night. Utah lost at home to Sacramento in overtime, 108-105, while Dallas won at Miami, 91-89.

"They looked a little tired and they really didn't look ready to play," Nowitzki said. "They had a tough loss at home last night so they were a little flat and we jumped on them right away."

The Mavericks won their fourth straight by responding to the second game of a back-to-back situation better than the Jazz.

Dixie

Continued from C1

point effort to eliminate the College of Southern Idaho on Friday, led the Wolverines (26-7) with 21 points. He put UVSC up 65-63 with a spinning, fadeaway jumper with 24.2 ticks showing.

Dixie didn't even need to put the ball through the net to tie it up when Terren Harbut's 3-point attempt was goaltended by Jon Bell. Lucky for UVSC that official Randy Winn only awarded a two-point basket. Had Bell not interfered with the ball, it may not have fallen anyway, as it looked short from the start.

But the basket tied it, giving Utah Valley one final chance. The inbounds went to Price who weaved his way down the floor to find backcourt mate Jamaal Brown streaking down the left side. Brown took Price's pass from about 12 feet away, the attempt rimmed short, forcing overtime.

In the extra period, Bell, had a double-double with 18 points and 12 rebounds, gave UVSC its only lead, 66-65, with a free throw. Dixie took over with nine unanswered points for the 74-65 lead. Brown dialed in from long distance with a 3-ball and after a pair of Chris Huber free throws, Price answered with another 3-pointer to make it a 76-72 game with 24 seconds left. Dixie added two more foul shots and Price drove downcourt, only to have Hall in his face. The off-balance shot with 10 seconds left bounced high and Dixie grabbed the rebound, running out the clock as a wave of red-clad fans washed over the floor in celebration.

Women's game
Dixie State 50, Salt Lake CC 49

Assi Ndoye's putback with 13.3 seconds left gave Dixie State College its first-ever Region 18 women's championship Saturday with a 50-49 victory over Salt Lake Community College at Burns Arena in St. George, Utah.

The Bruins (24-8) appeared to regain the lead after Ndoye's score, but the basket was negated after officials ruled a timeout was called, although the ball had already been inbounded.

Dixie state coach Dexter Hill signaled for a timeout after Ndoye's score, but the officials let the action continue and Salt Lake quickly inbounded as Dixie raced back on defense. Just as suddenly, the Rebels stopped but SLCC continued on and scored. After some confusion, the ball was blown dead and the Bruins were forced to inbound from halfcourt despite losing two seconds off the game clock.

Jenn Cook took the ball and drove the right side of the lane, tossing up a wild off-balance shot over Aya Traore's outstretched arm. Ndoye hauled down the board but traveled, giving the Bruins one final chance at the win. Salt Lake found Candace Mattson for a wide-open jumper from 16 feet, it rimmed off and a tip attempt also bounced off, giving the Rebels the title.

Ndoye led all scorers with 17 points, 12 coming in the second half, and Jaimey Tanner added 10 to lead Dixie. Cook led Salt Lake with 11 points. The loss snapped a four-game winning streak by the Bruins.

The back-and-forth game featured seven ties and seven lead changes, the last coming off Ndoye's putback.

Region 18 Tournament

Men's championship
- Dixie State 78, Utah Valley State 74, OT

Women's championship
- Dixie State 50, Salt Lake 49

All-tournament teams

Men
Yakhouba Diawara, Southern Idaho
Terren Harbut, Dixie State
Jon Bell, Utah Valley State
Tim Henry, Salt Lake
Ronnie Price, Utah Valley State
MVP: Mike Hall, Dixie State
Coach of year: Jeff Kidder, Dixie State

Women
Jenn Cook, Salt Lake
Ali Aird, Salt Lake
Candace Mattson, Salt Lake
Assi Ndoye, Dixie State
Jaimey Tanner, Dixie State
MVP: Aya Traore, Dixie State
Coach of year: Cathy Nixon, Utah Valley State

Throw-ins

Camille Porter was the College of Southern Idaho's lone representative on this season's All-Region Women's Basketball team. Porter, who averaged 9.4 points for the Golden Eagles, was named to the second team.

Both Dixie State and Utah Valley State colleges had two members on the first team. For Dixie, Region 18 Tournament MVP Aya Traore and Jaimey Tanner. For UVSC, Camille Christensen and Miriam Palkki. Simone Shepherd from North Idaho College, Cook from Salt Lake and Katy Cooke of Snow College rounded out the first team. Second team: Porter, Megan Valgardson (Eastern Utah), Jessica Bader (NIC), Aird (SLCC), Katie Wilson (UVSC), Monique Pili (Snow). Third team: Kasey Mills (CEU), Nina Sanford (Snow), Mattson (SLCC), Rose Hamilton (CEU), Kaydee Allred (UVSC), Celia Weber (CNCC).

Box scores
Men's final
Dixie State 78, Utah Valley State 74, OT

UTAH VALLEY STATE (74)
Brown 3-13 0-0 8, Price 9-22 0-0 21, Herchell 2-6 3-4 7, Thomas 2-4 2-4 8, Bell 6-7 6-8 18, Christofferson 1-2 0-0 2, Wallace 2-3 2-2 8, Parrish 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 26-62 13-18 74.
DIXIE STATE (78)
Huber 3-10 2-4 10, Hall 9-18 5-8 25, Hammer 1-6 0-0 2, Johnson 1-3 0-0 2, Harbut 6-7 5-7 17, Ford 8-11 4-4 22, Mathes 0-1 0-0 0, Carpenter 0-0 0-0 0, Castleberry 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-53 16-23 78.
UVSC 37 28 9 – 74
DSC 36 30 13 – 78
3-Point Goals – UVSC 9-24 (Brown 2-6, Price 3-11, Thomas 2-3, Christofferson 0-1, Wallace 2-3), DSC 6-15 (Hall 2-4, Huber 2-7, Hammer 0-2, Ford 2-2). Rebounds – UVSC 32 (Bell 12), DSC 38 (Harbut, Ford 8). Assists – UVSC 5 (Christofferson 2), DSC 14 (Hall, Huber 4). Total fouls – UVSC 25, DSC 16. Fouled out – UVSC, Herchell, Brown, Wallace, DSC none. Technicals – Bell, hanging on rim. Officials – Bruce Palmer, Randy Winn, Ken Sowby.

Women's final
Dixie State 50, Salt Lake 49

SALT LAKE (49)
Wiveringham 3-6 0-0 7, Cook 4-17 2-4 11, Bonham 2-3 0-0 6, Mattson 3-10 0-0 7, Aird 2-2 3-6 7, Groesbeck 0-0 0-0 0, Hanson 0-2 0-0 0, Bodin 2-3 4-6 9, Dennis 0-2 0-0 0, Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Carpenter 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 17-50 9-15 49.
DIXIE STATE (50)
Tanner 2-6 4-4 10, Snyder 0-7 2-2 2, Traore 3-8 3-4 9, Moyle 1-2 2-3 4, Ndoye 8-12 1-4 17, Cooper 2-4 2-2 6, Kent 0-0 0-0 0, Brown 0-0 0-0 0, Gardner 0-0 0-0 0, Sourwine 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 17-41 14-19 50.
Salt Lake 27 22 – 49
Dixie State 26 24 – 50
3-Point Goals – SLCC 6-12 (Cook 1-2, Wiveringham 1-4, Mattson 1-1, Bonham 2-3, Bodin 1-2), DSC 2-7 (Tanner 2-5, Moyle 0-1, Snyder 0-1). Rebounds – SLCC 30 (Cook 7), DSC 33 (Traore 7). Assists – SLCC 7 (Bonham 4), DSC 12 (Snyder 5). Total fouls – SLCC 20, DSC 17. Fouled out – SLCC Aird, DSC none. Technicals – none. Officials – Brent Kelts, Kurt Owens, Matt Benham.

Friday's late men's semifinal
Dixie State 68, Salt Lake 63

SALT LAKE (63)
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DIXIE STATE (68)
[illegible]
SLCC [illegible] – [illegible]
DSC 41 [illegible] – [illegible]
3-Point Goals – SLCC [illegible]. Rebounds – SLCC [illegible]. Assists – SLCC [illegible]. Total fouls – SLCC [illegible], DSC [illegible]. Fouled out – SLCC [illegible]. Technicals – [illegible]. Officials – Ken Mathes, Bruce Palmer, Randy Winn.

Atlanta's new pitchers provide same success

The Associated Press

Even with three new starters, the Atlanta Braves' pitching staff looks just as dominant as ever.

Russ Ortiz threw three scoreless innings and the Braves shut down the Detroit Tigers 11-0 Saturday. Atlanta starters have allowed only three runs in 28 innings this spring, and the staff ERA is 2.38 – best in the majors.

"To have the new guys throwing that good that early is really a good sign," manager Bobby Cox said. "I thought Russ was just outstanding today. He was sharp as a tack with all his pitches and he has been all spring. They all have."

Ortiz, Mike Hampton and Paul Byrd are new to a remarkable rotation that has led the Braves to a record 11 consecutive division titles.

They were brought in to replace Tom Glavine, Kevin Millwood and Damian Moss, who were a combined 48-25 with a 3.19 ERA last season.

Those are big shoes to fill. But Hampton is the only one of the three new starters to give up a run this spring. The trio has allowed a combined 13 hits with two walks and four strikeouts in 11 innings.

That doesn't even include ace Greg Maddux, who has cruised through five scoreless innings in two starts.

"I don't think anybody looks at our pitching staff and says, 'Boy, they really lost a lot and only gained a little coming back.' I think everyone realizes we still have a solid staff," said Ortiz, acquired from San Francisco for Moss.

(knee surgery) is expected to be out four-to-six months.

Expos 3, Astros 2

At Viera, Fla., Tony Armas Jr. pitched four scoreless innings and struck out seven for Montreal. Houston starter Shane Reynolds allowed one run on three hits in four innings.

Marlins 7, Dodgers 0

At Jupiter, Fla., Carl Pavano threw three perfect innings and Andy Fox hit a bases-loaded triple for Florida. Dodgers starter Hideo Nomo also looked solid, giving up one hit and two unearned runs in four innings.

Blue Jays 6, Devil Rays 2

At Dunedin, Fla., Tanyon Sturtze threw three shutout innings against his former team and Shannon Stewart drove in four runs for Toronto.

AL Rookie of the Year Eric Hinske broke out of an 0-for-15 slump with an RBI single. Greg Vaughn struck out four times to lower his average to .142 this spring.

Twins 6, Orioles 4

At Fort Myers, Fla., Michael Cuddyer homered and drove in two runs, and Michael Restovich hit a two-run triple to lead Minnesota.

Rick Reed allowed three runs – one earned – and six hits in three innings. Twins lefty Eric Milton

Indians 7, Phillies 1

At Winter Haven, Fla., Ben Broussard hit his fourth homer in a week for Cleveland. Jim Thome went 0-for-1 with two walks in his first appearance against his former team since signing with Philadelphia in December.

Indians starter Ricardo Rodriguez allowed one hit and struck out four in four innings. Broussard and Omar Vizquel each hit two-run homers off Vicente Padilla, who gave up four runs in three innings.

Mets 14, Cardinals 2

At Port St. Lucie, Fla., Mo Vaughn and Tony Clark homered as New York battered Dustin Hermanson.

Jose Reyes, considered one of the top prospects in baseball, made his much anticipated debut for New York. The 19-year-old shortstop, held back this spring because of a quadriceps injury, went 1-for-2 with a single as the Mets won their sixth straight.

Yankees 7, Pirates 4

At Tampa, Fla., Robin Ventura hit a two-run homer and Andy Pettitte allowed three runs – two earned – and five hits in 2 2-3 innings for New York. Mariano Rivera retired all four batters he faced.

Brewers 11, Giants 6

At Scottsdale, Ariz., Barry Bonds hit his fourth homer of the spring, but Wilton Veras' two-run double in a six-run ninth inning carried Milwaukee past San Francisco.

Bonds is hitting .500 (7-for-14) in seven games.

Cubs 3, White Sox 2

At Mesa, Ariz., Mike Mahoney's sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth won it for the Cubs. Sammy Sosa, who has been out with an infection, played in only his second game of the spring.

Diamondbacks 8, Padres 5

At Tucson, Ariz., Curt Schilling struck out five in four solid innings and Junior Spivey homered for Arizona. Schilling, who, threw 63 pitches, gave up one run and five hits, walking one.

Rockies 12, Rangers 5

At Surprise, Ariz., Shawn Chacon, trying to pitch his way back into Colorado's rotation, threw four scoreless innings. Rangers starter Ismael Valdes allowed six runs and six hits in the third inning.

Royals 7, Mariners 1

At Peoria, Ariz., Jeremy Affeldt pitched four scoreless innings and Joe Randa homered for Kansas City. Freddy Garcia allowed three runs, three hits and three walks in three innings.

Athletics 13, Angels 1

At Phoenix, AL Cy Young winner Barry Zito threw five strong innings, and Graham Koonce hit a grand slam during a nine-run seventh for Oakland.

AP photo

Atlanta pitcher Russ Ortiz throws from the mound against Detroit during the first inning Saturday in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

AP photo

Former Tigers pitching coach Roger Craig, left, sits with Tigers manager Alan Trammel, center and coach Kirk Gibson during a Tigers' exhibition game Wednesday.

Tigers greats try to restore roar

By Larry Lage
Associated Press writer

LAKELAND, Fla. – First-year manager Alan Trammell and coaches Kirk Gibson and Lance Parrish – stars of Detroit's 1984 World Series team – are determined to restore tradition, respect and success to a franchise that has become a laughingstock with nine straight losing seasons.

The Tigers tied Tampa Bay for the worst record in baseball last year, haven't had a winning season since 1993, and are baseball's losingest team in the past decade.

With a current team chock full of lackluster veterans and unknown prospects, it's no surprise that three are the most popular people sporting the old English "D."

"I wish it wasn't that way, but I realize it is right now with our fans," Trammell said with a sigh. "But we'll take it because it's creating interest that might not have been here otherwise. In time, that interest will filter to our players when we have a better product.

"We're not here for the attention. It's nice, but we're here to turn this thing around."

The reunion of the 1984 Tigers, who got off to a 35-5 start before winning Detroit's fourth World Series title, is not limited to Trammell, Gibson and Parrish.

AP photo

Tigers pitcher Willie Hernandez, left, and catcher Lance Parrish celebrate after beating the San Diego Padres to win the World Series Oct. 14, 1984.

Lou Whitaker, who formed an awesome double-play combination with Trammell, has dropped by training camp a few times.

"Maybe one day, I'll be out there in a uniform too," Whitaker said. "But I just want to be a guest right now. I just want to do what I can to make sure these players know about the Tigers' tradition and to know that you can win a championship in Detroit."

Former pitching coach Roger Craig was in Lakeland, too. On March 15, former manager Sparky Anderson will make his first appearance at any spring training site since retiring in 1995.

"I'll never put on a uniform again, but I can't think of a better person than Tram, and that's the only reason I'll be there," Anderson said from his home in California. "I don't go to ballparks. But with him, it wasn't hard to say yes.

"I don't go for being on the field. That's not my job. I'm not going to be there to be a spectacle. I'll go sit in the press box by myself and I'll just watch. I won't take a note because I never did in my life."

It's been 19 years since the Tigers won it all with Trammell, Gibson and Parrish leading the way. But the fit-and-trim group looks as if they could still play, not just coach.

"You wouldn't believe what Tram and Gibby were doing during some drills early in camp," Detroit's Dmitri Young said. "Gibby was sliding into second hard with spikes on while Tram was trying to turn a double play. It was unbelievable.

"I think those guys could still play if we got in a pinch."

AL batting champ comes out swinging

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press writer

FORT MYERS, Fla. – Manny Ramirez showed up at 8 a.m. for extra batting practice.

Sweat beading on his forehead after taking his swings, he sat in a corner of the Red Sox clubhouse and smiled. He chatted with teammates in Spanish while music blared from a nearby boom box.

Ramirez has reasons to be cheerful. He's off to an outstanding spring training start with three homers in his first five games after his first two seasons in Boston were filled with distractions and brilliant hitting.

"He's wasting them all," Nomar Garciaparra joked. "You're excited when you see guys on base and he's at the plate. You know something can happen."

Ramirez won his first batting title last season with a .349 average. He hit 33 homers with 107 RBIs despite missing 39 games with a fractured finger.

In 2001, his first season with Boston after signing an eight-year, $160 million contract, he hit .306 with 41 homers and 125 RBIs in 142 games. All that despite saying he wasn't comfortable in the clubhouse.

"Manny might look like he's got a weakness, but he doesn't," said Red Sox pitcher John Burkett, who pitched against Ramirez while with Texas. "A pitcher has to make adjustments because he does."

Manny Ramirez

There's not much uncertainty when Ramirez assumes his relaxed stance.

In seven of his eight full seasons, starting with Cleveland in 1995, he's hit .306 or better with 31 or more homers and at least 107 RBIs, a rare combination of power and average.

"Power and average are a byproduct of swinging the bat well," Garciaparra said. "If you're hitting the ball well, they're going to go out."

Ramirez had seven hits in his first 12 exhibition at bats this year despite rarely swinging a bat, but working out almost every day, in the offseason. In his first camp with Boston, he went 4-for-29.

"Manny's a lot further ahead than where he's been the last two years in spring training," said third baseman Shea Hillenbrand, one of Ramirez's close friends. "Where that puts him, I don't know. The biggest thing I see is a comfort factor."

As predictable as he is with the bat, Ramirez remains an enigma to many fans.

He rarely talks with reporters and didn't comment on his fast start. When he does talk, he reveals little. He's described by teammates as a big kid – he's still just 29 – who simply loves hitting a baseball.

Ramirez's laid-back demeanor and the fact he didn't always run hard to first base because of hamstring concerns two years ago fool fans about his work ethic.

"This guy's a batting title winner and he's in here working harder than anybody," said Kevin Millar, in his first season with Boston. "That shows a lot that I don't think people know about Manny."

That, and his easygoing personality, endears him to teammates.

"I hung out with him. He's a quiet guy," Boston pitcher Willie Banks said. "But he works his tail off. I'll be disappointed if he doesn't hit 70 homers this year."

For all his hard work and sharp focus on the pitch, Ramirez has a simple "see the ball, hit the ball" approach. Sometimes he doesn't know the count or the pitcher.

Clark

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MVP of the 1989 NL championship series. He also played for Texas, Baltimore and St. Louis before retiring after the 2000 season.

Clark, who now lives in New Orleans, said he'll spend about 10 days with the Cubs.

"I'm going to just come in here and try to do what a lot of people have done for me – try to pass down some information," he said. "Pass down some knowledge that hopefully some of the younger kids will be able to use in their professional career, and help them be a little bit more successful.

"They all seem like they're real responsive and asked a lot of questions. So that's good."

His input was certainly welcomed by Hill, a San Jose, Calif. native, who grew up watching Clark play for the Giants. Hill is one of the Cubs' top young talents, a two-time All-American who hit .391 as a junior at Miami and worked his way up quickly through the minors.

But Hill has struggled some in the majors. Called up last May, he was demoted to Triple-A Iowa in June after hitting just .182.

He hit .314 with two homers and 13 RBIs after rejoining Chicago in August, and the Cubs don't want his spring slump to hurt his confidence.

"Nobody wants to be hitless in spring training, but it is spring training," Hill said. "As long as I keep making contact, things are going to fall sooner or later. It's not like I'm 0-for-19 with 17 strikeouts. I keep hitting the ball; it's just unfortunate that it's to guys that are playing their positions for 100-and-something years.

"I can't do anything about it but keep swinging."

Braves' Fick tries to change image

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press writer

KISSIMMEE, Fla. – Robert Fick had quite a busy checklist to complete in the offseason.

Get married, check.
Have shoulder surgery, check.
Give up ephedra, check.
Stop drinking, check.
Sign with a winning team, check.

"I had an image, and it wasn't a good image," Fick said. "Sometimes, you've got to look at yourself in the mirror. I knew I had to change my act."

The new first baseman of the Atlanta Braves is a startling contrast to the jockspeak world of "giving 100 percent" and "taking it one day at a time."

He doesn't mind spilling his guts, whether it's his disdain for a former employer – mainly, Tigers president and GM Dave Dombrowski – or the nervousness he felt before his Hawaiian wedding.

"That was rough," Fick said, shaking his hand. "I needed a whole bottle of Xanax and a fifth of vodka."

Now that he's escaped the anonymity – and losing – of Detroit, this might just be his coming-out season.

The Braves were desperate to upgrade their production at first base after Julio Franco and Matt Franco shared the job a year ago. Fick took a pay cut to come to Atlanta, eager to play with a winning team and show he's cleaned up his act.

He hasn't had a drink in more than a month. He doesn't consider himself an alcoholic, but knows he did a little too much partying in Detroit. So, no drinking during the season.

"I've got to come to the ballpark every day ready to play," Fick said. "This is a chance of a lifetime."

Not that Fick's career has been a bust. Last season, he made the All-Star game for the first time, finishing at .270 with 17 homers and a career-high 63 RBIs.

In 2001, he hit 19 homers despite playing half his games in pitcher-friendly Comerica Park.

But he grew weary of the Tigers, who had another dismal season in 2002 with 106 losses.

Fick found himself staying at the bars later and later. One more drink, that will make everything better. To dull the hangover and get up for games, he became increasingly dependent on ephedra-laced pills, despite the health warnings.

New Braves reliever Roberto Hernandez expects Fick to be a changed man in Atlanta, where Cox runs a relaxed but tight ship.

"It all comes down to leadership in the clubhouse," said Hernandez, who pitched against Fick in the American League. "Here, there are 24 other guys who will help you toe the line."

AP photo

Braves first baseman Robert Fick makes a catch for an out Thursday in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Hoch forges tie with Tway at Doral

Els clings to top of leaderboard at Dubai

MIAMI (AP) – Scott Hoch finally found a swing that worked and a putting stroke that couldn't fail Saturday to shoot a 6-under 66 and share the lead with Bob Tway going into the final round of the Ford Championship at Doral.

Golf

Ready to give up on the tournament for the second time this week, Hoch shortened his swing to compensate for a sore left wrist and went on a tear, making birdies on seven of his final 11 holes.

He was at 14-under 202 and will play in the final group with Tway, who parred the final eight holes for a 3-under 69.

Sunday is shaping up to be a shootout at Doral, with six others within three shots of the lead.

Jim Furyk overcame two short misses with a good par save from the bunker on the 18th hole for a 69. He was one stroke out of the lead at 203 with Carlos Franco of Paraguay, who holed an 18-foot birdie putt on the last for a 68.

Els shares lead at Dubai

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates – Ernie Els saved par on the troublesome 18th hole and finished with a 3-under 69 to grab a share of the lead entering the final round of the Dubai Desert Classic.

Els, seeking his third Dubai title and second in a row, birdied the 15th, 16th and 17th holes, and his par on No. 18 gave him a three-round total of 13-under 203. The South African is tied with Scotland's Alastair Forsyth and England's David Lynn.

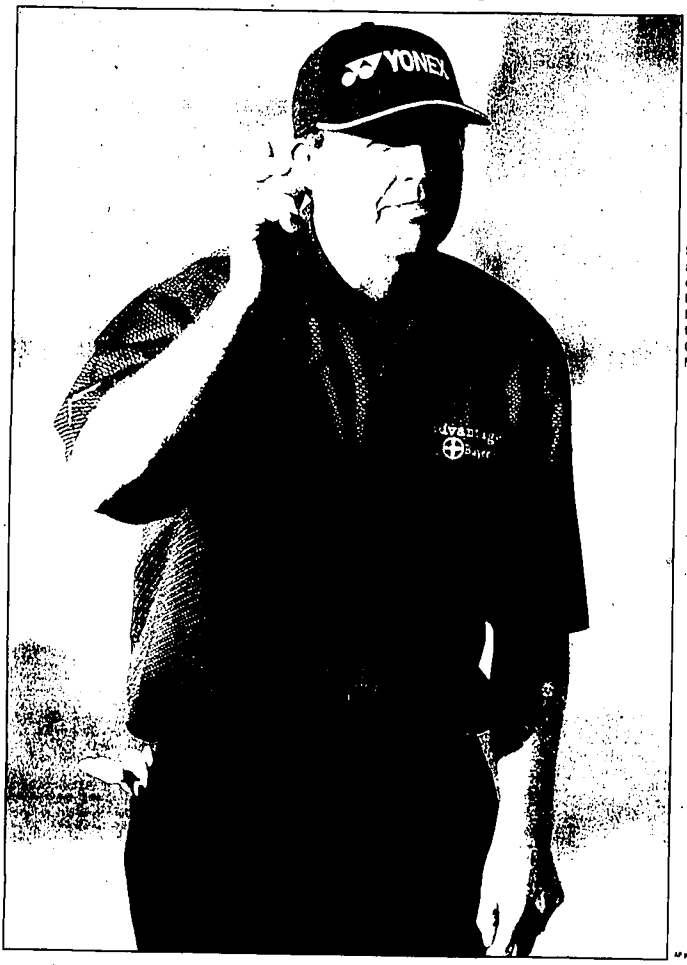
Lynn and Forsyth, who has led from the start, also shot 3-under 69. Forsyth had one bogey, on No. 4. Lynn had bogeys on the second and fifth holes, but three birdies on the back nine put him in contention.

Lietzke slips back into tie

MEXICO CITY – Bruce Lietzke made seven birdies before bogeying the 18th hole to fall into a three-way tie for the lead with Tom Jenkins and Eamonn Darcy at the end of the second round of the MasterCard Classic.

Lietzke finished with a 4-under 68 to tie Jenkins and Darcy at 9-under in the $2 million tournament.

Tom Kite shot a 65 to move 7 under for the tournament – two shots in back of the leaders. Isao Aoki is tied with Kite in fourth place after shooting a 69 Saturday.



Scott Hoch acknowledges the crowd after a birdie on the 18th hole Saturday at the Ford Championship in Miami.

AP photo

Today's race may clear things up

NEW ORLEANS (AP) – Vindication, the 2-year-old champion, is out of the picture. So is Toccet, a multiple stakes winner last year. And Sky Mesa, undefeated but still unraced this year, is in limbo.

Horse racing

That leaves the $750,000 Louisiana Derby on Sunday in the unlikely position of being the first prep race to really help clear up who might be the Kentucky Derby favorite.

The 1 1-16th-mile race at the Fair Grounds brings together Kafwain from Bob Baffert's high-profile stable and undefeated Badge of Silver, the runaway 10-length winner in the Risen Star Stakes three weeks ago.

"If one of these horses win, they should be the Kentucky Derby favorite," Baffert said. "For now."

The Kentucky Derby is May 3.

Kafwain, under Victor Espinoza, was the slight morning-line favorite at 7-5, and Badge of Silver, with Robby Albarado aboard, was 3-2. Eight others were entered, including Peace Rules, who makes his season debut for trainer Bobby Frankel.

Until the horses cross the finish line, though, the Louisiana Derby shapes up as a match race between the top two Kentucky Derby prospects.

"That might be dead right," said trainer Barclay Tagg, who sends out New York-bred Funny Cide in the Louisiana Derby. "I can't go bragging on my horse right now. All he's done is win three New York races, and had a bad race in the Holy Bull. I don't know if he's good enough to beat those kinds of horses."

Kafwain drew the No. 5 post, while Badge of Silver leaves from the outside No. 10 post.

"When it's all said and done, I think you'll see this come out as the toughest Derby prep," said Baffert, who has won the Kentucky Derby three times, including last year with War Emblem.

Badge of Silver, trained by Ronny Werner, won his three starts by a combined 26 lengths. The colt won his first race in April at Keeneland but was sidelined the rest of the year with a fractured cannon bone. He returned in January, and won an allowance at the Fair Grounds by seven lengths before his dominating win in the Risen Star.

Kafwain has four victories in nine starts for his owner, The Thoroughbred Corporation, including a huge effort in taking the San Vicente Stakes at Santa Anita by 4.5 lengths. The son of Cherokee Run was second to Vindication in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile last October, and has already earned $625,848.

Peace Rules, who gets a new rider in Edgar Prado, has three wins in six starts for owner Edmund Gann. Frankel considered running the colt in Saturday's El Camino Real Stakes at Golden Gate Fields but changed his mind and decided to make the trip to Louisiana.

Also entered are Gohalo, Lone Star Sky, Defrere's Vixen, Prince Alphie, Winning Fans and Commander's Affair.

Mauresmo, Capriati, Davenport advance at Indian Wells

Hewitt, Philippoussis will face off in Arizona

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) – Amelie Mauresmo of France won Saturday night to join Jennifer Capriati and Lindsay Davenport in the fourth round of the Pacific Life Open tennis tournament.

