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Mexico and the prime targets of U.S. and the prime targets of U.S. and British diplomacy. But even if nine votes were rounded up, France stands in the wings wielding a veto that would kill the resolution.

A senior U.S. official acknowledged on Saturday that the chances of rounding up enough votes were dim. But he said the leaders' gathering would remind the world – and particularly France – that the United States. Britain and Spain head a coalition ready to act soon against Iraq.

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France's actions have cased the pressure on Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, and the three allies intended to try to reapply it in a strong statement after their summit, said the official, speaking on condition of amonymity.

In another attempt to frame war with Iraq as a test of moral courage, Bush in his weekly radio address on Saturday said "governments are now showing whether their stated commitments to liberty and security are words alone - or convictions they are prepared to act upon."

Weeks of tendered compromises and extended deadlines have not paid off for the Bush administration. They only have contributed to an impression of waffling and given antiwar forces in Britain more time to attack Blair.

Despite voluminous evidence presented by Secretary of State Colin Powell that Iraq has hidden vast quantities of dangerous seapons and hed about it, the prevailing sentiment on the council is to extend U.N. weapons searches and defer war.

There may be a vote this week, or Bush, Blair and Azuram rany conclude at their meeting the services of the reserved and their meeting the Azores to withdraw the reserved.

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of unity

The Associated Press WASHINGTON - President ush's meeting Sunday with or ASHINGTON - President Bush's meeting Sanday with Prime Ministers Tany Blair of Britain and Jose Maria Aznar of Spain is shaping up as more a symbol of determination than an 11th-hour quest for a diplomatic miracle.

GOOD MORNING

Weather.



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Research shows that a moderate workout may do your heart good.

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The computer storage devices still deserve respect. Tuesday

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What you need to do if ning to sell this spring.

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Snowmobile motocross in central Idaho

Thursday

Idaho's Oscar



Friday

Religion in the news Find out

what area churches are up to.

Hanging on at SIRCOMM

Center might face trouble as T.F. stops payments

TWIN FALLS - The city of Twin Falls has joined the list of agencies refusing to pay the

area's 911 call center - which now operates with about only half of its authorized dispatch

said they don't think they're fac-ing a crisis yet.

The city of Twin Falls so far this fiscal year hasn't made pay-ments to Twin Falls County for service from the Southern Idaho

records.

Twin Falls City Manager Tom
Courtney said the sticking point
has been the amount of money
the city is expected to pitch into

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Dale Lewis was 26 years old and a married father of two toddlers when he was sent to the Persian Guif in August 1990, almost six months before the first bombs fell on Baghdad and just months away from completing his four-year

As war tensions grow, local Gulf War veterans speak out

BURLEY - Servicemen and women camping out in the Middle Eastern desert can take some advice from someone who camped out in that same sand 12

years ago.
"Do whatever you've got to do to stay alive and come home to your families," said 38-year-old Dale Lewis, a Burley residend who served as a combat engineer and demolition expert with the

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U.S. Army's 24th Infantry in Operation Desert Storm. Lewis said what soldiers need most right now is the support from people back home. He said he hopes they don't see the anti-war protesters in the streets. Lewis is not one to mince

words.
"I see these young college students protesting who 12 years ago still had Mom wiping their



Today, Guif War veteran Dale Lewis owns Cow Crazy Custom Sewing in Burley. where he lives with his wife and their two teen-agers. But he said he'd be proud to put on his uniform again should his country need him.

nose," Lewis said. "I pray to God no American soldier sees that or hears that. We only had four days to get ready to go to Iraq, so we didn't hear it. I'm glad we didn't,

because if the American people were protesting then like they're protesting now, I would have been ashamed of our people. Please see LEWIS, Page A7

Groceries to Gulf

Twin Falls father of eight went from managing store to top-secret messages

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It has been more than 12 years since Craig Hawkins watched the snow-covered Idaho landscape pass by his Amtrak window. Home.

"It was the longest train ride of my life, because I didn't know if I'd be seeing my family again," Hawkins said.
Today, as the United States

mawkins said.
Today, as the United States sits poised for another war with Iraq, Hawkins has some advice for the servicemen and women

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with those same feelings he had
on that lonely train ride a dozen
years age, as well as some advice
for Americans at home.
"Hang in there," said
Hawkins, who now lives in Twin
Falls. "If they know we support
them and, their families, it gives
meaning and purpose to what
they're doing, and their sacrifices
will be worth it."
It was the winter of 1990, one
of the harshest on Idaho record,
and war was the last thing on
Craig Hawkins' mind.

week, or Bush, Blair and Aznar may conclude at their meeting in the Azores to withdraw the reso-lution - either because they lack nine votes or because it would deny France the opportunity to cast a veto.

cast a veto. One way or another, though Bush is determined to use force against Iraq. Powell told a House subcommittee last week that Saddam's "day of reckoning is fast approaching." Nine-month ordeal of Elizabeth Smart was marked by missed opportunities Nine months after Elizabeth Smart disappeared from her bed-room, hope had almost died. When children abducted by strangers are gone for a long time, they usually don't come home.

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY - Looking back now, she was so close, so many times.

In the foothills behind her home, listening to searchers shouting her name. At a party where a concerned reveler asked

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of a basement apartment, a block away from the police station.

In the end, there would be one more missed opportunity – and then a miracle.

home.

Back in June, Elizabeth's disappearance was the latest in a dis-

turbing string across the country.
Ed and Lois Smart and their six children lived in a seven-bed-room estate, worth \$1.1 million. Police say a man crept into took Elizabeth's bedroom on June 5, took Elizabeth, then 14, as her sister, 9year-old Mary Katherine, cowered.

Soon after, hundreds of volun-teers fanned out in the foothills behind the Smart home. As it turns out, authorities say, Brian David Mitchell, 49, and his wife, Wanda Barzee, 57, a pair of drifters, were hiding Elizabeth in

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Sgt. First Class Steve Hawkins, right, and fellow Sgt. Harrison Meyers on Christmas Eve 1990 at Fort Lewis, Wesh. By Christmas Day, the two reservists would find themselves stationed in Heidelberg, Germany, as tensions were building in the Persian Guif.

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Twin Falls County's share of
the dispatch center fund. So
the city is withholding payments to the county as a negotiation chip, he said.
It was only the county's latest
payment that made the center's
next pay period possible, said
Twin Falls County Sheriff
Wayne Tousley. Toudey acts as
SIRCOMM's administrator
while his deputy director, Ron
Vogt, is responsible for day-today operations there. Had the
payment not come in, it would
have taken a dip into SIRCOMM's reserve funds to cover
employees' payday checks for
March 21.
It takes about \$26,000 to

employees payday checks tor March 21. It takes about \$26,000 to \$28,000 to cover a pay period, which comes every two weeks. Vogt said.

Twin Falls County's payment will keep payroll covered for another month or so, he and Tousley said. What might happen after that isn't clear.

Courtney said the city and Twin Falls County are in negotiations to settle the payment impasse, but he wouldn't speculate as to when a resolution might come.

late as to when a resonant might come. Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow also wouldn't talk about the issue in specific terms. "We're still talking to them (the country) trying to work some differences out," Clow

Tousley and Twin Falls County Commissioner Bill



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Brockman declined to comment on why the city isn't paying or what the inty plans do about Brockman

Brockman represents Twin Falls County on SIRCOMM's board of



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Elorrieta – who is also a

Jerome County Commissionerafter the board's last meeting.

"At this point, it's just up in

Justification?

What Twin Falls wants is a reduction in its share of the payments. Courtney said. As it stands now, Twin Falls County expects about \$250,000 a year from the city to pass on to SIR. COMM, Courney said. The city wants to see that cut down to about \$250,000.

Part of the city's rationale for

demanding lower payments is that its own call center has eased SIRCOMM's burden, Courtney said. A non-emer-gency and service dispatch cen-ter was recently opened in the Twin Falls police station. And late last year, the City Information Center introduced a system allowing city residents to reach the center by dialing "311."

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Meamwhile, SIRCOMM is riving to get back up to full staff, Tousley said. The center is set up for 24 dispatchers but has only 15 on staff.
Has that put holes in the center's coverage of the area's emergency needs? No, said Tousley.
"It's affected the way we operate, but it hasn't affected our efficiency," he said.

To keep things covered, Tousley said, the center has moved from 12-hour to eighthour shifts. There's also ben't public with the find more dispatchers, but finding good help has been tough.
"Out of the last batch of four people we screened, one made it," he said. It could take several month, or et the setf built back up.

it," he said.
It could take several months
to get the staff built back up,
Tousley said.
How did it get so short in the
first place? Some of that can
probably be attributed to people jumping ship during recent

toss-ups in SIRCOMM's man-

tossups in SIRCOMM's management, Tousley said.

The problems started in late 2001, when thencenter director Jeff Rodeman and operations of the manager of Jeff Rodeman and operations of the manager of Jeff Rodeman and operations of the said of the

later.

In addition to the change and controversy prompting some dispatchers to get out, Tousley said he and Vogt have made it harder to for new ones to get in by raising the standards.

"We've added a much more stringent pre-entry testing system," he said.

Times-News reporter Mark Heinz can be reached at 735-3238 or by e-mail at mheinz@magic-valley.com.

■ Past due

Under current dispatch funding procedures, the city of Twin Falls is expected to make quarterly payments of 162(393.48 to Twin Falls County. The county in turn pusses a bulk payment from all county entities on to the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center.

So far, the city has missed payments due on Oct. 1 and Jan. 1. The next payment is due

April 1.

The city currently is expected to meet a ball ance of just under \$249,574 this fiscal year.

■ Who else hasn't paid

Citing double taxation and other issues, the city of Kimberly has never made a SIRCOMM payment. As of Friday, Kimberly hadn't made any payments on its yearly balance of \$15.170.87.

\$15.170.87. Records show that other entitles that haven't made payments this fiscal year include: The Murtaugh Highway District that coil 52.90.41; Fire Phaul Fire District 152.393.86; Rock Creek Rural Fire District 152.413.55; toy of Hansen (\$600); and city of Murtaugh (\$600).

Contributions and shortfall

Twin Falls County on Thursday made a double payment – amounting to \$47,047.23 – on its share of the SIRCOMM bill. That took care of the county's yearly balance of \$20,004.47 \$94.094.47

Payments also came in from: The cities of Buhl, Castleford and Filer; rural fire districts

for Buhl, Castleford, Salmon Tract and Twin Falls: highway districts in Twin Falls and Filer: Mapic Valley Regional Medical Center; and quick response units in rural Twin Falls County. With the pluses and negatives figured in

With the pluses and negatives figured in together, there was a shirth of just over \$103,332 in the combined contributions from all entities in the county to SIRCOMM in the second quarter. Prejected shortful to the third quarter is just over \$150,200. None of the other countles are behind, according to records. according to records

■ Dual budgets

Most of SIRCOMM funds break down into:

Most of SIRCOMM funds break down into; two budgets:

**One Is from the money passed on from the cities and other entities through the four-counties in SIRCOMM's coverage area — Lincoln, Gooding, Jerome and Twin Falls.

This budget peers insity to cover persognal related expenses, such as payroll and — = employee insuance. It's this budget that is being affected by the city of Twin Falls and other entities refusing to make their pay meets.

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* The other budget is from money collected through a \$1-per-month fee on every phone line in the center's coverage area. That money goes to over mostly equipment and operating costs. However, the salary for the center's on site director also comes from this fund.

this fund.
It's set at \$560,287 this year.
SIRCOMM also receives income from interest and other miscellaneous sources.

Sources: SIRCOMM, Twin Falls County clerk's office, city of Twin Falls business office

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the hills just three miles away. Once, she even heard rescuers, including her uncle, calling her

name.
Mitchell, a self-proclaimed prophet, was well-known around town as a panhandler and rambling preacher.
He'd married Barzee in the mid-1980s. In 1998, the pair told relatives that God told them to sell their belongings and preach to the homeless.

homeless.

In January 2002, Lois Smart,
Elizabeth's mother, was downtown when she bumped into
Mitchell, who now called himself



Immanuel, Hebrew for "God with us." She gave him 55 and invited him to come by her home if he wanted work.

The next day, Elizabeth's father put him to work harmwering shingles. After five hours, Smart paid him 550 and never saw him again.

Mitchell spent the next few months writing a dense, 27-page religious manifesten. He declared to the same and the same seenger from God, in the said having an delipile wives was God's true intention for his followers. And he had a special prophecy for Barree: she would welcome "seven sisters" into her home.

Soon after Mitchell completed

welcome "seven sisters" into her home.

Soon after Mitchell completed his tract, Elizabeth vanished.

A few weeks Jater, detectives everaled they were questioning a convict wholf worked as a handy man at the Smart home more than a year before the kidnipping. Richard Albert Role was arrested in an upplated prode, vidiation, light websaulty passages dully to expect the Bullet and a significant of the same than a product of t

Elizabeth's 18-year-old cousin, Jessica Wright. On July 24, a window screen at the home was cut, the introducted field. Three months after the dispearance, the girl and the two drifters descended from the hills and began roaming the streets of downtown.

In Jate August or early September, Mitchell and the row somen streets into a present of the country of the coun

In late August or early spetember, Mitchell and the two women strode into a party at a local hangout, where he drank beers and spouted his teachings. The two women, obscured by cloths pinned across their faces, said little and stuck closely to him. Pamela Ian noticed them immediately. She asked the women if they were OK, and the girl looked away.

A group of partygoers grew annoyed by Mitchell's ramblings. Ian, 30, escorned Mitchell to the door and asked the women a second time. "Do you need help?"

On Sept. 27, Mitchell was caught shoplifting from a down ton grocery store, but skipped to the strong grovery store, but skipped state. By October the weeks later.

out on his arraignment two weeks later.
By October, the weather had turned chilly, Daniel Trotts, 24, was a cashier at the health-food store when he met Mitchell and his two companions. He invited the group to stay in his basement spartment, a block from the Salt

Police arrived moments rater, ending Smart's ordeal.

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Iraq divides into four military regions

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Iraq invited chief U.N. weapons inspectors Hans Blix and Mohamed Elbaradei to Baghdad to discuss outstanding disarmanent issues as President Bush prepared to meet with his toal allies about a possible war. At the same time, President Saddam Hussein placed the country on a war footing, issuing a decree dividing Iraq into four military regions under the command or some the command of the president should be president shometown Tikrit. Saddam himself retained sole authority to use aircraft and surface-to-surface missiles against invaders, according to the presidential decree distributed by the Iraqi News Agency.

The invitation came a day

dential decree distributed by the Iraqi News Agency.

The invitation came a day before Bush meets prime ministers Tony Blair of Britain and Jose Maria Arnar of Spain in an emergency summit in the Azores to work out their next step after their bid to give Iraq an ultima-tum was blocked at the U.N. Security Council.

At U.N. headquarters in New York, Blix said he would study the invitation and discuss it with



اتمور Iraqi war veterans participate in a rally against a possible U.S.-led war in the Monsour district of Baghdad Saturday.

the council. Asked if the Iraqi invitation was a stunt, he told CNN."I certainly wouldn't call it a stunt... We'll have to give serious thought to what the answer will be."

A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said inspectors "would be wise to wait until after the summit before making any determination about going to Baghdad."

With nearly 250,000 U.S. and the council. Asked if the Iraq

British troops in the Persian Gulf ready to strike, Iraq has been emboldened by stiff opposition to war at the Security Council, where France and other nations have insisted inspectors should be given more time. As pressure on Baghdad has increased in past nonths, it has been making ges-tures to show it is connection. on Baghdad has increased in past nonths, it has been making ges-tures to show it is cooperating with inspectors. France, Russia and Germany issued a joint statement

Saturday insisting there was no reason for war, but calling for foreign, ministers to meet this week at the Security Council to set a timetable for Iraq to dis-

set a timetans arm.

French Foreign Minister Dominiqe de Villepin said his country would accept a "tight" timetable for disarmament but not an ultimatum that could accept the tigger war - as not an ultimatum that could automatically trigger war - as Washington seeks. Still, he acknowledged war was becoming inevitable. "It is difficult to imag-ine what could stop this machine." he told France 2 tele-

machine," he told France 2 television.

Illustreds of thousands of raqis on Saturday marched fireigh Saturday marched through Saddam's hometown and other fraqicities Saturday in government organized denonconducting the latest statement of the control of the con

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Bush works on assembling war coalition, says 'crucial days' lie ahead for free nations

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - President
Bush turned his attention
Saturday to assembling a coalition for war against Iraq as he
prepared to fly to a
Portuguese air base in the
eastern Atlantic for a summit
with the prime ministers of
Britain and Spain.

Bush, in his weekly radio
address, said he saw "little reason to hope that Saddam Hussein
will disarm," then issued what
amounted to a call for other
nations to back a U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

"Crucial days lie ahead for the
free nations of the world," Bush
said. "Governments are now
showing whether their stated
commitments to liberty and security are words alone - or convictions they're prepared to act
upon."

Bush will meet for several

tons are; re-pro-tions are; re-pro-pours in the Azores Sunday with British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar, his two partners in a failing campaign for a new United Nations resolution autho-rizing the use of force against Iraq.

Anti-war protesters

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While the White House said meeting was a final attempt at diplomacy, no indecided Security Council members were invited, and administration officials and administration officials and administration officials are selected in the selected of the selected in the selected of t

Administration officials said efforts continued to enlist other countries to what Bush has called a "codition of the willing," to conform Iraqi President Saidam Hussein with force.

"We lost diplomatic unity, We never lost resolve and prudent Hanning," a senior administration official said. "Prudent planning includes treaching out to other countries for a unified world behind the last resort or military action."

The president talked with Blair by telephone from Comp David Saturday, discussing "continuing diplomatic efforts in capitals around the world and at the United Nations," a White House official said. Blair's support for Bush's frau policy has hurt lim at tome, where an overwhelming majority of the British public and a considerable portion of the Labor Party oppose an early imme to war.

The president also talked with Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, one of the few world Berdes with occalls supports U.S. policy on Iraq. A White House of Frau A White House of House of Frau A White House of Frau Britan A White House of Frau A

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Jury convicts company, execs in life-insurance fraud case

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) - A company that pays terminally ill people for their life insurance policies and three of its execu-

policies and three of its execu-tives have been convicted of helping clients get insured by concealing their illnesses. Prosecutors said Kelco Inc. executives encouraged or knew about the fraud, including cases in which terminally ill people substituted healthy blood for their own to obtain policies.

their own to obtain policies.

A federal jury Friday convict-

ed Kelco, sister company Genesis Viatical, founder and chief executive Stephen Keller and vice president of sales Grant Sutherlin of fraud, conspiracy and money Jaundering, Keith Drach, Lexington-based Kelcos chief financial officer, was convicted of conspiracy.

The individuals could be sentenced to up to 20 years in prison, and the companies could be ordered to pay up to \$30 million in fines and restitution.



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World water shortage has scientists looking at underground supplies

The Washington Post
With Earth's inventory of
clean, fresh water dwindling fast,
scientists who once looked to the
clouds are increasingly looking
downward for new sources of the
life-giving resource. What's
tempting them is a mysterious
world of deep underground
aquifers – huge rivers and laker
far beneath the surface, some of
them containing "fossil" water as
unch as a million years old.
Recent mapping efforts suggest that some of these aquifers
hold enough "blue gold" to support billions of people for centuries. But the lean and thirsty
looks engendered by that enormous wealth of water have made
some hydrologists, economists

looks engendered by that enormous wealth of water have made some hydrologists, economists and political scientists nervous. Little is known about the ecological impact of deep aquifer jumping, especially since it's still not clear which of these sources are naturally refilled over time and which are true fossil aquifers — meaning they exist in scaled spaces much like oil reserves, available for one-time consumption and then lost.

Moreover, of the hundreds of water treaties and shared-use agreements forged by nations in recent decades, none applies to underground aquifers. With sories of major aquifers crossing international boundaries, the potential is rising for conflict and a greedy "race to the pumps."

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water through most of human history, and much of that is drying up to becoming spoiled.

"There are all kinds of signs that this level of use is not sustainable," said Sandra Postel, director of the Global Water Policy Project in Amherst, Masse, pointing to Idling water tables in many parts of the world. Already, about 8 percent of the food that feeds the world's 6 billion people is being

grown by taking water that is not being replenished. "If that's the case now," Postel said, what are we going to do when we need to feed 8 or 9 blillion people?"

One answer is to go underground, where there is 100 times the amount of water found on the half a mile or more.

Until recently, it wasn't worth trying to get at that water – a cubic yard of it weight about a ton. But with shortages now hooming globally – a comprehensive report released by the United Nations last week predicts cripping water shortages in the next few decades – that equation is changing.

"The water in these aquifers is of much better quality nowadays than in aimost any of the rivers or lakes," said Alice Aureli, head of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Orpanization's transboand any aquifer project. "It's an invisible resource our children will depend out."

resource. But it's most probably the resource our children will depend on."

Armed with seismic and coredilling technologies long used by the oil industry, and with funding from several international agencies, the International Ascoration of Hydrogeologists has begun a massive underground mapping project to determine the outlines and volumes of the world's larger aquifers - the first step to working out agreements among the countries that share them.

Among the bigger bodies of water under study are the Guarani aquifer, shared by Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay, which could provide 27 gallons of water a day to 5.5 billion people for 200 years. Another is the Kalahari/Karoo aquifer, shared by Namibia (the driest nation south of the Sahara; Nation South of the Sahara; North Africa and the Causass.

Time is of the essence if political skirnishes are to be avonts at the Nubhan Sambstome Aquifer, which lies beneath the sands of Libya, Egypt, Chad and Sudan.

The aquifer is a remnant of rains from 10,000 years ago, when the Sahara was green and lush. Its volume is about 500,000 times the manual flow of the Nile, but only scant amounts are addea and year and the series of the largest civil engineering projects on earth, the Libyan government is drawing hundreds of milions of gallons of water per week out of the reservoir and pumping it more than 2,000 miles north through subwaystumed sized pipes to Teipoli. That has the other countries overlying the aquifer wendering whether they'll have a chance to get their share.

They're not alone, Israelis and Palestinians have chadef for years over how to share the Mountain Aquifer, which lies beneath the West Bank Replenishment by rainfall is mostly from the Palestinian side, but Srael draws about 85 percent of the aquifer's amount yield. Longstanding and sometimes head en openishment of the international commission coordinating the global aquifer survey, hopes the project can defuse such the short part of the survey hopes the project can defuse such the heritage of mankind," said Puri, who is pulling together lawyers, economists, political scientists and legislators from affected countries to start talking to one another.

"When you take water from a river, the impact is immediate extraction is felt, it can be tens of years," and too late to fix the hydrologic and political damage, Puri said. "If you're going to extract, and it's going to affect your neighbor, you need to take that into account."

Congress won't likely address Social Security

WASHINGTON (AP)
President Bush's proposal to
overhaul Social Security is
unlikely to come to a vote in the
current two-year Congress,
according to Republicans who
cite competing priorities as well
as political concerns.
Instead, legislation to let workers invest a portion of their payroll taxes will probably hinge onnext year's election. That would
give Bush a chance to try and
ally public opinion behind the
idea as he hids for a second term.
The topic "is not on the short

list," for this year, said Rep. Clay Shaw, chairman of a House sub-committee on Social Security. The Florida Republican said with "if we don't do it this year, we may very well be looking past the 2004 election."

In his State of the Union address in January, Bush gave the topic less emphasis than tax cuts and legislation to "reform and strengthen Medicare," including prescription drug cowincluding prescription drug coverage. He asked Congress to act this year on those priorities, but set no timetable for steps to

shore up Social Security.
One Republican, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the White House has indicated to Congress that Bush wants to campaign with a Medicare plan in place, and tell voters it shows

paign with a Medicare plan in place, and tell voters it shows Republicans can be trusted to address the long-term financing of Social Security. In Congress, Senate Republicans omitted Social Security from their list of priorities recently when they issued their top 10 bills for the two-year Congress that convened in January.



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PARIS (AP) – France, Russia and Germany issued a joint decla-ration Saturday saying there was no justification for a war on Iraq and calling for a meeting of for-eign ministers at the UN. Security Council to set a "realistic" timetable for Saddam Hussein to disarm.

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France's foreign minister, Dominique de Villepin, said his country would accept a "tight timetable" for Iraqi disarmament - but not an ultimatum that would automatically lead to war if missed. But he said war appears increasingly inevitable. "It is difficult to imagine what could stop this machine," he told France 2 television, before adding "one does not have the

right to be discouraged."
France, Russia and Germany have led opposition to military action against Iraq.
With some 250,000 U.S. and British troops in the Persian Gulf ready to attack Iraq, President Bush meets with prime ministers Tony Blair of Britain and Jose Maria Aznar of Spain – his top proponents of military action against Saddam – on Sunday in the Azores islands to plan their next step in the standoff.
The joint declaration called for Security Council foreign ministers to meet on Tuesday to focus wu quarter and step in the standoff.

"disarmament prinsist emediate" to certify Iraq free of alleged weapons of mass destruction.

Large crowds mobilize worldwide against American policy on Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) - Some thought war is inevitable, others clung to hope they could slow or stop it. Either way, people in Washington and around the world joined Saturday in an outpouring of dissent no less persistent than the buildup of forces ready to strike Iraq.

The cries against war were summarized on the swarming grounds of the National Mall by Sally Baker, a teacher from Albany, N.Y.: "It's not right. It's no just. It's not going to make us any safer."

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Tens of thousands rallied world-wide, in some cases pressing close to the symbols of American

power: the Washington Monument and the White House in Washington, the U.S. air base in Frankfurt, Germany, and U.S. embassies in Greece and Cyprus. They also took to the streets throughout Europe, Asia and the Middle East. In Baghdad, where the reality of U.S. power could arrive any day, hundreds of thousands protested against the policies of the country poised to inyade them.

Whether fatalistic or feeling they could still make a difference, Americans came from great distances to chalfenge the marrh toward war and President Bush's justifications for it.

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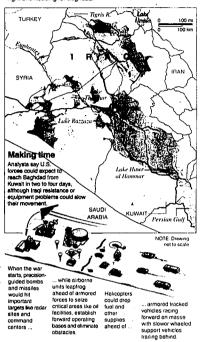
Some areas of southern Iraq, particularly those between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, present challenges for moving large numbers of troops and equipment. Military analysts believe U.S forces will head northwest from Kuwait, ead nermwast num nawa... is desert areas, before turning right and heading for Baghdad

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Ground troops may face various obstacles

WASHINGTON (AP) – It's only 300 miles to Baghdad for U.S. and British tanks arrayed on Iraq's border.

How fast they can cover the distance depends on the "speed bumps" they encounter, military slang for obstacles big and small, such as Iraqi resistance, a chemical attack and logistical problems of the Pentagon's own making.

"I think they're going to put the pedal to the metal and take about a 300-mile drive through the desert... then turn right when they get to Baghdad" said John Pike, military analyst with GlobalSecurity.org, a consulting cumpany.

GlobalSecurity.org, a consulting company.

In the threatened war to disarm and overthrow President Saddam Hussein, expectations are that the main ground force could reach Baghdad in as few as two days to four days.

Fast and feroclous is the goal of some 230,000 air, sea and land corces amassed in the Persian Gulf region, including 145,000 just over Iraq's border in Kuwait, some 300 miles from Baghdad, some 300 miles from Baghdad, the capital. There also are some 45,000 British forces in the region.

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If President Bush orders war, the campaign would include an assive barrage of bomba and missiles over a wide range of Iraq at once.

Near simultaneous ground assaults by armored units would move from the south Lighter airborne troops would drop incomions to seize and secure oil wells, missile launch sites and suspected chemical-biological weapons sites, according to parts of the war plan widely leaked to the press.

The idea is to overwhelm Iraqi forces – the Defense Department says 'shock and awe' them – in the hope they will abandon or turn on Saddar ound assault in the north from Turkey is being reworked because the United States did not get approval to base troops there.

In the south, British forces and

States did not get approval to base troops there. In the south, British forces and U.S. Marines have plans to make one thrust from Kuwait toward the northeast, either taking orgonia around the city of Barra, officials have said. But the main drive, led by the Army's 20,000-strong 3rd Infantry Division, would gush off to the west of the Stidest operation, they said.

thousands of troops, tanks and trucks would go over the border, supported by airborne units that can leapfrog ahead, then drop down to seize critical areas, establish forward bases and eliminate obstacles in the path of ground forces, officials said.

That includes Abrams tanks, Bradley Fighting vehicles, scout vehicles, mobile command centers, mobile bridges for crossing small rivers and a logistic sail of food, ammunition, fuel, spareparts and other supplies.

The trip alone for the huge, heavy force would take some 18 hours, military analysts said.

"That's if-absolutely everything thing went well, it was totally uncontested," said Robert Work of the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments.

The 67,000-pound Abrams tanks do a top speed of about 42 mph over the best terrain and under the best conditions – and without running into the enemy.

Among the factors that could slow the race to Baghdad!

Iraql Forces Light resistance is expected from first the south, though a better-trained and equipped Republican Guard division could present problems. Iraql troops fled or surrendered by the thousands in the 1991 Gull war and American forces have run an extensive psychological warfare campaign of leafletts, emails and other contacts for months urging them not to fight.

Chemical Attack: Health officials at the Pentagon say each of warder can be detectors find the most of the miles away though biological detectors find germ weapons only where they

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Many inside and outside the military are worried.
Bridges and Oil Wells Blown Up: The first could be militarily significant, but the second not so, experts and officials say.
Destroyed bridges would slow water crossings in the south, a land of many marshes, streams and tributaries of the Euphranes and Tigres rivers. Though the route war planners have mapped out is a secret, Marine combat engineers have been practicing bridge-building skills in Kuwait. Some take minutes, others hours, to put in place.

Turkey again delays measure on U.S. troops

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) - Ankara's new government signaled Saturday it would wait at least another week before deciding on the deployment of U.S. forces, but Washington appeared to back away from plans to use Turkey for a northern front against larg.

Turkey for a northern front against fraq. A senior U.S. official said Washington's offer to give Turkey S15 billion in economic aid if it allowed the U.S. deployment was now "off the table."

"The package was time-bound and we have moved on time-wise," the official said on condition of anonymity. He did not indicate if a new offer could be negotiated if turkey did allow in the U.S. troops. In Washington, a senior Bush administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed the offer was withdrawn.

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Painful memory lingers for Marine

BURLEY - The memory of the day the helicopter crashed still brings tears to Steve Ottley's

Byes.

It happened during a routine training exercise in the Persian Gulf. The helicopter was carrying members of the U.S. Marine

ing members of the U.S. Marine sergeant's platoon.
"It was my platoon that went down, and I lost a lot of my driends," he said.
Ottley wasn't one of those kids bin grew up wanting to be a Marine. At 19, not long after graduating from high school in Burley, he set out to sign up with he. Navy. But the Marine recruiters got to him first.

■ Showdown in the Gulf

By the time the 30-year-old arrived in the "hot and dusty and dirty" Saudi desert in the summer of 1990, he realized he'd made the right choice.

"I was a Marine's Marine. I lived the Marine Corps," he said.

The heavy machine gunner was stationed with the 3rd Battalion First Marines and the 13th Special Operations Unit in the Persian Gulf.

By day, the light attack unit worked aboard the USS Denver, stripping down M151 Jeeps and attaching roll cages and machine gun mouths. The Humvees wouldn't fit on the helicopters.

At night, they would load the vehicles on the helicopters and

head for the desert.
"I saw combat, but not as much as some," Ottley said.
After nine months in the Persian Gulf, Ottley came home to Burley and a hero's welcome, complete with a large sign downtown saying "Welcome home, Sg, Ottley."

town saying "Welcome home, Sgt. Ottley."
He left the service in 1992. He married Jenny, and the couple has two children from her first marriage. He now works as a heavy equipment operator for Hoffbuhr Excavaing.
Ottley said the last thing the U.S. should do now is give Saddam more time.
"Ten years later, he still hasn't disarmed," Ottley said. "We should have done it in the first place. We were 40 miles from

Baghdad, and they told us to stop. I believe we need to be over there. No one wants a war, even the Marines. No one wants to die. No one wants to kill any-one. But if we let it go, it's just going to get worse." His advice to American sol-diers?

diers?
"Watch out for each other, "Watch out for each other, and do what you were trained to do," he said. "Training is everything. The more you train, the more it comes natural. And don't listen to the things going on at home. Most people are with you."

Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magic valley.com.

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Cpl. Cory Snow,
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USS Boxer.
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Kevin Gilley, Eden, serving in
Kuwait. tor with the Kurds.

March 1970: The RCC and Mullah

Mustala Batzan, leader of the

Kurdislan Democratic Party, sign a

peace agreement.

1972: Irea nationatizes the Iraq

Petrolieum Company, Iran and Iraq are

the region's majer oil-producers and

we for dominance in the Gulf.

1973: In the wake of an attempted

coup against Bark, Saddam Hussein

consolidates his control of the internal

security serveces and management of

oil resources.

1974: Iraq grants limited autonomy to

the Kurds, in accord with the 1970

agreement, but the KDP rejects it.

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March 1975: At a meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Counties - OPEC - in Algiers, Iraq and Iran sign a treaty ending their border disputes.

who had lived in Iraq from 1964-1978, returns to Tehran in February. July 1979: Iraqi President Al-Baki July 3375 Indig Messignent Arabam resigns and is succeeded by Vice President Saddam Hussein. Within days. Saddam executes at least 20 potential rivals, members of the Batth-Party and military. September 1979: Military skirmishes and propaganda war increase between line and ties.

kag and Iran.
September 1980: Iran shells Iraq border towns. On Sept. 17 Iraq abrogates the 1975 treaty with Iran.
Sept. 22, 1980: Iraq attacks Iranian air

near Baghdad.

Source: U.S. State Department

On duty

People serving in the Persian Gulf who have family in the Magic Valley include (Magic Valley location listed by link to

area):

• Army Pvt. Cole Fleenor, Twin Falls, serving in Kuwait.

• Navy Gunners Mate Ryan Watson, Kuna, on board the USS Nassau.

Nassau.

• Iduho Air Nutional Guard
Master Sgt. Kirk Weinert, Buhl,
serving near Kuwait
City.

• Marine Lance

Army Sgt. Jay M. Bodey,
Rupert, serving in Kuwait.

Navy Chief Petty Officer
Justin Gray, Gooding, serving on
the aircraft carrier USS Abraham
Lincoln.

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Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class
Jacqueline K. Clark, Filer, serving on the USS Abraham Lincoln.

Marine Sgt. James Baird, Jerome, location unknown.

Air Force Sr. Airman Mark
Jay Stout, Twin Falls, Incrifik Air
Force Base, Turkey.

Army Major Aldo P. Biagiotti
Jr., Jerome, outside Kuwait City.

Marine Lance Cpl. Derek
Benson, Kimberly, stationed in
the Kuwait.

Marine Cpl. Charles Robert

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the Kuwait.

• Marine Cpl. Charles Robert Crabtree, Jerome, on board the USS Bonhomme-Richard.

Marine Pfc. Cody Mai, Twin Falls, serving in Bahrain.
 Army Ranger Spc. 5th Class Trint Aston, Twin Falls, location

unknown.

• Marine Lance Cpl. Arlen
Gentert, Wendell, in Kuwait.

• Air Force 2nd Lt. Wesley W.
Millard, Burley, position
unknown.

Army Lt. Col. David C. Eyre,
Jerome, in Qutar.
 Marine Lance Cpl.
Zachary Broudie,

Marine Lance Cpl.
Zachary Broadie,
Hailey, on board the
USS Boxer.

• Marine Lance Cpl.
Jason Willingham,
Twin Falls, at Camp
Coyote, Kuwait.

• Air Force Staff Sgt.
Kyle Mason, Twin
Falls, ar Kuwait.

• Army Pyt. Gene
Jensen, Twin Falls, serving in
Afghanistan.

• Navy Scabees Steel Worker

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First Class Wade Altred, Twin
Falls, in Kuwait.

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Shoshone, in Kuwait.

A rmy Sgt. Rex Edmund
Hendrix H, Jerome, in Kuwait.

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Wilkinson, Filer, in Saudi Arabia.

Marine HMJ Daniel Garza,
Rupert, in Kuwait.

Families who have loved onesserving in the Persian Gulf or Afghanistan who are not in this list. please call Times-Vers reporter Nate Johnson as 677-4042, Ext. 637, or e-mail piblimanomagically com. We're looking for names and e-mail addresses to local people serving overseas, among other information.

Dec. 17, 1999: United Nations Monitoring, Vertication and Inspection Commission – UNMOVIC – replaces the United Nations Special Commission – UNSCOM. March 1, 2000: Hans Blix assumes post of executive chairman of UNMOVIC. Fobruary 2001: Britain and U.S. carry

February 2001: Birtain and U.S. carry out bombing risks to try to disable land's air defense network. May 2002: U.N. Security Council approves revised sanctions program against from intended to speed delivery of humanitarian goods while botstering embargo against military items. July 2002: In a gain rejects wapons inspections proposals after talks with U.N. Secretary General Kind Amana. August 2002: In a letter to the U.N. Secretary Ceneral Kind Amana. Blix to fund for technical discussions on remaning discussions on remaning discussions on remaning discussions.

on remaining disarmament issues.
Sept. 12, 2002: President Bush challenges U.N. to confront the "grave and
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gathering danger of Iyaq or stand asive as the United States and like-minded nations act.

Oct. 11. 2002; Congress votes to authorize President Bush to use force, incessary, to disamir Iraq, Nov. 8, 2002; U.N. Security Council unanimously adopts Resolution 1441 outlining an enhanced inspection regime for lads disamament to be conducted by UMMOVIC and the international atomic Energy Agency.

Nov. 13, 2002; Iraq accepts U.N. Security Council Resolution 1441 and informs the U.N. secuetary general that it will work with the resolution. Dec. 7, 2002; Iraq provides UN exapons inspection with 12,000 pages and the conduction of the regimes chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs. Iraq deciration of the regimes chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs. Iraq deciration of the regimes chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs. Iraq deciration of the regimes chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs. Iraq denies in the declaration that it has any weapons of mass destruction.



. 19, 2002: Hans Blix tells the U.N. Security Council the declaration is essentially a reorganized version of information fraq provided UNSCOM in 1997, and that it is not enough to create confidence that fraq has aban doned its weapons of mass destruc-tion efforts.

Feb. 5, 2003; U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell presents the U.N. Security Council with satellite photos and other evidence he says shows Iraq continues to secretly develop weapons of mass destruction in viola

weapons of mass destruction in viola-tion of Resolution 1441.

Feb. 14, 2003: Hans Blix says Iraq has taken steps to assist U.N. inspections but the country refuses to account for chemical and biological agents. His report disappoints U.S. officials seekreport disappoints 0.3, unit and 3 seek ing U.N. support for a confrontation with Saddam Hussein and leaves the door open for further deliberations at the U.N.

Rise of Saddam Hussein

July 1958: The monarchy is overthrow in a military coup led by Brig Abd-at-Karim Qassim and Col Abd-al-Salam Muhammad Arif, Iraq is declared a



Saddam Husseln

1959-1963: Saddam Hussein, 22-year old Ba'th Party member, flees Baghdad for Damascus and Cairo after

Baghdad for Damascus and Cavo after involvement in an assassimpton attempt against Qasim. Carro is then center of the Nassente Pan-Arab ideology girding the Ba'th Party.
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Iraqus are executed in backlash against communism. 1994-1996s: Saddam Hussein jailed as a member of the Ba'th Party. April 1968: President Anf is killed in a helicopter crash and succeeded by his elder brother. Maj Gen Abd-al-Rahman Muhamad Anf. July 1968: A Ba'th-led coup ousts Arf.

July 1968: A Ba'th-led coup ousts Arr, and Gen Ahmad Hasan a-Bakr becomes president. Saddam Hussein, relative of Bakr, emerges as vice pres-ident, deputy head of the Revolution Command Council and chief interlocu-

uary 1979: Islamic Revolution ousts

bases.
Sept. 23, 1980: Iran bombs fragi mili-tary and economic targets.
June 7, 1981: Israel attacks an fragi nuclear research center at Tuwaythah

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They're out there putting their lives on the line, and we need to "stand behind our military, It's not the people in the uniforms who make the decisions."
Lewis had some words for anti-war protesters as well.
"T've been to different countries - Korea, Saudi Arabia - and Pev seen how those people live," he said. "Go there, and you'd appreciate what you have here. And if you don't, you should stay here. What we have here is freedom."
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At the same time, Lewis said he feels empathy for the Iraqi people, Lewis was 26 years old and a married father of two tod-dlers when he was sent to the Gulf in August 1990, almost six months before the first bombs fell on Baphad and just months away from completing his four-year tour of duty. When he wasn't building main supply required to the building main supply remained to the building main supply for the building main supply remained to the building main supply for the building main supply

family would have words to remember him by.

"If I was to have been killed, I wanted my family to know how I felt and what I was doing," he said.

