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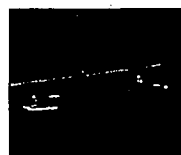
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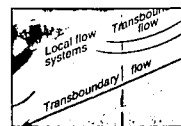
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Hanging on at SIRCOMM

Center might face trouble as T.F. stops payments

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

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 staff.

Even so, the center's director and other officials connected to it

said they don't think they're facing a crisis yet.

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

Regional Communications Center, according to budget 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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Bush, allies make a show of unity

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush's meeting Sunday with Prime Ministers Tony 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.

Needing a minimum of nine votes in the U.N. Security Council this week for their resolution to back force to disarm Iraq they have the sure support only of Bulgaria.

Three African countries, Angola, Cameroon and Guinea, and also Pakistan have stirred hopes within the administration that they could be counted on as well.

That's the push toward Baghdad — A6

Chile and Mexico as 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.

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

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 weapons and lied 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 Aznar may conclude at their meeting in the Azores to withdraw the resolution — either because they lack nine votes or because it would deny France the opportunity to 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."

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VOICES OF EXPERIENCE



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

As war tensions grow, local Gulf War veterans speak out

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

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 resident who served as a combat engineer and demolition expert with the

Miserable memories — A7

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, Gulf 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.

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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 sits poised for another war with Iraq, Hawkins has some advice for the servicemen and women

with those same feelings he had on that lonely train ride a dozen years ago, 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.

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

Nine-month ordeal of Elizabeth Smart was marked by missed opportunities

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

More on Smart — A11, B4,6

if she needed help. On the floor 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.

Nine months after Elizabeth Smart disappeared from her bedroom, hope had almost died. When children abducted by strangers are gone for a long time, they usually don't come 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-bedroom estate, worth \$1.1 million. Police say a man crept into Elizabeth's bedroom on June 5, took Elizabeth, then 14, as her sister, 9-year-old Mary Katherine, covered.

Soon after, hundreds of volunteers 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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7 days, 7 reasons to read

Mind over muscle

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

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Far the love of floppies

The computer storage devices still deserve respect.

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What you need to do if you're planning to sell your house this spring.

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Snowmobile motocross takes off in central Idaho racing circuit.

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Idaho's Oscar

Readers pick the Academy Award winners.

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Religion in the news

Find out what area churches are up to.

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Where there's a will

You really need one; find out how without spending a lot.

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NATION

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 disarmament issues as President Bush prepared to meet with his top 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 of his most trusted lieutenants. Saddam's son, Qusai, was placed in charge of the regime's heartland, Baghdad and the president's hometown 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 before Bush meets prime ministers Tony Blair of Britain and Jose Maria Aznar of Spain in an emergency summit in the Azores to work out their next step after their bid to give Iraq an ultimatum 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



Iraq war veterans participate in a rally against a possible U.S.-led war in the Mousour 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... a. 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

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 months, it has been making gestures 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 disarm.

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

Hundreds of thousands of Iraqis on Saturday marched through Saddam's hometown and other Iraqi cities Saturday in government-organized demonstrations, condemning the United States and vowing to fight to the death against American and British invaders.

On Monday, Blix is to present the Security Council with his plans for upcoming inspections. He has said recently that Baghdad is showing more "proactive" cooperation with inspectors, but the United States and its allies insist that Saddam is deceiving the inspectors.

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 hours 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 authorizing the use of force against Iraq.

Anti-war protesters gather — A5

While the White House said the meeting was a final attempt at diplomacy, no undecided Security Council members were invited, and administration officials saw little chance of the impasse over Iraq would be broken. With negotiations waning, Secretary of State Colin Powell planned to remain in Washington.

Bush's aides said the president plans to tell Blair and Aznar that they must end the diplomacy that began with his address to the U.N. General Assembly on Sept. 12 in which he called on the world to confront Iraq over its banned weapons programs. Bush is likely to reject any major changes to the U.N. Security Council resolution backed by the three countries that gave Hussein a March 17 deadline to prove he is disarming, the aides said. Officials have said the three leaders could decide to withdraw the measure rather than subject it to certain defeat in the Security Council.

Administration officials said efforts continued to enlist other countries to what Bush has called a "coalition of the willing" to confront Iraqi President Saddam Hussein with force.

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

The president talked with Blair by telephone from Camp 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 Iraq policy has hurt him at home, where an overwhelming majority of the British public and a considerable portion of the Labor Party oppose an early move to war.

The president also talked with Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, one of the few world leaders who vocally supports U.S. policy on Iraq. A White House official said Bush "told Berlusconi he is going the extra mile on the diplomatic front."

Jury convicts company, execs in life-insurance fraud case

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — A court jury that says terminally ill people for their life insurance policies and three of its executives 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.

A federal jury Friday convict-

ed Kelco, sister company Genesis Vitality, founder and chief executive Stephen Keller and vice president of sales Grant Sutherland of fraud, conspiracy and money laundering. Keith Drach, Lexington-based Kelco's chief financial officer, was convicted of conspiracy.

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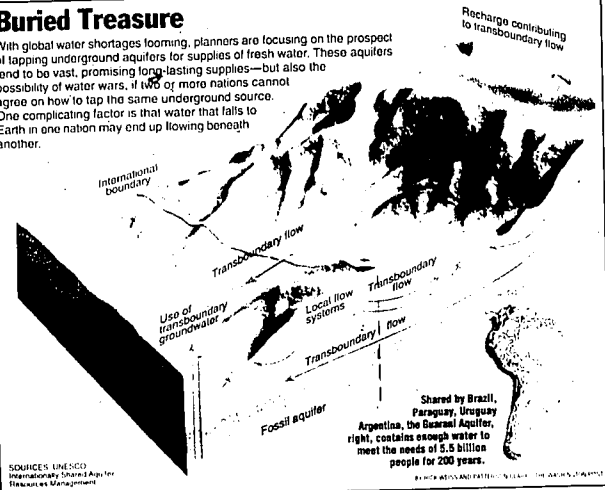
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Buried Treasure

With global water shortages looming, planners are focusing on the prospect of tapping underground aquifers for supplies of fresh water. These aquifers tend to be vast, promising long-lasting supplies—but also the possibility of water wars. If two or more nations cannot agree on how to tap the same underground source. One complicating factor is that water that falls to Earth in one nation may end up flowing beneath another.



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 lakes far beneath the surface, some of them containing "fossil" water as much 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 and political scientists nervous.

Little is known about the ecological impact of deep aquifer pumping, 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 sealed 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 scores of major aquifers crossing international boundaries, the potential is rising for conflict and a greedy "race to the pumps."

Only 25 percent of the world's water is fresh, and the vast majority of that is frozen in glaciers and ice caps. All told, less than three-tenths of 1 percent of the planet's fresh water is in the lakes and rivers that have served as the major sources of water through most of human history, and much of that is drying up or becoming saltier.

"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, Mass., pointing to falling 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 billion people?"

One answer is to go underground, where there is 100 times the amount of water found on the surface—much of it at depths of a half a mile or more.

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

"The water in these aquifers is of much better quality nowadays than in almost any of the rivers or lakes," said Alice Aurili, head of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's transboundary aquifer project. "It's an invisible resource. But it's most probably the resource our children will depend on."

Armed with seismic and coring technologies long used by the oil industry, and with funding from several international agencies, the International Association 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), Botswana and South Africa. Others underlie the Middle East, North Africa and the Caucasus.

Time is of the essence if political skirmishes are to be avoided, as evidenced by recent events at the Nubian Sandstone 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 annual flow of the Nile, but only scant amounts are added annually in the current climate.

Now, having completed one of the largest civil engineering projects on earth, the Libyan government is drawing hundreds of millions of gallons of water per week out of the reservoir and pumping it more than 2,000 miles north through subway-tunnel-sized pipes to Tripoli. That has the other countries overlying the aquifer wondering whether they'll have a chance to get their share.

They're not alone. Israelis and Palestinians have chafed 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 Israel draws about 85 percent of the aquifer's annual yield. Longstanding and sometimes heated negotiations deteriorated with the resumption of the intifada.

Shammy Puri, chairman of the international commission coordinating the global aquifer survey, hopes the project can defuse such tensions. "This is a resource that is 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. But by the time groundwater extraction is felt, it can be tens of years or even hundreds 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 on next year's election. That would give Bush a chance to try and rally public opinion behind the idea as he bids for a second term. The topic "is not on the short

list," for this year, said Rep. Clay Shaw, chairman of a House subcommittee on Social Security. The Florida Republican said that "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 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 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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NATION

Paris, Moscow, Berlin issue declaration against war

PARIS (AP) — France, Russia and Germany issued a joint declaration Saturday saying there was no justification for a war on Iraq and calling for a meeting of foreign ministers at the U.N. Security Council to set a "realistic" timetable for Saddam Hussein to disarm.

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 on "disarmament priorities and draw up a strict and realistic timetable" 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 not just. It's not going to make us any safer."

Tens of thousands rallied worldwide, 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 invade them.

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

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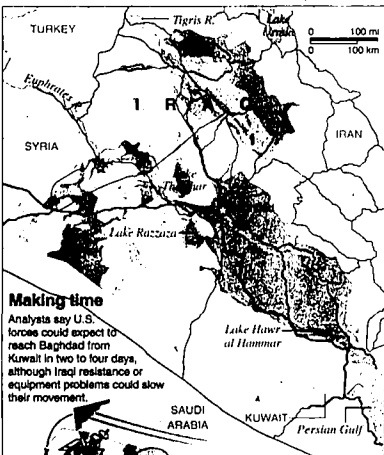
Traversing Iraq toward Baghdad

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, across desert areas, before turning right and heading for Baghdad.

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Making time
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Helicopters could drop fuel and other supplies ahead of ...

... armored tracked vehicles racing forward on mass support vehicles trailing behind.

SOURCES: GlobalSecurity.org; United Nations; Associated Press; Dubs, Gogny/AP

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 Iraq.

A senior U.S. official said Washington's offer to give Turkey \$15 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 timewise," 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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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 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 furious is the goal of some 230,000 air, sea and land forces amassed in the Persian Gulf region, including 145,000 just over Iraq's border in Kuwait, some 300 miles from Baghdad, the capital. There also are some 45,000 British forces in the region.

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

Near simultaneous ground assaults by armored units would move from the south. Lighter air-borne troops would drop into locations 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 Saddam.

On the ground 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 U.S. Marines have plans to make one thrust from Kuwait toward the northeast, either taking or going around the city of Basra, officials have said. But the main drive, led by the Army's 200,000-strong 3rd Infantry Division, would push out to the west of the British operation, they said.

Armored columns of tens of

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 logistics tail of food, ammunition, fuel, spare parts 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:

Iraqi forces: Light resistance is expected from five regular Iraqi Army divisions that analysts say Saddam has in the south, though a better-trained and equipped Republican Guard division could present problems. Iraqi troops fled or surrendered by the thousands in the 1991 Gulf war and American forces have run an extensive psychological warfare campaign of leaflets, e-mails and other contacts for months urging them not to fight.

Chemical Attack: Health officials at the Pentagon say each soldier has two chemical-biological protective suits and that chemical warning systems detect threats up to three miles away, though biological detectors find germ weapons only where they are.

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 Euphrates and Tigris 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.

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Painful memory lingers for Marine

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The memory of the day the helicopter crashed still brings tears to Steve Otley's eyes.

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

"It was my platoon that went down, and I lost a lot of my friends," he said.

Otley wasn't one of those kids who grew up wanting to be a Marine. At 19, not long after graduating from high school in Burley, he set out to sign with the Navy. But the Marine recruiters got to him first.

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 loved the Marine Corps. I loved 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 mounts. The heavyweights 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," Otley said.

After nine months in the Persian Gulf, Otley came home to Burley and a hero's welcome, complete with a large sign downtown saying "Welcome home, Sgt. Otley."

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 Hoffbuh Excavating.

Otley said the last thing the U.S. should do now is give Saddam more time.

"Ten years later, he still hasn't disbanded," Otley 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 anyone. But if we let it go, it's just going to get worse."

His advice to American soldiers?

"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@magicvalley.com.

On duty

People serving in the Persian Gulf who have family in the Magic Valley include:

- **Army Pfc. Cole Fleener**, Twin Falls, serving in Kuwait.
- **Navy Gunners Mute Ryan Watson**, Kuna, on board the USS Nassau.
- **Idaho Air National Guard Master Sgt. Kirk Weinert**, Buhl, serving near Kuwait City.
- **Marine Lance Cpl. Joshua VanCasteren**, Twin Falls, location unknown.
- **Marine Lance Cpl. Cory Snow**, Eden, on board the USS Boxer.
- **Navy Seaman Kevin Gilley**, Eden, serving in Kuwait.
- **Army Staff Sgt. J. M. Boyde**, Rupert, serving in Kuwait.
- **Navy Chief Petty Officer Justin Grier**, Gooding, serving on the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.
- **Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Jacqueline K. Clark**, Filer, serving on the USS Abraham Lincoln.
- **Marine Staff Sgt. James Baird**, Jerome, location unknown.
- **Air Force Sr. Airman Mark Jay Stout**, Twin Falls, on board the USS Boxer.
- **Army Major Aldo P. Biagiotti Jr.**, Jerome, outside Kuwait City.
- **Marine Lance Cpl. Derek Benson**, Kimberly, stationed in the Kuwait.
- **Marine Cpl. Charles Robert Crabtree**, Jerome, on board the USS Bonhomme-Richard.

- **Marine Pfc. Cody Mail**, Twin Falls, serving in Bahrain.
- **Army Ranger Spc. 5th Class Trint Asten**, 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 Qatar.
- **Marine Lance Cpl. Zachary Brundie**, Hailey, on board the USS Boxer.
- **Marine Lance Cpl. Jason Williamson**, Twin Falls, at Camp Coyote, Kuwait.
- **Air Force Staff Sgt. Kyle Mason**, Twin Falls, in Kuwait.
- **Army Pvt. Gene Jensen**, Twin Falls, serving in Afghanistan.
- **Navy Seabee Steel Worker Fike**, Wendell, in Kuwait.
- **Marine Cpl. Matthew Taber**, Shoshone, in Kuwait.
- **Army Sgt. Rex Edmund Hendrix II**, Jerome, in Kuwait.
- **Air Force Staff Sgt. Evan Wilkinson**, Filer, in Saudi Arabia.
- **Marine 1M3 Daniel Garza**, Rupert, in Kuwait.



Families who have loved ones serving in the Persian Gulf or Afghanistan who are not in this list, please call Times-News reporter Nate Johnson at 677-4042, Ext. 637, or e-mail njohnson@magicvalley.com. We're looking for names and e-mail addresses of local people serving overseas, among other information.

Showdown in the Gulf

Dec. 17, 1999: United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission - UNMOVIC - replaces the United Nations Special Commission - UNSCOM.

March 1, 2000: Hans Blix assumes post of executive chairman of UNMOVIC.

February 2001: Britain and U.S. carry out bombing raids to try to disable Iraq's air defense network.

May 2002: U.N. Security Council approves revised sanctions program against Iraq intended to speed delivery of humanitarian goods while bolstering embargo against military items.

July 2002: Iraq again rejects weapons inspections proposals after talks with U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan.

August 2002: In a letter to the U.N. secretary general, Iraq invites Hans Blix to Iraq for technical discussions on remaining disarmament issues.

Sept. 12, 2002: President Bush challenges U.N. to confront the "grave and gathering danger" of Iraq or stand aside as the United States and like-minded nations act.

Oct. 11, 2002: Congress votes to authorize President Bush to use force, if necessary, to disarm Iraq.

Nov. 8, 2002: U.N. Security Council unanimously adopts Resolution 1441 outlining an enhanced inspection regime for Iraq's disarmament to be conducted by UNMOVIC and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Nov. 13, 2002: Iraq accepts U.N. Security Council Resolution 1441 and informs the U.N. secretary general that it will work with the resolution.

Dec. 7, 2002: Iraq provides UN weapons inspectors with 12,000 pages of information comprising a "comprehensive, full and complete declaration" of the regime's chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs. Iraq denies in the declaration that it has any weapons of mass destruction.



President Bush



Saddam Hussein

Dec. 19, 2002: Hans Blix tells the U.N. Security Council the declaration "is essentially a reorganized version" of information Iraq provided UNSCOM in 1997, and that it "is not enough to create confidence" that Iraq has abandoned its weapons of mass destruction 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 violation of Resolution 1441.

Feb. 14, 2003: Hans Blix says Iraq has taken steps to assist U.N. inspectors but the country refuses to account for chemical and biological agents. His report disappoints U.S. officials seeking 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 overthrown in a military coup led by Brig. Abd al-Karim Qasim and Col. Abd al-Salam Muhammad Arif. Iraq is declared a

republic, and Qasim becomes prime minister.

1959-1963: Saddam Hussein, 22-year-old Ba'ath Party member, flees Baghdad for Damascus and Cairo after involvement in an assassination attempt against Qasim. Cairo is then center of the Nasserite Pan-Arab ideology during the Ba'ath Party.

February 1963: Qasim is ousted in a coup led by the Arab Socialist Ba'ath Party. Six months of chaos follow, prompting another military coup.

November 1963: The Ba'ath government is overthrown by Arif and a group of military officers, and 5,000 to 6,000 Iraqis are executed in backlash against communism.

1964-1966: Saddam Hussein joined as member of the Ba'ath Party.

April 1966: President Arif is killed in a helicopter crash and succeeded by his elder brother, Maj. Gen. Abd al-Rahman Muhammad Arif.

July 1968: A Ba'ath-led coup ousts Arif, and Abd al-Hamid Hassan al-Bakr becomes president. Saddam Hussein, relative of Bakr, emerges as vice president, deputy head of the Revolutionary Command Council and chief interlocu-

tor with the Kurds.

March 1970: The RCC and Mullah Mustafa Barzani, leader of the Kurdistan Democratic Party, sign a peace agreement.

1972: Iraq nationalizes the Iraq Petroleum Company. Iran and Iraq are the region's major oil producers and vie for dominance in the Gulf.

1973: In the wake of an attempted coup against Bakr, Saddam Hussein consolidates his control of the internal security services and management of oil resources.

1974: Iraq grants limited autonomy to the Kurds, in accord with the 1970 agreement, but the KDP rejects it. KDP rebellion fails as Iran withdraws support in exchange for possession of disputed Shatt al-Arab islet between Iraq and Iran.

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

January 1978: Islamic Revolution ousts the shah of Iran. Ayatollah Khomeini, who had lived in Iraq from 1964-1978, returns to Tehran in February.

July 1978: Iran President Abolqasem resigns and is succeeded by Vice President Saddam Hussein. Within days, Saddam executes at least 20 potential rivals, members of the Ba'ath Party and military.

September 1979: Military skirmishes and border incidents between Iraq and Iran.

September 1980: Iran shells Iraqi border towns. On Sept. 17 Iraq abrogates the 1975 treaty with Iran.

Sept. 22, 1980: Iraq attacks Iranian air bases.

Sept. 22, 1980: Iran bombs Iraqi military and economic targets.

June 7, 1981: Israel attacks an Iraqi nuclear research center at Tawfayyah near Baghdad.

Source: U.S. State Department

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 Potocello and managing a Grocery Outlet in Blackfoot didn't leave much time for juggling the activities that come with a large family.

More than 20 years in the military, he was just waiting for his retirement papers to arrive in the mail.

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

"They had all of us old guys doing their push-ups," he said.

At that point, Hawkins' officers in his unit still had no idea where they would be sent. He never even thought it was difficult being separated from his family, he still felt more fortunate than others — like the nurse who he behind a 3-year-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 Arabia, 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 was 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 decisions made in our office affected 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 each morning.

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

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

The skinny on Saddam

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 and a madman beyond imagination.

Saddam was already an accomplished assassin with a reputation for shooting and stabbing his victims in the back. Today, Saddam has his regime force people into the streets 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 of," 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 lunatic."

But he understands the other 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."

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 its 51st state.

"There hasn't been one war where we took over a country," he said.

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 village.

"It was like getting your driver's permit. You had wheels," 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 was to where the Berlin Wall had 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.

"It's a global world, and everything that happens affects us," he said. "Saddam and the terrorists are the things that keep countries from coming together. The things we could do in this world if we were united — we could hunger, cure disease. Be ities, money and greed get in the way."

Hawkins said the man who came home was somewhat different than the man who left: 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.

"It changed my perspective on life," he said. "We had a good-sized house, 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."

Hawkins came home in March 1991. More than 500 people were gathered at the Potocello airport to welcome him home.

"I was embarrassed, because I didn'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."

War in the desert

Lewis' 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.

So how bad was his experience?

"It was hot, but we'd trained for this stuff," he said. "It wasn't the Ritz 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."

And when they came home, they were issued a warm welcome.

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

Lewis

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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.

"I've been to six different countries — Korea, Saudi Arabia — and I've 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 where you are. We have here is freedom."

At the same time, Lewis said he feels empathy for the Iraqi people. Lewis was 26 years old and a married father of two toddlers when he was sent to the Gulf in August 1990, almost six months before the first bombs fell on Baghdad and just months away from completing his four-year tour of duty. When he wasn't building main supply routes in the Euphrates River Valley or engaged in battle with the Iraqis, he wrote about his experiences in a daily diary so if something happened to him, his 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 all. All we could do was just give them bottle of water and an MRE and tell them to head south."

When it comes to the Gulf War, there are things the United States might have done differently, Lewis said.

"First of all, I think they should have taken Saddam out then," he said. "I think the rear wheel didn't because it would have made him a martyr, and in his people's eyes. I think our military thought we had put so much pressure on the Iraqi people that they would take him out themselves. We spent two weeks and destroying their equipment. I still think we should have taken more of their military strength away."

A bigger challenge

Lewis said he supports a second battle with Iraq. In fact, he said the United States should have done it six months 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. "I'm not sure I suspect 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 owes them 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 it would put our spies in jeopardy."

He thinks it's just a matter of time before Saddam uses those weapons.

"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 us."

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

"Once we get there, we're going to be there for awhile," Lewis said. "What we ought to do 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 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.

"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."

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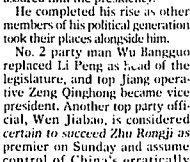
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He now controls both party and government, the two most prominent posts in China. But though he appears on the government's evening news most every night, the man whose name will probably be synonymous with his country's destiny for years to come,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

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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 Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, now on trial for war crimes.

Djindjic, 50, was instrumental in ousting Milosevic in 2000 and extraditing him to the U.N. tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, a year later. That, along with his pro-Western stance and recent declaration of war on organized crime

and corruption, made him many enemies.

The government has accused an underworld clan and other allies of Milosevic of orchestrating Djindjic'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 left the country divided into a Serb republic and a Muslim-Croat federation. The Serb republic's government declared Saturday a day of mourning and expressed support for a regional fight against organized crime.

The funeral procession in Belgrade was the biggest since the death of former Yugoslav communist leader Josip Broz Tito in 1980. Police estimated that up to 500,000 people took part in

Saturday's march, many carrying candles and placing flowers along the path.

At the church service before the procession, Djindjic'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 lilies.

Family members kissed a wooden cross and wept as Djindjic's coffin was lowered into the ground at Belgrade's main cemetery.

