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Iraq promises more suicide attacks

Bomb kills four American troops

By Almin Karamehmekovic
Associated Press writer

IN THE IRAQI DESERT – A bomber posing as a taxi driver summoned American troops for help, then blew up his vehicle Saturday, killing himself and four soldiers and opening a new

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chapter of carnage in the war for Iraq.

An Iraqi official said such attacks would be "routine military policy" in Iraq – and he suggested chillingly, in America.

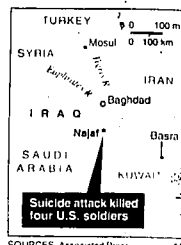
"We will use any means to kill our enemy in our land and we will follow the enemy into its land," Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan said at a Baghdad news conference. "This is just the beginning. You'll hear more pleasant news later."

U.S. officials said the bombing occurred at about 10:40 a.m. at a U.S. checkpoint on the highway

north of the holy city of Najaf.

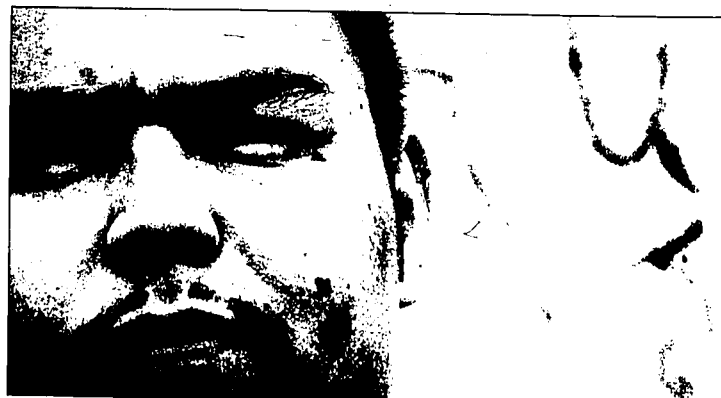
A taxi stopped close to the roadblock; the driver waved for help. When soldiers approached the car, it exploded, Capt. Andrew Wallace told Associated Press Television News, killing the driver and four soldiers from the Army's 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division.

The names of the Americans were not immediately released. But Ramadan identified the bomber as Ali Jaafar al-Noamani. Please see **ATTACKS**, Page A2



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Trouble in the valley?



Pete Flores said he was following a family tradition when he was 'jumped' into a gang at age 11. In some gangs, the tear drop tattoo beneath the eye denotes someone who has killed. In Flores' case, it means he has spent time in jail.

Photos by BRUCE SHREVE/The Times-News

Gangs are here – but don't expect turf wars

By Mark Helz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS – Gang activity is lurking just outside the awareness of most southern Idaho residents, but it has the potential to become brutally noticeable, some officials said.

There's no doubt full-fledged gangsters are here and are capable of causing trouble, they said. The Mini-Cassia area apparently now has the worst of it.

"What we're seeing in the last couple of years is practically no denial on the juveniles' part of some sort of gang connection," said Mini-Cassia juvenile probation director Lisa Kamachi. "You just ask them what their affiliation is, and they'll tell you."

And it's evident to Kamachi and her staff that it's not just young people who are involved. "We have pictures of four generations of a family displaying gang colors," she said.



Police are seeing more and more "cross tagging" in the valley. Here, one gang's insignia has been painted over with a rival gang's number.

Some officials, however, see gangs as a relatively minor Magic Valley concern – certainly not.

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BEYOND 'MI VIDA LOCA'

Area men say it's been tough breaking ties with street gangs

By Mark Helz
Times-News writer

RUPERT – It was a family tradition that culminated with a violent ritual. Pete Flores was 11 years old when he was "jumped" in to a California gang associated with the Sureño, or "southern" syndicate.

"I just remember being curled up in a ball, trying to take the punches," Flores said.

"Jumping in" is a ceremony as old as most street gangs. There are many variations to it. But in essence, a prospective member has to endure a lengthy beating by several members of the gang.

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Simmering under the surface

Gang activity in the Magic Valley

Today:

- The extent of the problem.
- Two men break away.