Later, when the war was over and he was safely back home, he picked up the diary once again.

"When I got back from the Persian Gulf (in April 1991), I read through the diary, and one of the things that kept coming up was how sorry I felt for the Iraqi soldiers," Lewis said. "Ninety percent of them didn't want to fight, but they were forced to. We had so many surrender, we had no way of taking care of them ald. All we could do was just give them bottle of water and an MRE and the did them to head so unit."

War in the desert

Lewis's job was to operate a mine-clearing vehicle filled with 1,000 pounds of explosives. Fortunately, he never had to use it. By the time the ground war ended, Iraq had lost 90 percent of its forces—some killed, others by surrender.

ence?
"It was hot, but we'd trained for this stuff," he said. "It wasn't the Rizz Carlton, but it wasn't the worst thing in the world in my opinion. One thing that really impressed me was the fact that we received mail and packages from home every day."

When it comes to the Gulf War, there are things the United States might have done differ-ently, Lewis sail, I think the ra-should have taken Sadham out then," he said. "I think the ra-son we didn't is because it would have made him a marty, a god in his people's eyes. I dink our military thought we had put so much pressure on the Iraqi peo-much pressure on the Iraqi peomittary thought we had put so much pressure on the Iraqi peo-ple that they would take him out themselves. We spent two weeks, just destroying their equipment. I still think we should have taken more of their military strength away."

A bigger challenge

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Lewis said he supports a second battle with Iraq. In fact, he
said the United States should
have done it six months ago with
or without other countries' sup-

have done it six months ago with or without other countries' support.

"If we don't go into Iraq now, every country is going to say we're full of hot air." he said. "France is supposed to be one of our better allies, but France doesn't want us to go in there because they have a lot of financial ties with Iraq and Iraq owesthem money."

He said he has no doubt Saddam is hiding weapons of mass destruction.

"That desert is big, and they have underground bunkers all over," he said. "They shouldn't be giving Saddam more time. I think our military has proof that he has weapons, but they don't want to disclose the information to the inspectors or the United Nations because it will show them how we get our information. It's all a spy game, and icountry."

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"Saddam has never had a weapon he didn't use on his own people," he said. "If he can use them on his own people, he can use them on his own people, he can use them on us."

But he said this time around, Americans should be prepared to be in for the long had!

"Once we get their, we're going to be there for awhile." Lewis said. "What we ought too is wipe them out, plant an American flag right in the middle of Baghdad and make it part of the United States."

Today, Lewis owns Cow Crazy Custom Sewing in Burley, where hives with his wife and their two teen-agers. But he said he'd be proud to put on his uniform again should his country need him.

"I would volunteer to go back, even though I know the dangers of what could happen," he said keyen though I know the dangers of what could happen," he said.

"I would volunteer to go back, even though I know the dangers of what could happen," he said. "I feel it would be my obligation to volunteer. And I could do my job better than I could when I got out because I know what to expect."

Hawkins

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At 43, the married father of eight was ready to give up his training weekends with the U.S. Army Reserves. Living in Pocatello and managing a forcery Outlet in Blackfoot didn't leave much time for juggling the activities that come with a large family. After more than 20 years in the military, he was just waiting for his retirement papers to arrive in the mail.

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Then came the call Thanksgiving weekend from Fort Vancouver Barracks, a medical unit in Vancouver, Wash, to which Hawkins' unit was

which Hawkins' unit was attached.

The medic was ordered to report to the barracks Dec. 1. He was also told to bring all his military gear because he wouldn't be soing back home for a long time.

"It just blew me away," Hawkins said. "All I knew was that it was a mandatory drill."

The medic hugged his family, he youngest just seven months old, and boarded the Amtrak bound for Portland, Ore, where he caught a ride with a fellow reservist to Fort Vancouver.

The next three weeks were spent getting pumped full of vaccines and pumped into shape at Fort Lewis, Wash.

It had been a long time since Hawkins' Green Beret days in the 1970s.

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If had been a long time sunce Hawkins' Green Beret days in the 1970s.

"They had all of us old guys out there doing push-ups," he said. At that point, Hawkins and others in his unit still had no idea where they would be sent. He said even though it was difficult being separated from his family, he still felt mere fortunate than others—like the nurse who left behind a 3-week old baby, the doctor who had to give up his new practice and another nurse who had to cut her honeymoon short.

Assisting the generals On Christmas Eve, Hawkins and other members of his medical unit found themselves on a plane not to Saudi Aribia, but to a hos-

pital in Heidelberg, Germany.
Units were sent to several hospitals in Europe to treat servicemen and women injured in the Gulf.
They arrived in Heidelberg Christmas Day.
"It was cold; the days were short," Hawkins remembers.
"There never was a Christmas."
Though Hawkins vas never sent to the Persian Gulf, being separated from his family was just as difficult for him as it was for soldiers in the Gulf. And the decisions made in Germany affected everyone on the front lines.
"We didn't see combat, but the

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"We didn't see combat, but the decisions made in our office deficted tens of thousands of people," he said.

To Hawkins' surprise, he found out he wouldn't be working as a medic but as a communications specialist. As a former Green Beret, his high security clearance allowed him entrance into the War Room. His job was to handle incoming and outgoing military communications, many top secret, and then brief the generals eich morning.

"One minute I was working in a grocery store, and then three weeks later I had a secret access code," had the said.

Hawkins spent his days reading classified information and decoding messages. He said he was amazed at how fast news organizations got hold of the informa-

"We'd see things that were classified on CNN the next day."

The skinny on Saddam

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One of the first things Hawkins had the not-so-much-pleasure of reading was the dossier on Saddam Hussein, a document he said revealed a chamber of horrors that almost made him physically III. By the tender age of 12, Saddam was already an accomplished assassin with a reputation for shooting and stabbling his victims in the back. Today, Saddam has his regime force people into the stresses to cheer for him while

his regime loots their homes. In Iraq, the punishment is always worse than the crime. Those who disagree with Saddam, even family members and closest members of his regime, are likely to meet painful deaths. He's even had some people thrown into pools of acid, Hawkins said.

"He is probably the most vile, ruthless person I have ever heard about," Hawkins said. "He seems to enjoy torturing people. I don't think anyone is safe in this world as long as he's got access to chemical weapons. We need to protect the world from this lunarie."

But he understands the other side, too.

side, too.
"I support the thought that war should be the last resort," he said. "But when you are protecting your families and freedoms, it's justified." side, too

Although the United States will probably be in Iraq rebuilding for a long time, Hawkins doesn't think the U.S. plans to make Iraq

Life-changing experiences Heidelberg's bus system was so slow it could take four hours to get four miles, Hawkins said. So he saved what little extra money he could and bought a bicycle to ride along the cobblestone streets of the storybook-looking

streets of village.
"It was like getting your driver's permit. You had wheels,"

ver's permit. You had wheets, he said.
He also took longer trips, exploring Germany's magnificent castles and drinking in its rich history. But he said two trips will always stand out in his mind. One fallen just a year before. The other was to Dachau, a World War II concentration camp near Munich. There, Hawkins sat on one of the bunks where starving imprisoned Jews once slept. He took pictures of the showers where they were killed and the

ovens in which they were cremated. More than 6 million Jews died in World War II, victims of another ruthless dictator named Adolf Hitler.

Those two trips made Hawkins appreciate how precious freedom is and how easily it can be taken away.

is and now easily it can be taken away, a global world, and every-thing that happens affects us," he said. "Saddam and the terroists are the things that keep countries from coming together. The things we could on in this world if we were united - we could end hunger, cure disease. But politics, money and greed get in the way."

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Hawkins said the man who ame home was somewhat differcame home was somewhat differ-ent than the man who left: more ent than the man who lett: more patient, more appreciative of the simple things in life. He said before he got on that Amtrak, he used to get frustrated trying to find the time to make it to all his kids' activities.

kids' activities.
"It changed my perspective on life," he said. "We had a good-steed family, and it could be hectic. But when I was in Germany, I would have given almost anything to go to a ball game with my kids."

my kids."
Hawkins came home in March
1991. More than 500 people were
gathered at the Pocatello airport
to welcome him home.

"I was embarrassed, because I didn't think I did anything herodidn't think I did anything heroic," he said.

He said it meant so much to
him to find out how friends,
neighbors and strangers alike rallied around to help his family
while he was gone. There were
the neighbors who shoveled the
snow from his driveway, the
friends who offered emotional
support, the students and teachers who helped his children get
through a rough time.
"Every one of my kids' lockers
had a yellow ribbon on it."

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And when they came home, they received a warm welcome.

"There were parades, and they made us feel so good about serving our country," Lewis said. "I almost felt embarrassed they have benoring us when in other were honoring us when in other wars our American soldiers were treated like dirt."

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New generation of Chinese leaders steps in

BEIJING (AP) – For years they inched up the parry ladder, weathering political tempests as they performed China's details work and awaited their moment. For Hu Jintao and the vaunted "Fourth Generation" of Communist Parry leaders, the quier persistence has finally paid off.

With the 60-year-old Hu at their vanguard as the new president, a younger slate of polliticians accepted the reins of government in a ceremony on Saurday and inherited the tantalizing promises and towering problems of modern China.

Watching them closely will be departing President Jiang Zemin, 76, who shepherded China through the most convulsive growth in its four millennia of recorded history. He stays, on to lead the military, and many say be will retain influence in retirement as the new power broken find their political way.

Hu's ascension came in an overwhelming vote by the rubberstamp legislature, the National People's Congress, which vaulded him into office 2,937 to 4. The detection was primarily illusion: Hu was anointed years ago by that leader Deng Xiaoping, and

Hu was anointed years ago by the late leader Deng Xiaoping, and his appointment as Communist Party chief in November all but



Jiang Zemin, Jeft, and Hu Jintao talk at the 10th National People's Congress of China in Beijing Saturday. Hu was ele as president.

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assured him the presidency.

He completed his rise as other members of his political generation took their places alongside him.

No. 2 party man Wu Bangguo replaced Li Peng as Road of the legislature, and top Jiang operative Zeng Olinghong became vice president. Another top party official, Wen Jiahao, is considered certain to succeed Zhu Rungli as premier on Sunday and assume control of China's erratically

surging economy.

The now controls both party and government, the two most prominent posts in China. But though the appears on the government's evening news most every night, the man whose name will probably be symmymous with his country's destiny for years to come, remains – to the world and to his people – a mystery.

"I have no idea what his political philosophies are," said Tom

Lim, a 26-year-old unemployed computer engineer in Beijing.
The philosophy of Hu's political generation is fast becoming clear, however. It is deeply concerned with the growing divide between rich and poor, urban and rural, coastal and inland - the very differences that the economic reforms Deng launched two decades ago have helped create. Chinese leaders, who operate as a police state, fear revolt born not of politics but of economics. They see hundreds of millions of their 1.3 billion people - poor farmers and disaffected workers in particular - feeling left out as they watch a fashionable, free spending mid-de class living high on the custs.
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"Our top concern is to balance with the development of the city and the country-sited," said Guo Wanqing, a legislative delegate and mayor of Hefei, the capital of castern China's Anhui province.

It's an understandable worry given the "fron rice bowl" notion of lifetime employment that the futured of communist China, Mao Zedong, promised the citizens of his socialist utopia. That is long forgotten, but Hu and his new colleagues have made increasing living standards a priority and cow to build a "well-off society."





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Lethal pneumonia strain sparks world health alert

The World Health Organization warned a mysterious form of pneumonia was becoming a "worldwide health threat" Saturday, as a case of the illness was suspected in Europe for the first time.

In a rare "emergency travel advisory," the health agency said it has received more than 150 reports of acute respiratory syndrome in the past week.

On Saturday, a doctor believed to have the atypical form of pneumonia was taken off a New York to Singapore flight during a stopover in Germany and quaranned in a Frankfurt hospital. His two travel companions also were hospitalized.

Must cases of the illness that show a simulation of the illness has shown signs of spreading. Three people are confirmed to have died from it, including an American businessman. Five other people died recently of similar symptoms in southern China but in was not in the same of the confirmed to have died from the confirmed from the from Singapore, had treated a patient with the illness before traveling to New York to attend a conference, said Dr. Angela Wirtz, a health official in the

in New York, she said in a state-ment.

Two people, his wife and another doctor, were still being held for observation the Wolfgang Goethe University Clinic in Frankfurt.

There was concern the doctor may have infected others on board.

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Another 155 passengers who deplaned in Frankfurt were held in quarantine at the airport. German nationals were released while passengers from other nations in transit to other cities in Europe were awaiting travel permission from those countries. German health officials said. They did not give a breakdown of number of travelers or destinations.

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Eighty-five people bound for Singapore and the plane's 20-member crew continued their journey, but they will be quarantined on their arrival in Singapore, health officials said.

In an advisory sent to airlines, the WHO urged travelers who may have come in contact with someone infected to watch for symptoms such as high fever coughing and shortness of breath.

The advisory did not call for restrictions on travel to any destination but said people who suspect they may have the illness should seek medical attention and not travel until they recover.

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Thompson said he could not remember the WHO issuing such a travel advisory before.

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Officials arrest suspected senior al-Qaida agent

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP) –
Pakistani agents aided by the FBI arrested a suspected senior al-Qaida operative Saturday in the eastern city of Lahore, a government official said.

The suspect, Yassir al-Jaziri, is among the top seven alleged terrorists wanted by the United States, Pakistan's Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed told The Associated Press. He is not on the FBI's most-wanted list. Al-Jaziri's name surfaced last

told The Associated Press. He is not on the Fall's most-wanted list. Al-Jacin's name surfaced last Lahore for Ahmed Jored Khawaja, a naturalized American doctor, who is in police custody for alleged ties to al-Qaida. Court documents describe Al-Jacin's as an Algerian-Moroccan dual national responsible for al-Qaida's business interests. But it was not immediately known where al-Jazin's stand in the hierarchy of the al-Qaida network, led by Osama bin Laden.

"Al-Jazin' is definitely an important al-Qaida leader and this is all I can say at this point," Interior Ministry secretary Tasneem Noorani told the AP. The United States."

Intelligence sources said a number of documents were found at the home where al-Jazin' and compact discs. It wasn't immediately known what was on tign discs.



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Huge crowd mourns slain leader

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro (AP)

- Hundreds of thousands of mourners marched through Belgrade Saturday behind the casket of Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic, as the hunt for his assassins moved beyond Serbia's borders.

A band playing dirges led tearful crowds from the Saint Sava Temple to the cemetery where Djindjic, gunned down Wednesday in downtown Belgrade, was buried. The procession passed through Belgrade streets where Djindjic had led masses that helped him topple former Yugolsiav President Slobodan Milosevic, now on trial for war crimes.

Djindjic, So, was instrumental in outing billowed in risk of the state of the

and corruption, made him many enemies. The government has accused an underworld clan and other allies of Milosevic of orchestrating Dijndigic's killing as he stepped out of his armored car in front of Belgrade's government building. Several of the suspects fought in Bosnia during the 1992-95 war and have contacts in the country.

The peace agreement that ended the war in Bosnia let the country divided into a Serb republic and a Muslim Croat federation. The Serb republic severnment declared Saurdry a day of mourning and expressed support for a regional fight against organized crimin Belgrade was the biggest since the death of former Yugoslav communist leader Josip Brot Tito in 1960. Police estimated that up to 500,000 people took part in

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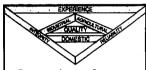
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Saturday's march, many carrying candles and placing flowers along the path. At the church service before the procession, Djindjie's wife, Ruzica, and children Luka, 10, and Jovana, 13, stood before the wooden coffin draped in a red, blue and white Serbian flag, covered with a golden Orthodox cross and decorated with lilles. Family members kissed a wooden cross and wept as Djindjie's coffin was lowered into the ground at Belgrade's main cemetery.

lowered into the ground at Belgrade's main cemetery.
George Papandreou, the Greek foreign minister whose government currently heads the European Union, said at Djindjie's grave: "I solemnly make this pledge to you Zoran and to Serbla... you. will be a part of our Europe. We pledge to make your dream a reality. Adleu my friend."



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national education, physical activity, health, and nutrition organizations got together at the Healthy Schools Summit. Their aim

was to discuss the role schools might play in combating this malnutrition epidemic. As part of the Healthy ool Summit, the

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Council along with the American School Food Service Association launched the School Milk Pilot Test aimed at evaluating how enhancements to school milk such as more attractive packaging or flavor variety could help increase students' consumption.

The test involved over 100,000 students at 146 elementary and secondary schools around the U.S. What the research showed was that milk



enhancements did increase the consumption of milk and lead to be dietary ... choices. During the School Milk Pilot Test, milk sales increased by 15 percent in elementary tests and 22 percent in the secondary schools. The milk

enhancements also lead to more participation in

programs. So what do these statistics really mean? Simple, an increased number of students received a more nutritional and well

balanced meal. With the increased milk consumption, the students received more calcium, vitamin A, and protein. The end result is that students who are better nourished also perform better in school and isn't that what we all want?

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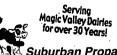
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Vegas police likely had Smart

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) —
Three people questioned by
police outside a Burger King in
North Las Vegas last weck were
likely Elizabeth Smart and her
two alleged captors, authorities
said Saturday.
North Las Vegas police said
the trin gave their names as
Feter Marshall, Julitte Marshall
and Augustine Marshall. They
were questioned Tuesday but not
arrested.
Elizabeth and drifters Brian
David Mitchell and Wanda
Barzee were picked up the following day near Salt Lake City
by officers who recognized
Elizabeth, even though she
repeatedly denied her identity.
Mitchell used the alias Peter
Marshall when he was arrested;

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Marshall, police said.
"Do we believe it was them? There's a strong possibility that, yes, it was those three," said North Las Vegas police spokesman Mark Martin, refering to the Tuesday encounter.

He said two officers responded to a call from restaurant workers that three people were "hanging out in front of the business." Marin said the three looked like transients, did not provide identification and did not want to answer the questions.

No police report was filed but

authorities reviewed a dispatch record of the call and interviewed the officers after inquiries Friday from The Associated Press.

The Burger King is on a main North Las Vegas thoroughfare, a block east of Interstate 15. That highway is the most direct route from San Diego to Utah. Authorities believe the trio were excently in San Diego.

Mitchell had been arrested wice during the time police say Elizabeth was with the couple—once in Salt Lake City on suspicion of shoplifting Sept. 27 and another time for trying to break into a San Diego County church, apparently in search of a place to sleep. He pleaded innocent in the shoplifting case Friday.

Idaho senator's son dies in shooting

BOISE (AP) - The 23-year-old song a state legislator died early Sandralay from a gunshot wound to the chest and police are huming for the suspect in the killing. Boise State University student Cameron Wade Davis, 23, died at a Boise party. He is the son of Sen. Bart Davis, Rildaho Falls. An arrest warrant on second-degree nurder was issued for 21-year-old Boise State Student Vincent Craig Olsen. "It is a tragedy," said Senate Prosident Pro Tem Robert Geddes of Sada Springs, "It's innes like these that the Senate takes it as if we are all one family. Our hearts go out to the Davis family." Police responded to an emergency call at 1:14 a.m.; reporting a shooting had taken place at a

keg party in east Boise. When the officers arrived, they encountered about 30 people still in attendance.

They found partygoers in the hasement trying to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation to Davis, but he died at the scene. No one else was injured.

Witnesses said the shooting occurred after Davis tossed some beer on Olse.

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license plate E64452. Olsen was described as a white male adult, 6-foot-2, 180 pounds with brown

6-font-2, 180 pounds with brown hair and blue eyes.

Detectives have obtained an arrest warrant charging Olsen with second-degree nurder and use of a firearm in commission of a felony.
Once in custody, Olsen will be held on \$500,000 bond.

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Bart Davis is an Idaho Falls attorney and Senate Republican Floor Leader.

Geddes said the Senate will consider Monday whether to take some time off in the wake of the

shooting.
"Perhaps we'll be dismissed on the day of the funeral," he said.
"I'm sure there are a lot of people who will want to attend the service."

Idaho may get millions more for salmon habitat

LEWISTON (AP) - Idaho may get, 520 million to improve habi-tat for spawning salmon. U.S. Sen. Michael Crapo has used his position on the Senate Budget Committee to net more money for West Coast salmon recovery.

recovery.

The fidaho Republican added \$60 million to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration budget Thursday with the idea that \$20 million dollars will be directed to a fund leddo can use to improve salmon bubbiat.

habiat.
It is the first step in a process that, if successful, will alloy Idaho to join other Northwest states and Alaska in drawing funds from the Pacific Constal Salmon Recovery

Fund.
"It's a big step because now the

money is in the budget so that the appropriation committee has room to work with in order to put that money in for Idaho," Crapo said.

The hudget committee sets the

The magger committee sets the spending blueprint for the entire Senate, Crapo spokesman Lindsay Nothern said.
Crapo said even though the money is there, the appropriations committee has to move the money from the National Oceanic budget to the fund. And before the comment of the control of Idaho can access the money, it must gain approval to join the other Northwest states as an eli-

gible recipient.
Idaho has been excluded in the past, even though a significant portion of salmon begin their lives in Idaho streams and return to spawn as adults.
Nothern said other states have

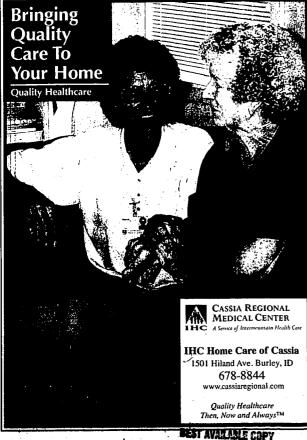
been reluctant to allow Idaho to join the fund because they believe it would mean less money for them. But Nothern said that should not be a problem now that Crapo has secured more dollars.

"Once it's in there, it is a lot harder to take it out because the budget folks have blessed it." Nothern said.

The recovery fund is divided up between Alaska, Washington, Oregon and California, Last year, they split more than \$100 million.

lion.

The states can use the money for projects like improving labitat or screening water diversions to ensure young salmon are not flushed into irrigation canals. The fund is separate from other federal salmon bud-



Yellowstone snowmobilers rack up citations

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL
PARK, Wyo. (AP) - Park rangers
have handed out a record number of citations to snownobilers.
(They issued 358 citations this
winter, 20 more than a year ago.
Snownobiles entering restricted
areas, careless driving and underage driving topped the list, which

also included 10 tickets for speeding, five for drunk driving and three for wildlife harassment.

The rash of violations broke the record set a year ago and more than doubled the citation total from the winter of 2000-01. It is stardling when the number of days in the 2002-03 season is taken into account, said Charles

Clusen, director of the Natural Resources Defense Council. Pattry snowfall shortened the normally 100-day season to 87 days. "It is difficult to say that this is just a few bad apples when Yellowstone has had nearly 700 snowmobile violations over the past two seasons," Clusen said.

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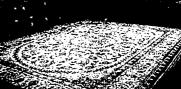
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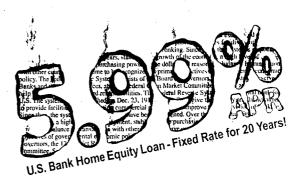
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Kempthorne begins to show assertiveness

Budget veto gives hint

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BOISE (AP) - Republican Gov.

Buk Kemphorne may have finalpemoved the lingering doubts

but he is asserting himself as

Buha's chief executive.

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Hasn't heard any viable alternatives.

His meetings with key state sepators on Thursday to keep Dogether a narrow majority for prohibiting government payroll offeckoffs for union activities only reinforced the new view that he former Boise mayor, U.S. sender and less than-successful firstorm governor had finally come into his own.

"He surprised people," said Hasas Speaker Bruce Newcomb, the Burley Republican who has not shied away from criticizing kempthorne in the past.

And GOP Lt. Gov. James Risch, a strong political personality who opposed the governor on sambling and other issues while



in the Legislature, agreed. "He's doing well right now."

After a month of seemingly meaningless maneuvering between conservative House members adamantly opposed to reasing taxes and more moderate lawmakers in the Senate willing Komput for Compromise, Los to Compromise and Compromise of C

House leaders met with the governor late Friday in what was billed as the beginning of negotiations to awoid a stalemane. They are looking for a middle ground between the governor, who has set a budget target and has plans to raise the cash to finance it, and the House, where a majority is trying to find the lowest acceptable spending figure that will minime any new tax increase. "Even the conservatives recognize, and they may not tout for it, but they recognize that there's going to be a tax increase," the speaker said. "It isn't going to be the way he wanted it, or the way we want."

the way he wanted it, or the way we want."

The governor's proposed cent-anda-half increase in the five-cent sales tax and 34-cent hike in the cigarette tax is expected to be considered in the House tax committee in the coming week. And an alternative package that avoids a sales tax hike is also being developed. It combines a larger increase in the eigenrette tax, doubling the beer and wine tax and slapping a nickel tax on soft drinks and bottled water.

The budget committee, which has been shut down since early March, is waiting for some agreement on a tax package before ment on a tax package before and the package of the mental package of the mental package of the mental package in the final state of the package of the mental package of the package of the mental package of the package of the

Kempthorne speaks to vet-

County looks to sell site of unusual animal cruelty case

LAVA HOT SPRINGS (AP) – A bizarre piece of southeast ldaho, history is up for sale.

Banneck County upes to find Banneck County and the sale of the sa

ty," Guthrie said.
It will now be easier for the

county to sell the land because the required public sale has already taken plate.

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When the lous escaped their chicken-strepens, Bannock County Mark Hiedeman said the Souther Mark Hiedeman said the Sudden was high international news.

The animals, including three hybrid ligers, were taken to Wildlife Waystation sanctuary in Southern California. Bannock County L. K.G. Founesbeck said alive at the sanctuary.

The hybrids loud like African lions with brownish stripes through them like tigers, founesbeck said.

After the animals escaped, a jury from Burley convicted owners Robert Fieber and Dottie Martin of more than 50 counts of animal cruelty.

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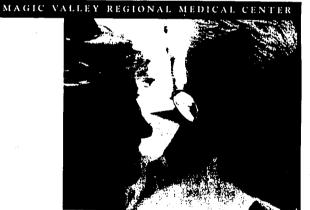
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Paul Reynolds' life was open book

out why. It was Paul, an undertak-er since his youth, he owned and operated a funeral home for decades.

decades. He took me to his premises and so humbly displayed an angle of humanity hardly seen in today's business climate. We learned about ourselves. Paul grew up in Idaho and I grew up in Kenya. He was raised by a Catholic mother and so was I. We both cherish the rich friends his was about to response to the property of the propert

READER COMMENT Vincent Kituku NOT GOOD

statement. Just imagine, when their adult daughter's dog died, Paul and Roberta drove for two hours and spent a night in Boise consoling Holly. Even before I met Paul's daughters, I felt like I had known them for years from way their father talked about them.

way their father talked about them. Paul's involvement in his com-munity can never be commeno-rated with a token event. We can only ponder it in our hearts -

and the viells at token event. We can be a supported to the control of the contro

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Editorial

Giving in to task force proposal betrays voters

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues

Porget those jokes about the French knack for sur-render. If Idaho legisla-tors approve a task force pro-posal to settle the school facili-ty lawsuit, they'll be waving a la-ptic white flag convolution to big, white flag - conceding vic-tory to the liberal school-fund-ing coalition, which tenaciously seeks to extort money from tax

Some history on the case: The suit's plaintiffs argue the state not the communities that control local schools are proposal to end the school facility lawsuit demands too much of Idaho's taxpayers. What do you think?

local schools - ur constitutionally demands obligated to repair facilities. In the past two years, legislators two kightificant measures to help poor districts pay interest on bond issues passed for school constructions and facili-ty repairs. As a result, Troy,

ty repairs. As a result, Troy, Wendell and Minidoka school districts withdraw from the law-

districts withdraw from the law-suit.

But for the remaining liti-gants, those steps didn't suf-fice. They kept pushing for more from a sympathetic Judge Deborah Bail in 4th District Court.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne formed the task force in January in hopes of finding middle ground. But the task force's proposal holds taxpay-ers hostage to major tax increases.

Cottonwood School

Cottonwood

Cottonwood School Superintendent Stan Kress, a task force member (also leader of the schools lawsuit and a former Democratic campaign organizer), said the plaintiffs will drop the suit if legislators accept the recommendations. No kidding. The task force proposes exactly what the plaintiffs want. The plan is estimated to reach an annual cost of \$38 million within a few years. It includes ideas legislators previously rejected as too expensive. What makes plaintiffs think those ideas will be any more polatable in a deep any more polatable in a deep any more palatable in a deep recession?

The plan's four key points

are:

• Ending the supermajority:
Instead of 66.7 percent voter
approval, school bond issues
would need only 60 percent.
But changing the supermajority requires a constitution

amendment - which in turn requires a 2/3 vote in the Legislature and the approval of Idaho's voters. Voters are unlikely to back a

constitutional amendment that naves the way for easier tax

Larger interest subsidies:

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This would expand last year's
bill that already
provides interest
payments for any
school district
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financial need.
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pass their own bond issues, would help pay for the new baslers on this kedall gym in an affuent district across the state,
Talk about robbing Peter to pay Paul.

• District maintenance:
Districts would be forced to devote 0.75 percent of the cost of building replacement to annual maintenance. The state would their match the funds would then match the funds again from taxpayer statewide. taxpayers

statewide.

• Emergency tax authority:
This proposal would let local
school boards – in certain circumstances – enact tax increase in spite of voter rejection,
Lucal voters would lose their

Local voters would lose their control over property taxes. Kress has made clear than any changes in the task force plan will send the dissume back to court. Since the proposal is non-negotiable, legislators should flat-out reject it. Its terms are nothing more than hostile demands on Idaho tax-payers by the education lobby and its Democratic allies. If leg-islators approve it, they are islators approve it, they are turning their backs on their

It's unjust to force taxpayers It's unjust to force taxpayers statewide - including those in communities that already maintain their schools - to pay for repairs in communities where local voters reject bond

Rename Butler's crazy clique

Richard Butter rides again. Or maybe "straggles again" would be more apt.
The 85-year-old founder of the decrepit Aryan Nations will host another "World Congress" in north Idaho this summer. He says he hopes for 100 to 200 assorted goose steppers, Klansmen, Jew baiters and other angry white boys.
Butter's estimate is probably

optimistic. But even if it's accurate, isn't it time to remame this ragtag remant of a formerly menacing organization? His so-called "Nations" barely qualify as an "Aryan Village" anymore, And a hundred disorganized rebels without a clue do not constitute a "World Conenses"

the "Aryan Neighborhood Potluck and Fun Run"?



aris ago, I heard a young man serving in the Navy say,". For most of the people I work with, I am the only open Bible they have ever seen, and perbaps the only one they will ever see." These words have come to my mind repeatedly since Paul Reynolds died on March I, 2003.

Those of us who have lived and worked with Paul Reynolds know his life was an open book. The kind of book you are unable to put down once you have started. Every page is so rich in itself, yet you must turn to the next. The page of that I can only give a glimpse of is Paul's connection to humanity in these times of high tech. A time when the desire to move forward dictates that we give our loved ones the leftovers of our time and energy. These are times when the pursua to the bottom line has relegated business ethics and the value of fellow human beings into secondary stains. Times when we are so wired with the world yet unaware of the trimphs and tribulations of our next-door neighbor.

Knowing and being a friend of Paul brought me memories of my childhood with my paternal great-grandfather. I carried his traditional three-legged stool as he traveled from home to home, restoring harmony between estranged relatives, Paul's life perspectives and practices directore hope for family and busiess relationships helis wisdom on growth in professional and personal endeavors without leaving relationships will be known how well remain invaluable for ages.

But you have to know how well remain invaluable to know how well remain invaluable to know how well remain invaluable to know how the come to die, even the undertaker will be sorry." A main in the audicular land of lind of lind the land of lind lind of lind of lind of lind of lind lind of lind of lind o Congress."
How about calling this event School bond proposal The Times-News

LETTERS -A ves vote on March 18 results

ness clients.

A yes vote on March 18 results in reduced interest rates, less interest paid to the bank and more funding to correct school facility deficiencies. The advisory committee members urge you to vote yes. MAX TWISS DAN LLOYD

That's my prayer, to live a full life, albeit how short or long, touching hearts just like Paul Reynolds.

Dr. Vincent Muli Wo Kitoko ol

Paul (Editor's note: Max Twiss and (Editor's note: Max Turiss and Dan Lioyd are oc-chairmen of the Minidoka County School District Facility Advisory Committee, Other committee members signing this let-ter are Donna Banner, Randly Gillette, Jeff Heins, Cruig Heyworth, Wayne Schenk, Carl Hanson, Daryl Serr, Ron Hieb, Alan Swenson, John Firth, Mangaret Hunt, Paul Duncan and Scott Roth.)

Former principal got

In response to the front-page story on March 11, we are not sur-prised that a panel of educators did not agree with you (Mary Lee Roberts). I believe marijuana has been proven to be a mind-altering drug and in all schools a "no toler-

remains Iragis' greatest enemy

Saddam

A san Iraqi woman who wages peace and has fought in war, I am compelled to support a U.S. I ded action to remove Saddam Hussein. After 25 years of resistance against Saddam, I have come to the conclusion that only forces from outside Iraq can bring an end to the ingitunare of his rule.

The stories of Saddam's brutality are all true. Ethnic cleansing, summary imprisonment and execution, torture and rape are ead.

summary imprisonment and exe-cution, torture and rape are all part of the nightmare. I know this from personal experience. My father founded an Iraqi

My father founded an Iraqi peace movement, a crime for which he was murdered. At the age of 14, I was arrested by the regime merely because I joined the Iraqi Women's League. I was not the only young girl arrested for such a trivial offense.

KATRIN MICHAEL

Later, I joined the Kurdish resistance, even though I was Later, I joined the Kurdish resistance, even though I was in their eyes, a mere woman and a Christian. I traveled in disguise to Baghdad and around the country to organize the opposition to Saddam. But when I was injured in one of his chemical bombardments against hundreds of Kurdish villages in 1987, and 1988, I was forced to flee to a refugee camp in Southern Turkey, where I stayed until I recovered and final by reached freedom in the United States in 1997. I continue to suffer to this day from Imag, nerve and eye damage caused by these. Norone in Iroquising the Country of the Colorador of th

women to be part of his broader policies of intimidation.

A commonly used form of torture is to bring in a detainee's female relative, preferably his wife, daughter or mother, and gaing rape her in front of him.

Members of the Iraqi opposition in exiler receive videotapes of their female relatives in Iraqi being raped. Women who criticize or merely oftend Saddam are accused to being prositiotes and regularly beheated in public.

a. His son, Uday, often leads His son, Uday, often leads these beheadings. They occur in Baghtlad, as well as in smaller villages throughout Iraq. The heads of the executed women are hung on the doors of their houses for all to see. I am saddened when I see peo-ple who sincerely care for the

I am saddened when I see neo-ple who sincerely care for the fate of the Iraqi people resist the American-led effort to remove Saddam and restore hope for the Iraqis. We cannot do it alone. Iraqis had their closest brush with freedom in 1991, during Operation Desert Storm. I regret, as do most Iraqis, that the United States and its allies allowed Saddam to quash this resistance and remain in power. Those who, care about peace and justice for the Iraqis should not make the same mistake again.

same mistake again.
Saddam will never leave
power willingly. He will never
give up his weapons or allow the
Iraqi people to live in freedom.

Katrin Michael is a member of Women for a Free Iraq, a Washington-based advocacy group.

trains and agreew pin Kenya. It was raised by a Catholic mother and so was I. We both cherish the rich friendship we shared with our mothers. Another common bond is we each have three daughters. But the depth of understanding and living with clear picture of the power of human touch its what sets Paul apart in these times of high tech. When I asked about the most important lesson he had learned in his business, Paul said, "Don't look at the bottom line. Look at the bottom line. Look at the bottom line. Look at the help line. ask yourself is what I am doing benefiting my fellow human being?" He then shared a story of years ago when its cousin died in a car accident. He realized that while he was a service provider, he was a grieving family member, too – that changed his view of business. Strong family relationships, I learned, were the vital root that provided Paul with the anchor to thirvie in a chaotic world. He said Christ 'has been the whole powerhouse" of his 40 years of marriage with Roberta. Mr. Reynolds was quick to tell of how the family had found a way of being together on Sundays for lunch. And being there for each other is an under-Boise is an author, motivational speaker, storyteller and seminar leader.

presents sound opportunity

We, the undersigned, are mem-bers of the Facility Advisory Committee of the Minidoka County School District.

County School District.
The district has the opportunity to replace its existing \$9 million tease-option loan with a bond in the amount of \$10 million. The difference of \$1 million will be due to the interest rate difference.
Our advisory committee has me several times with the superintendent and the school board. We have concluded that this is a very good arrangement and will not result in a tax increase or an increase in bond payments. This has all been brought about by lower interest rates. The district, under its current plan, pays about lower interest rates. The district, under its current plan, pays about 6 percent interest. Enrihe new pro-posal, interest would be about 4 percent. None of this can happen without a vote of the taxpayers, and it must have a two-thirds

majority.
Therefore, our district will hold
a band election on March 18 to

take advantage of the dramatic

take advantage of the dramatic decline in interest rates. The Facility Advisory Committee and the school board of the school district, its students and its patrons. The passage of this bond election will allow the addition of other critical needs that could not be enclosed in the lease-lean option. The Facility Advisory Committee has recommended to the district that the following items be addressed by the additional funds that will be available due to the low interest rate: (1) crumbling sidewalks throughout the district, (2) a mold-moisture problem arisedwalks throughout the district, (2) a mold-moisture problem arising from Big Valley berms, (3) science laboratory addition at West Minico, (4) improvements at Heyburn and Acoquia, (5) improvements in the Minico auditorium and music facilities. Our school board agreed to these recommendations. Furthermore, our board will not keptone assurance that this proposal will not incresse texes.

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ance role"; however, you are right that possession of marijuana wouldn't affect your conduct on the job. But you didn't just possession of the interest your conduct on the job. But you didn't just possession in the interest your conduct on the job. But you didn't just possession in gelse, you think you were above the law and even thought you could get away with mailing it to yourself.

Your statement was, "I didn't think I would get caught!" Not good judgment. You have been treated more than fair, as you didn't even spend any time in jail for your felony. I think after your five years' suspension is up and you apply for your teaching certificate again, I hope it is clear to you how you offended the dignity, decency and morality of others. Maybe your head will be a little clearer then. Mary people would find it hard to trust you with the responsibility of teaching children in this community again. I am not sure we are ready to relearate this kind of behavior and give another-chance any time.

WILLIAM GOERRIZEN

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- LETTERS -

Additional guestions in response to recent letter

This letter is in response to the Rev. Jim Frisbie's March 9 letter of 20 lingering questions, Many of the questions are open-ended and hypothetical to match Mr.

Frisbie's.

1. How many lives will be saved by getting rid of Saddam now instead of waiting five more years when he will be much more dangerous?

2. What will the 15-year-olds

What will the 15-year-olds you counsel now say when

gerous?

2. What will the 15-year-olds that you counsel now say when they have to go to war with a much more dangerous Iraq at a later time?

3. Instead of asking Turkey if feels threatened, why not ask Saudi Arabia, Kiwati or even Israel the same thing?

4. What will Israel's response be when Saddam sends a nuclear scud into Israel?

5. When we found some giant camons built on a side of a hill after the Gulf War, which direction were they pointed? (Hint: west, range 250 miles.)

6. When Israeli jets took out Saddam's nuclear power plant back in the mid-80s and everyone sercemed "Zionist Pig.," do you now praise them?

7. Could having a free Iraq bring stability in the Middle East?

8. Will France and Germany still be praised when we find they lave been helping Saddam with lis nuclear program?

9. What is the risk benefit of not

is nuclear program?

9. What is the risk benefit of not etting rid of Saddam?

2. What is in a constant?
20. Will you ask the pilots flying the "no fly zone" when did the war end?
21. How many lives will be lost in terrurist attacks if we do nothing?

ing? 12. Will Iran be less or more of a threat if we have a military base

threat if we have a military base next door?

13. Would there be inspectors in Iraq now if the U.S. military wasn't on Saddam's borders?

14. Would the inspectors be accomplishing anything if the U.S. military wasn't on Saddam's bor-ders?

ders?

15. How long is a combat-ready fighting force to be on Saddam's borders?

borders'
In Idanot like Bill Clinton,
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but I supported his action in the
former Yugirslavia. Where were
all the antivasir rallies then?
17. It is well know that Colin
Powell was against action heing
taken on fraq. I vonder what
changed his mile George Bush.
Colin Powell, etc, have more
intelligence information than we,
the civilians, do?
19. Will the fraqi people celehrate?