George Papandreou, the Greek foreign minister whose government currently heads the European Union, said at Djindjic's grave: "I solemnly make this pledge to you Zoran and to Serbia ... you will be a part of our Europe. We pledge to make your dream a reality. Adieu my friend."



Hundreds of thousands of people follow the funeral procession of assassinated Serbian Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic Saturday in Belgrade, Serbia.

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These nutritional issues were a matter of concern for many groups such as the National Dairy Council who have an interest and responsibility in the education and health of our children. This coalition recognized that poor adolescent health may increase the prevalence of chronic illness such as diabetes and cardiovascular diseases.

In October 2002, the National Dairy Council along with 35 other 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 School Summit, the National Dairy Council

realized that many adolescents don't receive the minimum number of servings from all five major food groups in the USDA's Food Guide Pyramid and only 40 percent or fewer consume the recommended number of milk group servings. Milk is a nutrient dense food providing the calcium along with key vitamins and minerals needed to keep a body physically and mentally fit. Low milk intake may contribute to

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So the National Dairy 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 the school lunch 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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Vegas police likely had Smart

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Three people questioned by police outside a Burger King in North Las Vegas last week were likely Elizabeth Smart and her two alleged captors, authorities said Saturday.

North Las Vegas police said the trio gave their names as Peter Marshall, JoAnne 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;

Ordeal marked by missed opportunities — A1

Barzee used the name Juliet 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, referring 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." Martin 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 recently in San Diego.

Mitchell had been arrested twice 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 son of a state legislator died early Saturday from a gunshot wound to the chest and police are hunting 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, R-Idaho Falls. An arrest warrant on second-degree murder was issued for 21-year-old Boise State student Vincent Craig Olsen.

"It is a tragedy," said Senate President Pro Tem Robert Geddes of Soda Springs. "It's times 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

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

They found partygoers in the basement 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 Olsen.

Olsen responded by pulling a handgun and firing two shots. One bullet hit Davis in the chest and the other struck the basement wall.

Witnesses said Olsen immediately fled. He remained at large Saturday and is believed to be in a 2002 gold Nissan Sentra four-door rental car with the Idaho

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

Detectives have obtained an arrest warrant charging Olsen with second-degree murder and use of a firearm in commission of a felony.

Once in custody, Olsen will be held on \$500,000 bond.

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 \$20 million to improve habitat 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.

The Idaho 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 Idaho can use to improve salmon habitat.

It is the first step in a process that, if successful, will allow Idaho to join other Northwest states and Alaska in drawing funds from the Pacific Coastal 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 budget committee sets the spending blueprint for the entire Senate, Crapo spokesman Lindsay Nothern said.

Crapo said even though the money is there, the appropriation committee has to move the money from the National Oceanic budget to the fund. And before Idaho can access the money, it must gain approval to join the other Northwest states as an eligible 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.

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

Yellowstone snowmobilers rack up citations

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — Park rangers have handed out a record number of citations to snowmobilers this winter.

They issued 358 citations this winter, 20 more than last season. Snowmobilers 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. It is startling when the number of days in the 2002-03 season is taken into account, said Charles

Clusen, director of the Natural Resources Defense Council. Paltry snowfall shortened the normally 100-day season to 87 days.

It is difficult to say that this is a just a few bad apples when Yellowstone has had nearly 700 snowmobile violations over the past two seasons," Clusen said.

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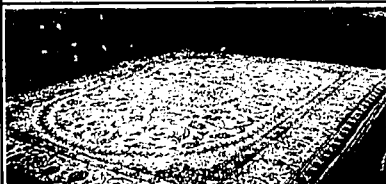
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Kempthorne begins to show assertiveness

Budget veto gives hint of possible change

BOISE (AP) — Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne may have finally removed the lingering doubts that he is asserting himself as Idaho's chief executive.

His veto of a \$43 million reduction in the current budget because it was \$23 million more than he cut last August convinced most skeptics that he was not giving ground on his pledge to protect education.

That is going to require the GOP legislative majority to make concessions, likely including some kind of tax increase, something the governor's past acquiescence had kept them from doing before now.

"The reality of what we're facing is becoming apparent," Kempthorne told lawmakers in vetoing the \$43 million cut. "My priorities are clear, and I reaffirm the path forward I proposed in January."

His message was that while he remains open to suggestions, he hasn't heard any viable alternatives.

His meetings with key state senators on Thursday to keep together a narrow majority for prohibiting government payroll checks for union activities only reinforced the new view that the former Boise mayor, U.S. senator and less-than-successful first-term governor had finally come into his own.

"He surprised people," said House 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 gambling and other issues while



Gov. Dirk Kempthorne speaks to reporters on the steps of the state Capitol March 7 in Boise.

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

After a month of seemingly meaningless maneuvering between conservative House members adamantly opposed to raising taxes and more moderate lawmakers in the Senate willing to look for compromise, Kempthorne's veto may have started to crystallize the debate.

House conservatives like Assistant GOP Floor Leader Mike Moye of Star were angry because Kempthorne rejected all additional cuts — not just those in education that he has repeatedly said were unacceptable. They want more than some subtle indication that there could be some compromise on cuts in the 2003-2004 budget.

"I have not seen the governor move yet," House Appropriations Chairman Maxine Bell of Jerome said.

House leaders met with the governor late Friday in what was billed as the beginning of negotiations to avoid a stalemate. 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 minimize any new tax increase.

"Even the conservatives recognize, and they may not vote 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 governor's proposed cent-and-a-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 pack-

age that avoids a sales tax hike is also being developed. It combines a larger increase in the cigarette 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 reconvening to write the final and biggest pieces of the new spending blueprint.

"This session is almost over," Newcomb said. "It's time to figure out how we're going home."

County looks to sell site of unusual animal cruelty case

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

Bannock County hopes to find a buyer for the former Ligertown wild animal farm. The farm was shut down after more than a dozen hybrid lions and tigers escaped in September 1995.

County Commissioner Jim Guthrie said there were no takers on the five-acre plot during a tax sale Thursday.

The farm was condemned as a public nuisance, and the county spent about \$44,000 to demolish the Ligertown complex and clean it up. The county also had to pay for the care of about 40 wolf hybrids that had been at the farm.

"I think somebody really missed the boat on that property," Guthrie said.

It will now be easier for the

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

When the lions escaped their chicken-wire pens, Bannock County Prosecutor Mark Hiedeman said the story was big international news.

The animals, including three hybrid tigers, were taken to Wildlife Waystation sanctuary in southern California. Bannock County Lt. K.G. Fomesbeck said only one of the animals is still alive at the sanctuary.

The hybrids look like African lions with brownish stripes through them like tigers, Fomesbeck said.

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

LEGISLATIVE LOG

The Associated Press

Completes for Friday Signed by Governor

HB129 (Ways and Means) — Makes it illegal for anyone to collect payroll deductions for political action committees of public employee organizations.

Sent to Governor

SB1078 (Transportation) — Requires designation of parking spaces for persons with a disability and increase fines to \$100.

SB1008 (Health and Welfare) — Requires exam for certification of dentistry license.

SB061 (State Affairs) — Repeals the Idaho Electronic Signature Act.

SB1067 (Health and Welfare) — Clarifies when a minor may participate in a tobacco inspection of retailers.

HB129 (Ways and Means) — Revises the definition of a government agency and requires an analysis.

HB127 (Ways and Means) — Details the circumstances in which taking analyses must be done.

HB143 (Education) — Revises the fee schedule for teaching certificates.

HB141 (Business) — Requires continuation of apprentice electricians who have not taken or passed the journeyman's exam after certain conditions.

HB134 (Business) — Restricts information appearing on receipts for payment card transactions.

HB131 (Business) — Sets out system for purchasing residential construction defects against builder.

HB130 (Newcomb) — Restricts citation authority of police department employees to violations on park's department land.

HB124 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) —

Revises provisions of the Uniform Gifts to Minors Act (UGMA) and the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act (UTMA).

HB129 (Ways and Means) — Revises grounds under which an indictment can be set aside in a court.

HB126 (State Affairs) — Creates a new crime for using the Internet to commit a crime under state law or to commit a crime under federal law.

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HB150 (Ways and Means) — Mandates that immunizations are voluntary for school purposes. Also provides for parental notice.

HB150 (Ways and Means) — Provides for a 2 percent surcharge on sales tax to pay for a 50-cent fund for drug court funding.

HB151 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$1.5 million to the office of the State's permanent resident of Public Instruction for 2003-2004 operations.

HB152 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$250,000 to the board of tax appeals for 2003-2004 operations.

HB153 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$2 million to the Tax Commission for 2003-2004 operations.

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EDITORIAL

Giving in to task force proposal betrays voters

Forget those jokes about the French knack for surrender. If Idaho legislators approve a task force proposal to settle the school facility lawsuit, they'll be waving a big white flag - conceding victory to the liberal school-funding coalition, which tenaciously seeks to extort money from taxpayers.

Some history on the case: The suit's plaintiffs argue the state - not the communities that control local schools - are constitutionally obligated to repair facilities.

In the past two years, legislators took significant measures to help poor districts pay interest on bond issues passed for school constructions and facility repairs. As a result, Troy, Wendell and Minidoka school districts withdrew from the lawsuit.

But for the remaining litigants, those steps didn't suffice. 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 taxpayers hostage to major tax increases.

Cottonwood School Superintendent Stan Kress, a task force member (also a 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 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 paves the way for easier tax increases.

• Larger interest subsidies: This would expand last year's bill that already provides interest

payments for any school district - regardless of financial need. That means poor communities, even if they're still unable to pass their own bond issues, would help pay for the new basketball gym in an affluent 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 then match the funds - again - from taxpayers statewide.

• Emergency tax authority: This proposal would let local school boards - in certain circumstances - enact tax increases in spite of voter rejection. Local voters would lose their control over property taxes.

Kress has made clear that any changes in the task force plan will send the dispute 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 taxpayers by the education lobby and its Democratic allies. If legislators approve it, they are turning their backs on their constituents.

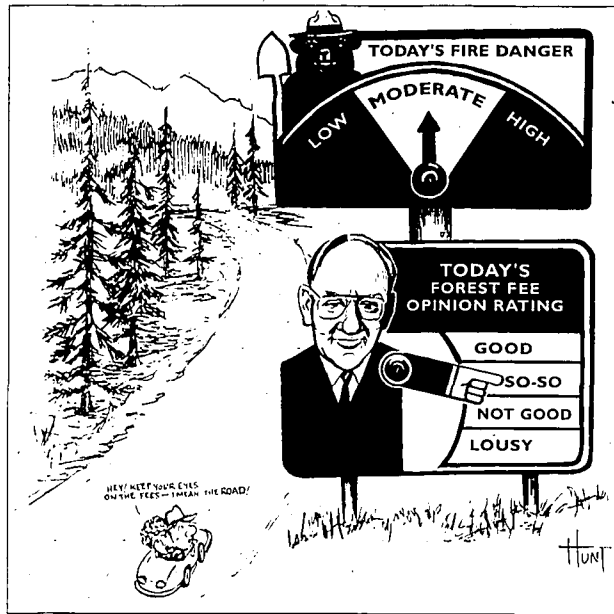
It's unjust to force taxpayers statewide - including those in communities that already maintain their schools - to pay for repairs in communities where local voters reject bond issues.

Legislators should refuse to give in to these demands. If a settlement is to take place, the people's elected leaders must have their say.

This so-called solution is nothing more than a forced surrender.

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How about calling this event the "Aryan Neighborhood Potluck and Fun Run"?



Paul Reynolds' life was open book

Years ago, I heard a young man serving in the Navy say, "For most of the people I work with, I am the only open book they have ever seen, and perhaps the only one they will ever see." These words have come to my mind repeatedly since Paul Reynolds died on March 1, 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 pursuit of the bottom line has relegated business ethics and the value of fellow human beings into secondary status. Times when we are so wired with the world yet unaware of the triumphs and tribulations of our next-door neighbor.

Knowing and being a friend of Paul brought me memories of my childhood and my paternal 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 did restore hope for family and business relationships. His wisdom on growth in professional and personal endeavors without leaving relationships behind in our times will remain invaluable for ages.

But you have to know how we met. As I was closing a speech for the Kiwanis Club in Twin Falls, I quoted Mark Twain, "Let us endeavor to live that when we come to die, even the undertaker will be sorry." A man in the audience laughed so hard I had to find



READER COMMENT
Vincent Kituku

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

He took me to his promises and so humbly displayed an attitude 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 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 is 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 help line... ask yourself if what I am doing benefiting my fellow human being?" He then shared a story of years ago when his 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 thrive 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 in his under-

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

Paul's involvement in his community can never be commemorated with a token event. We can only ponder it in our hearts.

Because some things are better not talked about. His own words: "I always felt I had obligation to give back to the community that has given me so much." From working for homeless people to youth activities to driving an ailing servant of God hundreds of miles for a medical check-up (when he himself had just days to live), you could count on Paul.

On resolving conflicts, Mr. Reynolds' advice was to "look at people through your heart... eyes see faults but the heart sees the soul." He admonishes family members to hold hands, no yelling or hitting. For friends and business relationships, he said shaking hands and looking at the other person in the eye while talking helps bridge gaps.

There are people whose life's purpose and accomplishments cannot be portrayed by a physical monument. These are people who have found that the journey to happiness and fulfillment is through people's hearts. That is what Paul Reynolds' life mission was all about - touching hearts, whether family members or business clients.

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

Dr. Vincent Muli Wa Kituku of Boise is an author, motivational speaker, storyteller and seminar leader.

Saddam remains Iraqis' greatest enemy

As an Iraqi woman who has fought in war, I am compelled to support a U.S.-led action to remove Saddam Hussein. After 26 years of resistance against Saddam, I have come to the conclusion that only forces from outside Iraq can bring an end to the nightmare of his rule.

The stories of Saddam's brutality are all true. Ethnic cleansing, summary imprisonment and execution, torture and rape are all part of the nightmare. I know this from personal experience.

My father founded an Iraqi peace movement, a crisis 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, 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 finally reached freedom in the United States in 1997. I continue to suffer to this day from lung, nerve and eye damage caused by these weapons.

No one in Iraq is immune from Saddam's brutality - not even the closest members of his family. He even executed two of his own sons-in-law in 1996. But women are especially targeted as part of his broader policies of intimidation.

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

Members of the Iraqi opposition in exile receive videotapes of their female relatives in Iraq being raped. Women who criticize or merely offend Saddam are accused of being prostitutes and regularly beheaded in public.

His son, Uday, often leads these beatings. They occur in Baghdad, 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 people 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 this.

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 his resistance and remain in power. Those who care about peace and justice for the Iraqis should not make the 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.

Rename Butler's crazy clique

Neo-Nazi Richard Butler rides again. Or maybe "stragles 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. Butler's estimate is probably

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

How about calling this event the "Aryan Neighborhood Potluck and Fun Run"?

School bond proposal presents sound opportunity

We, the undersigned, are members of the Facility Advisory Committee of the Minidoka County School District.

The district has the opportunity to replace its existing \$9 million lease-purchase 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 met 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 6 percent interest. In the new proposal, 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 bond election on March 18 to

take advantage of the dramatic decline in interest rates.

The Facility Advisory Committee and the school board both agree that this proposal is in the best interest 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-loan 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 arising from Big Valley berms, (3) science laboratory addition at West Minidoka, (4) improvements at Heyburn and Acequia, (5) improvements in the Minico auditorium and music facilities. Our school board agreed to these recommendations. Furthermore, our board will not approve a tax increase proposal, thus providing assurance that this proposal will not increase taxes.

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
Paul

Editor's note: Max Twiss and Dan Lloyd are co-chairmen of the Minidoka County School District Facility Advisory Committee. Other committee members signing this letter are Donna Banner, Randy Gillette, Jeff Harris, Craig Hephworth, Wayne Schenk, Carl Hanson, Daryl Serr, Ron Hieb, Alan Swenson, John Firth, Margaret Hunt, Paul Durcan and Scott Roth.

Former principal got what she deserved

In response to the front-page story on March 11, we are not surprised 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-

ance rule," however, you are right that possession of marijuana wouldn't affect your conduct on the job. But you didn't just possess it, you smoked it. I don't think you cloud your judgment - if for nothing else, 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 could 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-year 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. Many 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 tolerate this kind of behavior and give another chance to a person who has been proven to be a mind-altering drug and in all schools a "no toler-

WILLIAM GOERTZEN
Twin Falls

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OPINION

LETTERS

Additional questions 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 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 it feels threatened, why not ask Saudi Arabia, Kuwait 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 canons 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 in the mid-'80s and everyone screamed "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 have been helping Saddam with his nuclear program?
9. What is the risk benefit of not getting rid of Saddam?
10. Will you ask the pilots flying in the "fly zone" when did the war end?
11. How many lives will be lost in terrorist attacks if we do nothing?
12. Will Iran be less or more of a 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 borders?
15. How long is a combat-ready fighting force to be on Saddam's borders?
16. I did not like Bill Clinton, but I supported his action in the former Yugoslavia. Where were all the anti-war rallies then?
17. It is well known that Colin Powell was against action being taken on Iraq. I wonder what changed his mind.
18. Is it possible George Bush, Colin Powell, etc., have more intelligence information than we, the civilians, do?
19. Will the Iraqi people celebrate?
20. When this action in Iraq is over quickly and we see the true horrors of Saddam, will you and others like you send retractions to the newspapers?

JOHN FLORA
Gooding

Farm subsidy report is truly alarming information

This letter is in reference to Kenny Young's letter in *The Times-News* on March 11, which mentioned farm subsidies and gave a Web site where we could verify what is happening.

I have an inquisitive mind and went to the Web site and, folks, it is truly sickening. Fortune 500 companies, agri-businesses, pharmaceutical companies, insurance companies, tobacco 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 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
Jerome

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 this very same practice committed on Main Street in downtown Jerome.

Like other communities, I know that downtown Jerome is suffering economic decline, but I had no idea it had deteriorated to this degree.
GLENN CAPPS
Jerome

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 touch with reality and missed several important facts.

The writer continually mixes state spending with Fish and Game spending and its budget. First, there are no state tax dollars in the Fish and Game budget, so why does the Legislature need 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 1988 because of political interference. The whole purpose of the 1988 initiative was to place wildlife management into the hands 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 surplus for Idaho citizens to hunt, fish and trap.

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

But when Fish and Game commissioners stand up for wildlife, they are admonished by the politicians at 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 people in each region. Former Region 4 Fish and Game commissioner 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 editorial writer seems to fear letting ordinary Idaho citizens be a part of the selection process. Our country is founded on the principle of citizen participation, and this initiative will allow that process to continue.

Allowing citizens to be a part of that process will make the Department more responsive to the public and create a better Fish and Game Department.
DON CLOVER
Meridian

Stop criticizing churches and see the good they do

In reply to "Access church taxes to increase state revenue," I feel compelled to reply.

Schuckert would like to tax churches because "Religion isn't all bad as long as it stays in the little brown church in the valley." And because "they would give the average taxpayer a break, allow the churches to pay their share and save something besides souls - something they don't do very well anyway."

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 amazed 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, sir, if you think the money you could raise would be better spent by 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, I must disagree with you. You seem very quick to give quotes to

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

Tort reform bill passes the buck to taxpayers

As we think about tort reform, I would like to remind you of a few facts. Medical malpractice lawsuits made up less than 7.7 percent of all tort claims in 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 says punitive damages are awarded in less than 5 percent of civil jury verdicts. From 1965 '90, only 355 awards were given by juries in product liability cases, and the median punitive award was \$40,000.

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

Now let's consider the grand arbitrage punitive suit \$250,000. The government gets its share of punitive damages in taxes. That could be around 45 percent for the federal and state taxes. The lawyer gets his fair share of 30 to 40 percent. Now tell 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 the injured person. And when that is done, guess who pays? The taxpayers will pay for what is morally and ethically the responsibility of the persons who caused the damage to be done.

House Bill 92 is a "pass the buck" legislation. Speak up and be heard before the bill gets to the governor's desk. But should this bill reach Gov. Kempthorne and he signs the bill, I would suggest that Idaho give back all but \$250,000 of the tobacco mummies that was hoarded during Al Lammie's term of duty. If Idaho legislators really buy into the idea of large settlements being indecent and excessive, then it should be against their principles to use any of that money for the health and welfare of Idaho's citizens.

By the way, The Insurance executive at the committee hearings carefully skirted past the question of tort reform reducing malpractice insurance. Why? Because she knows that it's certainly not about to happen.

In closing, thank you, Sen. Darrington, for the professional manner in which you held the recent Senate hearing on HB 92. Thank you for allowing all sides to be heard equally. I appreciate the opportunity to speak before you and to have the same length of time as the lobbyists.

PAM DOWD
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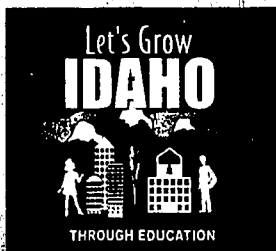
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You're getting to be a rabbit with me

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 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?

A sizable bear mascot is one thing, but finding oneself in the embrace of a very large rabbit 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 continental 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 silly.

But "Harvey" aside, I just have rural concerns about trying to relate to a creature who's taller than me by a bare.

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 southern-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 without 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.

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 shy, and find that taring up as a mascot 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 librarian or an insurance adjuster.

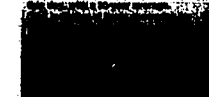
But once in that chicken suit, he's a maniac - he can kiss George

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak **
Upper Snake River	91%	80%
Sawtooth Falls	56%	53%
Salmon	95%	83%
Outing	48%	48%
Big Wood	89%	80%
Little Wood	92%	84%
Henry Fork/Teton	79%	70%
Big Lost	86%	76%
Little Lost	74%	61%
As of March 18		

*A comparison of basin snowpack on March 18, 2003, to the 1998-99 season.



Public can view centennial art

Models will be displayed in the Magic Valley Mall

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 their three-dimensional creations. But the community can have only one.

The public arts wing of the Twin Falls Centennial Legacy Committee sent out the call to Idaho artists, to propose their best ideas for art-work depicting the area's lasting legacy.

A response came in the form of models or photos of their designs. Now the committee is soliciting public input.

Eight models will be displayed in center court of the Magic Valley Mall, at the entrance to J. C. Penney.

Each model is much smaller than what the artist intends for the finished product.

You can see all eight up close through March 31, in the center court of the Magic Valley Mall, 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 mall.

Or call the Centennial Commission office at 735-0800, or e-mail bonnie@twinfalls-centennial.com.

A selection committee of 12 people, which is also anonymous, has viewed the proposals and will select the winner with community input taken into consideration.

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

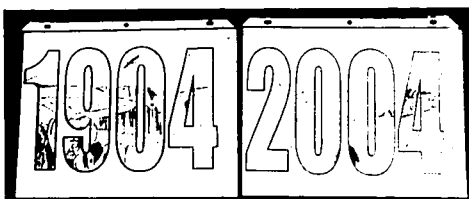
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'The Indomitable Spirit'
Larger-than-life silhouette forms of running horses in permanent metal construction, plus mounted bronze plaques.



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Structures of copper and other metal depicting symbols of the area's heritage.

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Water line break cuts Twin Falls service

TWIN FALLS - Much of the city was without water Saturday 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 rupture 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 drain.

"We've got to get the pressure off," he said. "We just can't get in there to work right now."

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 p.m., a CICS staffer said.