Mauresmo had to work the hardest to get there, though.

The fifth-seeded player in the $2.1 million tournament, Mauresmo struggled for 2 hours, 11 minutes before winning, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2, over Tamarine Tanasugarn of Thailand.

"It was very tough," said Mauresmo, playing in just her third event of the year. "It was one of those days where you don't feel very good, very comfortable, and nothing is going the right way."

Mauresmo won the first set rather easily, but lost the second in part because Tanasugarn began hitting more accurate passing shots.

No. 2 seed Capriati and two-time champion Lindsay Davenport advanced earlier with easy victories.

Capriati moved into the fourth round and will play No. 14 Elena Dementieva of Russia, who outlasted Virginia Ruano Pascual of Spain, 6-3, 6-7 (1), 6-3. Davenport lost serve twice, but broke Elena Likhovtseva's serve six times and won the final nine games to eliminate the 25th-seeded Russian, 6-3, 6-0.

Davenport will face No. 13 Elena Bovina of Russia in the fourth round. Bovina was a 6-1, 6-0 winner over American qualifier Samantha Reeves.

Davenport is now 9-0 against Likhovtseva. Top seed Kim Clijsters will be in action when third-round play continues Sunday.

In other third round matches, No. 23 Meghann Shaugnessy upset No. 11 Eleni Daniilidou of Greece, 6-4, 6-3; Magui Serna of Spain beat Angelique Widjaja of Indonesia, 7-5, 6-2; and Vera Zvonareva defeated Dvetlana Kuznetsove, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4 in a match between unseeded Russians.

Fish upsets Rios to reach final at Delray Beach

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. – Mardy Fish upset No. 3 seed Marcelo Rios of Chile 6-3, 6-4 in the semifinals of the International Tennis

Tennis

Championships on Saturday to set up an all-American final.

Fish, ranked 66th, will play No. 4 seed Jan-Michael Gambill in the final on Sunday. Earlier in the day, Gambill struggled to a 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (5) win over fellow American Robert Kendrick.

Fish, who posted 11 aces in the semifinal, won four of the final five games from 2-2 in the first set. In the second set, Fish also won four of the final five games from 3-2 for Rios.

The 25-year-old Gambill, who won the second of his two career titles at this tournament in 2001, started to cramp after playing for nearly two hours.

The 162nd-ranked Kendrick won his first three career ATP Tour matches this week.

Hewitt, Philippoussis make final in Scottsdale

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. – Top-seeded Lleyton Hewitt and fellow Aussie Mark Philippoussis won their semifinal matches at the Franklin Templeton Tennis Classic on Saturday.

Hewitt beat American Taylor Dent 6-2, 6-4 and Philippoussis beat Mariano Zabaleta of Argentina, 6-3, 7-6 (8).

Hewitt holds a 2-1 lifetime edge over Philippoussis, winning their last meeting in Hamburg in 2000.

Hewitt has won all three matches against Dent, whose biggest asset is his serve. Hewitt is a top returner.

Dent, a winner last month in Memphis, had won eight straight matches and won 16 of his last 17 sets before facing Hewitt. He entered the tournament ranked a career-high 42nd.

Trainer

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At 92, Threewitt could be kicking back at home with Beryl, his wife of 70 years, having outlived most of the owners who employed him.

Instead, he keeps working to saddle another winner in a career that began in 1932. Back then, the 21-year-old was the nation's youngest trainer and had his first winner at the now-defunct Caliente race track in Tijuana, Mexico.

"Everybody thinks I'm crazy," he said, smiling. "You get into something like this and you finally get to the place you don't know anything else, and you just have to keep going."

Black-and-white photos hanging in Threewitt's office tell the story of a successful career.

One of them shows Corralation, who won the 1954 Florida Derby and Wood Memorial. The Florida purse was $100,000, considered big at the time, but now worth $1 million.

Corralation was favored to win the Kentucky Derby, but finished [illegible], and then ran [illegible] the Preakness Stakes. [illegible] contains separate photos commemorating the week in April 1956 that Threewitt won nine consecutive starts at the old Tanforan track in Northern California.

In a corner of the office stands a life-size cardboard cutout of actress Mae West, whom Threewitt met when he had a cameo as a jockey in the 1935 musical "Goin' to Town." She tried her famous line "Come up some time and see me" on Threewitt, who reacted with laughter.

But Threewitt admits racing isn't as enjoyable anymore because his stable is so small. By comparison, Bob Baffert, one of the leading trainers, has as many as 100 horses in his care.

"I used to do pretty good winning races. What hurt me was I had about five owners that each year, they had four or five horses for me and I outlived them all," Threewitt said, laughing.

He has one win, a second and a third in seven starts at the current Santa Anita meeting. His most recent starter was a 4-year-old filly named Bitingly Cold, who finished fourth Thursday, beaten by nine lengths.

"If you're not winning any races, nobody wants you, and a lot of people think I'm too old. Now everybody wants Baffert. If I was a new owner coming into the business, I suppose I'd want to go to him, too," Threewitt said.

Baffert, 50, is known for a sense of humor that sometimes rubs his colleagues the wrong way. But not Threewitt, who recalled the time his horse Old Topper finished second to Baffert.

"Baffert got right in front of my box and said, 'As old as you are and as long as you've been around, I think you could get a horse ready to run, and that horse got real tired,'" Threewitt said. "The young guys, some of them think they could tell me a lot. They probably could."

Threewitt grew up in the southern Illinois town of Benton, where he attended the weeklong county fair to watch the races. Sometimes the horses would stay over in the town's stables until heading to Chicago for springtime racing.

"I got interested in the horses hanging around the barns, and I learned to gallop horses and went from there," he recalled.

Threewitt briefly was a jockey in Kansas City, but quit because he wasn't doing very well. In those days, horses shipped by train, so Threewitt hopped aboard a car with the animals that was headed for Tijuana.

"I got out there and I thought I'll stay a couple of months and go back to Benton, and I'm still here," he said, having moved to California when pari-mutuel wagering was legalized in the mid-1930s.

Threewitt's days at the track continue after morning training hours end.

By 10 a.m., he's driven his beige Cadillac with the license plate reading '3WITT' to the nearby California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Foundation, where he's president of the nonprofit charitable group that provides health care, free clothing and financial aid to backstretch workers.

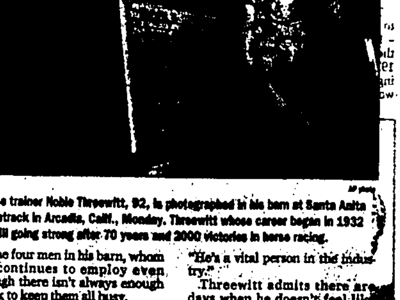
"His name matches him because he's very noble," office worker Angela Valverde said. "He's real generous. He keeps our candy bowls filled."

Threewitt's kindness extends to the four men in his barn, whom he continues to employ even though there isn't always enough work to keep them all busy.

"I wish I would've met him 10 years ago. I've learned more here in the last six months than I have on my own the last 10 years," exercise rider Steve Trevino said. "He's a vital person in the industry."

Threewitt admits there are days when he doesn't feel like going to the track, but he always does.

"I feel like I've got too many people depending on me, so I better get to going," he said.



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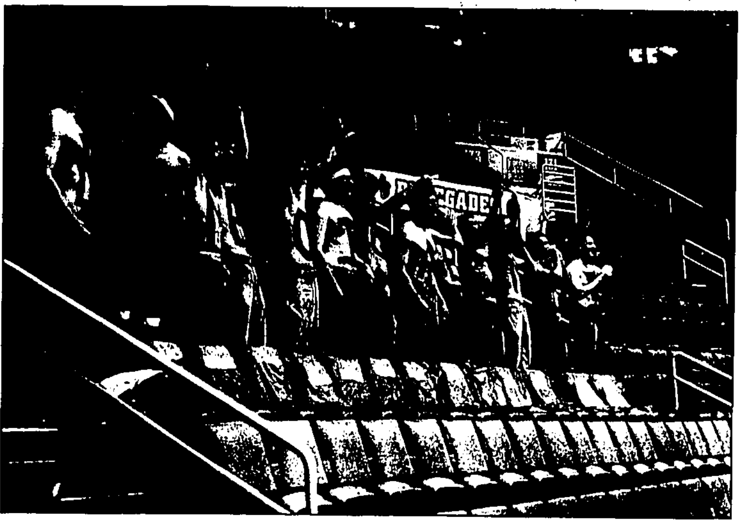
Horse trainer Noble Threewitt, 92, is photographed in his barn at Santa Anita Racetrack in Arcadia, Calif., Monday. Threewitt whose career began in 1932 is still going strong after 70 years and 2000 victories in horse racing.

TOO FAR GONE?



A group of diehard Cleveland Cavaliers fans, who call themselves 'Ricky's Renegades,' cheer in a nearly empty section of Cleveland's Gund Arena Wednesday. Attendance has plummeted in Cleveland, and the Cavs hold the NBA's worst record.

AP photo

Not even LeBron could help these Cavaliers

By Tom Withers
Associated Press writer

CLEVELAND – It's so quiet inside 20,562-seat Gund Arena during Cavaliers' games that you can almost hear an NBA lottery pingpong ball drop.

Not in Section 100, Row 12, though. That's where "Ricky D's Renegades" are whooping it up while the NBA's worst team staggers toward another loss down below.

Flanked by rows of empty blue seats, the unofficial fan club for Cleveland guard Ricky Davis can be counted on for some fun. Each member paints a letter on his chest, and the group spells out a different message for each game.

They came out in force a few weeks ago, spelling: "THIS IS CLEVELAND!" Last Sunday, only six members showed up for a matinee against Orlando.

These days, even the most diehard Cavs fans struggle to keep the faith. The hapless Cavaliers have bottomed out.

The league's youngest team is on its way to a 60-loss season. The Gund, as it's known locally, is usually half empty, as the average attendance is down 4,000 from last year. The club is on its fourth coach in four years. Owner Gordon Gund insists the Cavs are not for sale, despite signs to the contrary.

On top of that, outsiders – and former player Bimbo Coles – have accused the Cavs' front office of tanking the season to improve its lottery chances in hopes of drafting Akron high school superstar LeBron James.

But right now, James couldn't save the decaying Cavaliers.

"It's been rough," Davis said, shaking his head after a recent practice. "The losing, the decisions, everything. I don't know, man. This has just been crazy."

The chaos continued for the Cavs on Wednesday night with a 111-105 loss to the Atlanta Hawks in front of a generously announced crowd of 9,118.

It was Cleveland's fourth straight defeat, 10th in 11 games and dropped the pitiful Cavs to 11-50 – the fourth straight season they've lost at least 50 games.

"It's hard to fathom that we've lost that many," said rookie forward Carlos Boozer, who only lost 13 games in three years at Duke.

Welcome to Cleveland, kid.

The Cavs need five more wins to avoid having the worst record – 15-67 – since the club entered the NBA as an expansion team in 1970-71. Looking at their upcoming schedule, getting win No. 16 won't be easy.

"We're definitely not trying to make any history here," forward Jumaine Jones said. "We're trying to win more than 16 games. Guys are trying to win. We're not trying to finish dead last."

Cleveland's downward spiral has been going on for some time. The freefall has been the result of almost constant roster shuffling, bad draft picks (such as first-round flop Trajan Langdon), questionable trades, inflated contracts and an unwillingness to stick with a plan.

Just two years ago, Cavs general manager Jim Paxson added veteran free agents. It wasn't long before the philosophy was switched to a youth movement.

"I think the main thing is they have to find out what direction they want to go," said Memphis forward Wesley Person, traded on draft day last year by the Cavs. "They've been fighting themselves. The guys they drafted haven't really panned out like they should have. They are just in a tough situation right now."

Person was once part of a nucleus in Cleveland that at times included Shawn Kemp, Lamond Murray, Brévin Knight, Derek Anderson, Bob Sura, Cedric Henderson and Andre Miller.

In the past three years, Paxson has traded all of them.

Paxson has been with the Cavs since 1998, taking over as GM a year later when Wayne Embry stepped down. Embry is credited with resurrecting the Cavs in the early '90s with players such as Brad Daugherty, Mark Price and Larry Nance. He is also partly to blame for the club's downfall.

Embry gave Kemp a ridiculously overpriced contract that hampered the club's ability to make any moves until Paxson dumped the overweight Kemp on Portland in 2000.

Since then, Paxson has been trying to build the Cavs into a winner.

From the looks of things, he's got a long way to go.

"Ultimately, I'm the one who is accountable," said Paxson, who fired coach John Lucas on Jan. 20 after an 8-34 start and replaced him with Keith Smart. "We knew this wouldn't be easy.

"We have the worst record in the NBA," Paxson said. "But we have a better team than that."

Indeed, there are signs of hope. Cleveland's roster includes seven players under 23. One is Dajuan Wagner, a 20-year-old guard whose natural scoring ability is being wasted while the team experiments with him at point guard.

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Zydrunas Ilgauskas has been healthy, and the 7-foot-3 center's recovery from five foot operations was rewarded with an All-Star spot. The enigmatic Davis signed a six-year, $34 million last summer to stay in Cleveland.

Jones, Diop, Boozer and Chris Mihm have the potential to be productive pros.

"One day we will eventually be out of this situation, the tide will change," said Smart, whose future with the team is uncertain. "Our guys hear on TV and read that they're the worst team in the NBA. There's nothing they can do about it right now."

That would change if the Cavs were to somehow land the 6-foot-8 James, whose impact would be felt at the box office and on the floor.

If Cleveland finishes with the worst overall record, the Cavs will get the most pingpong balls in the May 18 lottery and will have a 25 percent chance of getting the No. 1 pick.

Coles, waived last week, said the Cavs are losing on purpose to improve their draft position, a charge Gund and Paxson have fiercely dismissed for months.

Anyway, the odds are stacked against Cleveland. Since 1988, only twice has the league's worst team won the lottery.

As the Cavs prepared to play Atlanta the other night, some of the "Renegades" pondered what watching James in person 41 times a year would be like.

"It would be great, but if we get LeBron, we get LeBron," shrugged 17-year-old Dan Fornal during pregame warmups. "This team has amazing talent, and things can only go up from here. I don't think it can get much worse.

"Can it?"

AP photo

Boston Celtics J.R. Bremer, right, and Eric Williams hold towels to combat a strange smell be tween tho third and fourth periods against the Clippers Friday in Boston.

Celtics players gag on fumes, raising security questions

BOSTON (AP) – Gagging from noxious fumes as they evacuated their bench, the Boston Celtics' thoughts turned to terrorism. Coach Jim O'Brien lobbied for the game to be stopped.

But NBA officials, working with Boston police and FleetCenter security, decided that the substance sickening the players and the fans sitting behind them was most likely Mace or pepper spray released as a prank.

"It is a sick prank," FleetCenter chief Richard Krezwick said Saturday before the building hosted an NHL game between the Boston Bruins and the Washington Capitals. "In this day and age, people like that have to be punished."

The third quarter of their game against the Los Angeles Clippers had just ended on Friday night when the Celtics suddenly fled their bench, covering their faces with their warmup jackets or towels. During the nine-minute delay, O'Brien could be heard trying to persuade referee Hue Hollins to postpone or cancel the rest of the game.

"We have directives we have to follow in situations like this," Hollins told a pool reporter after the game. "We can't just arbitrarily say the game was over."

Krezwick said security, including a Boston police officer trained in hazardous materials, determined that the quickly dissipating fumes were not likely to pose a danger and the game could continue.

"That is how you proceed, rather than creating larger issues with a mass exit," FleetCenter general manager John Wentzell said.

No one required medical treatment, police said.

Security at sporting events has come under scrutiny before. In September, police trying to break up a fight in the stands at a game between the Philadelphia Eagles and Washington Redskins used pepper spray, which drifted onto the field and made some players sick.

But Friday night's situation also brought back memories of more dangerous security breaches, like the stabbing of Monica Seles by a German tennis fan or the on-field beating of Kansas City Royals first base coach Tom Gamboa by Chicago White Sox fans.

For many of the Celtics, their first thought was terrorism.

"With what's going on in the world, we're obviously going to be very cautious," Celtics forward Antoine Walker said.

But all involved became convinced that what happened was meant as a prank.

"It was a very ill-timed and inappropriate prank, given the day and age we're in," Wentzell said.

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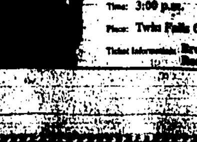
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The world according to Atlas: Keep boxing dignified

By Hal Bock
Associated Press writer

Trainer Teddy Atlas bristles at the sideshow that boxing has become, a circus in which Mike Tyson shows up for a fight with his face decorated by a new tattoo, and John Ruiz arrives at his weigh-in wearing a floppy hat and high heels.

"Don't taint my business," Atlas said. "It's an honorable business. It's not a joke. It's noble. I hate people making a mockery of my business. Some of them think anything goes. But not in my gym, not in my life. I don't live that way. I don't accept it. Give my job the respect and dignity that others have."

This is why Atlas is very selective about taking on boxers. Any street kid who wants to work with him ought to know some things up front.

First, leave the homeboys at home. Park them outside, away from the gym. The fighter and his trainer are the only ones needed in this environment.

"I hate entourages," Atlas said. "They walk in, a posse with boom boxes. They sit on the apron. They don't respect the place and what you're trying to do. What gives them the right?

"I get them right out of there. It's like if you're a lawyer in the middle of a case, you don't want guys walking into your office and sitting on the desk. There should be an understanding. This is a place of business."

So how does Atlas conduct the evacuation?

"I can't be reasoned with," he said. "That can be useful. We might have a staredown. I'll win. Most guys aren't consequential. I'm more substantial than they are."

You don't think so? Take a closer look.

Atlas' face, with a jagged scar running down the left side, looks like a clenched fist that has been a few places and done a few things.

He has been training fighters for 30 years, involved with all kinds of boxers from marquee to marginal.

He walked away from an $800,000 payday with a world champion once because his fighter wasn't going about his business seriously enough. He passed up the Thanksgiving Day parade with his 3-year-old once because he had to prepare an undercard also-ran for a $1,000 fight in Enid, Okla.

He takes this stuff seriously. He has a passion for boxing. It is burned in his head and his heart,

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> – Trainer Teddy Atlas

and he cannot tolerate those who treat it casually.

This explains why Atlas trains only a couple of fighters these days, preferring to concentrate on his work as a boxing analyst for *ESPN2*.

"I don't take fighters," he said. "I've been training fighters for 30 years. I'm tired of being the guy who tells them the truth all the time. Fighters don't want to hear the truth. I like doing the commentary. Nobody talks back. I just tell the listener what's happening. It's bliss for me."

He loves the game because it is a porthole into the makeup of a man. "You find out about people," Atlas said. "The business forces them to show their human weaknesses. The ring is a difficult place to go into. Four steps can be like 400. To say, 'I am a fighter. I am a warrior' – that takes something."

Atlas sees the game deteriorating, and it eats him up. He sees fighters allowed to dictate their work, all too content to avoid the difficult route, preferring the easy one.

"I see 10-round fights with guys who aren't four-round fighters," he said. "They have not been through the process, the tests.

"My job is to make professionals. These guys don't want to be pros. They want money quick and easy. That's not being a pro. You must accept the code of your business.

"The code is respecting your work. They don't have to travel through that door. They choose the easy way."

Atlas thinks the hard way is more worthwhile. He battles for it. It is not his first fight. It probably won't be his last.

AP photo

Boxing trainer Teddy Atlas, left, talks with heavyweight fighter Michael Grant during a training session at a gym in Elizabeth, N.J., Mar. 4.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Poor trail conditions force another Iditarod change

KALTAG, Alaska – Poor trail conditions have forced yet another route change midway through the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

Organizers decided to drop the loop between Anvik and Shageluk late Friday night after crews found the trail impassable, Iditarod executive director Stan Hooley said.

"Most of the stretch between Anvik and Shageluk is very icy with no snow cover," Hooley said. "There's really no way to navigate it."

Three-time Iditarod champion Jeff King of Denali Park has the lead after arriving first in Anvik at 4:21 a.m. Saturday. Running second was Norwegian musher Robert Sorlie, the early leader. He left the Eagle Island checkpoint at 5:06 a.m., completing his mandatory 24-hour layover.

King has completed one of two eight-hour stops, but not his 24-hour layover, while Sorlie has yet to complete an eight-hour rest.

Ramey Smyth, who third, and five-time champion Rick Swenson remained at Eagle Island. Defending champion Martin Buser arrived in Eagle Island at 4:58 a.m. Saturday.

Villanova suspends 12 players for phone violations

PHILADELPHIA – Villanova suspended 12 basketball players, including leading scorers Gary Buchanan and Ricky Wright, on Saturday for allegedly making unauthorized telephone calls.

The suspensions will leave Villanova with only seven players available for Sunday's regular-season finale against No. 7 Pittsburgh, and the Wildcats will be short-handed for the Big East tournament.

Villanova (15-13, 8-7) announced the suspensions after [illegible] revealed players had been using a university access code to make unauthorized phone calls over the last several months.

The players suspended Saturday allegedly obtained an athletic department employee's secret telephone access number and used the code to run up long distance charges. The university learned of the breach on Tuesday.

The university said the players will be suspended for three to eight games, depending on the dollar value of the phone calls. The suspensions will be staggered so the Wildcats will be able to field a team for upcoming games.

Sanders stuns Klitschko with second round KO

HANOVER, Germany – Corrie Sanders knocked out Wladimir Klitschko 27 seconds into the second round Saturday to take the WBO heavyweight title in a major upset.

Sanders caught the 6-foot-7, 240-pound Klitschko with a short hard left with 33 seconds left in the first round, then sent him down to the canvas three more times.

Agent: Stewart mulls offers from Bears, Cards

CHICAGO – Kordell Stewart's agent spent Saturday putting together counterproposals to contract offers from the Chicago Bears and Arizona Cardinals.

Stewart was released by the Steelers after eight seasons of both brilliant and erratic play.

Stewart was one of three quarterbacks to visit the Bears this week, along with Jake Plummer (who left Arizona) and Jeff Blake.

But one day after visiting the Bears, Plummer signed with the Denver Broncos. That made Stewart No. 1 on Chicago's list.

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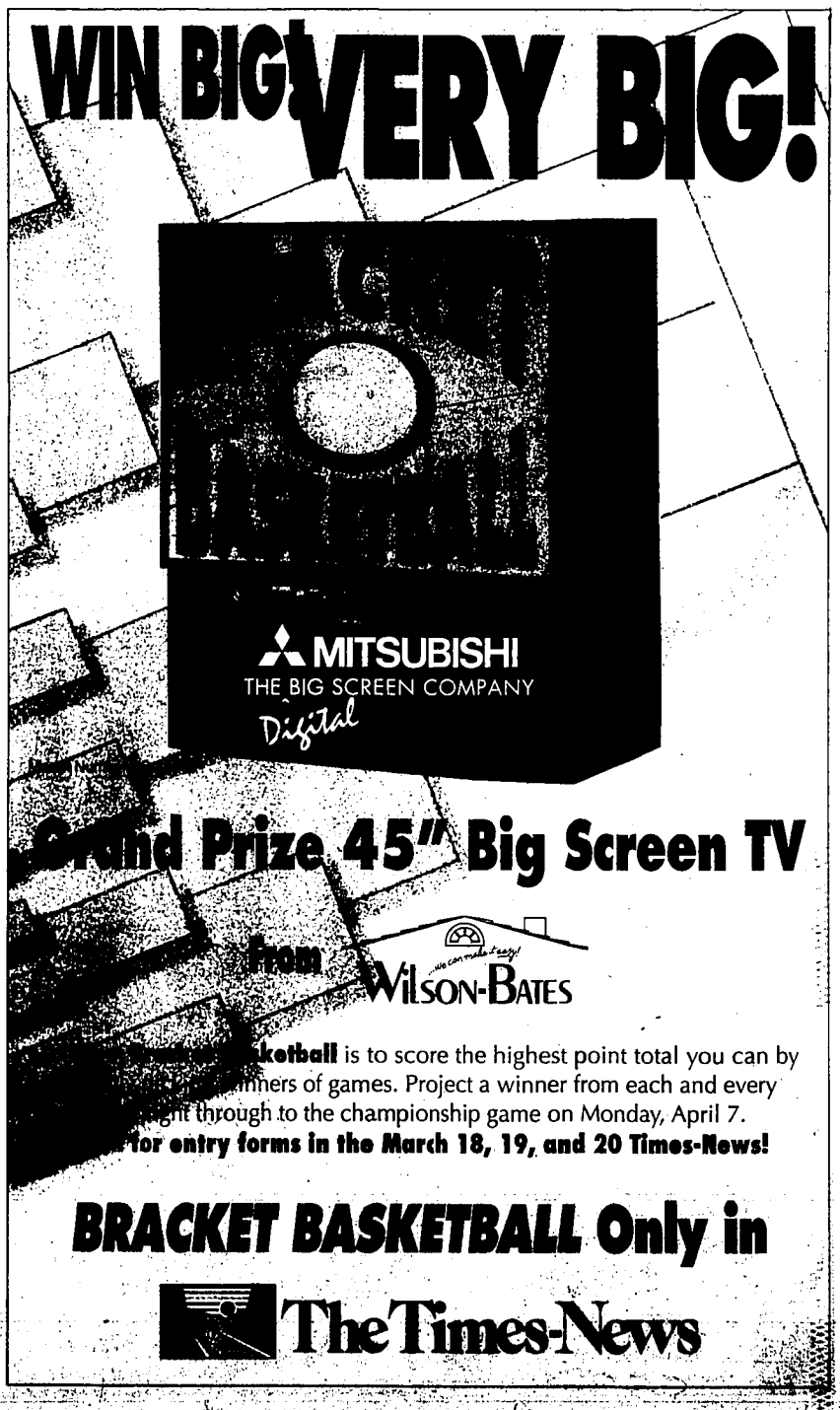

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Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

Investing in M.V.

Business Plus III is a six-county initiative that by April 30 aims to raise $1.44 million to invest in Magic Valley's economic health over five years.
Of that money, $1.15 million would be for business-attraction and business-retention incentive grants, $250,000 for regional marketing, and $40,000 for operations, overhead and investor relations.
The Business Plus III campaign provides a weekly update of its fund-raising. The status as of Friday:

Number of investors: 28
Total raised to date: $1,063,000

Potential investors may call 736-1085 for more information.

Source: Rebecca Wildman of Business Plus III

A LEAP forward

BRUCE SMITH/The Times-News

Kevin Emery, a worker with Steve Hallstone Drywall and Acoustics, smoothes down a drywall joint in the Magic Valley Bank building on the corner of Shoshone Street and Main Avenue in Twin Falls.

Hospital, bank renovations lead T.F. construction

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS – In one leap, Twin Falls' construction sector nearly erased its slow start this year.

With the help of rapid home building and several major commercial projects, the city last month issued building permits for projects totaling an estimated $4.64 million – that's $713,343, or 18.2 percent, more than in February 2002 – for combined construction types.

That brought year-to-date 2003's tally to $7.70 million for combined types, compared with $7.74 million for the first two months of 2002. That's a mere $42,708 shortfall in construction values so far this year, or 0.6 percent.

Building starts are an important economic indicator for business people to watch. But monthly construction totals typically swing above and below year-ago levels as the year progresses, and the overall trend could easily swing into positive territory.

Fueled by continued record-low mortgage rates, the new-residential side last month contributed permits for an astounding 38 new single-family homes in the city – up from 21 in February 2002 and 18 two years ago.

Those Twin Falls homes' average estimated value slipped to $97,490 in February from the $108,689 of February 2002.

Around the nation, average rates on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages hit a new low in late February, dipping to 5.79 percent, the Associated Press reported.

The city of Twin Falls issued permits for no new apartments or manufactured homes last month.

The commercial sector contributed several sizable projects to February's totals. The list opens a window to local growth and investment:

Physician facility

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center undertook a $200,000 renovation of its former Business Services Offices on Morrison Street.

The purpose?

The property is destined to serve as the new location for the consolidated medical practice of gastroenterology physicians Robert Ward, Allen Sinclair, Kent Smith and Ted Rae, hospital spokesman Shawn Barigar said. Gastroenterologists are internists who specialize in diagnosing and treating diseases of the digestive system.

"The new location will allow for one practice and one GI lab for procedures to diagnose and treat patients in the community," Barigar said. "The primary benefit to patients will be accessibility to physicians and procedures in one central location."

The hospital expects to complete the remodeling at 141 Morrison St. by mid-May.

Magic Valley Regional's business office has shifted to the hospital's downtown campus.

Beds for babies

Magic Valley Regional says a remodeling of its newborn intensive-care area will add capacity and privacy.