19. Will the troop personal brate?
20. When this action in Paq is over quickly and we see the true horrors of Saddam, will you and others like you send retractions to

e newspapers? JOHN FLORA

Farm subsidy report is truly alarming information

alarming information
This letter is in reference to Kenny Young's letter in The Times-Ners on March 11, which mentioned farm subsidies and gave a Web site where we could verify what is happening.
Thave an inquisitive mind and went to the Web site and, folks, it is truly sickening. Fortune 500 companies, orgh-businesses, pharmaceutical companies, insurance companies to blace companies, etc., and some people who are politicians and some who are not farmers by any means (but who have an interest in farms). I was amazed to learn that John Hancock Insurance, J.R. Simplot, Archer Daniels, Midland, Dupont Chemical, Chevron and Mr.



Pickens (one of the richest men in the country, got over \$3 million). Doesn't this make you want to pay

more taxes?
For 2000 and 2001 farm subsidies were given for a total of \$664,492,256. For your information, the Web site is tion, the Web site is www.ewg.org.farm, and you can search by state and county. Our government is crazy. This can't go on forever. Get informed! BRIAN MITCHELL

Certain acts raise concern in downtown Jerome

On television, we have all seen towns in impoverished countries where the people would step out of their buildings and throw their wash water, etc., right in the streets. On Saturday, March 8, I saw

On Saturday, March 8,1 saw this very same practice committed on Main Street in downtown Jerome. Lake other communities, I know that downtown Jerome is suffer-ing economic decline, but I had no idea it had deteriorated to this

degree. GLEN CAPPS

Editorial writer is out of touch with Fish and Game

After reading the editorial regarding the Fish and Game initiative, it seems the writer is out of nouch with readily and missed several important facts.

The writer continually misses state spending with Fish and Game spending and its budger. First, three are notate tax delegates and the spending with Fish and Game spending with Fish and Game state where the Legislature reced to oversee a budget that has no state money in it? The law states the Fish and Game Commission is responsible for the management of the department and the budget.

The Fish and Game system as we know it was created by a citizen's initiative in 1938 because of political interference. The whole purpose of the 1938 initiative was to place wildlife management into the bands of wildlife advocates. The law states that commissioners must be knowledgeable in wildlife matters and the commission is to protect and perpetuate Idaho's wildlife and to provide a suplus for Idaho citizens to hant, fish and trap.

It seems strange to me that wheat commissioners are selected by their peers and are well acquaimed with the products they represent. These commissions are created to be advocates and promote their products.

But when Fish and Game commissioners are the Statehouse.

Commissioners are selected with little or no input from the 300,000

state license holders who fund the department. Fish and Game commissioners are selected by a handful of politicians who are more interested in controlling Fish and Game decisions than promoting wildlife. Fish and Game commissioners must be advocates for hunting, fishing and trapping and they must be free from political pressure if they are to make the right decisions over wildlife policies. This initiative would return the selection process back to the penje in each region. Former Region 4 Fish and Game commissioner from Jerome, Dr. Rose, was chosen using this method. Dr. Rose was recommended to the governor by a citizen's panel and was an outstanding commissioner. The education writer seems to fear letting ordinary Idaho citizens he a part of the selection process. Our country is founded on the principle of citizen participation, and this unitative will allow that process to continue. Allowing citizens to be a part of that process will make the Department more responsive the public and Came Department. to license holders who fund

me public and create a better Fish and Game Department. DON CLOWER Meridian (Editor's note: Don Clover's a jorner Fish and Game commission-er for Region 3).

Stop criticizing churches and see the good they do

Stop criticizing churches and see the good they do In reply to "Access church taxes to increase state recenous". After reading this arrice, I riel compelled to reply. Mr. Schuckert would like to rax churches because "Religion isn't achieves because "Religion isn't entire the because "Religion isn't entire the because "they would give the average taxpaver a break, allow the churches to pay their share and save something besides souls - something they don't do very well antway." Dear sir, I would just like you to know that after reading that statement. I prayed for your soul and I think you would be smarred at how many people in this valley did likewise. I, for one, just wish you would look beyond your wallet and look into your own heart. If you're unsatisfied with the programs the churches in Idaho are doing, perhaps you would consider joining in and helping. You mentioned in your letter that you would like to see "some of that separation of church and state." Yet in the same article, you are taxing churches like they are just another business. Well, say you are taxing churches like they are just another business. Well, say you are taxing churches like they are just another business. Well, say they are just another business. Well is not all raise would be better spent you are taxing thurches like they are just another business. Well, say they are tay they politicians than outreach programs and all the many kind and good things (the saving of souls not being the least) that churches in the state are doing, then again, must disagere with you. You seem very quick to give quotes to

Tort reform hill nasses

As we think about tort reform, I would like to remind you of a few facts. Medical malpractice laws usin made up less than 7.7 percent of all tort claims in 1996 and medical malpractice premiums are less than 1996 and medical malpractice premiums are less than 1 percent of national health-care costs, according to the U.S. Congressional Budget Office. A 1996 Bureau of Justice Statistics report was punitive damages are awarded in less than 5 percent of civil jury verdiers. From 1965 '90, only 355 awards were given by inites in product liability cases, and the median punitive award was \$40,000.

The Wall Street, Journal has reported that businesses suing each other comprised mearly half of all federal cases lided from 1985-91.

Now let us consider the grand arbitrary punitive caps. \$25,0000. The government gets us share of punitive damages in taxes. That could be around 45 percent for the federal and state taxes. The Lawyer gets his tair share of 30 to 40 percent. Now rell me just how a damaged individual is getting rich on what is left?

But you might also consider that with what is left, a family will need to provide for medical care for what is left, a family will need to provide for medical care for what is left, a provide that with what is left, a family will need to provide for medical care for what is left, a provide that with what is left, a family will need to provide for medical care for what is left, a provide for medical care for the mijured person. And when that is gone, guess who pass? The laxypayers will pay for what is morally and chically the responsibility of the persons who caused the damage of the tobacco momes that was brokered during A Lance's tom of duty. If Idaho legislators really huj into the idea of the power of the power of the form of the professional, manner in which you held the responsibility of the persons who caused the damage that the communities. By the way the insurance for the professional, manner in which you held the responsibility was brokered during A Lance's tom of duty. I

somehow solidify your position, but every quote you give, I can think of 10 to the contrary. How about charity begins at home? Or money is the root of all evil?

Well, sir, I do pray for your soul and I pray that your heart would be softened and your mind more open to the needs of the poor and lost. I would also urge you to search your heart and realize that taking money from churches will not solve anyone's money woes and will only make the needy people of this state suffer more than ever. Lastly, as far as your reference of being nailed to the cross, you should be ashamed. I am ashamed for you. RANDY CALHOUN Kimberly

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Within days, the Legislature will be deciding how much money our state's public schools will have for next year. Governor Kempthorne has recommended a bare-bones budget – one that in these difficult times will at least keep current educational programs in place. However, some legislators are talking about giving schools LESS than the Governor wants.

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Section B

Carey Act

You're getting to be a rabbit with me

Starting Monday, a 6-foot-tall rabbit named Magic Jack will begin making the rounds at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. It's a fine idea by the hospital's auxiliary and its volunteers to lift the spirits of sick kids and their families, but I gotta tell you my own experience with animal mascots is decidedly fuzzy. You see, I have found that folks who dress up like furry critters tend to become them.

Fred Bear, for example – the mascot for a supermarket chain

Fred Bear, for example – the mascot for a supermarket chain with a store in Twin Falls. I have personally been hugged on three occasions by Fred Bear while shopping for comestibles – experiences unsettling enough to send me in the opposite direction whenever I encounter Fred in frozen foods.

Who's to say that something similar isn't gonna happen with Magic Jack the next time I visit MVRMC?

ASK ME.

Steve
Crump

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Targe Tabort is quite another.

My big-bunny bias comes stems from a popular American play of the 1940s called "Harvey," that became a Jimmy Stewart movie. It's the story of an amiable drunk who habitually encounters a 6-foot water the state of the contract of the state of the contract of the state of the sta

who nantually encounters a o-toor cottontail no one else can see. This causes the whimsical lush to appear to be talking to no one in particular, which in turn prompts his family to send Elwood for an extended stay at a spa for the sille.

for an extended stay at a spa for the silly. But "Harvey" aside, I just have real concerns about trying to relate to a creature who's taller than me by a hare. Of course, as with any other social phobia, there's some history here: I was for a brief time as a sophomore the mascot for the Rams of Pocatello's Highland High School.

Or more accurately, the south-

Or more accurately, the south-ern-most portion of the mascot.

I had to don hoofed slippers, bend over, cover myself with fleece and follow another guy around at very close quarters with-out being able to see anything but the rivets on the back of his jeans. And I discovered rather quickly that all netherward mascots come to a bad end.

to a bad end.

That's the sum total of my theatrical experience, but I have
always prided myself on having
some insight into the motives and
character of folks who dress up
like a petting zoo.

In my judgment, they do so for
two reasons.

The first is that they are shu

two reasons. The first is that they are shy, and find that tarting up as a master of gives them an outlet for acting out their latent goofiness. The second reason is that it gives them a license to do so. Do you think the San Diego Chicken behaves that way when his feathers are at the cleaners? Of course not. He's probably a librari-

an or an insurance adjuster.

But once in that chicken suit,
he's a maniac - he can kiss George

Please see CRUMP, Page B7







Public can view centennial art

Models will be displayed in the Magic Valley Mall



the call for immigrants to share the 'Great American Dream.' The structure suggests a Blue light on top symbolizes

By Denise Turner Times-News writer TWIN FALLS - Horses.
Eagles A city founder.
Several Idaho artists are ready
to celebrate the city's 100th
birthday with
the community
can have only
one.

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the judge he eight pictures on this

page show preliminary models of art work propos-

You can see

the center

one.
The public arts wing of the Twin Falls Centennial Legacy Committee

all eight up close through March 31, in

court of the Magic Valley Mail, at the entrance to J. C. Penney. (Each model is much smaller than what the artist intends for the finished product.)

You can write your opinion on a comment card at the mail.

Or call the

port for their favorites.

The names of the artists are being kept secret, so that people will judge the art-work, not the artist. Centennial Commission office at 736 0800, or email bon-nie@twinfallscentennial

centennial work, not the article of the committee of 12 people, which is also anonymous, has viewed the winner with community input taken into consideration," explained Bonnie Lezamiz, the centennial commission's executive director.

The resulting artwork will be installed at a site on the canyon rim, to be selected at a later date, as part of the celebration of the Twin Falls 2004 centennial. The commission has a \$40,000



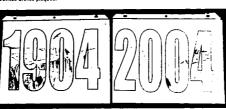
The Indomitable Spirit Larger-than-life slihouette forms of running horses in permanent metal construction, plus mounted bronze plaques.



'One Theme, Two Approaches Slightly sculpture of I. B.

Twin Fatis is

America' Metal sculp



1904-2004 Dates constructed of wood, with a collage mural representing the area painted on each date



No title Structures of copper and other metal depicting symbols of the area's heritage.

budget for the project, which the artist must use for both construction and installation.

The Howard Charitable Foundation, set up by the former owners of *The Times News*, donat-



ture of an eagle head framed by two flagpoles - 9 feet tall on a circular nlatform 4 feet, 6 inch-es high, sur-rounded by upright boul-ders and a sidewalk. Magic Larger-than-life bronze herons.

water feature.

represent

local canals.



Commission on the Arts, the Keveren Foundation and the city of Twin Falls.

Water line break cuts Twin Falls service

TWIN FALLS – Much of the city was without water Sarurday afternoon and evening after a contractor hit a 20-inch water main near, the Twin Falls Livestock Commission building. City Water Superintendent Mike Schroeder said about 7 p.m. that he didn't expect the ruprure would be repaired until around midnight.

A city crew was preparing to replace a 20-foot section of the metal water line, Schroeder said, but the workers were forced to wait for the line to day.

can't get in there to wonmow."
The City Information Center
was being swamped with calls
from city residents who either
had no water or reduced water
pressure. The calls started coming between 1 and 2 pm, a CiC
staffer said.
Water from the rupture was
flowing into Rock Creek
Canyon, Schröeder said, and no
Romes West being flooded.

Magic Valley in brief

"We're doing the best we can, but these things happen," he said.

Senior class president wins Miss Kimberly

wins Miss Kimberly
KIMBERLY - Becky Jones
was crowned Miss Kimberly
Saturday night during the anual Miss Kimberly Pageant.
Becky Jones, daughter of
Mike and Fenny Jones,
received scholarship money for
the honor. She is a senior class
president and in National
Honor Society, She has studied
piano for the last six years, and
volunteers at the Pregnancy
Crisis Center.
Also selected from among the
12 contestants at Kimberly
High School were Sarah
Sargeant, daughter of Steve and
vicki Sargeant, as first runner
up and Heather Jones, daughter
of Wyly and Ary Jones, as second runner-up.
- compiled from staff reports

T.F. visitor center opens its doors

By Robert Mayer Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Bound for Twin Falls, Keith and Candy Kutchins were eager to see their son compete in a tennis match Saturday. The problem for this Pocatello couple was they didn't know the location of Twin Falls High School, site of the competition.

tion.

Having just crossed the Perine Bridge, the Kutchinses sported the Buzz Langdon Visitor Center.

"I thought, 'Let's go ask them," Keith Kutchins said, "Phs. I needed a new map."

They parked their vehicle, quickly rain and procured oo of the center's numerous free maps.

of the center's numerous free maps.
"It's a great location," Keith Kutchins said.
Great location indeed. Right of the highway leading into Twin Falls, next to the Snake River Canyon, the information center receives a heavy amount of traffic through most of the year.

year.
"We're in the best possible site you could be," said Kent Just, executive of the Twin Falls



Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce executive Director Kent Just, left. at the Buzz Langdon Visitor Center with volunteer Ken Nukaya on the center's first day of the season Saturday. The chamber expects about 20 visitors a day for now, rising to around 500 a day during the summer.

visitors a day for now, rising to aroun Area Chamber of Commerce.

The center receives enough visitors to keep busy a volunteer staff of 115 working four-hour shifts for the next eight months. Saturday marked its opening day of the season.

Until October, the center will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Just before opening, the infor-

mation racks were freshly loaded with free maps, brochures and pamphlets of the area. The Idaho T-shirts and post cards and books filled their respective stands.

And the U.S. and world maps on the wall were, for the only time, without stick pins to mark the homelands of the center's

Salt Lake Tribune's former owners fight to get it back

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - To get back The Salt Lake Tribune, the back The Salt Lake Tribune, to persuade a jury that they represent the fairest way to sort out claim of the latest persuade to come up with the money - and to could cost them \$100 million more than they're willing to pay. Their next stop is a court hearing next month to challenge the latest appraisa. The fight is being watched by Utah's smaller dailies, which expect the Tribune and its chief rival, the Deserte News, to fight over readers in their territories, especially Provo and Ogden. McCarthey, meanwhile, contends the Tribune's new owner is turning back a tradition of scrutinizing the state's dominant Mormon church.
"I will do whatever it takes to get the paper back so we have an independent voice in this community," said Phil McCarthey, chairman of the group that once

managed the Tribune.

"We do intend to persevere, and we do think we have a case," said Sarah McCarthey, another of the three slibings with a stake in the mattershiper option. The said of the three slibings with a stake in the matter of the said of the three slibings with a stake in the matter of the said of the said

MediaNews paid \$200 million in 2001 when it bought the Tribue Power apparent bargain, but the tribue the first apparent bargain, but the first apparent bargain, but the first apparent bargain, but the first apparent bargain apparent bargain and the second of the first apparent bargain and the first apparent bargain apparent bargain and the first apparent bargain apparent bargain and the first apparent bargain and the first apparent bargain appar

SERVICES

Frances Irene Wilson of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

C. F. (Corky) Tolman of Rupert, service at 11 am, Monday at the Rupert 3rd Ward LDS Chapel, South F Street in Rupert, burial will be at the Rupert Cemetery; family and friends may call from 64 B. m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour hefore the service Monday at the church.

Edgarina (Eddy) McFurland of Twin Falls, graveside service at 1 p.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Robert Clyde (Bob) Seaton of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; inter-ment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls;

friends may call from noon-2 p.m. Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Monday at the funeral-home. Falls.

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 interment at 10 a.m. March 24 at

- **D**EATH NOTICES

Ruby L. Reddick

Ruby L. Reddick
TWIN FALLS - Ruby L.
Reddick, 76, of Twin Falls, died
Friday, March 14, 2003, at Magic
Valley Regional Medical Center
in Twin Falls.
The funeral will be held at 11
a.m. Wednesday, March 19, 2003,
at the Hove-Robertson Funeral
Chapel in Jerome. A viewing is
planned after the funeral. The
family suggests memorials to the
Shriners Crippled Children's
Hospital. A complete obituary
will appear at a later date.

Tina Krewsun

TWIN FALLS - Tina Krewson

51, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, March 15, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

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

Eunice Harrison

DIETRICH - Eunice Harrison, 92, of Dietrich - Eunice Harrison, 92, of Dietrich, died Saturday, March 15, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Demarac's Shoshone Foneral Chapet.

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MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Released Glen Conner of Buhl

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BURLEY



Keith Pepper

Keith Pepper

Keith Ray Pepper, 93. of Burley, doof Friday, March 14, 2003. at Burley Care Center and Pepper Service Pepper He moved to Blackfloot, Idahe, at an early age where he received his education he served during World War II, in the U.S. Nawy, and was stationed in the South Peppir He married Beathroot. Ann Totor Raymond on Nevadla Könth was a carpenter by profession and had worked in Palm Springs. California, Lake Tahoo, and the Ketchum area. Following ortermant, he and Beathroot level in the Challis area and Palm Springs. California Lake Tahoo, and the Ketchum area. Following ortermant, he and Beathroot level in the Challis area and Palm Springs. California Lake Tahoo. and the Ketchum area. Following ortermant, he and Beathroot level in the Challis area and Palm Springs. Only the Challis area and Palm Springs. California Lake Hester Level in 1988. When the Specially onlyed hunting and Ishing.



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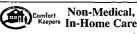
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Wilma Lucile Campbell

Wilma Lucile Campbell
Wilma Lucile Campbell 95, of
Buhl, died at her hone on
Thursday, March 12, 2003
She was born on August 7, 1907,
at Paradise. Utah, to Joseph and
Sarah Checkelts McMuride, She
married John Peterson and they
termed in Haggiman Aller John
died, she married Loren Campbell
and they laved in Buhl
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Mo : I wo daughters. Bonnie
Peterson of Nampa, and Donna
Corthel of Modesto, Calif. a brother, Coral McMurdie of Washington,
and a sister, Clare Coley of Buhl;
11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and three great-grandgrandchildren. 21 greatgrandchildren. 31 greatgrandchildren.

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Officials

fear lake

boaters will

bypass town

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) - The mayor of Page is urging federal officials to dredge Lake Powell's Castle Rock Cut, a shortcut to Wahweap Bay that has been closed because of lowered water levels.

Unless the cut is reopened to boat traffic, Page could lose hundreds of thousands of tourism dollars, Mayor Dean Slavens told officials from the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area on Thursday.

The ongoing drought has dropped the water level in Lake Powell to its lowest point in 30 years.

Dan Bishop, the national recreation area chief of facilities, said reopening the cut this summer doesn't appear economic facilities.

ically feasible.
The idea will likely be consid-

The tidea will likely be considered next year.
Slavens said many visitors might opt to enter the 186-milelong lake from uplake entry points if Castle Rock remains closed.
If visitors bypass Wahweap Bay near Page, it will be detrimental to the city, Slavens said.

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Apple commission files suit over fee

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) – In an unusual pre-emptive legal strike, the Washington Apple Commission has taken itself to court, asking a judge to uphold its right to collect a 25-centsa-box fee that state law forces apple growers to pay to promote Washington apples.

It's a debate being heard in courts across the country involving a cornucopia of produce, including peaches, mushrooms and table grapes. Livestock producers have pressed similar sinits involving hogs and cattle. But the suit by the Apple Commission – one of the nation's oldest commission is believed to be the first initiaded by a commission is the leavest to the suit by the Apple Commission one of the nation's lodest commission is believed to be the first initiaded by a commission is allower to the suit by the Apple Commission on the suit of th

the lawsoit and agreed to pay their legal bills.

But in the year and a half since the lawsuit was filed, the case has moved to federal court and grown, revealing a number of schisms within the apple industry. A group of seven organic apple growers was allowed to intervene, as was the warehouse triumvirate repre-sented by Monahan.

For organic apple growers, the issue is whether the Applie Commission gives organics the short shrift over conventionally grown apples.

short shrift over conventionally grown apples.
Harold Ostenson, who grows and packs organic apples in George, is opposed to mandatory fees. But if he has to pay them, he would like to see the commission tell consumers why organic apples often cost more – and why organic is worth it.
Organic apple production is increasing at a rate of about 50 percent a year, while the market has only grown 20 percent, he said.

"Because of our market condi-

"Because of our market condi-tions and our growth, we really need somebody that's putting us No. 1." he said.

For many operations with appealing market mixes of apples or big enough operations to pay for brand-specific market-ing, the core question is: Why should I underwrite the promo-tion of my competitors?

Monahan's three Yakima clients — Evans Fruit, Washington Fruit & Produce and Borton & Son—pack and sell more than 10 million boxes of apples a year, collecting assess-ments from several independent growers that are then sent on to the commission. growers ma. ... the commissio

They're seeking refunds of all assessments paid for the last

assessments paid for the last three years.

On Tuesday, lawyers on both sides of the lawsuit will ask U.S. District Judge Edward Shea in Richland to decide the case based on existing facts and precedent. If he doesn't grant the motions for summary judgment, the case will likely go to trial, now scheduled for May.

The Apple Commission was formed in 1937 to promote the state's apple industry. Washington is the No. 1 apple state in the nation, producing 80 million 42-pound boxes of apples in the 2002-2003 season, worth highdreds of millions of dollars.

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Harold Ostenson holds apples produced at his Pac Organic Fruit in George, Wash., Tuesday

66 It seems a fairly remarkable lawsuit -

they sued us. The Apple Commission

said, 'We're going to

sue the entire state of Washington - every grower, every

warehouseman,

everyone who has to

pay an assessment

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Brendan Monahan a lawyer représenting three apple warehouses

at his Pac Organic Full in George. Was
Welcome Sauer, the commission's president, understands
the frustration but contends his
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Sauer believes the commission-initiated lawsuit was the
least expensive way to get a
definitive answer on mandatory
grower assessments, given two
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directions.
In 2001, the U.S. Supreme
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In 2001, the U.S. Supreme Court found that mustroom pro-ducer United Foods of Bells, Tenn, should not have to under-write promotion for its smaller competitors by paying fees to the Mustroom Council for a generic advertising campanga. Doing so, the court said, violated United Foods First Amendment right of free speech. And in Jamary, the 9th U.S. Circant Court of Appeals found similarly for some California table grape growers, who sell

grapes under brand names, but were forced to pay fees to the California Table Grape Commission for generic advertis-

California Table Grape Commission to generic advertising.

But in 1997, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the federal government could force growers and shippers of California peaches, pluns and nextrines to pay assessments for an advertising componer.

The differences between the 1997 and the 2001 cases, the court said, was that the California soft from industry was more heavily regulated and had already given up a for of freedom to operate undividually.

In Washington, the judge will be asked to decide if the state's apple industry more closely resembles mushrooms of California's soft from.

Samer contends that the Washington Apple Commission is part of a comprehensive regulatory scheme for the state's apple industry, and that when it speaks, it speaks on behalf of the state government.

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Kidnap suspect seemed delusional but harmless, say those who tried to help him

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SALF LAKE CITY - He roamed the streets in a long white robe and unruly beard, a beggar clutching a wooden staff, convinced he was a savior and prophet.

Banished from the Mormon church, estranged from the family, he had sold his possessions and survived for years by relying on the kindness of strangers, those who crossed his path here say be sounded defusional dust spend his reciting rambling passages from his own homespun geopel, a 27-page pamphlet he called "The Book of Emranued David Saiah."

His real name was Brian David long gone.
"Everybody knew of him," said

noon on emmanued David Issuali.

His real name was Brain David Mitchell. But that was from a life long gone.

"Everybody knew of tim", 'said Jeff St. Romain, president of the local chapter of the spengle of the property of the services we tried to forfer. He only wanted to talk about his religious beliefs. Sometimes he referred to himself as Jesus. He was always ranting and raving. But no one who tried to help him ever said he was scary, or acted threatening."

That was before he was caught walking along a suburban main street near here last week with 15-year-old Elizabeth Smart, kidnapped at Knifepoint from her home one night learner. Mitchell and talk learner of the property of the property

more than a decade and apparent-ly had reached messianic, danger-

ous extremes.

He had gone from being a fresh-faced stalwart of his local church

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– Jeff St. Romain, president Salt Lake City chapter of the Volunteers of America

ward who sometimes counseled high school students to a wild-eyed, unkernit gypsy spouting a religion that most listeners characterized as gibberish. From steady work in factories to scraping by on odd jobs like the one the Smart family gave him tending their roof and raking their yard on a fall day in 2001. From never having a criminal record to allegedly abducting a girl from the bed where she slept.

By some accounts, though, Mitchell's life had long been turbutent. His father, Shirl Mitchell, has told reporters in recent days that his son was a "classic black Sheep," unable to make many friends and forced to spend a stini juvenile determion as a teenage or after exposing himself to a child in their neighborholdraphing, Mitchell relatives say, had spenden of experimenting with LSD in the Utah desert. He also fled Said and Barzee were excommunicated from the Mormon church for what is leaders this past week called "activity promoting bizarre teachings."

Still, many here say that Shirl, Mitchell so often displayed a disclassored a subtification.

"activity promoting bizarre teach-ings."
Still, many here say that Mitchell also often displayed a gentle, engaging personality that brue no hint of meance and brought him all manner of mercy. After he was arrested and jailed for six days for attempting to break in to a San Diego church last month, Mitchell appeared before a judge. A videotape of that proceeding reveals the puz-zing contradictions of Mitchell's

personality. He sounds polite and appologetic, saying the incident had occurred only because he had made the mistake of getting drunk the night before for the first time in 22 years. He likened his brief experience behind bars to "Jonah getting swallowed by the whale" and said that it had joled him into realizing he had to live a better life.

But he was using a fake name, Michael Jensen. He described himself as a minister. And he made reference to Elizabeth as its daughter.

Liftched in a Mormon household, the third of six children raised by his mother after his tather left the family. Michell attended two different high schools, but there is no record he graduated.

He first married at 19, his bride.

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He first married at 19, his bride was 16. That union ended a few years later in divorce. He married again, had four children, and got divorced. Next he met Barzee, a onetime church organist who had an angry break-up with her first husband and her children in the early 1980s, and whose life appeared to be falling into disarray. At times in recent years, Barzee had been seen on the vicetes of Salt Lake City cuidding dolls.

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VALLEY SCHOOLS

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BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served every day. Minday: Hamburger Tuesday: Mexican tostadas Wednesday: Corn dog Thorsday: Pizza Friday: Burrito

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

Salad bar, fruit and milk served cry day. Monday: Macaroni and cheese Tuesday: Hamburger Wednesday: Fajita Thursday: Chili

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Notice of Request for Public Comment & Public Meeting on Draft Wastewater - Land Application Permit Renewal for Amalgamated Sugar Co. (TASCO) Twin Falls Facility

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is seeking public comment on a draft permit renewal for the Amalgamated Sugar Co. [TASCO] to continue operating an industrial wastewater land application system approximately one mile southeast of the city of Twin Falls. As part of the permitting process, TASCO is required to address health and environmental concerns, including surface and ground water contamination, and odor management. The draft permit specifies loading rate limits and monitoring requirements established by DEQ to adequately protect public health and surface and ground water quality.

Copies of the draft permit are available for public review at DEQ's State and Twin Falls Regional offices and in PDF format on DEQ's Web site at www.deq.state.ld.us/permits/permits1.htm.

A public meeting on the draft permit will be held at 7 p.m., Weds., March 26, 2003, in the Conference Rooms of DEQ's Twin Falls Regional Office, 601 Pole Line Rd. DEQ will accept oral comment on the draft permit at the meeting.

Written comments on the draft permit will be accepted through 5 p.m. MDT, Friday, April 11, 2003.

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HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

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SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

ery day. Monday: Spaghetti Tuesday: Soft tacos Wednesday: Chili

Thursday: French dip sandwich Friday: No school

WENDELL SCHOOLS

illy.
Monday: Rib-b-cue sandwich
Tuesday: Tuasted cheese sandwich
Wednesday: Chili
Thursday: Math-a-thon celebration
Friday: Foot-long hot dog:

All schools serve milk with meals

CASSIA COUNTY **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

Breakfast menu Monday: Cereal Tuesday: Peanut butter and jelly on

ast Wednesday: Cereal Thursday: French toast sticky Friday: Breakfast burrato Lonch menu Monday: Chicken muggets Tuesday: Crispy burrato Wednesday: School choice Thursday: Hamborger Friday: No hunch

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Officials: Test finds wasting disease in one percent of deer

DENVER (AP) - About 1 per-cent of the 20,551 deer and elk turned in by lunters tested pos-tive for chronic wasting disease. Colorado wildlife officials said. Of the 273 infected annuals, 52 were killed outside the por-tion of northeastern Colorado where chronic wasting disease has been found for more than two decades.

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Analysis of the testing isn't complete, but wildlife officials said enough work has been done to show the disease is more widespread in northwestern Colorado, than previously

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grow thin and die it is related to howing spongitum encephalopa-tive, or mad caw disease. Strentists say there's no cy-dence it can spread to humans but they carl rule it out. The disease was found only in-northeastern Colorado and southeastern Cyoung; to-years, but recently it has been discovered west of the Continental Divide in Colorado.

on elk ranches in the state and in other states.

The Dreision of Widdlife asked hunters to siduiti the heads of the the deer and elk they killed in the fell to gauge the diseases? Special laboratories estent previdence. Special laboratories stems.

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Kathi Green, the agency's chrone wasting disease director, said the state is prepared to test as many as 50,000 animals next

The cost of the fest will likely be under \$20 and lumors will receive results within two ecks. Miller said the disease is slow

Miller said the disease is slow by hecoming more common 'We're not seeing a long trend, but the increase is significant and persistent,' he said.

Hot spots of intection, including along the northern Front Range in Lariner and northern Boulder commes, have rates as high as 20 percent compared, with the werall average of 5 to become in the long established area. rea Division officials said trying to

Division officials said trying to show the spread of the disease by killing some of the deer and elk in heavity infected areas seems to be working. The division to Hilmons, Kansas, Minnesonia, Montania, New Mexico, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Wisconsin and two Canadian provinces.

Utah college studen ts face tuition hikes

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Instate Board of Regents has
approved be links for collegestudents at seven of the mapublic colleges, meaning that
students could pay as much as
\$70 more each year.
The links come in addition to
tuition links that range from bepercent at the College of
Eastern Unit brucests.
Students from those two colleges will not have any temercases.
Students at Dixae College in
8t. George, Uah, have the linkest fee mercase, up \$70 for a
total of \$302 a year. University

of Urah students will pay the highest tees, \$588, but their increase was only 86 from last

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Student fees pay for computer operations, artifetic facilities, and health insurance coverage, among others.



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Spokesman: Smart did what was necessary for survival

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—
Elizabeth Smart "did what she had to do" no survive her kidnaping ordeal, according to a family spokesman Saturday, who stopped short of confirming reports that her alleged abductor took her as his second wife.

"As far as the polygamist allegations and this wedding are concerned, Elizabeth did what she had to do in this situation and had she not done that, the outcome would be completely different, "spokesman Chris Thomas said. "We can'! second-guess her actions."

Meanwhile, investigators in

spokesman Chris Thomas said. "We can'! second-guess her actions." Meanwhile, investigators in Salt Lake City were seeking clues but remained mum, and Elizabeth's parents stayed out of public sight Saturday. Thomas said they needed a break from the media glare.

But new pieces emerged about the path Smart and her alleged captors – Brian David Mitchell and Wanda Barzee – may have taken in the days before they were found Wednesday near Salt Lake City.

Police said they likely encountered the trio Tuesday when they questioned three "transien" people outside a Burger King in Salt Lake City.

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According to police, the three didn't provide identification, but gave their names as Peter

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Marshal, Julitte Marshal and Augustine Marshal – similar oaliases Mitchell, Barzee and Elizabeth gave when they were picked up the following day in Sandy, Utah. Officers there recognized the girl, despite her claims that she was the couple's daughter.

Mitchell was arrested twice during the time Elizabeth was missing – once in Salt Lake City on suspicion of shaplifting Sept. 27 and again for trying to break into a San Diego County church. Mitchell pleaded innocent to the shaplifting charges Fridw.

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Mitchell and yelve had revelaims from God, also are suspected in a second attempted abduction – that of Smart's 18-year-old cousin. Jessica Wright's Elizabeth was taken in June.

"We're not making any statements until the police tell us it's said Stephen Wright, Jessica Wright's father.

Mitchell's affinity for polygamy has become a focus. In a 27-page manifesto written last year.

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Mitchell offers a rambling justification for the practice and suggests he and Barree were on a mission to find at least seven more wives.



It remained unclear whether either was cooperat-ing with investi-gators. Thomas said Elizabeth spoke with detectives Friday and will

Friday and will likely be inter-likely be inter-viewed again soon. Fliza-beth's parents are carefully avoid-ing asking her about the ordeal, Thomas said.

Thomas said.
"They are trying to let Elizabeth move at her own pace. If she wants to talk about something, they'll talk about it," he said, they'll talk about it, "he said, well to her return home, he

ing well to her return home, he said.

"Under the circumstances she is doing as well as can be anticipated, She is a little distracted." Thomas said. "Her supportive family is the hest therapy at this point, and she seems to he responding very well."

On Friday, Vicky Cottrell, a social worker who has known Wanda Barzee for 28 years and is executive director of the National Alliance for the Mentally III of Utah, met with Barzee in jail Friday.

In an interview Saturday, she said Barzee told her that on Thanksgiving Day 2000, the conpeller cereived a revelation that Mitchell was to have seven more wives. Barzee spoke about the

need to take younger wives because older women would no be submissive enough to marry him, she said. "That's the very saddest part of this whole thing – they picked and they chose, and they didn's ap-permission," Cottrell said. "They just took someone that was very innocent."



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Smart, captors evaded detection in canyons

DRY CREEK CANYON, Utah (AP) – Searchers scurred the bare and rocky slopes of the footbills behind Elizabeth Smart's home, and though they were within abouting distance, the girl somehow went undetected. Authorities say the campsite the group allegedly inhabited for two mouths was only three miles from Smart's home, yet no searchers stumbled across her. Some wonder how that could have happened.

"The thing is, I can just not believe or figure is out how they were hidden and we couldn't have seen them," said Paula Drury, who volunteered in the search effort and frequenty jogs in the canyon with her black lab, Holladay.

Drury – teamed with friends of her son – Climbed through thick

and patchy brush during last summer's search. "We all came home with big scratches. I never saw anything," she said.

Using information from Elizabeth Sanart after she, Brian Mitchell and Wanda Barzee were found in suburban Sandy this week, authorities found a campsite allegedy used by the group after Smart's abduction.

Police said the 15-year-old was taken from her bed at knifepoint by Mitchell. She was apparently led past carefully landscaped yards of her affluent Federal Heights neighborhood and brought into the rocky canyons behind her home. behind her home

penind her home.

For two months, she lived there hidden with her captors. No other details about her life in the hills are being released by authorities.

Even in summer, vegetation is sparse and leaves are few on the short scrub oaks. Splintered rocks litter the hillside, and mule deer graze on the patchy grass. But the foothills stretch for dozens of miles behind Smart's home, providing ample room to hide.

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Weather doesn't stop Gourmet Ski Tour | Clear-cutting plan

SUN VALLEY - The tables were set. And 110 adventure-some diners accepted the invita-

some diners accepted tion.

They and one unwanted guest,

that is.
Yep, Old Man Winter barged in on the 11th annual Gourmet

They and one unwanted guest, Yep, Old Man Winter barged in on the 11th annual Gourmet Ski Tour on Saturday. But try as hard as he could, he couldn't spoil the affair. Diners simply buttoned up their jackets and tucked napkins in around their collars like scarves as they said dessert. The snow that greeted skiers as they plied their way down as even-mile stretch of the Harriman Trail could have given whole new meaning to the term "frozen food," had it not been for the efforts of chefs like Jeffrey Zellerhoff and Shanon Davis of Galena Lodge who served up steaming hot bowls of pumpkin hisque sough tasty enough to make anyone forget a few snowlands and pork ribs through snow and sleet and sun and wind for each of the tour's 11 years, simply turned up the fire under the potsticker. Organizer Jenny Busdon said she has tried shifting the date of the ski tour over the years in hope of snagging the quintessentials was the promite sent of the tour's 11 years, was the promite sent of the ski tour over the years in hope of snagging the quintessentials was the shast tried shifting the date of the ski tour over the years in hope of snagging the quintessentials was the shast tried shifting the date of the ski tour over the years in hope of snagging the quintessentials was the shast rice shifting the date of the ski tour over the years in hope of snagging the quintessentials was the shast rice to the change in weather good-natured its.

"Maybe we should think about a courmet like - in Iluly," said

"Maybe we should think about a gourmet hike - in July," said

"A gournet tour between hot tubs sounds good to me," said another.

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Among the participants this year was Lee Julieratt, a writer for NorthWest Travel and Cooking Light magazines. A second writer for Bon Appetit had to cancel at the last minute because of a death in the family. Julieratt, who normally writes outdoor adventure articles on

subjects such as rock climbing said he took the assignment



Florian and Stephanie Petit, who divide their time between France and Sun Valley, put on their best duds for the 11th annual Gourmet Ski Tour Saturday north of Ketchum.

Florian and Stephanie Patit, who divide annual Gournet Ski Tour Saturday nor because it gave him a chance to ski the much-vaunred Harriman Trail. But, he added, it wasn't hard to like the idea of skiing from one taxy morsel to the next. "It's certainly the most fattening outdoor adventure I've ever done. But it was a kick," he said. This was the first time the tour which is the years' biggest faul which years which was been done on the ski rous and the year which was to have a support of the ski tour made it up this year, what with the economy struggling and week-long predictions of the years' between the years' about to let sliding stocks of falling rat stand in their way of a good time.
"We had the best time," said Stephanie Petit, said they weren't about to let sliding stocks of falling rat stand in their way of a good time.
"We had the best time," said Stephanie Petit, after completing her fourth tour, "Actually, the challenging conditions just make it more fun."



Ritz's togs were a little more befitting a sunny day at the Malibu beach than a snowy day, as Saturday's Gourmet

Regional Health Net organization might close

RUPERT - Possible dissolution of the regional Health Net organization might not have many effects in Mini-Cassia.

Joel Rogers, who sits on the Health Net regional board, told the Mini-Cassia coalition in February that changes might be ahead.

February that changes might be ahead.
"Come September, the regional Health Net will be a thing of the past," Rogers said. But he doesn't expect the local organization to end or even change much because of the change at the regional level

vei. The regional Health Net organi-

zation was formed in 1992. There are six local coalitions, including the Mini-Cassia coalition and those in Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Twin Falls and Balane/Camsa counties. Regional Coordinator Karyn Goodale agreed there might be an end to the regional Health Net organization.

end to the regional assum-organization.
"That's pretty much the way it's looking now," Goodale said.
But the organization won't dis-solve before September, the end of the fiscal year. Until then, it's business as usual, and Health Not leaders still have assets to build and programs to run, Goodale said. Health Net promotes the 40 developmental assets, designed to

help children.
Projects which Health Net over-sees will continue, Goodale said, but local coalition members need to be thinking in the backs of their minds what they will do come September if the regional "umbrella" organization disap-pears.

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Each local coalition has a lead agency, or two, as in Mini-Cassia. Coalitions will need to talk with their lead agencies and their communities about the support the coalition needs, both financially and through volunteers.

Rogers said funding for the Mini-Cassia Health Net coalition comes mostly from Minidoka morial Hospital, Cassia

Regional Medical Center and

grant sources.

The regional organization provided "grant procurement tools" and helped pick up grant dollars for the caalition, Without regional help, less grant money may be received, Rogers said. But both hospitals have agreed to continue providing money to the Mini-Cassia coalition. The two hospitals pay about \$10,000 a year for Hoshib Not.

Health Net. Mini-Cassia will retain the Health Net name if or when the regional organization dissolves. Some local coalitions might shrivel up or change focus, but Rogers said he didn't anticipate that in Mini-Cassia.

School district officials: Bond issue won't change taxes

RUPERT - Something for noth-ing might sound too good to be ne. But Minidoka County School

But Minidoka County School District officials say it can happen because of the miracle of lower interest rates.

School officials ask voters Tuesday to let them restructura en existing lease option loan into a bond issue. They say the change can occur without taxpayers noticing any difference on their property tax bills - and the district can gain 51 million simply because

interest rates have dropped so much in the last two years.
The plan is to change an existing \$9 million lease-option loan into a \$10 million bond issue,

into a \$10 million bond issue, Minidoka County School Minidoka County School Superintendent Nick Hallett sad. The loan was approved by districtors in May 2001.