Water from the rupture was flowing into Rock Creek Canyon, Schroeder said, and no homes were 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

KIMBERLY - Becky Jones was crowned Miss Kimberly Saturday night during the annual Miss Kimberly Pageant.

Becky Jones, daughter of Mike and Penny 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 Amy 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.

Having just crossed the Perrine Bridge, the Kutchins spotted the Buzz Langdon Visitor Center.

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

They parked their vehicle, quickly ran in and procured one of the center's numerous free maps.

"It's a great location," Keith Kutchins said.

Great location indeed. Right off the highway leading into Twin Falls, next to the Snake River Canyon, the information center receives a heavy amount of traffic throughout most of the 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, helps 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.

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

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

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

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — To get back The Salt Lake Tribune, the McCarthy family will have to persuade a jury that they represent the fairest way to sort out claims on Utah's largest newspaper in a trial set for November.

Then the McCarthys will have to come up with the money — and it could cost them \$100 million more than they're willing to pay. Their next step is a court hearing next month to challenge the latest appraisal.

The fight is being watched by Utah's smaller dailies, which expect the Tribune and its chief rival, the Deseret News, to fight over readers in their territories, especially Provo and Ogden. McCarthy, 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 McCarthy, chairman of the group that once

managed the Tribune.

"We do intend to persevere, and we do think we have a case," said Sarah McCarthy, another of the three siblings with a stake in the matter. Their option to recover ownership of the Tribune was thwarted by a series of takeovers that left the paper in the hands of Denver-based MediaNews Group Inc.

After two years of tiresome litigation, the McCarthys were heartened by a Feb. 24 appeals court ruling that found they had a "substantial likelihood" of forcing MediaNews to sell the paper to the family. It still has to prove its case at trial before a judge or jury or both.

The McCarthys contend they had an ironclad option to buy back the paper when they sold it as part of a lucrative stock swap

to John Malone's Telecommunications Inc. That option was disregarded by AT&T Corp. when it bought TCI and inherited the Tribune, a "non-strategic asset" it didn't want.

MediaNews paid \$200 million in 2001 when it bought the Tribune for an apparent bargain, but AT&T hedged its bets. For every dollar MediaNews makes selling the paper over \$200 million, it would have to return 50 cents to AT&T, according to lawyers in the case.

MediaNews president Dean Singleton contends the McCarthys don't have enough money to buy the paper at its true value, which he put at \$352.5 million.

The family insists it has the wherewithal to pay a fair price for the Tribune — a price Sarah McCarthy said was "closer to \$218 million." Family members won't say how much is too much or whether they'd have to borrow some of the money.

"Dean borrowed every dime" to buy the Tribune, says Randy Frisch, former chief operating officer for the Tribune. "If there's anybody who knows about not having enough money, that would be Dean."

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 Slaven said 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 economically feasible.

The idea will likely be considered next year.

Slavens said many visitors might opt to enter the 186-mile-long 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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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 a.m. 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 6-8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Chapel and one hour before the service Monday at the church.

Edgarina (Eddy) McFarland 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; interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

friends may call from noon-2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Catherine Mildred Watson Bism Burks of Paul, celebration of life at 11 a.m. March 22 at the Paul United Methodist Church; interment at 10 a.m. March 24 at

Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Lola Edith Richardson of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary.

DEATH NOTICES

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 Howe-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 Krewsun,

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

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Shoshone Funeral Chapel.

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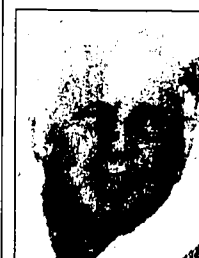
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Some names are omitted at patients' request.

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OBITUARIES

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BURLEY



Keith Pepper

Keith Ray Pepper, 93, of Burley, died Friday, March 14, 2003, at Burley Care Center.

He was born April 9, 1909, in Payson, Utah, the son of Ray and Clara Stevens Pepper. He moved to Blackfoot, Idaho, at an early age where he received his education. He served during World War II, in the U.S. Navy, and was stationed in the South Pacific. He married Beatrice Ann Tator Raymond on September 29, 1969, in Elko, Nevada. Keith was a carpenter by profession and had worked in Palm Springs, California, Lake Tahoe, and the Ketchikan area. Following retirement, he and Beatrice lived in the Challis area and Palm Springs, prior to moving to Burley in 1988, where he had since resided.

Keith loved the outdoors! He especially enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his loving wife, Beatrice Pepper of Burley; his children, Fred (Linda) Raymond of Burley, and Mary Lou (Neal) Breshers of Rupert; one brother, Nyle Pepper of Placencia, California; one sister, Arlene (John) Thomas of Bakersfield, California; seven grandchildren; 15 great-

grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, and three brothers.

At Keith's request, he will be cremated. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are in the care of Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 10th Street, Burley.

RUPERT



Henry L. Rios

Henry L. Rios, 72-year-old Rupert resident, died Wednesday, March 12, 2003, at a Boise hospital.

He was born July 15, 1930, in Edinburg, Texas, the son of Pablo and Maria Lopez Rios. He was raised in Layton, Utah, and later moved to Idaho where he worked as a labor contractor. He had spent the past 28 years in Rupert. He loved fishing, gardening and raising cattle. He especially loved his family and his grandchildren. He was always willing to help those in need. We love you and you will greatly be missed by your friends and family. We are grateful for the time we had to spend with him. He was a wonderful husband, dad, grandfather and friend.

He is survived by his wife, Amalia Rios of Rupert; his children, Henry

Paul Rios of Burley, Felipe Rios of Utah, Christina Rios of Utah, David (Matthew) Rios of Rupert, Debbie (Ranney) Vega of Chicago, Phil (Amador) Chavez of Houston, Tere (Rose) Amador of Rupert, Raul Rios of Twin Falls, Francisco Rios of Paul, Henry Rios of Rupert, and Dorothy (Large) Gaudin of Burley. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Rios will be received at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 16, 2003, at Saint Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert. Funeral Mass will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 17, 2003, at Saint Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call Sunday evening from 5 p.m. until time of the Rosary at the church and one hour prior to the funeral Mass on Monday. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel.

BUHL

Wilma Lucile Campbell

Wilma Lucile Campbell, 95, of Buhl, died at her home on Thursday, March 13, 2003.

She was born on August 7, 1907, at Paradise, Utah, to Joseph and Sarah Chocketts McMurder. She married John Peterson and they formed in Hagerman. After John died, she married Loren Campbell and they lived in Buhl.

Lucile is survived by a son, Vernon Peterson of Springfield, Mo.; two daughters, Bonnie Peterson of Nampa, and Donna Corbell of Modesto, Calif.; a son, Coral McMurder of Washington; and a sister, Clara Colby of Buhl; 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Monday, March 17, 2003, at 10:30 a.m. at the LDS Church on Fair Street in Buhl. Viewing will be held one hour before the service at the church. Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl is in charge of arrangements.

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

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

By T.R. Reid and Rene Sanchez
The Washington Post

SALT 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 his family, he had sold his possessions and survived for years by relying on the kindness of strangers. Those who crossed his path here say he sounded delusional but seemed harmless, a lost soul who spent his days reciting rambling passages from his own homespun gospel, a 27-page pamphlet he called "The Book of Emmanuel David Isaiah."

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

"Everybody knew of him," said Jeff St. Romain, president of the local chapter of the Volunteers of America, which aids people living on the streets of Salt Lake City. "He was very resistant to any of the services we tried to offer. He only wanted to talk about his religious beliefs. Sometimes 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 near a suburban main street near here last week with 15-year-old Elizabeth Smart, kidnapped at knifepoint from her home one night last June. News accounts of that crime, Mitchell appears more sinister than sad.

Authorities say that for nine months, first camped in the rugged foothills that surround the outskirts of San Diego, Mitchell held Elizabeth, a church-going teenager who plays the harp, as a physical and psychological prisoner, possibly because of a devout belief in polygamy he wanted another wife.

Elizabeth, showing no visible scars from the ordeal, is back home with her large, loving family. Mitchell and his wife, Wanda Barzee, 57, who accompanied him and the teenager, are being held here without bail. The portrait emerging of Mitchell, 49, shows a life that had been unraveling for more than a decade and apparently had reached messianic, dangerous extremes.

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

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ward who sometimes counseled high school students to a wild-eyed, unkempt kypsy 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 turbulent. 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 stint in juvenile detention as a teenager after exposing himself to a child in their neighborhood. A month before Elizabeth's kidnapping, Mitchell's mother won a restraining order against him and Barzee after the couple allegedly threatened to "destroy" her. Mitchell, relatives say, had spoken of experimenting with LSD in the Utah desert. He also fled Salt Lake City at one point to flirt with anti-tax militias in Idaho. And he and Barzee were excommunicated from the Mormon church for what its leaders this past week called "actively promoting bizarre teachings."

Still, many here say that Mitchell also often displayed a gentle, engaging personality that bore no hint of menace and brought him all manner of mercy.

After he was arrested and jailed for six days for attempting to break into a San Diego church last month, Mitchell appeared before a judge. A videotape of that proceeding reveals the puzzling contradictions of Mitchell's

personality. He sounds polite and apologetic, 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 jolted 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 his daughter.

Mitchell grew up in the Salt Lake area in a Mormon household, the third of six children raised by his mother after his father left the family. Mitchell attended two different high schools, but there is no record he graduated.

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 one-time 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 streets of Salt Lake City cuddling dogs.

Mitchell and Barzee were wed in the Salt Lake City Mormon Temple in 1986, a clear sign that their earlier marriages had ended in formal divorce and that they were in good standing in the church. Marrying in the temple is an honor for Mormons. An elder from the couple's parish must sanction such a request.

Barzee was 41, eight years older than Mitchell. They continued living in Salt Lake City and had no children. Early in the 1990s, Mitchell joined a group, sometimes called "fundamentalist Mormons," that believes God intended men to have more than one wife.

Before he was ousted, officials here say, Mitchell had been trying to convince church members that polygamy was an essential Mormon belief. He would go on to promote that idea as a "blessing" in a cryptic screed that he described as his own Book of Mormon. And police now say they are investigating whether Elizabeth's kidnapping was part of a larger scheme by Mitchell to take seven young wives — including one of her teenage cousins.

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Through April 5

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 11:00AM
Ketherling Farm Auction, Heyburn
Tractors • Trucks & Beds • Beets & Bean Equip. • Grain & Hay Equip.
Ads: Ag Weekly 3-8, Times-News 3-10
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MONDAY, MARCH 17
Wendell Community Auction, Wendell
Farm Machinery • Miscellaneous
Times-News Ad: 3-15
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TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 11:00AM
Former T & S Dairy Assets, Wendell
US Bankruptcy Trustee Auction
Tractors • Loaders • Trucks • Misc.
Ads: Ag Weekly 3-8, Times-News 3-11
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TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 5:00PM
Household • Tools • Antiques
Consignments Welcome • Jerome
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 11:00AM
Knoblauch Farm Auction, Rupert
Tractors • Trucks & Beds • Ground Working, Fruits, Beets, Equip.
Ads: Ag Weekly 3-8, Times-News 3-12
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Groundworking/Planning Equip.
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Times-News Ad: 3-16
MUSICK & SONS AUCTIONEERS
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SATURDAY, MARCH 22
Minidoka Community Auction, Rupert
Farm Machinery • Miscellaneous
Times-News Ad: 3-20
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MONDAY, MARCH 24, 10:00AM
Poli Bros. Farm, Honeyville, Utah
Tractors • Skid Steer & Forklift Trucks • Cattle • Trailers
Ads: Ag Weekly 3-8, Times-News 3-17
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MONDAY, MARCH 24, 11:30AM
David Cowger, Filer
Trucks • Farm Machinery
Times-News Ad: 3-22
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WEDNESDAY, MAR. 26, 10:00AM
Thunderbolt Utilities Construction, Heyburn
Crawlers • Excavators • Backhoes
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THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 11:00AM
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Tractors • Skidsteer • Loader
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Ag Weekly Ad: 3-15
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Household
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SATURDAY, MARCH 29
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Breakfast Menu
Milk served every day. Choice of fruit or juice every day.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Long john donuts
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: Waffles
Friday: Pizza
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served every day.
Monday: Burritos
Tuesday: Beef and cheese nachos
Wednesday: Corn dogs
Thursday: Chili
Friday: Cheesburgers

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served every day.
Monday: Green eggs and ham
Tuesday: Blueberry muffins
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Cinnamon rolls
Friday: No school
Lunch menu
Monday: Chili
Tuesday: Lasagna
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: Sock hops
Friday: No school

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Milk served every day.
Monday: Ham and beans
Tuesday: Goulash
Wednesday: Scrambled eggs
Thursday: Sloppy joes
Friday: Turkey gravy

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Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: Cook's choice
Wednesday: Sandwich with chips
Thursday: Turkey gravy
Friday: Corn dogs

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast Menu
Milk served every day.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: Waffle sticks
Thursday: Long johns
Friday: No school
Lunch Menu
Milk served every day.
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: French fries
Thursday: Hamburgers
Friday: No school

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day.
Monday: Creamy potato soup
Tuesday: Cinnamon rolls
Wednesday: Breakfast burrito
Thursday: Cheese pizza
Friday: No school

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served every day.
Monday: Burrito
Tuesday: Ham and cheese sandwich
Wednesday: Roast turkey
Thursday: Chicken fillet
Friday: Spaghetti

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day.
Monday: Burrito
Tuesday: Ham and cheese sandwich
Wednesday: Beef wrap
Thursday: Chicken fillet
Friday: Spaghetti

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Fresh fruit and milk served daily.
Monday: Tacos
Tuesday: Chicken strips
Wednesday: Meatball sandwich

Thursday: Spaghetti
Friday: Breakfast burrito

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Choice of milk served every day.
Monday: Malibu chicken sandwich
Tuesday: Hot Italian sub sandwich
Wednesday: Roast turkey
Thursday: Crisp tacos
Friday: Croissant sandwich

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day.
Monday: Chicken burgers
Tuesday: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Hamburger gravy
Thursday: Pizza
Friday: No school

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu
Milk served every day.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Breakfast bar
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Scrambled eggs, ham
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Milk served every day.
Monday: Ham and cheese sandwich, corn dog or salad bar
Tuesday: Deli turkey sandwich, spicy chicken sandwich or soup and sandwich bar
Wednesday: Taco bar or pizza
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, croissant sandwich or potato bar
Friday: Beef tacos, pepperoni flat

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: Soup and sandwich
Tuesday: Sloppy joes
Wednesday: Turkey gravy
Thursday: Hot dogs
Friday: Italian dinners

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served every day.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Breakfast bar
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Scrambled eggs, ham
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Milk served every day.
Monday: Chicken sandwich
Tuesday: Hot dog
Wednesday: Chili
Thursday: Chicken fried steak
Friday: Nachos

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast is served every day.
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies every day.
Monday: Salad bar, deli sandwich or open faced ham and cheese sandwich
Tuesday: Cottage grill bar, deli sandwich or grilled chicken and bacon wrap
Wednesday: Taco bar, deli sandwich or cheeseburger
Thursday: Deli sandwich, cottage grill bar or pizza bar
Friday: Deli sandwich, potato bar or pizza

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served every day.
Monday: Chicken and mozzarella
Tuesday: Nachos
Wednesday: Chicken burger
Thursday: Lasagna
Friday: No lunch

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served every day.
Monday: Hamburger
Tuesday: Mexican burrito
Wednesday: Corn dog
Thursday: Pizza
Friday: Burrito

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

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

Friday: Corn dog

GLENN'S FERRY

Monday: Chicken burger
Tuesday: Hot turkey sandwich
Wednesday: Idaho nacho
Thursday: Barbecue ham sandwich
Friday: No school

GOODING ELEMENTARY

Choice of milk served every day. The third choice is for junior high and high school students only.
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Taco
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Chili
Friday: No school

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered every day.
Monday: Fish taco
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Burrito
Thursday: Hamburger

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Milk served every day.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Cereal
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Cereal
Friday: Waffles, link sausage
Lunch menu
Salad bar and choice of milk served every day.
Monday: Burrito
Tuesday: Grilled ham and cheese
Wednesday: Corn dog
Thursday: Idaho nachos
Friday: Fish nuggets or turkey sandwich

JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served every day.
Monday: Fish taco
Tuesday: Hot dogs
Wednesday: Cook's choice
Thursday: Pizza
Friday: Chicken fried steak

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Breakfast
Milk and juice served every day.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Cereal
Friday: Cereal
Lunch
Monday: Sloppy joe on a bun
Tuesday: Pepperoni pizza
Wednesday: Chili
Thursday: Chicken nuggets
Friday: Vegetable soup

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served every day.
Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: Soft tacos
Wednesday: Chili

Thursday: French dip sandwich
Friday: No school

WENDELL SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Bili-bee sandwich
Tuesday: Toasted cheese sandwich
Wednesday: Chili
Thursday: Mad as a hatter celebration
Friday: Frying hot dog

CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Peanut butter and jelly on toast
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: French toast sticks
Friday: Breakfast burrito
Lunch menu
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Crisp burrito
Wednesday: School choice
Thursday: Hamburger
Friday: No lunch

MINIDOKA COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast: Juice and fruit served every day.
Choice of salad bar with sandwich or soup or sandwich bar every day.
Monday: Chocolate milk served every day.
Tuesday: Pig in a blanket, sea burger, pizza bar or Hot Pockets
Wednesday: Hamburger, cheeseburger, bacon cheeseburger or mini corn dog
Thursday: Chili or barbecue
Friday: Biscuits or hot combo
Friday: No lunch served

School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu printed with the menus in Sunday's paper, send the menu to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 718, Twin Falls, 83401 or page in 212-18 attention Lunch Menu. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.

Officials: Test finds wasting disease in one percent of deer

DENVER (AP) — About 1 percent of the 36,551 deer and elk turned in by hunters tested positive for chronic wasting disease, Colorado wildlife officials said.

Of the 273 infected animals, 52 were killed outside the portion of northeastern Colorado where chronic wasting disease has been found for more than two decades.

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

Testing turned up clusters of infections in deep south of Utah and in elk in Grand County, said Mike Miller, the Wildlife Division's leading wasting disease researcher.

Miller and other wildlife officials presented the findings during a Colorado Wildlife Commission meeting Thursday.

Chronic wasting, a fatal brain ailment, causes elk and deer to grow thin and die. It is related to bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or mad cow disease. Scientists say there's no evidence it can spread to humans but they can't rule it out.

The disease was found only in northeastern Colorado and southwestern Wyoming for 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 Division of Wildlife asked hunters to submit the heads of the deer and elk they killed in the fall to gauge the disease's prevalence. Special laboratories tested the brains and brain stems.

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

The cost of the test will likely be under \$20 and hunters will receive results within two weeks.

Miller said the disease is slowly becoming more common. "We're not seeing a huge trend, but the increase is significant and persistent," he said.

Hot spots of infection, including along the northern Front Range in Larimer and northern Boulder counties, have rates as high as 20 percent compared with the overall average of 1 to 6 percent in the long established area.

Division officials said testing to show the spread of the disease by killing some of the deer and elk in heavily infected areas seems to be working.

The disease has also been found in Utah, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Wisconsin and two Canadian provinces.

Utah college students face tuition hikes

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The state Board of Regents has approved fee hikes for college students at seven of the nine public colleges, meaning that students could pay as much as \$70 more each year.

The hikes come in addition to tuition hikes that range from 6 percent at the College of Eastern Utah to 20.5 percent at Southern Utah University.

Students from those two colleges will not have any fee increases.

Students at Dixie College in St. George, Utah, have the highest fee increase, up \$70 for a total of \$862 a year. University

of Utah students will pay the highest fees, \$788, but their increase was only \$6 from last year.

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

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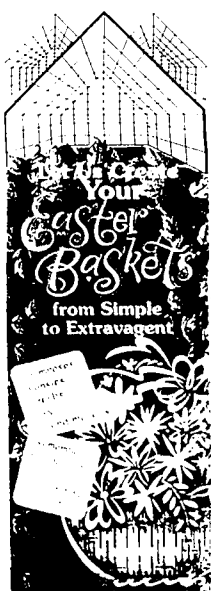
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Notice of Request for Public Comment & Public Meeting on Draft Wastewater - Land Application Permit Renewal for Amalgamated Sugar Co. (TASCO) Twin Falls Facility

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 and 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.id.us/permits/permits.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.

Questions, comments, and requests may be directed to:
David Anderson
DEQ Twin Falls Regional Office
601 Pole Line Rd., Suite 2
Twin Falls, ID 83301
Phone: (208) 736-2190
Fax: (208) 736-2194
Email: daunders@deq.state.id.us

Weather doesn't stop Gourmet Ski Tour

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - The tables were set. And 110 adventure-some diners accepted the invitation. They and one unwanted guest, that is.

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 skied between the hors d'oeuvres and dessert.

The snow that greeted skiers as they plied their way down a seven-mile stretch of the Harriman Trail could have given a 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 warming hot bowls of pumpkin bisque soup tasty enough to make anyone forget a few snowflakes on his nose.

Cristina Cook, who has catered spring rolls 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 potstickers.

Organizer Jenny Busdon said she has tried shifting the date of the ski tour over the years in hope of snagging the quintessential Sun Valley day with blue skies, warm sunshine and soft breezes. But she has yet to get any help from the weatherman.

But participants took the change in weather good-naturedly.

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

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

Among the participants this year was Lee Julieratt, a writer for Northwest Travel and Current 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 Pettit, who divide their time between France and Sun Valley, put on their best buds for the 11th annual Gourmet Ski Tour Saturday north of Ketchum.

because it gave him a chance to ski the much-vaunted Harriman Trail. But, he added, it wasn't hard to like the idea of skiing from one tasty morsel to the next.

"It's certainly the most fascinating outdoor adventure I've ever done. But it was a kick," he said.

This was the first time the tour, which is the year's biggest fundraiser for Galena Lodge and the North Valley ski trails, hasn't sold out. Only half of the 250 participants who normally show up for the ski tour made it this year, what with the economy struggling and week-long predictions of thunderstorms.

Jackie Wieman of Sun Valley simply shrugged off the predictions of rain and donned an umbrella hat. Others, like Sun Valley residents Florian and Stephanie Pettit, said they weren't about to let slithering rain or falling rain stand in their way of a good time.

"We had the best time," said Stephanie Pettit, after completing her fourth tour. "Actually, the challenging conditions just make it more fun."



Nordic skier Muffy Ritz's togs were a little more befitting a sunny day at the Mallin beach than a snowy day, as Saturday's Gourmet Ski Tour was.

Regional Health Net organization might close

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

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

But Rogers, who sits on the Health Net regional board, told the Mini-Cassia coalition in 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.

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 Blaine/Camas counties.

Regional Coordinator Karyn Goodale agreed there might be an end to the regional Health Net organization.

"That's pretty much the way it's looking now," Goodale said.

But the organization won't dissolve before September, the end of the fiscal year. Until then, it's business as usual, and Health Net 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 oversees 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 disappears.

Each local coalition has a lead agency, or two, as in Mini-Cassia. Coalitions will need to talk with the local 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 Memorial Hospital, Cassia

Regional Medical Center and grant sources.

The regional organization provided "grant procurement tools" and helped pick up grant dollars for the coalition. Without regional help, less grant money may be received, Rogers said. But hospitals have agreed to continue providing money to the Mini-Cassia coalition. The two hospitals pay about \$10,000 a year for Health Net.