Monday:

- Tackling the problem.
- The Ogden connection

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Thousands in Boston march for, against U.S. war

An emotional demonstrator in support of U.S. actions in Iraq yells toward anti-war protesters Saturday in downtown Boston.



AP photo

The Associated Press

MASHPEE, Mass. – Massachusetts rallies both for and against the war with Iraq included a "die-in" at Boston Common and a patriotic song near a military reservation Saturday in two of many demonstrations across the nation.

American flags, patriotic songs and chants of "U.S.A." filled the air in Mashpee, down the road from a military reservation that is home to Air National Guard

troops deployed to Iraq.

"This is a war of conquest, it is a war of liberation," retired U.S. Navy Capt. Thomas Hudner told the crowd of about 2,000.

About 60 miles north at Boston Common, a police-estimated crowd of 15,000 protested the war. Nurses, veterans and students listened to speakers and musical acts before marching to Boylston Street for a "die-in," during which they collapsed on the streets to dramatize war deaths.

Eric Weltman, one of the

protest organizers, said it was intended to show opposition not only to the Iraq war but to potential U.S. military action elsewhere.

"We're working now to stop the next invasion," Weltman said. "We've invaded Afghanistan and Iraq. Who's next? Iran? North Korea? Colombia?"

In Harrisburg, Pa., the steps of the state Capitol were packed with flag-waving war supporters. Police said about 8,000 people showed up, while organizers put the number at 12,000.

7 days, 7 reasons to read

Comfort cycling

Riding your bike shouldn't be a pain.

Monday

Heavy metal

Students learn an old skill.

Tuesday

What faux?

Let your next paint job sparkle with faux painting techniques.

Wednesday

Into the outdoors

What's new out there?

Thursday

Close harmonies

Burley's Snake River Barbershop Show celebrates its 35th anniversary.

Friday

Religion in the news

Find out what area churches are up to.

Saturday

A kinder divorce

Couples explore less traumatic ways of splitting.

Sunday

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Warm and mostly sunny. Highs in the 60s.

Tonight: Scattered clouds. Lows in the 30s.

Tomorrow: Partly to mostly cloudy with a slight chance for a developing shower late. Highs in the mid 60s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mild and partly cloudy. Highs in the 60s.

Tonight: Fair to partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s to the lower 30s.

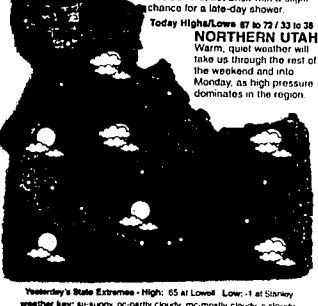
Tomorrow: Increasing clouds with a slight chance for a developing shower late. Highs in the mid 60s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
A very mild, brisk day in store for the region on Sunday as high pressure continues to dominate the weather scene. A small weather disturbance moving through Monday could produce a shower or two.

Today Highs 49 to 55. Tonight's Lows 8 to 25.
Our weekend will end on the warm side with temperature climbing into the upper 60s and lower 70s under partly cloudy skies. Monday will also be mild, but brisk with a slight chance for a late-day assembly.

Today Highs 49 to 55. Tonight's Lows 8 to 25.
NORTHERN UTAH
Warm, quiet weather will take us through the rest of the weekend and into Monday, as high pressure dominates in the region.



Yesterday's State Extremes: High: 65 at Lowell. Low: 1 at Stanley. Weather key: S=sunny; P=partly cloudy; M=mildly cloudy; C=cloudy; B=broken clouds; SH=showers; SN=snow; F=furrows; W=wind; M=mixing.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Warm and breezy	Fair to partly cloudy skies	Mild, brisk winds, chance developing showers late	Chance for rain showers, otherwise brisk and cloudy	Cooler with mostly cloudy skies	Fair to partly cloudy	
High 67	Low 33	65 / 34	56 / 36	45 / 30	44 / 28	