One year of that loan has been paid off. The proposed bond levy would run for 19 years and be paid off in August 2021, the same time the existing loan would be paid off. In August 2021, the same time the existing loan would be paid off. The district borrowed \$9 million from Zions Bank two years ago, at an interest rate of 6 percent: Bank and school officials say

the bond issue could be financed at 4 percent, thereby creating the extra \$1 million.

Using a \$100,000 house as an example, Hallett says that person now pays \$5.251 in property taxes a year which goes toward paying off the school district's loan. The tax is based on a levy rate of slightly more than \$9 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. That amount won't go up if voters OK the bond issue, he said.

In fact, it could possibly drop by about 9 cents a month, because the school district is likely to qualify for a 28 percent funding match from the State Department of

Education on the \$1 million "new" money in the bond levy. Should that happen, rather than collecting \$280,000 in extra dollars, school officials say they? apply the state money to the overall pot of money and reduce the amount taxpayers give the distriction of the state of the

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some 40,000 annual visitors.

"It's exciting for me to get started and for our volunteers," fail chamber member Judy
Earr, who was just putting the Earr, who was just putting the Earr, who was just putting the Judy Earr, and are ready to get out and work." Indeed, volunteer Ken Nukaya arrived the day before just to check on things global to check on things are conserved and appliance, said providing his free time is a way to give back to a community that has given so much to him.

"It keeps me busy. You see popple from all over the world," the Idaho native said.

Cherie Peterson stopped in with her dog, Harry, on the way to Miracle Hot Springs near Hagerman. Originally from Minneapolis, she travels around in a small motor home - the adventures of Cherie and Harry, as she puts it - temporarily based in Cassia County. "Twe seen everything there is I think there is to see," she said. Peterson bought a 5s stuffed point of the state out by Harry, who was quickly dragging it around the center. The merchandise generates enough revenue to support the center and brig in a few extra dollars for the chamber, Just said.

said.

Now in its 15th year, the center was created as a joint chamber of commerce and Twin Falls Rotary Club project. Buzz

Langdon was the chamber's director at the time.

Before Langdon could see the finished product, he was diagnosed with cancer and died several months later. Just was hired in the fall of 1988 and recommended maming the center after Langdon.

"It was Buzz who got the idea going, and we wanted to honor him," Just said.

Because of low foot traffic during the winter, the center just operates eight months of the year. But plans to expand the 900-square-foot center in the next few years could change that. Just envisions a new facility 10 times the current size featuring an interpretive center and chamber offices among other attractions that could draw a steady flow throughout

the year.

While out-of-towners often make the center an essential stop. Just said it remains largely invisible to much of the permanent population

"The locals sometimes forget that we're here and forget that we're a resource for them," he said.

It's not invisible to Virginia Lane, a Twin Falls resident for more than a decade.

Lane, a Twin Falls resident for more than a decade.

She was there Saturday morning with her cousin, Donna (Hemann, a recent transplant from New York - to gather maps and some area pamphlets.

Lane said the visitor center is a regular part of the itinerary any time an out-of-town friend vicits.

"It's a great source of informa-tion," she said.

arouses controversy

By Nate Johnson Times-News writer

BURLEY - News of a logging roject in the South Hills oject in the South Hills urred comments on water ality, wildlife and clear-cut-

spurred comments on water quality, wildlife and clear-cutting.

To improve forest health, U.S. Forest Service officials have pronosed to sell timber in Trapper Creek, west of Oakley.

Now that the deadline to submit comments on the proposal has passed, the Parest Service will incorporate the comments in a environmental assessment, expected to be published in June A 10-day comment period follows release of the document, and the final decision regarding the environmental assessment is expected in September.

The proposal calls for clearcutting trees on 130 acres, removing older trees on 30 acres and thinning trees on three acres.

The southern part of the

The southern part of the Sawtooth National Forest has no successful examples of forest regeneration after a clear-cut, wrote Miriam Austin for the Western Watersheds Project. Often cattle have eaten the young trees on clear-cut sites, she wrote.

young frees on stead she write.
"Clear-cutting has already been proven to be an astonishing fulure in the south Sawtooth National Forest, and there is no point in uselessly repeating history," Austin wrote.

Survey crews sent to clear-cuts in the ranger district have found

Survey trees on to clear cuts in the ranger distinct have found trees graving. If the expected rates for the respect of the control of the co

Robinson for the Conservation League.

"We feel prescribed burns should have a larger role in shifting a portion of the forest to an earlier" stage, Robinson wrote.

The Cassia County Public Lands Committee suggests the timber harvest should be larger. Chairman Kelly Adams wrote, there is not more timely logging, fires—either prescribed or accidental—will take care of the problem, he wrote. Adams prefers logging.

lem, he wrote. Adams precess og ging.
"If you've got a usable commod-ity, lei's use it," he said.
Logging could significantly hut wildlife, wrote idalio Department of Fish and Game Regional Supervisor David Parrish, Groups of trees left in the clear-cut areas-could mitigate this problem if the stands are the right size and con-nected to the surrounding forest by brush or some form of cover,

by brush or some form of cover, he wrote.

The Forest Service will ask workers from Fish and Game to help them determine where, how big and how numerous such stands should be, Fuelling said.

In the seven different clear-cut areas, Fuelling estimated, the Forest Service might leave 13 groups of trees.

The Forest Service should nor allow loggers to use tracked vehicles, because they compress the ground, making it difficult for plants to grow, Robinson wrote.

The Forest Service would probably allow tracked vehicles to open the logging to more bidders, Puelling said.

A project of that size should require an environmental impact statement rather than the quicked environmental obsessment, wrone Hilarie Engle for the Committee for the High Dosert.

Several commission to the area, Fuelling said.

A then allow the content of the project area is pollutted, wrote Service would also be part the search would easily the circles and from much sediment in the project area is pollutted, wrote Sean Woodhead of the Idaho Department of Environmental and to much sediment in the creek downstream from proposed timber sale, Woodhead wrote.

The Forest Service would stipulate loggers leave the limbs and build retention walls in steep places to prevent soil from washing into creeks.

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Twin Falls group plans 'Vigil for Peace' tonight

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley sidents will join in a "Global residents will join in a "Global Vigil for Peace" at 7 p.m. today in Twin Falls City Park.

in Twin Falls City Park.
The event is among more than 1,875 planned in more than 80 nations around the world this weekend.
Organizer Jeff Ruprecht said the nonpartissan gathering is intended to offer people a chance to quietly express their hope for a peaceful solution to the standoff with Iraq.

The vigils are being held in response to a call from Archibidop Desmond Tutu and other religious leaders. Vigils were also planned in Idaho communities including Twin Falls, Idaho Fills, Coeur d'Alene, Boise, Ketchum, Salmon, Moscow, Pocatello and Rieby. Rigby. Participants are asked to take their own candles. More information on the worldwide events is available at www.global vigil.org or from Ruprecht at 733-9639.

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Steinbrenner on the lips, set the pants of visiting ballplayers on fire, run the bases backwards and boogie with the cheerleaders on top of the dugout – all while everyone applauds.

Now I have no doubt that the volunteers who inhabit Maglack's rabbit suit at MYRMC are citizens of unassailable character, but will they stay that way?

Rabbits are by their nature mischievous – see Bung, Bugs. And everyone knows it, to the extent that nothing – hospitalbed racing, bedpan tossing, popping into the surgical recovery room when patients are just coming out of anesthetic – is out

of the question for Magic Jack.
And it's worth remembering
that virtually the entire cast of
'Harrey' - except for the rabbit
- gets committed, at one time or
another, to a sanitarium.
This is a worrisome precedent
for a public relations bunny, and
one that Magic Jack's bosses at
the hospital should take seriously.

ly.
It's a visibility issue, really.
What if the hospital's new 6-foot
rabbit just doesn't show up for
work one day?
How would they know?

Steve Cramp is the Times-News features editor. Write to him at cramp@magicvalley.com.

Know the score?

Read The Times-News sports pages to see how your favorite team is doing.

Authorities look at Smart suspects in another case

The recent arrests in the Elizabeth Smart case have energized a stalled investigation into the 1991 aduction of 11-year-old Jaycee Lee Dugard, according to police in the Northern California community where she was taken. Several facts emerging from the arrests of Brian David Mitchell, 49, and Wanda Barzee, 57, might have a bearing on the Dugard kidnapping near Lake Tahue, according to the investigators.

Dugard kidnapping near Lake Tahoe, according to the investigators.
"There's enough here to trigger my interest," said Lt. Les Lawell, a 23-year veteran of the El Dorado County Sheriff's department and the person who will head the renewed effort.

Dugard was kidnapped on June 10, 1991, as she walked to her school bus on a quiet culdesac. As Dugard's stepfather, Carl Probyn, watreds from the family garage 200 yards away, a latemodel gray car, with a man and, perhaps, a woman inside, stopped abruptly in front of the girl. A pair of arms swept Jaycee into the sedan.

Probyn later described the woman as about 5-foot-5-inches, sharp featured and about 32 years old. He gave chase on a bicycle, but the car sped off. "There was nothing I could do," he recalled.

Despite a massive search, local outrage and being featured on the "America's Most Wanted" television program, Dugard was not found. Investigators have been unable to identify a solid suspect.

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been unable to identify a solid suspect.

After last week's arrest of Mitchell and Barzee in Salt Lake City, Lovell was struck by the physical likeness of Smart and Dugard. He was also intrigued by the proximity of the Dugard kidnapping to Highway 50, an interstate route that leads straight from Tahoe to Utah, where Mitchell and Barzee have lived on and off for decades.

Lovell also cited the rarity of child abductions by couples, which was a focus of attention early in the Dugard investigation. To have a woman involved in an labduction was a big issue," recealled Don McDonald, then

Air Force assures cadets' parents academy is safe

DENVER (AP) - Air Force leaders responding to criticism of the Air Force Academy's handling of rape allegations are sending parents of incoming cadets letters saying they are doing everything possible to protect their children.

"We are absolutely committed to supporting victims and prosecuting offenders when criminal acts are reported," said the letter, signed by Air Force Secretary James Roche and Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper. Parents of roughly 1,000 cadets who arrive at the academy this Jume will begin receiving the letters Monday, said Lt. Col. Dewey Ford, spokesman for two Air Force groups investigating the property of the said of the sa

of sexual abuse at the academy have been reported over the past 10 years, and that there are probaby many more female cadets who have not come forward.

Coradio Rep. Diana Degette said Saturday that she and two other women in the House, Heather Wilson, as academy graduate from New Mexico, and Grace Napolitano of California are calling for hearings on the handling of abuse reports, saying a "culture of rape" exists at the academy.

academy.

Degette said some Air Force leaders still don't understand, 27 years after female cadets were first admitted to the academy, that woman are an integral part of the armed forces.

Sheriff of El Dorado County, who considers the Dugard case to be a dark chapter in his career. "Let alone a man and a woman acting together."

There is also a pronounced sim-

There is also a prospounced similarity between the composite drawing based upon Probyn's description of the woman in the car and the recent mug shot of Barzee. Although Probyn now says that Barzee does not look familiar, his description he offered to police at the time resembles the mug shot of Barzee. resembles the Barzee. Lovell said he will look into

reports that in the time period near Dugard's disappearance, Barece was distraught over her H-year-old daughter's decision to live with her father. Lovell will meet with his detectives Monday to map a strategy for the renewed investigation. "We'll try to meet with Salt Lake palice as soon as the dust settles on the Smart case," he said. He said his team will first try to

on the Smart case," he said.
He said his team will first try to
eliminate Mitchell and Barzee as
suspects by checking their where
abouts in June 1991. "If they
don't have alibis, then we'll take
it from there," he said.

Although Lovell cautioned that a connection between the two cases "could amount to nothing," Jaycee's mother was encouraged by the prospect of a revived investigation into her daughter's abduction, "Oh God," Terry Probyn said from her home in Riverside, Calif. "This is the best hing I've heard in a long time. Now there's a chance."

Probyn, now separated from her husband, retains a measure of hope that her daughter is alive. "I can't bury the child," she said. "I want a body or a 22 year-old daughter. I want an answer."

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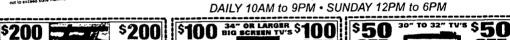
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> - What N.C. State terminates Denek Whittenburg and Sidney Lowe malled hearing the first time they encountered the legendary court. Valcano graduated from Iona Colles

TRIVIA OUESTION:

Who holds the USC men's bas-ketball record for most points in a game?

IN BRIEF

Coaches, ADs: Fax spring schedules

All athletic directors and/or coaches of spring high school sports are asked to tax their schedules to The Times-News sports department at 734-5538.

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Athletic schedules are still needed from Bliss, Buhl, Burley, Carnas County, Carey, Castleford, Community School, Deels, Dietrich, Glenns Ferry, Hagerman, Hawen, SDB, Magic Valley Christian, Oakley, Raff River, Richfield, Shoshone, Wendell and Wood River.

Bruin softball team announces camp

TWIN FALLS - The annual Twin Falls ligh School softball camp will be held on Monday and Tuesday, March 24-25 from 114 daily, Cosi is \$35 per camper and includes lunch the second day, a T-shir and free admission to the Bruins' game with Minico on Am 12

on April 2.

Girls in grades 3-8 are encouraged to attend. For more information call Nick Baumert at 733-4978.

Twin Falls softball league meets Tuesday

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TWIN FALLS - The Twin
Falls Co-Ed Softball League
will hold an organizational
meeting on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at
the Twin Falls Parks and
Recreation Building at 136
Maxwell Ave.
For more information, call
Heather Bennett at 733-6899 or
Rob Kelly at 423-4629.

Kimberly Youth Assoc. holds sign-ups

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KIMBERLY - The Kimberly
Youth Association is holding
sign-ups for baseball, softball
and T-ball for ages 5-15 on
Monday and Tuesday at the
Kimberly High School Commons
Area from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each
day,
Anyone interested in coaching
are also encouraged to attend.
For more information, call
Jamie at 423-6173.

Annual SolFest takes place March 30

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SUN VALLEY - Sun Valley's
big air exhibition, SolFest, wil
be held on Sunday, March 30
11 a.m. at Bald Mountain.
Headlining the event this year
are C. R. Johnson and Sarah
Burke, both Winter X Games and
U.S. Open medalists. Top athletes are being lured by the
promise of television and film

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The SolFest Street Party on the Warm Springs side of Baldy will feature hip-hop/funk group Ordinary K out of Boulder, Colo. A variety of sponsors, Including FREEZE Magazine, Smith, Salomon, the Board Bin and Dakine, will give away thousands of dollars in products via a raffle.

Complied from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER: John Block, 45 points against Washington in 1966.

CSI rodeo team barrels up the rankings

TWIN FALLS - Megan McLeod and her imble horse Petey are charging up the ocky Mountain Region barrel racing

Rocky Mountain Region barrel racing standings.

The No. 9-ranked barrel racer turned in the best time of the College of Southern Idaho home radeo this weekend, recording a time of 15.43 seconds Saturday night to best her own Friday time of 15.55 to give her first place unofficially in the event.

Both are the best times of the weekend at the Eldon Evans Expo Center. The CSI cowgirl is riding a wave of momentum after winning last weekend to move up to

ninth. And now she knows she has the horse she needs in Petey.
"I'm happy with it," McLeod said. "Now the know he's in the same caliber as my other horses. He's pretty new to the rodeo."
She's new to a CSI yest herself.
McLeod has trailed in the points standings all season after missing the first three fall rodeos after transferring to CSI from Weber State.
"The been playing catchap all year" she said. "I'm happy to get if going."
One cushoy who has been alread all weekend in the bareback brone rating is CSI's Jessy Davis. He recorded a weekend best 77 unofficially Saturday night to win the event.

"It's my strongest event," said Davis, ranked second in the region, "I drew pretty good. The home crowd really helps." Another strong performer was Stetzen Stoddard, the region's top-ranked all-around cowhoy. He and Reg Hamitton recorded a solid time of 7.1 seconds in the team roping then watched the com-petition struggle with penalties or miss-

es.
The duo vaulted from 10th place entering Saturday's event to first overall. The low finish Friday gave Stoddard and his partner the second try of the evening and they made the most of the advantage.

Upsets muddle picture

Ohio State stands to blow brackets apart

By Andrew Bagnato Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO - Ohio State is sowing doubt in the NCAA tournament seeds. Thanks to the upstart Buckeys, the 65-can field can't be completed until the end of the Big Ten tournament final Studya afternoon at the United Center, With a victory over Himos, the Buckeyes would claim the league's automatic NCAA berths and threaten to blow the brack-ets, anatt.

Inckeyes would claim the league's automatic NCAA berth-and threaten to blow the brackets apart. Eighth seeded OSU's run comes amid a rash of upacts' in conference tournaments nationwide that have sent mantered and professional bracketologists into a fracketologists into a fr

ons and the Ivy League regular-season cham-pion.

That leaves 34 at-large berths, If every top-seeded team won its conference tournament, the at-large selection process would be rela-tively simple. But when a team that would not otherwise merit an at-large invitation snares an automatic berth, it puts the squeeze on teams with marginal resumes. Consider what happened in the Mountain West Conference. Utah and Brigham Young, both assumed to be tournament locks, low in the semifinals Friday night. This doesn't mean Utah to BYU won't also be invided, but it rais-es the possibility that a relatively weak league could place three teams in the field. And that could be bad news for the fourth- or fifth-best teams from major conferences, or second-heat teams in mid-imajors.

teams from major conferences, or second-best teams in mid-majors.
Livengood insisted the committee does not take conference affiliation into account when it is weighting selections.
"We really don't look at conferences per se," Livengood said, "Remember that our charge is to pick the best 34 feams."
The picture became slightly clearer when Southern California, which had a long record, lost to Oregon in the Pac-10 final

Saturday night, and when North Carolina lost to Duke in the Atlantic Coast Conference semifinals.

Ohlo State's Zach Williams (33) and Brent Darby (4) celebrate the Buckeyes' upset of Wisconsin in the

Big Ten tournament Friday in Chicago. The Buckeyes also upset Michigan State Saturday, and will face

semifinals.

But impressive performances by such marginal teams as Texas Tech and North Carolina State could middy the picture Sunday. The Red Raiders, after upending Texas on Friday.

lilinois today for the championship.

took Oklahoma into overtime in the Big 12 semifinals Saturday afternoon. The Wolfpack has reached the ACC final. With those schools making a late push, teams such as Southern Illionis, Butter, Arizona State, Auburn, Wyoning, Boston Please see NCAA, Page C4

"Sometimes they choke."

It wasn't success for every CSI cowboy or cowgirl. The calves in breakaway roping were almost as ornery as the batch in steer wrestling Friday. Only two cowgirls managed to rope their calf, including one on a re-ride, Jeni Garcin of Boise came from the back of the pack to win including one on a re-ride, Jeni Garcin of Boise came from the back of the pack to win with a combined time of 9.1 seconds on two runs. Ashley Multick of Idaho State ended with a 9.7 thanks to her second chance.

CSI's Mini Oleson came into Saturday's event with the second-best time (3.0 seconds), but ran out of arena with a fleet fonted calf.

"We just couldn't catch nothing." Oleson

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Owner: A's won't re-sign Tejada

PHOENIN - The Oakland Athletics will not ofter Migal Tejada a multivear contract to remain with the team after this season, owner Steve Schott said Saturday, acknowledging the AN-cen't afford to keep the ALN'y. Schott said Oakland would not negotiate with the star shortstop, which Tejada was hortized.

Tejada's agents have asked the team to make an offer first. He can become a free

offer first. He can become a free agent after this season.

"I just think the world of bim." Schott said. "The problem is there's also binley in way we can sign Miguel to a long-term contract. The sesten is broken down when only two or three teams can pick up a player of Miguel's caliber and sign him to an eight to 10-by-act contract and pay him the money he deserves. This small-market team with the system we have just can't afford him."

tem we have just can't afford him. Tejada, who has said he wants a long-term deal after this season, would be the second MVP to leave Oakland in three years, some could be the second MVP to leave Oakland in three years, as to the season to the season to the season to the season. The A's did not trade Gamb before he became a free agent and made the playoffs in his final year with Oakland. Schott said the team is not considering trading Tejada during the season because he truly believes the A's can reach the World Series. Tejada has not said how much money he will ask for. He made \$3.55 million tals season and will get \$5 million this year. Tejada his 308 with 34 homerums and 131 RBIs last season to help the A's win 103 games.

Dragila suffers disappointing day

ISU graduate fails to reach pole vault finals

The Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, England — World record holder and Idaho State graduate Stacy Dragila failed to qualify for the final of the women's pole vault at the World Indoor championships on Saturday, spoiling an anticipated showdown against Svetlana

Peofanova
Meanwhile, Dwight Phillips
and Michelle Collins made big
breakthroughs to win gold

breakthroughs to win gold medals.
Phillips uncorked a career-best jump on his last leap to overtake favorite Yago Lamela of Spain and win the long jump for his first major title.
"People haven't really given me much attention," Phillips said. "I just wanted to make my mark here. Now the world knows me."

World Indoor Championships

Collins clocked the third-stest time ever to take gold in

Collins clocked the thirdfastest time ever to take gold in
the women's 200 meters, overcoming a tight hamstring that
fared up in the final straight.
Dragila, the Olympic and twatime world outdoor champion,
failed in three attempts to clear
the qualifying height of 14 feet,
1.25 inches, well short of her
world of 158-25.
On her third attempt, she hung
onto the pole in dismay as the
crowd watched in disbelief.
"What' do you want to talk
about? It was a bad day," Dragila
said, rushing past reporters.
Dragila's elimination derailed
her anticipated showdown with
Russian rival Svetlana
Feofanova, whose world record
Uragila broke March 2.
Feofanova jumped right after
Dragila on Saturday and sailed
over the bar at 14-3.25 on her

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Athletics Ch.

Stacy Dragila falls to clear the bar Saturday at the World Indoor

Area's top senior hoops stars square off Monday

By Scott Thompson Times-News writer

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TWIN FALLS - It's one final fling for the best senior basket-ball players in the Magic and Wood River valleys Monday as the West All-Stars meet up with their counterparts from the East at Baun Gymnasium at Twin Falls High School.

"It should be a good one," East boy's coach Bernard Mussmann suid. "It's an all-star game, so it's going to come down to who gets hot. They're all here for a reason."

The girls game tips off, at 6 p.m. and will be followed by the boys game. Last year, it was a clean sweep for the East as the boys downed the West 105-103 and the girls hammered the west 64-40.

The West girls team looks to be the strongest favorite to bring home a victory, with Jerome's Jennifer Pond and Buhl's Sherry

District Four East-West All-Star Game

Where: Baun Gymnasium, 1
Falls High School
When: Monday
Time: Girls tipoff at 6 p.m.,
followed by the boys game
Einskie Check out the rosters

King giving their squad a decided advantage down low.

advantage down low.

"But it's an all-star game and they tend to feature a lot more up and down and 3-point shooting."
East girls coach Tim Chapman said. "So, maybe that will help us out down low."
Of course, the West girls have a couple of sharp-shooters in Twin Falls." Danielle Malloney and Jerome's Katie Thibault to open

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SPORTS

Bruins beat Madison; Indians roll

TWIN FALLS - Todd Rehbein's two-out single in the fifth inning scored the eventual game-winning for the ventual game-winning and the ventual game-winning for the ventual game-winning and state of the ventual game-winning for the ventual game-winning to spart of a four-run fourth inning to help best Bobcats ace Clayton Mortenson, who still managed 10 strikeouts. Brandon Christiansen's single in the fourth also scored two runs for the Brains (1-0). Twin Falls pitchers Steve Turner and Tim Mealer combined to throw a flyeshiter.

and Tim Mealer combined to throw a five-bitter. In Game 2, Twin Falls led 6-5 through four innings, powered by a three-run home run by Brandon Salinas before play was suspended due to rain. "We saw some good things today." Bruins coach Matt Rasmussen said. "Most of the Arman they scored were off mistakes we made. We have to play a little bit better at Minico." Twin Falls travels to Minico on Twin Falls travels to Minico.

better at Minico."
Twin Falls travels to Minico on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. before returning home Saturday to host Caldwell at 11 a.m.

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Buhl 23, Kimberly 4

BUHL - Buhl broke out for 15
doubles, seven triples and a home
run amid 34 hits in its 19-2, 23-4
sweep of visiting Kimberly
Saturday at Clint Faux Memorial
Diamond in Buhl.
"It was a day of extra base hits."
said Indians coach Ryan Bobo.
Perry Hamilton went 2-for-3 with
a home run and four RBI to lead
Buhl in Game 1. Simon Olsea
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the win.

Buhl (2-0, 1-0 SCIC) hosts Filer on Tuesday at 3 p.m.

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an earned run.
The teams settled for a 1-1 tie in
the nightcap, with Fruitland scoring on a passed ball by Billy
Kramer in the bottom of the sixth
to earn the draw. Tinger added two
more his in Game 2.
Wood River (2-0-1) play at
Middleton on Friday and at Bishop
Kelly on Saturday.

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All-Stars

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Twin Falls baserunner A.J. Stone slides safely into second base under the tag of Madison shortstop Joe Palmer in Game 1 of a doubleheader Saturday morn ing at Bruin Field. Twin Falls won the game 5-4 and was leading Game 2 when

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NEW PLYMOUTH - The Simons brothers combined to throw 15 strikenuts as Glenns Ferry sweet with 51 and 64 if the combined to the strikenuts as Glenns Ferry sweet by the strikenuts as Glenns Ferry sweet of the term of the term Saturday. Senior Zach Simons threw 10 strikenuts in Game 1, while junior Jason Simons added five.

"Our pitching was outstanding for this early in the year," said coach Dennis Uhl. "It was a miserable day. We were lucky to get the games in."

Zach Simons hit a home run in Game 1 while Scot Uhl clobbered one in Game 2.

The Pilots (2-0) travel to Kimberly (9-2) for a 3-30 p.m. doubleheader.

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BUHL - Kimberly split a
Sawtooth Central Idaho Confernce
softball doubleheader at Buhl
Saturday, winning the conference
game, 7-5, in nine innings but dropjing Game 2 13-1.
Stephanie Fowers, Whitney
Bullwinkle and Kayla Lundy all
went 3-for-5 for the Bulldogs (1-1, 10 SCL), and Ordoner and Shorry.

O SCIO).
Stephanie Ordonez and Sherry
King each went 3-for-4 to lead Buhl,
which loaded the bases a couple of
times, said head coach Steve Ordonez.
"We couldn't get that big hit," he

said.
Buhl (1-1, 0-1 SCIC) visits Jerome
on Wednesday for a doubleheader
at 3 p.m. and hosts Filer on
Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

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should be imposing on the block.
Twin Falls Bruin Brent Stokes and Eliys Medina, of Class 1A state-champion Casteford, both bring strong multi-dimensional games into the contest for the West, which should be anchored in the middle by Hagerman's Cooper Bates.
But, as Mussmann pointed out, anybody on any of the teams could step up with big nights. Nobody will be hurting weapons.
And if form holds, nobody should be playing much defense.
The only cat-calls heard at last year's came when the East tried to take the air out of the ball with a few seconds remaining.
At the end of the regulation, the crowd wanted more.

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IDAHO FALLS - Amber Warth
had a career day, recording 17
strikeouts and adding five hits with
three runs batted in and five stolen
bases to lead Minico past Hillcrest,
7.3 and 3.0 in girls nonconference
softball Saturday in Idaho Falls.
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or Minico (20) and Mandy Requa,
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Minico (2.0) hosts Burley on
Tuesday at the Big Valley softball
fields at 3.30 p.m.
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BURLEY - The Burley Bobcat
tennis team swept Bonneville and
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Park, while the Minico Spartans
(fell to both Schools.
None of the teams were playing
at full strength as a variety of
the experienced players from the
rosters of all four teams.
"It was a lot of fun watching
some of the younger players get
out there for really the first time
ever and seeing their excitement
win or lose." Burley coach Shane
Ogden said. "They had fun and are
going to love the game."
Junior Aaron Kirk won both of
his matches on the day while play-

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Minico dropped its opener to Bonneville 9.3 and was rained out in the second match of the day.
"It was great to see our younger players—we're a very young team-go up against experienced players," first-year Spartan coach Karen Forguson said." I think they the seed of the se

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T.F. Rapids 4, Blackfoot 0

TWIN FALLS - James Wentworth, Stefan Schwanebeck, Wilfstam Leonard and Kyle Anderson all scored to give the Twin Falls Rapids Byear-old boys soccer team a 4-0 shutout of Blackfoot Saturday at Ascension Field Devin Johns made five saves for the Rapids (3-1).

Minico boys, Pocateilo girls win at Burley Golf Course

BURLEY - Richard Creason shot an 80 to lead the Minico boys golf team to a win over Highland, Burley and Pocatello Friday at Burley Golf Course. Chase Wadsworth of Highland was medalist with a 79.

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Eagles pull out win to salvage tough weekend

The Times-News

HEMDERSON, Nev. – John Hurd went 2-for-3 with three runs batted in and Casey Oliver added a pair of hits as the College of Southern Idaho beat Community College of Southern Nevada 5-4 Saturday to salvage one win of a four-game weekend set on the road.

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games to lead the league-leading Coyetes.

Hurd produced the game-winning run, a sacrifice fly to score Zack Aakhus in the sixth inning of the nightcap. Earlier, Oliver's bases-loaded two-RBI single in the third gave CSI an early 2-0 lead. Nick Connor led off the fourth with a double before coming around on a Hurd two-run hir for the 4-1 lead.

Ryan Davis picked up the win in relief.

Game 1 saw CSI continue to

in relief.

Game 1 saw CS1 continue to struggle at the plate in scoring opportunities, said CS1 assistant coach Boomer Walker.

"We had a ton of opportunities to get runs. We just had the wrong guy up in all the situations," he said.

tions," he said.

Walker said the Golden Eagles are falling to put the ball into play with less than two outs a lot

of the time.

"It's not like we're hitting it hard at somebody, we're not even putting it into play and making them make plays." he said.
"We're taking a lot of good pitches and swinging at a lot of bad oitches."

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Holding a 1-0 lead after one inning, Game 1 starter Ryan Jones waited through a nearly 1 hour and 10 minute rain delay before returning to the mound, where he "lost his control" with the wait.

But the Eagles had chances to score late, squandering a bases in loaded opportunity in the sixth with one out with a strikeout and age weak pop out. In the seventh, CSI put the first two batters on with ne back-to-back base hits, but Derek McNeil was unable to put a bunt of down to advance the runners before a double play ended the same.

before a usuan, p., game, "We just can't not score in situ-ations like that," Walker said. CSI returns home next week-end hosting nonconference Douglas College Friday and Saturday.

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Recent spending spree leaves Redskins with little flexibility

In the span of 10 days in free agency, the Washington Redskins either set themselves up to win big - or lose badly - over the next

either set themsetves up to wai big – or lose badly – over the next several seasons. Their rapid-fire acquisition of 10 players through early free agent signings, offer sheets and trades gives Coach Steve Spurrier a team he will have to live with for better or worse in the coming seasons. Serious roster retroiling in the short term will be difficult, into impossible because of the salary cap implications.

Just as telling, however, is the fact the attack on the free agent market changed the way the Redskins will play under Spurrier. His offense was designed for big plays last year, but was largely devoid of playmakers.

Now he's got St. Louis Rams

but was largely devoid of play-makers. Now he's got St. Louis Rams-scatoff Trung Canidate to eatch passes out of the backfield and likely will have wide receiver Laveranues Coles to catch them down field. Canidate is incredibly fast - he can run a 4.3 40-yard dash - but he also has a tendency to fumble, which is why he fell into disfavor

in St. Louis.

Coles had a breakout season with the New York Jets, catching 89 halls for 1,264 yards and five touchdowns. But breause he is a restricted free agent as a three-year veteran, the Redskins had to submit an offer sheet the Jets. wouldn't want to match. Washington probably accomplished that with an exorbitant \$13 million sper-year average. The Jets have until Wednesday to decide.

Odds and Ends

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Don't be surprised if the Philadelphia Eagles trade quarterback A. J. Feeley before the draft. They recently signed Koy Detmer as Donovan McNabb's backup and Feeley showed enough during his 5-1 run as a fill-in late in the year to raise his profile. The Denver Broncos got the top quarterback on their list - Plummer - but still haven't filled the void at offensive tackle. They missed on Orlando Brown (Ravens), Flozell Adams (Dallas) and Wayne Gandy (New Orleans) and will have to take a tackle high in the draft.

Rodeo

Continued from C1 said. "You hate to blame the stock. The people who did win, deserved it." Results of bull riding and the final team scores were unavail-able at press time Saturday night.

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Continued from C1 things up down low if need be. "We'll have practice Monday right before the game," West girls coach Kim Remus said. "We just want the girls to have fun." The East girls have Boise Statesignee Whitney Martin, of Minico, and Dietrich's Raysa Parker, who will likely lead the way for that squad. There should be no favorite coming in for the boys game as the East figures to be led be at trio of Class 3A state-champion Declo Hornest in Martin Christensen, Billy Allphin and Spencer Glenn. Down low, Kimberly's Chance Askew and Murtaugh's Ben Roseborough Dragila

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first attempt.

Phillips led from the second round with a leap of 27 feet; but appeared to have lost the gold when Yamela bettered that by 2 inches on his final rum.

On the last jump of the competition, Phillips hit his takeoff perfectly and went 27-2.5 to grab the title. When he saw the result on the scoreboard, he, sprinted across the infield and charged flown the track, warns to the crowd.

have to win. I've been practicing too hard to come out here and lose,"' Phillips said. "I have been in an Olympic final, world championship final, and this was the starting point for me." Miguel Pate, who beat Phillips for the U.S. indoor title, finished third at 26-

11.25.
Collins, known mainly as a 400-meter runner, won new respect as a 200 star.
Running in lane six, she got off to a fast star and pulled away from France's Michal Hurtis. Only Merlene Ottey and

Irina Privalova have run faster.
Gall Devers charged into her first world indoor hurdles final with a championship best time; defending champion Allen Johnson narrowly qualified in fourth place in his semifinal; and world 1,500-meter record holder Regina Jacobs advanced to the finals with the faster qualifying time.
The 36-year-old Devers, who first won a world indoor title in the 60-meter dash 10 years ago in Toronto, won her first heat in 7.92 and then ran a championship

best 7.74 in the semifinal.

In other finals:
With no U.S. men in the field, Britain's
Marion Devonish won the 200 in 20.62
ahead of Joseph Batangdon of
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World-record holder Ashia Hansen of
Britain won the women's triple jump at
49-3, equaling the third best in history.

Moroccas born Dris Maszouzi of
France won the 1,500 in 3 minutes,
42-59 seconds. He finished ahead of
Bernard Lagat of Kenya, who edged him

for the silver medal at the World Outdoor Championships two years ago. Sweden's Stefan Holm won the high jump at 7-8.5. Russia's Irina Korzhanenko won the women's shot at 67-525. Germany's Tim Lobinger won the men's pole vault at 19-0.25. Ethiopia won gold and bronze in the women's 300,00 with Berhame Adere first in 84-0.25, ahead of Spain's Marja Dominguez and countrywoman Meseret Defar.

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final round, CNBC, 4 p.m.

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Open: women's championship ESPN2, 1 p.m.

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

Golf Euro Tour, Qatar Masters, final round, TGC, 7 a.m.
 PGA, The Honda Classic, final round, NBC, 1 p.m. Dodge Dealers 400. Fox, 10:30 a.m.

Baseball

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TRANSACTIONS

Report: Memo links Harrick to Georgia scandal

As the investigation into alleged violations involving Georgia basket-hall coach Jim Harrick continues, those conducting the probe might turn to a specific memo for possible answers.

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College basketball notebook reference to who paid former Bulldog player

Tony Cole's living expenses.

Bulldog player
Tony Cole's living expenses.
"Tony requested Dale Brown and
his foundation to help assist in
housing him while waiting acceptance to UGA," Harrick Jr. wrote in
the memo obtained by the newspa-

tance to UGA," Harrick Jr. wrote in the memo obtained by the newspaper.

Brown defities this, while Cole also alleges that Harrick Jr. paid for the expenses. Harrick Jr. says it's Brown.

But if the NCAA finds that if either of the Harricks are responsible, it could find Georgia guilty of two violations: Paying a signee's living expenses before he enrolled, and lying about it.

The newspaper reported Friday that Georgia and NCAA investigators are apparently homing in and trying to pinpoint how much Harrick Mre. wired SJOD to former Bulldogs assistant coach Jim Harrick Jr., wired SJOD to former Georgia player Tony Cole.

On Monday, school president Michael Adams and athletics directly income the supplementation of the Bulldogs' season was over because two players committed academic fraud in a class taught by assistant coal Harrick Jr.

Massimino resigns as head

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C1.EVELAND - Arms flading, hair disheveled, suit a wrinkled mess, Rollie Massimino still would stomp his feet and dance down the sideline to scream at an official.
What never resurfaced for Massimino still would stomp his feet and dance down the sideline to scream at an official.
What never resurfaced for Massimino was his magic touch.
Massimino seasons as coach at Cleveland State, where he was unable to duplicate the success he had while leading villanova to aimprobable 1985 SCAA title.
Cleveland State hought out the final two years of the 68-year-old Massimino's contract, athletic director Lee Reed said Saturday.
Massimino's team went 8-22 this season and finished last in the nineral most of the conference tournament March 4 against Loyola of Chicago.
Reed credited Massimino with improving Cleveland State's national image, fundraising and his ability to schedule elite programs. But he never got the Vikings to the NCAA tournament or NIT, his teams continually underatherising or falling apart late in the season.
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There were also embarrassing off-the-court problems for the school.

Last year, two former players, Damon Stringer and Jamaal Harris, were convicted of robbins (Ceveland Indians pitcher C.C. Sabathia at gunpoint in a down town hotel. Both are serving four-year prison sentences.

Massimino recently dismissed leading scorer Modibo Niakate from the team for unspecified disciplinary reasons. Earlier in the season, two other players transferred.

Massimino, who keeps a home me Florida during the offseason, did not return a phone message seeking comment Saturday.

The fiery Massimino took over at Cleveland State in 1996 after two seasons at UNLV. He hoped to build Cleveland State - which made its only NCAA tournament appearance in 1986 - into a midmajor power. But after a promising start, the program sputtered, going 90-113 under Massimino. Massimino forever will be linked to one of the greatest upsets in NCAA tournament history, when eighth-seeded Villanova stunned defending champion Georgetown in the 1985 championship game.

Massimino spent 19 seasons at Villanova, compiling a 355-241 in two seasons with the Runnin Rebels.

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Third time a charm: Pitt captures Big East

Knight was up until 2 a.m. receiving treatment on his injured ankle. He got up early Saturday morning for more. He had to be ready for Pittsburgh's third Big ready for Pittsburgh's third Big East championship game in as

morning for more. He had to be ready for Pittsburgh's third Big East champion-ship game in as many years.

Despite limping around the Madison Square Garden court, Knight led the fifth-ranked Panthers to the first their in school history, 74-56 over Connecticut on Saurday ngthing. He said, "The only, way to-miss it would have been if Loudhit' walk."

Knight, who was injured in the semifinal win over Boston College, and fellow seniors bonatas Zavackas and Onario Lett all got to share in the celebration for the first time as the Panthers (26-4) ended their two-tile game lossing streak with their defense, the upper classmen's life and so the part of the panthers (26-4) ended their two-tile game lossing streak with their defense, the upper classmen's leadership and hig countributions from some of the underclassmen. Connection (24-9), which bear Pittsburgh 74-65 in double over time in last year's championship game, managed just six points were the final six minutes as the Panthers pulled away.

The Huskies were trying to the Georgetown's record of six tournament titles and this one would have been very special for coard jim Calhourn, who missed five games during the season for prisate cancer surgery.

Pac-10 tournament Oregon 74, Southern California 66

Southern California 66

LOS ANGELES - Luke
Ridmur had 18 points and mine
assists, Luke Jackson added 17
points and Oregon defeated
Southern California 74-61
Conference tournament title.
Fifth-seeded Oregon (23-9)
became the lowest seed to win
and the only other champion
besides Arizona and UCLA in the
tournament's vis-year history.
The Ducks won their first two
games, against Arizona Satae and
UCLA, by one point each.

Big Ten tournament No. 13 Illinois 73, Indiana 72 Ohio State 55 Michigan State 54

Michigan State 54
CHICAGO - Brian Cook scored
25 points and hit two free throws
with 5.2 seconds left as No. 13
Illimois held off Indiana's late
charge to with 73-72 in the Big Ten
Illimois CAGA ovill play Ohio
State on Sunday for the title and
the automatic NCAA tournament
bid. The surprising Buckeyes won
their third Straight Saturday,
beating Michigan State 55-54.
Tom Coverdale scored 19 of his
21 points in the second half, making four 3-pointers to lead the
Hoosiers (21-11).