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

School district officials: Bond issue won't change taxes

By Shelley Rideout
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Something for nothing might sound too good to be true.

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 restructure an 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 \$1 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, Minidoka County School Superintendent Nick Hallett said. The loan was approved by district voters 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. 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 \$52.51 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'll apply the state money to the overall pot of money and reduce the amount taxpayers give the district.

Some taxpayers might wonder why the district didn't just snag the lower interest rate and pass along a lower tax rate to property owners. Members of the school facilities committee said taxpayers would barely have noticed if \$1 million had been knocked off the loan.

Center

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some 40,000 annual visitors.

"It's exciting for me to get started and for our volunteers," said chamber member Judy Harr, who was just putting the finishing touches on the center before opening the door. "A lot of them have cabin fever and are ready to get out and work."

Indeed, volunteer Ken Nukuya arrived the day before just to check on things before his first shift the following day. In his fifth year as center volunteer, Nukuya, the former owner of Ken's Furniture and Appliance, said providing his free time is a way to give back to a community that has given much to him.

"It keeps me busy. You see people 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.

"I've seen everything there is I think there is to see," she said. Peterson bought a \$6 stuffed potato doll inadvertently picked out by Harry, who was quickly dragging it around the center.

The center generates enough revenue to support the center and bring in a few extra dollars for the chamber, Just 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 naming 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.

She was there Saturday morning with her cousin, Donna Klemann, 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 visits.

"It's a great source of information," she said.

Clear-cutting plan arouses controversy

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - News of a logging project in the South Hills spurred comments on water quality, wildlife and clear-cutting.

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

Now that the deadline to submit comments on the proposal has passed, the Forest Service will incorporate the comments in an environmental assessment, expected to be published in June. A 30-day comment period follows release of the document, and the final decision regarding the environmental assessment is expected in September.

The proposal calls for clear-cutting trees on 130 acres, removing older trees on 367 acres and thinning trees on three acres.

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.

"Clear-cutting has already been proven to be an astonishing failure in the south Sawtooth National Forest, and there is no point in its repeating history," Austin wrote.

Survey crews sent to clear-cut in the ranger district have found trees growing at the expected rates, Minidoka District Forester Karl Fueling said.

Clear-cutting removes nutrients and habitat from a site, Austin wrote. When all the trees are cut, the forest loses the natural progression of tree to snag and to log, each of which provides habitat for different forest species.

While Fueling agreed there would be some loss of nutrients and habitat, he said a clear-cut mimics the catastrophic events - such as fire or a beetle outbreak - which are part of the natural cycle for lodgepole pine forests. Loggers would not leave fallen trees or standing snags as fires or insects would, but the Forest Service would leave groups of trees in the clear-cut sites. These islands of trees would provide habitat for animals and would eventually become tall snags above the new growth, Fueling said.

The idea of creating a managed clearing is good, but the Forest Service should do so with prescribed burns rather than clear-cutting, wrote John

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. If there is not more timely logging, fires - either prescribed or accidental - will take care of the problem, he wrote. Adams prefers logging.

"If you've got a usable commodity, let's use it," he said.

Logging could significantly hurt wildlife, wrote Idaho 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 connected to the surrounding forest 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, Fueling said.

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

The Forest Service should not 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, Fueling said.

A project of that size should require an environmental impact statement rather than the quicker environmental assessment, wrote Hilary Engle for the Committee for the High Desert.

Several comments noted the presence of poskies in the area. There is a goshawk nest in the project area, and the Forest Service would allow no activity near the nest, Fueling said.

A stream that runs through the project area is polluted, wrote Sean Woodhead of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. There is *E. coli* bacteria and too much sediment in the creek downstream from proposed timber sale, Woodhead wrote.

The Forest Service would stipulate loggers leave the limbs and tops of trees on the ground 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

The Times-News

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

The event is among more than 1,875 planned in more than 80 nations around the world this Wednesday.

Organizer Jeff Ruprecht said the nonpartisan gathering is intended to offer people a chance to quietly express their hope for a peaceful solution to the standoff with Iraq.

Crump

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Steinbrenner on the lips, set the parts of visiting ballplayers on fire, ran 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 Magic Valley's rabbit suit at MYRAC are citizens of unassailable character, but will they stay that way?

Rabbits are by their nature mischievous - see *Bunny, Bugs*. And everyone knows it, to the extent that nothing - hospital-bed 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 "Harvey" - 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.

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?

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Coming Monday

- Full brackets to track the NCAA basketball tournaments.

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

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TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Who holds the USC men's basketball record for most points in a game?

Answer below

IN BRIEF

Coaches, ADs: Fax spring schedules

All athletic directors and/or coaches of spring high school sports are asked to fax their schedules to *The Times-News* sports department at 734-5535.

Athletic schedules are still needed from Bliss, Buhl, Burley, Camas County, Carey, Castleford, Community School, Declo, Dietrich, Glenns Ferry, Hagerman, Hansen, ISD, Magic Valley, Christian, Oakley, Ratti River, Richfield, Shoshone, Wendell and Wood River.

Bruin softball team announces camp

TWIN FALLS — The annual Twin Falls High School softball camp will be held on Monday and Tuesday, March 24-25 from 11-4 daily. Cost is \$35 per camper and includes lunch the second day, a T-shirt and free admission to the Bruins' game with Minico on April 2.

Girls in grades 3-8 are encouraged to attend. For more information call Nick Baumert at 734-4978.

Twin Falls softball league meets Tuesday

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 734-6899 or Rob Kelly at 423-4629.

Kimberly Youth Assoc. holds sign-ups

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 Softest takes place March 30

SUN VALLEY — Sun Valley's big air exhibition, Softest, will be held on Sunday, March 30 at 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 coverage.

The Softest Street Party at 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.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

John Block, 45 points against Washington in 1955.

CSI rodeo team barrels up the rankings

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Megan McLeod and her nimble horse Pezey are charging up the Rocky Mountain Region barrel racing standings.

The No. 9-ranked barrel racer turned in the best time of the College of Southern Idaho rodeo 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 Pezey.

"I'm happy with it," McLeod said. "Now I know he's in the same caliber as my other horses. He's pretty new to the rodeo."

She's new to a CSI vest herself. McLeod has trailed in the points standings all season after missing the first three fall rodeos after transferring to CSI from Weber State.

"I've been playing catchup all year," she said. "I'm happy to get it going."

One cowboy who has been ahead all weekend in the bareback bronc riding 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 did pretty good. The home crowd really helps."

Another strong performer was Stetson Stoddard, the region's top-ranked all-around cowboy. He and Reg Hamilton recorded a solid time of 7.1 seconds in the team roping then watched the competition struggle with penalties or misses.

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.

"If you're first out, you jump out and put the pressure on them," Stoddard said.

"Sometimes they choke."

It was a success for every CSI cowboy or cowgirl. The calves in arena roping were almost as unruly as the batch in steer wrestling Friday. Only two cowgirls managed to rope their calf, including one on a re-ride. Jeni Garcia of Boise came from the back of the pack to finish with a combined time of 9.1 seconds on two runs. Ashley Mulick of Idaho State ended with a 9.7 thanks to her second chance.

CSI's Mimi Olson came into Saturday's event with the second-best time (4.0 seconds), but ran out of arena with a fleet footed calf.

"We just couldn't catch nothing," Olson said.

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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 upset Buckeyes, the 65-team field can't be completed until the end of the Big Ten tournament final Sunday afternoon at the United Center. With a victory over Illinois, the Buckeyes 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 upsets in conference tournaments nationwide that have sent amateur and professional bracketologists into a frenzy.

With 21 top-seeded teams eliminated from their respective conference playoffs, the task of selecting and seeding the NCAA tournament has rarely been so confusing.

With so much uncertainty, Sunday's selection announcement could be as interesting as the tournament itself. The Big Ten final is expected to end just minutes before CBS' nationally televised selection show airs.

"This is going to be a late-night and an early-morning process and probably all day (Sunday)," selection committee chairman Jim Livengood said in a CBS interview.

The 65-team field includes 31 automatic qualifiers: 30 conference tournament champions and the Ivy League regular-season champion.

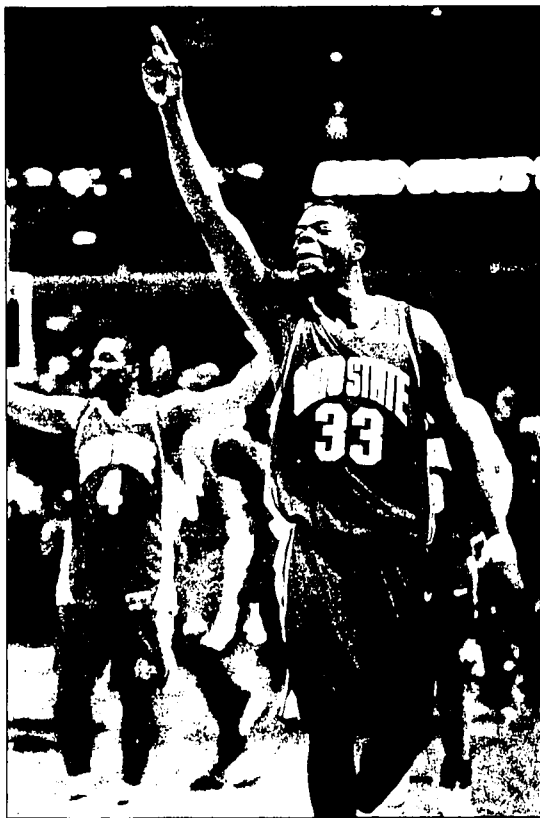
That leaves 34 at-large berths. If every top-seeded team won its conference tournament, the at-large selection process would be relatively simple. But when a team that would not otherwise merit an at-large invitation snags an automatic berth, it puts the squeeze on teams with marginal resumes.

Consider what happened in the Mountain West Conference. Utah and Brigham Young, both assumed to be tournament locks, lost in the semifinals Friday night. This doesn't mean Utah or BYU won't also be invited, but it raises 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-best teams in midmajors.

Livengood insisted the committee does not take conference affiliation into account when it is weighing selections.

"We really don't look at conferences per se," Livengood said. "Remember that our charge is to pick the best 34 teams."

The picture became slightly clearer when Southern California, which had a losing record, lost to Oregon in the Pac-10 final



Ohio 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 Illinois today for the championship.

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

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

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 Illinois, Butler, Arizona State, Auburn, Wyoming, Boston

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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 finals of the women's pole vault at the World Indoor championships on Saturday, spoiling an anticipated showdown against Svetlana Feofanova.

Meanwhile, Dwight Phillips and Michelle Collins made big 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-fastest time ever to take gold in the women's 200-meter race, overcoming a tight hamstring that flared up in the final straight.

Dragila, the Olympic and two-time world outdoor champion, failed in three attempts to clear the qualifying height of 14 feet, 1.25 inches, well short of her world of 15-8.25.

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, overcome with emotion. Dragila's elimination derailed her anticipated showdown with Russian rival Svetlana Feofanova, whose world record Dragila 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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Stacy Dragila fails to clear the bar Saturday at the World Indoor Athletics Championships in Birmingham, England.

Area's top senior hoops stars square off Monday

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's one final fling for the best senior basketball 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 boys coach Bernard Mussen said. "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, Twin Falls High School
When: Monday
Time: Girls tip-off at 6 p.m., followed by the boys game
Inside
Check out the rosters

King giving their squad a decided advantage down low.

"But it's an all-star game and they tend to fence 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 sharpshooters in Twin Falls' Danielle Maloney and Jerome's Katie Thibault to open

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SPORTS

Bruins beat Madison; Indians roll

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS—Todd Rehben's two-run single in the fifth inning scored the eventual game-winning run as Twin Falls beat Madison 5-4 in nonconference baseball at Bruin Field Saturday.

Rehben added a two-run single as part of a four-run fourth inning to help beat Bobcats ace Clayton Mortenson, who still managed 10 strikeouts.

Brandon Christiansen's single in the fourth also scored two runs for the Bruins (1-0).

Twin Falls pitchers Steve Turner and Tim Mueller combined to throw a five-hitter.

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 runs scored were off mistakes we made. We have to play a little bit 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—Buhl broke out for 15 home runs, seven triples and a home run amid 34 hits in the 19-2, 23-4 sweep of visiting Kimberly Saturday at Clint Faus Memorial Diamond in Buhl.

"It was a day of extra base hits," said Indians coach Ryan Bohl.

Perry Hamilton went 2-for-3 with a home run and four RBI to lead Buhl in Game 1. Simon Olsen added two hits with four RBI and 10 strikeouts.

In Game 2, Rob Walker, Josh Usery, Chris Ahm and Chris Wolf all had three hits for a combined nine RBI. Bournier and Walker each scored four runs. Usery took the win.

Buhl (2-0, 10 SCIC) hosts Filer on Tuesday at 3 p.m.

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BUHL—Kimberly split a Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference softball doubleheader at Buhl Saturday, winning the conference game, 7-5, in nine innings but dropping Game 2 13-1.

Stephanie Powers, Whitney Bullock and Kayla Lundy all went 3-for-5 for the Bulldogs (1-1, 1-0 SCIC).

Stephanie Ordover and Sherry King each went 3-for-4 to lead Buhl, while Lundy added a couple of times, said head coach Steve Ordover.

"We couldn't get that big hit," he said.

Buhl (1-0, 1-0 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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FRUITLAND—Three two-run singles by Kellen Chatterton, Dylan McIlhenny and Paul Tinker lifted Wood River to a 10-1 win of Fruitland Saturday. Hyne Reynolds had 10 strikeouts with one hit and 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 hits in Game 2.

Wood River (2-0-1) plays at Middleton on Friday and at Bishop Kelly on Saturday.

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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 morning at Bruin Field. Twin Falls won the game 5-4 and was leading Game 2 when it was called due to rain.

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Game 2
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NEW PLYMOUTH—The Simons brothers combined to throw 15 strikeouts as Glenns Ferry swept New Plymouth 5-1 and 8-1 in the season-opening doubleheader for both teams Saturday. Senior Zach Simons threw 10 strikeouts 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 (0-2) for a 3:30 p.m. doubleheader.

In Game 2, Rob Walker, Josh Usery, Chris Ahm and Chris Wolf all had three hits for a combined nine RBI. Bournier and Walker each scored four runs. Usery took the win.

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Game 9
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Game 10
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Game 11
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ing for the first time.

"He won on pure athleticism," Burley said. "That was really fun to watch."

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 Ferguson said. "I think they learned a lot from that."

Earlier in the week, Minico tied with Gooding and fell to Declo.

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SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Auto Racing

- NHRA Gatornationals, at Gainesville, Fla., ESPN2, 7 p.m.
- NASCAR Winston Cup, Carolina Dodge Dealers 400, Fox, 10:30 a.m.

Baseball

- Preseason, Chicago Cubs vs. Colorado, WGN, 1 p.m.

Basketball

- College, Kentucky vs. Mississippi St., SEC championship, CBS, 11 a.m.
- College, Duke vs. N.C. St., ACC championship, ESPN, 11 a.m.
- College, Missouri vs. Oklahoma, Big 12 championship, ESPN, 1 p.m.
- College, Illinois vs. Ohio St., Big Ten championship, CBS, 1:30 p.m.
- NBA, Mavericks at Kings, ABC, 1:30 p.m.
- College, NCAA women's tournament selection show, ESPN, 3 p.m.
- NCAA men's tournament selection show, CBS, 4 p.m.

Football

- Arena, Orlando at Tampa Bay

Golf

- Euro Tour, Qatar Masters, final round, TGC, 7 a.m.
- PGA, The Honda Classic, final round, NBC, 1 p.m.
- LPGA, Welch's/Fry's Championship, final round, TGC, 2:30 p.m.
- Champions Tour, SBC Classic, final round, CNBC, 4 p.m.

Hockey

- Avalanche at Capitals, ESPN2, 4 p.m.

Curling

- NRA, Gotham States: Tampa Bay Derby; San Felipe Stakes, at Arcadia, Calif., ESPN2, 2:30 p.m.

Tennis

- Tennis Masters Series, Pacific Life Open, men's championship, ABC, 10:30 a.m.
- Tennis Masters Series, Pacific Life Open, women's championship, ESPN2, 1 p.m.

Area ski report

Beggs Basin - Sat 5:00 a.m. 41 degrees, wet, snow on ground 41. 45 base 51 at 31 inch, 4 of 8 in, 100% open. Middle 100% open. To top, 100% open. Sun 5:00 a.m.

Brandegee - Sat 4:00 a.m. 37 degrees, wet, snow on ground 41. 100 base 38 at 18 inch, 25 inch, 130 inch, 5 of 5 in, 100% open. Mon 7:30 a.m. 30 degrees, 4:00 a.m. 32p.

Leakwater Pass - Sat 5:15 a.m. 37 degrees, wet, snow on ground 41. 100 base 38 at 18 inch, 25 inch, 130 inch, 5 of 5 in, 100% open. Mon 7:30 a.m. 30 degrees, 4:00 a.m. 32p.

Maple Creek - Sat 5:15 a.m. 37 degrees, wet, snow on ground 41. 100 base 38 at 18 inch, 25 inch, 130 inch, 5 of 5 in, 100% open. Mon 7:30 a.m. 30 degrees, 4:00 a.m. 32p.

Panorama - Sat 5:30 a.m. 37 degrees, wet, snow on ground 41. 100 base 38 at 18 inch, 25 inch, 130 inch, 5 of 5 in, 100% open. Mon 7:30 a.m. 30 degrees, 4:00 a.m. 32p.

Schubert - Sat 5:30 a.m. 37 degrees, wet, snow on ground 41. 100 base 38 at 18 inch, 25 inch, 130 inch, 5 of 5 in, 100% open. Mon 7:30 a.m. 30 degrees, 4:00 a.m. 32p.

Silver - Sat 5:30 a.m. 37 degrees, wet, snow on ground 41. 100 base 38 at 18 inch, 25 inch, 130 inch, 5 of 5 in, 100% open. Mon 7:30 a.m. 30 degrees, 4:00 a.m. 32p.

Soldier Mountain - Sat 5:30 a.m. 37 degrees, wet, snow on ground 41. 100 base 38 at 18 inch, 25 inch, 130 inch, 5 of 5 in, 100% open. Mon 7:30 a.m. 30 degrees, 4:00 a.m. 32p.

Sun Valley - Sat 5:30 a.m. 37 degrees, wet, snow on ground 41. 100 base 38 at 18 inch, 25 inch, 130 inch, 5 of 5 in, 100% open. Mon 7:30 a.m. 30 degrees, 4:00 a.m. 32p.

THREATENERS 5, SABRES 3

Buffalo Sabres (10-10-1) vs. **Florida Panthers** (10-10-1) - The Sabres won the season series 3-2. The Panthers won the season series 3-2. The Sabres won the season series 3-2. The Panthers won the season series 3-2.

MARPLE LEAPS 1, CANUCKS 0

Vancouver Canucks (10-10-1) vs. **Marple Leafs** (10-10-1) - The Canucks won the season series 3-2. The Marple Leafs won the season series 3-2. The Canucks won the season series 3-2. The Marple Leafs won the season series 3-2.

BLUE JACKETS 5, WILD 0

Minnesota Wild (10-10-1) vs. **Blue Jackets** (10-10-1) - The Wild won the season series 3-2. The Blue Jackets won the season series 3-2. The Wild won the season series 3-2. The Blue Jackets won the season series 3-2.

KINGS 0, HURRICANES 0

San Jose Sharks (10-10-1) vs. **Florida Panthers** (10-10-1) - The Sharks won the season series 3-2. The Panthers won the season series 3-2. The Sharks won the season series 3-2. The Panthers won the season series 3-2.

ISLANDERS 5, SENATORS 2

New York Islanders (10-10-1) vs. **Ottawa Senators** (10-10-1) - The Islanders won the season series 3-2. The Senators won the season series 3-2. The Islanders won the season series 3-2. The Senators won the season series 3-2.

BLUES 1, PREDATORS 0

St. Louis Blues (10-10-1) vs. **Nashville Predators** (10-10-1) - The Blues won the season series 3-2. The Predators won the season series 3-2. The Blues won the season series 3-2. The Predators won the season series 3-2.

Frida's Late NHL Summary

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AUTO RACING

NASCAR Winston Cup - The Winston Cup race was held at Talladega. The race was won by Jeff Gordon. The race was won by Jeff Gordon. The race was won by Jeff Gordon. The race was won by Jeff Gordon.

NHRA MAC Tools Gatornationals

Donny Boy (10-10-1) vs. **Donny Boy** (10-10-1) - The Donny Boy won the season series 3-2. The Donny Boy won the season series 3-2. The Donny Boy won the season series 3-2. The Donny Boy won the season series 3-2.

Boxing

Flight Schedule - The flight schedule for the week of March 16, 2003. The flight schedule for the week of March 16, 2003. The flight schedule for the week of March 16, 2003. The flight schedule for the week of March 16, 2003.

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SPORTS

Report: Memo links Harrick to Georgia scandal

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

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported Saturday that an Aug. 16, 2001 memo has Jim Harrick Jr. pointing the finger to associate athletics director Damon Evans in reference to who paid former Bulldog player Tony Cole's living expenses.

"Tony requested Dave Brown and his foundation to help assist in housing him while waiting acceptance to UGA," Harrick Jr. wrote in the memo obtained by the newspaper.

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

But if the NCAA finds that either of the Harricks are responsible, it could find Georgia guilty of two violations: Paying a signer'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 knew before his son, former Bulldogs assistant coach Jim Harrick Jr., wired \$300 to former Georgia player Tony Cole.

On Monday, school president Michael Adams and athletics director Vince Dondos announced that the Bulldogs' season was over because two players committed academic fraud in a class taught by assistant coach Harrick Jr.

Massimino resigns as head coach at Cleveland State

CLEVELAND — Arms flailing, hair disheveled, suit a wrinkled mess, Rolfe 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 resigned after seven disappointing seasons as coach at Cleveland State, where he was unable to duplicate the success he had while leading Villanova to an improbable 1985 NCAA title.

Cleveland State bought out the final two years of the 68-year-old Massimino's contract, athletic director Lee Reed said Saturday. Massimino was paid \$147,000 for the 2002-03 season.

His tenure in Cleveland ended with his first 20-loss season in 30 years of coaching, and he leaves a program in shambles. Reached by the Times-New, Massimino's sports information director was unaware of Massimino's resignation.

Massimino's team went 8-22 this season and finished last in the nine-team Horizon League. The Vikings lost in the first round of the conference tournament March 4 against Loyola of Chicago.

Reed credited Massimino with improving Cleveland State's national image, fund-raising and his ability to schedule elite programs. But he never got the Vikings to the NCAA tournament or NIT, his teams continually underachieving or falling apart late in the season.

There were also embarrassing, off-the-court problems for the school.

Last year, two former players, Damon Stringer and Jamial Harris, were convicted of robbing Cleveland Indians pitcher C.C. Sabathia at gunpoint in a downtown 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 in Florida during the offseason, did not phone a 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 mid-major 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 record and taking the school to 11 NCAA tournaments and four NITs. He coached eight 20-plus win seasons in "Nova before leaving in 1992.