"The primary benefit to patients in this new unit will be an enhanced focus on their privacy, when consulting with physicians and other health-care providers as well as for when mothers are breast-feeding their infants," Barigar said.

"The project also enhances environmental controls that are needed for optimal patient care, particularly infection-control standards for patients requiring isolation, including negative air flow," he said.

A building permit lists a $170,000 value for the remodeling project, on the hospital's second floor in the Women and Infants Center. That's on the hospital's main Addison Avenue West campus.

Barigar said the project includes alterations to the existing intensive-care nursery and expansion into a portion of the obstetrics waiting area, which relocated across the hall. The larger space will accommodate one additional newborn intensive-care bed, for a total of 15.

The unit will include nine continuing-care cubicles; an enclosed isolation/intensive-care room; an enclosed semi-private continuing/intermediate-care room; and two enclosed private continuing-care rooms.

Magic Valley Regional expects to complete the project by mid-April, Barigar said. During construction, look for newborn intensive-care services in their temporary home on the fourth floor of the women's and children's unit.

Altered interior

Construction crews at downtown's central intersection are giving a bank building an all-new first-floor interior.

"We gutted the whole thing from the floor to the ceilings," said Phillip Bratton, Magic Valley Bank president. The Twin Falls-based bank is putting in eight new offices, a new teller line and new supply and computer rooms.

Magic Valley Bank is consolidating its three Twin Falls operations into the former Wells Fargo building at 113 Main Ave. W., as the primary tenant. Renovations started trickling into the city's building permit lists last fall.

For the $170,000 portion permitted in February – the first-floor interior remodeling – the bank will pay the bill, not the property owner.

Magic Valley Bank will house work spaces for 18 people on the first floor when it opens the doors on Main Avenue, Bratton said. That's scheduled for May 12.

"We'll push it up a week if we can," he said.

Magic Valley Bank moved its real estate center and its operation department – with 11 employees total – to the second floor of the Main Avenue building in late February. Including the bank's part-timers, a courier and a home-based employee, 33 of the bank's full-time equivalent workers will report to that location when the consolidation concludes, Bratton said.

Drive-in dining

A Sonic Drive-In restaurant set for construction on Blue Lakes Boulevard North this year – Twin Falls' second Sonic and Magic Valley's third – might be the last for a while.

Shawnee, Okla.-based Wintco Inc. in May 2002 bought the Sonic restaurant on Twin Falls' Addison Avenue East, along with the franchise rights to develop other Sonic locations in Magic Valley, said Brian Winterringer, vice president of the family business. At that time, land for a Jerome Sonic was under a purchase contract; Wintco has since built and opened the Jerome location for business.

Now a third local drive-in is on the menu.

A building permit issued in February lists a $166,953 value for the Sonic restaurant planned at 431 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. It will total 7,695 square feet, with 6,113 square feet of canopy and 1,582 of restaurant.

Wintco has bought the land but hasn't settled on a start date,

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GOING UP — The February report

Estimated values for construction that received permits in February from Twin Falls city:

Type	Feb. '03	Feb. '02	Feb. '01
New single-family homes	$3,704,628	$2,282,467	$1,722,913
New multifamily units	0	0	0
New commercial projects	$191,951	$186,720	$475,564
Commercial alterations/additions	$658,148	$1,247,186	$261,139
Total*	**$4,641,048**	**$3,927,708**	**$2,598,781**

*including such things as manufactured homes, residential alterations/additions and signs

Source: City building department

Recent numbers at a glance

Here's how Twin Falls' total construction values in the past six months stacked up against the same months a year earlier:

• Feb. '03	▲ 18 %
• Jan. '03	▼ 20 %
• Dec. '02	▲ 119 %
• Nov. '02	no change
• Oct. '02	▼ 28 %
• Sept. '02	▲ 83 %

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Rupert hosts lunch for business women

RUPERT – A Business Women Success Seminar and Luncheon, sponsored by the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce and *The Times-News*, will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 24 at the Rupert Elks Lodge.

Cost is $10 per person.

The event is designed to help women in business discover their inner beauty and be the best they can be, organizers said. Participants can sharpen their personal skills with seminar topics such as "Dress for Success on a Budget." A luncheon and fashion show will be held at noon. Time will be allowed to browse through the booths of businesses who specialize in products and beauty aids for business women.

Booth space is available for exhibitors. For information, call the chamber at 679-4793.

M-C chamber will hold small business expo

BURLEY – The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce's 2003 Small Business Expo will be held March 21-22 at the Snake River Plaza. The theme is "Growing Communities, Growing Business."

Participants will be able to meet new clients, generate and develop business leads, distribute product samples, demonstrate products, expand their customer bases and network with other local business owners and managers. Details on the luncheon and guest speakers will be announced later. A kick-off luncheon March 21 will replace the monthly chamber luncheon.

Businesses can still reserve booth space by calling Tiffany at 678-2201.

The South Idaho Press is sponsoring the event.

Bureaucracy committee plans information fair

TWIN FALLS – The Reducing Idaho's Bureaucracy Committee will hold a small-business information fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 20 at Magic Valley Job Service, 771 North College Road.

Organizers encourage new and existing small businesses to attend.

About 12 agencies will be on hand to provide regulatory information to new and existing small businesses. A round-table lunch will be provided.

Preregistration is required; call Brandi Turnipseed at 735-2500, Ext. 3630, by Friday. Registration is $10 per person.

CSI center offers class on communication skills

TWIN FALLS – The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a class to help people develop and enhance communication skills needed for career success and advancement.

WorkSmart: Premium Communication Skills will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 13 through April 3, at the center. Whether participants are just starting out in the workplace or wanting to enhance current skills, the training provides skills in listening, negotiation and conflict management, organizers said. Stereotypes and gender differences will be discussed.

One credit is offered; cost is $77.50 plus $2.25 for materials. Scholarships are available. Deadline to register is Monday.

For information, call 732-6680 or (800) 680-0274, Ext. 6680.

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Members of the College of Southern Idaho's Delta Epsilon Chi business and marketing organization attended the state competition in February and will represent Idaho at a national convention in April. Standing, left to right, are Julie Smith, Lindsay McClymonds, Katherine Von Koeppen, Natasha Bespyatova, Leisa Goodman, Stacey Call, Karrie Capps and Glenda Mathis. Seated, left to right, are Blake Rast, Tyler Garcia and Felix Silvas. Not pictured are Angella Heffernan, A.J. Stallones, Steve Martindale, Vern Feltman, Bret Feltman and Karrie Capps.

CSI students

TWIN FALLS – A handful of College of Southern Idaho students placed high enough in the Idaho State Career Development contest to qualify for national competition.

The students are all members of Delta Epsilon Chi, a professional marketing and management organization that helps students develop leadership skills. The students entered more than a dozen contests in the three-day conference held in February in Boise. They competed against students from Idaho State University, Eastern Idaho Technical College, Central Oregon Community College, Boise State University, Lewis Clark State College and BYU-Idaho.

Leisa Goodman of Gooding won first place in Apparel and Accessories. **Stacey Call** of Boise placed first in Entrepreneurship. **Julie Smith** and **Angella Heffernan** of Twin Falls were the first-place team in Business to Business. **Tyler Garcia** and **A.J. Stallones** were the first-place team in Sports and Entertainment. **Felix Silvas** of Heyburn won second place in Management Decision Making and Human Resources. **Katherine Von Koeppen** of Pocatello and Goodman won second place in Business Ethics. **Steve Martindale** of Twin Falls and **Natasha Bespyatova** of the Ukraine won second place in Sports and Entertainment. **Brad Feltman** of Burley won second in the Sales Representative competition. The team of **Lindsay McClymonds** of Jerome and **Blake Rast** of Hagerman won third in Advertising. The team of **Vern Feltman**, Bespyatova, Silvas and Martindale won second in the state Quiz Bowl.

The national conference will be April 11-15 in Orlando, Fla.

Charles E. Brockway

TWIN FALLS – Civil engineer **Charles E. Brockway**, owner of Brockway Engineering PLLC Water Resources Engineering Group in Twin Falls, received the 2003 Governor's Award for Excellence in Agriculture in the area of technical and marketing innovation.

Charles E. Brockway

Brockway received the governor's award Feb. 11 at a Boise luncheon.

Brockway designs water projects such as groundwater development, irrigation system design and evaluation, groundwater evaluations and aquifer modeling.

"His technical expertise and dedication to communicating with industry, business, governmental officials, farmers and ranchers on water issues has been of tremendous value to all of Idaho agriculture," said a statement from Leadership Idaho Agriculture.

Prior to establishing the family business – in which his son, Charles G. Brockway is now a partner – Brockway was a University of Idaho faculty member for 32 years and previously taught engineering at Boise State University.

Theodore R. 'Ted' Booth

GOODING – **Theodore R. "Ted" Booth**, a general practice attorney with experience in water law, joined the firm of Arkoosh Law Offices Chtd.

A graduate of the University of Utah College of Law, Booth spent three years as a law clerk for the Snake River Basin Adjudication Court before joining the firm.

The SRBA commenced in 1987 to sort out more than 150,000 claims to water, with a geographical jurisdiction that includes 87 percent of the state.

Thousands of farmers, businesses and Idaho citizens have a claim to use water in the Snake River Basin, the law firm said.

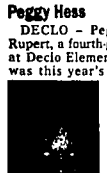
At issue in the adjudication are long-standing water rights claimed by ranchers, irrigators, canal companies and cities. With each claim under scrutiny and subject to objection by other claimants, a water user's understanding of the claimed right may conflict with the agency's determination in the director's report.

"Irrigators certainly understand the importance of their water rights, but oftentimes they require assistance with the legal processes involved with the SRBA Court. If a water user disagrees with the director's report for their water right, or any other water right, it is imperative that they timely follow through with the legal processes that will ultimately result in a decree being issued by Judge Burdick at the SRBA Court," said Booth, who handles business and litigation matters as well as water rights.

Booth can be reached at Arkoosh Law Offices, 934-8872.

Peggy Hess

DECLO – Peggy Hess of Rupert, a fourth-grade teacher at Declo Elementary School, was this year's Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Idaho winner in the elementary-school category of the National Citizenship Education Teacher Award Program.



Peggy Hess

She is now entered in the national competition. Before being named as the state winner, she was chosen by local Post 3043 and by the Sixth District of the Idaho VFW.

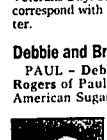
For the district award, Hess traveled to Glenns Ferry to be recognized. She competed against winners from five other posts. As the state winner, she received $100.

Hess, an educator for over 17 years, teaches her students, family and the young people she works with in the community about recycling, planting trees and becoming involved in the community. For example, she takes Jobs Daughters members to visit a crippled children's hospital in Salt Lake City. They collect pop-can tabs to help cover the cost for parents of sick children to stay at the Ronald McDonald house.

To educate her students about men and women who are veterans of foreign wars, Hess invites veterans to speak to her class on Veterans Day. She has students correspond with veterans by letter.

Debbie and Brad Rogers

PAUL – Debbie and Brad Rogers of Paul attended the American Sugarbeet Growers Association 2003 Annual Meeting in Savannah, Ga.

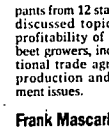


Brad Rogers

They represented the Idaho Minidoka Beet Growers Association at the meeting, where 380 participants from 12 states and Canada discussed topics vital to the profitability of the U.S. sugar beet growers, including international trade agreements, crop production and risk management issues.

Frank Mascari

TWIN FALLS – Frank Mascari graduated from Professional Truck Driving School on Feb. 28. He acquired tankers, hazardous-materials, and doubles/triples endorsements and earned a Class A commercial driver's license.

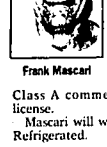


Frank Mascari

Mascari will work for Central Refrigerated.

Tony Kevan

TWIN FALLS – Magic Valley Bank appointed **Tony Kevan** as vice president and ag loan officer. Kevan has more than 17 years in the banking business in the Twin Falls area.



Tony Kevan

After graduating from the University of Idaho, Kevan farmed in a family partnership, handling all aspects of the daily operation of an 800-acre surface-irrigated farm in Twin Falls. Farm operations included grain, alfalfa, beans, peas, alfalfa seed and a herd of 60 mixed Hereford-cross cattle on irrigated and dry pasture. After six years of farming, Kevan went into banking, managing farm and commercial properties. In 1989, he changed to agricultural lending.

Kevan is past president of the Twin Falls Kiwanis Club, chairs its October Feast and handles fair admissions for the club. He serves on the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Quality Council, which oversees hospital quality monitoring. He is a member of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee and of the Magic Valley Agricultural Appraisers and Farm Managers Group.

Henry Etcheverry

RUPERT – Sheep producer **Henry Etcheverry** is the new president of the Idaho Wool Growers Association.

He took the position in November after being vice president of the association.

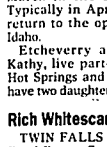
Etcheverry has been a sheep industry leader at county and state levels. For the past eight years, he has served as a commissioner to the Idaho State Sheep Commission. He will lead the association for three years.

A graduate of the University of Utah with a degree in business management, Etcheverry operates the Etcheverry Sheep Co. The family company uses range on the Caribou National Forest near Lava Hot Springs and Soda Springs. Shed lambing takes place January through March in the Rupert area. Typically in April, the sheep return to the open ranges of Idaho.

Etcheverry and his wife, Kathy, live part-time in Lava Hot Springs and Rupert. They have two daughters.

Rich Whitescarver

TWIN FALLS – Century 21 Read Estate Corp. recognized **Rich Whitescarver** of Century 21 Greater Valley Properties in Twin Falls for attaining Diamond Level Status for 2002. The status is awarded to an agent who has met minimum sales of 50 units or more.

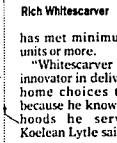


Rich Whitescarver

"Whitescarver is a leader and innovator in delivering powerful home choices to his clients because he knows the neighborhoods he serves," broker Koelean Lytle said.

Julie St. Clair

TWIN FALLS – Julie St. Clair was promoted to rehabilitation services manager at Bridgeview Estates to help patients maximize their independence through therapy services.



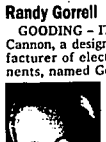
Julie St. Clair

St. Clair was raised in Boise and graduated from Boise High School. She studied at Idaho State University and Boise State University, then graduated from Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., with a degree in occupational therapy.

She moved to the Magic Valley to work as an occupational therapist and gained experience working in school districts, skilled nursing facilities, community home health and assisted-living settings. She joined Bridgeview Estates full time in August 2001, working as an occupational therapist to include inpatient, outpatient and contracted home-health services. She has focused her therapy services toward the geriatric population.

Randy Gorrell

GOODING – ITT Industries, Cannon, a designer and manufacturer of electronic components, named Gooding native **Randy Gorrell** vice president and director of human resources. He will be based at the company's world headquarters in Santa Ana, Calif.



Randy Gorrell

Gorrell will have worldwide responsibility for Cannon's human resources initiatives, including organizational development, recruitment, leadership development, employee relations, training, compensation, benefits, employee communications and key human capital programs.

Gorrell has 24 years of human resources experience, including executive-level responsibilities.

Most recently, Gorrell was senior vice president of human resources with NWP Services Corp., a provider of billing and utility management services to the multifamily real estate industry. Before that, he was managing director and partner-in-charge of human capital and organizational development at Westar Capital, a growth private equity firm. He also held senior human resources management positions with Hewlett Packard Co., USCS International and Ziff-Davis Publishing.

Gorrell holds a bachelor's degree in business administration, management and organization from Idaho State University. He is the son of Alvin and Vena Gorrell of Gooding.

Samuel J. Yost

KETCHUM – Samuel J. Yost, who has more than 30 years of banking and marketing experience, joined U.S. Bank in Ketchum as commercial banking manager.

Yost will be responsible for originating and servicing loans and for developing new business for U.S. Bank in the Ketchum area. He will be based out of the U.S. Bank office at 191 Sun Valley Road. He joins U.S. Bank from Magic Valley Bank, where was vice president and loan officer.

Yost is a past president and nearly 20-year member of the Twin Falls Rotary Club. He is on the board of directors for the Walker Center and has been on the Computer Advisory Committee for the College of Southern Idaho. He grew up in Gooding and now lives in Ketchum.

Mike Beckstead

TWIN FALLS – Mike Beckstead of Gem State Paper Co. recently was awarded a certificate of achievement for successfully completing a seminar for sales professionals conducted in Maumee, Ohio, by Spartan Chemical Co. Inc.

Gem State Paper Co. is an authorized distributor of Spartan's full line of specialty maintenance products.

Sharon L. Allen

TWIN FALLS – Deloitte & Touche said effective June 1, upon completion of a global succession process, **Sharon L. Allen** will be chairman of the company's U.S. board of directors.

Allen, 51, a current board member, is the firm's regional managing partner for the Pacific Southwest, including southern California, Arizona and Nevada, where she is a frequent spokeswoman for the firm on corporate governance and corporate responsibility. In her new position, Allen will lead the firm's governance processes, serve as the U.S. representative on the organization's Global Governance Committee and oversee the firm's relationships with a number of major multinational clients.

Allen lives in Pasadena, Calif. She was born and raised in Twin Falls, where her mother still lives. She continues to be an active alumni member of the University of Idaho and serves on the President's Advisory Board. She was formerly a managing partner of the Idaho practice of Deloitte & Touche, based in Boise.

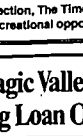
Deloitte & Touche, a professional services firm, provides assurance and advisory, tax and management consulting services through nearly 30,000 people in more than 80 U.S. cities.

TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

Your Business is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it:

- Promotions and staff changes.
- New certifications.
- Seminars and workshops.
- Awards and achievements.
- Charitable business activities.
- Other business news.

Please e-mail items to Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins at virginia@magicvalley.com



Or contact her at: The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, Idaho 83303 733-0931, Ext. 242 Fax: 677-4543 or 734-5538

YourBusiness deadline: Noon Wednesday for publication the following Sunday.

Get into the outdoors

Every Thursday in the Outdoors section, The Times-News guides Magic Valley residents to recreational opportunities.

Tony Kevan Joins Magic Valley Bank as Vice President/Ag Loan Officer

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YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

Northwest Farm Credit announces earnings

TWIN FALLS – Northwest Farm Credit Services announced earnings of $73.4 million and growth of loan volume owned and serviced of 11.2 percent for 2002. Total capital in the association increased 8.8 percent during 2002.

"The association has continued strong earnings, improved capital and has returned over $16.7 million directly to customers through our Interest Reduction Program," President and Chief Executive Officer Jay Penick said. Northwest Farm Credit Services' customers and stockholders are one and the same.

Total accrued loan volume owned by the association increased to $3.9 billion at Dec. 31. Nonaccrual loans were 2.1 percent of the portfolio at Dec. 31, down from 2.4 percent one year earlier.

Washington-based Northwest Farm Credit Services provides financing and related services to farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses, commercial fishermen, timber producers and rural homeowners in Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska.

Sutter Insurance moves to new offices in Shoshone

SHOSHONE – Sutter Insurance moved from its former location in downtown Shoshone to its new offices at 36 N. Idaho Highway 75 in Shoshone.

The move was made to facilitate business expansion. Alex Sutter, agency owner, expects to bring two new customer service representatives to the agency in 2003. The new location offers more room to meet clients and better parking. A children's playroom will be available for parents who are taking care of business at the agency.

Products offered are auto, homeowner's, farm, health and life insurance and retirement plans. Sutter and Joe Schmidt work primarily with Mutual of Omaha products, but also work with an array of other companies for auto, homeowner's, farm and health insurance.

Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Other hours are available by appointment. Call 886-7686.

Utah couple purchases Shepp Ranch on Salmon River

RIGGINS – Shepp Ranch, a wilderness guest ranch on the scenic Salmon River, was purchased by Tim and Christy Turnbull of Salt Lake City from Los Angeles businessman Paul Resnick, who has owned it since 1979.

Tim Turnbull, a pilot with national freight shipping company Ameriflight, visited Shepp Ranch in summer 2002. The ranch is accessible by jet boat and small aircraft.

"Initially, we were looking for a remote piece of property, but after visiting Shepp Ranch, the idea of getting into the guest ranch business grew on us," said Turnbull, who grew up on a ranch in Carbondale, Colo.

Fishing and hunting draw people to Shepp Ranch from throughout the United States, particularly from southern California, the Pacific Northwest and Magic Valley.

The Turnbulls do not plan to make significant changes to Shepp Ranch. Mike and Lynn Demerse have managed the ranch for more than two decades.

Mike Demerse will take anglers steelhead fishing on the Salmon River through April 1 – in one of the best steelhead seasons in recent memory, a ranch statement said. Shepp Ranch also will offer family-oriented summer vacations, and fall hunting and fishing trips.

For information, contact Ginny Hopfenbeck at 343-7729 or shepp@sheppranch.com.

Salon, supply store in Burley has new name

BURLEY – Nancy Salon and Supply, formerly Le Salon and Supply, is at 2245 Overland Ave. in Burley.

Nancy Doan

The business is owned and operated by Nancy Doan and Vu Le. Other technicians working at the business are Le Huynh and Georgia Garrett.

Vu Le

Doan, originally from Vietnam, moved from there to New York City and then to Sun Valley. She is new to the Mini-Cassia area. She has been doing nails for 14 years.

Le Huynh

The business is a full-service salon, providing all types of hair care and styling, manicuring and acrylic nails, airbrushing on nails, facials, spa pedicures, waxing and permanent makeup.

Georgia Garrett

The store also has a line of salon and professional products available for purchase, including hair extensions, nail forms, stations and more. Products are for sale to individuals as well as professional beauty technicians.

Store hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Walk-ins are welcome. Appointments can be made at 678-0933.

Magic Valley businesses earn 'Brightest Star' honors

CASTLEFORD – Blick and Associates of Castleford and ConAgra Foods Specialty Potato Products of Twin Falls, with two other statewide grand-prize winners, were named as Idaho's "Brightest Stars" for 2003 by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and First Lady Patricia Kempthorne.

The 2nd Annual Brightest Stars awards honors individuals, organizations and businesses that are setting the standard for service to Idaho's children and families, Kempthorne's office said.

• **Blick and Associates** – When Castleford's parks needed materials for a fence at the new park to protect children while they played, as well as land for a parking lot, businessmen from Blick and Associates stepped in to provide the materials and the real estate.

Brothers Benny, Gary, and Phil Blick run the family business.

Castleford Mayor Rita Ruffing in her nomination of Blick and Associates, wrote: "When there is a need, they are one of the first to offer assistance, whether it be financial, equipment or manpower. They help get things done in the city of Castleford."

The Blicks' civic engagement includes sponsoring a Little League team, soccer, FFA, *Future Community and Career* Leaders of America, NAU Basketball, foreign exchange students, Toys for Tots, Special Olympics and Rodeo Camp, as well as numerous donations of time and equipment to various community projects every year.

• **ConAgra Foods Specialty Potato Products** – In the past eight years ConAgra has supported an assortment of youth-oriented programs, youth-led organizations and educational advancement developments in the Magic Valley, such as Magic Valley SAFE KIDS Coalition, Magic Valley Boys and Girls Club, Kids Art in the Park, Coats for Kids, Magic Valley Community Action Agency and American Legion and Babe Ruth Baseball.

John Pohlman, a Twin Falls resident who nominated ConAgra's Lamb Weston potato plant, said: "Ed White, operations manager for the Twin Falls facility, promotes involvement in the community by his staff members, as well as the hourly employees. Because of his caring, and compassion for children and our community, the Magic Valley is a better place through involvement by Lamb Weston and its employees."

Home, office cleaning service is open for business

TWIN FALLS – Idaho General Cleaning Service opened for business in January 2002.

Owners and operators Sanela and Bucky Blambic clean homes, offices, apartments and rentals for commercial and residential locations. They also do professional carpet cleaning.

The company can be reached at 410-7083.

Natural health consultants open business in Burley

BURLEY – The Healthy Way is now open at 1239 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Myrll Houk

Business hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The business is owned and operated by Myrll Houk and Brenda Grogan. Both are natural health consultants.

Brenda Grogan

They said they offer massage, reflexology, *iridology*, accupressure, muscle and nerve release, cranial sacral therapy, kinesiology, aromatherapy and lay midwifery. They also have a variety of herbs, oils and tinctures for sale.

Appointments can be made at 678-9551.

The business also has a branch in Twin Falls.

United Pipe marks 50 years in business

TWIN FALLS – Jan. 16 marked United Pipe & Supply's 50th year in business under the continuous ownership of Taylor Ramsey and his family.

The Portland, Ore.-based company, a wholesale provider of water-control and HVAC products and services, started life in the back of a truck. Ramsey loaded up a bunch of plastic pipe in 1953 and hit the road, selling it piece by piece to irrigation suppliers in the Willamette Valley. By the time he got to Eugene, Ore., his truck was empty and his mind full of thoughts of a new business.

Today, United Pipe & Supply has over 340 employees in 23 cities throughout Oregon, Washington and Idaho – including Twin Falls – who service an area from northern California to Canada, Alaska and Hawaii.

United Pipe said it has planned a year filled with promotions for its customers, and the company hosted all 340 employees and their guests on a free cruise to Mexico in January.

A few United Pipe & Supply workers enjoy lunch during a stop on their company-paid cruise to Mexico in January.

CONTRIBUTIONS

■ The Minico High School boys' basketball team recently held a dinner to raise money for the basketball program. These businesses made contributions: **Nature's Best Produce Inc., Kraft Foods, Cameo Special Events, Minidoka Memorial Hospital, Belliston Brothers Apiaries Inc., Great Harvest Bread Co. and Swensen's Magic Markets Inc. of Rupert.**

Jason and Misti Meisch, owners of Great Harvest Bread Co. in Twin Falls, donated white and wheat bread for the 2003 Minico High School boys' basketball fund-raising dinner. Pictured from left are April McIntosh, Jennifer Key and Jason Meisch.

■ The Glanbia Charity Challenge will hold its 10th golf outing Aug. 11. **Glanbia Foods** sponsors the event, and donations to various charities over the past nine years total nearly $400,000.

To expand access to funds from the golf tournament, Glanbia is asking charities to submit letters outlining the organization, how much money is needed, how many people are served by the charity and the area the charity covers.

Send the letter to Glanbia Foods Inc., attention Lauren Yobe, 1373 Fillmore St., Twin Falls, ID 83301. Deadline for application letters is March 17.

For information, call Yobe at 733-5555, Ext. 12.

Firms get away with no pay for snow day

ON THE JOB
Kenneth Bredemeier

Many companies, during the height of the Presidents' Day snow storm, the worst in seven years in the Washington area, simply closed and gave their employees an unexpected paid holiday. Other workers were not so lucky.

Q. I'm a mid-level professional working at a consulting firm. The firm is flexible with work hours, has a comp-time policy and pays straight overtime for all extra hours worked each month. But the company won't pay me for the day and a half I couldn't make it into the office during the recent snowstorm. Can this firm refuse to pay?

A. That is one of several questions from workers throughout the region who felt rudely treated upon their return to work after being stuck at home during and after the storm, which was severe enough for local officials to decree that non-emergency vehicles had to stay off the roads.

Rebecca Hastings, who answers employment questions for the Society for Human Resource Management in Alexandria, Va., said the general rule is that salaried or exempt employees must be paid when offices are closed but that companies sometimes refuse to pay hourly workers. Those who take a day off when a liberal leave policy is in effect almost always are charged a vacation day.

Nonetheless, she said that while some workers may have legitimate gripes about how they were treated after the snowstorm, they should decide for themselves, given the tough job market, whether it's worth a fight.

Companies vary widely in how they deal with unexpected events. The worst, Hasting said, are companies that don't have policies and don't know what to do when they are forced to close.

"They don't have to have a policy, but then they're asking for trouble. Companies need to think about what to do when there's a fire, a storm, a flood, a power outage," she said.

"A lot follow the federal government," which rarely closes. "If you have a policy, it makes clear to employees what is expected of them," she said

The pay question is the sticking point for many. Hastings said many companies simply declare workers on administrative leave when they are forced to close and pay them anyway.

Companies had enough trouble after the storm, she said, "without leaving their employees ticked off, too."

Kenneth Bredemeier writes on workplace issues for The Washington Post.

Leap

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Winterringer said. He hopes to launch construction this spring; it takes 75-90 days to complete. Long-term employment will be 25-30 people at the new restaurant, or 20-25 in winter.

Winco was an existing Sonic franchisee in Oklahoma and Texas when the original Magic Valley franchise partners wanted out of the business, he said. And Winco already held the Sonic development rights for the east half of Boise, where it opened the first restaurant Feb. 4 and plans to build two or three more. The Magic Valley territory seemed like a good fit, Winterringer said.