Big 12 tournament Missouri 68. No. 4 Kansas 63

No. 6 Oklahoma 67, Texas Tech 60, OT

Texas Tech 60, 0T
DALLAS – Missouri had plenty
of motivation.
Sure, the Tigers wanted to get
into the Big 12 championship
game and leave no doubt about
their chance of making the NCAA
tournament. More importantly,
they wanted to avenge a couple
of close to Kansas.
They accomplished all bree of
those goals with one win
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They accomplished all three of those goals with one win Saturday.

Rickey Paulding stored 21 points, including five 3-pointers, and the Tigers railled to beat No. 4 Kansas 68-63 in the semifinal of the Big 12 tournament. Missouri is in the final for the first time since 1997, the league's first season.

The Tigers (21-9) had lost five straight to their border-state rivial, including both games this season, 75-70 and then 79-74 in the regular-season finale Sunday for Missouri's only loss at home this season.

College basketball

Kansas (25-7), which won the regular-season Big 12 crown, didn't score after Aaron Miles made a layup to tie the game at 63 with 345 left.

63 with 3:15 left.
Hollis Price made up for a cost-ly mistake in the final half-minute of regulation by scoring four of his 26 points as Oklahoma (2.3-6) advanced to its fourth straight Big 12 title game

ACC tournament North Carolina State 87, No. 9 Wake Forest 83 No. 12 Duke 75. North Carolina 63

ROTIN CAROLINA 63
GRIENSBORO, N.C. - Julius
Hudge scored a career-high 31
points, and North Carolina. State
used a flurry of A-pointers to
advance to the Atlantic Coast
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The Wolfpack (1941) are going
back to the championship game
for the second straight year and
third time in coach Herb
Sendek's seven seasons. They will
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Sendek's seven seasons. They will play Duke. Josh Howard led Wake Forts-(24-5) with 24 points and 12 rebounds but scored just seven in the second half. Duke moved into position for a fifth straight Atlantic Coast Conference title, getting 19 points from Daniel Ewing in the tourna-ment semifinals.

SEC tournament No. 2 Kentucky 78, Auburn 58 Mississippi State 76, LSU 61

LSU 61

NEW ORLEANS - With highly ranked teams falling all around, Kentucky just keeps on winning. Early Daniels came back from a scary fall to score 17 points, and the No. 2 Wildcarts blew out Auburn in the second half for a 78-58 victory in the Southeaster Conference tournament semifinds.

Conference tournament semin-nals.

The Wildcats will meet Mississippi State in Sunday's title game, vying for their 24th tourna-ment championship after going 16-0 in the SEC during the regu-

reco m me SEC during the regular season.

Timmy Bowers of Mississippi State, scored 26 points and shot 6-09 from 3-point range to lead the Bulldogs to a 76-61 win over LSU in the SEC tournament semifinals.

Mountain West tournament Colorado St. 62, UNLV 61

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LAS VEGAS - Brian Greene
had 22 points including the game
vinium; jumper visit 5.7 seconds
left and fournament MVP Mat Neborn added 17 points as visitseed Colorado State stunned
UNIV 62-61 to win the Mountain
West Conference tournament
Saurday night.
The Rams (20-13) won, despite
topic Noval Colorado State stunned
UNIV 62-61 win the Mountain
West Conference tournament
Saurday night.

The Rams (2013) won, despite thosing Nelson to a head injury in the final 11:17. They outscored UNLV 14-3 over the final 4:16.

Marcus Banks scored 16 points to lead UNLV (21-11), which had a final chance for the win, but Banks shot from halfcourt bounded hard off the backboard at the buzzer.

WAC tournament Tulsa 75, Nevada 64

TULSA, Okla. - Dante Swanson scored 23 points and Kevin Johnson added 18 as Tuks vin Johnson added 18 as Tuks vin the Western Athletic Conference tournament, giving the Golden Hurricane their third trip to the NCAA tournament in four seasons.

rip to the NCAA tournament in four seasons. The tournament bid salvages a season for Tulsa (22-9) that seemed ruined a month ago after three consecutive lowest dropped its record to 11-7. Since then, Tulsa has won 11 of 13 games. Terrance Green led Nevada (18-13) with 16 points, and Kirk Snyder had 14. The Wolf Pack missed an opportunity to get their first NCAA tournament berth since 1985.

No. 20 Louisville 83, UAB 78

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. – Luke Whitehead's 17 points and 14 rebounds led 20th-ranked Louisville past Alabama-Birmingham 83-78 Saturday for the Conference USA tournament championship.
The 6-foot-7 junior had double-doubles in all three of the Cardinale games, finishing with a tournament-record 37 rebounds, and was selected the tourney's NVP. Fittingly. Whitehead sealed Saturday's victory with a rebound.

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Moris Finley scored 20 points, and Demartio Eddins had 18 points and 12 rebounds for the Blazzers (19-12), who led by six early in the second half but finally showed the effects from playing four games in four days.

Atlantic-10 tournament

Atlantic-10 tournament
No. 22 Dayton 79, Temple 72
DAYTON, Ohio – Sean Finn
scored a careerhigh 20 points as
No. 22 Dayton put the finishing
touch on its best home season for,
its first Atlantic 10 tournament
title.
It was Dayton's first tournament championship of any sort
since 1990, giving the Flyers (2450 their first NCAA berth since
2000. It came in the most appropriate setting.

MAC tournament

C. Michigan 77, Kent St. 67

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CLEVELAND – J.R. Wallace
slung his left arm over the trophy
and squeezed it tightly.
Chris Kaman scored 25 points
and T.J. Meerman added a careerhigh 16 as Central Michigan (246)
defeated Kent State 77-67
Saurdas might to win the MoSaurdas might to win the MoNCAA tounament since 1987.
Kaman, the MAC player of the
year, added 13 rebounds, five
assists, four blocks and countless
altered shots.

MEAC tournament S. Carolina St. 72. Hampton 67

Hampton 67
RICHMOND, Va. – South
Carolina State found itself in a
familiar position against two-time
defending champion Hampton
(19-11) in the Mid-Eastern
Attheir Conference tournament
championship game Saturday.
After less than eight minutes,
the Bulldogs trailed 26-6. Thai
didn't sop them from rallying to
win 72-67, clinching their fifth
SCAA tournament berth and firs
since 2000. Earlier this season,
the Bulldogs trailed Hampton 22-4 before coming back to win.

America East tournament Vermont 56. Boston University 55

Boston University 55
BOSTON - David Hoth hit a
Dofont jumper with 5.6 seconds
left to give Vermont a 56-55 win
over Boston University in the
America East finals and its first
NCAA tournament bid.
Matt Shelfic scorred 23 points to
lead the Catamounts (21-11), who became the league's first No. 2
seed to beat a No. 1 seed in the
tournament title game.
Chat Carr came up short on a
3-pointer as time expired for the
terriers, last year's tournament
champions About 700 Vermont
lans who made the trip down to
Boston rushed the court to celebrate.

SWAC tournament Texas Southern 77. Alcom St. 68

Alcom St. 68
BIRMINGHAM, Ala, — Allan Lovett scored 23 points and Ra'Kim Hollis had 18 points and nine assists as Texas Southern the Southwestern Athletic Conference the Southwestern Athletic Conference the Stutches, The Tigers (18-12), who went to the NCAA tournament in 1990, 34 and '95, also got 12 points from Lonel Willis. Brian Jackson had 19 points and eight rebounds to lead Alcom State (14-19), last year's conference champion.

FROM ORDINARY TO EXTRAORDINARY

20 years later, N.C. State upset remains a miracle

By Hal Bock Associated Press writer

Every year, Selection Sunday finds teams perched precarious-ly on the NCAA tournament bubble, also-rans hoping that when the committee finishes placing the heavyveights and no-brainers, it finds room for

placing the heavyweights and no-brainers, it finds room for them.

Twenty years ago, North Carolina State arrived at the ACC tournament in just that condition, equipped with a 17-10 record, its NCAA prospects shaky, considering only 48 teams were invited in those days.

The record was excusable. "We played the No. 1 team six times that season," said Dereck Whittenburg, then N.C. State's shooting guard and now coach at Wagner College. "We played North Carolina with Michael Jordan. We played Virginia with Alaph Sampson."

The ACC was loaded, and N.C. State was not, The Wolfpack had a nice team led by Whittenburg and Sidney Lowe in the backcourt. Coach Jim Valvano convinced them that they were more than the sum of their parts.

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"Win one game," Valvano to this team on the eve of the ACC tournament. "One win-gets us."

Instead, they won the whole thing, beating Wake Forest by one point in the opener, then North Carolina in overtime and Virginia by three to become unlikely ACC champs and get an automatic NCAA berth.

In the NCAA tournament, it was more of the same. They opened with a double overtime victory over Pepperdine and followed that with one-point wins over UNLV and Virginia. Suddenly, the Wolfpack were in the Final Four.

By then, Valvano had them convinced anything was possible. He was a glib glad-hander perfectly suited for coaching basketball, first at low-profile lona, then at high-profile North Carolina State.

Whittenburg and Lowe hab before arriving at N.C. State. Whittenburg recalled that the first time they encountered Valvano, they were playing in the Boston Shootout, a showcase for high school players.

The coach embraced them and introduced himself. "I love you guys," he said. "I'm Jim Valvano, I own a college." Whittenburg and Lowe looked at each other. "You own a college" one of them said.

Valvano grinned and reeled in the bait.

the bait.
"No, no," he said. "Iona College."

Conege."

The players laughed and went off to N.C. State. A year later, Valvano was hired to coach the Wolfpack and arrived still grinning. "From Day 1, he talked cham-

pionships," Whittenburg sald.
"He talked about dreaming: He said, 'If you believe it's possible,'
"He made us believe."

said, If you believe it's possible, "He made us believe we could win. We just followed him. He cared about us as people. That?" why we had so much passion. At the end of the day, the guy cared about us, "said Whittenburg, whose Wagner College team made it to the NCAA tournament of Wednesday by winning the Northeast Conference tournament championship. Valvano's training table con-sisted of large Italian meals, with plenty of pasta, and singa-longs.

sisted of large Italian meals, with plenty of pasta, and singalongs.
Valvano - who would succumb to cancer in 1993 - offerod insight to this team, homilies such as "God must love ordinary people can do extraordinary things."
Never more than in the Final Funz 20 years ago.
In the semifinals, Houston put on a dunking display against a talented Louisville team, and N.C. State heat Georgia. Valvano was suitably humble about his team's chances on the day before the championship game, with Akeem (later Hakeem) Olajinvon, Clyde Drexler and the rest of Phi Slamma Jama waiting for the Wolfpack.

Wolfpack.
The feeling was there was no way Valvano's team could stay with Houston's high wire act. But the Wolfpack had other ideas. At halftime, NC State led 33-25. In the dressing room, Valvano offered no Xs and Os, no deep strategy to pull off the moset.

"All he said was, 'Twenty more minutes to make the dream come true," Whittenburg

dream come true," Whittenburg said.

In the final minute of the game, the score was tied at 52.
"The huddle was chaotic," Whitenburg remembered. With the shot clock still three years away, N.C. State had all kinds of time for one shot to win it.
"They came out in a 1.3-1 tran," Whittenburg said. "We had no idea what to do. We shad no idea what to do. We state in a caughe of times."

The last time was when Benny Anders got his hand on the final pass to Whittenburg grabbed ir. For a moment, the hall was free. Then Whittenburg grabbed it with two hands and little time to do anything but shoot.

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"They didn't recruit me to pass," he said.

Thirty-five feet from the baseket, the shooting guard shot.

Thirty-live feet from the basket, the shooting guard shot.
Airball!
"I never thought it was going to be short," Whittenburg said.
'I thought it was going in. I thought I was in range."
Under the basket, Lorenzo Charles reacted immediately, snatching the ball and stuffing it in -a highlight for the ages.
Final score: North Caroling State 54, Houston 52.
In a moment, the court became bedlam, players hugging each other, Valvanor racing around, looking for somebody to grab. N.C. State had pulled off a miracle.
Sometimes, ordinary people

Sometimes, ordinary people do extraordinary things.

Lady Techsters rout Fresno for second title:

TULSA, Okla. (AP) – Cheryl Ford grabbed a conference-record 25 rebounds and Trina Frierson had 18 points to lead Louisiana Tech to its second straight Western Athletic Conference tournament title and automatic bid to the NCAAs. Trina Frierson added 18 points as Louisiana Tech (29-2) completely dominated the game and won its 27th straight to extend the nation's longest winning strack. The Lady Techsters went 180 in the conference during the regular season. Lindsny Logan had 15 points to lead Freson State (19-12). The third trip of the WAC final, a year after going \$-20.

Blg 12 tournament No. 5 Texas 67. No. 8 Texas Tech 57

DALLAS - Stacy Stephens scored 16 points and No. 5 Texas hit all six of its free throws in the final two minutes to beat No. 8 Texas Tech 67-57 Saturday night, giving the Longhorns their first Big 12 Conference tournament title.

Women's Top 25

Texas (25-5) trailed most of the Texas (25.5) trailed most of the game and was down by ning points with just under 14 minutes left, looking nothing like the team that came in with a 12 game winning streak. While Texas gets the automatic NCAA bid, the Red Raiders (26.5) are assured an at-large bid.

Big West tournament No. 17 UC Santa Barbara 68,

Pacific 50

ANAHEIM, Calif. - Kristen
Mann scored 17 points and
Lindsay Taylor had 16 and 12
rebounds to lead UC Santa
Barbara to its seventh straighe
Big Weat Conference tournament title.

The top-seeded Gauchos (264)
will enter the NCAA tournament having won eight consecutive games and 15 of their last
16.

16. Gillian d'Hondt had 20 points for the second-seeded Tigers (16) 14), who had won nine straights:

NCAA. ntinued from C1.

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College and Gonzaga will sweat
out Sunday.
While there's confusion about
the at-large selections, there
also may be controversy over
the coveted No. 1 seeds Arizona
and Texas, both projected as
No. 1s, lost in their respective
conference quarterfinals.
Livengood said the committee
thosan't good to punish a school
for sufferthatan upset in its cop-

ference playoffs. Nevertheless,
an untimely loss could hurt.
"A team can always lose a No.
1 seed," Livengood said. "But
go back to our concept of looking at a season-long process, a
body of work if you will. Really,
we look at what's happened
throughout the whole season. A
loss in a conference tournament
doesn't necessarily mean a team,
"All the confusion has created

an opportunity for Illinois to improve to perhaps a No. 3

improve to perings a No. 3 seed. The Fighting Illini had been projected as no better than a lifth seed when the conderence tournaments it speed off, flucture than the conderence as the seed of the seed of the conderence as the seed of the seed of

| Coach's act

offers hope for

CHCAGO - If college basketball is going to hell in a hand basket, as has been suggested, then there's a decent chance the basket was woven under-water in a course approved by St.

water in a course approved by St. Bonaventure.
Von might have become acquainted with the Bonnies' case while watching the NCAA go through one of its regular debussing sessions. St. Bonaventure's president resigned and its baskethall team voted to forfeit the rest of the season after the school declared junior Jamil Terrell meligible because he didn't meet the NCAA's guidelines for junior-college transfers.

transfers.
"Didn't meet guidelines" is an offi-cial way of saying, "Although impres-

college hoops

Hull nets milestone as Red Wings ice Avs

DETROIT (AP) - Brett Hull scored his 709th goal to pass Mike Gartner for fifth place on the NHL's career list as the Detroit Red Wings beat the Colorado Ayalanche 5-3 on



Colorado Avalanche 5-3 on Saurday, Hull, who has 30 goals this season, trails Phil Esposito (717), Marcel Dionne (731), Gordie Howe (801) and Wayne Gretzky (894).
Pavel Datsyuk, Brendan Shanahan, Sergei Fedorov and Jor Larionov also scored for the defending Stanley Cup champions, who have won 14 of their last 16 games. Steven Reinprecht. Rob Purch. last 16 games. Steven Reinprecht, Rob Blake and Derek Morris scored for Colorado.

Devils 3, Rangers 1

Devils 3, Rangers 1

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. –
PATTIE Elia's poal and assist helped New Jersey clinch a playoff berth.

Pascal Rheaume and Scott Stevens also scored, and Martin Brodeur made 16 saves as the Pevils ended a two game losing streak and qualified for the playoffs for the seventh straight year.

Manthal 2.

year.
Matthew Barnaby scored for the Rangers, who have nine games left to move ahead of Montreal and the New York Islanders into the final spot in the Eastern Conference.

Flyers 4, Penguins 1

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PITTSBURGII - Jeremy Ruenick scored two power-play goals in the second period and added an assist for Philadelphia. John Leclair scored his second goal in as many games since suffering a shoulder injury Nov. 27, and Marty Murray also scored for Philadelphia. Toy Amonte, acquired from Phoenix this week, had three assists and has five points in two games with the Flyer. this week, had three assists and has five points in two games with the Flyers.

Guillaume Lefebvre scored for the Penguins.

Bruins 4, Panthers 1

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BOSTON – Jonathan Girard broke a tie early in the third period, and Jeff Hackett stopped 24 shuts for floston. The Bruins won for the fifth time in seven games (54-104) to move within one point of Washington in the race for the sixth playoff spot in the



Eastern Conference.
P. J. Axelsson, Mike Knuble and Martin Lapointe added mods for Boston, Marcus Nilson goals for Boston. Marci scored for the Panthers.

Maple Leafs 1, Canucks 0

Maple Leafs 1, Canucks 0
VANCOUVER. British
Columbia - Owen Nolan stored
a power-play goal with 51 seconds left in the second period
and Ed Bellour made 23 saves as
Toronto beat Vancouver.
With Matt Cooke in the box
for charging. Nolan parked himself in the slot and one-timed
Nik Antropov's pass over the
glowe-side shoulder of rookie
poalic Alex Aud.
Nolan has pounts in all four
games with the Maple Leaft
since being acquired from San
goals in howgames against
Vancouver.
Belfour has seven shutouts
this season.

Islanders 5, Senators 2 OTTAWA -

Hurricanes 0, Kings 0

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RALEIGH, N.C. — Los
Angeles' Cristobal Huet made
30 saves and Carolina's Kevin
Weekes stopped 23 shos
Each goadin made a few key
saves in the overtime to preserve the shittoni, which ended
when Huet gloved Bret
Hedican's shot from the left side
tops before the find from it was just before the final fiorn. It was Huet's first shutout of his career, and Weekes' fifth of the season.

Weinhandl scored two goals and Garth Snow made 31 saves for

Garth Snow made 31 saves on New York. The 18 Linders moved five points ahead of Montreal for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference, and a snapped an 11-game windess streak against the Senators – the NIII.'s top-olal.

club.
Dave Scarchard, Roman
Hamrik and former Senator
Alexei Vashin also sorted for
the Islanders, Bryan Smolinski
and Marian Hossa scored for
Ottawa.

Lightning 2, Canadiens 1

MONTREAL - Ben Clymer scored with 9.34 left in the third as Tampa Bay remained unde-feated in its last five games (3-0-

2). Alexander Svitov also scored, and Nikolai Khabibulin made 23 saves for the Lightning, who opened a three-point lead on Washington for first in the Southeast Division with 82

ants. Jan Bulis scored for Montreal.

Thrashers 5, Sabres 3

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ÅTLANTA - Slava Kozlov scored the goathead goal with 402 left and llya Kovalchuk set a Thrashers record with his 3drd.

The Thrashers won their 24th game, breaking the team record set two seasons ago. Dany Heatley ned his point total from last season with a goal and an assist. He has 67 points.

Luthos Bartecko also scored, and Mare Sarveth and emptynet goal. Taylor Pyatt, Alex

New Jersey Devils goal-tender Martin Brodeur makes a save on this shot by New York Rangers' Anson Carter during the third period Saturday

In East Rutherford, N.J. The Devils won

Kotalik and Tim Connolly scored for Buffalo.

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Marc Denishad 24 sayes to his careet-high frouth shuton of the season, and Anthrew Cassels sensed twice as Columbus set a franchise record with five first-period gods.

goals.

Cassels set a Blue Jackets record when he scored pust 16 seconds in, and Mike Sillinger, David Ling and Ray Whitney also scored for Columbus.

Blues 1, Predators 0
NASHVILLE, Ferm. - Coxy
Stillman stored with from min
ress left, and Chris Osgond
stopped 35 shots in his St. Louis
debut.
Pavol Demitra sent the puck
of the boards, and the prock shi
across the crease as goalie Tomas
Vokomi skated back in from of
the goal. Stillman scored his 22nd
of the season when he poked the
puck under Vokoun's left leg.

Blues 1. Predators 0

Blue Jackets 5, Wild 0

"Dulat't meet goudelines" is an official way of saying, "Although impressive in analy, toolbelt sort of way, a certificate in welding at the first of welding at Coast at Georga Community College does not count toward eligibility."

The Bonnies shot 42.5 percent from the floor this season, so maybe the thinking was it couldn't thurt to have someone around with a metal visor and a blowtorch to work on the rims. The temptation is to react to the recent sins of St. Bonaventure, Villamora, Fresno State and Georgia by curling up in the fetal position and giving up. The temptation is to force yourself to forget about college sports and move on to something more wholesome, such as reallity TV shows. I sat at the United Center watching Minnesota take on Northwestern in the Big. Ten tournament Thursday. What that game told me-other tham the fact that foo many laus called in sick from work-is that college basketball is not any further down the ethical drain than it was four years ago. That's because we've been guigling near the buttom of that drain for a long time, foureyer maybe, Not to pick on the Big. Ten, but if we fust focus on this proud conference alone, we could full up a rap sheet as long as one of Yao MingSarms.

In 1999 Minnesota had to wacte its 1997 Final Four appearance when a fourner tutor admitted writing papers for players. The roach, Clem Haskins, was treds.

In 1998 Northwestern had to deal with a gambling scandad in which some of its former bosketball players purportedly had trued to play poorly to affect the outcome of games. The biggest question back then was how anyone would ever have known when word MY was really playing badly and when it was pretending. So there were the two schools facing off Thursday, with the Wildcast upsetting the Golden Gophers and probably making sumeone in the state of Minnesota wonder out loud whether the reinstitution of cheating would be such a bad dee. Look around. Michigan continues to reel troin the Ed Martin scandal lowa has had to deal with the controvery surrounding its handling of a player accused of sexual assault. Ohio State has had its share of problems over the past flyears. And so on So, yes, there is a happy ending here: Trouble has always been around.

Perhaps the most interesting deed-poment of the past flyears And so on the flow of the past week was the news that Texas Tech coach Bob Knight was giving back his \$250,000 salary to the school because his didn't live up to expectations.

The gesture is interesting as the general reaction to it What a naked public relations ploy.

All I know is that, even if it is a public relations ploy, no one else has had the guts to do it.

All know is that, even if one year's safe that had the guts to do it.

Say what you want about Knight-and I have for years-but don't say he lives by the same standards most people do. This would explain his had behavior, yes, but it also would explain some of the deecn things he does.

Leart even guess at Knight's motivation here, so perhaps it's best just to ficus on the goodness of the deed. The \$250,000 goes back to the university and, hopefully, will be used wisely.

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How many coaches say they take responsibility but really mean, "Our point guard is a choker, and my niece, whose growth was stunted by cigarette smoking, can rebound better than our center?"
You can bet that Knight will do something in the future that will make eyeballs roll and stomachs lurch. But for now, after a week of more messiness in college basketball, maybe he deserves a little credit.

it.
Better to focus on that than the future power forwards/welders of America.

· Rick Morrissey is a columnist for the Chicago Tribune.

Lakers pull into tie with Utah for playoff spot

MILWAUKEE (AP)
Shaquille O'Neal scored 24
points and Kobe Bryant added
20, including four in the final 36
seconds, as the Los Angeles
Lakers erased an 18
Lakers erase

t loss. Bucks (32-34) dropped

The Bucks (32-34) dropped into a tie with Washington for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Bryant hit a 20-foot jumper with Gary Payton guarding him tightly to give the Lakers a 96-97-lead with 36 seconds to go. Grasell made a 3-pointer with 6 seconds left and Bryant hit two free throws with 4.9 seconds to go for the final score.

Wizards 89, Heat 82

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WASHINGTON - Jerry
Stackhouse scored 37 points,
and the Washington Wizards
rediscovered defense in the second half to gain control of a
close game and beat the ManiHeat #982 Saturday night.
Michael Jordan added 19
points for the Wizards, who
need a victory in nearly all of
their few precious remaining
home games to keep pace in the
Eastern Conference playoff
race. Washington had lost five
of seven overall to fall into
ninth place, and it plays I it
is final 16 on the road.
Brian Grant had 16 points
and 11 rebounds for the Heat,
who have lost six of seven.
Travis Best also scored 16
points.

Magic 96, Hornets 86

ORLANDO, Fla. - Tracy McGrady had 33 points, nine rebounds and five assists, and the Orlando Magic handed the New Orleans Hornets just their third loss in 13 games.

Gordan Giricek had 13 points and seven rebounds, while Drew Gooden added nine points and I rebounds. Orlando (34-33), which had lost three of its last four, avoided a drop below. 500 for the first time in two weeks. David Wesley scored 24 points, nine in the first quarter, to lead the Hornets.

Celtics 81, Pistons 71

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. -Paul Pierce scored 33 points as the Boston Celtics atoned for one of their most dubious loss-

one of their most dubious losses.

It was the first meeting between the teams since Detroit won 118-66 on Jan. 31 in Boston – the most lopsided loss in the Celtics' long history. The 52-point margin also was the largest in the Pistono' history. Antoine Walker addied 17 points for the Celtics, who have won seven of 10.

Chauncey Billups scored 19 points and Ben Walker laddee had 21 rehounds to lead Detroit, which had won four straight.



Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal slams one in against kee's Anthony Mason in the first half Saturday in Milv

English, Wilkins return to the NBA - on the same bench

ATLANTA (AP) - Dominique Wilkins, the "Human Highlight Film" during his playing days, sat on the Atlanta Hawks' bench before a recent game, his 5/oot-7 frame sprawled across two chairs.

On the court, Hall of Famer Alex English ran players the bull out instructions while passing the ball around.

'Two of the top 11 scorers in NBA history, they're now part of the same coaching staff.

'Sit's an honor to work with those guys every day," Atlanta guard Jason Terry said.

English originally was hired by the team as director of player development, but when head coach Lon Kruger got fired in December, English became, the top assistant for new coach revry Sity. Wilkins has been top assistant for new coach Tarry Stotts. Wilkins has been back with the Hawks for nearly three seasons.

At first, he had a mostly cere-monial role as a special assis-tant to the executive vice presi-dent. But in October, he took on the additional responsibilities of an assistant in player devel-opment and now sits on the Hawks' sideline during home games and attends most prac-tices.

Hawks' sideline during home games and attends most practices.
"I love it," Wilkins said.
"Working with these young guys, trying to help them out. There's nothing like it."
Well, It might be better if Atlanta were winning more. The Hawks are barely in playoff contention as the season winds down, their preseason playoff guarantee to season-ticket holders seemingly a marketing ploy gone awry.
Through Saturday, Hawks were 27-39, 5.5 games out of the final playoff berth in the Eastern Conference with 16 games left.

During sames at mostly empty Philips Arena, English and Wilkins often are the main attractions, drawing cheers when they walk on the court and signing autographs after games. Attendance is so small at most games that it's not unusual to hear fans shout for the two coaches to suit up and play, "it's nice to be appreciated," Wilkins said.

They occasionally do play after practice, taking on a couple of members of the younger generation in a bit of 2-on-2.

"We don't always win, but we win sometimes," English said. "It's nice to know you can still show these guys a thing or two every now and then."

Terry already knew. As a member of the Hawks for four seasons, he's very familiar with what Wilkins did for the team as a player, And just recently,

he got the chance to watch one of English's old games on ESPN

of English's old games on ESPN Classic.
"I was kind of surprised, though." Terry said, a smile forming. "Coath English always talks about defense, rebound-ing, making the extra pass, but from what I saw, all he was doing was shooting." English has a simple explana-tion: Check the stats. "Don't worry about points, look at my rebounds and assists," he said. For the record, he averaged

assists, "he said.
For the record, he averaged
5.5 rebounds and 3.6 assists
during his career.
But English and Wilkins are
best known as scorers. Wilkins
finished his career with 26,668
points, good for ninth in league
history, and English's total of
25,631's III.
, "Those guys were gunners,
man," said Los Angeles
Clippers coach Dennis Johnson,

who played against English and Wilkins for most of his career. "They could fill it up. "But they were more than just scorers. Nique was a great rebounder, and Alex did all the little things to help his team win. They both were winners."
When he left the NBA as a player, Wilkins was seventh in career scoring. Yet when the league announced its top 50 players of the first 50 years, he was left off the list, a decision that still bothers him.
"That hurt. I feel like I did everything I could when I played." Wilkins said. "People say we never won when I was in Adlanta, but we made the playoffs every year.

South of the work of the say we never won when I was in Adlanta, but we made the playoffs every the say we never won when I was in Adlanta, but we so were there. Magic Johnson, Islah Thomas - those guys lobbled pretty hard for me after it was over, and that was nice."

Love III fires second straight 65



Davis Love III tees off on the first hole during the Henda Classic tne Henda Class Saturday, Love leads by one stroke heading into today's final

Leonard's 64 lands him in final group with Love at Honda Classic

PALM BEACH GARDENS,
Flat (AP) - Davis Love III

Goff top player in the Honda
Classic field
He showed sley Stunday.
The only player in the tournament among the top 10 in the
world was 2-maler through the
final 11 holes of the third round,
and wound up with a second
straight 65.
Love is 20 under at 196, and
carries a one-shot lead into
Sunday's final round.
Justin Leonard birdied the
final six holes to shoot an 8
under 64 and will join Love and
short-game specialist Chris
Riley (65) in the final group.

Kane bounces back at Welch's-Fry's Championship

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15 and parred out for a 54-hole total of 18 under 192. Christina Kim shot a 62 on her 19th birth day and claimed sole possession of second at 193. Wallon and playing partner Wendy Dodan will begin the trust round two shots off the pace, thotan carded a 67 to Mallon 70.

Darkness stalls third round of Qatar Masters

DOHA, Quar - South Africa's James Kingston was 9 under through four holes of the third round of the Quar Masters when play suspended because of dark-ness.

ess. England's David Howell was vo strokes back, also through

four holes of the third round.
Wales' Ian Woosnam and Italys Costantino Rocca missed the cut after officials limited the field for the final two rounds to the top 50 players and ties.

Rain forces officials to cut SBC Classic short

SANTA CLARITA, Calif. -Rain forced Champions Tour offi-cials to call off play in the SBC Classic, reducing the event to 36 hales.

holes.
Gil Morgan took the lead Friday with a 7-under 65. John Schroeder opened with a 66, Tom Purtzer and James Mason shot 67s, and Sammy Rachels and Allen Doyle had 69s.

Jaguars lock up former **Eagles linebacker Douglas**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) -Hugh Douglas was looking for a team, and the Jacksonville Jaguars were seeking impact

team, and the Jacksonville players.

The result was the somewhat unexpected five-year, \$27 million contract the former Eagles pass rusher signed Saturday with the Jaguars, who have their salary cap back in order and are suddenly one of the most active teams in free agency.

One of the most coveted players in this year's free agency.
One of the most coveted players in this year's free agent class, Douglas will join former Colt this backer Mike with the salary cap back in order and any signed a \$20 million of the most active teams in free agency.

Signed Toxion linebacker Keith Mitchell to a low-price contract, as new cach Jack Del Rio attempts to upgrade speed and talent and make Jacksonville competitive again.

"I'm excited. This is a young upand-coming defense," Douglas said. "It reminds me of when Andy Reid came to Philadelphia - the concept of building a good, young team and making a run for the playoffs."

ers.
The Jaguars also signed free-agent fullback Marc Edwards, who spent the past two seasons who spent the past two seasons with the New England Patriots.

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Hewitt handles Spadea in semis at Indian Wells

INDIAN WELLS, Calif (AP) -Llevton Hewiri played cautiously in the first set and took complete control in the second, beating qualifier Vince Spadea 7 of 65, 6 1 Saturday to reach the Pacific Life Open final. The topraniked Hewitt is coming off a virtory last weekend at Sentisdale, Ariz, and also is the defending, champion at Indian Wells. INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) -

fells.

He will face the wanter of the fustavo Knertin-Rainer He will face the winner of the Gustavo Knortin-Romer Schuettler seminial, which was delayed by rain with Knorten winning the Irrst set b-2 Schuettler win in first game of the second set.

Both tournament finals are Sunday, with Lindsay Davenport facing Kim Glisters - Hewitt's girllineid - for the women's title.

The 28-year old Spadea, who has made only two finals and hasn't won a title since turning pro 10 years ago, played flewittough in the first set but eventually brokels.

ally buckled.

Appearing in his first Tennis
Masters Series semifinal, Spadea
holds the dubious distinction of
the tour's longest losing streak –
21 straight defeats stretching
from 1999 to 2000.

from 1999 to 2000. He made it to the Indian Wells

semitimal by bearing another U.S. qualifier, Bran Valialy, 6.3, 6.2 in the quatertimals.
Hewiti - the 2001 U.S. Open champion and last year's Wimbledon winner - fell belind Spadea 3-1 in the first set, but came back no break Spadea's service and catch him at 4.4.

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Cone: Hit hard for first time this spring

City.
Cone started with a 1-2-3 mining Saturday against the Los Angeles Dodgers, then was hit hard. He lasted 2 1-3 innings, giving up six runs in the Mets' 16-11 win in 11 minings.
He was most disap-



one out. He got a strikeout, then gave up a three-run double off the top of the fence to Ching-Feng Chen.

"A 1-0 fastball down the middle - don't even know his name. Feng shui or something," Conesaid, using the words for the Chinese philosophy of balancing energy in a space. "I thought I was going to get out of it."

The 40-year-old right-hander, rrying to earn a job with the Mets after sitting out the 2002 season, had retirted all nine batters he faced over three innings coming into Saturday.

After another perfect inning, he was no better than most of the pitchers who got roughed up in

he was no better than most of the pitchers who got roughed up in this one.
"It was disappointing not to be able to work out of that jam," Cone said. "That was the first jam I've had all spring."
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home, opening a two-game spring training visit with a brawl-free slugfest.

The brawl began when Mike Piazza was hit by a pitch from Guillermo Mota. Piazza charged the mound and later went looking in the Dodgers clubbouse for the pitcher, who also hit him in spring training last year.

After baseball officials warned both teams, there was no attempt at retaliation at Estadio Foro Sol in the start of the "Serie de Primavera," or "Spring Series." Mota didn't even make the trip.

In other games: Cardinals 10, Expos 6

At Jupiter, Fla., Orlando Palmeiro went 3-for-3 with a home run and two RBIs for St. Louis. Miguel Cairo and Fernando Vina each had two hits and two RBIs, and Cardinals statter Brett Tomko allowed three runs in four innings.

Pirates 5, Phillies 4

Pilates 5, Phillies 4
At Bradenton, Fla., Craig
Wilson, trying to find a place in
Pittsburgh's lineup now that he's
no longer platoning, hit a
tiebreaking home run in the
eighth inning. Wilson's solo shot
off Rheal Cormier gave him four
homers and 10 RBIs this spring.

Indians 8, Astros 4, 10 innings

At Kissimmee, Fla., Bill Selby hit a three-run double in a five-run 10th inning to lift Cleveland. Trailing 3-2 in the ninth; the



New York Mets pitcher David Cone speaks with catcher Vance Wilson after les ers, at Foro Sol Stadium in Mexico City.

Indians tied the game on an RBI single by Coco Crisp. Alex Escobar started the 10th-inning rally with a solo homer. Craig Biggto had a two-run sin-gle for the Astros.

Blue Jays 4, Yankees 3

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At Dunedin, Fla., Bernie Williams hit a three-run homer and Sterling Hitchrock pitched four sold innings for New York. Hitchrock allowed two runs -out four sold and four hits in four innings, striking out five.

Shamon Stewart doubled twice, scored twice and drove in a run for Toronto, raising his average to 348 this spring.

Devil Rays 3, Red Sox 2

At St. Petersburg, Fla., Pedro Martinez gave up three unearned runs and four hits in three innings, striking ont four. Shea Hillenbrand hit a two-run homer and is batting 500 this spring.

Reds 6, Twins 1

At Fort Myers, Fla., Ryan Dempster pitched six scoreless innings, allowing only three hits to improve to 30 this spring. He struck out five. Brandon Larson hometed and drove in three runs.

Tigers 6. Braves 4

At Lakeland, Fla., Steve Avery trying to revive his career after

two years out of baseball, threw two scoreless innings against his former team and got the win. Bombon Inge, Dmitri Young and Dantion Eastey homered for

Gary Sheffield homered, singled and scored twice for the Braves.

Marlins 8, Orioles 7

matinis 5, Uffoles 7
At Fort Landerdale, Fla., Al
Martin and Todd Hollandsworth
homered for Florida. Martins
starter A.J. Burnett was removed
as a precaution after feeling
tightness in his right forearm.
Marty Cordova homered twice
for Baltimore and Larry Bigbie
added a three-run shot. Jeff
Conine had three hits.

Angels 4, Cubs 3

At Tempe, Ariz., Chris Bootcheck, competing for the fifth spot in Anaheim's rotation, worked five scoreless innings. Jeff DaVanon hit his third homer of the spring.

White Sox 8, Brewers (ss) 1

At Tucson, Ariz, Mark Buehrle threw four shutout innings and Carlos Lee hit a grand slain for Chicago.

Royals 12, Rangers (ss) 4

At Surprise, Ariz., Dee Brown doubled twice and drove in two

runs for Kansas City to give him a team-leading 14 RBIs this spring. Michael Tucker had three of the Royals' 17 hits and drove in three

Rockies 11, Diamondbacks 2

ACRUMES 11, DIAMONDORACKS 2
AT TUCSON, Ariz, Todd Helton
had three hits and three RBis for
Colorado, snapping Arizona's
eight-game sunning streak.
Rockies right-hander Jason
Jennings turned in his best start
of the spring. The NI, Rookie of
the Year pitched five scoreless
innings, allowing four his.

Giants (ss) 9, Padres 3

At Peoria, Ariz., Livan Hernandez pitched five innings in his longest outing of the spring for San Francisco. The right-hander allowed three runs, seven hits and two walks. Mark Kotsay homered for the second straight game for San Diego.

Giants (ss) 5, Mariners (ss) 4

Giants (Ss) 5, Mariners (Ss) 4
At Scottsdale, Ariz, Seartle
closer Kazuhiro Sasaki struck out
two in a perfect iming and Ryan
Franklin priched six sharp
imings for the Mariners.
Giants Starter Jason Schmidt
allowed one run in five imings in
his best spring start. Minor leaquer Branden Florence hit a tworun double in the bottom of the
ninth to win it.

SPORTS IN BRIEF-

Seilg: No decisions yet on extension of ephedra ban

SURPRISE, Ariz. – Baseball officials have made no decision on whether to ask for a ban on ephedra in the major leagues, commissioner Bud Selig said Sanurday

commissioner Bud Selig said Saurday. The toxicology report linking ephedra to the death of Baltimore Orioles pitcher Steve Bechler earlier this spring has been received by baseball officials, Selig said. Since Bechler died, Selig has banned players with minor league contracts from taking owhedra, and the players'

league contracts from taking ephedra, and the players union has urged players not to use the substance. "Some say the content such as the content

be concerned, we all should be concerned."

While at the Texas-Kansas City exhibition game, Selig also denied that owners were in collusion to temper big-money free agent signings in the offseason.

James, Irish two wins away from third state title

James, Irish two was away from third state title
TOLEDO, Ohio - Le Bron
James wasn't about to let a torn fingernail stop him from making a fourth straight trip to the state final four.
Playing with a bandage over his right index finger, James had 25 points and 11 rebounds saturday to lead Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary to a 09-59 victory over Ottawa-Glandorf in a Division II regional final.
James needs just two more victories to win his third state title in four years.
There still is a chance that James could face another hurdle in court this week, though, Summit County Judge James Williams is considering a request to dismiss James appeal of a ruling that declared him ineligible for get-ting two "throwback" jerseys valued at 5845 - for free from a clothing store.
James was ruled ineligible in January by the Ohio High James was ruled ineligible in January by the Ohio High

School Athletic Association for accepting the jerseys, but his appeal has kept him playing.

Poland's Malysz sets record to win ski jump event

to win ski jump event
LAHTI, Finland – Poland's
Adam Malysz won his third
World Cup ski jump event of
the year Saturday, setting a
large hill record.
The two-time defending
World Cup champion jumped
132 meters and amassed 289.6
points.
Finland's Matti Hautamaki
had set a hill record with a
jump of 131 meters minutes
before Malysz jumped.
Hautamaki finished with 281.5
points.

malysz clinched his third straight overall title. One indi-vidual event remains at the World Ski Flying Championships at Planica, Slovenia, March 22-23.