He moved on to UNLV and went 36-21 in two seasons with the Runnin' Rebels.

—Compiled from wire reports

Third time a charm: Pitt captures Big East

NEW YORK (AP) — Brandon 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 East championship game in as many years.

Despite limping around the Madison Square Garden court, Knight led the fifth-ranked Panthers to the first title in school history, 74-56 over Connecticut on Saturday night.

"I wasn't going to miss this game for anything," he said. "The only way to miss it would have been if I couldn't walk."

Knight, who was injured in the semifinal win over Boston College, and fellow sophomore Dontavious Zavaackas and Ontario Lett all got to share in the celebration for the first time as the Panthers (26-4) ended their two-game losing streak with their decisive victory. Zavaackas' leadership and big contributions from some of the underclassmen, Connecticut (21-9), which beat Pittsburgh 74-65 in double overtime in last year's championship game, managed just six points over the final six minutes as the Panthers pulled away.

The Huskies were trying to tie Georgetown's record of six tournament titles, and this one would have been very special for coach Jim Calhoun, who missed five games during the season for prostate cancer surgery.

Pac-10 tournament Oregon 74, Southern California 66

LOS ANGELES — Luke Ridnour had 18 points and nine assists, Luke Jackson added 17 points and Oregon defeated Southern California 74-66 Saturday to win its first Pac-10 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 six-year history. The Ducks won their first two games, against Arizona State and UCLA, by one point each.

Big Ten tournament No. 13 Illinois 73, Indiana 72

OHIO STATE 55, Michigan State 54

CHICAGO — Brian Cook scored 25 points and hit two free throws with 5.2 seconds left to No. 13 Illinois held off Indiana's late charge to win 73-72 in the Big Ten semifinal Saturday.

Illinois (23-6) will 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 Coville 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

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 losses to Kansas.

They accomplished all three of those goals with one win Saturday.

Rickey Paulding scored 21 points, including five 3-pointers, and the Tigers rallied to beat No. 4 Kansas 68-63 in the semifinals of the Big 12 tournament.

It seemed like the final time the first time since 1997, the league's first season.

The Tigers (21-9) had lost five straight to their border-state rival, including both games this season, 76-70 and then 79-74 in the regular-season finale Sunday for Missouri's only loss at home this season.

NCAA

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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 covered No. 1 seeds, Arizona and Texas, both projected as No. 1s, lost in their respective conference tournaments.

Livengood said the committee doesn't want to punish a school for suffering an upset in its conference playoffs. Nevertheless, an untimely loss could hurt.

"A team can always lose a game," Livengood said. "But going 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."

Livengood said the committee doesn't necessarily mean a team will lose its seed.

All the confusion has created an opportunity for Illinois to improve to perhaps a No. 3 seed.

The Fighting Illini had been projected as no better than a fifth seed when the conference tournaments tipped off. But then the upsets started, and the dominoes started falling in Illinois' favor.

"Teams around the country are helping us out," Illini guard Dee Brown said.

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 3:15 left.

Hollis Price made up for a costly mistake in the final half-minute of regulation by scoring four of his 39 points as Oklahoma (23-6) 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

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Julius Hodge scored a career-high 31 points, and North Carolina State used a flurry of 3-pointers to advance to the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament final.

The Wolfpack (18-11) are going back to the championship game for the second straight year, and third time in coach Herb Sendek's seven seasons. They will play Duke.

Josh Howard led Wake Forest (24-5) with 21 points and 11 rebounds but scored just seven in the second half.

Duke moved into position for the first straight Atlantic Coast Conference title, getting 19 points from Daniel Ewing in the tournament semifinals.

SEC tournament

No. 2 Kentucky 78, Auburn 58

Mississippi State 76, LSU 61

NEW ORLEANS — With highly ranked teams falling all around, Kentucky just keeps on winning.

Erik Daniels came back from a scary fall to score 17 points, and the No. 2 Wildcats blew out Auburn in the second half for a 78-58 victory in the Southeastern Conference tournament semifinal.

The Wildcats will meet Mississippi State in Sunday's title game, vying for their 24th tournament championship after going last in the SEC during the regular season.

Timmy Bower of Mississippi State, scored 26 points and shot 6 of 9 from 3-point range to lead the Bulldogs to a 76-61 win over LSU in the SEC tournament semifinals.

Mountain West tournament Colorado State 62, UNLV 61

LAS VEGAS — Brian Greene had 22 points including the game-winning jumper with 5.7 seconds left and tournament MVP Matt Nelson added 17 points as sixth-seeded Colorado State stunned UNLV 62-61 to win the Mountain West Conference tournament Saturday night.

The Rams (20-13) won, despite losing 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 bounced 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 Tulsa beat Nevada 75-64 Saturday night to win the Western Athletic Conference tournament, giving the Golden Hurricane their third trip to the NCAA tournament in four seasons.

The tournament bid salvages a season for Tulsa (23-9) that seemed ruined a month ago after three consecutive losses 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.

Conference USA tournament

No. 20 Louisville 83, UAB 78

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 Cardinals' games, finishing with a tournament record 37 rebounds, and was selected the tourney's MVP. Fittingly, Whitehead sealed Saturday's victory with a rebound.

Morris Finley scored 20 points, and Demario Eddins had 18 points and 12 rebounds for the Blazers (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

No. 22 Dayton 79, Temple 72

DAYTON, Ohio — Sean Finn scored 20 points and 10 assists 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 (23-5) their first NCAA berth since 2000. It came in the most appropriate setting.

MAC tournament C. Michigan 77, Kent St. 67

CLEVELAND — J.R. Wallace slung his left arm over the trophy as he celebrated in victory.

Chris Kaman scored 25 points and T.J. Meerman added a career-high 16 as Central Michigan (24-6) defeated Kent State (7-27) Saturday night to win the MAC's first trip to the NCAA tournament since 1987.

Kaman, the MAC player of the year, added 13 rebounds, five assists, four blocks and countless other shots.

MEAC tournament S. Carolina St. 72, Hampton 67

RICHMOND, Va. — South Carolina State found itself in a familiar position after a two-time defending champion Hampton (19-11) in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference tournament championship game Saturday.

After less than eight minutes, the Bulldogs trailed 26-6. That didn't stop them from rallying to win 72-67, clinching their fifth NCAA tournament berth and first since 2000. Earlier this season, the Bulldogs trailed Hampton 22-4 before coming back to win.

America East conference Vermont 56, Boston University 55

BOSTON — David Helin hit a 10-foot 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 Sheffie scored 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.

Chaz Carr came up short on a 3-pointer as time expired for the Red Sox, last year's tournament champions. About 700 Vermont fans who made the trip down to Boston rushed the court to celebrate.

SWAC tournament Texas Southern 77, Alcorn St. 68

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Allan Lovett scored 23 points and Ra'Mik Hollis had 18 points and nine assists as Texas Southern beat Alcorn State (21-11) to win the Southwestern Athletic Conference title Saturday.

The Tigers (18-12), who went to the NCAA tournament in 1990, '94 and '95, also got 12 points from Lionel Willis. Brian Jackson had 19 points and eight rebounds to lead Alcorn 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 precariously on the NCAA tournament bubble, also-rans hoping that when the committee finishes placing the heavyweight 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 in the season," said Derrick Whitteburg, then N.C. State's shooting guard and now coach at Wagner College. "We played North Carolina with Michael Jordan. We played Virginia with Reggie Miller."

The ACC was loaded, and N.C. State was not. The Wolfpack had a nice team led by Whitteburg and Sidney Lowe in the backcourt. Coach Jim Valvano convinced them that they were more than the sum of their parts.

"Win one game," Valvano told his team on the eve of the ACC tournament. "One win gets us in."

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 guy gladhander perfectly suited for coaching basketball, first at low-profile jobs, then at high-profile North Carolina State.

Whitteburg and Lowe had been together forever, teammates in high school at Beaufort, then at N.C. State. Whitteburg 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."

Whitteburg and Lowe looked at each other. "You own a college?" one of them said.

Valvano grinned and reeled in the bait. "No, no," he said. "I own College."

The players laughed and went on 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," Whitteburg said. "He talked about dreaming. He said, 'If you believe it's possible, it's possible.'"

"He made us believe we could win. We just followed him. He cared about us so much. That's why we had so much passion. At the end of the day, the guy cared about us," said Whitteburg, whose Wagner College team made it to the NCAA tournament on Wednesday by winning the Northeast Conference tournament championship.

Valvano's training table consisted of large Italian meals, with plenty of pasta, and sing-alongs.

Valvano — who would succumb to cancer in 1993 — offered insight to his team, homilies such as "God must love ordinary people; he made so many of us. And sometimes, ordinary people can do extraordinary things."

Never more than in the Final Four 20 years ago.

In the semifinals, Houston put on a dunking display against a talented Louisville team, and N.C. State beat Georgia. Valvano was suitably humble about his team's chances on the day before the championship game, with Akeem (later Hakim) Olajuwon, Clyde Drexler and the rest of Phi Slamma Jama waiting for the Wolfpack.

The feeling was there was no way Valvano could stay with the Bulldogs' high wire act. But the Wolfpack had other ideas. At halftime, N.C. State led 33-25. In the dressing room, Valvano offered no Xs and Os, no deep strategy to pull off the upset.

"All he said was, 'Twenty more minutes to make the dream come true,'" Whitteburg said.

In the final minute of the game, the score was tied at 52. "The huddle was chaotic," Whitteburg remembered. With the shot clock still three seconds away, N.C. State had all kinds of time for one shot to win it.

"They came out in a 1-3-1 trap," Whitteburg said. "We had no idea what to do. We just passed the ball. They could have stolen it a couple of times."

The last time when Benny Anderson hit his shot and pass to Whitteburg. For a moment, the ball was free. Then Whitteburg grabbed it with two hands and little time to do anything but shoot.

"I never did recruit me to pass," he said.

Thirty-five feet from the basket, the shooting guard shot. "Airball!"

"I never thought it was going to be short," Whitteburg 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 Carolina State 54, Houston 52.

In a moment, the court became bedlam, players hugging each other, Valvano racing around, looking for somebody to grab. N.C. State had pulled off a miracle.

Sometimes, ordinary people do extraordinary things.

Lady Techsters rout Fresno for second title

Women's Top 25

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Cheryl Ford grabbed a conference-record 25 rebounds, and Prierson had 18 points to lead Louisiana Tech to its second straight Western Athletic Conference tournament title and an automatic bid to the NCAA.

Virginia Prierson added points as Louisiana Tech (29-2) completely dominated the game and won its 27th straight to extend the nation's longest winning streak. The Lady Techsters went 18-0 in the conference during the regular season.

Lindsay Logan had 15 points to lead Fresno State (19-12). The third-seeded Bulldogs made their first trip to the WAC final, a year after going 9-20.

Big 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.

Big West tournament No. 17 UC Santa Barbara 68, Pacific 50

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Kristen Mann scored 17 points and Lindsay Taylor had 16 rebounds to lead UC Santa Barbara to its seventh straight Big West Conference tournament title.

The top-seeded Gauchos (26-4) will enter the NCAA tournament having won eight consecutive games and 15 of their last 16.

Gillian d'Hondt had 20 points for the second-seeded Tigers (26-14), who had won nine straight.

Hull nets milestone as Red Wings ice Avs

DETROIT (AP) — Brett Hull scored his 799th goal to pass Mike Gartner for fifth place on the NHL's career list as the Detroit Red Wings beat the Colorado Avalanche 5-3 on Saturday.

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 Igor Larionov also scored for the defending Stanley Cup champions, who have won 14 of their last 16 games. Steven Reinprecht, Rob Blake and Derek Morris scored for Colorado.

Devils 3, Rangers 1

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Patrik Elias' goal and assist helped New Jersey clinch a playoff berth.

Pascal Rheaume and Scott Stevens also scored for the Devils, who ended a two-game losing streak and qualified for the playoffs for the seventh straight 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

PITTSBURGH — Jeremy Roenick 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. Tony Amonte, acquired from Phoenix 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

BOSTON — Jonathan Girard broke a tie early in the first period, and Jeff Hackett stopped 24 shots for Boston.

The Bruins won for the fifth time in seven games (5-1) to move within one point of Washington in the race for the sixth playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.



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 3-1.

Maple Leafs 1, Canucks 0

VANCOUVER — British Columbia's Owen Nolan scored a power-play goal with 51 seconds left in the second period and Ed Belfour 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 glove-side shoulder of rookie goalie Alex Auld.

Nolan has points in all four games with the Maple Leafs since being acquired from San Jose on March 5, including three goals in two games against Vancouver.

Belfour has seven shutouts this season.

Islanders 5, Senators 2

OTTAWA — Mattias Weinhandl scored two goals and Garth Snow made 31 saves for New York.

Lightning 2, Canadiens 1

MONTREAL — Ben Clymer scored with 9:44 left in the third as Tampa Bay remained undefeated in its last five games (3-0-2).

Alexander Sirov 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 points.

Jan Bulis scored for Montreal.

Thrashers 5, Sabres 3

ATLANTA — Slava Kozlov scored the go-ahead goal with 4:02 left and Ilya Kovalchuk set a Thrashers record with his 33rd.

Thrashers won their 24th game, breaking the team record set two seasons ago. Dany Heatley led his point total from last season with a goal and an assist. He has 67 points.

Lubov Babaricko also scored, and Marc Savard had an empty-net goal. Taylor Pyatt, Alex

Hurricanes 0, Kings 0

RALEIGH, N.C. — Los Angeles' Cristobal Huet made 30 saves and Carolina's Kevin Weekes stopped 23 shots.

Each goalie made a few key saves in the overtime to preserve the shutout, which ended when Huet glove-d Bred Hedican's shot from the left side just before the final horn. It was Huet's first shutout of his career, and Weekes' fifth of the season.

Blue Jackets 5, Wild 0

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Marc Denis had 24 saves for his career-high fourth shutout of the season, and Andrew Cassels scored twice as Columbus set a franchise record with five first-period goals.

Cassels set a Blue Jackets record when he scored just 10 seconds in, and Mike Sillinger, David Ling and Ray Whitney also scored for Columbus.

Blues 1, Predators 0

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Cory Stillman scored with four minutes left and Chris Osgood stopped 35 shots in St. Louis debut.

Pavel Demitra sent the puck off the boards, and the puck slid across the ice to goalie Tomas Vokoun skated back in front of the goal. Stillman scored his 22nd of the season when he poked the puck under Vokoun's left leg.

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-point deficit and beat the Milwaukee Bucks 98-94 on Saturday night.

The victory moved Los Angeles (37-28) into a tie with Utah for the sixth playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Michael Redd scored 21 points and Sam Cassell 20 for Milwaukee, which was held to 30 second-half points in its third straight loss.

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 96-91 lead with 36 seconds to go. Cassell made a 3-point shot with 6 seconds left and Bryant hit two free throws with 4.9 seconds to go for the final score.

Wizards 89, Heat 82

WASHINGTON — Jerry Stackhouse scored 37 points, and the Washington Wizards rediscovered defense in the second half to gain control of the close game and beat the Miami Heat 89-82 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 11 of its 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 Girick had 13 points and seven rebounds, while Drew Gooden added nine points and 11 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 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 Pistons' history.

Antoine Walker added 17 points for the Celtics, who have won seven of 10.

Chauncey Billups scored 19 points and Ben Wallace had 21 rebounds to lead Detroit, which had won four straight.



Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal slams one in against Milwaukee's Anthony Mason in the first half Saturday in Milwaukee.

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 6-foot-7 frame sprawled across two chairs.

On the court, Hall of Famer Alex English ran players through shooting drills, calling 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.

"It's a honor to work with guys guys every day," Atlanta guard Jason Terry said.

English originally was hired by the team as director of player development, but when head coach Knute Rocker was fired in December, English became the top assistant for new coach Terry Stotts. Wilkins has been back with the Hawks for nearly three seasons.

At first, he had a mostly ceremonial role as a special assistant to the executive vice president. But in October, he took on the additional responsibilities of an assistant in player development and now sits on the 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 was 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, the Hawks were 27-39, 5.5 games out of the final playoff berth in the Eastern Conference with 16 games left.

During games 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 Classic.

"I was kind of surprised, though," Terry said, a smile forming. "Coach English always talks about defense, rebounding, making the extra pass, but from what I saw, all he was doing was shooting."

English has a simple explanation: Check the stats.

"Don't worry about points, look at my rebounds and 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 25,613 is 11th.

"Those guys were gunners, man," said Los Angeles Clippers coach Dennis Johnson, "after it was over, and that was nice."

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 Atlanta, but we made the playoffs every year."

"But the other guys know I should have been there. Magic Johnson, Isiah Thomas — those guys lobbied pretty hard for me after it was over, and that was nice."

Coach's act offers hope for college hoops

CHICAGO — If college basketball is going to hell in a hand basket, as has been suggested, then there's a decent chance the basket was wrenched under water in a course approved by St. Bonaventure.

You might have become acquainted with the Bonnies' coach while watching the NCAA go through one of its regular delirious sessions. St. Bonaventure's president resigned and its basketball team voted to forfeit the rest of the season after the school declared junior Leland Terrell ineligible because he didn't meet the NCAA's guidelines for junior-college transfers.

"Didn't meet guidelines" is an official way of saying, "Although impressive in a manly, tool-belt sort of way, a certificate in welding at Cramer High School in Georgia 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 hurt to have someone around with a model visor and a blowtorch to work on the rims.

The temptation is to react to the recent sins of St. Bonaventure, Villanova, Fresno State and Georgia by curling up in the fetal position and giving up. The Bonnies' season was over. What that game told me other than the fact that too many fans 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're being gung-ho about the bottom of that drain for a long time, forever maybe. Not to pick on the Big Ten, but if we just focus on this pool conference alone, we could fill up a rap sheet as long as one of Van Mung's arms.

In 1999, Minnesota had to vacate its 1997 Final Four appearance when a former tutor admitted writing papers for players. The coach, Clem Haskins, was fired.

In 1998, Northwestern had to deal with a gambling scandal in which some of its former basketball players purportedly had tried to play poorly to affect the outcome of games. The biggest question back then was how anyone could have known when "wounded NT" was really playing badly and when it was pretending.

So there were two schools facing off Thursday, with the Wildcats upsetting the Golden Gophers and probably making someone in the state of Minnesota wonder out loud whether the reconstitution of cheating wouldn't be such a bad idea.

Look around. Michigan continues to reel from the Ed Martin scandal. Iowa has had to deal with the controversy surrounding its handling of a player accused of sexual assault. Ohio State has had its share of problems over the past 10 years. And so on.

So, yes, there is a happy ending here. Trouble has always been around.

Perhaps the most interesting development 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 team didn't live up to expectations.

The gesture is interesting, of course, but not as interesting as the general reaction to it: What a naked public relations play!

All I know is that, even if it is a public relations play, no one else has had the guts to do it.

All I know is that, even if one year's salary is a pittance compared with what Knight has in his bank account, no one else has been willing to give up his own pittance.

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 bad behavior, yes, but it also would explain some of the dearest things he's done.

I can't even guess at Knight's motivation here, so perhaps it's best just to focus on the goodness of the deed. The \$250,000 goes back to the university and, hopefully, will be used wisely.

Has 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.

Better to focus on that than the future power forwards/welders of America.

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SPORTS

Love III fires second straight 65



Davis Love III tees off on the first hole during the Honda Classic Saturday. Love leads by one stroke heading into today's final round.

Leonard's 64 lands him in final group with Love at Honda Classic

PAIM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Davis Love III is widely considered the top player in the Honda Classic field.

He showed why Saturday. The only player in the tournament among the top 10 in the world was 7-under 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. Leonard is one shot back, Riley two.

Kane bounces back at Welch's-Fry's Championship

UCSON, Ariz. — Canada's Luke Kane, blown away with the rest of the field by Alex Mallon's 60 on Friday, shot a 7-under 65 to regain the lead in the year's first LPGA tour event.

Kane also led the Welch's-Fry's first round after shooting career lows 64, but trailed Mallon by three shots going into the third. A crucial swing occurred when Mallon, who had reached 19 under by playing 41 consecutive holes without a bogey, had back-to-back bogeys on the 13th and 14th holes.

Kane, playing half a turn ahead, took the lead when she holed a 14-foot birdie putt on No.

15 and parred out for a 54-hole total of 18 under 192. Christina Kim shot a 62 on her 19th birthday and claimed sole possession of second at 193. Mallon and playing partner Wendy Doolan will begin the final round two shots off the pace. Doolan carded a 67 to Mallon's 70.

Darkness stalls third round of Qatar Masters

DOHA, Qatar — South Africa's James Kingston was 9 under through four holes of the third round of the Qatar Masters when play suspended because of darkness.

England's David Howell was two strokes back, also through

four holes of the third round.

Wales' Ian Woosnam and Italy's 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 officials to call off play in the SBC Classic, reducing the event to 36 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 Ratchels 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 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-agent class, Douglas will join former Colts linebacker Mike Peterson, who signed a \$20 million deal on Thursday. The team also signed Texans linebacker Keith Mitchell to a low-price contract, as new coach Jack Del Rio attempts to upgrade speed and talent and make Jacksonville competitive again.

"I'm excited. This is a young up-and-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."

Unlike their early years, when the Jaguars signed big deals without much regard for the cap, Douglas' contract won't put a major squeeze on Jacksonville.

It includes a \$6 million signing bonus and the base salary shrinks from \$3.3 million to \$5 million after the second season — meaning the contract will have to be reworked before 2005 if the Jaguars want to keep him.

By then, Douglas will be 33, and Jacksonville will know whether he's still in the prime of his career or on the downside. He has 73.5 career sacks in eight seasons. Last year, his 12.5 sacks allowed him, by terms of his contract, to test the free-agent market.

Initially, it looked as though he wanted to stay in Philadelphia. But after negotiations with the Eagles, and then the Seahawks, Chiefs and Giants, never took off, the Jaguars became major players.

The Jaguars also signed free-agent fullback Marc Edwards, who spent the past two seasons with the New England Patriots.



Hugh Douglas



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Hewitt handles Spadea in semis at Indian Wells

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) — Lleyton Hewitt played cautiously in the first set and took complete control in the second, beating qualifier Vince Spadea 7-6 (5), 6-1 Saturday to reach the Pacific Life Open final.

The top-ranked Hewitt is coming off a victory last weekend at Scottsdale, Ariz., and also is the defending champion at Indian Wells.

He will face the winner of the Gustavo Kuerten-Rainer Schuettler semifinal, which was delayed by rain with Kuerten winning the first set 6-2. Schuettler won the first game of the second set.

Both tournament finals are Sunday, with Lindsay Davenport facing Kim Clijsters — Hewitt's girlfriend — 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 Hewitt tough in the first set but eventually 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.

He made it to the Indian Wells

semifinal by beating another U.S. qualifier, Brian Abrah, 6-3, 6-2 in the quarterfinals.

Hewitt — the 2001 U.S. Open champion and last year's Wimbledon winner — fell behind Spadea 4-1 in the first set, but came back to break Spadea's service and catch him at 4-4.

Both players spent most of their first set at the baseline, with many points decided when one or the other hit the ball into the net or out. Hewitt made 22 unforced errors but only 15 winners in the opening set, and Spadea hit 16 unforced errors and 14 winners.