After finishing the No. 2 Twin Falls restaurant, Winco might build a few more Sonics in Boise, and perhaps in Mountain Home, before breaking ground at any more Magic Valley sites, he said. But plans are still up in the air.

The franchisee would like to do business in Burley someday, but for now the impending closure of Heyburn's J.R. Simplot Co. potato plant is a deterrent.

"That kind of scares us a little bit," Winterringer said.

Cells for security

For some special-management cases, Twin Falls County juvenile authorities need a secure area.

A juvenile might be a safety risk to others because of drug use, be under a 24-hour lockdown order. Or be suicidal and need observation by staff. Or be contagious.

For those cases, the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center at 2515 Wright Ave. is building a new, third wing with four holding cells, said Chris Talkington, Twin Falls County's juvenile services administrator. The cells are for youngsters who won't be mixing much with those in the existing A and B wings.

The new cells are each designed to house one person routinely, but can hold two during temporary overcrowding, Talkington said.

For now, the detention center doesn't plan to increase its staff along with its size, but that could come later if the new cells fill up, he said. Talkington expects construction to wrap up in about May.

A building permit lists a $37,248 value for the 485-square-foot addition.

Twin Falls County owns the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center and has agreements to house juveniles with five other Magic Valley counties and with U.S. Border Patrol authorities.

Data bits

Among the month's smaller commercial building permits are a few that offer insight for local shoppers, recreationists and others.

For instance, drive by 229 Park Ave. soon and you'll see a $28,000 new steeple on The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' building where its Twin Falls 2nd and 10th wards meet.

If you're a contractor doing business with The Home Depot, you'll soon find a contractor sales office partitioned off. That remodeling project for the store at 1650 Pole Line Road E. is valued at $25,300, according to the building permit.

People playing at Harmon Park this summer should find a new 560-square-foot public restroom near Madrona Street. That city project is valued at $24,998.

Those strolling downtown can expect to see a remodeled storefront at Rudy's – A Cook's Paradise. The $21,000 project will change the look of 147 Main Ave. W.

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BSU study documents impact of dairies

TWIN FALLS – Every day, 7,942 southern Idaho residents head to work at dairies or dairy processing plants.

Another 11,517 clock in at businesses offering products and services tied to the dairy industry, boosting the dairy-related work force to 19,460 Idaho residents.

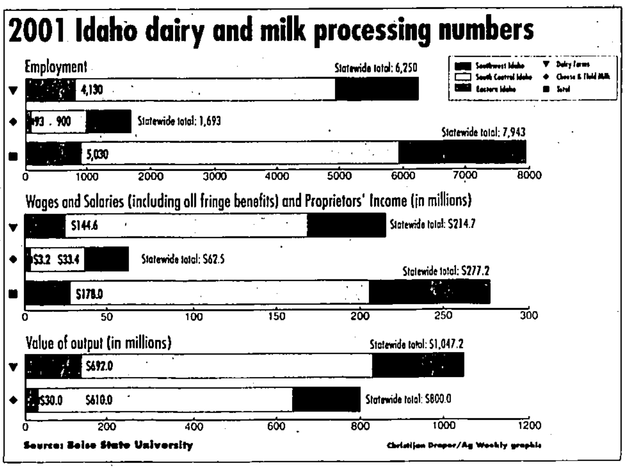
And for each of the 7,942 jobs directly related to the industry, an employment multiplier of 2.45 indirect jobs is created, concludes a study by Boise State University economists Don Holley, John Church and Michael Joyce, commissioned and recently released by United Dairymen of Idaho and Milk Producers of Idaho.

"From an economic point of view, the dairy industry has really stabilized our economy in the Magic Valley area," commented Greg Rogers, regional economist for the Idaho Department of Labor in Twin Falls.

In 1990, Rogers said, Gooding and Jerome counties were ranked among the lowest in per capita income in the state – at 33rd and 36th, respectively.

A decade later, as a result of employment growth tied to dairy and processing jobs, the two counties had climbed to third and sixth, respectively, and maintain a county unemployment rate of 3.3 percent to 4 percent, which is among the lowest in Idaho.

In the Magic Valley, Rogers estimates dairy and dairy processing jobs account for 50 percent to 60 percent of the agricultural employment.



Farmbeat

Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

Water forecast shrinks again for irrigation

BOISE — Below-normal precipitation in February has led water forecasters to prune their already meager outlook for the upcoming irrigation season.

Particularly hard hit are the irrigation projects, like the Oakley and Salmon River canal companies, that relay on smaller mountain streams for their irrigation water. The basin that supplies those canal companies received just a little over half the expected precipitation in February and less than two-thirds of the normal precipitation for the water year (which began Oct. 1, 2002).

Four of the indicator snow measuring sites for the watershed that supplies the Salmon tract, south of Twin Falls, had just 40 inches of snow on March 1, less than half of normal. That's also the lowest amount of snow on March 1 since 1987. However, in 1987 irrigators had approximately 95,000 acre-feet of water in storage in the Salmon Falls Reservoir compared to a mere 18,000 acre-feet this year.

Lawmaker deal defends organic legislation

WASHINGTON – Since last October, the nation's organic industry has basked in the victory of a 10-year battle to get national standards in place defining organic products.

But in mid-February, their hard-won standards hit a legislative snag.

A last-minute amendment rode in on the coattails of the 2003 Omnibus Spending Bill.

The rider, sponsored by Rep. Nathan Deal, R-Ga., "would allow no funds to be used to enforce the 100 percent organic feed requirement for certified organic livestock operations unless a report prepared by the Secretary of Agriculture confirms that organically produced feed is commercially available at no more than twice the cost of conventionally produced feed."

In effect, the U.S. Department of Agriculture would not have the power to enforce the October organic livestock feed regulations.

Wyoming Senator works for changes to ESA

BATTLE GROUND, Wa. – The American Land Rights Association, a private property rights advocacy group, gave a big thumbs up last week to Sen. Craig Thomas, R-Wyo. Sen. Thomas introduced legislative changes to the Endangered Species Act.

Thomas drafted S369 requiring sound scientific evidence that a species is actually threatened before it can be proposed for listing under the ESA. Co-sponsors of S369 are Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, and Sen. Chuck Hagel R-Neb.

"My bill will begin to provide order, making the ESA more effective for local landowners, public land managers, communities and state governments," Thomas said.

Individual investors should consider Buffett's view

By Rachel Beck
Associated Press writer

Analysis

NEW YORK – Individual investors might think Warren Buffett confirmed this week exactly what they were thinking about the stock market: It's too scary to jump into right now.

But Buffett has his own reasons for not buying, and they don't jive with why most individuals are sitting out.

Average investors largely blame worries over war and the economy for their market boycott and say they may be more inclined to buy again once those uncertainties are gone.

Buffett, known for his sage market strategies, says he's hesitating because prices are still overvalued even after three years of declines, suggesting more selling might be ahead.

That's something for individuals to consider before they jump back in.

Of course, no one really knows where the market is heading next, not even Buffett.

Market prognosticators are all over the map with their forecasts. Some believe prices will surge as soon as the situation with Iraq is resolved, while others are less confident that a rally will soon begin.

Average investors are basing much of their decision making on the geopolitical and economic uncertainty. As the threat of war has escalated in recent months and signs continue to show sluggish economic growth, they've moved billions out of the market.

In January alone, they withdrew a net $1 billion from stock funds, according to Lipper Inc. It was the first January outflow since 1990 because it is typically a month when investors, having finished selling for tax purposes at the end of the year, resume buying stocks.

That contrasts with the $13 billion poured into bond funds in January, a record for the month. Fueling those gains was the redeployment of investors' funds, whether it was cash holdings, reallocations of 401(k) investments or from individual stock sales.

But individuals say they may be tempted to buy once these worries lift. They don't want to miss cheap deals that look too good to skip.

That's where average investors and Buffett are divided. He doesn't believe the lower prices are necessarily good deals yet.

Buffett, the world's second-richest man who has amassed much of his $30 billion fortune through investing in stocks at opportune times, presents his latest views in his annual letter to shareholders of his company, Berkshire Hathaway Inc.

Excerpts were first made available on the Web site Fortune.com, and will be released publicly on Saturday.

Buffett says he is not inclined to buy because he doesn't think share prices are undervalued and the market's "hangover" from the dot-com boom "may prove to be proportional to the binge."

He also isn't putting new money into companies that Berkshire already has investments in because he views their prices as too high as well.

"We love owning common stocks, if they can be purchased at attractive prices," Buffett said. "But occasionally, successful investing requires inactivity."

Some market metrics do support his views.

Among the most obvious is the price-to-earnings ratio, which investors have long used to help them assess the stock market's value.

It shows the relationship between share prices and earnings, usually excluding any special gains, charges or write-offs. Investors like to use historical P/Es to gauge whether the current market conditions are considered over- or under-priced.

The historical average P/E in the Standard & Poor's 500 stock index is about 18, and that drops to 13 when stocks are emerging from a bear market.

So when looking at the P/E for the S&P 500 in 2002, a figure of 29 indicates that the market was still overvalued despite the huge declines in share prices.

The projected P/E for 2003, which based on earnings estimates for the year ahead, currently stands at 21, which also is above historical norms.

"Buffett is saying that there still is more excess to work off in this market and that will take time. The high P/Es confirm that," said Gary Kaltbaum, president of the money management firm Investors' Edge Partners in Orlando, Fla.

Buffett might not always be right in how to play the market, but his views are always worth noting.

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Wall Street might not see a big wartime rally

By Amy Baldwin
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK – In the past, Wall Street has enjoyed relief rallies after a long-anticipated war actually started. But the stock market shouldn't bet on that phenomenon happening if and when the United States begins military action against Iraq.

"I've been telling people not to count on it," said money manager Gary Kaltbaum.

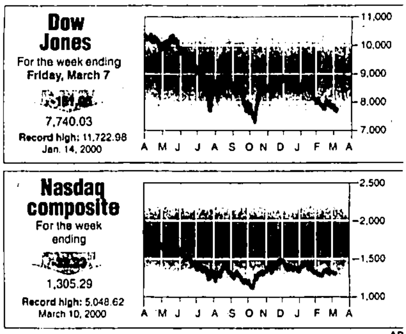
An economy unable to shake its slump and the stock market's three-year slide have made investors far too skeptical to plunge back into buying once the Iraq suspense has ended.

An indication of just how unwilling investors are to make big moves is that buying activity for New York Stock Exchange stocks is at a 6 1/2 year low, according to Lowry's Buying Power Index.

"Lower (share) prices are just not bringing buyers into the market. ... It is amazing that demand hasn't picked up at all," said Richard A. Dickson, senior market strategist at Lowry's Research Reports in Palm Beach, Fla., which compiles the index.

"There's little doubt that investors will breathe a sigh of relief if a war is started and they begin to get a clearer picture of U.S. military prospects. But that also means that investors will be free to refocus their attention on the economy, which is still struggling to get going again.

"Conventional wisdom says you get a move (up on) emotional optimism. ... But it doesn't change anything about earnings, uncertainty about terrorism, overcapacity in every industry out there and (stock) valuations remaining too high," said Kaltbaum, president of Investors' Edge Partners, a money management firm in Orlando, Fla.



Historically, stocks depressed by war jitters begin to rally after the United States initiates military action. Many hopeful market observers have been comparing current events in the market and in Iraq to the run-up to the Persian Gulf war in early 1991.

In the five months before that war, the Standard & Poor's 500 lost 5.8 percent, according to Manning & Napier Advisors Inc. But during the war, in January and February 1991, the S&P rose 11.9 percent.

Investors hoping for a surge this time should keep in mind that this is a market that has defied history.

The market already has suffered a rare, three-year decline from 2000 to 2002. And so far this year, stocks are down.

There is also the tendency of the market and economy to recover once interest rates start coming down. Yet, rates have been lowered 12 times since early 2001 and the economy is still weak.

If a war starts, there will be one less uncertainty weighing on investors, but they'll still have plenty of other reasons to worry about committing to stocks.

"Iraq prevents you from looking into the future. You can't say that capital spending will come back or that consumers will start spending more," said Larry Wachtel, market analyst at Prudential Securities.

Wachtel said stocks might rally briefly when a war starts but that chances are they will have a tough time sustaining any gains.

A war, he said, "ends the uncertainty and brings you back to reality. It might be an unhappy reality."

Most companies show restraint when giving severance packages

The Associated Press

Although golden parachutes have been legendary at big U.S. corporations, most companies are actually restrained when it comes to executive severance packages according to a survey by Right Management Consultants, a career-transition and consulting firm.

Nearly 83 percent limit severance pay to a month or less for each year of service. And half of the 1,495 companies polled said their severance pay was determined solely by years of employment.

On the benefits front, continued medical insurance was most common, 66 percent, followed by outplacement services, 58 percent. Less than a third of employers, 31 percent, paid for continued life insurance.

Additionally, only 12 percent of companies offered an "over 50" compensation differential for departing executives.

"With all the publicity surrounding the hefty severance packages given to certain prominent top executives, it was surprising how few companies choose, as a rule, to provide some elementary services, like financial and retirement planning and office space, to their highest-paid people on their way out," said Geof Boole, executive vice president of Philadelphia-based Right Management Consultants.

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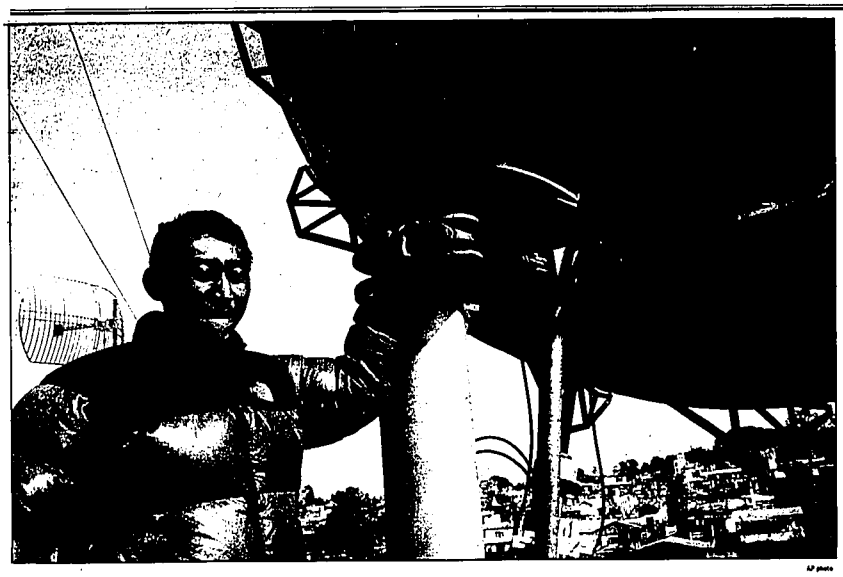

AP photo

Nepalese Sherpa Tsering Gyalzen stands next to a transmission dish, on the roof of his office building in Katmandu, Nepal, Feb. 12. Gyalzen plans to set up the world's highest Internet cafe on Mount Everest's base camp at 17,400 feet. The cafe is expected to be operational by this spring.

Connecting EVEREST

Nepalese entrepreneur plans Internet cafe at base camp

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) – It could be the most challenging Internet cafe project going. Fifty years after two men conquered Mount Everest, a native Sherpa is determined to set up a cybercafe at the 17,400-foot-high base camp of the world's highest mountain.

Besides freezing temperatures and storms, there is no electricity or plumbing at the site. There aren't any permanent buildings, either.

"The Internet cafe I am planning will be in a temporary shed built with stone walls and covered with a tent," said entrepreneur Tsering Gyalzen, whose grandfather was one of more than 100 Sherpas who carried equipment and supplies in the 1953 expedition.

Gyalzen said he is forced to build a temporary structure because the base camp sits on a glacier that moves a few inches a day.

The cafe will open only during the spring and fall, when hundreds of mountaineers come to climb Everest and surrounding mountains in the Khumbu region.

"If we have Internet access on the base camp it would be easy to call for helicopters to airlift injured or sick mountaineers and also check on weather forecasts," said Ang Tshering, who operates a trekking business.

To relay the Internet data, Gyalzen is building a second hut in the Kalapathar area, about a two-hour trek below the base camp, for satellite equipment that will transmit signals through radio links to the Internet cafe.

"There are 19,000 to 50,000 trekkers that come to the Everest region every year. They would want to send a line of e-mail to their friends and family back home," Gyalzen said.

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Since Everest was conquered by New Zealander Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay on May 29, 1953, more than 1,200 people have climbed the mountain and nearly 200 died on its unpredictable slopes.

Gyalzen, like most Sherpas, lives in the Everest region. His family owns a hotel at Namche village.

Sherpas were mostly yak herders and traders living high in the Himalayas until Nepal opened its borders to tourism in 1950. Their stamina and knowledge of the mountains makes them expert guides and porters for foreign mountaineers.

Gyalzen is an old hand at high-altitude Internet.

He already operates an Internet cafe at the 11,280-foot-high Namche village, also on the Everest trekking route. Using satellite links to the capital Katmandu, he provides access to foreign trekkers and local people.

A year after Namche's only telephone facility in the area was destroyed by Nepalese Maoist insurgents, Gyalzen set up a 48-line telephone exchange with lines enabling people in and around the village to communicate with each other.

However, the government has not allowed him to link his exchange to other parts of the country, so Gyalzen's Internet cafe is now the chief mode of communication between Namche and the rest of the world.

At his planned Everest base camp cafe, Gyalzen expects to install eight laptop computers, powered by generators and solar-charged batteries.

"It is a very challenging project, both technically and when it is operational," he said.

First he must battle the Nepalese bureaucracy to get a license to import the satellite signal relay equipment from Israel. Then he has to airlift the equipment to an airstrip at Lukla and have it carried to the base camp on Yaks, which takes about a week. Gyalzen said he was still now sure about how many satellite dishes or what kind of transmitters and receivers he would be allowed to import.

He hopes the cafe will be ready by spring, when more than 100 mountaineers are expected to attempt scale the 29,035-foot Everest, celebrating the golden jubilee of the first conquest.

The proceeds, he said, will go to the Sagarmath Pollution Control Committee, which educates local Sherpas on the advantages of keeping the mountain clear of garbage and pollution. The committee also forces trekkers and mountaineers to take their trash away with them and has imposed a ban on glass bottles on Everest.

Though Gyalzen is doing the work, he's getting some funding.

New Jersey-based telecom analyst Gordon Cook and Dave Hughes, a 74-year-old Internet pioneer and retired Army colonel from Colorado Springs, Colo., helped him set up the project. Cisco Systems donated some radio equipment. The Square Network in Nepal is helping set up equipment at the base camp.

On the Net

News and information about Everest, http://www.mountevernet.net

Tokyo stocks close near two-decade low

TOKYO (AP) – Tokyo stocks closed at a nearly 20-year low on Friday, as investors apprehensive about a potential war in Iraq sold off a broad range of shares. The U.S. dollar was lower against the yen.

The benchmark 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average finished the session down 225.03 points, or 2.69 percent, at 8,144.12 points – its lowest level since closing at 8,111.83 points on March 15, 1983.

On Thursday, the index shed 103.47 points, or 1.22 percent, to close at 8,369.15.

The U.S. dollar was trading at 117.35 yen on the Tokyo foreign exchange market at 3 p.m. (1 a.m. EST), down 0.05 yen from late Thursday in Tokyo and also slightly below its late New York level of 117.36 yen.

Tokyo traders listened in Friday to U.S. President George W. Bush's news conference, in which he said the U.N. Security Council was "days away" from resolving the Iraq issue.

"The Tokyo market was certainly focusing on Bush's conference," which heightened existing fears of a U.S.-led war in Iraq, said Norihito Fujito, senior investment strategist at Mitsubishi Securities. "Following overnight losses in New York ... the market faced great downside pressure."

The dollar, which has lost ground from just under 119 yen two weeks ago, has been pushed down by fears that a war in Iraq could disrupt the U.S. economy.

Japanese exporters are hurt by a stronger yen, which makes their goods less competitive overseas and lowers the value of their repatriated earnings.

Key exporter shares led the decline Friday, including technology blue chips Sony and NEC, as well as automakers Honda and Toyota.

With investors now fearing a war in Iraq is imminent, military-related issues Hosoya Pyrotechnics, Koken and Shigematsu Works Co. all made gains Friday.

The broader Tokyo Stock Price Index closed down 20.05 points, or 2.46 percent, at 796.17 points – its lowest level since Aug. 9, 1984, when it first fell below the 800-point level to end at 795.44. The TOPIX, which includes all first section issues, slipped 6.59 points, or 0.80 percent, to 816.22 Thursday.

On Wall Street overnight, discouraging news on unemployment and heightening tensions with Iraq and North Korea sent stocks lower for the third day in four.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 101.61 points, or 1.3 percent, to close at 7,673.99, a fresh five-month low.

The Nasdaq composite index fell 11.51, or 0.9 percent, to 1,302.89.

Japan's benchmark 10-year government bond benefited from the turmoil in the stock market. Its yield fell to 0.7500 percent Friday afternoon, from 0.7650 percent late Thursday. Its price rose 0.09 to 100.37.

The euro bought 129.03 yen Friday afternoon in Tokyo, up from 128.62 yen late Thursday. Against the dollar, it traded at $1.0994, up from $1.0960.

Nikkei marks near two-decade low

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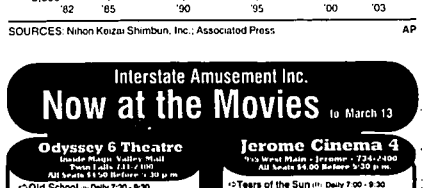

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Bonds may be safer than stocks during a war

By James K. Glassman
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON – While the most likely reaction of the markets to the start of military action in Iraq is a rise in stock prices, it's far from sure. Yes, stocks soared after the bombing started in the 1991 Gulf War, but history rarely repeats itself precisely, especially if investors think it will.

As Michael Driscoll, of Bear Stearns, the New York investment firm, recently wrote, "People are awfully cavalier about the potential for war with Iraq and the commonly held view that stocks will rally and oil prices will plunge as soon as bombs start dropping. That scenario is too pat. The only thing I know for certain is the market will do its best to screw up the most people possible."

The truth is that no one can possibly know what will happen to Iraq or to Wall Street. In conditions of uncertainty, investors have two choices. One is to sit on the sidelines; that is, to sell stocks or at least stop investing in them, putting new money into bonds and until clarity arrives. The other is to admit ignorance of short-term events, both geopolitical and financial, but to continue to invest sensibly for the long term, seeking attractive opportunities caused in part by excessive fear.

The 'Buckingham Portfolio'

The Prudent Speculator ranks number-one for stock-picking performance among all newsletters over the past 10 years (with nearly twice the annual return of the broad market), according to the scorekeepers at the Hulbert Financial Digest.

Founder Al Frank died last year, and with the current issue, his successor, longtime colleague John Buckingham, has put his own stamp on the publication by assembling the broadly diversified "Buckingham Portfolio." It's composed of 22 stocks, most with low price-to-cash-flow and price-to-earnings (P/E) ratios and many debt-free, in the Frank style.

Among them: Sears Roebuck (S), retail chain at a P/E of 4; Alcoa (AA), aluminum; InVision Technologies (INVN), baggage-screening and other detection systems, at a P/E of 5; Flextronics (FLEX), electronics manufacturing; Washington Mutual (WM), giant savings bank, at a P/E of 8; Keynote Systems (KEYN), Internet diagnostics; and Humana Inc. (HUM), health management, at a P/E of 11.

The second option is the one I favor, but, as I wrote recently, bonds are a perfectly rational alternative.

Look at the latest research by Ibbotson Associates (cited in the February issue of AAII Journal, the publication of the American Association of Individual Investors). Ibbotson found that over the 15 years ending Dec. 31, 2002, an all-stock portfolio comprising the companies of the benchmark Standard & Poor's 500 index returned an annual average of 11.1 percent while a mixed portfolio – 50 percent stocks and 50 percent high-grade corporate bonds – returned 10.6 percent. An investment of $1,000 in the all-stock portfolio became $5,370 while the same amount in the 50-50 portfolio became $5,010, not much difference when you consider that the all-stock portfolio produced a much scarier ride, with two-thirds more volatility.

But back to stocks. One of the most attractive opportunities appears to lie with brand-name blue-chip companies that have shown they can increase their earnings and dividends over time. Investors don't often get the chance to become part-owners of such firms on the cheap.

"When truth and faith are lost," says Robert W. Smith, manager of the T. Rowe Price Growth Stock Fund (PRGFX), "you get a compression of price-to-earnings multiples. In terms of valuations, investors stop differentiating between companies with great growth prospects and those with average growth prospects. ... This creates opportunity because you can pay average prices for superior growth companies."

Among Smith's top holdings at the end of 2002 (most recent report) was Freddie Mac (FRE), whose dividend has risen from 19 cents a share in 1992 to 88 cents currently, with earnings rising each year at double-digit rates. But Freddie, which provides funds for home mortgages, trades at a P/E of 7, less than half its average for the decade.

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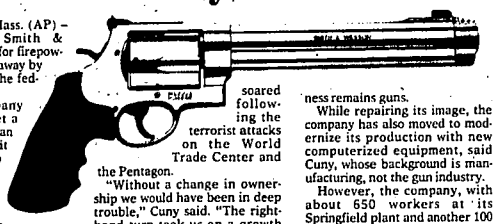

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) – Two years ago, Smith & Wesson's reputation for firepower was nearly blown away by an agreement with the federal government.

Now, the company whose handguns set a standard for more than a century believes it can regain leadership of the firearms industry.

Its new chief executive officer says the introduction of nine new handgun models signals its determination to revive its business.

"The company has a rich history as an industry innovator and we are heading down the same path," said Roy C. Cuny, who took over as president and CEO last month following the elevation of Robert Scott to chairman.

The new handguns include a .50 caliber version of the famed Magnum line that began in 1930s with the .357, designed as a gun for hunters, and that continued in the 1950s with the .44 Magnum.

"This gun will get people talking about Smith & Wesson again," Steve Comus, publications director of Safari Club International, said of the .50 caliber Magnum. He said several of his club's big game hunting enthusiasts have ordered the revolver, and said it could also find a market as backup protection for outdoorsmen in areas frequented by grizzlies and other big predators.

"They are not going to sell 100,000 of them, but they will sell several thousand to that particular universe," Comus said.

Founded by firearm pioneers Horace Smith and Daniel B. Wesson, the 150-year-old company that is one of the nation's oldest and largest handgun makers has a storied history. Sharpshooter Annie Oakley, outlaw Jesse James and the U.S. Cavalry all fired Smith & Wessons. And its .38 caliber Police Special and .357 Magnum were carried by generations of police officers.

But it outraged many gun rights supporters in 2000, when faced with sliding sales and a series of government lawsuits pushed by gun control advocates, it reached an agreement with the Clinton administration aimed at policing sales and promoting safety measures.

Many distributors and dealers refused to stock Smith & Wesson guns. "I think we saw our business probably decline 40 percent," company spokesman Ken Jorgensen said.

Company officials said the deal actually made little substantive change in the distribution and other policies of the company, which specializes in the medium to high end of the market and had been one of the first major gunmaker to begin selling its handguns with safety locks.

But "there is still some residual grumping around their deal with the Clinton administration in some gun circles," Comus said. "This gives Smith & Wesson another chance to say we're not the same company now and gets them re-established."

Cuny said Smith & Wesson is still working on a way of allowing only an authorized user to fire a handgun.

Smith & Wesson's campaign to regain its reputation began in May 2001, when British conglomerate Tomkins PLC, which had paid $113 million for the company, sold it for $15 million plus $30 million in assumed debts to Saf-T-Hammer Corp., a tiny startup in Arizona that made trigger locks.

Scott, a former Smith & Wesson vice president who had moved to Saf-T-Hammer, took over the gun works. His first stop, two weeks after the sale, was the National Rifle Association's annual convention. With banners and buttons promoting the company's return to American ownership, he quickly moved to make peace with the NRA.

"The turnaround was unbelievably dramatic," Jorgensen said. "The problems were associated with our former owners."

With President Bush's election, the political climate also changed and handgun sales soared following the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

"Without a change in ownership we would have been in deep trouble," Cuny said. "The right-hand turn took us on a growth plan when we could have gone out of business."

Saf-T-Hammer, which changed its name to the Smith & Wesson Holding Corp., has capitalized on the company's name by expanding its licensing to encompass a wide range of products from clothing to binoculars and golf clubs, a sideline that now accounts for 10 percent of its revenues. But the focus of its business remains guns.

While repairing its image, the company has also moved to modernize its production with new computerized equipment, said Cuny, whose background is manufacturing, not the gun industry.

However, the company, with about 650 workers at its Springfield plant and another 100 at a pistol and handcuff plant in Holton, Maine, faces some tough challenges, Cuny said.