Empire Maker takes Florida Derby by record margin

HALLANDALE BEACH, Fla. - Bobby Frankel has his real Kentucky Derby horse

reat remaps,
mow.
The Hall of Fame trainer
boasted long and loud that
Empire Maker was the best 3year-old in his barn, and the
bay coll fixed up to the billing
with a record-setting romp in
the Florida Derby on
Smorday.

with a record-setting roup in the Florida Derby on Saturday.
Unleashing a powerful kick in the stretch, Empire Maker barreled past favored Trust N Luck and won the richest Derby prep race by 9.75 lengths - the largest margin of victory in 52 runnings of the Florida Derby.
Empire Maker, sent off as the second betting choice at 2-1, covered the 1-1/B miles in 149.95 in winning for the second time in four starts for juddmente Farms, owned by Saudi prince Khalid Abdullah. Trust N Luck, the even money favorite off his Fountain of Youth Stakes win Feb. 15, held on for second by a half length over half your Swinger fifth, and Fornial Attire sixth.

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Officials postpone Darlington Busch race for rain DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) The Busch race at Darlington Raceway was postponed until Monday because of rain. It is the second time this season weather has delayed a Busch race. Three weeks ago, the Rockingham 200 at North Carolina Speedway was held the Monday following the Winston Cup race. Auto racing ries in both Darlington races four years ago. In 2000, Bobby Labonic's Southern 500 win was halfed by rain halfway through. This week, qualifying for the Busch and truck series was canceled due to rain. The prospect of finishing this Busch race was bad from the start. Dark clouds hung over Winston Cup practice Saturday morning.



Officials watter about 50 min-utes Saturday before calling the DarlingtonRaceway.com 200. The event will star at 11 am. Monday. Rain has swamped Darlington Raceway in recent years. Jeff Burton took rain-shortened victomorning.

The pace car led the field several times around the track, then slowly brought them back into the pits. Race cars are covered during the rain delay of the DarlingtonRaceway.com 200 Saturday in Darlington, S.C. The race was rescheduled for Monday.

Mariners'assign injured Charlton to minor league camp

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) - The Seattle Mariners reassigned injured reliever Norm Charlton to their minor league camp Saturday and sent left-hander Bobby Madritsch and right-han-der Aaron Taylor to the minor

Bobby Madritsch and right-han-der Aaron Taylor to the minor leagues.
Charlton, a mainstay in the Mariners' bullpen in 2001 when the team tied the major league record with 116 wins, is sched-uled to undergo shoulder surgery Monday in Seattle to repair a torn anterior capsule on the front of his left shoulder.
He said he will retire if Dr. Larry Pedegana, the team's med-ical director, finds damage too severe in his shoulder.
The 40-year-old Charlton missed last season after undergo-ing surgery for a torn rotator cuff

and a torn labrum in his left, shoulder.

shoulder.

In addition to Charlton, right-hander Brian Sweeney and catcher Rene Rivera were reassigned to the Mariners' minor league camp, leaving the team with 39 players in its major league camp; 27 roster players and 12 non-roster invited players.

Madritsch was optioned to Double-A San Antonio, while Taylor was optioned to Triple-A Tacoma.

The 27-wear-ald Madritsch was

Tacoma. The 27-year-old Madritsch was signed as a minor league free agent Sept. 23 after setting a Northern League record with 153 strikeouts in 19 games, 18 of them starts, with Winnipeg. He had an 11-4 record and a 2.30 ERA. The Northern League is an

independent league.
The 6-foot-8, 245-pound Taylor,
25, had 24 saves in 61 games and
77 innings in Tacoma last season,
when he had a 4-3 record, a 2.34

Cup race.
Officials waited about 90 min-

when he had a 4-3 record, a 2.34 ERA and 93 saves. Madritsch has the best oppor-tunity to rejoin the Mariners because he's a left-hander and St. Patrick's Day Specials

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WOODY'S 213 5*Ave. South 732-0077 the Mariners are expected to start the season with only two left-handers: starter Jamie Moyer and reliever Arthur Rhodes.



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Poor location doomed Elkhorn Resort

Notes on the economy A

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 fee years.

Mage Valley's economic hearin over five years.

Of that money, 51.15 million would be for business attaction and business retention incontine grants, 225,000 for operations, overhead and investor retigions. Overhead and investor retigions. The Business Plus III campagn provides a weekly update of its fundrange, The status Friday was unchanged from a weekle carrier.

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

Briefly IN MONEY

Bureaucracy panel will meet Thursday

Will Meet Inursaly
TWIN FALLS - The Reducing
Idaho's Bureaucracy Committee
will hold a Small Business
Information Fair from 9 a.m. to 4
p.m. Thursday at Magic Valley
Job Service, 771 North College
Road in Twin Falls.
About eight agencies will be on
hand to provide regulatory information such as: registering and
structuring your business, paying
taxes and avoiding penalties,
which forms to file, and other
employer responsibilities.

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The fee is \$10. Preregistration is required; call 735-2500, Ext. 3630.

Ag agency suggests buying crop insurance

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TWIN FALLS - The U.S.
Department of Agriculture's Risk
Management Agency is reminding
farmers and ranchers interested in
purchasing crop insurance that
Monday is the closing date to participate and receive coverage.

"Last year's drought in various
parts of the country is a vivid
reminder with producers should
use risk management tools such as
crop insurance," said Agriculture
Secretary Ann M. Veneman in a
statement. "This year's closing
date is fast approaching and we
encourage interested farmers and
ranchers who haven't done so yet,
to take advantage of these important resources."

Information on current covernat resources."

Information or coverlocator assistance, and a list of the
states and crops with a Monday
deadline are online at
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states and deadline deadline are online at www.ma.usda.gov/. Information is also available at local Farm Service Agency offices.

M.V. builders plan Associates Night Tuesday

Associates Night Tuesday
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prizes, appetizers and raffles. The
association said builders are especlally encouraged to attend.
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Conference will focus on recreation and tourism

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COEUR d'ALENE - The 2003
Idaho Governor's Conference on
Recreation and Tourism will be
held April 30 to May 2 at the
Coeur d'Alene Resort.
The theme is "Successful Niche
Marketing in the 21st Century."
The event includes workshops,
presentations, speakers, a selection of tours of the area and a golf
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SUN VALLEY - The memories of a quarter-century enjoyed by people from around the world are coming down as demolition experts raze the Elkhorn Hotel in Sun Valley. A bright orange excavator, typically used to dig holes for foundations, began clawing away at the building this month. Crane operator Jim Thorpe reduced the 132-room hotel to rubble. CG-Elkhorn LLC, which pur-

chased the Elkhorn Resort in 2001, hopes to build condomini-ums on the 11-acre site but has not had a master plan approved. The backhoe excavator began the \$200,000 demolition project this month by creating pile of debris that stood 12 feet high at one end and grew taller and grew taller as neared what remained of the hotel.

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Teeth-like steel prongs protruding from its bucket helped pull it along. As the excavator reached the top of the pile, Thorpe raised

the machine's long neck to the rafters.

Then, he began clawing at the rooftop with the bucket, sending snow, splintered timbers, twisted heat ducts, nails and broken glass raining onto the pile below.

Other workers pulled windows, bathroom fixtures, columns even the fireplace – out of the hotel lobby a few hundred feet away. They loaded the items onto trailers that already had hauled 5,000 yards of carpet and 20,000 board feet of oak and walnut to

Twin Falls to be sold.

"It's a well-built building. For a four-story building to hold up like this, it's built well," Thorpe said.
Watching the excavator pull the building apart is mesmerizing, but the demolition has been largely ignored, save for a few real estate agents watching it from their office during lunch break.

It wasn't that way when the \$7.3-million Eikhorn Reson the popend in 1976. Then-Gov. Cecil Andrus cut the ribbon on the pro-

JOING WILI



Hank and Carol Flacher stand with a spotting acope in Missoula, Mont., Feb. 25. Fischer Outdoor Discoveries, the Missoula business that the Fischers started last year, specializes in taking small groups – eight to 12 people – on extended tours to view willdlife, especially large carrivores, in their natural habitat. Fischer Outdoor Discoveries offers two regular annual tours to Montana's national parks, one to Yellowstone and one to Glacler.

Missoula business offers extended wildlife tours

MISSOULA, Mont. - Dawn breaks crisp and sunny and full of promise for a group of tourists intent on feasting their eyes on the wildlife of Yellowstone National Park.

A spectacular sunrise at Swan Lake reveals a flock of sandhill cranes. A proud new mother elk licks her twin calves that appear to be only a few days old. It's a blissful image of the miraculous rebirth of nature.

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It's an image that will haunt the group following a drama they witness later in the day. From a vantage point overlooking Indian Creek, the group spots a grizzly bear through the willows about 150 yards away. Suddenly, two cow elk charge the grizzly, which then rushes the elk. The elk are no match and soon flee.

It is then that the group sees the elk calf, just as the grizzly spiesit too. The calf plunges into the creek too. The calf plunges into the creek in a desperate attempt to escape.

in a desperate attempt to escape.

The bear is on top of it instantly. As the stunned group watches, the grizzly drags the calf up on the bank and begins feeding.

"I realized I was hogging the sporting scope," said Hank Fischer of Missoula, the group's leader. "But when I turned around, half the group had walked back to the truck. It was too intense for them to see calves right after birth and then see one killed. But it gets them in better touch with this whole predationship." It's that kind of wild relationship that Fischer's dients are able to experience first-hand in tours with Fischer Outdoor Discoveries, the

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wolves. Seven years ago they weren't even there at all. "

- Hak Fischer, Fischer Outdoor

Wildlife for 25 years.
In that capacity he was a leader in the 10-year effort to reintroduce wolves in Yellowstone, developed a plan to restore grizybears to the Bitterront-Selway Wilderness Area, and was an

advocate for grizzlies, wolves and other endangered species. Fischer initiated a Defenders of Wildlife program to compensate landowners for livestock lost to wolves and grizzlies. He is also the author of a number of books, including the "Paddler's Guide to Montana" and "Montana Wildlife Viewing Guide," which he co-authored with Carol. After spending so many years

Viewing Guide," which he coauthored with Carol.

After spending so many yearworking for protection of girzdies
and wolves, Fischer said, he wees
his new business as a validation
of that effort, and a demonstration of the economic value of
large predators to the state.

"It's so neat to be in
Yellowstone and see wolves," he
said. "Seven years ago they
weren't even there at all. And
already they're such an integral
part of the ecosystem. They're
right in the rhythm of things.
They're influencing the elk herds
and leaving meat for seavengers.
They're having a profound influence in the park."

After 25 years working for a
conservation or ganization,
Fischer said he was pondering
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ject, which helped usher in a new era of condominium building at Sun Valley.

An early brochure boasted: "A mile and a half from Sun Valley and light years away from the rest of the world lies a hidden valley. Its gentle slopes and meadows rest beneath an immense swarrounded by mountains and split by a quier stream. With respect for the land, this valley is now being readied to provide a

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Market's gains may signal its resiliency

The Associated Press

The Associated Press

NEW YORK – It was a turnaround no one expected: After
pushing near multiyear lows,
Wall Street in strongest
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ket could rally give investors
persistent was fear.

Still, while no one is boldly
declaring the losses are over, the
gains may signal an investor
resiliency that bodes well for
stocks in the months ahead.
Indeed, some analysts believe
the sharp advance this past week,
coming on the strongest trading
volume of the year, reinforces
optimism about a short-term market rally at the least once the
uncertainty about Iraq has
ended.

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"If there are signs there will be a short confrontation, then the rally we see now will appear again and continue," said Tracy Herrick, chief investment strategist at Jeffernes & Co. This is a flash athead, a precursor to the rally that would follow."

Herrick said investors' unwillingness to sell stocks past for the main market signals their belief that the economy said that had and should unprove, even if had past greater and specific properties.

belief that the economy isn't that bad and should improve, even if only gradually. Positive factors likely contributing to a strengthening economic recovery include low interpretation of the property of the contributing to a strengthening economic recovery include low interpretation once the Iraq stratation that corporate spending will resume once the Iraq stratation is residued, he said. "The economy isn't that bad," Herrick said. "There are three powerful things supporting the rally after the confrontation begins," which are the Federal Reserve's aggressive action in cutting rates. President Busb's proposed tax cuts and an expected decline in oil prices.

Wall Street posted a weekly gain this past week primarily on the strength of Thursday's rally, when the Dow Jones industrials soared 259 points and the Nasdag composite gained 61. That came a day after the Dow fell to within 111 points of its lowest close in more than five years.

Explanations for the rally varied - some believed a war was imminent, while others suggested a conflict may not happen at all. But many agreed that much of the gains likely resulted from bargain hunting as well as short-term bets on the market's direction.

Analysts also questioned the

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Tax credit uncertainty hurts wind power The Associated Press

TOUCHET, Wash. - The largest wind farm in the world begins along U.S. Highway 730, just past an abandoned minimart and a pot-holed parking lot. Hundreds of white, spindly turbines stretch for miles ucross tretch for miles ucross tretch for miles ucross tridges of the Columbia River Gorge, their blades whirring in the relentless wind like a forest of gigantic pinwheels.

On a recent spring day, the turbines hummed at full power indis that averaged nearly 45

oines hummed at full power in winds that averaged nearly 45 mph. Miniature dust tornados whipped across the scrubland, and barrel-sized tumbleweeds rolled furfously past.

On a day like this, the Stateline Wind Project on the Oregon-Washington border produces 300 megawatts - enough power to light 70,000 homes. Its owner, FPL Energy, is racing to increase that amount by more than half by Dec. 31 and install up to 1,200 megawatts of new wind power nationwide by the same date.

Like dozens of power producers nationwide, the Florida-based company must install the new capacity before the expiration of a tax credit that they say is critical to sustained wind development in this country.

Developers say the two-year credit - which can be, but is not always, renewed by Congress -

creates an artifical pressure that drives the wind industry.

The incentive makes wind a cost-effective and environmentally friendly option by reducing the production cost so it is competitive with natural gas. Yet uncertainty over if and when it will expire makes developers wary of long-term investment in the budding technology, they, say.

The credit, enacted by Congress in 1994, pays wind developers. 1.8 cents for every kilowatt-hour of energy they produce and lasts for 10 years once it is locked in. Wind farms must be completely ready and producing power before the credit expires.

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The Trophy Club in Eden

gets new owners

EDEN - The Trophy Club in
Eden reopened under new management.

agement.

Bil and Bev Hoek have completed their remodeling of The Trophy Club, a popular gathering place in Eden since 1918. The Trophy had been closed for several months after the death of Bill Cline, its previous owner.



several months after the death of Bill Cline, its previous owner. The Hoeks said they kept the name of The Trophy Club been a landmark in the area for many years. In addition to a place for a game of pool or dars, it's still a gathering spot for farmers and farm workers who come in and discuss past and current farming issues. A new addition is the kitchen that now serves chicken and other finger foods.

The Trophy has been the

foods.

The Trophy has been the annual host for a St. Patrick's Day party. This year, the club will celebrate St. Patrick's Day today. The Pure Country band will perform starting at 6 p.m. Corned beef, cabbage and Mulligan stew will be served.

Enterprise opens car rental branch in Burley

rental branch in Burley
BURLEY - An Enterprise
Renta-Car branch opened at 626
Overland Ave. in Burley.
It can be reached at 678-6841.
Business hours are 7.30 a.m. to
p.m. Monday through Friday
and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.
Brarch manager is Ben Peterson.
Enterprise calls itself the
largest retail and corporate
rental agency in America, with
more locations and cars nationwide than any other company.
The business offers a variety of
cars, trucks and sport utility vehicles for rent. It also offers a corporate program with discounted
daily and weekly rates. Weekly trates.
The Burley branch opened
Feb. 1 and plans to hold a grand
opening later in the spring.

Lutz Rentals becomes

Lutz Rentals becomes employee-owned firm

KETCHUM - Lutz Rentals, a full-service rental company founded in 1968, has become an employee-owned firm, with its 10 employees purchasing the interests of founder Robert Lutz. Tony Lutz, who joined his brother's company in 1970, will continue as president.

"More than half of the employees have been here 10 years or longer," said Tony Lutz. "Robert and I are very happy that we can give them a stake in the business. We believe it will help the company retain experienced people with resonance in serving our astorners."

Lutz Rentals offers more than 300 items, ranging from house in serving our astorners. I can be company retain experienced people with remove than 300 items, ranging from house provided in serving our astorners.

Lutz Rentals offers more than 300 items, ranging from house provided on and scaping, automotive and construction equipment such a power tools and forklifts. It is one of a handful of employee owned companies in the area.

"It's important both to our cusmers and to us to see that people have the right equipment for the job and receive the proper."

instructions to operate it safely," Lutz said. "We believe that

Lutz said. "We believe that employee ownership will help us retain knowledgeable employees who truly help our customers." Online instructions for many of the items, as well as rental rates, are available at the company's Web site at www.lutzrental.com. Descriptions of the company's 17 categories of rental equipment are available on the site. Lutz Rentals is at 100 Lewis St. in Ketchum and can be

St. in Ketchum and can be reached at 726-5421.

Agency opens in T.F. to provide home care

to provide home care
TWIN FALLS - A Full Life
Agency is now doing business in
the Twin Falls area.
Than Black, regional manager
for A Full Life Agency, opened
the company's new office in
Twin Falls on Feb. 3 in the
Lynwood Shopping Center.
The company provides in
home care to those who need a
helping hand in order to remain
independent and in their own
homes. Some of the services
include meel-preparation help,
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have shidten with developmental disabilities.

"We find there are many family members who are often taking care of a loved one that are not aware that these services could be provided by an agency such as ourselves or that they could possibly be paid for the care they are providing," said Danielle McCulloch, executive assistant.

A Full Life Agency began in 1997 in Coeur d'Alene and a now calls itself the largest in-home care provider in Idaho with offices in Washington and Montana, as well.

The Twin Falls office at 1247 Filer Ave. E. serves Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls counties. It can be reached at 733-9100 or toll free at 1-888-626-0727.

at 733-91 626-0727.

U.S. Bancorp earns high marks from newspaper

TWIN FALLS - In the Wall Street Journal's annual Shareholder Scoreboard, U.S. Bancorp received an "A" rating for its 10-year rate of total return to its shareholders, the bank

to its sharemotics, since some said. That is the publication's high-est rating and is the result of U.S. Bancorp compiling a 21.5 percent 10-year rate of result. The Shareholder Scorehoard ranks the performance of 1,000 major U.S. companies compared with their peers in 80 industry groups.

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U.S. Bancorp, said it also ranked 48 in market capitalization among the 100 largest Scoreboard listing, Only one other bank (Cligroup) achieved an "A" raing and ranked higher in the market capitalization listing that U.S. Bancorp.
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Of the 100 largest companies in the market capitalization list, U.S. Bancorp said it was one of only 13 companies to have a pos-itive one-year, three-year, five-year and 10-year rates of return to shareholders.

Web site provides free tax assistance

TWIN FALLS - You can find

TWIN FALLS - You can find free tax return preparation and track the progress of your Idaho tax refund on the Idaho State Tax Commission's Web site at www.2-state.id.ustax.

To find free tax return assistance, click on the "Free Tax Help" button on the tax commission's home page. The free help is available to low-income tax-payers at Tax-Aide sites throughout the state. Many locations offer electronic filing for faster refunds and some have Spanish-speaking helpers on hand.

The Tax-Aide program is designed to help low-income, elderly, non-English-speaking and disadvantaged taxpayers with simple returns. The service is for those with income levels of

and disadvantaged taxpayers with simple returns. The service is for those with income levels of \$35,000 a year or less per household. The sites are staffed by volunteers trained by the Internal Revenue Service, and the Idaho State Tax Commission.

Idaho Real Estate Commission plans meeting

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ROISE - The Idaho Real state Commission will meet t 8:30 a.m. Thursday at the

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Tee tax assistance

To check the status of your refund, click on the "Where's my Refund?" button on the tax commission's home page. Enter your Social Security number and the amount of your expectage of refund, and select the return type. The screen will display our refund information, such as when the refund check was when the refund check was when the refund check was mailed or how many more weeks it may take for the check on arrive. There is no limit to the number of times you can check the progress.

If you filed electronically, allow three to five working days from the date you filed the return for the refund information to become available. If you filed a paper return, allow four weeks from the mailing date.

If you don't have a computer, you can call 1-888-228-5770 toll-free, anytime, to find free tax return preparation or check your state tax refund status. You have the option of hearing the Information in Spanish.

Idaho Real Estate Commission office, 633 N. Fourth St. The agenda is available upon request by calling 334-3285.

CAREER MOVES



Standing, left to right, are Erik Van Patten, Teague Ashcraft, James Thorne and College of Southern Idaho engineering professor Bill Eberlein. Soated, left to right, are Byron Nice, Heather Selpel and Grog Sullivan.

Engineering students

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TWIN FALLS - Nine College
of Southern Idaho engineering
students won awards in the
Idaho State University College
of Engineering open house and
student competition during
Engineering Week in February.
The CSI team won first place
in design in the mousetrap-pow-ered car contest. Team members
were James Thorne of Twin
Falls, Teague Asheraft of Paul
and Erik Van Patten of Bulh.
The team of Byron Nice of
Filer and David Reimann of
Italiey won the Projscicle stick
tower contest, building a 7ounce structure that withstood
2,550 pounds of pressure before
breaking.

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The team of Heather Seipel of Twin Falls, Greg Sullivan of Filer, Jennifer Neibling of Kimberly and Maraleh Hansen of Gooding won the distance award in the edible car comes, The car was made of hard candy, prunes, spaahetti, pretzels and bişcuit dough.

The students are members of the Golden Eagle Engineering Klub (GEEKS), a lighthearted service, social and educational organization of CSI engineering students and friends. CSI engineering is the clibal adviver.

CSI and ISU students competed in the college-level events.

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received the Northwest District
Health Educator of the Year
Award for 2003 during the 186th
annual convention of the
Morthwest District Association
for Health, Physical Education,
Recreation and Dance held Feb.
1245 in Renn, Nev.
In October, Lutkehus was
selected as Idahus's Health
Education Professional of the
Year. The Northwest district—
Alaska, Washington, Montana,
Oregon and Idaho - selected
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Magic Valley Health Education
Network also attended the convention.

Andrea Wecker

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TWIN FALLS - Andrea
Wecker of Twin Fally was designated a registered professional reporter by the National Court Reporters Association.
To receive the professional distinction, a court reporter must demonstrate knowledge and ability to produce an accurate record of proceedings, In addition, a reporter must pass the two-part Registered Professional Reporter exam. The skills portion consists of

Infree professional dictations at speeds up to 225 words per minute. The written knowledge portion covers legal procedure, medical terminology, language use and other subject areas important to the job.

The National Court Reporters Association is a 27,000-member nouprofit organization. Members include official court reporters, deposition reporters, broadcast captioners, providers of real-time communication access services for deaf and access serv

Kathy Arritt

RUPERT - Wells Fargo promoted Kathy Arritt to store manager of the bank's Rupert office.

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manager of the bank's Rupert office.

She is responsible for handing business development, managing the store's community activities, training and developing staff, managing branch operations and ensuring delivery of the bank's operations will supervise the bank's operations the form of the minimal casis branch inside the Smith's grocery store in Burley.



Kathy Anitt Arrit has almost 14 years of experience in financial services. She began her career with First Security in 1990 as a member of the local chamber of commerce, the Organization of Rupert Businesses and Financial Women International, a professional banking organization for women. tion for women.

Arritt is a Rupert native and graduate of Minico High School.

Bob Trevino
RUPERT - Bob Trevino
invenued a "Cart Stop" to stop
supernarket carts from hitting
cars, shoppers and displayed
merchandlee.
The Cart Stop is a built-in
mechanism that automatically
stops the cart whenever hands
are not steering the handle are
the handle while looking for
goods or opening car doors. It
enables customers to let go of
the handle while looking for
goods or opening car doors. It
revents accidents and injuries
and reduces insurance lawsuits
to supermarkets and other
stores, promoters said.
Trevino started developing

Trevino started developing the Cart Stop in October. The idea is being made available for

licensing to manufacturers interested in new-product devel-opment, especially in the cart manufacturing industry. He hopes to have the Cart Stop in production and available to the mublic scope.

public soon.

Information about the Cart
Stop is available from Invention
The Composition of the Cart
Stop is available from (800 940100

Matt and Linda McFaddan

HAGERMAN - Matt
McFaddan, long-time farmer
and co-owner/operator of the
Emerald
Valley
Garden
Center of Garden Center of Hagerman

Hagerman, accepted the position of manager of the Division o Maintenance

f o r Clearwater



Matt McFaddan

Linda McFaddan complex and difficult land-scaping-projects in the Spokane and North Idaho area since 1983.

McFaddan's initial responsibility with Clearwater will be to establish a new Division of Maintenance and assume primary responsibilities for sales and management of that division. He also expects to be involved in landscape project planning and development. HFaddan, has worked as a registered nurse in Dr. Dan Nofziger's office in Hagerman for more than 20 years. She expects to continue her nursing career in the Spokane-North Idaho area. McFaddan's initial responsi-lity with Clearwater will be to

Linda J. Butler

TWIN FALLS - Linda J. Butter recently attended Weekenders USA's SpringSummer Fashion Launch in Columbus, Ohio.

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Butler, an independent
Weekenders fashion coordinator, said women can expect to
see more pastels and fluid
lines this sea-



Following the fashion show Feb. 14, Butler also attended the Weekenders' National Conference, kicking off its 15th anniversary, with thousands of other Weekenders fashion coor-dinators.

dinators.

Weekenders USA's direct sales approach offers women opportunities to establish independent direct sales businesses. pendent direct sales ousmesses. Through in-home presentations, independent coordinators showcase the clothing line and pre-sent a mix-and-match wardrobe

sent a mix-and-match wardrobe concept. The company designs and manufactures its private-label line. Weekenders USA's head-quarters and distribution center are in the Chicago area.

Janel Rumfelt



Janel Rumfelt holds direct endorsement control to the control to t

certification for the Federal Lowsing Administration, a Veteraus Administration, and Veteraus Administration automate and Louders Authority for Property Processing Certification and has been certified in Freddie Mac and Fannie Mac automatic underwriting. She was an underwriter for 12 years and has been a loan officer for the past five years. She just for the past five years, She just Lox Augeles, where she completed and graduated from the technology training course.

ed and graduated from the tech-nology training course. Rumfelt works at the Wells Fargo Home Mortgage office at 1303 Addition Ave. E. and is available for purchase and refi-nance transactions. She can be reached at 736-1432.

Pete McDonald



Pete McDonald Busine and highlighted in the publication's special "Accomplished Under 40" magazine. McDonald InsurServ; he has been with the agency for 10 years.

Teddy Keeton

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BUHL - Teddy Keeton of
Buhl was appointed to the new
Presidential Business Commission, representing Idaho.
The Presidential Business Commission is a group of business and professional people and political strategists who will advise the Republican leadership on how to protect the president's majority in the House in upcoming elections.
Keeton was selected based on contributions as an honorary chairwoman of the party's Business Advisory Council, a position Keeton still holds. On the Presidential Business. Commission, Keeton is expected to play a key role in helping the party craft its strategy in the closing weeks of the campaign.

Coordinator: AARP Tax-Aide shatters local service record

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - For Magic Valley AARP Tax-Aide volunteers, Monday marked the mid-point of the program's 35th season of providing free tax counseling and preparation to low- and middle-income taxpayers.

Taxes Italy and the middle-income taxpayers and the program's 35th season of providing free tax counseling and preparation to low- and middle-income taxpayers.

Italy all of 18 operating sites in south-central light, said Bob Wunderle of Bliss, coordinator for the district. Prelliminary mid-season figures for Magic Valley indicate that about 40 volunteers have contributed about 1,700 hours to help at least 1,788 taxpayers with 2002 tax returns, Wunderle said. That surpassed the total number of people assisted in his district during the entire 2001 tax year.

Most significant was the num-

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ber of federal and state tax returns that program conservations that effect of let the tax returns that program conservations filed electronically this year. The U.S. Internal Revenue Service, which partially funde program, set a goal to have 80 percent of all federal returns electronically filed by 2007. Last at 61 dahn sites effled over 62 percent of all returns processar at 61 dahn sites effled over 62 percent of all returns processed—one of the higher efilling rates in the nation.

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So far this year, Wunderle 83 percent of all returns processed—one of the higher efilling rates in the nation.

So far this year, Wunderle Bas percent of its returns, exceeding the IRS objective for 2007. Impetus for that surge in activity was provided by the highly visible Fred Meyer One Stop Shopping Tax Adde site at 105 Shopping Tax Adde site at 105 Shopping Tax Adde site at 105 Shopping Tax attains, and the site of the process of the process

four hours six days a week (resuming seven-day service from March 30 through April 15). During its first 35 days of operation this year the Fred Meyer site esfield 800 taxpayer returns, or more than 94 percent of all those handled there. Wunderle urged low- and mid-dle-income residents who want

assistance on this year's returns to visit an AARP Tax-Aide site as soon as possible, because demand for the free service typically rises during the final two weeks of the regular season, April 1-15.

For information on Tax-Aide and the leaving of

For information on Tax-Aide and the location of counseling sites, call Wunderle at 837-9178.

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Applicants should warn of poor credit reports

More companies are checking job applicants' credit reports. So if you know there's bad news lurking in yours, what do you do?

Q. I have a very good friend who has been unemployed for about a year. He feels – and probably rightly so – that many times when he goes on interviews or applies for a job, he is disqualified because of his bad credit report. It seems like a catch-22 because he is in this predicament because he can't get a job bad he can't get a job and he can't get a job and he can't get a job to and he can't get a job and he can't get a job to and he can't get a job and he can't get a job to and he can't get a job and he job an

of research for AON Consulting, an Ann Arbor, Mich., Ifirm that advises corporations on a variety of employment issues, said that "it wouldn't surprise me that a financial institution would check" an applicant's credit report because that person may well be expected to handle money for the bank. Financial executives say they fear that someone deeply in delt could resort to theft.

Conversely, Seghers said a had credit rating would have little or no impact with many jobs because no direct handling of money is involved. In any event, federal law requires companies to inform job applicants that they intend to get credit reports and to get their permission. In addition, the law requires companies to let



ON THE IOB Kenneth Bredemeler

applicants know if they wouldn't hire them because of what they found on the reports and to give them a chance to correct erro-neous information. But here's the catch: The law does not require companies to keep a job open while an applicant fixes the mis-robes.

companies to keep a job open while an applicant fixes the mistakes. In this case, Seghers said, "Yes, I would inform human resources," about the bad credit report, "You can't hide it. People can get on the Internet and check you credit rating in seconds."

That said, Seghers added, "I'm hoping a more enlightened company would take other factors into account and look at the totality of his employment record. One strike shouldn't equal out."

Seghers suggested he go to human resources and briefly explain the circumstances. "I would take the initiative to ask the HR person, 'Is this a problem or will the totality of my application be considered?"

He said that by informing human resources of the problem and asking forbearance, he might get a fair chance at his next job opportunity, rather than having HR be surprised by the bad credit report.

Kenneth Bredemeier writes on workplace issues for The Washington Post.

Services charge higher fees for bad credit

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inconvenience. But remember, credit itself is a

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In 1982 a seminal folk-punk-pp band called the Violent Femmes mocked pedanti high school munistensis yangan, school munistensis yangan, school munistensis yangan, that this will go down on your permanent record "The line became a rallying cry for a gener-ation of adolescents chaffing under rules imposed by teachers and parents.

under rules imposed by teachers and parents.

The cool, casual nihilism behind the words - followed by the singer's taunting reply, "Oh, yeah?Well, don't get so distressedDid I happen to mention that I'm impressedP" - gave voice to what every adolescent sceredy thinks: Take your permanent record and shove it. I'll do as I nlease.

record and shove it. I'll do as a please.

Of course, many of those petulant kids grew up and got jobs, spouses and morrgages and now live squarely within the rules. But some of us haven't outgrown our adolescent disdain for "the permanent record."

And now we're paying dearly feet it.

for it.

That record is no longer a dry
account of spitball incidents and
skipped classes housed in a principal's creaky filing cabinet. No,
it may be a breathtaking narrative of defaulted school loans and missed credit-card payments housed in Pentagon-sized data

noised in Pentagon-sized data-bases that follow us everywhere. We have bad credit and, thus, we are losers. Bigatime. "The only thing I could get was a savings account," said Chad Gifford of Wheeling, III., oa 29-

year-old salesman in the biotech industry who described his credit file as "eight pages of negatives." "They wouldn't let me get a checking account," Gifford said. And the stigma gets worse amid the recent explosion in the availability of consumer credit information to virtually any company or appropriate the contraction of the contra

Bad credit is an

availability of const information to virtu-ally any company or prospective employ-er that wants it.

More and more firms we rely on for essential services -banks, phone compa-nies and insurers, not to forget possible bosses - are obtain-ing our credit histo-ries, reducing them to tidy numbers called credit scores, and either refusing to do business with or charging higher fees to customers who, well, have been doing what they

– Norm Magnuson, Consumer Data please.
"It's your grade,"
said Greg Fisher, Industry Association

said Greg Fisher, proprietor of www.creditscoring.com, a Web site that tracks the fredit-scoring industry. "Hs your IQ – it's your number."

Now, anybody who has conducted his financial affairs with abandon – my personal system of accounting, for instance, consistent of the construction of the machine until the money stopped coming out – shouldn't be surprised if he has difficulty, say, getting a loan or a

Now

credit card. You reap what you sow.

But the advent of credit scrimed what used to be relatively mundane and obscure information in your credit file, useful only to people who are considering lending you money, into a 21st-century scarlet letter that makes day-to-day living increasingly difficult for people who've made poor financial decisions.

"I understand credit checks when nee, and make payments on the payments of the payments

renable and do you make payments on time?" said Toddrick Spalding, a 23-year-old Chicago musician and graphic design-er with a less-than-

numer Data share to the worst of the financially irresponsible.

"The bottom line," said Norm Magnuson, a spokesman for the Consumer Data Industry Association, which represents the consumer to get into that situation, and it's going to take you a long time to get out. Bad cetat is an inconvenience. But remember, credit itself is a convenience, and

good judgment comes with the territory."

The practice of credit scoring makes life inconvenient for many of us by branding us with a number. Companies such as Fair, Isaac, a San Rufael. Calif-based firm that pioneered the field, have developed complex algorithms that reduce the information in your credit file to a score, and they sell that information to insurance companies, utilities,

and they sell that information to insurance companies, utilities, banks and the like.

Because credit-scoring firms tailor their services to specific clients, mobody has just one cred-it score – the same credit-scoring firm might look at your credit file and give one score to an insurer and another to a bank, based on exactly what it is the companies are trying to divine about your history.

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are trying to divine about your history.

But the effect is always the same, Companies that contract with credit-scoring firms can type, your name and Social Sociality number into a computer and get above a manufacture of the contract you, Of course, credit scoring just streamlines the process. Even companies that don't employ the services of a credit-scoring firm can undertake the laborious process of undertaken laborious process of undertaken laborious processor undertaken laborious processor undertaken laborious de laborious processor undertaken laborious l

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or they aren't eligible.

In 'many cases, it takes up to three years to plan and complete a new project - much longer than the scope of the two-year credit extension, said David Roberts, somo vice president for Seawest, a San Diego, Calif. company that has wind farms in Oregon.
California and Wyoming, Developers often find themselves in a race against time, he said.

"You have to take the risk that the tax credit is poing to be there when you start the dyedopment of a project," he said. "It's an artificial pressure."

The uncertainty of the tax credit also affects financing and a developer's ability to secure a purchaser for the new power.

"It's hard for wind projects to give a firm date of when they can be online," said Scott Piscitello, development manager for RES North America, the North America, and the Brefty Systems.

American arm of the British wind farm and development company Renewable Energy Systems. "The best we can promise right now is 10 to 12 months after the tax credit is extended, but we

don't know when that will be

chon't know when that will be."

Such second-guessing has been part of the wind industry for nearly a decade, but recent development with wind industry for nearly a decade, but recent developments hint that the incentive's unintended side effects are straing to take a serious toll.

The most recent report by the American Wind Energy Association shows that U.S. wind installations lag far behind those of the leading European producers, such as Cermany and Spain. The United States currently ranks No. 3 in international wind production with 4,685 megawatts, but has less than half the total capacity of No. 1-ranked Germany Overall, the United States produces 15 percent of wind power, while Europe accounts for 75 percent. "If you put two graphs next to each other, one showing Europe and the other showing U.S. development, you'll notice the European graph very steadily builds toward more and more capacity, while the U.S. graph follows a roller-coaster pattern, said Randall Swisher, the association's executive director for the association.

Market

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sustainability of the advance, particularly as the United States
delayed a proposed March 17
deadline for Iraq to disarm or
face war. They said long-term
market gains can't be achieved
until there is a resolution.
Still, some experts say the rally
might signal a turn in investor
sentiment. They also noted the
market historically has rebounded after sharp drops in consumer
confidence, which plunged last
month to a near Ibycor low.
"The market is in the midst of
a bottoming process," said Steven
Goldman, chief market strategist
at Weeden & Co. "There's a lor of
sentiment out there that states
that we've discounted a lor of this
war uncertainty already.
"So investors are thinking.
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"Let's start rallying," with the hope and possibility the economy will show further strength after-ward," he said.

Of course, uncertainties remain, Analysts stress that while

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stocks may initially rally at the onset of war, sentiment could quickly change depending on the duration of the conflict.

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The market also faces some risks once investors furn their full attention to the economy's funda-mentals from political events.

stince much of the recent data reflect a mixed outlook. Thursdays market gams, for example, came despite a tric of lower than expected readings on inflation, business inventories and retail slos, although some of weak performance was attributed to the war uncertainty. After resolution in the Middle-East, said Philip S. Dow, unancing director of equity strategy at Dain Rausshert Wessels, "we'll find out whether hoaps an excision not for the market declines."

For the week, the three main gauges stapped a two wick losing streak. The Down had a weekly gain of 11948, or 15 percent to closed Friday at 7.859.71.

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of activities around a village center that included a general store, the upscale Charthouse Restaurant, an ice cream snack shop and a sporting goods store. During winter, celebrities such as actor Hal Linden joined tourists and locals playing broomball bockey on the oval ice rink underneath the hotel. Tourists could climb aboard a dogsled, board Elkhorn's own lift to ski Dollar Mountain or ski on a groomed Nordic trail that ran along the nearby bike path. Comedian Flip Wilson filmed an Olympic spoof in the village, and actress Valerie Bertinelli and Olympic skiers Phil and Steve Mahre appeared there on behalf of the U.S. Ski Team. Come summer, there was Jaz on the Green, gourmet picnics, art shows, country-Western music dances, the Sun Valley Symphony and concerts featuring artists such as Fleetwood Mac. An 18-hole championship golf course surrounded the resort, and Women's Challenge bicyclists thrilled spectators as they raced along the hilly road encircling the village.

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The ice rink was closed – it was too far from the cooling station to keep it frozen properly. The city denied concert permits, saying the noise would be a nuisance to the growing number of homeown-

ers.
In the end, it seemed to boil down to the old real estate adage

about location, location, location.
"I stayed there a few times, and was areal nice hate!," Sun Valley transplant Jim Perkins said. "But it just seemed so remote from the ski lifts and everything else." Lindsay Crawford, one of thousands of Boiseans who stayed at Elkhorn over the past quarter-century, said she was sorry to see it go.

cannot over the past quarter century, said she was sorry to see it go.
"I'm really bummed," she said.
"We stayed there every year during the American Lung Association's bike ride, and it was the perfect settup."
The demolition, which had been slated for the first week of February, was delayed by an unsuccessful 11th-hour appeal by Marty Heubner, a Boise man who owns property in Elkhom.
Heubner said he was con-cerned that developers were con-tinually changing their minds and added that he was afrait to build and added that he was afrait to build are a would be left resembling warme London after Nat bon-ling.

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The demolition project is expected to be completed by early April; then the hole left by the razing will be filled in and seeded. The removal of the golf pro shop and Elkhorn Resort Realtors building, which has a lease through 2004, is slated for 2005.

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"I decided I wanted to spend more time outdoors," he said.
"It's all telephones and computers," added Carol of the bureautratic routine of conservation work.
Fischer had done some guiding

Fischer had done some guiding for other nature-tuur businesses, and also guided conservation groups as part of his job with Defenders of Wildlife.

"Finally, 1 Scratched my head and said, Why do it for someone lesse" he said. "Part of the fun of an adventure is the planning."

After a year in the planning stages, Fischer Outdoor Discoveries conducted its first tours to Yellowstone and Glacier

parks, and some customized trips, last year.

"The whole motivation in this,"

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"Sticker said, "is that if there's one place in the world I want to be in June, it's Yellowstone Park when the wolves and bears are active, and the elk calves are being born."