Hewitt had one double fault in the tiebreaker, but Spadea had two. With the crowd chanting "Vince! Vince!" after he won two points on Hewitt's serve to close within 6-5, Spadea hit his second serve into the net to lose the final point.

Then Hewitt turned more aggressive and Spadea more tentative in the second set.

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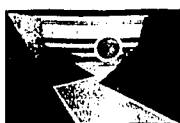
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Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

Investing in M.V.

Business Plus III is a six-county initiative that by April 30 aims to raise \$1.44 million to invest in Magic Valley's economic health over five years.

Of that money, \$1.15 million would be for business attraction and business retention incentive grants, \$250,000 for regional marketing, and \$40,000 for operations, overhead and investor relations.

The Business Plus III campaign provides a weekly update of its fund-raising. The status Friday was unchanged from a week earlier:

Number of investors: 28
Total raised to date: \$1,063,000
Potential investors may call 736-1085 for more information.

Source: Rebecca Widman of Business Plus III

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Bureaucracy panel will meet Thursday

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.

The fee is \$10. Preregistration is required; call 735-2500, Ext. 3630.

Ag agency suggests buying crop insurance

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 why 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 coverage on prevented planting, acreage loss assistance, and a list of the states and crops with a Monday deadline are online at www.mna.usda.gov. Information is also available at local Farm Service Agency offices.

M.V. builders plan

Associates Night Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Builders Association will hold an Associates Night from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Radio Rendezvous, 241 Main Ave. W.

Participants can visit members of the building industry and see their displays. Highlights include prizes, appetizers and raffles. The association said builders are especially encouraged to attend.

For information, call Cyndie Woods at 736-8991 or send e-mail to mva@maglink.com.

Conference will focus

on recreation and tourism

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 tournament. Preregistration fee - before April 11 - is \$130 per person, which includes all sessions, meals and social events. Late or on-site registration is \$175 per person. Registration is available online at www.visitid.org or by sending a check payable to the Idaho Department of Commerce. Attention: Fiscal, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0093.

Compiled from staff reports

Poor location doomed Elkhorn Resort

The Associated Press

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 condominiums 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 as it neared what remained of the hotel.

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 Elkhorn Resort opened in 1976. Then-Gov. Cecil Andrus cut the ribbon on the pro-

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 for the most scenic view of the west of the world lies a hidden valley. Its gentle slopes and meadows rest beneath an immense sky surrounded by mountains and split by a quiet stream. With respect for the land, this valley is now being readied to provide a

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GOING WILD



Hank and Carol Fischer stand with a spotting scope 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 wildlife, especially large carnivores. In their natural habitat, Fischer Outdoor Discoveries offers two regular annual tours to Montana's national parks, one to Yellowstone and one to Glacier.

Missoula business offers extended wildlife tours

The Associated Press

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.

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 spies it too. The calf plunges into the creek 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 spotting 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 predator-prey relationship."

It's that kind of wild relationship that Fischer's clients are able to experience firsthand in tours with Fischer Outdoor Discoveries, the Missoula business that he and his wife, Carol, started last year. The business specializes in taking small groups - eight to 12 people - on extended tours to view wildlife, especially large carnivores, in their natural habitat.

Fischer Outdoor Discoveries offers two regular annual tours to

Montana's national parks, one to Yellowstone and one to Glacier. In addition, the Fischers offer one special tour each year to an exotic location - this year it is a 12-day African safari in Botswana.

The Fischers also conduct customized trips for families, businesses and other groups.

They are perhaps uniquely qualified to guide wildlife-viewing tours in Montana. Before he retired last year, Hank Fischer was the regional director of the conservation organization Defenders of 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 grizzly bears to the Bitterroot-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 working for protection of grizzlies and wolves, Fischer said, he sees 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 scavengers. They're having a profound influence in the park."

After 25 years working for a conservation organization, Fischer said he was pondering

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Market's gains may signal its resiliency

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - It was a turn around no one expected. After pushing near multiyear lows, Wall Street staged its strongest advance in five months, surprising many who doubted the market could rally given investors' persistent war fears.

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.

"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 Jefferies & Co. "This is a flash ahead, a precursor to the rally that would follow."

Herrick said investors' unwillingness to sell stocks past October's five- and six-year lows for the main market signals their 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 interest rates and an expectation that corporate spending will resume once the Iraq situation is resolved, 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 Bush'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 269 points and the Nasdaq 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 gain 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 mini-mart and a pot-holed parking lot. Hundreds of white, spindly turbines stretch for miles across the ridges of the Columbia River Gorge, their blades whirling in the relentless wind like a forest of gigantic pinwheels.

On a recent spring day, the turbines hummed at full power in winds that averaged nearly 45 mph. Miniature dust tornadoes whipped across the scrubland, and barrel-sized tumbleweeds rolled furiously 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.

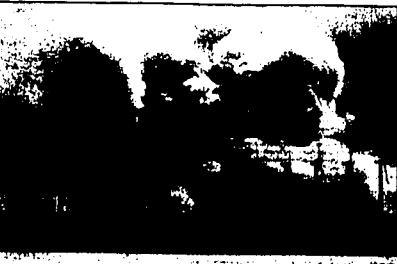
Developers say the two-year credit - which can be, but is not always, renewed by Congress -

creates an artificial 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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Wind turbines spin under windwhipped, cloudy skies along a ridge line in the Columbia River Gorge at FPL Energy's Stateline Wind Project on the Oregon-Washington border near Touchet, Wash., March 14.

YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

The Trophy Club in Eden gets new owners

EDEN - The Trophy Club in Eden reopened under new management.

Bill 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.

The Hoeks said they kept the name of The Trophy Club because it has been a landmark in the area for many years. In addition to a place for a game of pool or darts, 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 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

BURLEY - An Enterprise Rent-A-Car branch opened at 626 Overland Ave. in Burley.

Business hours are 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Branch 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. Weekend specials are also available.

The Burley branch opened Feb. 1 and plans to hold a grand opening later in the spring.

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 free the company retain experienced people with a real interest in serving our customers."

Lutz Rentals offers more than 300 items, ranging from household goods such as televisions, hallway beds and tables, to landscaping, automotive and construction equipment such as power tools and forklifts. It is one of a handful of employee-owned companies in the area.

"It's important both to our customers 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 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 reached at 726-5421.

Agency opens in T.F. to provide home care

TWIN FALLS - A Full Life Agency is now doing business in the Twin Falls area.

Tina 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 meal-preparation help, light housekeeping and assistance with grooming. The business also assists families who have children 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 Miller 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.

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 said.

That is the publication's highest rating and is the result of U.S. Bancorp compiling a 21.5 percent 10-year rate of return. The Shareholder Scoreboard ranks the performance of 1,000 major U.S. companies compared with their peers in 80 industry groups.

U.S. Bancorp said it also ranked 48 in market capitalization among the 100 largest companies in this year's Scoreboard listing. Only one other bank (Citigroup) achieved an "A" rating and ranked higher in the market capitalization listing than U.S. Bancorp.

Of the 100 largest companies in the market capitalization list, U.S. Bancorp said it was one of only 13 companies to have a positive one-year, three-year, five-year and 10-year rates of return to shareholders.

Web site provides free tax assistance

The Times-News

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 www2.state.id.us/tax.

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 taxpayers 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 \$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

The Times-News

ROISE - The Idaho Real Estate Commission will meet at 8:30 a.m. Thursday at the

Idaho Real Estate Commission office, 633 N. Fourth St. The agenda is available upon request by calling 334-3285.



Standing, left to right, are Erik Van Patten, Teague Ascherath, James Thorne and College of Southern Idaho engineering professor Bill Eberlein. Seated, left to right, are Byron Nice, Heather Seipel and Greg Sullivan.

Engineering students

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 mouse-trap-powered car contest. Team members were James Thorne of Twin Falls, Teague Ascherath of Paul and Erik Van Patten of Buhl.

The team of Byron Nice of Filer and David Reimann of Hailey won the Popsicle stick tower contest, building a 7-inch structure that withstood 2,550 pounds of pressure before breaking.

The team of Heather Seipel of Twin Falls, Greg Sullivan of Filer, Jennifer Neibling of Kimberly and Maribel Hanson of Gooding won the distance award in the edible car contest. The car was made of hard candy, prunes, spaghetti, pretzels and biscuit dough.

The students are members of the Golden Eagle Engineering Klub (GEEKS), a light-hearted service, social and educational organization of CSI engineering students and friends. CSI engineering professor Bill Eberlein is the club adviser.

CSI and ISU students competed in the college-level events.

Sharon Lutkehus

FILER - Sharon Lutkehus received the Northwest District for Health Education of the Year Award for 2003 during the 68th annual convention of the Northwest District Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance held Feb. 12-15 in Reno, Nev.

In October, Lutkehus was selected as Idaho's Health Education Professional of the Year. The Northwest district - Alaska, Washington, Montana, Oregon and Idaho - selected Lutkehus as its regional representative in January.

Lutkehus is a teacher at Filer Middle School. Members of the Magic Valley Health Education Network also attended the convention.

Andrea Wecker

TWIN FALLS - Andrea Wecker of Twin Falls was designated a registered professional reporter by the National Court Reporters Association.

To receive its 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

three 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 nonprofit organization. Members include official court reporters, deposition reporters, broadcast captioners, providers of real-time communication access services for deaf and hard-of-hearing people, and others who capture and convert the spoken word into information bases and readable formats.

Kathy Arritt

RUPERT - Wells Fargo promoted Kathy Arritt to store manager of the bank's Rupert office.

She is responsible for handling business development, managing the store's community activities, training and developing staff, managing branch operations and ensuring delivery of excellent customer service. She also will supervise the bank's operations at the Mini-Cassia branch inside the Smith's grocery store in Burley.

Arritt has almost 14 years of experience in financial services. She began her career with First Security in 1989 as a personal banker and was promoted to manager of the Mini-Cassia store in 1993. She is a member of the local chapter of commerce, the Organization of Rupert Businesses and Financial Women International, a professional banking organization for women.

Arritt is a Rupert native and graduate of Minico High School.

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Bob Trevino

RUPERT - Bob Trevino invented a "Cart Stop" to stop supermarket carts from hitting cars, shoppers and displayed merchandise.

The Cart Stop is a built-in mechanism that automatically stops the cart whenever hands are not steering the handle. It enables customers to let go of the handle while looking for goods or opening car doors. It prevents accidents and injuries and reduces insurance lawsuits to supermarkets and other stores, promoters said.

Trevino started developing the Cart Stop in October. The idea is being made available for

licensing to manufacturers interested in new-product development, especially in the cart manufacturing industry. He hopes to have the Cart Stop in production and available to the public soon.

Information about the Cart Stop is available from Invention Technologies Inc. at (800) 940-1902, Ext. 285, at products@invent-tech.com.

Invention Technologies is a Coral Gables, Fla.-based firm that is handling publicity and public relations for the Cart Stop.

Matt and Linda McFadden

HAGERMAN - Matt McFadden, long-time farmer and co-owner/operator of the Emerald Valley Garden Center of Hagerman, accepted the position of manager of the Division of Maintenance for Clearwater Summit Group Inc. of Spokane, Wash.

Clearwater Summit Group is a landscape design and construction company specializing in complex and difficult landscaping projects in the Spokane and North Idaho area since 1983.

McFadden's initial responsibility with Clearwater will be to establish a new Division of Maintenance and assume primary responsibility for sales and management of that division. He also expects to be involved in landscape project planning and development.

His wife, Linda McFadden, 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.

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Linda J. Butler

TWIN FALLS - Linda J. Butler recently attended Weekenders' USA's Spring/Summer Fashion Launch in Columbus, Ohio.

Butler, an independent Weekenders fashion coordinator, said women can expect to see more pants and fluid lines this season.

"We also saw many figure-flattering colors like black, red and cream as well," Butler said.

Following the fashion show Feb. 14, Butler also attended the Weekenders' National Conference, kicking off its 15th anniversary, with thousands of other Weekenders fashion coordinators.

Weekenders USA's direct sales approach offers women opportunities to establish independent direct sales businesses. Through in-home presentations, independent coordinators show

case the clothing line and present a mix-and-match wardrobe concept.

The company designs and manufactures its private-label line. Weekenders USA's headquarters and distribution center are in the Chicago area.

Janel Rumfelt

TWIN FALLS - Janel Rumfelt joined Wells Fargo Home Mortgage as a home mortgage consultant.

Rumfelt has been in the mortgage industry since 1984. She has experience in Federal Housing Administration, Veterans Administration, Idaho Housing Association, Home Association, Rural Development and conventional financing. She has worked many zero-down programs.

Rumfelt holds direct endorsement certification for the Federal Housing Administration, a Veterans Administration automatic and Lenders Authority for Property Processing Certification and has been certified in Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae automatic underwriting. She was an underwriter for 12 years and has been a loan officer for the past five years. She just returned from the Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Academy in Los Angeles, where she completed and graduated from the technology training course.

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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.

It also signaled new records at virtually all of 18 operating sites in south central Idaho, said Bob Wunderle of Bliss, coordinator for the district.

Preliminary 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-

ber of federal and state tax returns that program counselors have filed electronically this year. The U.S. Internal Revenue Service, which partially funds the nonprofit AARP Tax-Aide program, set a goal to have 80 percent of all federal returns electronically filed by 2007. Last year, 206 volunteer counselors at 66 Idaho sites e-filed over 62 percent of all returns processed - one of the higher e-filing rates in the nation.

So far this year, Wunderle said, his district has e-filed 83 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-Aide site at 705 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls, he said.

Adjacent to major Fred Meyer checkout stations, the site is manned by five computer-equipped counselors for about

four hours six days a week (resuming seven-day service from March 30 through April 15). In its first 35 days of operation this year the Fred Meyer site e-filed 800 taxpayer returns, or more than 94 percent of all those handled there.

Wunderle urged low- and middle-income residents who want

assistance on this year's returns to visit an AARP Tax-Aide site as soon as possible, because demand for free service typically rises during the first two weeks of the regular season, April 1-15.

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 and he can't get a job because of the bad credit rating. He recently had a big interview with one of the major banking institutions and almost halfway through the testing process, someone came in and asked him to leave. How does a person get out of this vicious cycle? Is it better to tell someone in human resources before you go for the interview about your bad credit rating, to forewarn them?

A. Raymond Seghers, director of research for AON Consulting, an Ann Arbor, Mich., firm 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 debt could resort to theft.

Conversely, Seghers said a bad 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 JOB
Kenneth Bredemeyer

applicants know if they wouldn't hire them because of what they found on the reports and to give them a chance to correct erroneous information. But here's the catch: The law does not require 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 your credit rating in seconds."

He 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 for forgiveness, he might get a fair chance at the next job opportunity, rather than being fired. HR is surprised by the bad credit report.

Kenneth Bredemeyer writes on workplace issues for The Washington Post.

Services charge higher fees for bad credit

Chicago Tribune

In 1982 a seminal folk-pop band called the Violent Femmes mocked pedantic high school administrators by singing, with a sneer, "I hope you know that this will go down on your permanent record." The line became a rallying cry for a generation of adolescents chafing 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 distressed! Did I happen to mention that I'm impressed?" — gave voice to what every adolescent secretly thinks: Take your permanent record and shove it. I'll do as I please.

Of course, many of those petulant kids grew up and got jobs, spouses and mortgages and now live squarely within the rules. But so have we haven't outgrown our adolescent disdain for "the permanent record?"

And now we're paying dearly for it.

That record is no longer a dry account of spillover 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 databases that follow us everywhere.

We have bad credit and, thus, we are losers. Big time.

"The only thing I could get was a savings account," said Chad Gifford of Wheeling, Ill., a 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

credit card. You reap what you sow.

But the advent of credit scoring has transformed 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 it comes to, 'Are you reliable and do you make payments on time?'" said Toddrick Spalding, a 23-year-old Chicago musician and graphic designer with a less-than-stellar credit history.

"But at the same time, you have to be able to function in society."

Not everybody is sympathetic to the woes of the financially irresponsible. "The bottom line," said Norm Magnuson, a spokesman for the Consumer Data Industry Association, which represents the credit-reporting industry, "is that it took you a long time as a consumer to get into that situation, and it's going to take you a long time to get out. Bad credit 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 Rafael, 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, banks and the like.

Because credit-scoring firms tailor their services to specific clients, nobody has just one credit score — the same credit-scoring firm might look at your credit file and give you a score to an insurer and another to a bank, based on exactly what it is the companies 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 Security number into a computer and get back a number that tells them how likely you are to default on a loan, or how likely you are to be a good customer. Even companies that don't employ the services of a credit-scoring firm can undertake the laborious process of individually reviewing each customer's file.

For example, most of us require a telephone to function in society. But anybody with a sketchy credit history who has moved to a new city knows that most local phone companies will require a deposit before establishing service.

since much of the recent data reflect a mixed outlook.

Thursday's market gains, for example, came despite a trio of lower-than-expected readings on inflation, business, inventories and retail sales, although some of weak performance was attributed to the war uncertainty.

After a resumption in the Middle East, said Philip S. Dow, managing director of equity strategy at Dunn Rauscher Wessels, "we'll find out whether Iraq has an excess or not for the market to chew."

For the week, the three main gauges snapped a two-week losing streak. The Dow had a modest gain of 19.06, or 0.1 percent. It closed Friday at 7,859.71.

The Nasdaq was up 15.04, or 0.27 percent, for the week to end at 1,440.33. The S&P 500 index rose 4.35, or 0.5 percent, to finish at 831.2.

For the week, the Russell 2000 index, the barometer of small-company stocks, gained 0.21, or 0.1 percent, to 351.9.

Wind

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or they aren't eligible.

In many cases, it takes up to three years to plan and complete a project — much longer than the scope of the two-year credit extension, said David Roberts, senior 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 going to be there when you start the development 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 Piccitello, development manager for RES North America, the North 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."

Such second-guessing has been part of the wind industry for nearly a decade, but recent developments hint that the incentive's extended side effects are starting 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 Germany 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.

Resort

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leisurely unstructured way of life for a limited number of families," said Elkhorn Resort offered a host of activities around a village center that included a general store, the upscale Charrhouse Restaurant, an ice cream snack shop and a sporting goods store.

During winter, celebrities such as actor Hal Liden joined tourists and locals playing broomball hockey on the oval ice rink underneath the hotel. Tourists could climb aboard a dog sled, board Elkhorn's own lift to 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 as part of the U.S. Ski Team.

Come summer, there was jazz 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.

But the luster wore off as a succession of owners put less energy into staging events.

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 homeowners.

In the end, it seemed to blend into the old real estate adage

about location, location, location.

"I stayed there a few times, and it was a real nice hotel," 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.

"I'm really bummed," she said. "We stayed there every year during the American Lung Association's bike ride, and it was the perfect setup."

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 Elkhorn.

Heubner said he was concerned that developers were mindlessly changing their minds about what they wanted to build and added that he was afraid the area would be left resembling wartime London after Nazi bombings.

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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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 longer-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 10-year low.

"The market is in the midst of a bottoming process," said Steven Goldman, chief market strategist at Weeden & Co. "There's a lot of sentiment out there that states that we've discounted a lot of this war uncertainty already."

"So investors are thinking, 'Let's start rallying,' with the hope and possibility the economy will show further strength afterward," 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.

The market also faces some risks once investors turn their full attention to the economy's fundamentals from political events,

Tours

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what to do with the rest of his life.

"I decided I wanted to spend more time outdoors," he said. "It's all telephones and computers," added Carol of the bureaucratic routine of conservation work.

Fischer had done some guiding for other nature-tour businesses, and also guided conservation groups as part of his job with Defenders of Wildlife.

"Finally, I scratched my head and said, 'Why do I feel for someone else?'"

"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," Fischer 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."

Because of the Fischers' extensive outdoor experience in Montana, Fischer said he can "almost guarantee" his clients what kind of wildlife they will 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 gener-

ally 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 their new business, they said.

What's different in our trips from other nature tour businesses," 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 Halpenny, a wildlife biologist 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 photographer Dan Harman.

The annual Glacier tour includes a visit to the Blackfoot Indian Reservation, guided by tribal cultural expert and historian a curly bear Wagner on a butte to jump tour, and accompanied by tribal wildlife biologists to look for recently introduced swift foxes.

Their concept of offering special trips to exotic locations each year is a way to fulfill the Fischers' own wanderlust.

"We have some ideas of places we really want to go," Fischer said.

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 central Idaho will be the worst wildlife disaster this state has ever known," said Ron Gillett, 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 crisis, he said.

Gillett, who lives in Stanley, Idaho, and owns commercial property there, spoke 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 skins on out-of-control ESA regulations. Working 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 ruining Idaho's heritage, economic base, our way of life and destroying our wildlife."

As 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

TWIN FALLS, Idaho — The first hay of the 2003 crop is starting to be baled and if the price for that hay 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 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 as long as a year, Getz doesn't



expect to see hay prices going up 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 price.

Sugar factories finish 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 March 31, according to Leonard Kerbs, ag manager at the company's Twin Falls facility. The Twin Falls plant processed about 1 million tons of beets, finishing up four days earlier. The factories in Nampa and Nysa, 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 livestock compensation

WASHINGTON — In the first phase of implementation authorized under the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003, Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman recently announced that sign-up for the expanded Livestock Compensation Program will begin April 1 and is scheduled to end in early June.

The Act expands LCP by including additional counties that were approved under a Secretarial disaster designation or Presidential disaster declaration for damages and losses due to any natural disaster. The Act also includes catfish as an eligible commodity.

Make your office space a cubicle of calmness

The Dallas Morning News

Can you really turn your office into a spa? Darrin Zeer thinks so.

No matter how overpriced and your schedule is, no matter how stressful your job, he's sure you can find ways to nurture yourself through the workday.

"We're living very busy 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."

"What I'm trying to attack is the few moments when you do have a break. Instead of making the stress more, step out of your day for 5 or 10 seconds and relax."

Zeer has published a guide for doing exactly that, "Office Spa" (Chronicle Books, \$9.95), 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, instead of getting even more stressed out, take the moment," he said. "Click open the book and try just one technique."

The advice ranges from New Age ("Imagine for a moment hiking through snow-capped mountains") to Old School ("Walk your worries away"). Some might sound a little goofy ("Pay attention to the business of your mind"); others seem obvious (keep mint mouthwash handy for use before presentations).

Zeer, who wrote a 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 mainstream, it's important to make it accessible for people," he said. "I use a lot of ancient techniques like shiatsu and aromatherapy, but the techniques are pretty simple and doable."

So if you brew a cup of peppermint herbal tea at your desk, inhale deeply and "relax into the experience," as Page 51 advises. "Nobody's going to think you're strange," Zeer promises.

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.

Before work, eat breakfast wearing a morning mask of yogurt, oatmeal and honey.

Keep a vial of ylang-ylang oil in your desk and take a whiff when you get in. It's supposed to relieve anxiety.

Make room on your desk for a tea carrier.

Trade in your chair for a Swiss ball, a big inflatable ball that forces you to sit up straight and keep your balance, thus improving posture.

Keep a container of healthy honey at your desk.

Revitalize yourself with a spritz of lavender oil dissolved in water.

Clear your thoughts with a sniff of eucalyptus oil.

Keep running shoes at your desk for errands and shoe slippers for late nights.

Put some flowers on your desk, and stop to smell them regularly.