Competitors, primarily Glock, have made inroads on the handgun market for law enforcement. And the market remains cyclical and uncertain.

"The market for handguns is very much affected by the political climate," said Gary Mehalik, a spokesman for the National Shooting Sports Foundation, an industry trade group.

"It spiked after 9-11 and then dropped to a more usual levels," he said.

Still, shooters, like other sports enthusiasts, tend to have more than one gun. "And like the tennis player with a closet full of rackets they are always looking for the newest and latest thing," he said.

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Roy Cuny, Smith & Wesson's president and chief executive officer, stands in front of a painting of Daniel Wesson, one of the company's founders, on Feb. 5 in Springfield, Mass.

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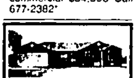

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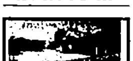

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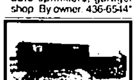

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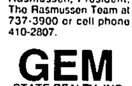

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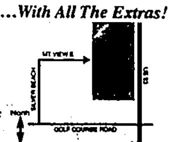

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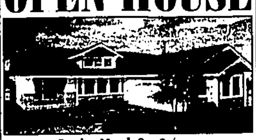

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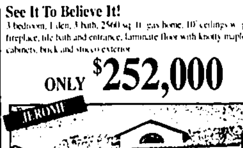

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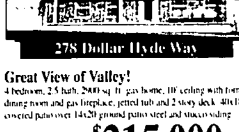

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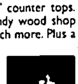
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV 2003-596 CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT SUMMONS

In the Interest of

JOSEPHINE MCGREW, d.o.b. 10-16-96
EMMA MOSS, d.o.b. 09-01-98
MICK MCGREW, d.o.b. 04-24-01

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A Petition, a copy of which is attached, has been filed in the above-entitled matter in the Magistrate's Division of the District Court of Twin Falls County, Idaho, by the Prosecuting Attorney, alleging the above-named children comes within the Courts jurisdiction under the Child Protective Act.

You are hereby directed to appear personally for a Adjudicatory/Case Plan Hearing at the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, on March 20, 2003 at 10:30 a.m.

You are notified that service of the attached Petition upon you, as the parent(s), guardian, or custodian of these children, confers personal jurisdiction of the Court upon you and subjects you to the provisions of the Child Protective Act.

You are notified that if you fail to appear without reasonable cause, the Court may proceed in your absence or you may be proceeded against for contempt of Court.

You are notified that the parent(s), guardian, or a custodian may be financially liable for the support and/or treatment of the children.

You are further notified that the children and parent(s), guardian, or custodian have the right to be represented by an attorney of your choosing, or if financially unable to pay, have the right to have an attorney appointed by the Court to represent the child or the parent(s), guardian, or custodian at county expense. If you request to have an attorney appointed at county expense, you must appear before the date of the hearing given above, at which time the Court shall consider appointment of an attorney for the children and inquire whether the parent(s), guardian, or custodian require the separate appointment of an attorney.

You are further notified that there shall be a rebuttable presumption that if a child is placed in the custody of the IDHW and was also placed in care out of the home for a period not less than fifteen (15) out of the last twenty-two (22) months from the date of Adjudication, the IDHW shall initiate a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights. This presumption may be rebutted by a finding by the Court that the filing of a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights would not be in the best interest of the children and their family, or that the children is placed permanently with a relative.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL of said Magistrate Court this 6th day of February, 2003
Clerk of the District Court
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On 06/17/2003 at 11:00 am (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho: In the lobby of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North Twin Falls, ID 83301 PHONE: 208-734-2005, First American Title Insurance Company, as Trustee on behalf of Law Offices of Steven J. Meimet, Inc. will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: The North one-half of Lot 9 of Parsons Subdivision, except the West 20 feet and except the South 10 feet thereof, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Book 5 of Plats, page 6. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 402 Filer Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Brent Pollock and Diane Pollock, husband and wife, as grantors, to First American Title Company, as successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, as Beneficiary, dated 12/01/2000, recorded 12/08/2000, as Instrument No. 2000-019107, of Official Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representations made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 12/01/2000. The monthly installments for principal, interest and impounds (if applicable) of $391.98, due per month for the months of 10/01/2002 through 2/4/2003, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is $42,043.13, plus accrued interest at the rate of 10.63% per annum from 09/01/2002. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accrued late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 2-5-2003
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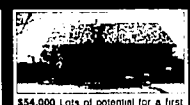

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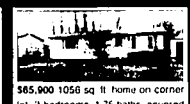

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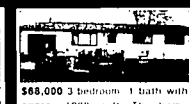

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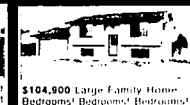

$104,900 Large Family Home! Bedrooms! Bedrooms! Bedrooms! Five bedrooms, large family room and still room for a nice sized kitchen and living room All of the appliances stay including a side by side refrigerator, washer and dryer Clean and neat plus a hot tub in the back yard Call DORIS 280-2189

$114,900 Great home in a good neighborhood Ranch style with basement 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, family room with fireplace. Extra large, fully fenced yard, RV parking. Call KAY 948-4900 OR ERNIE 948-9401

$119,000 Nice spacious home for growing family 4 bedroom, 2 bath home Large master bedroom Laundry upstairs or down in basement Large front room and family room Attached 2-car garage Large corner lot with extra parking Great neighborhood Over 2800 sq ft home. Call VANCE WALKER @ 737-3928 OR 420-0364

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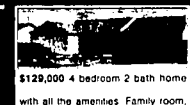
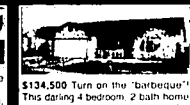


$129,000 4 bedroom 2 bath home with all the amenities Family room, living room, computer room, wood floors To see please call JAMES AT 404-9337 OR 423-6160

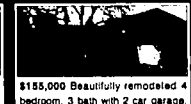


$134,500 Turn on the "barbeque"! This darling 4 bedroom, 2 bath home has a spectacular deck perfect for entertaining or lazy days in your own back yard The open floor plan is like and bring cute kitchen romantic fireplace Fenced back yard great neighborhood Call me! CAROLYN CUTLER 420-3381 OR 737-3913

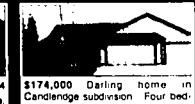
PRICE REDUCED! $134,900 Brand new custom home in great N.E. area on private lane. This large, spacious home has 1,824 sq. ft. with private master bedroom suite, ceramic tile in kitchen and bathrooms, large walk-in pantry, exterior all stucco, breakfast bar, and many more extras. This 4 bedroom 2 bath home has an extra large lot with finished double car garage. Call 734-0400. Realtor owned.

$139,500 Large home on 1 05 acres! Huge yard with wonderful mature trees, has water rights for irrigated sprinkler system, covered patio, greenhouse/hobby shop, 2 car garage. Six bedrooms 3 baths – totally remodeled and tastefully appealing. Also 1 47 adjoining lot available for $22,000 Call LEXI 734-8753 OR 737-3918.

$139,900 Beautiful Brick Home, with daylight basement. New gas furnace, central air. Total of 5-6 bedrooms, 3 baths, two car garage Huge covered deck, lots of extras. Call for more info Call THE RASMUSSEN TEAM AT 737-3900 OR 737-3925, or view at www.TwinFallsHomes.com

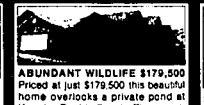


$155,000 Beautifully remodeled 4 bedroom, 3 bath with 2 car garage. New carpet and flooring throughout. New cabinets and appliances in kitchen. A must see! Please call LORETTA THOMPSON @ 731-1779 OR JUANITA MYERS @ 731-3625.

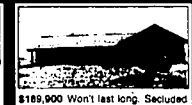


$174,000 Darling home in Candlenidge subdivision Four bedrooms, two baths, lovely master suite with jacuzzi! Fourth bedroom would make a cute nursery or den/computer room Sunny open kitchen with breakfast bar and eating area Triple garage, fenced back yard Call me! CAROLYN CUTLER 737-3913 OR 420-3381

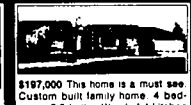
VIEWPOINT AHEAD $174,900 Spectacular views from this newer 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on 5 acre at Kanaka Rapids Ranch. Geothermal water provides economical heating. Numerous lakes & ponds stocked with fish. Abundant wildlife. Year round golf course across the river. Call DOROTHY OR KEN TO SEE. 734-0400.



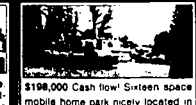
ABUNDANT WILDLIFE $179,500 Priced at just $179,500 this beautiful home overlooks a private pond at Kanaka Rapids Ranch. Three bedrooms, two baths, and a three car garage. Gas fireplace. Light and bright throughout. Energy efficient geothermal heat pump. Lakes, ponds, abundant wildlife, RV parking and playground. Call KEN OR DOROTHY 734-0400.



$189,900 Won't last long. Secluded country life like new 3 bedroom/2 baths on 42 acres. Call BRENDA CARTER 410-5074 OR LOUISA HARRIS 280-0822 Today.



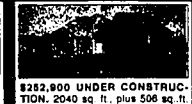
$197,000 This home is a must see. Custom built family home 4 bedroom, 2.5 baths Wonderful kitchen and great room for the family, and an oversized garage for all those extras Master bath has walk-in shower and jetted tub. Fully fenced with auto sprinklers Call KAY @ 948-9400 OR ERNIE @ 948-9401



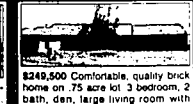
$198,000 Cash flow! Sixteen space mobile home park nicely located in town with city water, sewer, garbage collection Two owned mobiles with coin operated washer & dryer facility, remodeled home Please call KATHI S. today to learn about this great business!

APPLAUSE, PLEASE! $210,000 Get ready to love this exceptional 3000 sq. ft., 6 bedroom contemporary on a big, fenced lot on a quiet street. Oak flooring and central air. Mature plants. Call KATHY PARTRIDGE 737-3920 OR RON FREEMAN, AGENT 009 LICENSED TO SELL. 737-3915 MLS#105315 PC#0302-

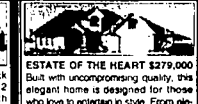
$248,500 Spectacular manor home in gated section of Breckenridge. Beautiful interior décor, spacious master suite, sunny kitchen opens to deck. Wonderful family room. Formal living and dining room. Call me! CAROLYN CUTLER 737-3913 OR 420-3381 PC#196 191 MLS#105816/105817



$252,900 UNDER CONSTRUCTION. 2040 sq. ft., plus 506 sq. ft. bonus room. Features include – 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, brick/stucco exterior, central air, gas heat, fireplace, triple car garage, auto sprinklers and more. Visit TheHeasTeam.com for more information or call WALT 737-3939 OR 737-3940 MLS#105706 PC#1732



$249,500 Comfortable, quality brick home on .75 acre lot 3 bedroom, 2 bath, den, large living room with cathedral ceilings, bay windows, bright, oak kitchen, formal dining room, utility w/walk in pantry, larger deck and patio, storage shed, workshop, RV parking, and many more extras! Call DIANA WHITNEY @ 737-3908 OR 731-3588 MLS#105623 PC#1392



ESTATE OF THE HEART $279,000 Built with uncompromising quality, this elegant home is designed for those who love to entertain in style. From elegant entry to the formal dining room, your guests will be impressed. Over 2,800 square feet of well designed living area. Four bedrooms, two and a half baths, and all the amenities. Three car garage. Call DOROTHY OR KEN ROY 734-0400.

FOUND PIT BULL Call to describe Call 734-6077*

LOST 7 mo. English pointer, female, white w/liver mask. Lost between Hankins Rd. and Boehme Estates. 731-0006.*

LOST camera while snowmobiling in South hills on 3/1/2003. Call 734-5684.*

LOST Looking for my blue **Heeler dog**, picked up by a trucker at **Jerome Burger King** on 03/03/03. Please call with any info 208-358-1032*

LOST Tan and white female Pit Bull, last seen by South Park wearing an orange collar. Call 731-2544 with information.*

106 SPECIAL NOTICES

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REMEMBER That birthday ad you placed some time ago in *The Times-News?* Now is the time to come pick up your pictures. Stop by the Classified Dept. today! *

107 ABORTION ALTERNATIVES

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ADVERTISING SALES REPRESENTATIVE
Position Open
Ag Weekly/Farm Times has an immediate opening for an advertising account sales representative. The ideal candidate will have sales experience and an agricultural background. Candidates with college degrees in business, agri-business or advertising will be preferred. If you would like to work for the Intermountain West's largest agricultural newspaper, send your resume to: The Times-News, Attn: Janet Goffin PO Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548*

ASKING QUESTIONS Conduct public opinion polls over the telephone. ABSOLUTELY NO SALES! Strictly research. **$7.00 to $9.00 per hour.** Casual work environment Flexible eves. days, & wknd. hours. 15-30 hrs. per week. Great part-time job or second job. Close to CSI campus. For more info. **Call 736-2853!!!!!!!!***

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LOAN SPECIALIST Our Twin Falls Office has a fantastic opportunity for an individual with dynamic sales & communication skills. Candidate will be responsible for overall business development, which includes customer solicitation and servicing of consumer loan products.

We offer Employer of Choice benefits, such as competitive compensation packages, generous vacation policies, as well as comprehensive health benefits.

To be considered for this exciting opportunity apply by faxing your resume to 208-734-1285 or e-mail your resume in Word format to: lpots@wmfinance.com referring ID007. You may also apply in person at 1139 Falls Ave. Ste. E, Twin Falls.*

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Personal Banking Representative.
Are you interested in a career with excellent advancement opportunity? Do you enjoy working in a fast paced environment? Do you possess excellent people skills?
If you answered yes to these questions, this is a great opportunity for you! The Burley, Idaho Branch is looking for two On Call Personal Banking Representative to provide banking services to clients and expand their customer base through successful selling techniques. Candidates must possess superior customer service and cash handling skills. Applicants being considered will need to successfully pass the Zions Bank Teller Test. Professional dress is also required.

Qualified applicants should fax resumes to (801)594-8209 Attn: JC/SY or apply in person at **Zions Bank 102 Main Street Burley, Idaho 83318**

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AUTO TECHNICIAN Experience req. Call 735-8114 Mon.-Fri. 8am-5pm.*

AUTOMOTIVE FT detailer. Apply in person at 309 Addison Ave. W. between 3-5pm. No Phone Calls Please*

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CASHIER Needed. Starting at $7/hr. Must be available for all shifts. Benefits include
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CLERICAL We have openings for exp. secretaries and bookkeepers 733-7300 or 678-4040 **PERSONNEL PLUS** www.personnelplus-inc.com

CLERICAL PT secretary. Apply in person at 309 Addison Ave. W. Between 3-5pm. No Phone Calls Please*

CLERICAL Twin Falls County is accepting applications for a Traffic Court Clerk. Position is full-time, Monday-Friday 8:30-5:30. The successful candidate will have experience with data entry, office procedures, cashier and balancing cash drawer and excellent customer service skills. Ability to deal with the public under adverse conditions and to make decisions under pressure essential. Application and resume must be submitted to Human Resource Office, 4th floor, Twin Falls County Courthouse or online at www.twinfallscounty.org and mailed to Twin Falls County Human Resources, P.O. Box 126, Twin Falls, Id 83301. Application deadline is March 13, 2003. **EEO/Drug Free Workplace***

CONCRETE FINISHER and laborers. CDL helpful. Call 734-0559 or 731-6172 / 731-6188*

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CUSTOMER SERVICE Must be 18 w/valid drivers license & able to work weekends. Apply at Budget Rent-A-Car Twin Falls Airport*

CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE
The Times-News has a full time opening for a Circulation Customer Service Representative. This position must be able to handle multiple responsibilities. Ideal candidate should possess an excellent phone presence, strong customer service skills, computer aptitude, and the ability to work well with others. Sales experience and being a self-starter is a plus. Schedule includes Fri.-Tues., 7am-5pm. & Sat. & Sun. 6am.-10am. **All interested individuals should fill out an application at: The Times-News Attn: Dan Walock P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303. "A DRUG FREE WORKPLACE" ***

DAIRY Exp. feeder/dairy person in Jerome. Must have dairy exp. Call John 420-0799 *

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DRIVER TRAINEES **Werner Enterprises** needs drivers NOW! Steady earning potential + *benefits. No CDL? No problem!* 15-day training available **Roadmaster Drivers School. (877)953-7483***

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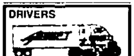

Start Your New Career With America's Super Carrier Westcoast Hotel 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd N Twin Falls, ID Wednesday, March 12 Noon to 2 pm. **CDL Training available.** Swift Offers: Great Pay & Benefits, Job Stability, Tuition Reimbursement We Pay Up To 10 Yrs verifiable OTR Exp **SWIFT TRANSPORTATION** 888-490-8343 (eoe-m/f min 23 yrs old www.swifttrans.com*

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DRIVERS **Want a new career?** Get a Class A CDL with **R&A Truck Driving School.** Call 736-5026.*

EDUCATION **Para-professional Aide** needed to work with resource students in regular classroom. Must have fingerprints on file with the State. Position starts March 31, 2003 and goes to June 4, 2003. Applications can be picked up at **the District Office or at the Middle School. Application deadline is March 17, 2003.***

EDUCATION Canyonside Christian school has an opening for a summer & after school director. Please call 324-3444*

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FARM We are looking for a hard working, honest, reliable person to work with animals. 731-9917*

FOOD PRODUCTION Need long term employees for food production plant. Light duties, fast pace, Spanish speaking a plus! **Contact Gem State Staffing ASAP. 735-[illegible] 870 Blue Lakes Blvd. N Habla Espanol***

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HOTEL/MOTEL Resident manager to manage motel in N. E. Nevada. Fax resume 801-566-8110.*

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LABOR General laborer. Misc. work in pipe yard. Day shift. Apply in person **SOS Staffing Services 663 Blue lakes Blvd. N.***

LAW ENFORCEMENT District V Status Offender Services has an opening for a **Part-Time Status Offender Coordinator.** Normal hours will be 24 hours per week. Pay is $10. This position is grant funded working with juveniles in the District 5 Status Offender program specifically in Cassia and Minidoka Counties. Qualified candidates will possess a Degree or equivalent work related experience. **Must be willing to learn the Juvenile Corrections Act, the Balanced Approach principles and practices, and resources with District 5. Must have excellent communication and decision making skills,** as well as respect the confidentiality of the office. A valid Idaho Drivers' License and willingness to travel occasionally throughout the District. **Must successfully complete and maintain an acceptable criminal background investigation. Applications are available online at www.twinfallscounty.org or on the 4th floor of the Twin Falls County Courthouse. Applications also available at Rupert Juvenile Probation, 614 7th St., Rupert, Id 83350. Phone 208-436-7156. Mail applications to Human Resources, P.O. Box 126, Twin Falls, ID 83301. Application deadline is March 12, 2003.** Equal Opportunity Employer & Drug Free Workplace.

LABORER The City of Twin Falls is accepting applications for a seasonal laborer in the Utility Services/Sanitation Department. 40 hrs. /week, April - September, $7.50/hr. Must have a valid driver's license, have a basic familiarity with various types and sizes of equipment, be in sufficient condition to perform heavy physical labor in outdoor weather conditions, have good public relations skills and be willing to work an occasional Saturday. For employment application contact the Personnel Department located in City Hall, 321 2nd Avenue East, phone 735-7228 or direct email to personnel@tfid.org. The City of Twin Falls is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

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Working

Like it or not, moving to a new field could involve a pay cut

By Carol Kleiman

Q. I enjoy my current job as a sales manager, but I feel that communications is where my true talent lies. I've tried to get public relations jobs but because I have no agency experience, I'm only being offered an entry-level salary. I could not accept a pay cut. Is it possible for me to make a lateral move to a new field in this slow economy?

A. Of course it's possible, but often even a lateral move involves a pay cut. You seem so passionate about communications, however, that you might want to consider getting into the field however you can. If you have to take a pay cut, consider it a way of paying for the training and experience you need. Another suggestion: Take some courses in communications, get an internship and use it as an entry into the field you like so much – and will do so well in.

Q. My company, claiming hard times, has had a salary freeze for two years. It's hard working without a raise, but I have really extended myself to fill in for a bare-bones staff. Do you think – because I feel they owe me – I can ask to take off two afternoons a week to attend college classes in my field?

A. Yes, you can. But don't give them the idea that you think they owe you anything, even though we both know they do. Just ask for it as a professional who wants to do even better work.

Q. When applying for a job electronically, should I avoid attachments? Should I also send a paper copy?

A. Avoid attachments. No one has time to open them and often virus protections make opening attachments impossible. And also send a paper copy.

Q. How do I tell a potential employer that if I'm hired, I will need to take three weeks off for my wedding and honeymoon. Even if I'm new on the job, I'd invite everyone to the wedding. Would that help in lessening the eye rolling about my taking time off so soon after starting the job?

A. Don't mention it until you have the job offer in hand. And if you get the job, hold off requesting the time off for as long as you can. Then invite everyone in sight!

Q. I've heard that the best way to conduct a job search is to go through the phone book to seek out small companies and then go door-to-door. Do you think that's good advice for a midlevel professional job seeker like me? Currently, I am doing all the Internet job boards, ads, professional organizations, job fairs and networking with few results.

A. While it is true that small businesses are doing most of the hiring today, save going door-to-door and making cold calls as a last resort. It's extremely haphazard unless you have connections. Meanwhile, keep on doing what you're doing – especially networking.

Q. Why do potential employers ask your permission to do a credit check? If you don't agree to it, I'm sure you won't be hired. Isn't this a civil-liberties violation, along the lines of being asked about your race or religion? Checking credit histories also reveals your age. It's very clever of employers. What's next, my medical records and my blood type?

A. In order to do a credit check, protective laws have been passed that force employers to get your permission to do the check. If you don't get the job because of a bad report, you must be told that is the reason. What's good about this is that at least you know in advance that your credit is being investigated. But I agree with you, it's a terrible invasion of privacy. And by the way, what IS your blood type?

Carol Kleiman, of the Chicago Tribune, is the author of "Winning the Job Game: The New Rules for Finding and Keeping the Job You Want."
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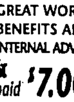
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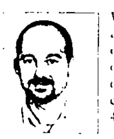
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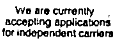

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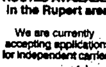

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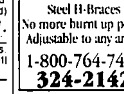

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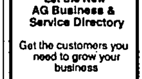

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Voluptuous SWF, 30, loves fine dining, good wine and a cold beer. Seeking a man to share travel, movies, conversations ☎205777

SINGLE AND LOOKING
SWF, 26, nurse, enjoys the outdoors, travel, movies, reading, music, dining out, quiet evenings at home. Seeking SM, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR ☎939773

WHAT YOU SEE...
is what you get with this SWF, 42, 5'7", 150 lbs, with red hair and versatile interests. She's looking for a man to share antiquing with ☎883886

ACCEPT THE TRIALS
SWF, 52, enjoys the outdoors, cooking, reading, laughing. Seeking SWM, 47-57, good sense of humor, who likes having fun ☎798374

LAUGHTER AND LOVE
Energetic, smart, warm SWF, 49, has variety of interests. Seeking kind, honest, sensitive SWM, 45-59, to spend quality time with, possible LTR ☎318030

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
Single gal, 43, loves movies, animals, camping, bbq's, quiet times at home. Looking for that special guy with a great sense of humor ☎305660

FOR LIFE
SWF, 40, is looking for a CM, who is ready to spend the rest of his life with a woman ☎321561

GOOD COMPANY
SWF, 62, with grown children, enjoys golf, bowling, travel, gardening, fishing, camping. Seeking a man for dinner, dancing and movies ☎292137

SCORPIO
SW mom, 32, wishes to meet a man who prefers being outside, for fun times together ☎273432

HEY GRANDPA
SWCF 59, 5'8" brown/brown. Grey hair? No hair? Teeth in a glass? Hearing loss? Low vision? Difficulty rolling out? Rocking chair syndrome? Sense of humor? Call this grandma ☎794035

COUNTRY SWEETIE
SWF 47, 5'6", 125lbs brown/blue nurse with grown children, Gemini, smoker, loves RV camping, rodeos, and country music. Seeking man, 35-65, who shares my love of country life ☎798476

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR
Outgoing, friendly SWF, 61, Virgo, smoker, enjoys gardening, outdoors, dancing, dining out, quiet evenings at home. Seeking honest WM, 55-65, with similar interests, for friendship first, possible LTR ☎353602

MAGIC VALLEY CHEF
SWF 39, Capricorn, N/S, likes muscle cars, racing, and photography. Seeking man, 40-48, N/S, for dating ☎887093

GREAT OUTDOORS
Fairly athletic SWF, 27, 5'3", average build, hazel eyes, enjoys indoor/outdoor activities, reading, writing etc. Seeking loyal SWM, 23-30, non-smoker, for really great friendship first. No games please ☎423151

CALL ME
SWF, 39, loves to ride horses and motorcycles, take walks, watch movies. Seeking a man to share this with ☎766473

JUST A FRIEND
DWF, 42, enjoys everything from horses to Harleys. Seeking playful, adventurous, slightly wild SM, 37-47, for possible relationship ☎267183

ACTIVE IN MANY WAYS
Classy, active SWF, 43, enjoys biking, skiing, the mountains, fishing, gardening, travel, fine wine, entertaining, dancing. Seeking active, fit, romantic SM, 42-52, for possible LTR ☎267216

VOLUNTEER
SWF, 35, 5'5", N/S, mother, brown/hazel, enjoys walks, evenings at home. Seeking man, 35-45, N/S, to enjoy life with. No games ☎693724

IN SEARCH OF...
a non-smoking, monogamous SWM who enjoys dancing, reading, good music, animals, walking, swimming and more. SWF, 61, wants to start a friendship, leading to more ☎950850

ADVENTUROUS INDIVIDUAL
SWF, 65, looking for SWM, 60-70, with an adventurous spirit, who would like to share camping, hiking, biking, canoeing and fly fishing, for companionship, possible LTR ☎549207

TAKE A CHANCE
SF, 32, blonde/blue, dental assistant, enjoys outdoors, travel, reading, movies, sports, music, dining out. Seeking sincere, caring, stable man for friendship first ☎939814

POSSIBLY SOULMATES!
SWF, 45, enjoys conversation, movies, music, the outdoors, animals. Looking for a man with good sense of humor ☎910591

ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT!
SF, 18, N/S, likes time at home, quiet evenings. Would like to find a man, 18-25, N/S, kids ok, for possible relationship ☎919148

SEEKING JOY
SH mom, 19, wants to settle down with a man, 18-25, who loves barbecues, music, and occasionally going out. ☎871023

A GENUINE GAL
SWF, 22, 5'7", 130lbs, mother of one, enjoys caring, loving and laughing. Seeking SWM, 20-30, smoker, for LTR ☎864092

GIVE US A CHANCE
SWF, 40, enjoys dancing, fishing, cuddling, movies. Seeking romantic man, 40-47, for LTR ☎862652

SINGLE MOM
SHF, 5'7", enjoys going to movies, having fun. Looking for SM, 18-30. Just want to meet a nice guy who likes children ☎859563

FAMILY-ORIENTED
WF, 5'6", 125lbs, blonde/blue, likes music, dancing, time with my children, cooking, outdoors, more. Seeking honest man, 32-36, to develop a real relationship ☎861669

LET'S MAKE A DATE!
SWCF, 58, Pisces, N/S, enjoys church, horseback riding, farm life, animals, painting, shopping, rodeos. Seeking SWM, 62-63, N/S, for LTR ☎839442

I'LL B LOVING YOU FOREVER
SWF, 38, blonde/blue, N/S, Libra, mother, would like to meet someone who likes dancing and having fun. Race is unimportant! Please be between 30 and 45. N/S ☎780922

SOMETHING NEW
SW mom, 23, smoker, with a variety of interests (football, biking, walks). Seeking a man with a great personality ☎750815

GIVE ME A CALL
Attractive blonde, 5'7", N/S, loves life, enjoys almost everything: movies, dining out, animals, short trips, more. Seeking attractive, healthy man, 56-67, N/S ☎692677

WORTH THE CALL
Blue-eyed brunette, 55, 150lbs, enjoys all outdoor activities. I'd like a man with a romantic, affectionate nature. Be 55-68, for a possible, permanent relationship ☎690527

GIVE ME A CALL
SWF, 27, mother, Leo, enjoys barbecue, outdoors, music, kids. Seeking SM, 28-35, with similar interests, occasional smoker ☎602480

SHARE INTERESTS
Adventurous SWF, 27, Taurus, non-smoker, enjoys outdoor activities, walks, hiking, sunsets, relaxing. Seeking honest WM, 23-30, non-smoker, with similar interests ☎422466