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Because of the Fischers' extensive outdoor experience in Montana, Fischer said he can "almost guarantee" his clients what kind of wildlife they will

what kind of wildlife they win.
see.
"The thing is, there are special
places to go, and you have to go
at the right time," he said. "The
approach we take in wildlife
viewing in Yellowstone is like
hunting. We have places we go
that we know are good. We gen-

erally go out at dawn and sit and wait. You have to be patient."

"Through their background in conservation, the Fischers have had an opportunity to meet and work with a number of wildlife experts. Those connections give the Fischers an advantage in heir new business, they said.

"What's different in our trips from other nature tour business.

"What's different in our trips from other nature tour husinesses," said Carol Fischer, "is that we generally try to hook up with specialists." For example, on the Yellowstone tour last year, the Fischers' group spent a day with Jim Halfpenny, a wildlife biolo-gist and an expert on animal tracks who wrote a book on the subject. This year the Yellowstone tour will feature a

wildlife photo workshop with National Geographic photograph or Dan Hariman. The aminual Glacier for includes a visit to the Blacker Indian Reservation, guided by tribal cultural expert and historian Curb Bear Wapner on a butta-lo jump tour, and accompanied by tribal wildlife bindgists to look for recently introduced swit-toxes.

Their concept of oftening spe-cial trips to exota locations each year is a way to sulfill the Fischer's own wanderlus. "We have some ideas of places we really want to go," Fischer said.

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But he added: "We're starting small, We don't want this to consume us."

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Coalition blasts plans to bring back wolves

STANLEY - "Dumping Canadian Gray wolves into cen-tral Idaho will be the worst wildlife disaster this state has ever known," said Ron Gillett, ever known," said Ron Gineri, steering committee president for the Central Idaho Anti-Wolf Coalition.

A re-vamping of the Endangered Species Act won't do much to fix Idaho's current wolf.

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Gillett, who lives in Stanley,

crisis, he said.
Gillett, who lives in Stanley, Idaho, and owns commercial property there, spake in reference to S. 369, legislation introduced in February by Senator Craig Thomas, R-Wyo.
Senator Thomas wrote S.369 in an effort to put the skids on out-of-control ESA regulations. Wording in the senator's bill presses for credible scientific data before a species can be listed as endangered. S. 369 also sets forth specifics for species delisting. "It's probably a step in the right direction," Gillett said. But right now the Canadian Gray wolf population is exploding in Idaho and running Idaho's hertiage, extonom it estimates the service delisting. So for species delisting, S. 369 might be of some help, Gillett said. But the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service keeps "strings attached."

Hay market turns sluggish, upturn not expected

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TWNI FALLS, Idaho – The first hay of the 2003 crop is starting to the baded and if the price for that thay is any indication of where prices are headed, hay growers should be prepared for a disappointing season.

"It looks like it's going to be another structle, this year," said

"It looks like it's going to be another struggle this year," said Jack Getz, a market analyst for the USDA-Market News Service in Moses Lake, Wash. He said the first cutting of hay in California's Imperial Valley is selling for \$5 to \$15 a ton below last year's prices. With milk prices projected to be low for another six months, perhaps even another six months, perhaps even as long as a year, Getz doesn't



expect to see hay prices going up

expect to see may proceed any time soon.

He said milk prices have effectively set a ceiling for hay prices in 2003. Low milk prices, not carryover stocks or hay inventories on dairies, is going to determine

Sugar factories finish slicing campaign

slicing campaign
The Amalgamated sugar factory in Paul - the largest in the country - sliced approximately 2.25 million tons of sugar beets this winter, completing its campaign to Leonard Kerbs, ag manager at the compary's Twin Falls facility. The Twin Falls plant processed about 1 million tons of beets, fuishing up four days earlier. The factories in Nampa and Nyssa, Ore, processed a total of 2.3 million tons of sugar beets, bringing the company's total to 5.5 million tons.

Ag secretary expands

Ag secretary expands livestock compensation WASHINGTON - In the first phase of implementation authorized under the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003. Agriculture Secretary Ann Weneman recently announced that sign-up for the expanded the Agriculture Secretary Ann John Scholm Compensation Frogram will begin April 1 and is scheduled to end in early June. The Act expands LCP by including additional counties that were appreciable to compensation of Presidential disaster tupination of Presidential disaster celaration for damages and losses due to any natural disaster. The Act also includes catifsh as an eligible commodity.

Make your office space a cubicle of calmness

The Dailas Morning News

Can you really turn your office into a spa? Darrin Zeer thinks so. No matter how overprogrammed your schedule is, no matter how stressful your job, he's wire you can find ways to narrure yourself through the workday. "We're living very husy lives," said Zeer, a yoga teacher and business consultant who divides his time between Hawaii and California. "People often say they don't have any time during the workday.

don't have any time during the workday.

"What I'm trying to attack is the few moments when you do have a few moments when you do have a break. Instead of making the

break. Instead of making the stress more, step out of your day for S or 10 seconds and relax." Zeer has published a guide for doing exactly that. "Office Spa" (Chronicle Books, \$995), is full of stress-reducing tips to shepherd you from what he terms "Mellow Monday" all the way through "Fulfilling Friday," "If your computer freezes.

"Fulfilling Friday,"
"If your computer freezes,
instead of getting even more
stressed out, take the moment,"
he said. "Elick open the book and
try just one technique."
The advice ranges from New
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Age ("Imagine for a moment bising through snow-capped mourtains") to Old School ("Valk your worries away"). Some might sound a little goofy ("Pay attent to the busyness of your mind"); others seem obvious (keep mint mouthwash handy for use before presentations). Zeer, who wrote an earlier book about office yoga, said he tried to keep the ideas practical.

"When you're using alternative

ideas that aren't always in the

ideas that aren't always in the mainstream, it's important to make it-accessible for people," he said. "I use a lot of ancient techniques like shiatou and aromatherapy, but the techniques are pretty simple and doable."

So if you brew a cup of peopermint herbal tea ar your desk, inhale deeply and "rehax into the experience," as Page 51 advises. "Nobody's going to think you're strange," Zeer promises.

Here are more tips from "Office Spa."

Here are more tips from "Office Spa."

Depending on how accommodating your co-workers are, and how private your cubicle is, you might want to give them a try. The only advice we would add is to have a good explanation ready if the boss catches you barefoot.

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Frank Heasley, President and CEO of Med Zilla Inc. sits in his office in Marysville, Wash., Tuesday, Med Zilla sued Blotech Careers.com for stealing resumes from onth with BiotechCareers in which the latter agreed to grase its database and turn

CAREER-SEARCH CATASTROPHE

Posting resumes on the Internet poses risk to job seekers' privacy

NEW YORK (AP) - A few weeks after Susan posted her resume on an Internet job board, the move appeared to be paying

the move appeared to be paying off.
First came a flurry of calls from recruiters who cited her posting on BinetelCarreers com. But then six employers she applied to individually said they'd already received her resume from compaines she hadn't heard of – and one complained of getting three different versions.

Soon after, she received the first of two dozen e-mails and letters at her Michigan home from activists lambasting her for doing

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animal research, a fact noted on her resume.
"Everything, my name, tele-phone number and address were all out there," said the chemist. She blames her problem on the job board, which she used last July and is now defunct. She asked that her last name not be used to avoid additional harass-ment.

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In a downturn that has left many people anxious to find work, few question the Internet's power to put resumes in front of innumerable employers and recruiters. But many job seekers presume a degree of privacy and control over who sees their resume online - and that may be assuming too much.

The episode involving BiotechCareers.com, accused in a recent lawsuit of looting thousands of resumes from competing sites, points to growing problems for job seekers and for Internet employment boards in securing the resumes that are their most valuable asset.

Many of the resumes on BiotechCareers.com.

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Many of the resumes on
BiotechCareers.com were
allegedly taken from biotech job
board MedZilla.com, which filed
the suit in federal court in
Seattle, and competing sites

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including HireHealth.com. The suit contends that BiotechCarreers also bought other resumes from another site. HotResumes.com, without job seekers' knowledge, to further bolster its database. MedZilla said it reached a settlement with BiotechCarcers last month in which the latter agreed to erase its database and turn over its domain name to

name to MedZilla. The owner of Biotech Careers.com, Jason Monastra, Jason Monastra, could not be reached for com-ment and his lawyer declined to comment. Executives at HotResumes.com did not return calls for com-ment

did not return
calls for comment.
"The halcyon
days of being
trusting on the
Web... those days are behind us,"
said Peter Weddle, an Internet
recruiting consultant. "Putting a
resume on the Internet is the
equivalent of buying one big billboard for all the jobs you see.
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People are just so desperate now they're not being careful.

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low and it began to raise our sussiminus and then we not a call picions, and then we got a call from another job board and they had noticed the same thing," he

board like MedZilla, with a database of 10,000 resumes, operators can closely track user traffic and took note when the owner of B i o t e c h C areers com downloaded 2,399 resumes. Heasley

had noticed the same thing," he said.

"We were not surprised to find someone doing this. It had happened before."

Susan, the research technician who received hate e-mail, said she had signed up with BiotechCareers believing the site would only disclose her personal information to legitimate employers and recruiters. She believes BiotechCareer's own recruiting arm sent her resume out to employers without her knowledge and did not adequately screen those who had access to its site.

Theft of resumes from Internet jub boards and, more commonly, sale of resumes and the e-mail addresses they contain has long been whispered about in the business, said Pam Dison, a research fellow at the Denver-based Privacy Foundation who studies the employment sites. "This is very common," said Dison, pointing to a surge in unwanted spam e-mail some job board users report after posting their resumes on such sites. "People assume this is innocent, but it's not."

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"People assume this is innocent, but it's not."

But the BiotechCareers.com case is one of the first times such suspicions have been at least partially confirmed, she said. Documents filed in the suit include emails sent to confused job seekers and other items, including an invoice for \$1,459,55 mm. of the first confused points of the first confused in the suit of the first confused in the suit of the first confused in the suit of the first confused in the first confused in the suit of the first confused in the first confused

Charles Palmer, a computer systems administrator from Sterling, Va., said he paid \$79 last summer to sign up with a distribution service called BlastMyResume.com after going without a job for seven months.

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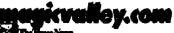








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ANSWER: The hand is not good enough to drive to game, but passing seems a little tam Rather than pass the buck to partner with a call of three spades, you might bid three hearts. That suggests this pattern and lets partner look at his cards in that light and judge what to do next.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

What does the Sandwich No-Trump mean — and would you advocate playing it? Fourth Son, Houghton, Mich.

ANSWER: Bidding in sandwich seat refers to being in fourth seat when both opponents have acted. Some play that a one-no-trump call shows the two unbid suits. call shows the two unind suits. But since you can show this hand in two ways already, either by doubling to show points or by jumping to two no-trump to show shape, the bid of one no-trump here should be reserved for balanced hands of, say, 16-19 points.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
I was dealt & 9.3, \(\Phi \), Q.3, \(\Lambda \), K.Q.8.2, A. 10-7.3.2, and I passed. My partner opened one heart at favorable vulnerability, and my RHO bid one spade. When I made a negative double. LHO bounced to three spades, which came back to me. Was I wrong to pass, playing partner to be light? Tumbledown Dick, Fanwood, N.J.

ANSWER: I think you should double three spaces — suggesting this sort of shape and values. You

might still be able to bring home 10 tricks in any one of your side's fits — and you can only protect your partner to a finited degree' Bear in mind that your partner could have quite'a good hand and be unwilling to commit to the four-fevel without further encour-agement from you.

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My partner responded one notrump, and my RHO came in with
two diamonds. Was I supposed to
pass, double, or bid, and if the
last, what should I have bid?

ANSWER: Rehidding two hearts should show six, and bidding three clubs should promise read extras in shape or high cards. That leaves pass and double the latter, unless by partnership agreement, being penalty orient ed, with better trumps than this. So I think you have to pass—and hope partner can act.

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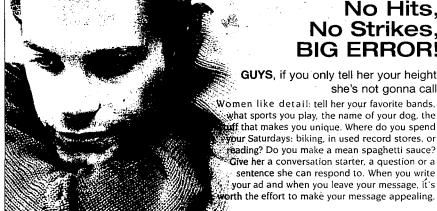
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Sunday, March 16, 2003

Section E

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springs, Lava Hot Springs - located

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destination resort among

Are all those little metal cars deductible?

With April 15 coming soon, the trend is to spend your free time working on your taxes – or worrying about them.

"I think I will just put a stamp on my head-and mail myself to the IRS-this year," a friend once told me.

And I go home from work every night to a husband who is buried in W2 forms and children whose first words were, "Charge it."

Not long ago, I read that women still make only 70 cents for every dollar that men make. But I also heard that, at one Calvin Klein fashion show, the women on the catwalk received \$7.000 while the men made only \$1,500.

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Of course, you have to be really skinny.

If tax season makes you dream about being a millionaire, you might want to read the book "Quizzical Pursuirs," which claims to be able to tell you if you have what it takes. The book contains questions like:

Which do you think your body needs the most?

(a) Malteds; (b) Challenges; (c) Loving; (d) Less than six hours of nightly sleep; (d) Plastic surpery.

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In other words, my son's sneakers ow cost more than my car paynow cost more comments.
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Still, I don't want to become too cynical.

Frequently, those of use who aren't rich sit around and envy those who are. Sometimes, we even make jokes about the more lucrative professions: I remember an old IV sictom with a segment set in a hospital where the hospital PA system kept blaring our messages like, "Dr. Smith call your travel agent," and, "Dr. Jones, call your contractor,"

"Dr. Smith call your travel agent,"
and, "Dr. Jones, call your contractor."
Meanwhile, some studies suggest that most lottery winners, a year later, are no happier than they were before buying their winning tickets.

And I once had a counselor tell me he had counseled with two clients in one afternoon, one because he couldn't live on \$200,000.

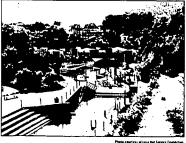
Think about all this, and the subject of money gets way too confusing.

I think I might as well pay the big bucks to Uncle Sam and just be grateful I have enough left over to go to Wendy's tonight.

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Denise Turner is assistant features litor at The Times News.

Spring



Pocatello on U.S. Highway 30 - has a year-round population of

Idaho's hot pools provide inexpensive vacations

Downata is a full-service hot springs

By Steve Crump Times-News writer

CAREY - Looking for an exotic oring-break destination close to

home?
Bill Studebaker suggests a wide spot in the road just off U.S. Highway 93 not far from Carey.

"15" a manufactful plane," said

Ingluway 93 not har from Carey.
"It's a wonderful place," said
Studebaker, chief of the College
of Southern
Idaho's Outdoor
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Wild Rose Hot Springs, a com-plettely accessi-ble – and com-plettely free – delight along a remote desert highway. "You don't have to look for in Idaho for hot s prings."

springs." Stuedebakér said.

They come with the territory, according to John Welhan, a research geolo-gist and faculty member at the University

University of Idaho,
"It's because of a feature of geology called basin-and-range that covers the Great Basin and much of Idaho," Located three miles northeast of Ririe he explained. "Basin-and-

me explained.
"Basin and defended by deep thick faulting, or deep cracks in the earth that go down two or three miles. Water follows those cracks, and at that depth, becomes heated."

It then rises to the surface because het water is lighter than cold water. By the surface because the surface because that water is lighter, bubbling up in cracks througher new and a bed-and-breakfast.

"Hot springs are probably ties. Call (20)

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"Hot Springs are probably
more prevalent in Idaho than in
most states," Welhan sid.
And great attractions for short
family rips. Studebaker has been
taking them for years, and suggests an excursion from each
syrings along the way - would be a
delightful spring break vacation.

tion.

Here are Idaho's developed hot springs that are open year-round:

• Bear Lake Hot Springs, located near Bear Lake and the small town of St. Charles in southeast

haho, off U.S. Highway 89, Open year-round from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, this mini-resort includ-ing camping, swimning, boating and campeing, Call (208) 945-4545.

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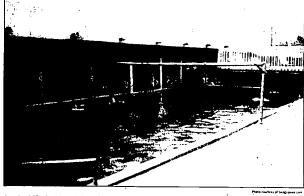
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Gre Lava Hot Springs, Idaho's

only hot-springs based full-fledged destination resort locat-ed 30 miles southeast of Pocatello on U.S. Highway 30.



A pool and 19 private hot tubs for soaking are featured by Miracle Hot Springs east of Hagerman.

Owned by the state of Idaho, it features hot pools, an Olympic-sized swimming and diving pool, liking, snowmobiling and tubing on the Portnerd River, Call (208) 776-5221, or log on to http://www.lavahotsprings.com/for information.

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• Miracle Hot Springs, located between Buhl and Hagerman along U.S. Highway 40, Open Mondays through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. There's a swimming pool, 19 private hor tubs for soaking and a nearby RV park. Pool admission is 56 for adults and 53 for children, private room rentals are extra. Call 5345002.

• Red River Hot Springs, locations of the state of the

Red River Hot Springs, located southeast of Elk City in Idaho County. Open year-round, this is a remote, rustic resort that offers public and private pools. Call (208) 842-2587.

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Riverdale Resort Hot Springs, located morth of Preston five miles off U.S. Highway 91. Open year-round from 11 am. to 10 pm. daily and featuring two hot springs pools, one Olympic-size pool, water slides, camping and RV sites.

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22 miles northwest of Crouch in Boise County off Idaho Highway 55, near Garden Valley. Open year-round, but accessible only by snowmobile this time of year. Call (208) 585-3134 for informa-

 Sligar's Thousand Springs • Stigar's Thousand Springs Resort, Incated just east of Hagerman on U.S. Highway 30, along the Snake River, Features indoor swimming and private hydrojet pools, with riverside camping and RV facilities. Open year-round, Tuesday through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 9:30 pm. and Sundays from noon to 8, pm. Pool prices are 55 for adults, 54 for children six to 13 and 53



for kids under five. Hot tubs are \$6 per person per hour and Jacuzzis are \$7 per person per hour. Call 837-4987.

Zim's Hot Springs, located just north of New Meadows off U.S. Highway 95. Winter hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesdays

through Saturdays. Main attrac-tions are two large soaking pool, heating by 145 degree springs. Call (208) 347-2686.

Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223, or write to him at crump@magicvalley.

Keep your child's sleepover parties from falling asleep

There's more to organizing a good sleepover than tossing a few sleeping bags on the floor, turning off the lights and turn-

turning off the lights and turning on the TV.

For a truly successful and memorable slum ber party, person a lize your child all-nighter. Come up with a theme for the party, and the rest is easy.

• Decorations. Often, this can be as easy as raiding the birth-day aisle for the latest plates, napkins and tablecloths (these work great as wall hangings, too).

• Food. No need to get carried away here, and you can deviate from the theme if neces-sary. Pizza is cheap. Same goes for chips and carrot sticks, with cheese sauce and ranch dress-ing for dipping. Makeyour-own sundaes are always fun for decorr.

dessert.

• Morning after. For breakfast, we'd suggest pancakes with Bertie Bott's beans - jelly beans - and whipped cream as a great way to get the kids out of their sleeping bags. Once the kids are fed and have packed up their stuff, hand out the favors. Again, stick to a theme. Your child's party will surely be a hit.

• Source Fart Worth

- Source: Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Counselors: Parents should talk to kids about how a layoff would affect family the next year and a half. Many of those workers, like Genevieve, have children who will be affected - indirectly but dramatically - by those layoffs. Genevieve's daughter is likely to lose her car because she won't be able to swing the insurance and other expenses. Her son, Sebastian, who works as a waiter, probably won't get as waiter, probably won't get as water financial help from mon. "I'm real fortunate because I have children who understand," Genevieve said. "They don't have the latest pair of shoes." Nonetheless, she did sit her children down recently to let them know she would probably lose her job. "I wasn't blindsided, so that made it a little

Knight Ridder News Service

WICHITA, Kan. - When Genevieve Duthrie got her pink slip from Boeing Wichita last month, one of her first thoughts was her daughter's Pontiac Sunbird.

She had bought Melissa the used car for her 16th hirthday. That was before any him tof layoffs, before terrorism turned America and its economy upside down. Genevieve was making \$17 an hour as a sheet metal mechanic, and life was good.

But life has changed, Cenevieve and 1,644 other Boeing Wichita workers received layoff notices this month, and thousands more are expected to lose their jobs over

casier," she said.

"But still, we know this isn't like any other layoff, where you wait around awhile and you're hired back. This is a longer-term thing. It's different."

Counselors say it's important that parents let children know how an impending job loss might affect the family. At the same time, though, they should be calm and reassure children that their family will survive. "Children are keen observers and poor interpreters," said Ellen Minshow, clinical service coordinator for the Friends University Center on Family Living.

Living.
"Chances are they're already picking up on a lot of what's Please see LAYOFFS, Page E6

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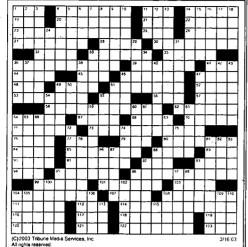
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Keeping up with the Schultzes, Schwartzes

DEAR EDITOR: I have a question which often causes confusion. What is the correct way to form the plurals; and possessives of names ending in "12," such as Schwartz and Schutz?

— S.J., EDINA, MINN.

DEAR S.J.: This is a natural variation of the frequently asked question about words ending in "2," you word ending in "2," you word ending in "2," you would ending in "2," you would be a support of the plural of any word ending in "2," you would be a support and the plural of any word ending in "2," you will be a support and the plural of any word ending in "2," you will be a support and the plural of any words. Fraper may be a support and the plural of the word as in "Ms. Schwart?'s car." However, in order to avoid the possible awkwardness of pronouncing the similar-sounding "2" and "5" together, it is acceptable simply to add an apostrophe after the you, you should follow it consistently. When forming the possessive ningly add an apostrophe to the end of the plural however, simply add an apostrophe to the end of the plural hour, as in "the Schultzes' house." No need to make a choice in this situation.

DEAR EDITOR: Can you dis

DEAR EDITOR: Can you discuss the word "cult"?

-P.B., NEW ORLEANS
BEAR P.B.: "Cult" entered
English from the French word
culte," which derived from the
latin "cultus," meaning "care or
adoration," the past participle of
"colere," "to cultivate." The earliest sense of "cult" referred to
formal religious veneration or

WORDWATCH The editors of Merriam-Webster's **Collegiate Dictionary**

worship, and its first known appearance in print was in 1617.

The sense of "cult" meaning a system of religious beliefs and ritual" first appeared, to our knowledge, in the writings of religious reformer and colonial-stability of the stability of the stability

DEAR EDITOR: I would like to know the origins and mean-ings of the nautical words "tar" and "gob." - R.W., YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Help son control his tantrums

DEAR R.W.: "Tar" and "gob" are both terms used for sailors. We don't know the origin of "gob," which has usually been used to refer specifically to an enlisted man in the U.S. navy, though several explanations have been put forth. Some people think it evolved from a Chinese word, others think it came from a British use, but no one has ever been able to trace it back to a definite source. Like so many words whose origins lie in spoken language, the evidence of this word's beginnings seems to have been washed away like writing in the sand. The earliest written record of "gob" meaning "sailor" dates only from 1915.

"Tar" in its "sailor" sense is a much older word than "gob," dating back to the 17th century. It can be traced to "tarpaulin," as will be the sand of the sailor. The figual and sillustic, with the meaning "sailor." The figual and sillustic, with the meaning "sailor." The figual and sillustic, with the sailor is the word eventually developed several specifically nantical senses. In one early sense, it was used to mean "a sailor's hat made of tarpaulin," A related term is "tarpaulin muster," which means "a pooling of funds for common use, especially by seamen" - so called because such funds were formerly collected by having the crew toss their money into a tarpaulin.

These uses gave rise to the use of "tarpaulin" as a synonym of "sailor," which in turn led to the shortened form "tar."

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Drops of Jupiter are in my eye

What are stars made of? No one knew the answer to this question until a little less than two centuries ago, when it was realized that every chemical element produced a unique pattern of colors. With a spectrograph, starlight is spread out into a spectrum in which certain colors are missing or extra bright. These are the fingerprints of a star's component atoms.

are missing or extra bright. These are the fingerprints of a star's component atoms. Applying this same technique to planets is a little less straightforward, because planets don't shine with their own light. Rather, their spectra are confounded with the spectra of their illuminating star (in the case of our solar system, the sum). Thus, to read a planet's chemical fingerprints, the Sun's spectral signature must be subtracted out.

When astronomers first studies are subjected to the subject of th



neighbors are far too dense to consist of gaseous material. Nonetheless, the misnomer

SKYWATCH

Chris Anderson

stuck.

Applying the equations of physics, we discover that Jupiter, larger than 1,400 earths, crushes its hydrogen with its behemoth gravity. Under such pressures, the lightest gas known is compressed into a liquid near Jupiter's surface, and a liquid metal – superheated by the crushing pressure – deep within. Saturn, only a little smaller than Jupiter, is thought to be similarly composed. Uranus and Neptune are too small to crush hydrogen composed. Uranus and Neptune are too small to crush hydrogen to its liquid form, but possess mantles of liquid water and rock. So go outside the next clear night, and look above the head of

Sky calendar

Planets:
One hour before sunnse:
Verus: ESE, very low
Mans: SSE, low
One hour after sunset:
Saturn: SW, very high
Jupiter: SE, high
Moon: Full moon Tuesday, 3:34

a.m.

Other: Vernal equinox Thursday, 6
p.m.

Orion, where Saturn currently sits. To the upper left of Orion, below and to the left of the twin stars of Gemini, is brilliant Jupiter. Each of these planets is a titanic drop of liquid, glistening in the sunlight.

Next week: Spot an astenid.

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Q: Our 3-year-old cries whenever we reprimand or discipline him. Whether we spank (occasionally), firmly redirect, or simply say, "No, you may not," be begins to cry. And I'm not just talking about a mere "I feel sorry for myself" whimper. I mean loud, obnoxious wailing—more like a tantrum. This is definitely getting worse, as he has now started this screaming if one of us even looks at him the "wrong" way. Why is he doing this and what can we do to stop it? It's driving us must.

A: I have absolutely no idea why your son is doing this other than to say that he has not yet learned to control his toddler nature, which is what growing up is all about. Some 3-year-olds have developed fairly good control over the "toddler within." and some 30-year-olds have not. Furthermore, children do not outgrow this sort of behavior: rather, their parents discipline such that they learn to keep it a lid on it.

You can help your son learn to better yet, send him to a neutral zone in the house – such as a bathroom for five minutes – when he tosses a tantrum.

Use a timer so you don't have to act as "jailer" and don't set



the timer until he stops crying. If he has trouble – or you think he's going to have trouble – sit-ting for five minutes, start with three and gradually bump it up.

three and gradually bump it up.
To hasten his recovery, post
three "tickets" - rectangles of
colored construction paper - on
the refrigerator with a magnetic
clip. He begins each day with
the same three tickets, but loses
one each time he has one of his
jogs, in addition to spending five
minutes in time out. When he
loses all three tickets, he spends
the rest of the day in his room
and goes to bed early. This is an
optional step, but will result in a
quicker cure.

optional step, but will result in a quicker cure.

Note: For those of you who are aghast at this last recommenda-tion, a 3-year-old will not be "scarred" from spending most of the day in a nice room.

Parents who cannot bring themselves to be so "cruel" can simply, when the third ticket of the day is lost, withhold one privilege. This requires more

patience, which I don't have.

Q: Our 13-month-old cats table food at his high chair. The problem is that he shares his meal with the dog. He throws food over the side just to watch the dog jump on it. This is actually funny, but he is tossing over a lot of food, and the dog is getting fant. Is there a way to stop this?

A: The research, most of which is being done at the Mars. Brothers Institute for Lower Learning, finds that this sort of feeding-the-dog behavior facilitates bonding between child and dog.

tates bonding between child and dog.

On the other hand, no harm will come of not allowing the dog in the dining area when the child is eating. You might consider letting your son feed chunks of dog food or several nutritious dogic treats to the dog from the high chair. Then, when both son and dog have had sufficient fun, remove the dog from the roam and feed your most munificent son.

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Why do people ignore helpful information? Take full responsibility for your life

I am in a quandary. What is your opinion? When given information that has verifiably helped others, why don't more people use that information to better their lives? Do they lack the capacity to understand or believe the substantiated information? Do they resist having someone else tell them what or how to do something, even when they know it works? Do they feel they are smarter than the others and can figure in out themselves, but never do? Do they believe their current situation is superior to the suggestion, even when all evidence contradicts that assumptions.

assumption?
Statistics show how many people, about 95 percent, will retire with little or no money saved, even with the way to wealth well known. And, with good financial information available for free.
Physicians know the major fee-



STRESS Tim O'Brien

Why, with all this information available, don't more of us take advantage of it? Are we too weak, too undisciplined, too addicted to do better?

addicted to do better?
Personally, sadly, I believe the
answer is yes. As a group, we
can't delay gratification. So we
eat and drink what we want
when and as often as we want,
We disregard good medical and
nutritional advice. This causes
obecity which leads to many serious health problems, including

premature death. We live to eat, rather than eat to live. Does it taste good enough to die for?
At first it is a lack of self control. Later it becomes an insidious habit. For many, it becomes an uncontrollable addiction.
With food, we wear our problem as fat.

Financially, we can't delay gratification so we use credit cards. Or, we use the equity in our homes to buy depreciating items. We pay interest to banks rather than having them pay interest to us on our savings or investments. We want to live "the good life" now like we see others do. Or, we try to model what we see in advertisements.

Most people spend their retirement as they go. They save virtually nothing. They don't have or fully find retirement programs.

Living within our income means living on what we have Financially, we can't delay

after we've shared some and saved some. It doesn't mean liv-ing on what we think we'll make in the future. Or decidin alow many payments we can afford, spending all we make and leav-ing no margin for error, econom-ic changes, or unforeseen set-backs.

to changes, or untoreseen set-backs.

Does it have to be this way?
Certainly not. Individually, we can take full responsibility for our life. We can decide to be life long learners. We can have an ever evolving plan for self improvement and growth. We can improve our chances of liv-ing a long prosperous life through the decisions we make and the actions we take.

Heredity does have a major influence on us. It can predis-pose us to certain diseases. It is, however, seldom a death sen-tence. It is more of an indicant and a guide for what to pay attention to. It is smart to be

familiar with family traits, both the good oves, strong bones, and the negative traits, like a tendency good eyes, strong bones, and the negative traits, like a tendency for addictive behavior. We can avoid many problems through awareness.

Do you want to be among the healthy and wealthy throughout your life? Probably. Then take control of your life whatever your current situation is. Decide to be healthy, and follow the top advice available for longevity. Right now that advice is to follow a restricted caloric diet and exercise moderately several times per week.

Decide to be wealthy. That doesn't mean always having what you want, when you want it. It means having what you want used when you need it. Save at least 10 percent of your income More is better. Set a course to be debt free as quickly as possible. Pay cash for everything but

your home.

Be a prudent shopper. Don't try to keep up with the Jancses. Enjoy vacations, cars, giving gifts within your income and savings. Most items of value don't cost money! Sunsets are free. Friendship doesn't have to be expensive. Personal satisfaction gained from work or service to others usually produces income. You can choose to be one of the few who live long, live well and leave a legacy of time, money and energy well steward-ed. Doesn't that sound like a worthy life's goal? I think so too.

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ENGAGEMENTS -

HART-BROWN

TWIN FALLS - Reed and Susan Hart of Preston announce the engagement of their daugh-ter, Shelley Hart, to Jeffrey D. Brown, son of Aleen Brown of Twin Falls and the late Darrell Brown.

Hart is a 2002 graduate of Preston High School. She cur-Presson High School. She cur-ently is studying dental hygiene at the College of Southern Idaho and is working as a dental assis-tant in Twin Falls. Brown is a 1998 graduate of Twin Falls High School. He served an LDS mission in El Salvador and currently is study-ing education at CSI. The wedding is planned for Saturday in the Logan LDS Temple. Receptions in their

DOWLING-ODENWALD

ODENWALD

TWIN FALLS - Dr. and Mrs. J.
Kevin Dowling of Windermere,
Fla., announce the engagement
of their daughter, Amanda Kelly
Dowling, to Sean Paul
Odenwald, son of Mr. and Mrs.
Lee F. Odenwald of Twin Falls.
Dowling is a 1996 graduate of
West Orange High School in
Windermere, Fla. She is selfemployed.
Odenwald is a graduate of
Bloomingdale High School in
Brandon, Fla., and the
University of Florida. He is curcently a lieutenant in the U.S.
Army, 211 Infantry Regiment,
stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.
The wedding is planned for

MASON-PETTINGER

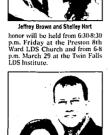
NAMPA - Erika Mason and Nick Pettinger announce their

Nick Pettinger announce their engagement.
Mason is the daughter of Phyllis and Roger Mason.
Pettinger of the Simulation of the Pettinger of Tonin Falls.
The wedding is planned for Saturday in Nampa.
The couple will reside in Nampa, where they are employed. Nampa, employed.

TURNER-MUELLER

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Turner of Boise announce the engagement of their daughter. Debra Gail Turner, to Kevin Dean Mueller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin D. Mueller of Twin Falls.

Mueller of Twin Falls. Turner is a graduate of Borah High School and Boise State University. She is employed at the VA Medical Center in Boise. Mueller is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and the University of Idaho. He is employed at the Meridian School District.



anda Dowling and Sean Odenwald April 26 at Resurrection Catholic Church in Winter





The wedding is planned for April 5 in Boise.

Aries: You can produce an artistic masterpiece

IF MARCH 16TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are spiritual, attracted to study of philosophy, religiton and esoteric subjects. You are romantic, possess a subtekind of sex appeal. You can make wrong choices in relationships, have tendency to overlook glaring faults in others. You learn the hard way," but usually emerge victorious. Virgo, other Pisces natives play unique roles in your life. Change of residence, marital status in picture for 2003. ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Imagination holds sway; you can produce an artistic masterpiece, It's also possible to have difficulty separating fact from illusion. This applies especially to romantic areas.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):

tic areas.
TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): You are back on solid ground, have more authority in handling residential, property affairs. Sale, purchase of land is in picture. You are attracting money – and love.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Lines of communication open, mailbox could "bulge" with let-ters, offers of bargain rates for travel, including cruises. Short trips, reunions with loved ones featured.

trips, reunions with loved ones featured.
CANCER (June 21-July 22). You receive credit long overdue; persons in high places acknowledge your value, want you on their team. You receive an offer than can lead to fame, fortune. New start indicated.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Cycle remains high; one who seemed cool, distant expresses admiration and love. You receive a "last chance" offer to cash in on a unique opportunity. There could be strings attached.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You recover from an emotional setback, receive "proverbial lucky

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

break." What you feared most does not come to pass. You hear some gossip, not necessarily mali-cious. Be discreet, don't trade

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22);

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Avoid arguments with persons who claim to have your best interests at heart. True or not, it won't hurt to listen. A broken relationship can be mended, if you so permit. Perceive potential. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Creative juices stir, writing ability nets a unique assignment. Let authority figures know you have the "right stuff." No time for modesty; go after what you want—in career, love.
SAGITIARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A family gathering may be interrupted by a phone call, unexpected visitor. Be diplomatic, but keep things brief, no need to upset own plans because of another's whim. Libra involved.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Con't believe everything you

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't believe everything you hear; terms of will, other finan-cial settlement apt to be overrat-ed. Insist on seeing papers, actual figures; element of trickery involved.

involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):
You receive proposal that relates
to business, partnership and marriage. Agreeing to terms, requirements can be another story.
Future welfare at stake; compro-

Future welfare at stake; compro-mise may be necessary. PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Complete necessary chores, but avoid careless, erratic behavior. There is tendency to break "frag-ile" pieces, including cherished keepsakes. Promised journey excites, delights you.

HANSEN-STUDYVIN

HANSEN-STUDWIN

JEROME - E. Dale and
Teddae Hansen of Jerome
announce the engagement of
heir daughter, Dalene Marie
Hansen, to William "Billy" Lee
Studyvin, son of Linda Myers and
Rex Studyvin, both of Jerome.
Hansen is a 2002 graduate of
Jerome High School and is
attending the College of
Southern Idaho. She is employed
by the Herrett Center for Arts
and Science in Twin Falls.
Studyvin is attending CSI and
is employed by Dennis Myers.
The wedding is planned for 1
p.m. Saturday at the Jerome 1st
Ward LDS Church, 825 E. Ave-BFollowing their honeymoon to

Bradley-Knight

DRADIEST-INNRGHTI
BURLEY-Megan Bradley and
Randy Knight announce their
engagement.
Bradley is the daughter of
John and Dana Bradley of
Burley She is a graduate of
Burley High School and is attending Idaho State University,
where she is majoring in education.

tion.
Knight is the son of Michael and Patty Knight of Rupert. He is a graduate of Minco High Stond and is attending ISU, where he is majoring in mechanical engineering, He is employed by Atte Engineering and Machining in Pocatello. itello

Pocatello.

The wedding is planned for 6:30 p.m. Friday at the United Methodist Church in Burley. A reception to honor the couple

ATKINSON-BARLOW

HEYBURN - Gary and Alice Atkinson of Caldwell announce the engagement of their daugh-ter, Mary Alice Atkinson, to Jason Richard Barlow, son of Richard and Brenda Barlow of Heyburn.

Richard and Brenda Barlow of Heyburn.

Atkinson is a 1999 graduate of Twin Falls High School and a graduate of Brigham Young University-Idaho with a degree in nursing. She is employed at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Barlow is a 1999 graduate of Minico High School and is currently attending the College Southern Idaho, pursuing an electrical degree. He also served an LDS mission in Winnipeg, Canada. He is employed by



William Studyvin and Dalene Hansen

Mexico, the couple plans to return to studies at CSI and reside in Jerome.



will follow the ceremony at 7:30 p.m. at Sweetheart Manor, cor-ner of Overland Avenue and 42nd Street, Burley.



Tason Barnow and many AURISSON Ranney's in Burley. The wedding is planned for Saurday in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis.

-Weddings -

GAUTTHER-REHN

TWIN FALLS - Robert and Barbara Gauthier of Buhl announce the marriage of their daughter, Monique Gauthier, to Eric Rehn, son of Vernon and Kay Rehn of Twin Falls.

A private wedding ceremony was held Feb. 16. The newlyweds reside in Twin Falls.

RUTTER-AHRENS

JEROME - Rochelle L. Ruhter and Tracy Ahrens were married Nov. 9, 2002, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Jerome. Officiating was the Rev. Baldwin Camin. Zora Fansler was the organist. Janice Walter was the soloist and was accompanied by Don Wight.

The bride is the daughter of Noel and Sharon Ruhter of

Jerome.
Parents of the bridegroom are
Bonnie and Wes Rose of Jerome
and the late Everett Ahrens.
Katie Calhoun, friend of the
bride, served as the bride's
matron of honor. Brenda Beery,
friend of the bride, was the

matron of honor. Brenda Beery, friend of the bride, was the bridesmaid. Christina Ahrens, niece of the groom, and Madelynn Ruhter, niece of the bride, were the flower girls. Corey Ahrens, brother of the groom, served as best man. Brian Ahrens, brother of the groom, was the groomsman. Derek, Lance and Lon Ruhter, brothers of the bride, and Mark Walter, cousin of the groom, were the ushers. Braydon Ahrens, nephew of the groom, was the ringbearer. Candlelighters were Teague Ruhter, nephew of the bride, and Cameron Ahrens and Matthew Ahrens, nephews of the groom. Special guests included grand-





Rochelje and Tracy Ahrens

parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Judd of Twin Falls. Mrs, Jack Judd of Twin Falls.
A reception was held following
the ceremony at St. Paul's
Lutheran Church.
Dorothy Conradi, aunt of the
groom, and Stacey Walter, friend
of the couple, attended the guest
heals.

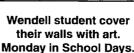
Gift attendants were Hailey and Kody Walter, relatives of the

and Rody Watter, relatives of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of Concordia University in Seward, Neb. She is employed at the Sawtooth National Forest Service in Twin Falls.

at twin Falls. The bridegroom is a graduate of the University of Idaho with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He is employed at JUB Engineers in Twin Falls.

The newlyweds reside in Jerome.



.Erke-PRUETT⁶

I'RU ETTI TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Mark England and Jerry Erke, all of Twin Falls, announce the engagement of their daughter. Ahleah Erke, to Shane Pruett, son of Gayle and Scott Milner and Rick Pruett, all of Twin Falls.

• The couple is planning a 2004 wedding.

CUTLER-DERRICOTT

CUTLER-DERRICATT
TWIN FALLS - Mark and
Shawna Cutler of Twin Falls
announce the engagement of
their daughter, Amand. Sky
Cutler, to Jason Royce Derricott,
son of Dianne Derricott of Twin
Falls and the late W. Royce
Derricott,
Cutler graduated from Twin
Falls High School and attended
Brigham Young University-Idaho
in Rosburg,
Derricott graduated from Twin
Falls High School and is attending Bose-State University.
The weedding is planned for
Fralay in the Logan LDS Temple.