Frank Heasley, President and CEO of MedZilla Inc., sits in his office in Marysville, Wash., Tuesday. MedZilla sued BiotechCareers.com for stealing resumes from their job employment website. MedZilla said it reached a settlement last month with BiotechCareers in which the latter agreed to erase its database and turn over its domain name to MedZilla.

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 off.

First came a flurry of calls from recruiters who cited her posting on BiotechCareers.com. But then six employers she applied to individually said they'd already received her resume from companies 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 animal research, a fact noted on her resume.

"Everything, my name, telephone 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 harassment.

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 were allegedly taken from biotech job board MedZilla.com, which filed the suit in federal court in Seattle, and competing sites

including HireHealth.com. The suit contends that BiotechCareers also bought other resumes from another site, HotResumes.com, without job seekers' knowledge, to further bolster its database.

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"On a niche board like MedZilla, with a database of 10,000 resumes, operators can closely track user traffic and took note when the owner of BiotechCareers.com downloaded 2,399 resumes, Heasley said.

"There were a lot of resumes going to this fellow and it began to raise our suspicions, and then we got a call from another job board and they 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 BiotechCareers' own recruiting agent 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 job boards and, more commonly, sale of resumes and the e-mail addresses they contain has long been whispered about in the business, said Pam Dixon, a research fellow at the Denver-based Privacy Foundation who studies the employment issues.

"This is very common," said Dixon, 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."

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 e-mails sent to confused job seekers and other items, including an invoice for \$1,459.55, marked paid, for HotResumes.com's sale of 4,941 resumes to BiotechCareers.com.

Some job seekers compound the risk of their resumes ending up in the wrong hands by not using existing safeguards on job boards or by using fee-based resume distribution services. These promise to e-mail resumes to thousands of choice recruiters, but are not always as selective as promised, experts on Internet job searching say.

"People are just so desperate now they're not being careful," said Susan Joyce, who runs JobHunt.org, an online employment resource directory.

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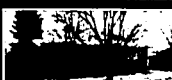
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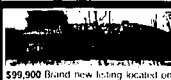
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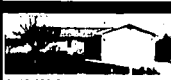
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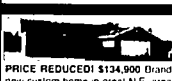
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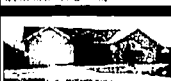
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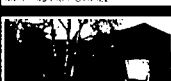
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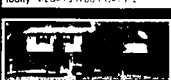
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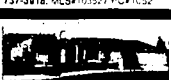
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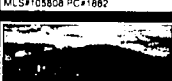
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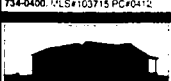
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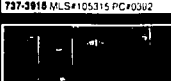
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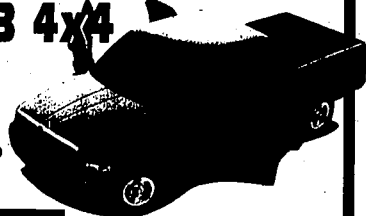
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With April 15 coming soon, the trend is to spend your free time working on your taxes - or worrying about them.

"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 W-2 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.

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 Pursuits," 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) Malted; (b) Challenges; (c) Loving; (d) Less than six hours of nightly sleep; (e) Plastic surgery.

(Hint: The book says most millionaires don't waste a lot of time sleeping.

I guess the moral is that most of us will never make the jump to big-time investor. Instead, we will just continue to complain that we have so little money left over after taxes. And we will keep on groaning about how much it costs to raise a kid in today's world.

Maybe we should feel lucky. Reader's Digest magazine once reported that training a child to be an Olympic-class figure skater can cost more than \$50,000 a year, including \$750 for each pair of skates. At least, most of us don't have to worry about that.

But actually, come to think of it, I may have spent that much on little metal cars.

Not long ago, I ran across a book titled "Zenvesting: The Art of Abundance and Managing Money," by investment advisor Paul Sutherland. Sutherland is big on maintaining a healthy relationship with your money - asking yourself if your ego is tied to your bank account or if you will consider yourself a failure if you never become a millionaire or if you have a "spiritual connection" to your money.

I've never thought I had any kind of connection with my money, because it never seems to stay around long enough for me to get to know it that well. But I'm certain not above learning how to handle it more wisely. The problem is, I've already figured out that the only way to really save much money is to never have kids.

In other words, my son's sneakers now cost more than my car payments.

Still, I don't want to become too cynical.

Frequently, those of us 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 TV sitcom with a segment set in a hospital where the hospital PA system kept blaring out messages like, "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 \$20,000 and the other 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.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

Spring

Idaho's hot pools provide inexpensive vacations

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

CAREY - Looking for an exotic springbreak destination close to home?

Bill Studebaker suggests a wide spot in the road just off U.S. Highway 93 not far from Carey.

"It's a wonderful place," said Studebaker, chief of the College of Southern Idaho's Outdoor Program, of Wild Rose Hot Springs, a completely accessible - and completely free - delight along a remote desert highway.

"You don't have to look far in Idaho for hot springs," Studebaker said.

They come with the territory, according to John Wellman, a research geologist and faculty member at the University of Idaho.

"It's because of a feature of geology called basin-and-range that covers the Great Basin and much of Idaho," he explained.

"Basin-and-range areas are typified by deep block 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 hot water is lighter than cold water, bubbling up in cracks throughout the Idaho outback.

"Hot springs are probably more prevalent in Idaho than in most states," Wellman said. And great attractions for short family trips. Studebaker has been taking them for years, and suggests an excursion from east to west Idaho - stopping at hot springs along the way - would be a delightful spring break vacation.

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

Idaho, off U.S. Highway 89. Open year-round from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, this mini-resort including camping, swimming, boating and canoeing. Call (208) 945-4545.

- Challis Hot Springs, located 4 1/2 miles south of Challis off U.S. Highway 93. Open year-round; winter hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. There's also a RV park and bed-and-breakfast on the property. Call (208) 879-4442.

- Downata Hot Springs, located 45 miles south of Pocatello, south of the town of Downey, off U.S. Highway 91. Open year-round; call (208) 897-5730 for winter hours. Activities include swimming, hot tubs, golf and facilities for mountain biking and 4-wheeling.

- Givens Hot Springs, an old Oregon Trail landmark located 11 miles south of Marsing in Owyhee County off U.S. Highway 78. Open year-round from noon to 10 p.m. daily. There are indoor swimming facilities, with camping and fishing nearby. Call (208) 945-2000.

- Green Canyon Hot Springs, located northeast of Rexburg off Idaho Highway 33. Open week-ends during the winter, it features indoor and outdoor pools and RV facilities. Call (208) 458-4454.

- Heise Hot Springs, located three miles northeast of Rice off U.S. Highway 26. Winter hours are Mondays through Fridays from 2:10 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Highlights include swimming pools, a 350-foot water slide, cabins and an RV park. Call (208) 538-7312.

- Lava Hot Springs, Idaho's only hot-springs based full-fledged destination resort located 30 miles southeast of Pocatello on U.S. Highway 30.



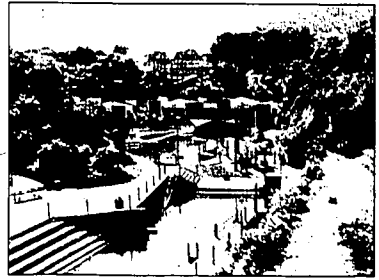
Downata is a full-service hot springs located on a 2,000-acre farm south of Pocatello.



Located three miles northeast of Rice along the Snake River, Heise Hot Springs features pools, an RV park and a bed-and-breakfast.



Located on the bank of the Salmon River south of Challis, Challis Hot Springs features pools, an RV park and a bed-and-breakfast.



The only true destination resort among Idaho's hot springs, Lava Hot Springs - located southeast on Pocatello on U.S. Highway 30 - has a year-round population of nearly 200.

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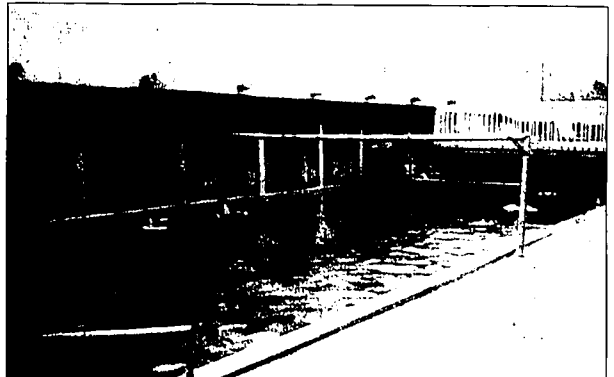


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A pool and 19 private hot tubs for soaking are featured by Miracle Hot Springs east of Hagerman.

Owned by the state of Idaho, it features hot pools, an Olympic-sized swimming and diving pool, hiking, snowmobiling and tubing on the Portneuf River. Call (208) 270-5221, or log on to <http://www.lavahot-springs.com> for information.

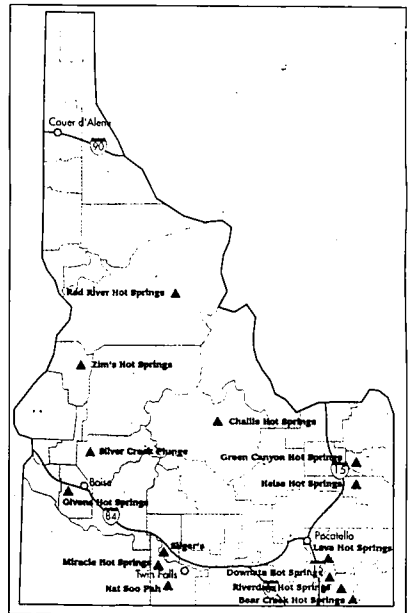
- Miracle Hot Springs, located between Buhl and Hagerman along U.S. Highway 30. Open Mondays through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. There's a swimming pool, 19 private hot tubs for soaking and a nearby RV park. Pool admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children; private room rentals are extra. Call 543-6002.

- 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.

- Riverdale Resort Hot Springs, located north of Preston five miles off U.S. Highway 91. Open year-round from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily and featuring two hot springs pools, one Olympic-size pool, water slides, camping and RV sites.

- Silver Creek Hot Springs, located 22 miles northwest of Coeur d'Alene 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 information.

- Sligra's Thousand Springs Resort, located 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 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 8 p.m. Pool prices are \$5 for adults, \$4 for children six to 13 and \$3



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for kids under five. Hot tubs are \$6 per person per hour and Jacuzzis are \$5 per person per hour. Call 837-4887.

- 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 attractions are two large soaking pools, heating by 145-degree springs. Call (208) 347-2688.

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Keep your child's sleepover parties from falling asleep

There's more to organizing a good sleepover than tossing a good sleeping bag on the floor, turning off the lights and turning on the TV.

For a truly successful and memorable slumber party, personalize your child's 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 birthday aisle for the latest plates, napkins and tablecloths (these grow great as wall hangings, too).

- Food. No need to get car-

ried away here, and you can deviate from the theme if necessary. Pizza is cheap. Same goes for chips and carrot sticks, with cheese sauce and ranch dressing for dipping. Make-your-own sundaes are always fun for 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: Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Counselors: Parents should talk to kids about how a layoff would affect family

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 birthday. That was before any hint of 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. Genevieve and 1,644 other Boeing Wichita workers received layoff notices this month, and thousands more are expected to lose their jobs over

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 much financial help from mom.

"I'm real fortunate because I have children who understand," Genevieve said. "They don't fuss and whine if 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 blindingly stupid, so that made it a little

easier," 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 Minshew, clinical service coordinator for the Friends University Center on Family Living.

"Chances are they're already picking up on a lot of what's

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FAMILY LIFE

TOOLS OF THE TRADE

By Josiah Beward, Scranton, Pennsylvania

THE Sunday Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- 1 "Kapital"
- 2 Rock Hudson film
- 3 Rita of "Kulu"
- 4 Funny Jack of Hollywood
- 5 Porcine piece
- 6 Randomly plied
- 7 Radio static letters
- 8 Nonsensical
- 9 Meticulous
- 10 "Lolita" star's look?
- 11 Asian rat
- 12 Rich cake
- 13 Electra's brother
- 14 Next year's letters
- 15 Changers' wooden walls
- 16 Spin follower?
- 17 Candelabra of
- 18 Accusers
- 19 Accepted as fact
- 20 Diddy Moore's former partner's look?
- 21 Italian cheese
- 22 "Star Wars" pilot
- 23 Ben and Bobby
- 24 Kurosawa film
- 25 Salad green
- 26 Mural of India
- 27 Sepia cucumber
- 28 Greek letters
- 29 "Jacks"
- 30 Writing on the wall
- 31 Swell
- 32 Conline
- 33 End of a lot?
- 34 Coll. holster
- 35 Former Yankee announcer's look?
- 36 With little color
- 37 Hatfield's enemy
- 38 Old Chinese money
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- 40 Stream crossings
- 41 Indian pony
- 42 Tragic 1930s star's look?
- 43 Wrigley team
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- 50 Actress Long
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- 56 Emigrant's suit
- 57 Corkwood trees
- 58 "Sweet Love" singer's look?
- 59 "Heidi" author
- 60 John of NW France
- 61 Joan of "The Last Emperor"
- 62 "The Perfect Storm" director
- 63 Betty Midler movie
- 64 Muse of poetry
- 65 NCAA grouping
- 66 1920s jazz singer's look?
- 67 Impish
- 68 Means
- 69 The PGA
- 70 Captain Nemo's creator

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- 1 Karate school
- 2 Sixth Jewish month
- 3 On an academic period
- 4 Lady of the cloth
- 5 Arrives on stage
- 6 Saturn and
- 7 Cry of discovery
- 8 Inevitable sailing?
- 9 Evil spirit var
- 10 Divide
- 11 Pet neighbor
- 12 Voice of Butthead's look?
- 13 Page size
- 14 Isolated
- 15 "Close to You"
- 16 "The Untouchables"
- 17 Worldwide, briefly
- 18 Barely famous
- 19 One of the PGA
- 20 Captain Nemo's creator
- 21 Tree-root parasite
- 22 Feather Scarves
- 23 Puts down 36
- 24 "Jab"
- 25 "go bright"
- 26 Mass leader
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- 28 Applications
- 29 Time-honored
- 30 Lieberman and
- 31 Olaf inventor
- 32 Sea eagles
- 33 "Wayne's World" co-star
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- 36 Unit of magnetic flux density
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- 40 One of the San Juan Islands
- 41 Atoll barrier
- 42 Eve
- 43 Julie Christie movie, "and Mrs. Miller"
- 44 65 Producers
- 45 "Moonlighting" star's look?
- 46 Stretch run
- 47 Bikes beloved
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- 50 Book after Exod
- 51 Very successful
- 52 "jockey's look"
- 53 Nontraditional fiction
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- 55 Can province
- 56 Tale inventor
- 57 Beginning
- 58 Oahu pearls
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- 63 Central grasses
- 64 International prize
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- 66 Agatha
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- 70 Become a father
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Keeping up with the Schultzes, Schwartzes

DEAR EDITOR: I have a question about the frequently asked question about words ending in "tz." When forming the plural of any word ending in "tz," you should always add "es." This rule is the same as that governing "s" words. Proper names are treated just like common nouns.

We say "the Schultzes live in that house" just as we say "those dresses are on sale."

Forming the possessive of such names is a bit more complicated. As with words ending in "s," the key consideration when forming the possessive of any word ending in "tz" is pronunciation. When forming the possessive singular, most writers add an apostrophe and an "s" to the end of the word, as in "Ms. Schwartz's car." However, in order to avoid the possible awkwardness of pronouncing the ending "tz's," some writers add an apostrophe and a "z" together, it is acceptable simply to add an apostrophe after the "z," as in Mr. Schultz's hat.

Which ever seems the better pattern to you, you should follow it consistently. When forming the possessive plural, however, simply add an apostrophe to the end of the plural noun, as in "the Schultzes' house." No need to make a choice in this situation.

DEAR EDITOR: Can you discuss the word "cult"?

P.B., NEW ORLEANS

DEAR P.B.: "Cult" entered English from the French word "cult," 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

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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 reformers and colonialist William Penn.

Penn was born in London in 1644. He spent much of his childhood studying, and he became interested in religion early in life. He wrote of a divine vision experienced at the age of 12, when, he said, "the Lord first appeared unto me."

At 21, Penn committed himself to the largely unpopular Quakers and was imprisoned for a time in the Tower of London (where he wrote his famous "No Cross No Crown") for his advocacy of his beliefs. The first known use of the word "cult" to mean a particular form of religious worship appeared in Penn's "An address to Protestants upon the present conjuncture" in 1679. "Let not any circumstantial difference or Variety of Cult be Nicknamed a new Religion." Penn of course went on to found the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which became a refuge from persecution for Quakers and for other religious nonconformists.

In our own time, the word "cult" has acquired negative associations. It now usually refers to a religion that is generally regarded as unorthodox or spurious.

DEAR EDITOR: I would like to know the origins and meanings of the nautical words "tar" and "gob."

R.W., YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

DEAR R.W.: "Tar" and "gob" are both terms used for sailors. We don't know the original 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," another word with the meaning "sailor." The original, and still usual, sense of "tarpaulin" is "a piece or sheet of waterproof canvas." Because tarpaulins are much used on ships, the word eventually developed several specifically nautical 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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Help son control his tantrums

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," he 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? Is he driving us nuts?

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 can be extremely temperamental, 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 in the sunlight.

You can help your son learn to put a lid on his tantrums by simply sending him to his room. Or better yet, send him to a neutral zone in the house — such as a bathroom for five minutes — when he develops fairly good control over the "toddler within," and some 30-year-olds have not.

Use a timer so you don't have to act as "jailer" and don't set



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the timer until he stops crying. If he has trouble — or you think he's going to have trouble — sitting for five minutes, start with 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 jags, 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.

Note: For those of you who are aghast at this last recommendation, a 3-year-old will not be "scared" 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 eats 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 fat. Is there a way to stop this?

A: The research, most of which is being done at the Marx Brothers Institute for Lower Learning, finds that this sort of feeding-the-dog behavior facilitates 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 nuggets of doggie-treats) to the dog from the high chair. Then, when both son and dog have had sufficient fun, remove the dog from the room and feed your most magnificent son.

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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.

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 sun). Thus, to read a planet's chemical fingerprints, the Sun's spectral signature must be subtracted out.

When astronomers first studied planetary spectra, they found that the giant planets Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune consisted mostly of hydrogen. Since this element exists as a gas under laboratory conditions, these planets became known as "gas giants." But Jupiter and its



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neighbors are far too dense to consist of gaseous material. Nonetheless, the misnomer 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 compressed. 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
(through Saturday)

• Planets:
One hour before sunrise:
Venus: ESE, very low
Mars: 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, distorting in the sunlight.

Next week: Spot an asteroid.

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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 substantial 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 it out themselves, but need to? Do they believe their current situation is superior to the suggestion, even when all evidence contradicts that assumption?

Statistics show how many people can figure it out themselves, 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 factors that cause heart disease and



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cancer. However, few consistently follow advice on how to avoid both.

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?

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 obesity 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 fund retirement plans.

Living within our income means living on what we have

after we've shared some and saved some. It doesn't mean living on what we think we'll make in the future. Or deciding how many payments we can afford, spending all we make and leaving no margin for error, economic changes, or unforeseen setbacks.

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 living a long prosperous life through the decisions we make and the actions we take.

Heredity does have a major influence on us. It can predispose us to certain diseases. It is, however, seldom a death sentence. It is more of an indicator and a guide for what to pay attention to. It is smart to be

familiar with family traits, both the good ones like strong teeth, 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 need 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 Joneses. Enjoy vacations, cars, 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 stewarded. Doesn't that sound like a worthy life goal? Think so too.

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ENGAGEMENTS

HART-BROWN

TWIN FALLS - Reed and Susan Hart of Preston announce the engagement of their daughter, Shelley Hart, to Jeffrey D. Brown, son of Alleen Brown of Twin Falls and the late Darrell Brown.

Hart is a 2002 graduate of Preston High School. She currently is studying dental hygiene at the College of Southern Idaho and is working as a dental assistant in Twin Falls.

Brown is a 1998 graduate of Twin Falls High School. He served an LDS mission in El Salvador and currently is studying education at CSI.

The wedding is planned for Saturday in the Logan LDS Temple. Receptions in their



Jeffrey Brown and Shelley Hart
The wedding is planned for 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday at the Preston 8th Ward LDS Church and from 6-8 p.m. March 29 at the Twin Falls LDS Institute.

HANSEN-STUDYVIN

JEROME - E. Dale and Tedda Hansen of Jerome announce the engagement of their 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. B.

Following their honeymoon to



William Studyvin and Dalene Hansen
Mexico, the couple plans to return to studies at CSI and reside in Jerome.

BRADLEY-KNIGHT

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.

Knight is the son of Michael and Patty Knight of Rupert. He is a graduate of Minico High School and is attending ISU, where he is majoring in mechanical engineering. He is employed by Atec Engineering and Machining in Pocatello.

The wedding is planned for 6:30 p.m. Friday at the United Methodist Church in Burley. A reception to honor the couple



Randy Knight and Megan Bradley
will follow the ceremony at 7:30 p.m. at Sweetheart Manor, corner of Overland Avenue and 42nd Street, Burley.

ATKINSON-BARLOW

HEYBURN - Gary and Alice Atkinson of Caldwell announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Alice Atkinson, to Jason Richard Barlow, son of 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 of Southern Idaho, pursuing an electrical degree. He also served an LDS mission in Winnipeg, Canada. He is employed by



Jason Barlow and Mary Atkinson
Ramsey's in Burley.
The wedding is planned for Saturday 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.

ERKE-PRUETT

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.



Shane Pruett and Ahleah Erke

CUTLER-DERRICOTT

TWIN FALLS - Mark and Shawna Cutler of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Sky Cutler, to Jason Royce Derricott, son of Duane Derricott of Twin Falls and the late W. Royce Derricott.

Cutler graduated from Twin Falls High School and attended Brigham Young University-Idaho in Rexburg.

Derricott graduated from Twin Falls High School and is attending Boise State University.

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Logan LDS Temple.



Amanda Cutler 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 5.

Hoag and Pauline Pege were married March 3, 1943, in Baltimore, Md.

They moved to Idaho from upstate New York and have lived in the Filer area since 1956. He worked in farming until his retirement in the mid 1970s. She worked in sales until her retirement.

The couple is active in the First Baptist Church in Filer. Their children are Beverly Brennan of New Bedford, Mass., Grace Herd of Rupert, Arthur Hoag of Twin Falls, Wayne Hoag of Truckee, Calif., Carla Harris of



Arthur and Pauline Hoag
Pendleton, Ore., and the late Dale Hoag. They have 21 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

The couple is planning a celebration later in the summer when their family can attend.

THE PELTONS

BURLEY - Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pelton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 8.

Pelton and Utahna Wardle were married March 8, 1953, in the LDS Church.

The couple has lived in the Mini Cassia area part of the time for the past 15 years.

Their children include Dennis Pelton of Highmore, Mont., Michael Pelton and Wayne Pelton, both of Sydney, Mont., Laurie Flower of Toole, Utah, and the late Lauretta Pelton.



Charles and Utahna Pelton
They have 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

THE THIBAUTS

JEROME - Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Thibault of Jerome will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 5-9 p.m. at the Jerome County Club.

Thibault and Phyllis Stockton were married March 22, 1953, at the First Christian Church in Jerome.