SEEKS OUTGOING
SF, 31, 5'4", red/brown, loves the outdoors, camping, fishing, horse back riding. Seeking trustworthy, honest, romantic, sincere SM, no drugs, to cuddle with and spend quality time ☎337258

SKIES THE LIMIT
SWF, 37, 5'8", 145lbs, blonde hair, green eyes, children. Seeking SWM, 30-50, to spend time with, possible LTR ☎320679

FUN-LOVING GAL
Fun loving, hard working, ambitious, trustworthy, honest SWCF, 53, enjoys the quiet rural life, bowling, camping, fishing, bike rides. Seeking compassionate, romantic, active, attractive SWM, 50-58, for possible relationship ☎929929

LAUGHTER IS THE KEY
SF, 29, sense of humor, seeks SM, 24-34, for laughter, stimulating conversations, maybe LTR ☎901556

SINGLE MOMMA
SWF, 27, mother, enjoys going out, movies, family nights in. Seeking genuine SWM, 27-40, must like kids, possible LTR ☎952016

DO YOU HAVE AN OPINION?
Secure SWPF, 53, enjoys conversation, movies, music, intellectual pursuits. Seeking versatile SM, 48-58, for possible relationship ☎850009

ONE OF A KIND
SWF, 19, mother, seeks that one of a kind guy, 18-29, who likes kids, outdoor activities, for possible LTR ☎836364

LOOKING FOR A PRINCE
SWF, 24, enjoys hiking, skiing, cooking, and working with children. Seeking an honest hard-working SWM, 24-33, who would like to have a family and someone to grow old with ☎796445

IT'S TIME
Easygoing, laid back SWF, 50s, 5'6", dark blonde/blue, average looks, great sense of humor, seeks someone, 50-63, to share fun times exploring life ☎786616

SEEKING SPECIAL SOMEONE
SWF, 28, N/S, enjoys camping, fishing, stargazing, movies, dining, rock and country music. Seeking SM, 25-38, for friendship first, possibly more ☎768288

LET'S PLAY BALL
SF, 38, reserved, trustworthy, loving, enjoys cuddling, dining, reading, nature. Seeking accepting, smart SM, 33-45, for a relationship based on mutual respect ☎756564

SEEKING A FRIEND
Voluptuous SWF, 39, enjoys camping, fine dining, good wine, cold beer, travel, animals, movies, beaches. Seeking honest SWM, 40-50, N/S, good conversationalist, light baggage, for friendship, possible LTR ☎599131

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Friendly, easygoing SWF, 42, no dependents, teacher, enjoys movies, music, the outdoors, sports, new things, nights out, times home. Seeking SWM, 35-50, for friendship first ☎580106

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MELLOW BIKER
DWM, 5'6", 190lbs, enjoys riding Harley, cooking, antique shows, old rock n roll, blues, some country is stable, outgoing and peaceful. If you want to be treated like a lady let's ride! ☎305300

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD
SH dad, 20, loves spending quality time with loved ones. Seeking a woman to share caring, honest relationship ☎321231

HEY HEY, MY MY
SWM, 22, 5'11", 180lbs, blond/blue, truck wash supervisor, Taurus, smoker, loves snow boarding. Seeking woman, 18-29, smoker ☎795318

EVERYTHING WITH YOU
SWM, 30, Cancer, smoker, would enjoy dining out, bowling, movies, long walks, watching "City of Angels," and more with you! Seeking a woman, 30-35, with similar interests. Smokers/non-smokers okay. Kimberly ☎781876

YOUR COWBOY DREAM
Outgoing WPM, 43, 5'9", 165lbs, blond hair, hazel eyes, enjoys rodeos, dancing, walks, family times, fishing, and romantic times. Seeking WF, 30-45, loving, honest, open-minded, with humor, for possible LTR ☎616358

SEND ME AN ANGEL
SWM, 39, farmer/rancher, single dad, loves animals, fishing, hunting, barbecues, the outdoors, camping, watching movies, sitting by the fireplace. Seeking SWF, 25-42, with similar interests, for casual dating ☎517934

VENTURING HEART
Passionate SWM, 28, enjoys travel, the outdoors. Seeking adventurous SWF, 23-33, for friendship, possibly more ☎877344

SINGLE COWBOY
SWM, 39, cowboy, enjoys the outdoors. Seeking SF, 35-45, with similar interests, for a possible relationship ☎538343

LET'S MEET
SWM, 43, enjoys animals, fishing, camping, hunting, hiking, football, basketball, baseball, swimming. Seeking outgoing SWF, 30-55, with similar as well as own interests, for casual relationship ☎320700

PICTURE PERFECT
SWM, 19, 165lbs, blond/blue, would like to meet a woman to hang out with, see where it goes ☎261859

SKIP THIS AD
SWM, 47, 5'7", 175lbs, brown/brown, Virgo, smoker, enjoys fishing, roughing it, and cooking. Seeking WF, 35-55, smoker, who can chuckle at life ☎360809

GIVE IT A CHANCE
SWM, 34, 5'11", 180lbs, father of 4, dog lover, self employed, loves being outdoors and family times. Seeking SF, who likes children, for movies, casual dates and maybe more ☎670763

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY
Young acting SWM, 63, 6', 175lbs, Scorpio, N/S, enjoys fishing, camping, golf, travel, dining out. Seeking woman, 45-65, N/S ☎348582

COME AND SEE
Intelligent, attractive and funny SWM, 33, likes museums, adventures, romance. Seeking SWBF, 28-38, to share interests ☎297004

THIS AND MORE
Pretty passionate, sweet and sincere SM, 36, seeks same in SF, 28-38, for dating, mating, and relating. We can have it all if you'll just call! ☎782463

SPECIAL FRIEND
SWM, 60, enjoys adventures, family, the arts, people. Seeking SF, 35-45, for good times, possible LTR ☎282613

COMFORT
SWM, 21, 275lbs, loves children. Seeking a woman who is ready, willing and able to share LTR ☎284120

OUTDOOR FUN!
SWM, 24, 5'5", 135lbs, with a medium build, enjoys jet-skiing, snow-mobiling, camping, hiking, working with cars. If you enjoy the same, call now! ☎251468

ACTIVE AND QUIET
SWM, 26, 5'7", brown/brown, loves the outdoors, weight lifting. I would like to meet a woman, 18-28, with a good personality ☎111050

GIVE ME A CALL
SWM, 21, enjoys movies, video games, long walks, all outdoor activities, N/S. I have CP, and am somewhat limited. Looking for someone to share time with ☎878317

DO YOU LIKE HORSES?
SWM, 37, blond/blue, loves working with horses, camping, drives, anything outdoors. Seeking a woman with the same passions ☎845867

SUN VALLEY
DW father of three, 36, 6'8", 220lbs, Scorpio, smoker, student, seeks nice, kind woman, 23-53 ☎834076

COWGIRL JUST LIKE YOU
Seeking country girl, slim, attractive, no kids, enjoys fishing, camping, hunting, dancing, country music, rodeos, horseback riding, hiking, walking. Take her to this SWM, 32, 6', brow/blue, stocky build ☎568100

TWIN FALLS GUY
Sincere, funny SWM, 29, enjoys parties, traveling. SW/HF, 24-34, affectionate, honest, for passionate LTR. Friends first ☎281100

DATING FIRST...
Athletic SWM, 43, 6', 210lbs, enjoys running, boating, biking, boarding, blading, cooking. Seeking similar SF, 25-43. ☎268977

LOVES OUTDOORS
Good-looking, responsible SWM, 32, enjoys music, movies, dining out, travel, the beach. Seeking smart, funny, happy SF, 24-37, who's happy, and enjoys life ☎254070

NEEDS A FRIEND
Creative, caring SWM, 37, likes theater, film, reading. Seeking smart, practical but not dull SWF, 32-42, for possible LTR ☎257517

JUST A NICE GUY
SWM, 53, loves antiques, the country, snowmobiles, more. Seeking SW/HF, 34-47, for friendship and a possible relationship ☎112176

SMALL STEPS
Friendly, outgoing SWM, 42, enjoys camping, long drives, watching tv, more. Seeking honest, open SF, 37-47, to explore more of life together ☎953901

GREAT CATCH
SM, 24, 6'4", 240lbs, blond/blue, enjoys sports, music, reading, travel, dancing. Seeking honest, attractive SF, with similar interests, for LTR ☎940824

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT
Single dad, 36, looking for a woman who will be a friend first, maybe more with develop ☎935675

DO YOU LOVE ME?
Easygoing, kind-hearted, hard-working SWM, 47, 5'6", 160lbs, light-brown/hazel, enjoys the outdoors, dancing to 50s, 60s music, dining out, horses. Seeking honest, caring, sincere SWF, no head games, for possible LTR. ☎876213

NATURE BOY
SWM, 43, with a spirit for adventure, a spontaneous nature, a love for spending time outdoors. Seeking a woman to share the great outdoors with. ☎898066

I LOVE TO GOLF...
and looking for a lady who shares this passion. SWM, 21, also loves sports and anything outdoors. ☎897924

ADVENTUROUS PERSON
SWPM, 62, 6'1", 190lbs, respectful, romantic at heart, N/S, well-rounded, seeks an independent woman, 50-65, for dating. ☎869968

LIGHT MY FIRE
SWM, 39, electrical engineer wants to make sparks with a woman who loves camping, fishing and anything outdoors. ☎873468

POSITIVE AND HAPPY
Active, happy SWM, 53, enjoys fitness, movies, outdoors, theater, live music. Seeking women, 38-55, for LTR. ☎867100

SEEKS MOUNTAIN LADY
Male, 52, enjoys mountains, lakes and streams. Seeking nice woman, 40-52, for outdoor fun. ☎867724

OUTGOING GUY
WM, 40, 6'1", 220lbs, truck driver, likes the outdoors. Looking for a lady to start a friendship, maybe leading to more. ☎868820

BE MY BEST FRIEND
SM, 40, 6'2", 230lbs, brown/brown, easygoing, romantic, lonely, enjoys outdoors, sports, movies, evenings at home. Looking for attractive female, 20-40, for dating, possible LTR. ☎861218

MYSTERY OF LOVE
Elko (Nevada) SWM, with diverse interests (especially the outdoors), desires a similar SWF who loves what the Lord has given her. Hiking under the stars on warm days ☎856553

ADVENTURE AND FRIENDSHIP
SWM, 60, enjoys camping, hiking, biking, skiing, trips. Seeking nice woman, 49-63, N/S, for LTR ☎851326

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY
SWM, 30, 6', 210lbs, enjoys hunting, fishing, travel. Seeking nice woman, 20-50, for LTR ☎848774

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?
SWM, 38, Scorpio, smoker, seeks WF, 25-38, N/S, for friendship first. Enjoys music, camping, conversation ☎833492

FRED SEEKING WILMA
SWM, 43, 5'9", brown/brown, enjoys playing golf, ornamental gardening, cooking, movies, travel, music, and dancing. Seeking a friendly, outgoing woman, 34-51, good conversationalist, for friendship first ☎830510

CROSS BETWEEN...
Kenny Rogers and Santa Claus. SWM, 68, 6', 248lbs, blue eyes, full beard, traveling man, truck driver, seeks woman, 50-78, N/S ☎791640

LET'S MEET
SWM, 44, 5'8", brown/hazel, Aries, N/S, loves skiing, camping, and movies. Seeking confident, passionate woman, 21-55, for LTR ☎790963

NO HEAD GAMES FOUND HERE
Looking for a WF, 24-29, who doesn't play games. I'm an employed SWM, 26, Gemini, N/S who enjoys outdoor activities (snowmobiling, skiing, fishing, hunting amongst others). You have similar interests? ☎781880

DO YOU WANNA TALK?
Taurus, 22-year-old SWM, smoker, enjoys sports of any kind, video games, children, and any outdoor activity. Dog lover, loves other animals as well. 18-26? Let's be friends first! Leading to ☎785670

LIVES SIMPLE, HONEST LIFE
I'm an employed, independent, honest, sincere 49-year-old SWM, Leo, N/S, who loves the outdoors (especially fishing, hunting, and golf). I'm 5'9" and 175lbs. Your race is unimportant to him. 35-50! ☎782932

CAN I TALK TO YOU?
Smart? Funny? SWM, 36, 5'8", 170lbs, brown/gray-brown, N/S, employed, goal-oriented, enjoys on weekends fishing and camping. Sundays for nice, long drives. Let's get out and try driving my 4 wheelers. ☎781854

FACE TO FACE
This family-oriented SWM, 51, N/S, employed, would like to meet a special, outdoorsy SF, 28-50. Enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, and more. Let's spend quality time together ☎559502

SHARE LIFE
Considerate, fun-loving SWM, 30, likes quiet nights, fishing, camping, hiking. Seeking SWF, 20-35, with same interests ☎774148

MIDDLE AGE SEEKS FUN
SWM, 53, 5'11", 210lbs, enjoys antiquing, fishing, camping, cooking, gardening, pack pot. Self employed with nice home. Seeking SF, 47-57, N/S, N/D, monogamous, passionate, H/W proportionate, needs comfort of someone ☎773129

SEARCHING FOR HAPPINESS
SM, 39, 5'7", blonde/hazel, N/D, very outgoing, enjoys camping, hiking, fishing, sporting events. Seeking nice, outgoing, fun SF, with similar tastes ☎747314

SEEKING MS RIGHT
Fun-loving, adventurous, smart, happy, energetic, handsome SWM, 43, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, snowmobiling, hiking, camping. Seeking SWF, 33-44, for possible relationship ☎740706

THINK OF ME
You'll never forget this 52-year-old SWM (5'8", 200lbs, light brown hair)! Enjoys life! Looking for a comfortable, compatible SWF (45-55) to spend time with. Good conversations? Music? Traveling? Drives? ☎655272

CHILLING
Laid back, original SWM, 26, loves a life of leisure, movies, hiking. Seeking attractive SWF, 21-36, for romance ☎648939

DON'T PASS ME BY
SM, 42, considerate, humorous, adventurous, enjoys cooking, nature, art. Seeking fun-loving, down-to-earth SF, 20-55, for relationship ☎632079

LIKES HAVING FUN
SM, 52, farms for a living, enjoys hunting, snowmobiling, and more. Looking for a lady who is into a lot of outdoor things ☎612104

SUMMER SWEETHEART
SWM, 55, 160lbs, brown/blue, easygoing, hard-working, honest, sincere, Aries, N/S, seeks WF, 40-57, N/S, for camping, bowling, and fishing ☎585814

TAKE ME ON
Reserved, coy SM, 29, likes movies, being active in life. Seeking dependable, emotional SF, for friendship, dating, possible LTR ☎496510

HEARTS MUSINGS
Outgoing, hard working WPM, 54, 5'4", 160lbs, Libra, teacher, three children, enjoys sports, ballroom dancing, song writing. Seeking woman, 40-60, to dance the night away ☎517262

LET'S TEAM UP
SWM, 42, 6'0", 220lbs, blond/blue, Cancer, N/S, enjoys golf, fishing and camping. Seeking WF, 37-42, N/S, who enjoys golfing, camping, and fishing, for friendship, possible LTR ☎366538

ARE WE COMPATIBLE
SWM, 33, enjoys country music, bowling, old television shows. Seeking SF, with similar interests, for companionship ☎387412

LEND ME YOUR EYES
Blind SM, 39, enjoys country music, old television shows, classic rock. Seeking understanding, compassionate woman of substance for love and romance ☎387437

DOWN-TO-EARTH
SWM, 46, smoker, enjoys the simple things in life. Seeking SF, 35-45, for friendship and a possible relationship ☎110408

STILL LOOKING
Patient yet persistent SWM, 35, affectionate, enjoys hiking, travel, music. Seeking SWF, 24-40, with similar interests, for LTR ☎952907

WAY TOO QUIET
SWM, 26, enjoys camping, hunting, fishing, horseback riding, movies. Seeking fun, laid back SWF, 20-28, for possible relationship ☎919797

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL
SWM, 49, 5'7", brown/hazel, enjoys camping, fishing, pool, racing, working on old cars. Seeking friendly, outgoing S/DWF, 40-55, similar interests, possible LTR ☎936287

COUNTRY MAN
SWM, 52, 6'2", 220lbs, enjoys camping, hunting, fly fishing, horses, rodeos, country music. Seeking SWF, 48-58, similar interests, possible LTR ☎938577

WAITING FOR YOU
SWM, 21, enjoys the outdoors, nature, animals, horse back riding, having good times. Seeking active, adventurous, passionate SWF, 19-24, for friendship first, possibly more ☎906317

SEEKING NICE WOMAN
SWM, 40, seeks adventurous, caring, sweet SF, 35-45, for friendship, companionship, possible relationship ☎874656

LET'S DANCE!
SM, 45, enjoys dancing, movies, theater, kids, walks, animals. Seeking SF, 40-50, with similar interests ☎850012

LOOKING FOR THE ONE
SWM, 19, self-employed truck driver, seeks a SWF, 18-21, to spend time with, for possible LTR ☎836416

ALL I WANNA DO...
is have some fun. SWM, 40, is looking for a fun gal for fun and companionship ☎774365

SEEKING ATTRACTIVE FEMALE
SWM, 32, N/S, enjoys outdoor activities, movies, dining. Seeking attractive, honest SF, 25-45, for friendship first, possible committed LTR ☎768335

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— Mrs. Robinson, Dormont, Pa.

ANSWER: The sophisticated response here is to play a simple raise and a jump raise as rather weaker than normal. With the values for a limit raise or better, jump to two no-trump, known as "Jordan" or "Truscott." Some people play a two-club response after the double as purely artificial, showing 7-9 points and three trumps, thus letting the simple raise be 4-6 points. This idea is perfectly playable, although a little complex.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
Do most expert defenders signal count or suit preference as often as they signal attitude? Is my question too vague?

— Royal Road, Euclid, Ohio

ANSWER: In general, most expert defenders signal attitude *only if they think that is what their* partner needs to know. When attitude is already defined by bridge logic, they may signal count instead. However, if both of these signals are irrelevant or already defined, suit preference takes center stage. I'd guess most expert defenders signal suit preference on at least every third hand. Most moderate players do so at most once a session.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
How would you respond on the following auction? Holding ♠ 9-4-3, ♥ K-6-3, ♦ K-J-9-3, ♣ Q-3-2, I heard my RHO open three clubs with no one vulnerable. This was passed round to my partner, who doubled. What do you think of my options of pass, three diamonds, and three no-trump?

— Hunting Trip, Manchester, Md.

ANSWER: Both passing and bidding three no-trump could work out beautifully on the right day — but each is a huge gamble. I'd prefer to bid three diamonds and wait to see what happens. If partner bids again, I will be well placed whatever he does, to head to a suit game or to three no-trump.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
One auction that the textbooks never seem to go into too deeply is when responder raises partner's second suit. Holding ♠ A, ♥ K-J-10-7-3, ♦ K-5-2, ♣ A-10-3-2, I heard my partner respond one spade to my one-heart opening, then raise my two-club rebid to three. Was I supposed to pass, or to drive to three no-trump?

— Unnatural Elevation, Summerville, Ga.

ANSWER: Partner sometimes produces a courtesy raise with four trumps and nine HCP or so, but you should not assume that to be the case. Rather than going to three no-trump, I'd temporize with the fourth suit, three diamonds, hoping partner can produce heart support. Or perhaps he can bid three no-trump himself — which might be a good idea if he had the doubleton diamond queen or the A-J of diamonds.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
My partner and I had an expensive mistake when I opened one heart and heard my partner respond one no-trump over my LHO's one-spade call. My RHO raised to two spades now, and I doubled, negative, holding ♠ 9, ♥ K-Q-10-8-3, ♦ K-J-4, ♣ K-Q-3-2. This did not work out well when my partner mistook it for a penalty double!

— Cul Culpa? Waldron, Ark.

ANSWER: Sometimes when the opponents bid and raise a suit, doubles simply show extras, requesting partner to act. However, where one hand had bid no-trump over opposition intervention, as here, subsequent doubles tend to be penalties. Here, I would play your double to be real high-card extras, or enough in trumps to suggest they won't make two spades. With your hand I would simply pass two spades.

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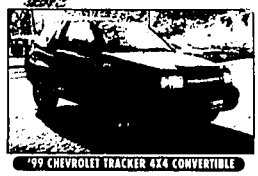

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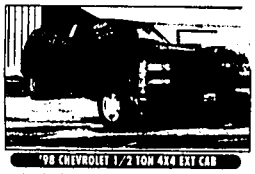

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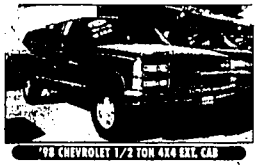

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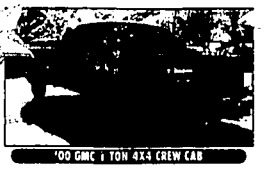

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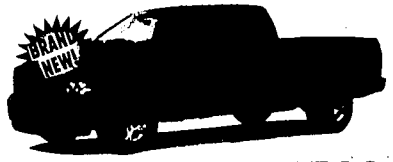

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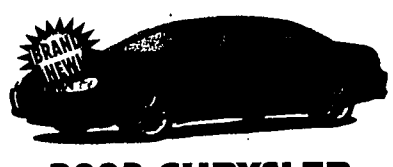

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Take time to ride the tilt-a-whirl

Amusement parks were not a big part of my childhood. There were none near the small town in Illinois where I grew up, but I do think my parents took me to one in Chicago one year. I'm not sure, though, because I was too young at the time to remember being there.

The family stories about the outing went something like, "I'll never forget that day when we went on those rides in Chicago. It rained so hard we had to squeeze the water out of our clothes and pour it out of our shoes – and it still didn't cool anything off."

I grew up thinking of an amusement park as a sort of underwater event inside a hot-air balloon.

During my adulthood, I've visited lots of amusement parks. So now I see them mostly from an adult point of view, which is probably not that good.

LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

One observation: The weather is always so hot at amusement parks.

I remember a weatherman guest on the old Johnny Carson "Tonight Show" talking about war in the Middle East. He told Johnny that no one understands the real reason whey there's always war there, but it's because of the weather.

He went on to discuss 140-degree mornings and people running around in burlap robes. It just plain tends to make everyone irritable, he insisted.

I've never been to the Middle East, but I know plenty about weather that's hot enough to burn your feet on pavements and stick your shorts to benches and make you sorry you ever tried to touch the handle of your car door. That kind of weather lives right inside the neighborhood amusement park.

Once, I saw a freckle-faced preschooler throwing a tantrum at an amusement park because her grandmother had promised to buy her a doll and she was afraid to select one because she would feel sorry leaving behind the one sitting next to it. I figured, since a grandmother was involved, the kid would end up with both dolls anyway. But that's not the point.

The point is the heat. And, looking toward spring weather, I'm starting to think about what it's going to feel like at those amusement parks this summer. I am not amused.

Then there is the money.

When my kids were younger, I remember my husband and I taking them to Lagoon with me mumbling, "Next time, we will have to hock our car to come up with the price of admission." Inside, I think my kids spent $40 tossing balls at stuffed cows and ended up winning a candy bar.

Then it was on to the tilt-a-whirl, where I was visualizing the orthodontist bills for all those whirling kids banging their chins against safety bars. And we had to wait 45 minutes there just for the chance.

"It amazes me," I said to my husband. "A kid who whines about waiting five minutes in a grocery store doesn't flinch when he has to wait an hour and 15 minutes to take a 90-second ride on a Hydro-luge."

But my spouse didn't hear a word I said. He was already on his way to try the killer roller coaster. In fact, he was having almost as much fun as the kids – riding inner-tubes down waterslides, drenching himself on the log flume, eating cotton candy ...

When I saw everyone else having such a good time, I finally decided to lighten up and join in the fun. I should do that more often.

A few years ago, time-management people were using the term TODLIF. It stands for "to-do list frustration." It's the feeling you have after working hard all day only to find that your to-do list is longer than it was at the beginning of the day.

At Lagoon, I must admit, I didn't think about my to-do list once.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

WHAT DO GRADES MEAN?

More – and a lot less – than people think

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

MURTAUGH – Grades were made for students like Tanyn Perkins.

An All-American Scholar; United States National Award winner in honor roll, leadership and service, speech and drama and student council; recipient of the President's Award for Educational Achievement, perennial honor student. She's college-bound, to study pre-medicine.

"I think they're a fair measurement of what you've learned," said Tanyn, a Murtaugh High School senior, "and how hard you work."

But they don't work as well for every student.

"Try telling the parent of a C student that C is an average grade," said Joyce Garrett, dean of the College of Education at Boise State University. "It's not good enough anymore. Expectations are so high."

In an era in which student assessment has taken top priority across the country, educators are looking anew at how teachers determine grades for tests, projects and papers – and at the factors that should be considered for semester and year-end marks.

"I don't have a problem giving a C for average work," said Kimberley Kidd, a fourth-grade teacher in the Minidoka County School District. "That's an accurate measurement of how well a student has mastered the subject. But I'm also willing to give a higher grade to an average student who works hard and does everything they can understand the material."

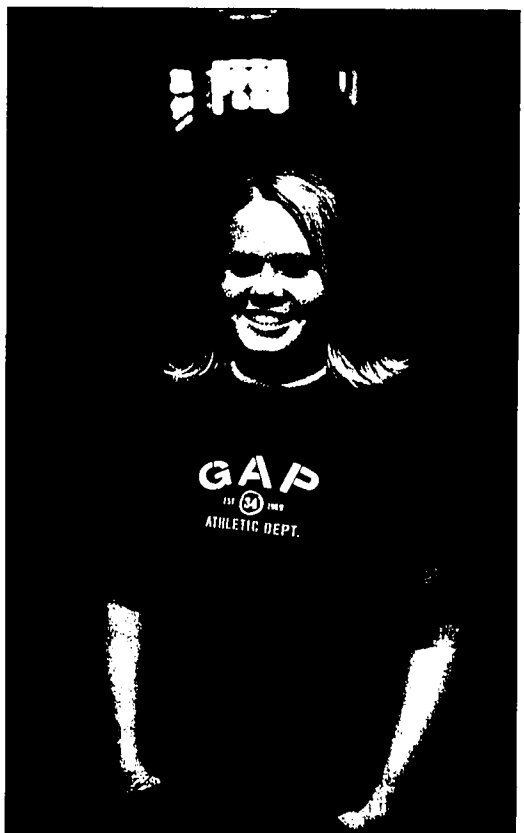
So how consistent and reliable can grading systems ever be?

Issues of race and class sometimes come into play, as do factors as basic as how a teacher feels when grading a pile of humanities essays, Amy Wilkins, executive director of the Trust for Early Education and an assessment expert, told the Washington Post. And judging the creativity of an art project or the originality of an English literature essay can never be a process as rigid as determining whether proper nouns are capitalized, she says.

"I think one can be more or less objective, but we are obviously not dealing with chemicals in a test tube or atoms bouncing around," Amir Hussain, religious studies professor at California State University at Northridge, told the Post. "We are dealing with people and ideas, and there is always an element of subjectivity in that."

Teachers have used some type of grade – letters, percentages, numbers – to sum up student achievement for more than a century. Yet many educators have become critical of the traditional system of letter grades for a variety of reasons.

The critics say grading is an imprecise reflection of student performance because school districts set different standards for achieving a particular grade and because teachers weigh factors other than academic achievement in grading.



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Murtaugh High School senior Tanyn Perkins, a college-bound honor student, believes grades are an accurate reflection of how much students learn.

In recent years, some districts have altered the way elementary students are graded, often changing the traditional A-B-C-D-F to number systems that measure specific skills.

"I came from school system that didn't give letter grades," Garrett said. "Instead, we used a more extensive system for evaluating students and involving the parents. So we didn't give out report cards.

"But one day, a girl came to me and said, 'My mother wants a report card.' So I went to the principal, and he said, 'I think there may be some still in the attic,' so I found one there.'"

The student agreed with Garrett's assessment of her schoolwork – strong in some areas, weaker in others.

"But if I bring home a report card with all B's, my mother will be happy. So I gave her all B's, and I never heard from the mother again.

"If you eliminated grades tomorrow," Garrett continued, "there would still be some measurement of achievement emerge."

The limited research that has been done on grading shows there is no ideal way to approach it, Ken O'Connor, a curriculum coordinator with the Toronto District School Board who has conducted some of the most influential research, told the Post. But several experts say grading systems work best when they assess only those things that are achievement-related.

Researchers are concerned, in particular, about a seeming disconnect between grades earned in the classroom and standardized test results. A few years ago, the South Carolina Department of Education compared math grades given by teachers in the state, as reported by eighth-graders in a nationwide survey, with results of the state's Palmetto Achievement Challenge Test. Thirty-two percent of the students reported getting mostly A's, but only 7 percent earned top scores on the PACT, which is aligned with the state content standards.