Amanda Cutier and Jason Derricott

A reception will be held from 6-8 p.m. Saturday in the Evergreen Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE HOAGS

FILER – Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hoag of Filer celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary March

Hoag and Pouline Pegg were married March 3, 1943, in Baltimore, Md.

They moved to Idaho from upstate New York and have heed in the Filer area since 1956. He worked in farming until list retirement in the mid 1970. She worked in sales until her retire-ment

worked in sacs unin ner remement.

The couple is active in the first Baptis Church in Filer.

Their children are Beverly Brennan of New Bedford, Mass, Grace Herd of Rupert, Arthur Hoog of Twin Falls, Wayne Hoog of Trickee, Calif., Carla Harris of

THE PERTONS

BURLEY - Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pelton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March

son wearing aninversary Arab.

Pelton and Urahna Wardle
were married March 8, 1953, in
the LDS Charle.

The comple has lived in the
for the past 15 years.

Their children include Dennis
Pelton of Highmore, Monta,
Michael Pelton and Wayne
Pelton, both of Sydney, Monta,
Laurie Flower of Toole, Utah,
and the late Lauretta Pelton.

THE THEATTE

JEROME - Mr. and Mrs. onald F. Thibault of Jerome will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and rela-tives are invited to attend from 5-9 p.m. at the Jerome Country

Club.
Thibault and Phyllis Stockton were married March 22, 1953, at the First Christian Church in

the First Christian Courte.

They have lived and farmed in Jerome County all their married life, raising potatoes and Black Angus cattle. They have enjoyed retirement since 1998.

The event is being given by their five children, Sandra (Mike) Thompson, Greg (Alice)



Pendilleton, Ore., and the late Dale Hoag. They have 21 grand-children and 27 great-grandchildren.

dren.

The couple is planning a cele-bration later in the summer when their family can attend.



They have 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.



Phyllis and Donald Thibault

Thibault and Kent Thibault, all of Jerome, Cheryl (Steve) Ollie of Caldwell and Lisa (Mike) Silver of Salt Lake City, Vtah. The couple has 16 grandchil-dren and two great-grandsons.





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Karma Bishep helps students with vocabulary in Brenda Barlow's secondgrade class at Dworshal Elementary School as part of teaching.



Woman fulfills her dream

BURLEY - "Don't give up on our dreams," Karma Bishop

your dreams," Karma Bisnop advised.
She didn't and hopes to live her fream as teacher.
Bishop is a single mother of four children, all of whom are still in school. While working full-time as a mom and partime at Smith's Food and Drug in Burley. Bishop attended school partime and full-time. After a seven-year stretch, Bishop has received her

bachelor's degree in elementary education.

School and children are expen-sive, as well as time-consuming,

School and children are expen-sive, as well as time-consuming, so Bishop needed help with hoth. Her parents, Renon and Kenneth Craythorn of Heyburn, helped take care of the children, and support was offered by many other family and frends, includ-ing Clyde and Charleen Bishop, parents of her ex-husband, she said.

To pay for schooling, she applied for grants and assistance through the Workforce

Investment Act of the Idaho Department of labor. Bishop did student teaching at Dworshak Elementary School in Burley, and said she luppes to get a full-time teaching job at the school

Burley, and a full-time teaching job as a full-time teaching job as a school.

Bishop credits her success to those who offered their help and support through the years of working toward her goal. Often people feel trapped in a situation, but her advice is not to give up, due said. "Whether it's school or something dee, do what you want – be who you want to be."











DAR honors students for citizenship

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution honored students at its recent annual Good Citizens at the Jerome Public

Outstanding students from par-ticipating Magic Valley high ticipating Magic Valley high schools were recognized for qual-ities emphasized by the society. These qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patrio-tism have been reflected in an outstanding manner by each stu-



Stephanle Fowers certificate and a wallet identi-

fication card.

The local chapter winner,

Stephanic Fowers of Kimberly High School, also received a check for \$50 from the local Twin Falls Chapter DaR, and will com-pete at the state level. In addition to Fowers, other local-winners are: Brandi Gill, Camas County High School; Blake Turner, Castleford High Edward Turner, Castleford High High School; Mary Feusahrens, Filer High School, Beverly Ano, Jerome High School, Adam Gedeborg, Shoshone High School; and Rayme Muus, Twin Falls High School.

STORK REPORT

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To announce a birth certificate to Send a copy of the birth certificate to Medissa Morgan The Times Rews P.O. Bio 548 Town Falls, 10 B3303 Or fax to: 734-5538. Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper, and noon Finday for Tuesday's paper. Medissa at 735-3278 Call Melessa at 735-3278

Mágic Valley Regional **Medical Center**

Medical Center
Anastasia Dawn Harrell,
daughter of Tanya Sue and
Kerry Duane Harrell of Twin
Falls, was born Wednesday,
March 5, 2003.
George Samuel Showers, son
of Ann Marie and Gary T.
Showers of Jerome, was born
Wednesday, March 5, 2003.
Ethen King Nutsch, son of
Amy Denjse and Patrick Lee
Nutsch of Jerome, was born
Thursday, March 6, 2003.
Gunter Elight Lee Ronk, son of
Amy K. Ronk of Twin Falls, was
born Thursday, March 6, 2003.
Audrey Sherree Campbell,
daughter of Tiffany and Donovan

Campbell of Twin Falls, was born Friday, March 7, 2003. Domanic Carl Meline, son of Crissie Jean Schouten and Derek Carl Meline of Twin Falls, was

born Saturday, March 8, 2003.
Christian Malachi Alvarado,
son of Elise Ariel and Jorge
Alvarado of Twin Falls, was born
Saturday, March 8, 2003.
LeaBeth Agnes Hance, daughter of Vicki Lynn and Ricki Dean
lance of Glenns Ferry, was born
Sunday, March 9, 2003.
Jazmyn Blanche Smothers,
daughter of Kelly Dawn and
Louis S. Smothers of Bubl, was
born Sunday, March 9, 2003.
Ostyn Drake Neville, son of
Amber Rose Neville of Twin.
Falls, was born Sunday, March 9,
2003.
Edep Faith Schilder, daughter
of Andrea Joy and John Eric
Schilder of Bubl, was born

DAR names state essay winner

TWIN FALLS - Eric Gillette, a seventh-grade student at Lighthouse Christian School in Twin Falls was named the first-place winner in his grade level in a statewide American history essay contest sponsored by the Daughter's of the American Revolution. His essay was chosen by the Twin Falls Chapter DAR to represent the Magic Valley in the statewide contest. The contest is sponsored each year by

DAR, an organization promoting patrio-tism, education and historic preservation. This year's topic was "A Letter from Valley Forge: Winter 1777-1778." Participants were asked to pretend they were Revolutionary War soldiers, and write a letter to their family describing their activities and conditions at Valley Force. Forge, Eric's essay will now compete in a six-state northwest division comest.

Good

DAR



Students head to state bee competition

BUHL - Buhl Middle School has announced that Ashley Bartschi has qualified to compete in the 15th annual Idaho Geography Bee. Ashley is one of 100 Idaho



to qualify to compete in the school-wide competition. She then continued her success when

she won the school competition over sixth, seventh and eighthgraders. Finally, Ashlev had to rake written exam in January that was judged to see if she qualified for the state competition.

Ashley is the daughter of Erin and Holly Bartschi, and her mother will attend the competition with her.

Aaron Burkhart, a seventhgrade student at Declo Junior High School, has won his school's geography bee.

Aaron competed with students in grades fourth through eighth. He also was notified recently that he had been named one of the top 100 Idaho students passing the test. He also will compete in the Idaho Geographic Bee in

Lewiston.

His geography toacher, Dennie Smyer, and Aaron are busy studying for the state thats. His parents. John and Kerri Burkhart, have been meited to participate in a geography workshop for parents and teachers of the winning students to be held at the Lewis-Clark State Gollege.

The statewide hee is the third level of the competition that started in September when the National Geographic Society invited schools to participate.

Each state winner will receive \$100 and an expense-paid trip to the national finals for themselves and a teacher escort. The finalists will compete in May fill competition Washington, D.C. for a \$25,000 college scholarship.

SERVICE NEWS

Day finishes Marine training at San Diego

training at San Diego
Marine Corps Pvt. Victor D.
Doy, son of Melanic D. and Victor
D. Day of Jerome, has completed
basic training at the Marine
Corps Recruit Depot in San
Diego, Calif.
Day 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.
Bay is a 2002 graduate of Jerome
High School.

Robison enlists under Army

Robison enlists under Army Delayed Entry program John M. Robison, son of John and Sandra Robison of Twin Falls, has enlisted in the U.S. Army for six years. Robison, 17, entered through the Army's Delayed Entry Program, and will receive a 512,000 enlistment bonus. He will attend One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Ga., with a specialty as a Special Forces recruit.

Bucy completes basic training with U.S. Navy

Araning with U.S. Navy
Navy Seaman Apprentice
Andrew C. Bucy, son of Sandra
A. Green of Elko, Nev. and Bryan
C. Bucy of San Diego, Calif, has
completed U.S. Navy basic training
at Recruit Training
Command in Great Lakes, III.

During the eight-week program. Bucy completed a variety of training which included lassroom study and included instance into managed customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival and shiphoard and aircraft safety. An emphasis also is placed on physical fitness.

Bucy is a 2001 graduate of Point Loma High School of San Diego.

Grier is on deployment to Arabian Gulf

to Arabian Gulf
Navy Seuman Isaac M. Grier,
son of Marilee Grier of Twin Falls
and John S. Grier III of Smyrna,
Ga, is on a sixth month of deployment to the Western Pacific and
Arabian Gulf while assigned to
the aircraft carrier USS Abraham
Lincoln, homeported in Everett,
Wash.

Grier joined the Navy in February 2002.

McDowell completes basic Marine training

basic Marine training
Marine Corps Pet, Kimberly A.
McDowell, daughter of Sandra
M. Turner of Twin Falls and
firmothy J. McDowell of
Riverside, Calif., has completed
assic training at the Marine
Corps Recruit Depot at Parris
Island, S. C.
McDowell Successfully completed 12 weeks of training
designed to challenge new
Marine recruits both physically
and mentally.
McDowell also spent numerous
hours in classroom and field
assignments which included
learning first aid, uniform regula-

tions, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. McDowell is a 1998 graduate of Bethel Christian High School of Riverside, Calif.

Madrid Joins U.S. Army through delayed program

Michael J. Madrid, son of Mike Madrid of Twin Falls and Glenda Gibson of California, has enlisted in the U.S. Army for four years. Madrid, 27, entered through the Army's Delayed Entry Program. He will attend basic training at Fort Bennine Ga and training at Fort Benning, Ga. and advanced individual training at Fort Gordon, Ga., with a specialty as a signal support systems spe-cialist.

He is a 1994 graduate of Wendell High School.

Juarez will train in utilities equipment repair in Army

Jesus Juarez, son of Victor and Blanca Juarez of Rogerson, has enlisted in the U.S. Army for two

enlisted in the U.S. Army for two years.
Juarez, 21, entered through the Army's Delayde Entry Program, and will receive a \$6,000 enlist-ment bonus and \$25,500 through the Army College Fund upon completion of his military service. He will attend basic training at Fort Knox, Ky, and advanced individual training at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, kid, with a specialty in utilities equipment repairer-heating and air conditioning.

He is a 2000 graduate of Filer

conditioning.

He is a 2000 graduate of Filer High School.

Students learn about nation's defense By Betty Taylor Times-News correspondent

WENDELL - Owen Kroeger and Rachael Goodhart of Wendell each spent five days learning first-hand from leaders in national security, diplomacy and global defense systems at a national youth forum. The National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy met in February in Washington, D.C. Having demonstrated cademic

in February in Washington, D.C. Having demonstrated academic achievement and interest in a career related to national security, Kroeger and Goodhart joined almost 400 high school juniors and seniors from across America at the event.

"You had to be nominated by an alumni or teacher, and have a 3.5 GPA," Goodhart said. "Then, we filled out an application that was submitted to a national forum."

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In addition to experiencing how the United States plans for peace and prepares for crisis, the students met leaders from key agencies and institutions, and had the opportunity to visit several military installations and agencies, such as the Central Intelligence Agency, Pentagon, U.S. Department of State and several embassies, among other sites.

"I didn't realize just how hard the policy makers have it,"



Wendell High School students Rachael Goodhart and Owen Kroeger attended a national leadership forum on defense, intelligence and diplomacy.

Goodhart said. "I learned more in-depth of how government works and how the communication and get along with people. It was a major eye opener for me. I now realize how people here are really sheltered as to what really goes on."

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The forum culminated with a simulation of an international cri-sis involving the Darien region in Panama, where students assumed true-to-life roles in mak-ing decisions to resolve a frictional global situation.

"I am encouraged to go into a political field and might even consider politics as a career,"

Kroeger said.

'He also spent an extra two days in Washington, D.C., and visited the National War College's National Securities of the College's National Securities admitted to enterties there, and presenting solutions to the college.

"I found it interesting that most people there at the forum didn't know that New Mexico was part of the United Stares and few had never even heard of Idaho," he said.

The forum is a nonpartisan nonprofit educational organiza-

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

CSI offers free 'back

CSI offers free DECK
to school' workshop
TWIN FALLS - The College of
Southern Idaho Center for New
Directions will offer a free "back
to school" workshop from 1:30.4
p.m. Eriday at the Center for
New Directions at CSI.
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The workshop is designed for

any person who is considering full-or part-time college classes. For more information or to reg-lster, call 732-6680, ext. 2680 or 1-800-680-0274, ext. 6680.

Store holds prom

style show, sale
TWIN FALLS - Hart's Tux and
Gowns will hold a Prom Style
Show and sale at 7 p.m.
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Shopping Center.
The show is free, and refresh-

ments will be sold.

For more information, call Hart's Tux and Gowns at 734-8393.

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driving class in April GOODING - The AARP will conduct a 55 and Alive defensive driving class April 3-4 at the Gooding County Senior Citizens Center, 308 Senior Ave. Participants must attend both

sessions to receive a certificate of

completion.

Pre-registration is required.

The cost is \$10, and checks should be made payable to the AARP

who made the grade as a **National Merit** Finalist. Tuesday in Community

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior

Citizens Center
616 Eastland Drive
Dinner served from noon to
12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is
53 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

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

Elks card game

Thursday Pinochle at 1 p.m. Friday Quilting Lunch bingo Blood pressure check

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Citizens Inc.

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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 be \$2.50.

Sunday dinners are \$4. Meals
can be delivered Monday
through Friday. Call \$43.4577
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service to and from meals is
available Monday evening.
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moon and evening. Call the care
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is welcome.
Sunday: Turkey dinner
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m. Thursday Exercises from 7-8 p.m. Quilting from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bingo from 1-3 p.m.

Friday Center closed

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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: Beef goulash over
noodles

Thursday: Spaghetti with

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310 Main N., Kimberly Monday-Friday: Menu not

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Tuesday
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Free AARP Tax Aide for middle and low income. Call 4234338.
Wednesday
Dominoes at 1 p.m.
Thursday

Crafts at 1 p.m. Friday Bingo at 11:55 a.m. B.J. and Friends Pinochle at 1 p.m. Foot clinic; sign up; \$6 per per**Camas County** Senior Center

Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield
Musla are served at 12 p.m.
Lucsdays, Wednesdays and
Fridays. The sugested donation
or 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 7642226, Menus are subject.
Tuesday: Corn beef and cab
age, red potatoes, carrots, beet
salad, bread, cupcakes
Wednesday: Egg salad sandwiches, vegetable soup, cabbage
slaw, choolate cream puffs
Friday: Roast beef, baked
salad, bread, dessert
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.
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Thursday
Quilting from 1-3 p.m.

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Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.

Citizens Inc.
308 Senior Ave.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.
Monday: Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, salad, french bread, cake
Tuesday: Lemon pepper cod, au gratin potatoes, stewed tomatoes, carrot with raisin and pineapple salad, whole wheat bread, mixed fruit
Wednesday: Pepper steak over rice, carrots and zucchin; Jell-O with mandarin oranges, french bread, pears, brownie
Thursday: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, corn, cole slaw, whole wheat roll, blueberry cobble

ler Activities Monday Pool at 9:30 a.m. Pinochle at 12:30 p.m. Hand and foot at 6 p.m Tuesday Hand and foot at 6 p.m. Tuesday Pool at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Pinochle at 1 p.m. Bridge at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Pool at 9:30 a.m. Shuffleboard at 6 p.m. Thursday Pool at 9:30 a.m. SHIBA at 11 a.m. Fiddlers at 12:30 p.m. TOPS at 5 p.m. Pinochle at 7 p.m. Friday Bridge at 1 p.m. Handfoot at 1 p.m. Bowling at 1:30 p.m. Bingo at 6 p.m.

Jerome Senior Center

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E.
All dinners at noon. Suggested
donation is 53.
Monday: Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, green salad,
fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Salisbury steak,
potatoes, gravy, carrots, fruit,
Rice Krispie treats
Wednesday: Taco salad, juice,
fruit cocktail cake
Thursday: Oven baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, country
ix vegetables, salad, fruit pizza
Friday: Ham, raisin sauce,
sweet potatoes, green bean

Friday: Ham, raisin sauce, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, Jell-O with fruit, apple crisp Activities Monday Aerobics at 11 a.m. Tuesday Pinochle at 1 p.m. Snack bar at 6 p.m. Snack bar at 6 p.m. Bingo at 7 p.m. Wednesday Aerobics at 11 a.m. Pinochle at 7 p.m. Friday Fr

Friday Aerobics at 11 a.m. Pinochle at 1 p.m. Richfield Senior Center

Monday: Corned beef, cab-bage, boiled potatoes, boiled car-rots, Irish soda bread, pistachio pudding, orange juice, milk, cof-fee

fee
Thursday: Turkey salad sand-wich, vegetable soup, apple pie, orange juice, milk, coffee

Shoshone Senior Center

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone Tuesday: Lasagna, corn, green salad, garlic sticks, cinnamon rolls, orange juice, milk, coffee Wednesday: Chicken noodle soup, egg salad sandwich, carrot sticks, rhubarb cream pie, orange juice, milk, coffee Friday: Baked potato bar, cake, 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 Tuesday Lunch at noon Pinochle at 1 p.m Wednesday Lunch at noon Lunch at noon Scraphook 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.

Senior Citizens

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 53. 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: Lasagna, broccoli,
salad, applesauce, rice pudding
Wednesday: Bake day
Thursday: Chicken sandwich,
potato salad, carrots, pears, no
bake cookie

Silver and Gold

Hagerman Valley

Senior/Community Center
140 E. Lake, Hagerman
Open 9 am. to 4 pm. Monday,
Wednesday and Friday, Lanch is
served at non on Manday,
Wednesdays and Friday, Lanch is
Suggested donation for seniors
is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2. Coftee, tea,
juice and bread served with all
meals Monday: Corned beef, cab-

bage Wednesday: Chicken fajita, vegetables, dessert Friday: Tuna noodles, salad,

Friday, Consideration of the American Construction of the Consideration of the Consideration

Blaine County Senior Center

Senior Center
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Meals are served at mon on
Tuesday, Wednesday and
friday, Milk, juice, coffee and
tea are served with all meals
Tuesday; Corned beef, cabbage, red potatoes, watergate
salad, scones with honey butter,
tossed green salad, chocolate
cream pie

tossed green salad, chocolate cream pie Wednesday: Meat loaf biscuits, buttered corn, parslied potatoes, cole slaw, lemon pound cake with blueberry topping Friday: Roast turkey or fish sticks, corn bread dressing, green beans, cranberry salad, potatoes, hot roll, carrot cake with cream cheese frosting Activities Tuesday St. Patrick's Day celebration Exercise at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday 12:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m.
Thursday
Exercise in Sun Valley Friday Birthday party

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

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pudding Tuesday: Cottage cheese, chef salad, texas toast, apple peach

pudding
Wednesday: Birthday dinner
Thursday: Parmesan chicken,
noodles, vegetable, rolls, pie
Friday: Snorgasbord
Center gift shop is open from
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday
through Friday. Blood pressure
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Quitting and pool table daily during center hours. Crafts every day. Home delivered meals are available Monday through Friday upon request. Volunteers are needed to do gro-cery 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.

p.m. Pinochle from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday Bingo from 1-2 p.m. Wednesday Wednesday Pinochle from 1-4 p.m.

Principle 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

All dinners are served at moon.

Monday: Corned beef, cab-bage, potatoes, pear on lettuce, herb roll, fruit cocktail cake
Tuesday: Beefy vegetable sonp, baked ham and cheese sandwich, apples, cole slaw, chocolate pudding
Wednesday: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, broccoli, herb roll, blueberry short cake
Thursday: Pork noodles, egg roll, oriental vegetables, boiled egg, rice medley, anadrain Jell-O, apple pie
Friday: Herb cod, hash brown

gg, rice memey, mandarm jen-, apple pie Friday: Herb cod, hash brown ake, brussel sprouts, roll, eaches, frosted orange pie Activities Monday

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

m. Pool at 10 a.m. Exercise at 11:15 a.m. Computer class at 1 p.m. Bingo at 7 p.m. Wednesday Pool at 10 a.m. Exercise at 11 a.m. Pinochle at 1 p.m.

Thursda 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.

Seniors embrace peace movement

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"Peace on you!" shouts Irv Horowitz, edging dangerously off the curb and into weekend traffic. He shakes his fist at a young man in a Volvo, who is frowing and giving a thumbs down the the crowd carrying signs with slogans like NO BLOOD FOR OIL. "We vant peace, not war!" Horowitz

want peace, not war!" Horowitz cries.

Not bad for a 76-year-old grand-father and snowbird who lives in a Deerfield Beach, Fla, retirement community.

Go to any rally or gathering these days, as the peace move-ment accelerates to full brottle, and there are plenty of seplor cri-zens waving signs and raising their voices.

their voices.

There were more than a few silver heads, including that of Horowitz and his wife, among the roughly 75 demonstrators clustered at a busy intersection recently in Souries, Fla., as part of a worldwide uprising against an American war against fraq. The same was true at a Feb. 14 rally at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, where a 93-year-old and her walker took the stage to rally the toog and the walker took the stage to rally the toog and the day of the definition of the demonstration seens. Others were civily disobedient was back when, even hauling their kids to demonstrations about the Cold War, the Vietnam War, nuclear war.

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Jarvis attaches a string loop to her protest signs so she can sling them around ther neck, as her walker demands she keep her hands free Jarvis and spice of protest signs so she can sling them around the racek, as her walker demands she keep her lands free Jarvis and to give up her keeps the free search of the protest signs so she can sling them around the racek, as her walker demands she keep her hands free Jarvis and to give up her keeps the free search of the protest signs so she can sling them around the racek, as her walker demands the protest signs so she can sling them around the racek, as her walker demands the keep her hands free Jarvis and to give up her keeps the hound the mental the protest signs so she can sling them around the racek, as her walker demands free free her to peace the search of the protest signs so she can sling them around the racek, as her walker demands free free her to peace the peace the search of the peace the search of the peace the search of the search of the search

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Ance jarvis, 10 93, years out, and then's support this war, 'she'll say.

Talk to enough senior peaceniks and a common goad emerges: They want to stop the country that they love – and that many of them or their family members fought for in World War II – from charging into what they consider an unnecessary and unjust war. They're worried about their grandchildren's future. They're worried about the world's future.

"I don't think President Bush is getting us into this for purely democratic reasons or with the purest of motives," said Murray Hirsh, 78. Drawing on his skills honed on local campaigns for

HITSB, 78. Drawing on his skills honed on local campaigns for national Democratic candidates, he organized Seniors For Peace out of his Century Village retire-ment complex in Pembroke Pines, 17.

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The group demonstrated recently no far from the village gates. Members were carrying their posters, as their police permit forbid them to have signs on sticks. They thought we could use the sticks as weapons," said Hirsh. Most senior protesters still remember World Wor II as a just conflict that they supported then and now. But many older veterans promoting peace today have powerfully mixed feelings about the morality of that war vs. the reality of the battlefield.

Hirsh was so eager to fight the Japanese, he tried to enlist in the Navy at I. When he finally got to the Pacific the following year, as part of a chemical-warfare division of Laron appdiled him.

"We were there for months and saw an entire hillside fill with bodies," he said. "It's easy for people who have not seen the gore of war, or who don't have kids in the service, to be hawkish."

kits, in the service, to be hawk-ist. Earlies Charfield, a retired Springfield, Ohio, college-history professor who spent his career researching and strining about the United State's peace movement, said Americans today typically are moved to protest war on either motal or political grounds are moved to protest war on either motal or political grounds or both. People in their 70s and 80s were more likely to have grown up with an idealized vision of America, he said, experiencing World War II as a public cause with international allies.

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NIGHTMARE WITH A RED NOSE

Do clowns make you shiver in your shoes? You're not alone

The Dallas Morning News

Send in the clowns?
First, make sure Shonda
Purvis of Dallas isn't within
screaming distance. "Evill Evil!
Oh, dear God, but I hate clowns,"
says Purvis, 36. "Despise (them).
Get the shaking heebs just thinking about them."
Purvis and others suffer from
coulrophobia, the fear of clowns.
They join an estimated 6.3 million Americans from ages 18 to
54 who have specific phobias,
according to the Anxiety
Disorders Association of
America.

You scoff? For heaven's sake, you ask, who in the world would be afraid of Bozo? How could Ronald McDonald make anyone want to heave up her hamburg-

want to heave up her hamburger?

Ask Lisa Weihmuller of Arllngton, who has feared clowns since visiting the circus at age 6 or 7. "A clown got up right in my face, and I could see his beard stubble underneath the clown makeup," she recalls. "He smelled bad and his eyes were weird. ... He had this smile painted on his face, but he was not smilling. He was yucky. Scary-Freaky. Weird.

"I'm 45 now, and ever since then I stay as far away from clowns as I can."
Popular culture has long

clowns as I can."
Popular culture has long acknowledged a dark side of clowning. Its ancient roots embrace some aspects of shamnism and the supernatural.

al.

Clowns may have evolved as jesters and tricksters, but the dark side never vanished. Even Disney acknowledged it: Remember those sadistic drunks who tortured Dumbo in Disney's commend electic? animated classic?

who tortured Dumbo in Disney's animated classic?
Clowns in horror movies such as "Poltergeist" or "Spawn" are meant to scare the baggy pants off you. Pennywise, the clown in Stephen King's "It," lives in the sewer, has razor-sharp claws and kills children. The Canadian theatrical horror clowns Mump and Smoot perform a cabaret of carnage. And don't forget that serial murderer John Wayne Gacy dressed up as a clown and performed at parties. Yet even innocuous-seeming clowns can make people, especially children, tremble.

Put yourself in the place of small child visiting the circus for the first time. A stranger is suddenly bearing down on you. His face, barely recognizable as human, is smeared with ghastly makeup. He wears outlandish clothes and skateboard-size



Coulrophobla, or fear of clowns, is ame shoes. He has a huge red nose and Haming orange hair. He cackles wildly and makes other weird noises...
... and instead of understanding your fear, the adults you're with – these people who are supposed to love you and protect you – why, they're LAUGHING, they're telling you it's AICHT, for Pete's Sake, they're even dragging you TOWARD this horrible monster...

Maybe it's a wonder that kids aren't terrified of clowns.
Forrest York of Mesquite, Texas, recalls being traumatized by the Town Clown on the old "Captain Kangaroo" TV show. "I was sitting in the living room and all of a sudden the clown comes on," he says. "I'm scared, and I know I don't like this."
York, 38, has three boys and ir. None is drivel book and ir. None is drivel book and ir.

know I don't like this."
York, 38, has three boys and a
girl. None is afraid of clowns. But
when he takes his youngest boy
to McDonald's, he has to turn
over his son's box of chicken
nuggets if it bears a picture of
Ronald on the top.
"I'm not comfortable in any
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Ronald on the top.
"I'm not comfortable in any
way looking at them," says York,
who owns a T-shirt that reads
"Can't Sleep Clowns Will Eat
Me."
"It's a real discomfort and a
need to get out of that situation.
Just a real irrational discomfort," he says.
Andrew Wixcel of Oak Cliff,
Texas, shares the feeling. It
made his 30th birthday an
ordeal. "A friend, knowing my
fear, sent a clown to my workplace to perform for me," says
Wixcel, 40. "It wasn't funny. I
saked him if he would leave if I
gave him \$20, but he wouldn't.
He made me watch him make a
balloon wiener dog hat for me to
wear. I was shaking by the time
he lett."

g the specific phobias that afflict an est
Wixcel says he doesn't really
hate clowns, though. "In sure
they're all good people. I don't
have anything personal against
clowns. I just don't like them. I
don't want them near me."
Coulrophobia has spread to
the Web, where sufferers can
vent on sites such as ihateclowns.com and clowns.com. A
sample posting:
"My hatred of clowns began
when I was 5 years old. I was at a
circus, and a clown came up o
me and said, why I have in my
tops?" Well of course I did, so I
said yes. When I looked into the
box, there was no menkey... only
a mirror."
And this one: "(When I was 4

nox, mere was no nonsey... our mirror."

And this one: "(When I was 4 or 5,) my mother brought home a bizarre 3-D clow'n picture and how more and up its nose, it played 'Send in the Clowns... and she'd wind it up every night that clown (the was bald, corpse-white, and had a dog held in front of him) transformed into a rotting dead clown that wanted to climb down and sit on me or eat me or something."

All this fear of clowns distresses Ruth Chaddick of Cuero,

All this fear of clowns distresses Ruth Chaddick, 48, is special events manager with Fell Entertainment, which operates the Ringling Bros. and Barnum Abailey circus. A Ringling clown for five years, she also worked with Ringling's now-defunct Clown College for 13 years. She taught clowning and makeup, among other things. "(Ringling clowns) were trained to be sensitive," she says "If someone was fearful, you would not push yourself on that person."

nated 6.3 million Americans.

She can understand how children can be intimidated by their first real-life encounter with a clown. "Children are used to see ing clowns 3 inches tall on TV," she says. "But at the circus, they're seeing this large person, all made up in strange clothes. Momma has pushed them into the clown's arms and said, 'Here, let's take a picture.' The parents have told them all their life not talk to strangers, and all of a sudden here's a stranger." Ringling clowns were taught how to deal with this, Chaddick says. "You make yourself small. You get down to their level source. We don't go around with big honking horns. Use a small voice, and take anything away that might be fearful to (kids)."
But sometimes, even small gestures and a soft voice don't help: "I walked into a store in Austin (Texas) one time in clown makey and costume," Chaddick says, "and a grown woman – she really was fearful of clowns – she just freaked seeing me, and I just turned around and walked out."

It's as simple as that, Chaddick says, "if it's an out-of-control fright, you just remove yourself."

And rather than dwell on people whom clowns friebre she."

yourself."

And rather than dwell on people whom clowns frighten, she'd prefer to receall people whos lives clowns brighten. Chaddick herself got one autistic child to utter his first words in years. On another hospital visit, the staff said they had a girl in long-term care who hadn't smiled for three months. That day, the girl was smiling.

"She smilled thinking about you coming," Chaddick says the staff told her, "and she hasn't stopped smiling all day."

Boyfriend's outbursts exasperate woman

DEAR ABBY: Last Friday was my birthday. My co-workers strew me a surprise party, complete with cake, singing, a card signed by everyone in the office, and a beautiful bouquet of roses and orchids.

That night, when I told my boyfriend, "Rodney," about it, he blew up and talked nonstrained by the blew up and talked nonsidered emotional and verbal abuse. He last always gotten angry over little things, and is quick to complain about what he "doesn't have and never will." I've heard all the stories about how rough be had it growing up. I, on the other hand, have pleasant childhood memories and a positive outlook on life.

The next day Rod apologized. He said his outburst was because he was mad at himself for forgetting my birthday and embar-

outlook on life.

The next day Rod apologized. He said his outburst was because he said his outburst was because he was mad at himself for forgetting my birthday and embarsased that other people did things for me that he should have done. Should I accept his apology and move on – or am I seeing signs of a relationship doomed to fail? We've been together for three years, and I'm growing tired of his outbursts.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been mar DEAR ABBY: I have been mar-ried to "Ray" for nine years. We have three children under 7. For a couple of years, I have noticed money missing from our bank account. Each time I asked Ray about it, he'd always have an excuse, saying, "I bought tools,"



Write to Abby

ond 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

A week ago, I noticed an unusually large withdrawal. When I conformed my husband, he finally told me the truth. Ray confused that he's been going to massage parlors and prostitutes for the last two years – and he is an admitted sex addict. Abby, I am devastated. His confession rocked my world.

I ordered Ray to get out. Now, one week later, I have been to counseling and he has agreed to go. What I am asking is this: I have my under the week later, I have been to go. What I am asking is this: I have my useband and want to give this marriage a chance, but I hove my husband and want to give this marriage a chance, but I'm terrified he will stray again.

-NO NAME, CITY OR STATE. DEAR NO NAME: I have known about sex addiction for decades, when a member of Sexaholics Anonymous came to my office with literature about the problem. The organization is well established and has chapters all across the United States – and in 16 countries – and its program is based on the AA I 2-step model. I now from the AA 12-step model. I now from the AA 12-step of the more information about Sexaholics Anonymous, write: S.A. P.O. Box 111910, Nashville, Term my care.

P.S.: If you haven't afready done so, see your physician about being screened for sexually transmitted diseases.

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Layoffs

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Effects of a job loss vary from family to family, and even among members of the same family.

For two income households,

For two income households, one parent's unemployment may mean the other has to work longer hours. It may mean a parent who once stayed home with the kids will have to find a job. Sometimes a teenager who used to work for fun money will be asked to pay expenses, such as car insurance or school fees for a wonner child.

car insurance or school fees for a younger sibling. For single parents, like Genevieve Duthrie, the job loss will mean living on savings and a modest unemployment cheat and perhaps working odd jobs while she finds a new career. She isn't sure what she wants to do, but plans to take advantage of free job training programs. In every case, though, layoffs lead to belt-tightening and some amount of disappointment for all concerned.

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"It's not just the elementary kid who gets his allowance cut, although that has an impact," said Joyce Reger, former coordinator of guidance and counseling for the Wichita school disappointment.

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"But for older children – high school students – there might be less money for things like field trips, class rings, graduation items. Students who once drove to school may not be able to do that anymore. It's a very personal and sensitive issue."

Melissa Duthrie said she plans to get a part-time job to finance her car insurance and other expenses. But if she does end up losing her red Sunbird, "it's not the end of the world.

"When you're 16, your car is everything. It's your life," said the Clearwater High School student. "But there are more important things. I'll be upset if Ilose it, but not that upset."

In the early 1990s, during another major round of layoffs at airplane manufacturing plants, Reger and her staff put together a packet of information for school counselors. Included was a list of common signs of stress, ways to help students weather difficult times, and

local resources where families could find everything from counseling to financial support.

Officials hope to update those materials and distribute them to school counselors this year.

Experts note that during times of extreme stress, such as unemployment, some adults and even children turn to alcohol or drugs to escape. Traditionally, incidents of abuse also increase.

"We believe very strongly that school counselors are in an excellent position to see some of these things and direct families to get the help they need," Reger said.

Experts say parents should be nonest with children but also, as much as possible, reassuring, and the stress of the set of the set

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"Some of them think, 'Oh my
gosh, we're going to lose our
home, there'll be no food to eat,
our family is going to fall
apart," Reger said. "They need
to know that Mom and Dad are

to know that Mom and Dad are going to be there and their basic needs are going to be met. "They might not get to go on the big lancy ski trip, but the family unit is there, and they will work through this thing together." Before she leaves her job Dec. 14. Genevieve Duthrie plans to

14. Genevieve Duthrie plans to buy several movie passes at the discounted rate sha gets as a Boeing exployer. When my daughter's feeling down, at least I'll be able to say. Here, why don't you and a friend go to the movies? It's a little thing, but it helps."

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In some cases, said Reger, the counselor, parents may point to some positive changes prompted by a layoff. For instance, a parent when used to work long hours may now be able to volunteer at school or attend sporting events. "These are not bad things," hey are just different hings," Reger said. "We need to be aware that change is not always a bad thing." That's the way Genevieve Duthrie is trying to look at it. She hopes her job loss, and subsequent schooling, will land her a promising new career. She hopes she and her children will closer, assured of what's really important.

"We've always been close," she said. "They understand this isn't anyone's fault. It's just something we have to get through."

Waste not want not: There are better ways to get rid of doo-doo

This morning, after emptying three litter boxes and walking around the yard with a stainless steel clamshell pooper scooper picking up where our pets left off, I got to thinking. In more ways than one, our pets are perpetual toddlers and it's up to us - our pets' morns and dads - from the day they're born to the day they day to the tolet. Yes, doo-doo happens.

Our pets ought to be pretty dam thankful, Yes, they give us love, loyalty and affection. But left set right down to it - we give them total care.

Think about it. Besides the feeding and washing, there's that unavoidable, unappealing job of cleaning up their poop. It doesn't matter what species of animaly voown. Horse to humster, cat to canary, they all make messes, and it's up to us to clean it and carry it away. Fortunately, these days dealing with pet poop is becoming more "technologically advanced."

Some ingenious companies have come up with new gadgets, gismos, gunk and accessories in little less days the porty part of pets a little less days the porty part of pets a little less days the porty part of pets a little less thanken the porty part of pets a little less thanken the porty part of pets a little less thanken the porty part of pets a little less thanken the porty part of pets a little less thanken the porty part of pets a little less thanken the porty part of pets a little less thanken the porty part of pets a little less thanken the porty part of pets a little less thanken the porty part of pets a little less thanken the porty part of pets a little less thanken the porty part of pets a little less thanken the porty part of pets a little less thanken the porty part of pets a little less thanken the porty part of pets a little less thanken the porty part of pets a little less thanken the porty part of pets a little less thanken the porty part of pets a little less thanken the porty part of the most un

make the potty part of pets a little less daunting.
Perhaps one of the most unique is FlightSuits by Avian Fashlons. If the product name doesn't give it away, they're bird diapers. The designers call their invention "emancipation from poop." FlightSuits are specially-sized vests for each type of bird that contain a unique, patented vasped extression "poop pouch that keeps bird droppings away from the bird and its owners. The FlightSuits are made of Lycra and can be washed and re-used over and over. Sizes range from petite



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to colossal.

If this sounds a little strange, consider this: small birds make droppings every 15 minutes, bigger birds every one to two hours. And birds don't have conscious control over their eliminations the ger birds every their to two industrials and birds don't have conscious control over their eliminations the way cats or dogs do. In their native environment, they go when they go and never concern themselves with where it goes which it is fine if you live in a jurgic solution to so pleasant for those of the short of the solution to so pleasant for those of the short of the solution of the soluti

dried. It also has an automatic setting for added convenience or
when cat owners travel. The
machine needs to be connected
with water, a drain and electricity.
LitterFree is available in neighborhood per stores and reso
chains. It sells for around 300.

LitterFree is a great new litter
product my neighbor has fallen in
ove with Called OurCar's Choice
it's a combination of three unique
y specialized products that
absorb, trap and eliminate odors
before they're even noticed. First,
Yucca Shidigera, a plant product
used by farmers for decades to
reduce livestock odors, has the
unique capability of inhibiting the
action of urease enzyme that is
responsible for converting urine
into ammonia. Secondly, OurCar's
Choice has zeolite, a natural mineral that draws and traps' the
ammonia molecule thus preventing it's release into the air. Lastly,
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forms a clump. According to the
manufacturer, the litter is natural-

ing it's release into the air. Lastdy, a corn base absorbs moisture and forms a clump. According to the manufacturer, the litter is naturally safe, biodegradable, low tracking and with a texture calts trok.

Meanwhile, for dogs, there is not much more you can do than just carry around the small plastic bags. But there are some new options, especially for smaller dogs. The "Puppy Go Potty Condo Kit" is pericet for working couples, older dogs, and families in apartments or condominium where a backyard isn't readily available. It's a plastic dog-sized litter tray, patented litter and a training guide manufactured by Absorption Corporation of Bellingham, Wash. The Product sells for \$49.99 and is available at independent pet stores nation-

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"Just like the old adage –what goes up, must come down – with pets, this is "what goes in, must come out," says Dr. Janice Willard, veterinary ethologist from Moscow. "In a reality, this gives us a better appreciation of nature and is part of the "reverence for life" that pets help us get in touch with. A stuffed animal or robotic dog might look like an animal and be alive with counterfeit beauty, but only when an animal eats and poops do we fully grasp that we are sharing our lives with another living creature, part of the web of life, right down to the fertilizer they produce."

No matter what kind of pet you have, you have the poop to go with it. It's the small price we pay for the all they give back to us. Scientific research shows owning a pet can lower your blood presure, stress levels and even lengthen your life. Common sense tells us owning a pet is one of the greatest joys. So put up with the poop, and thank "inventors" for some new ways to make former Twin Falls weterinarian.

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America" and now on two nationally syndicated radio programs,
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