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)



Phyllis and Donald Thibault
Thibault and Kent Thibault, all of Jerome, Cheryl (Steve) Ollie of Caldwell and Lisa (Mike) Silver of Salt Lake City, Utah. The couple has 16 grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

DOWLING-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 self-employed.

Odenwald is a graduate of Bloomingdale High School in Brandon, Fla., and the University of Florida. He is currently a lieutenant in the U.S. Army, 211 Infantry Regiment, stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.

The wedding is planned for



Amanda Dowling and Sean Odenwald
April 26 at Resurrection Catholic Church in Winter Garden, Fla.

MASON-PETTINGER

NAMPA - Erika Mason and Nick Pettinger announce their engagement.

Mason is the daughter of Phyllis and Roger Mason.

Pettinger is the son of Linda Draney of Nampa and Dean Pettinger of Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for Saturday in Nampa.

The couple will reside in Nampa, where they are employed.



Nick Pettinger and Erika Mason

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.

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.



Debra Turner and Kevin Mueller
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, religion and esoteric subjects. You are romantic, possess a subtle kind 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): You are back on solid ground, have more authority in business, 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 letters, offers of bargain rates for travel, including cruises. Short 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 that can lead to fame, fortune. New start indicated.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Cycle remains high; one who seemed cold, distant expresses admiration and love. You receive a "last chance" offer to cash in on an unique opportunity. There could be strings attached.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You recover from an emotional setback, receive "proverbial lucky

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break." What you feared most does not come to pass. You hear some gossip, not necessarily malicious. Be discreet, don't trade secrets.

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.

SAGITTARIUS (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): Don't believe everything you hear; terms of will, other financial settlement apt to be overruled. Insist on seeing papers, actual figures; element of trickery 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; compromise may be necessary.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Complete necessary chores, but avoid carelessness, erratic behavior. There is tendency to break "fragile" pieces, including cherished keepsakes. Promised journey excites, delights you.

WEDDINGS

GAUTHIER-REHN

TWIN FALLS - Robert and Barbara Gauthier of Union 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.



Monique and Eric Rehn

RUTHER-AHRENS

JEROME - Rochelle L. Rutherford and Tracy Ahrens were married Nov. 9, 2002, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Jerome.

Officiating was the Rev. Baldwin Camin. Zora Fausler was the organist. Janice Walter was the soloist and was accompanied by Don Wight.

The bride is the daughter of Noel and Sharon Rutherford 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 Berry, friend of the bride, was the bridesmaid.

Christina Ahrens, niece of the groom, and Madelynn Rutherford, 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 Rutherford, 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 Rutherford, nephew of the bride, and Cameron Ahrens and Matthew Ahrens, nephews of the groom.

Special guests included Grand-



Rochelle and Tracy Ahrens

parents of the bride, Mr. and 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 book.

Gift attendants were Hailey and Kody Walter, 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.

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.

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Karma Bishop helps students with vocabulary in Brenda Barlow's second-grade class at Dworshak Elementary School as part of her student teaching.

TRINA TIGAN/
The Times-News

Woman fulfills her dream

By Trina Tigan
Times-News writer

BURLEY — "Don't give up on your dreams," Karma Bishop advised.

She didn't and hopes to live her dream as a teacher. Bishop is a single mother of four children, all of whom are still in school. While working full-time as a mom and part-time at Smith's Food and Drug in Burley, Bishop attended school part-time and full-time. After a seven-year stretch, Bishop has received her

bachelor's degree in elementary education.

School and children are expensive, as well as time-consuming, so Bishop needed help with both. Her parents, Renon and Kenneth Claythorn of Heyburn, helped take care of the children, and support was offered by many other family and friends, including Clyde and Charlene 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 hopes to get a full-time teaching job at the 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, she said. "Whether it's school or something else, do what you want — be who you want to be."



Brandi Gill David Sorensen Mary Fousahrens Beverly Amo Adam Gedeberg Rayme Maus

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 Tea at the Jerome Public Library.

Outstanding students from participating Magic Valley high schools were recognized for qualities emphasized by the society. These qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism have been reflected in an outstanding manner by each student.



Stephanie Powers

The local chapter winner, Stephanie Powers of Kimberly High School, also received a check for \$50 from the local Twin Falls Chapter DAR, and will compete at the state level.

In addition to Powers, other local winners are: Brandi Gill, Camas County High School; Blake Turner, Castledale High School; David Sorensen, Dietrich High School; Mary Fousahrens, Filer High School; Beverly Amo, Jerome High School; Adam Gedeberg, Shoshone High School; and Rayme Maus, Twin Falls High School.

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 Daughters 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 patriotism, 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 Forge.

Eric's essay will now compete in a statewide northwest division contest.



Eric Gillette

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional 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.

Ethan King Nutsch, son of Amy Denise and Patrick Lee Nutsch of Jerome, was born Thursday, March 6, 2003.

Gustav Elijah Lee Ronk, son of Amy K. Ronk of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, March 6, 2003.

Audrey Sherree Campbell, daughter of Tiffany and Donovan

To announce a birth

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Melissa Morgan

The Times-News

P.O. Box 948

Twin Falls, ID 83303

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Sunday's paper; and noon Friday

for Tuesday's paper.

More information?

Call Melissa at 735-3278

born Saturday, March 8, 2003.

Christian Makachi 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 Hance of Glens Ferry, was born Sunday, March 9, 2003.

Jazmyin Blanche Smothers, daughter of Kelly Dawn and Louis S. Smothers of Buhl, was born Sunday, March 9, 2003.

Ostyn Drake Neville, son of Amber Rose Neville of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, March 9, 2003.

Eden Faith Schilder, daughter of Andrea Joy and John Eric Schilder of Buhl, was born

Campbell of Twin Falls, was born Friday, March 7, 2003.

Dominic Carl Meline, son of Kristie Jean Schunten and Derek Carl Meline of Twin Falls, was

SERVICE NEWS

Day finishes Marine training at San Diego

Marine Corps Pvt. Victor D. Day, son of Melanie 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. Day is a 2002 graduate of Jerome High School.

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 \$12,000 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

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, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Bucy completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival and shipboard 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

Navy Seaman 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

Marine Corps Pvt. Kimberly A. McDowell, daughter of Sandra M. Turner of Twin Falls and Timothy J. McDowell of Riverside, Calif., has completed basic 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 Benning, Ga. and advanced individual training at Fort Gordon, Ga., with a specialty as a signal support systems specialist.

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 years.

Juarez, 21, entered through the Army's Delayed Entry Program, and will receive a \$6,000 enlistment bonus and \$26,500 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, Md., with a specialty in utilities equipment repair—heating and air conditioning.

He is a 2000 graduate of Filer High School.

Students head to state bee competition

BUHL — Buhl Middle School has announced that Ashley Barschli has qualified to compete in the 15th annual Idaho Geographic Bee.

Ashley is one of 100 Idaho fourth-through eighth-graders who qualified to participate in the state level competition on April 4 at Lewiston.

To achieve this, Ashley competed against all of her classmates to qualify to compete in the school-wide competition. She then continued her success when

she won the school competition over sixth, seventh and eighth graders. Finally, Ashley had to take a written exam in January that was judged to see if she qualified for the state competition.

Ashley is the daughter of Erin and Holly Barschli, and her mother will attend the competition with her.

Aaron Burkhardt, a seventh-grade student at Declo Junior High School, has won his school's geographic 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 teacher, Dennie Smyer, and Aaron are busy studying for the state final. His parents, John and Kerri Burkhardt, have been invited to participate in a geography workshop for parents and teachers of the winning students to be held at the Lewis-Clark State College.

The statewide bee 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 expenses-paid trip to the national finals for themselves and a teacher escort. The finalists will compete in May in Washington, D.C. for a \$25,000 college scholarship.

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 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."

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.

BETTY TAYLOR/The Times-News

Goodhart said, "I learned more in-depth of how government works and how to communicate 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."

The forum culminated with a simulation of an international crisis involving the Darien region in Panama, where students assumed true-to-life roles in making decisions to resolve a fictional 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 Security Gaming Center. He enjoyed a simulation exercise 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 States and few had never even heard of Idaho," he said.

The forum is a nonpartisan nonprofit educational organization.

CSI offers free 'back 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. Friday at the Center for New Directions at CSI. Participants will learn about

the services available at CSI, financial-aid resources and college procedures.

The workshop is designed for any person who is considering full- or part-time college classes.

For more information or to register, 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. Wednesday in the old Homestead store in the Lynwood Shopping Center.

The show is free, and refresh-

ments will be sold. For more information, call Hart's Tux and Gowns at 734-8393.

AARP offers 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.

Meet a student who made the grade as a National Merit Finalist. Tuesday in Community

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Monday-Friday: Menu not available

Activities
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Foot clinic; make appointment Tuesday.
Ticket Tuesday
Blood pressure check from 10-11:45 a.m.

Monday
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Elks card game
Thursday
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Friday
Quitting
Lunch bingo
Blood pressure check

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl.
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Lunch prices are \$3.50 and evening meals will be \$2.50. Sunday dinners are \$4. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Call the center by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the center, everyone is welcome.

Sunday: Turkey dinner
Monday: Cook's choice
Tuesday: Barbecue ribs
Wednesday: Ham and beans
Thursday: Roast beef
Friday: Center closed
Activities
Thrift shop open every day. Quitting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Roseland Band plays from 8-11 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. Admission is \$4.

Sunday
All-you-can-eat turkey dinner buffet: \$4 for seniors, \$4.25 for non-seniors and \$2.50 for children under age 12.
Monday
Exercise from 10-11 a.m.

Tuesday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m.
Quitting from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Treasure Tuesday
Crafts from 1-4 p.m.
Wednesday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Thursday
Exercises from 7-8 p.m.
Quitting from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Friday
Center closed
Saturday
Center closed

Flier Senior Haven

222 Main St., Flier
Dinners served at noon on Tuesdays and Thursday. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.
Tuesday: Beef goulash over noodles
Thursday: Spaghetti with meat sauce

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main N., Kimberly
Monday-Friday: Menu not available
Activities
The thrift store is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday and from 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Tuesday
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Free AARP Tax Aide for middle and low income. Call 423-4338.
Wednesday
Dominoes at 1 p.m.
Thursday
Crafts at 1 p.m.
Friday
Bingo at 11:55 a.m.
B.J. and Friends
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Foot clinic; sign up; \$6 per person

Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield
Meals are served at 12 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The suggested donation for seniors is \$2.50. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under age 10. To eat a meal at the center, call ahead at 764-2226. Menus are subject to change.

Tuesday: Corn beef and cabbage, red potatoes, carrots, beet salad, bread, cupcakes
Wednesday: Egg salad sandwiches, vegetable soup, cabbage slaw, chocolate cream puffs
Friday: Roast beef, baked stuffed potatoes, creamed peas, salad, bread, dessert

Activities
Monday
Arts and crafts at 1 p.m.
Tuesday
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Wednesday
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Thursday
Quitting from 1-3 p.m.
Friday
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monday
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Tuesday
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Wednesday
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Thursday
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Friday
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.

308 Senior Ave.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.

Monday: 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 zucchini, Jell-O with mandarin oranges, french bread, pears, brownie
Thursday: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, corn, cole slaw, whole wheat roll, blueberry cobbler

Activities
Monday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Pinchle at 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Pinchle at 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Pinchle at 12:30 p.m.
Thursday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Pinchle at 12:30 p.m.
Friday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Pinchle at 12:30 p.m.
Saturday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Pinchle at 12:30 p.m.

Monday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Pinchle at 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Pinchle at 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Pinchle at 12:30 p.m.
Thursday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Pinchle at 12:30 p.m.
Friday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Pinchle at 12:30 p.m.
Saturday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Pinchle at 12:30 p.m.

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.

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 mix vegetables, salad, fruit pizza
Friday: Ham, raisin sauce, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, Jell-O with fruit, apple crisp

Activities
Monday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Tuesday
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Snack bar at 6:45 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Wednesday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Thursday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Friday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Pinchle at 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

Monday: Corned beef, cabbage, boiled potatoes, boiled carrots, Irish soda bread, pistachio pudding, orange juice, milk, coffee
Tuesday: Turkey salad sandwich, 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 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
Quitting at 10 a.m.
Tuesday
Lunch at noon
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Wednesday
Lunch at noon
Scrapbook class at 10 a.m.
Early bird at 6 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Thursday
Exercise from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
Arts and crafts at 10 a.m.
Friday
Pinchle at 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Citizens

203 Wilson, Eden
Open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Mondays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days. Home delivered meals are delivered Monday through Friday.
Tuesday: Lasagna, broccoli, salad, applesauce, rice pudding
Wednesday: Baked ham, chicken salad, carrots, pears, no bake cookie
Thursday: Chicken sandwich, potato salad, carrots, pears, no bake cookie
Friday: Herb cut, hash brown bake, brussels sprouts, roll, peaches, fruited orange pie

Hagerman Valley Senior/Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman
Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lunch is served at noon on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2. Coffee, tea, juice and bread served with all meals.
Monday: Corned beef, cabbage
Wednesday: Chicken fajita, vegetables, dessert
Friday: Tuna noodles, salad, dessert
Thrift store open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Halley
Meals are served at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Milk, juice, coffee and tea are served with all meals.
Tuesday: Corned beef, cabbage, red potatoes, watergate salad, scones with honey butter, tossed green salad, chocolate cream pie
Wednesday: Meat loaf biscuits, buttered corn, parsley 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
Benefits for veterans class at 12:30 p.m.
Thursday
Exercise in Sun Valley
Friday
Birthday party

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals.
Monday: Corned beef, cabbage, oven brown, corn bread, pudding
Tuesday: Cottage cheese, chef salad, Texas toast, apple peach pudding
Wednesday: Birthday dinner
Thursday: Parmesan chicken, noodles, vegetable, rolls, pie
Friday: Smorgasbord
Center gift shop is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Blood pressure taken from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month.

Quitting and pool table daily during center hours. Crafts every day. Home delivered meals are available Monday through Friday upon request. Volunteers are needed to do grocery shopping for shut-ins. Call Riddleys at 436-1200

Monday
Exercise from 10-11 a.m.
Songfest from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Pinchle from 1-4 p.m.
Tuesday
Bingo from 1-2 p.m.
Wednesday
Pinchle 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.
Pinchle from 1-4 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland, Burley
All dinners are served at noon.
Monday: Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, pear on lettuce, herb roll, fruit cocktail cake
Tuesday: Beefy vegetable soup, 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, mandarin Jell-O, apple pie
Friday: Herb cut, hash brown bake, brussels sprouts, roll, peaches, fruited orange pie

Activities
Monday
Pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11:15 a.m.
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Tuesday
Tax help from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11:15 a.m.
Computer class at 1 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Wednesday
Pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Thursday
Pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Bingo at 1 p.m.
Pinchle at 1 p.m.

Seniors embrace peace movement

South Florida Sun-Sentinel

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — "Peace on our feet" shouts fire Horowitz, edging dangerously off the curb and into weekend traffic. He shakes his fist at a young man in a Volvo, who is frowning and giving a thumbs down to the crowd carrying signs with slogans like "NO BLOOD FOR OIL." "We want peace, not war!" Horowitz cries.
Not bad for a 76-year-old grandfather and snowbird who lives in a Deerfield Beach, Fla., retirement community.
Go to any rally or gathering these days, as the peace movement accelerates to full throttle, and there are plenty of senior citizens waving signs and raising 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 Sunrise, Fla., as part of a worldwide uprising against an American war against Iraq. 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 troops.

And when Peace South Florida held an organizational meeting last month, at least one-third of the 26 people in the room appeared in their late 50s or older.

Some are newcomers to the demonstration scene. Others were civilly disobedient way back when, even hauling their kids to demonstrations against the Cold War, the Vietnam War, nuclear war.
"I've been a Democrat since 1932, and I've fought against just about everything," said Alice Jarvis, of West Palm Beach, Fla., the 93-year-old speaker who was a union organizer in her youth.

Jarvis attaches a string loop to her protest signs so she can sling them around her neck, as her walker demands she keep her hands free. Jarvis had to give up her license three years ago, so now her daughter, Kathy Jarvis, or friends must drive her to peace appointments.

She compensates for her limited mobility by grabbing the phone at home whenever she has a minute and calling people, plucking names randomly from the telephone book. "Listen, my name is

Alice Jarvis. I'm 93 years old, and I don't support this war," she'll say.

Talk to enough senior peacekeepers and a common goal 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 Hirsch, 78. Drawing on his skills honed on local campaigns for national Democratic candidates, he organized Seniors For Peace out of his Century Village retirement complex in Pembroke Pines, Fla.

The group demonstrated recently not far from the village gates. Members were carrying their posters, as their police permit forbade them to have signs on sticks. "They thought we could use the sticks as weapons," said Hirsch.

Most senior protesters still remember World War 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.

Hirsch was so eager to fight the Japanese, he tried to enlist in the Navy at 17. When he finally got to the Pacific the following year, as part of a chemical warfare division, what he saw during the invasion of Iwo Jima appalled 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."

E. Charles Chaffield, a retired Springfield, Ohio, college-history professor who spent his career researching and writing about the United States' peace movement, said Americans today typically are moved to protest war on either moral 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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FAMILY LIFE

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. "Evil! Evil! Oh, dear God, but I hate clowns," says Purvis, 36. "Despise (them). Get the shaking heebies just thinking about them."

Purvis and others suffer from coulrophobia, or 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 Rod McDonald make anyone want to heave up her hamburger?

Ask Lisa Weismuller of Arlington, 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 wasn't smiling. 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 acknowledged a dark side of clowning. Its ancient roots embrace some aspects of shamanism and the supernatural.

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 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 a 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



Coulrophobia, or fear of clowns, is among the specific phobias that afflict an estimated 6.3 million Americans.

shoes. He has a huge red nose and flaming 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 ALL RIGHT, 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, and I said, 'I'm scared, and I know I don't like this.'"

York, 38, has three boys and a girl. None is afraid of clowns. But when he was 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 way looking at that," 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 asked 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 left."

Wixcel says he doesn't really hate clowns, though. "I'm 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 hateclowns.com and clownz.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 to me and said, 'Would you like to see the monkey I have in my box?' Well, of course I did, so I said yes. When I looked into the box, there was no monkey... only a mirror."

And this one: "When I was 4 or 5, my mother brought home a bizarre 3-D clown picture and hung it on my bedroom wall. If you wound up its nose, it played 'Send in the Clowns,' and she'd wind it up every night when I went to bed. She'd shut the light off, and every night that clown (the wall, bald, corpse-white, and had a dog head in front of him) transformed into a rattling 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, Texas. Chaddick, 48, is special events manager with Feld Entertainment, which operates the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey 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. 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 pet stores and retail pet chains. It sells for around \$300."

THE BOND
Marty Becker

to colostrum. 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 way cats or dogs do. In their native environment, they go when they go and never concern themselves with where it goes—which is fine if you live in a jungle, but not so pleasant for those of us who keep birds in our homes. If families want to enjoy interacting with their pet bird, that can turn into a messy nightmare. FlightSuits do not constrict a bird from flying. They are \$19.95 and are available at www.birdnapper.com, as well as at some select pet stores.

When it comes to cats, there are hundreds of litter options out there. One of the most high-tech approaches is LitterFree, the first real cat toilet that flushes away all cat waste without its owner lifting a finger or struggling with huge bags of kitty litter. The self-washing cat box eliminates hauling, scooping, dumping or cleaning of the litter box, and ends all contact with kitty litter or waste.

Here's how it works: LitterFree uses plastic pellets instead of kitty litter and with a push of the button—the entire plastic kitty litter is cleaned and flushed with water and cleaning solution and then air

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 pet stores and retail pet chains. It sells for around \$300.

If you use a traditional litter box, there is a great new litter product my neighbor has fallen in love with. Called OurCat's Choice it's a combination of three uniquely 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, OurCat's Choice has zeolite, a natural mineral that draws and traps the ammonia molecule thus preventing its release into the air. Lastly, 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 cats love.

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 small dogs. The "Puppy Go Potty Condo Kit" is perfect for working couples, older dogs, and families in apartments or condominiums, 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-

wide, selected PETCO stores, and the Drs. Foster and Smith catalogue.

"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. Pets help us to 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 we 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 pressure, 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 making dealing with it a little easier.

Former Twin Falls veterinarian Marty Becker appears frequently on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" and now on two nationally syndicated radio programs, "Pete Unleashed" a two-hour live talk program and a two-minute vignette, "The Pet Update" on the national talk network, Talk ONE. Write to him in care of Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service, 790 National Press Building, Washington, DC 20045.

Boyfriend's outbursts exasperate woman

DEAR ABBY: Last Friday was my birthday. My co-workers threw 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 nonstop about how no one ever does "nice stuff" for him. Then he said he had completely forgotten my birthday—and even worse, he tried to pick a fight.

When I shared this with my mother, she told me that Rod's behavior could be considered emotional and verbal abuse. He has 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 high he 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 embarrassed 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.

-DISSATISFIED WITH MY GUY IN EAST LOS ANGELES
DEAR DISSATISFIED: If your boyfriend had not another example of Rodney's volatility and negativity, it's time to accept the fact that he doesn't make you happy—and probably never will. Your signature says it all. Consider this: The best belated birthday present you can give yourself is your freedom and the chance to move on.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married 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," etc.

Layoffs

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going on, even young children. So it's good to start out by finding out what they already know about what they might be worried about.

Effects of a job loss vary from family to family, and even among members of the same family.

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 younger sibling.

For single parents, like Genevieve Duthrie, the job loss will mean living on savings and a modest unemployment check 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.

"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 district.

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 job, "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 upset if I lose it, but not that upset if I do." 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

DEAR ABBY
Abby Cadabby

Write to Abby

Send letters to Dear Abby, Universal Press Syndicate, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069, or via her Web site at <http://www.DearAbby.com>

A week ago, I noticed an unusually large withdrawal. When I confronted my husband, he finally told me the truth. Ray confessed 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: Have you ever heard of "sex addiction," and could it be cured? I love 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 16 countries—and its program is based on the AA 12-step model. It works for people who are truly motivated.

For more information about Sexaholics Anonymous, write: S.A., P.O. Box 11910, Nashville, Tenn. 37222-1910, or call: 615-331-6230. The Web site is www.sa.org, and the e-mail address is sac@aol.com.

P.S.: If you haven't already done so, your physician about being screened for sexually transmitted diseases.

Dear Abby is written by Jeanne Phillips

local resources where families could find everything from counseling to financial support.

Officials at the school district 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 can 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 some help they need," Reger said.

Experts say parents should be honest with children but also, as much as possible, reassuring.

"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 going to be there and their basic needs are going to be met."

"They might not get to go on the big fancy 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 buy several movie passes at the discounted rate she gets as a Boeing employee. "When my daughter's feeling down, at least I'll be able to take her, why don't you and a friend go to the movies?" It's a little thing, but it helps.

In some cases, said Reger, the counselor, parents may point to some positive changes prompted by a layoff. For instance, a parent who used to work long hours may now be able to volunteer at school or attend sporting events.

"These are not bad things, they are just different things," 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 changes, will land her a promising new career. She hopes she and her children will emerge from this crisis even closer, assured of what's really important.

"We always been close," she said. "They understand this isn't anyone's fault. It's just something we have to get through."