"Grades and test scores are both just snapshots of knowledge of a given subject at a given moment," Garrett said.

"Standardized tests tell you a little bit more about a student because they give you some context," Kidd said. "The Idaho Standards Achievement Tests allows you to compare where a student is relative to other students in the state."

If Garrett had a single criterion for deciding which students to admit to her program, it would be neither grades nor test scores.

"It would be an interview," she said. "That's why employers interview people before they hire them; talking with someone gives you valuable insight into who they are and what they know."

But Garrett is under no illusion that letter grades will disappear anytime soon.

"A student in my program will tell me they can't get into graduate school with C's," she said. "And they're right."

"Part of problem with grades is expectations," Kidd said. "That's why I make sure the parents of my students know what the criteria are, what the student must do, to get a grade.

"Grading can't be completely objective," she said. "But it can be fair."

The Washington Post contributed to this report. Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223, or write to him at crump@magicvalley.com

Another approach

In the San Juan Unified School District

Take ...

- Sort objects ...
- Identify ...
- Compare the length ...
- Tell time ...

Students ...

Romance online: Making the e-love connection

The Baltimore Sun

Would Heathcliff have confessed his love to Catherine by e-mail? Would Shakespeare have expressed himself with emoticons? Would Abelard and Heloise have become entangled by laptop?

These questions are not as obscure as they might sound. Four centuries ago, the educated man might have wooed his mate with a love letter. Today, the medium of choice is far more likely to involve a computer.

Love is not only in the air, it's all over cyberspace.

"E-mail can be better than letters," says Michelle Weiner-Davis, a family therapist in Woodstock, Ill., and author of "The Sex-Starved Marriage." "It takes a big effort to send a letter. E-mail can be simple and immediate and powerful."

Weiner-Davis and other relationship experts say writing down your romantic thoughts has always been a good thing to do. E-mail simply makes the process easier – particularly for men who might be reluctant to share feelings or even put pen to paper.

"I often recommend it to clients," says Pat Love, an aptly-named Austin, Texas, marriage therapist. "The best natural aphrodisiac is demonstrating an energized love. Flirting through e-mail is a great way to show that."

Purdue University

Would Abelard and Heloise have become entangled by a laptop?

Romance has become such a common use for e-mail that many of the larger e-mail providers – and online dating services – offer tips for composing that loving correspondence. Some suggest wallpapers, graphics and attachments – a virtual dozen roses, for instance – to add impact.

Brenda Ross, relationship adviser for Date.com, suggests attaching a photograph or scanning a memento to a romantic e-mail. It's the equivalent, she says, of that lipstick kiss or a pressed flower that you might include in a card.

"Avoid the sappy," says Ross, 41, of Los Angeles. "That includes most poetry – unless it's really good poetry. When a man writes a sappy letter, he's being kind of clingy. You need a little more mystery."

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> **– Brenda Ross, Date.com**

E-mail is not a perfect substitute for the classic love letter, of course. A handwritten note will always seem more personal and lasting.

But even traditionalists concede that e-mail can have its place. Something as simple as "I love you" or "I miss you" can be a heart-warming thought when it pops up as an instant message on a computer screen at some unexpected moment.

"Yes, it's hard to think of e-mail in the same register as the (literary) greats, but there are ways it can surprise someone," says Doug Basford, a poet and lecturer in writing at Johns Hopkins University.

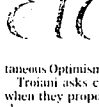
Basford may find romantic inspiration from the works of Austen, Wordsworth and the Bronte sisters, but he's not above typing the outline of a single rose and e-mailing it to

Please see E-LOVE, Page E3

Test your readiness to make a change

Too many people interpret dissatisfaction in their lives as negative, if you ask Maryann Troiani. She coaches people on making major changes in their lives.

"I use the term 'inspirational dissatisfaction' to explain how people can use the energy of uneasiness as a springboard," said Troiani, co-founder of the Mercer Group in Barrington, Ill., and author of the book "Spontaneous Optimism" (Castlegate, $14.95).



Troiani asks clients a series of questions when they propose wanting to make radical changes:

1. Are you an optimist or pessimist?

Optimistic people are more willing to make a leap in their lives, said Troiani.

"Pessimistic people tend to blame their unhappy situations on bosses or family members, anyone but themselves," said Troiani. "Optimistic people take responsibility for their vision. They have radar up and working when what they are doing in life doesn't send them in the direction of their dreams."

2. What's important to you?

A gut-check question. Answering it honestly might make it difficult to keep following the daily routine.

3. How would you feel in a year or five years if you don't make changes in your life?

Brings out the visionary in you. Most people find it easier to imagine the worst-case scenario.

4. What would you like in your life right now?

Time is a resource you can control.

– Source: Chicago Tribune

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive

Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is $3 for seniors. The cost is $4 for non-seniors under 60 and $2.50 for children under 12.

Monday-Friday: Menu not available

Activities

Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday
Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Foot clinic; make appointment

Tuesday
Ticket Tuesday
Blood pressure check from 10-11:45 a.m.

Wednesday
Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Elks card game

Thursday
Pinochle at 1 p.m.

Friday
Quilting
Lunch bingo
Blood pressure check

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl.

Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Lunch prices are $3.50 and evening meals will be $2.50. Sunday dinners are $4. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Call the center by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the center, everyone is welcome.

Sunday-Friday: Menu not available

Activities

Thrift shop open every day. Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Roseland Band plays from 8-11 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. Admission is $4.

Sunday
All-you-can-eat dinner buffet; $4 for seniors, $4.25 for non-seniors and $2.50 for children under age 12.

Monday
Exercise from 10-11 a.m.

Tuesday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m.
Quilting from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Treasure Tuesday
Crafts from 1-4 p.m.

Wednesday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Thursday
Exercises from 7-8 p.m.
Quilting from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bingo from 1-3 p.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer

Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday. Suggested donation is $3 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.

Tuesday: Sliced ham

Thursday: Corned beef, boiled potatoes, carrots

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main N., Kimberly

Monday: Beef biscuit, roll, buttered broccoli, cole slaw, applesauce, coffee, milk

Wednesday: Baked ham, baked beans, corn, tossed salad, rolls, strawberry shortcake, coffee, milk

Friday: Meat loaf potatoes, gravy, peas, tossed salad, bread, butter, Jell-O, coffee, milk

Activities

The thrift store is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday and from 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Tuesday
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Free AARP Tax Aide for middle and low income. Call 423-4338.

Wednesday
Dominoes at 1 p.m.

Thursday
Crafts at 1 p.m.

Friday
Bingo at 11:55 a.m.
Pinochle at 1 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield

Meals are served at 12 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The suggested donation for seniors is $2.50. The cost is $3 for adults and $2 for children under age 10. To eat a meal at the center, call ahead at 764-2226.

Tuesday-Friday: Menu not available

Activities

Monday
Art class at 1 p.m.

Tuesday
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Blood pressure check from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday
Quilting from 1-3 p.m.

Friday
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.

308 Senior Ave.

All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is $3 for seniors.

Monday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, harvard beets, carrot and raisin salad, bread, custard

Tuesday: Spareribs, potato wedges, green beans, layered salad, bread, carrot cake with raisins

Wednesday: Sweet and sour chicken, fried rice, stir fry vegetables, whole wheat roll, plums, cookie

Thursday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, applesauce Jell-O, roll, sheet cake

Activities

Monday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Pinochle at 12:30 p.m.
Hand and foot at 6 p.m.

Tuesday
Pool at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Pinochle at 1:30 p.m. at Gooding
Bridge at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Board meeting at 1 p.m.
Shuffleboard at 6 p.m.

Thursday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Blood pressure at 11 a.m.
TOPS at 5 p.m.
Pinochle at 7 p.m.

Friday
Bridge at 1 p.m.
Hand/foot at 1 p.m.
Bowling at 1:30 p.m.
Bingo at 6 p.m.

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.

All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is $3.

Monday: Sloppy joes, tater tots, peas, pickled beets, fruit, cookies

Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic toast, green beans, fruit medley, brownies

Wednesday: Chicken strips, macaroni and cheese, winter mix vegetables, Jell-O with fruit, peach cobbler

Thursday: Roast pork, potatoes, gravy, corn, fruit salad, blueberry cheesecake

Friday: Turkey, potatoes, gravy, spinach, carrot and raisin salad, apple crisp

Activities

Monday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.

Tuesday
Board meeting at 1 p.m.
Pinochle at 1 p.m.
Snack bar at 6 p.m.
Early bird bingo at 6:45 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.

Wednesday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Pinochle at 7 p.m.

Thursday
Foot clinic, sign up
Blood pressure check

Friday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
B.J. and Friends at 11:30 a.m.
Pinochle at 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

Monday: Beef stew, beans, corn, green salad, homemade bread, orange juice, milk, coffee

Thursday: Chicken noodle soup, egg salad, sandwich, rhubarb pie, orange juice, milk, coffee

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FIRST TRIP TO THE DENTIST

'I don't want to do this'

By Sherry Stripling
The Seattle Times

KIRKLAND, Wash. – Four-year-old Stephanie King gets right to the point as she stands at the top of the carpeted stairs, red barrette in her blond hair matching the red apple on her OshKosh sweater:

"I have my shoes on because I'm going to the dentist."

This is Stephanie's first trip to the dentist. It shimmers with the intrigue of the great unknown, and has potential carrots: Her 5 1/2-year-old sister, Katrina, a veteran of three trips to see Dr. Carl Rutherford, once came home with not only a trinket but also a stuffed rabbit.

"And," Stephanie adds, "I'll get ice cream."

It's off to the dentist with her homemaker mother, Sue King, 33, who also has an appointment, and her dad, Donavon King, 36, who works at Honeywell Aerospace Division in Redmond, Wash. Even Katrina and her bunny come.

Stephanie has always been comfortable at center stage, but that self-confidence wanes as she and *her mother follow dental assistant* Cindy Buckley to a room at the far end of the complex. Her eyes grow large, but she seems tiny as Buckley pumps her higher in the great big chair.

"You're almost as tall as Mom," Buckley says. "Do you like that?"

"Yeah," Stephanie fibs. "Can I go down now?"

> "We have so many adults who don't see the dentist for 20 years because they were scared to death as kids."
>
> – Dr. Carl Rutherford

Stephanie and her dad's dental insurance don't know it, but she can do almost anything she wants today. The whole exercise is designed to make her comfortable. Buckley sells every step in a silky voice.

There's her toolbox with the "squirt gun," the "straw" and the electric toothbrush. She points out the camera she's going to use to take pictures of Stephanie's teeth.

And the choices Stephanie gets to make: Does she want mint, cinnamon or cherry berry floss? So far, the only bad part is that chair.

"I don't want to do this," Stephanie says, tipped back. Her welling eyes are hidden behind flowered sunglasses to protect her from the light. She is suddenly vulnerable.

"Can you see Mom over there?" Buckley asks, pointing out Stephanie's mother, who's in the same position in a chair kitty-corner to this office. "She's having pictures taken, too, like you."

"Mommy!"

"Are you having fun?" her mother calls back.

"Yeah," Stephanie says weakly, and Buckley goes back to work chasing "plaque bugs" with a powered toothbrush. With her tender pink gums exposed, Stephanie gets her first taste of one-way dentist-office conversation,

"Does that tickle?"

"Ahhururugghg."

"Yes, it does sound funny, doesn't it?"

"Uhhhr reemam water?"

"Yes, you can have more water."

"Are we done?" Stephanie asks. Not yet, Buckley tells her, first Dr. Rutherford has to come in and count her teeth.

"Is she a girl or a boy?" Stephanie asks.

"A boy."

Stephanie's mother calls out that she can see how clean Stephanie's teeth look, way over where she sits. But no matter how hard Stephanie looks in a mirror, she can't see "the shiny."

The disappointment mount.

"Where's the boy who's going to count my teeth?"

"The boy will be here in just a minute, and then you can pick out a toy to bring home, how about that?"

That's fine, Stephanie says, but what about a doughnut? Buckley is puzzled. They don't have doughnuts, she says.

"Ice cream?"

Here it is – the great betrayal. Stephanie's been told all week how she would have ice cream for going to the dentist, apparently missing the part about the nearby Baskin-Robbins.

"We don't have any ice cream here," Buckley says.

Stephanie swallows her disappointment admirably, accepting the offer of sugar-free bubble gum as a substitute. And at last the "boy" comes in.

"Can you believe you have all those teeth?" The dentist asks after talking to Stephanie about her pictures. Hearing that she's not fond of the chair, he tells her to raise her hand if he raises the chair too high. His finger hits the button. The hand is up!

Like her sister, Stephanie has no cavities, and comes through her first visit unscathed, if without ice cream or a stuffed animal.

She's done very well, Dr. Rutherford says. Some patients won't even get into the chair for the first five visits, and that's OK.

"We have so many adults who don't see the dentist for 20 years because they were scared to death as kids," he says.

Safe back on her father's lap in the lobby, Stephanie shows him her new toothbrush and the ring she picked out.

"What did the dentist say?" Stephanie's father asks.

"I forget."

"But everything went well?"

"There are stains up there," she says of her teeth.

Then she shrugs and gives him the really bad news: "They don't have any ice cream."

E-love

Continued from E1

his girlfriend, a researcher at the National Gallery of Art in Washington.

"A little spontaneity is good," says Basford, 29. "A good proofread is useful, too."

Misspellings, poor punctuation and grammar are among the more common mistakes. They may be acceptable in ordinary e-mail but in romantic messages, they shout: I didn't care.

But there are other common pitfalls, too. People have a tendency to equate e-mail with conversation, but they aren't the same thing. "The written word doesn't get the benefit of vocal inflections," says Greg Godek of La Jolla, Calif., author of "1001 Ways to Be Romantic."

To avoid problems, experts say slow down, reread and edit. And, perhaps most important, think about what the other person would like to hear.

Emoticons, those little keyboard icons like a smiling face (a colon and right-bracket), should be used sparingly – "like frosting on a cake," says Ross.

Use descriptive language – be specific about your feelings and what you like about your mate, advises Basford. And yes, it's all right to add a few lines of poetry from one of the great works of fiction.

"Find a metaphorical way of speaking. Maintain a level of detail to show care and craft – a scene should erupt in the reader's mind," he adds.

But for those people who aren't terribly poetical, there's still hope. Carol Salley, 20, a student at University of Maryland College Park, says she appreciates just a few lines from her boyfriend, who's at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va.

"It doesn't have to be a long thought-out letter," says Salley. "The 'I'm thinking of you' ones are sweet, too."

Mixed-gender sleepovers for teens aren't unusual these days

Family news you can use

The next time your teen is invited to a sleepover, don't be shocked that it's not "just the girls" who'll be spending the night.

Mixed-gender sleepovers are becoming increasingly common as more teens are pushing to invite friends of the opposite sex – and more parents are granting their requests, reports the Ladies' Home Journal.

Teens say the evenings are just another way to hang out, but many parents and experts worry that all-night affairs can encourage physical intimacy. If co-ed sleepovers make you uneasy, the magazine suggests coming up with a compromise, such as picking your teen up at midnight.

Labor of convenience?

The number of labor inductions more than doubled between 1990 and 1998, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. Now, one in three women has her labor started artificially, either by her doctor administering medication or breaking her water.

What's behind the rush? Many women are choosing to have labor induced for their convenience, or the convenience of their family or doctor, said Barbara Yawn, who conducted a study on the increase. Experts also point to the widespread availability of induction drugs and fear of lawsuits if something happens to a baby who's overdue.

– Compiled from wire reports

Senior

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Shoshone Senior Center

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone

Tuesday: Meat loaf, Macaroni and cheese, green beans, Jell-O fruit salad, dinner rolls, cream puffs, orange juice, milk, coffee

Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich, beef noodle soup, carrot sticks, lemon pie, orange juice, milk, coffee

Friday: Corned beef and cabbage, boiled carrots, boiled potatoes, Irish soda bread, pistachio dessert, orange juice, milk, coffee

Activities

Monday

Exercise from 9-9:30 a.m.

Coffee at 9:30 a.m.

Quilting at 10 a.m.

Tuesday

Board meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Lunch at noon

Pinochle at 1 p.m.

Wednesday

Lunch at noon

Scrapbook class at 10 a.m.

Early bird at 6 p.m.

Bingo at 7 p.m.

Thursday

Exercise from 9-9:30 a.m.

Coffee at 9:30 a.m.

Arts and crafts at 10 a.m.

Friday

Pinochle at 1 p.m.

Saturday

Pancake breakfast from 7:30-10:30 a.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Citizens

203 Wilson, Eden

Open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is $3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Mondays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days. Home delivered meals are delivered Monday through Friday.

Tuesday: Hamburger steak, mashed potatoes, corn, cole slaw, bread pudding

Wednesday: Bake day

Thursday: Turkey, dressing, broccoli, salad, pumpkin pie, rolls

Activities

Wednesday

Bingo at 7 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior/Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman

Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lunch is served at noon on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation for seniors is $3, non-seniors $4 and children under 12, $2. Coffee, tea, juice and bread served with all meals

Monday: Ham, creamy spinach

Wednesday: Aloha chicken, vegetables, dessert

Friday: Tamale pie, salad, dessert

Thrift store open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday

Board meeting

Saturday

Indoor flea market

Breakfast

Bake sale

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey

Meals are served at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Milk, juice, coffee and tea are served with all meals

Tuesday: Soft shell taco, Spanish rice, refried beans, pineapple with cottage cheese, chips and salsa, brownie

Wednesday: Chicken cacciatore over angel hair pasta, hot rolls, green beans, baked apples, cheesecake bars with strawberries

Friday: Roast pork with gravy or baked fish fillet, steamed carrots, mashed potatoes, green salad, waldorf salad, chocolate chip cake with cream cheese frosting

Activities

Monday

Warm Springs sleigh ride

Tuesday

Exercise at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Board meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Choir at 11 a.m.

Thursday

Exercise in Sun Valley

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert

Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals.

Monday: Sloppy joes, tater tots, peas, pudding

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, fried, green beans, tapioca pudding

Wednesday: Bean salad, pork chops, potato casserole, carrots, rolls, cheesecake

Thursday: Chili, corn bread, orange wedges, Jell-O salad, ice cream

Friday: Smorgasbord

Center gift shop is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Blood pressure taken from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month. Quilting and pool table daily during center hours. Crafts every day. Home delivered meals are available Monday through Friday upon request. Volunteers are needed to do grocery shopping for shut-ins. Call Ridleys at 436-1200

Monday

Exercise from 10-11 a.m.

Songfest from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Pinochle from 1-4 p.m.

Tuesday

Bingo from 1-2 p.m.

Wednesday

Pinochle from 1-4 p.m.

Thursday

Exercise from 10-11 a.m.

SHIBA Medicare supplemental insurance assistance from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call George Schwinderman at 436-9107.

Friday

Pinochle from 1-4 p.m.

Bingo at 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland, Burley

All dinners are served at noon.

Monday: Tater tot casserole, peas and carrots, fruit mix, chocolate cake

Tuesday: Ham salad sandwich, potato soup, Jell-O with fruit, assorted desserts

Wednesday: Turkey dinner

Thursday: Barbecue sandwich, fries, mixed vegetables, orange whip Jell-O, peach cobbler

Friday: Lemon fish, baked potato, bread sticks, spinach salad, Marion berry crisp

Activities

Monday

Pool at 10 a.m.

Exercise at 11:15 a.m.

Pinochle at 1 p.m.

Tuesday

Tax help from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Pool at 10 a.m.

Exercise at 11:15 a.m.

Board meeting at 1 p.m.

Computer class at 1 p.m.

Bingo at 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Pool at 10 a.m.

Exercise at 11 a.m.

Pinochle at 1 p.m.

Thursday

Pool at 10 a.m.

Exercise at 11 a.m.

Friday

Pool at 10 a.m.

Exercise at 11 a.m.

Bingo at 1 p.m.

Pinochle at 1 p.m.

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Send entries to Pick-the-Oscars, *The Times-News*, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303, fax them to 734-5538 or e-mail to crump@magicvalley. Deadline is March 18.

The Academy Awards will be handed out on March 23. We'll announce the T-N Pick-the-Oscars Contest winners on March 28.

Best picture
(pick one)

___ "Chicago"
___ "Gangs of New York"
___ "The Hours"
___ "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers"
___ "The Pianist"

Best actor
(pick one)

___ Adrien Brody, "The Pianist"
___ Nicolas Cage, "Adaptation"
___ Michael Caine, "The Quiet American"
___ Daniel Day-Lewis, "Gangs of New York"
___ Jack Nicholson, "About Schmidt"

Best actress
(pick one)

___ Salma Hayek, "Frida"
___ Nicole Kidman, "The Hours"
___ Diane Lane, "Unfaithful"
___ Julianne Moore, "Far from Heaven"
___ Renee Zellweger, "Chicago"

Best supporting actor
(pick one)

___ Chris Cooper, "Adaptation"
___ Ed Harris, "The Hours"
___ Paul Newman, "Road to Perdition"
___ John C. Reilly, "Chicago"
___ Christopher Walken, "Catch Me If You Can"

Best supporting actress
(pick one)

___ Kathy Bates, "About Schmidt"
___ Julianne Moore, "The Hours"
___ Queen Latifah, "Chicago"
___ Meryl Streep, "Adaptation"
___ Catherine Zeta-Jones, "Chicago"

Best animated film (first tiebreaker)
(pick one)

___ "Ice Age"
___ "Lilo & Stitch"
___ "Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron"
___ "Spirited Away"
___ "Treasure Planet"

Best cinematography (second tiebreaker)
(pick one)

___ Dion Beebe, "Chicago"
___ Edward Lachman, "Far from Heaven"
___ Michael Ballhaus, "Gangs of New York"
___ Pawel Edelman, "The Pianist"
___ Conrad L. Hall, "Road to Perdition"

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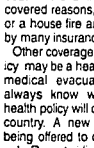

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Spring Fling entertainment package hosts include, from left to right, back row: Blaine Patterson (Magic Valley Regional paramedic), Cindy Van Holland (Magic Valley Regional nurse), Jim Simm (Cactus Petes marketing director), Mark Lenard (Solo Cup), Dr. Bruce Cerny (Magic Valley Regional) and Dr. Kyle Poppleton (Family Dentistry); front: Kimberly Williams (Magic Valley Mall director), Jeremy Couch (KMVT), Branden Rathert (Mix103), Jonny Stippich (Fiddler/Strings Attached), Diana Roilg (Four Ways Travel) and Heather Tiel, host/usher. Not pictured are Shannon O'Conner (Magic Valley Regional speech therapist), Rob Jones (Canyon Spring Golf Course golf pro), and Dean Shotswell (West Farm Foods).

'Spring Fling' offers 'Hosts with the Most,' entertainment packages

TWIN FALLS – A new event coming April 11 combines entertainment, meeting new people and helping women's health programs in the Magic Valley.

The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation will present "Spring Fling," an event that features an entertainment auction. Local high profile – and single – "Hosts with the Most" will design auction packages of entertainment in which they will be the host for three or more people. The packages will feature a variety of things to do at various times throughout the year. They can be purchased by individuals or groups.

All proceeds go to supporting women's health programs at Magic Valley Regional.

At Spring Fling, there will be tropical desserts, a no-host bar, music, Hawaiian hula dancers and more.

Spring Fling

Starts at 6:30 p.m. April 11 at the Red Lion Hotel (formerly WestCoast Hotel) in Twin Falls.

Admission is $15 with casual or Hawaiian dress encouraged. Seating is limited.

For tickets or information, call the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation at 737-2480.

BIG VALLEY CITIZENS OF THE MONTH

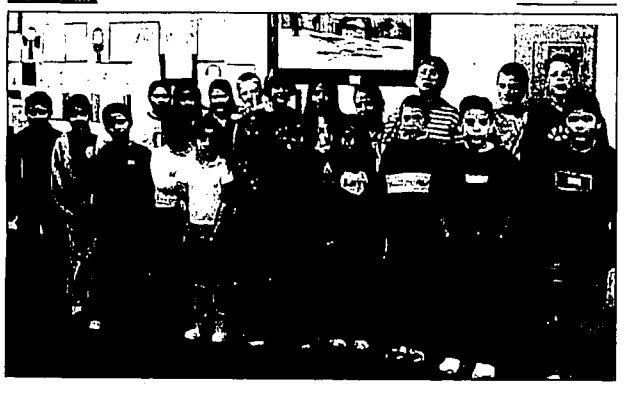

Photo courtesy of Big Valley Elementary School

Citizens of the week for the week of Jan. 27 at Big Valley Elementary School in Rupert included, from left, front: Jesse Burgara, Derian Gonzales, Ramon Rameriz, Julian Diaz, Jasmine Goni, Dakota Lafferty, April Gutierrez, Lizett Juarez, Dennis Bortz, Cijer Angulo and Phillip Rodriguez; back: Anissa Ramirez, Ana Silva, Cheisie Phillips, Nathan Eagle, Kaylee Legault, Sadie Vega, Nikelle Bair, Corey Lindauer, Gabe Krautheim and Joshua Hyde. Not pictured is Daniel Dayley.

Society hears about 'Gibbonsville'

JEROME – The life and demise of a small Idaho town will be the subject of the program at the Jerome County Historical Society's general membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Jerome Public Library.

Julia I. Randolph will give a program entitled, "Gibbonsville, Idaho (Then and Now)."

She was inspired by the Idaho Centennial to put together a slide show depicting the beginning and decline of her hometown. In 1890, Gibbonsville was growing so fast that it was almost made the county seat. But what caused its downfall?

For her program, Randolph has teamed with guitarist Jim Bigelow. The resulting program also includes pictures, ballad and guitar music.

Julia I. Randolph

Randolph was born in Nyssa, Ore., located on the banks of the Snake River. At about the age 2, her family moved to Salmon, Idaho in Lemhi County. Besides attending school in Salmon and Gibbonsville, she attended school in Portland, Ore. during World War II.

She has resided mostly in Lemhi County since her marriage. During the last 15 years, she has researched Lemhi County, and also presents a slide show on cemeteries, grave sites and local histories of people long since gone.

The program is made possible by support from Boise Cascade Corporation and funding from the Idaho Humanities Council, a state-based affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Brennyn Alyn Bowden, son of *Ryan Bowden and Melissa* Adfield of Pocatello, was born Friday, Dec. 27, 2002.

Alexis Skye Gardner, daughter of Ashley Suzanne and Shane Allen Gardner of Wendell, was born Sunday, Feb. 23, 2003.

Alxandria Aurora Joyce Garcia, daughter of Amanda Justine Gentle and Randy Garcia of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2003.

Katelyn Sierra Higley, daughter of Corie Lynn and Brandon Louis Higley of Buhl, was born Thursday, Feb. 27, 2003.

Fransisca Isabell Perez, daughter of Shannon Kay and David V. Perez of Jerome, was born Thursday, Feb. 27, 2003.

Aiden Wayne Ward, son of Laura Diane and Terry Lynn Ward of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Feb. 27, 2003.

To announce a birth
Send a copy of the birth certificate to:
Melissa Morgan
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Twin Falls, ID 83303
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Call Melissa at 735-3278

Hailey Dana Renee Lewis, daughter of Tonya Renee and Justin William Lewis of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Feb. 28, 2003.

Sophia Karin Braga, daughter of Alexis Karin and Daniel Orion Braga of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, March 1, 2003.

Lillian Rose Rash, daughter of Michelle Lynn and Kris D. Rash of Richfield, was born Saturday, March 1, 2003.

Layne Gregory Philip Park, son of Whitnie Ann and Gregory Philip Park of Wendell, was born Saturday, March 1, 2003.

Zakariah Ethan Abbott, son of Sharon Kathleen and Craig Eugene Abbott of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, March 2, 2003.

Kieran James Eggleston, son of Merrie Ellen Moses and Andrew L. Eggleston of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, March 2, 2003.

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Gabriel Allen Goff, son of David and Stephanie Goff of Jerome, was born Sunday, Feb. 23, 2003.

Trace Austin Mifflin, son of Starr D. Mifflin of Jerome, was born Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2003.

Jlyn Ubalda Ramirez-Garcia, daughter of Jobie Garcia and Nery Ramirez of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2003.

SERVICE NEWS

Hess graduates from basic hospital corps school

Navy Hospitalman Apprentice **Jamee L. Hess,** daughter of Jana L. and Kim K. Hess of Jerome, has graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at the Naval Hospital Corps School in Great Lakes, Ill.

During the 14-week course, Hess learned a wide range of medical procedures used to provide first aid and assist Navy doctors and nurses. Hess also received an introductory instruction for service in a variety of medical environments, from fleet hospitals and shipboard medical departments to fleet Marine forces and medical administration offices.

Hess' first assignment after school will involve direct patient care, but with her training, she can work in several areas, including first aid and assisting with minor surgery, pharmacy and laboratory analysis, patient transportation and food service inspections.

Hess is a 2000 graduate of Jerome High School, and joined the Navy in February 2002.

Woods completes Marine basic training in California

Marine Corps Pvt. **Casey W. Woods,** son of Donna K. and Kyle C. Woods of Buhl, has completed basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif.

Woods successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Woods also spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

Woods is a 2002 graduate of Gooding High School.

Heinzeiman completes Marine basic training

Marine Corps Pfc. **Thomas L. Heinzelman,** son of Nila J. Heinzelman and Lee G. Heinzelman of Twin Falls, has completed basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif.

Heinzelman successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. He also spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

Heinzelman is a 2002 graduate of Filer High School.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

First United Methodist offers 'Mom's Day Out'

TWIN FALLS – First United Methodist Church will hold a free "Mom's Day Out" from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday at the church, 360 Shoshone St. E.

Parents can drop their children off during this time.

For more information, call 733-5872.

Gooding Elementary offers free workshop for parents

GOODING – Gooding Elementary School will offer a workshop for parents on "Ending the Homework Wars" from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the school library, 1045 Seventh Ave. W.

CORE consultant Margo Healy will conduct the workshop, which is free to all parents of children in kindergarten through fifth grade.

For more information, call the school at 934-4941.

Relay for Life team captains meet Thursday

TWIN FALLS – The team captains for the 2003 Relay for Life will meet Thursday in the Great Room at BridgeView Estates, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd. in Twin Falls.

Refreshments will be served at 5:30 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 6 p.m.

The topics will be fund-raising and "Up All Night" activities. Any team who volunteers to provide entertainment for at least a half hour during the "Up All Night" activities can earn 1,000 points towards the Heart of Relay award.

There are 44 teams signed up for the relay, and still room for more teams on the Filer Elementary track, organizers say.

For more information, call Dawn at 736-8093.

Rupert BPW accepts applications for scholarship

RUPERT – The Rupert Business and Professional Women is offering an educational scholarship to aid women who wish to re-educate to better their place in the work force.

Applicants must be 25 years of age or older, enrolled in the second year of an accredited college program or vocational/ technical program, have maintained a 3.0 grade point average and show financial need.

The deadline for application is April 15.

For applications or for more information, call Nina Stephenson at 436-3565 or Carma Maxey at 436-9862.

Golden Heritage Center hosts AARP meeting

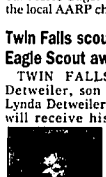
BURLEY–Mini-Cassia American Association for Retired Persons (AARP) will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday at Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave. in Burley.

David Ryzak will present a program on money collecting. Ryzak is secretary of Empty Pockets Coin and Currency club, which meets monthly at Paul City Hall. He has worked at the Black Pine Mine, Hagerman Fossil Beds and City of Rocks.

All interested people are invited. Merle Sager is president of the local AARP chapter.

Twin Falls scout receives Eagle Scout award

TWIN FALLS – Jake C. Detweiler, son of David and Lynda Detweiler of Twin Falls, will receive his Eagle Scout award in a court of honor at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the LDS Church, 824 Caswell Ave. W. in Twin Falls.



Jake Detweiler

Detweiler has earned 21 merit badges. For his Eagle Scout project, he built and installed a large bulletin board for the main hallway at I.B. Perrine Elementary School in Twin Falls.

Detweiler, 18, is a member of Troop 103 and his troop leaders are Mark Holmstead and Sheldon Loar.

He is a senior at Twin Falls High School, where he has been active in Chamber Singers, band, Drum Corps, and is the drummer for the show choir, JIVE. Detweiler also was selected for the Utah Ambassadors of Music, and will perform with the group on its 2003 European tour. He is in a band called, Falling In, that puts on assemblies for elementary schools, and is a 4-H grand champion in sheep showmanship and market lamb.

20th Century Club plans program for meeting

TWIN FALLS – The 20th Century Club of Twin Falls will hold a luncheon meeting at noon Tuesday at the Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls.

A musical program is planned by a group of young musicians from Twin Falls High School.

For more information, call Maxine at 733-1654.

Girl Scouts celebrate 'Thinking Day' at school

JEROME – About 10 Girl Scout troops from the Magic Valley celebrated Thinking Day on Feb. 21 at Jefferson Elementary School in Jerome. The event, which is an international holiday celebrated by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, was planned by Kim Lickley of Jerome.

Girl Scouts celebrate the day by thinking and learning about other Girl Scouts/Guides.

Each troop had a booth from a country of their choice. At each booth, Scouts ate food, played a game or created a craft from that country. The different countries included Russia, Japan, Ukraine, France, Germany, Cameroon, Brazil and the United States. About 100 Girl Scouts attended, including a foreign exchange student from the Ukraine.

For more information, call the Girl Scout office at 733-9623.

UI offers sewing with wool workshop

BURLEY – The University of Idaho Extension office will offer a Sewing with Wool Workshop from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 24 at the Burley extension office, 1013 W. 16th St. and March 29 at the Twin Falls extension office, 246 Third Ave. E.

Participants should bring their own lunch, sewing machine and sewing tools. Topics covered will include hems in wool and lining fabric, setting in sleeves, getting a smooth roll on the collar and lapel and pressing.

Pre-registration must be completed by March 19. The workshop is open to the public. 4-H members who take the workshop will receive information on the 4-H wool scholarship contest.

For more information or for those who do not have a sewing machine should call Diana Christensen at 934-4417, or call the Burley office at 878-9461 or Twin Falls office at 734-9590.

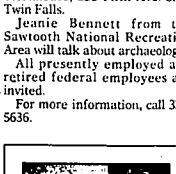
NARFE hears about archaeology during meeting

TWIN FALLS – The National Association of Retired Federal Employees Local 1959 will hold its monthly meeting at 11:30 a.m. Monday at Creekside Steakhouse, 233 Fifth Ave. S. in Twin Falls.

Jeanie Bennett from the Sawtooth National Recreation Area will talk about archaeology.

All presently employed and retired federal employees are invited.

For more information, call 326-5636.



Club shines on the value of coins. Tuesday in Community

ENGAGEMENTS

HARDING-BARENDREGT

Darrin Barendregt and Tenille Harding

RUPERT – Diane and Toby Harding of Pocatello announce the engagement of their daughter, Tenille Harding, to Darrin Barendregt, son of Leonard and Marge Barendregt of Rupert.

Harding is a graduate of Highland High School in Pocatello She is employed at Mountain West Research in Pocatello.

Barendregt is a graduate of Minico High School. He also is employed at Mountain West Research.

The wedding is planned for 12:45 p.m. Friday in the Logan LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7-9 p.m. Friday at the Satterfield Stake Center in Pocatello. An open house will be held from 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the Rupert 3rd Ward building, 526 S. F St.

FULLMER-ELISON

Benjamin Elison and Cami Fullmer

TWIN FALLS – Evan and Trudy Fullmer of, Arimo announce the engagement of their daughter, Cami Fullmer, to Benjamin Elison, son of Michael G. and Ruth Elison of Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for Saturday at the Twin Falls West Stake Center on Harrison Street. A reception will be held from 7-9 p.m. Saturday at the same location.

SEVERE-DARRINGTON

Kerri Severe and Ryn Darrington

ROGERSON – Keith and Sally Severe of Rogerson announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerri Severe, to Ryn Darrington, son of Mark and Verla Darrington of Declo.

Severe is a recent graduate of Boise State University, where she received a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education and an endorsement in special education.

Darrington served an LDS mission to Houston, Texas. He currently is attending BSU.

The wedding is planned for March 21 at the Logan LDS Temple.

KOOTSTRA-TORGRIMSON

Tori Kootstra and Jason Torgrimson

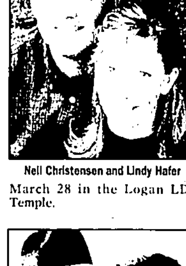
JEROME – John and Janet Kootstra of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Tori Kootstra, to Jason Torgrimson, son of Darrel and Penny Torgrimson of Thompson Falls, Mont.

Kootstra received a bachelor's of social work from HOPE College and a master's of social work from Grand Valley State University in Michigan. She currently works part-time as a student assistant specialist at Robert Stuart Junior High School and part-time as a clinical social worker at Twin Falls Community Counseling.

Torgrimson received a bachelor's in education from the University of Montana. He currently teaches information technology courses at Twin Falls High School and serves as adjunct faculty at the College of Southern Idaho, teaching computer networking courses for Cisco Systems Inc. During the summer, he guides whitewater rafting and salmon fishing trips on remote rivers in Alaska.

The wedding is planned for March 22 in Wendell.

HAFER-CHRISTENSEN



Neil Christensen and Lindy Hafer

TWIN FALLS – Chad and Marcene Hafer of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindy Marie Hafer, to Neil Dustin Christensen, son of Val and Naomi Christensen of Driggs.

Hafer is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and Utah State University with a degree in English. She is employed at Kimberly Middle School.

Christensen is a graduate of Teton High School and is attending USU, majoring in finance. He served an LDS mission to Montevideo, Uruguay. He is employed at Techna-Glass in Logan, Utah.

The wedding is planned for March 28 in the Logan LDS Temple.

GARDNER-BALDWIN

Justin Baldwin and Angela Gardner

GOODING – Albert and Donna Gardner of Corvallis, Mont., announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Gardner, to Justin Baldwin, son of J.D. and Maria Baldwin of Gooding.

Gardner is employed at the Sun Valley Resort in Sun Valley.

Baldwin is a 2001 graduate of Boise State University. He is employed at the Nevada Daily Mail in Nevada, Mo.

The wedding is planned for June in Stanley. The couple will reside in Nevada, Mo.

WEDDING

LANG-DECKER

Rainbeau and Matthew Decker

BOULDER, Colo. – Rainbeau Dawn Lang and Matthew J. Decker were married Jan. 24 at Lost Gulch Overlook in the Boulder Mountain Parks in Boulder, Colo.

Officiating was the Rev. Gail L. Denton. Father of the bride was the soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Rich and Tammy Lang of Twin Falls.

Parents of the bridegroom are Sylvia Geary of Oklahoma and Matthew J. Decker of New Jersey.

Kasey Jo VanBiezen, friend of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor.

Daniel Francis, friend of the bridegroom, served as best man.

Javier Santamaria, friend of the bridegroom, was the groomsman.

Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Ardean and Janice Lang of Filer.

A small dinner reception was held that evening at Cinzetti's Italian Restaurant in Westminster, Colo.

The bride was a student at Front Range Community College in Westminster, studying sign language. She was employed at Springhill Suite by Marriot in Westminster.

The bridegroom is a corporal with the 3rd Armored Calvary Regiment in the U.S. Army, stationed in Fort Carson, Colo.

The newlyweds will reside in Colorado Springs, Colo., when the bridegroom returns from deployment.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE CHANDLERS

Carolyn and Rulon Chandler

WENDELL – Mr. and Mrs. Rulon Chandler of Wendell will be honored Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 3-5 p.m. at the Wendell LDS Church, 620 N. Idaho St.

Chandler and Carolyn Nelson were married April 24, 1953, in the Idaho Falls Temple.

They have lived most of their married life in Wendell, where he has enjoyed raising crops such as sugar beets, wheat, hay and corn. He also milked cows in their earlier years. She has been his helper on the farm and a homemaker.

They have been active in civic and church organizations. He has served on both the school and fire boards. They have served in many positions in the LDS Church, including serving the past four years in the Boise Temple. In 1997, they served an LDS mission in Leeds, England, for 1 1/2 years.

They are leaving to serve another LDS mission March 24 to Rochester, N.Y., in the Palmyra area.

They have five children, Kent (Tami) Chandler of Wendell, Janice (David) Brown of Boise, Robyn (Doyle) Hope of Wendell, Sandi (Scott) Lattner of Hagerman and Jill (Jeff) Terry of Stansbury Park, Utah.

The couple has 22 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

THE NEBELS

Jackie and Jim Nebel

BALLANTINE, Mont. – Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nebel of Ballantine, Mont., and formerly of Twin Falls, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with dinner at the home of their granddaughter, Samantha Morris in Billings, Mont.

Nebel and Jackie Hostetler were married Oct. 29, 1952, in Elko, Nev.

He worked at the Seat Cover Center in Billings and other upholstery shops. In 1979, he opened Jim's Upholstery, retiring in 1996. She was a partner in the business.

Their children are Terry (Sandy) Nebel, Rocky Nebel and Chester Nebel, all of Billings.

The couple has five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A relationship could begin or end today, Capricorn

HOROSCOPE
Sydney Omarr

IF MARCH 9TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are effective at solving other people's problems, not always good in furthering own cause. You can find success in the medical profession, work counseling, politics and the military. You enjoy travel, are romantic and have "striking looks." You have passionate, fiery temperament; you often "lose temper," yet are quick to forgive and forget. Aries, Libra play special roles in your life. You make a comeback in career, financial areas during 2003; you could also be "madly in love."

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Spiritual values surge to forefront; you could attend a religious service, an inspiring lecture. Humanitarian instincts prompt you to donate time, money to a worthy cause.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Lunar cycle remains high; the cliche "make hay while the sun shines" applies today. It pertains to financial as well as romantic aspirations. Leo "points the way" to success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Good time for a family get-together. You have a chance to "show off" recent acquisitions, including art objects, wardrobe and household items. You "cook up a storm;" remember diet.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You feel lucky; play your hunches. Social life accelerates; many want to wine and dine you. You might wonder, "What did I do to get so popular?" Enjoy good fortune while it lasts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Although this is a "day of rest," you have reason to tend to business, perhaps straighten out another's mistakes. Be cooperative, but know when to say, "Enough!" Taurus involved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Lines of communication open; telegrams, phone calls mark the day. Take care of neglected correspondence. Someone from your "past" extends a travel invitation. Change of scene stimulates romance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Occult and hidden matters draw attention. Contents of a will, assets of partner, mate revealed; it could prove more than you care to know. A domestic adjustment restores harmony, happiness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Lie low, play waiting game; time is on your side. A former "opponent" makes friendly gestures, wants your cooperation in what could be a half-baked scheme. Be wary!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Good time to scan the "classifieds" if looking for part-time work, automobile or tools of trade. You may also be interested in literature concerning health, exercise and diet.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A relationship could begin or end; a journey has something to do with it. Creative juices stir; you resume and enjoy an "abandoned" hobby, including sports. Independence spotlighted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Persons from business areas are planning a surprise party; you are not only included but could be "star" attraction. A unique honor bestowed; it's time you received recognition!

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Unexpected visitors, including relatives, could pop in on you today. You might feel a bit embarrassed by appearance of home; forget apologies, and just enjoy company. Don't believe all "stories."

Website helps out with baby names

Knight-Ridder News Service

At www.americanbaby.com, parents-to-be can take a test that categorizes their personality, then tells them what they might name their baby based on the test results.

For example, if you're an active, independent thinker, you should consider names associated with being creative, smart, active and strong.

But here's the thing: Do most people associate the name Tina with creativity? Gabriella with activity? Madison with strength or Melody with brains?

The boys' side was a bit wacky, too. Take the "strong" names: There's Colin, which seems to suit Secretary of State Colin Powell. But there are also Delbert, Geraldo and Sherwin.

In any case, the site is good for grins – and a slew of names from which to choose, from Abe and Autumn to Zamiel and Zoe.

Spice up your life with new recipes. Look for Food & Home Wednesdays in *The Times-News*.

Leave snacks at home on road trips

Knight-Ridder News Service

When packing for a family road trip, consider leaving the snacks at home. Using food to keep your kids occupied encourages them to eat when not hungry, a habit that can contribute to weight problems later in life, says Joan Carter, a registered dietitian at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Don't think of food as entertainment."

On trips less than two hours, water is the only thing you need in the car, Carter says. On longer trips, she recommends stopping every few hours for 10 to 15 minute "snack and play" breaks.

Books, games, maps and other activities can provide children something to help the time pass more quickly during the drive, she said. On trips where a roadside stop isn't feasible, Carter suggests packing bite-size sandwiches, trail mix, sliced fruit, bottled water and string cheese for snacks.

Anniversary or wedding planned? Let us know soon

The Times-News welcomes wedding, engagement and anniversary announcements.
Deadline to get them into Sunday's Family Life section is 5 p.m. on Tuesdays.
Questions? Call Ramona Jones at 735-3262.

Bridal Registry
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RECOLLECTIONS
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FAMILY LIFE

WORK IT OUT

By Alan P. Olschwang, Huntington Beach, California

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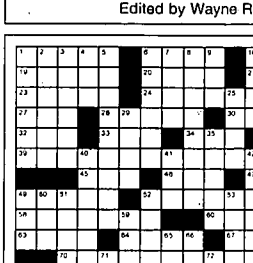

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14 Let's hear it
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20 Egyptian fertility goddess
21 Race in "The Time Machine"
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24 Start of Diane Ravitch quote
26 Take in or let out
27 Computer of "2001: A Space Odyssey"
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30 Hangman's loop
31 Ewe calf
32 NYC hrs.
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34 Theater sign. letters
36 "The Raven" monogram
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39 Part 2 of quote
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47 "Oh, Pretty Woman" singer Orbison
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49 Architect Richard Alan
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60 Single out
62 Suitable
63 Pear type
64 Fireside exchange
67 Thespian
68 Fragrant rootstock
70 Part 3 of quote
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78 Gilpin of "Frasier"
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82 Eve's beginning?
85 Stood very tall
87 Adversaries
89 Small brooks
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113 Conductor's stick
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118 Start of an ache?
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16 Daniel of Nicaragua
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53 Smashes open
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56 Troy, NY campus
57 Religious figs.
59 Hot diamonds
61 Poet Alexander
65 Not quite closed
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73 Classic car's letters
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94 Kibbutz resident
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98 Wearing headwear
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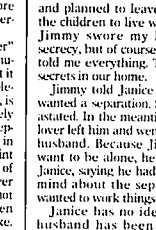


Psycho-babble can cloud your vision

PARENTING
John Rosemond

Q: I am a teacher of 3-year-olds at a church preschool. Most of the boys in the class have a lot of energy, but one boy in particular has some developmental problems (which are receiving attention), and his behavior is a bit "different." A good number of the boys push and occasionally hit when they're frustrated, but this boy gets blamed for more than his share. I think it's because he's different and therefore easy to scapegoat.

The other day, for example, a child accused him of hitting her. When I asked her to point him out, she said he was hiding. In fact, he wasn't in school that day. Several of the kids' moms have demanded that this boy be expelled, claiming he poses a risk to their children's safety. No one has ever been hurt by this child.

He's just a boy like all the rest, but it seems that the other kids go home and blame him for all the aggression. These moms say, flatly, 3-year-olds don't lie. Would you please comment?

A: This is not so much a story about a group of 3-year-olds as it is about today's child-obsessed moms, who tend to want to control everything that happens to their children – wherever it happens, whether or not they are present when it happens.

The mothers in question not only micromanage their kids, many of them try to micromanage anyone who has any influence over their kids: coaches, teachers, even their children's doctors. They have a great deal of difficulty (a) admitting that in some situations, other responsible adults may actually know what is best for their children and (b) letting go and letting their children solve their own problems.

They do not want their children to ever have to go to the School of Hard Knocks, where people of my generation (and all generations before that) learned their most valuable lessons.

Of course 3-year-olds lie. They are capable of all manner of antisocial behavior – stealing, cheating, hurting, excluding, and so on. A mom who says *her* 3-year-old is incapable of lying is really saying that *her* parenting has been immaculate; therefore, *her* child has acquired no sin. This, of course, is absurd.

The premodern mother (before the 1960s onset of "psychological parenting") knew that good parenting guaranteed nothing.

It gave the child a good foundation, but it did not guarantee that the child would always make right choices. On any given day, a child raised by loving parents who dedicated themselves to doing the right thing always was (and is) capable of bad behavior.

Because she was thinking clearly about her child, when her child misbehaved, the premodern mom didn't become her child's attorney. She punished him.

Today's mom, when her child misbehaves, is likely to hear a psychological demon, saying, "This is probably your fault, Mom. Your child's misbehavior is proof that you have failed in some respect."

Such is the devastating effect psychological parenting has had on the self-respect and authority of the American mother. Sad.

As a consequence, many preschool classrooms are not the calm, creative places they would be if teachers were allowed to exercise powerful authority and nip misbehavior in the bud.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at Affirmative Parenting, 1020 East 86th Street, Suite 26B, Indianapolis, Ind. 46240 and at his Web site: http://www.rosemond.com/

Late winter is the season of rapid change

SKYWATCH
Chris Anderson

Sky calendar
(through Saturday)

Planets
One hour before sunrise:
Mars: SSE, low
One hour after sunset:
Saturn: SW, very high
Jupiter: ESE, high

Moon
First quarter Tuesday 12:15 a.m. Near Saturn Monday and Tuesday evenings. Very close to Jupiter Friday night.

Although the cold weather may make winter seem like the longest season, it's actually the shortest. And at this time of year the length of the day is changing faster than at any other time. Two factors are at work.

Foremost is the earth's not-quite-circular orbit. The earth orbits the sun at an average speed of about 66,000 miles per hour. But because the sun's gravity gets stronger the closer you get, when earth is nearest the sun in early January, it feels a greater gravitational tug.

Thus, it must speed up to avoid being pulled in (2,200 miles per hour faster than early July, when we're farthest from the sun). This increased speed dashes us through the winter season in only 89 days (versus summer, the longest season, at 93.6 days).

Also at work is the earth's tilt, which makes the sun appear to migrate northward as we move from winter to spring. The farther north it gets, the more time it spends above the horizon and the longer the daylight hours.

While this effect is subtle at Idaho's latitude (and essentially nonexistent in the tropics), it becomes quite dramatic near the poles. After all, above the Arctic Circle night lasts 24 hours at the winter solstice, and six months later, at the summer solstice, the sun never sets.

This change makes little difference from day to day near the solstices, when the sun's north-south motion halts momentarily, but really gets rolling near the equinoxes.

With our fastest orbital speed just passed, and the sun racing north at its greatest clip later this month, we are currently gaining more daylight each day than at any other time of the year. So make good use of your extra three minutes of sunlight each day.

Next week: The so-called "gas giant" planets. Chris Anderson is the planetarium production specialist at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Write to him at canderson@csi.edu

Praising creative redundancy

WORDWATCH
Merriam-Webster

DEAR EDITOR: I have a theory that such phrases as "still remember," "still recall," "still retain," etc., are redundant. Memory by its nature is something saved and not "re-saved." So the word "still" in no way enriches or quantifies these words. Please comment.

– H.E., ROCHESTER, N.Y.

DEAR H.E.: Let's look at the question from another angle. Have you ever felt when you were talking to someone that you were not being listened to, or that your message was being misunderstood? We've probably all had that experience. It can compare to transmitting a message over a noisy channel – the noise in this case being whatever is in the mind of the listener that distracts attention from what we are saying.

Our language has built-in mechanisms for helping the spoken message penetrate the noise. For instance, in the phrase "these four chairs," plurality is marked three times. This can be thought of as useful redundancy; it helps the message get across by facilitating the reception of the idea the speaker is trying to communicate.

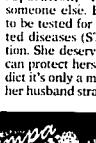
Repetition can be one kind of useful redundancy. By repeating an idea, the speaker can be sure that the hearer does not miss it. But a price is paid for the use of repetition: loss of transmission speed. If everything were repeated, transmission speed would slow down to almost nothing. The whole question comes down to the fine line between useful redundancy and wordy redundancy. Another consideration is whether the longer version may simply sound better or be more idiomatic than the shorter alternatives.

You're right that "remember" carries a connotation of continuance that "still" also shares. But it seems to us that the shared element of redundancy if you will, is at useful one – or if not positively useful, at least harmless. The repetition helps reinforce the idea in the hearer's mind. Another point worth making is that the notion of "still," implying continuance over an extended period of time, is not necessarily prominent or even present in "remember" or its like. For example, you might remember what you had for breakfast, but if it's lunchtime now, you're not likely to say "I still remember what I had for breakfast." "Still" does contribute additional meaning.

Just for fun, you might try spotting the redundancies in the following phrases, and considering whether they're useful or wordy: "refer back to Chapter One," "take all unnecessary padding out of your writing," "this word has two different meanings," "these examples have been picked out to show useful redundancies."

This column was prepared by the editors of Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Tenth Edition. Readers may send questions to Merriam-Webster's Wordwatch, P.O. Box 281, 47 Federal St., Springfield, Mass. 01102.

Husband who strayed hedges his bets



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

Every time I'm around Janice I practically bite my tongue off! Should I tell her the truth?

– CONCERNED FRIEND IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

DEAR CONCERNED FRIEND: Recognize that if you tell her, there will be a nuclear explosion – and the fallout will land on you and your husband.

That said, Janice should know that her husband has a wandering eye and that it's "possible" while her husband was "considering separation," he had sex with someone else. Encourage Janice to be tested for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) as a precaution. She deserves to know so she can protect herself, because I predict it's only a matter of time until her husband strays again.

Write to Abby

Send letters to Dear Abby, Universal Press Syndicate, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069, or via her Web site at http://www.DearAbby.com

DEAR ABBY: I am a twice-married woman about to turn 30, with a wonderful husband and three beautiful sons. We own our home, have two nice cars, food on the table and clothes on our backs. However, I'm feeling like my life is in a black hole and I'm desperate to get out.

I am the primary caregiver for my mother, who is in the early stages of Alzheimer's. I am about to lose my job of 12 years due to downsizing, and our financial situation will definitely take a downturn when I'm unemployed.

My father (who is in ailing health) lives out of town, and although I'd love to visit him, going there with my husband and kids is just too hard.

During the past year, I gained a great deal of weight and can't seem to find the time or energy to get it off. I have severe migraines and feel like a time bomb waiting to explode.

Any advice on how to pull one's self up from the pits, Abby? Lately I have experienced more than one occasion of wanting to run away – and that in itself frightens the living daylights out of me.

– ON THE BRINK OF DISASTER IN SOUTHERN UTAH

DEAR ON THE BRINK: Considering everything that's going on in your life, it's no wonder you are feeling overwhelmed. You appear to be experiencing a combination of stress, depression and caregiver burnout. A good place to start finding remedies is your doctor. Call and schedule an exam and truth session.

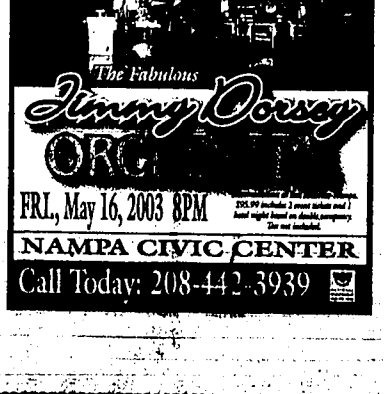
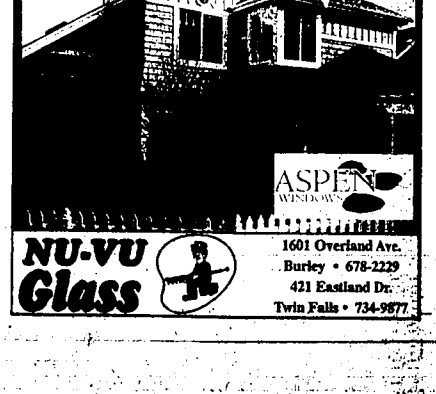
Also, contact the nearest chapter of the Alzheimer's Association for the location of a senior respite-care facility for your mother. You appear to be a conscientious wife, mother and daughter, but even the best of us sometimes need a helping hand. Good luck.

Dear Abby is written by Jeanne Phillips.

12-year-old wins sandwich contest

Knight-Ridder News Service

Next time you're packing a lunch, try this combination: peanut butter, banana slices, mandarin orange slices and pineapple chunks on toasted cinnamon bread. Grate fresh ginger over the fruit, and decorate the top of the sandwich with pomegranate seeds.

This "Tropical Fantasy" sandwich, created by a Minnesota 12-year-old, won first place in the "Most Creative Peanut Butter Sandwich Contest," sponsored by Jif.

Runner-up sandwiches were: "Peanut Butter Pineapple Paradise," made with peanut butter, pineapple slices and brown sugar on a chocolate chip bagel; a "Pizza Sandwich," with peanut butter, strawberry jam, banana slices, chocolate syrup and coconut on a toasted English muffin; "Jack's Phat Snack," with peanut butter, ice cream, chocolate candy and crushed wafer cookies on banana bread; and a "Happy Face Sandwich," with peanut putter, banana, pineapple, coconut and chocolate syrup in a pita pocket.