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Yesterday's High: 55 Yesterday's Low: 29 Normal High/Low: 61/28 Record High: 75 in 1980 Record Low: 12 in 1975	Yesterday's: 0.00" 12 Month to Date: 1.24" Avg. Month to Date: 1.04" Today's Forecast: Low: 0.25" A 12-month year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.	Yesterday's: 85% Today's Forecast: 81% A 12-month year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.	5 p.m. Yesterday: 30.1 in.	Today: Sunrise: 6:22 AM Sunset: 7:52 PM Monday: Sunrise: 6:21 AM Sunset: 7:51 PM Tuesday: Sunrise: 6:19 AM Sunset: 7:50 PM Wednesday: Sunrise: 6:17 AM Sunset: 7:48 PM	Today: 11 Monday: 11 Tuesday: 11 Wednesday: 11 Thursday: 11 Friday: 11

MOON PHASES

Today	Tomorrow	Monday	Tuesday
April 1 New Moon	April 9 First Qtr.	April 16 Full Moon	April 23 Last Qtr.

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Monday	Tuesday
Bona	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Boise	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Butte	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Challis	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Coeur d'Alene	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Elko	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Eugene	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Grange	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Hailey	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Idaho Falls	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Kamela, MT	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Jerome	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Lewiston	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Malheur	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
McCall	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Minidoka	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Morehead	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Portland, OR	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Rupert	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Redding	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Shoshone	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Salmon	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
San Jose, CA	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Stanley	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Sun Valley	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Thermidor, MT	55-65	56-62	58-68	58

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Today	Tomorrow	Monday	Tuesday
Moonrise: 5:58 AM Moonset: 5:05 PM	Moonrise: 5:58 AM Moonset: 5:05 PM	Moonrise: 5:58 AM Moonset: 5:05 PM	Moonrise: 5:58 AM Moonset: 5:05 PM

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Monday	Tuesday
Albany	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Albuquerque	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Anchorage	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Atlanta	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Baltimore	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Birmingham	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Boston	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Butte	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Chandler	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Cheney, WY	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Chicago	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Chino	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Cincinnati	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Cleveland	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Colorado Springs	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Concord	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Corpus Christi	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Dallas	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Dayton	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Denver	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Des Moines	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Detroit	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
El Paso	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Evansville	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Fargo	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Flagstaff	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Fort Worth	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Galveston	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Houston	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Indianapolis	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Jacksonville	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Kansas City	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Las Vegas	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Little Rock	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Los Angeles	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Madison	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Mankato	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Memphis	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Meriden	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Minneapolis	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Mobile	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Montgomery	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
New Orleans	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
New York	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Oakland	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Oklahoma City	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Omaha	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Orlando	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Philadelphia	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Phoenix	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Pittsburgh	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Portland, ME	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Raleigh	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Reno	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Riverside	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
San Antonio	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
San Diego	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
San Francisco	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
San Jose	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Seattle	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
St. Louis	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
St. Paul	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Stockton	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Sunnyvale	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Tampa	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Tucson	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Tulsa	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Waco	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Washington, DC	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Yakima	55-65	56-62	58-68	58

SNOWPACK

City	Today	Tomorrow	Monday	Tuesday
Albany	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Albuquerque	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Anchorage	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
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Sunnyvale	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Tampa	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Tucson	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Tulsa	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Waco	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Washington, DC	55-65	56-62	58-68	58
Yakima	55-65	56-62	58-68	58

WORLD FORECAST

Albany, NY	44	50	57	57	su
Albuquerque, NM	45	51	42	21	t
Anchorage, AK	64	32	1	56	33
Atlanta, GA	55	39	w	49	38
Baltimore, MD	76	39	31	28	su
Birmingham, AL	80	49	pc	74	38
Bozeman, MT	47	32	mic	56	37
Butte, MT	39	23	mic	45	37
Chandler, AZ	62	41	pc	69	44
Cheney, WY	80	56	su	72	56
Chicago, IL	72	52	pc	69	50
Chino, CA	60	41	pc	60	41
Cincinnati, OH	79	47	pc	50	31
Cleveland, OH	74	42	sn	50	34
Colorado Springs, CO	55	40	pc	54	34
Concord, CA	55	40	pc	54	34
Corpus Christi, TX	55	40	pc	54	34
Dallas, TX	55	40	pc	54	34
Dayton, OH	55	40	pc	54	34
Denver, CO	55	40	pc	54	34
Des Moines, IA	55	40	pc	54	34
Detroit, MI	55	40	pc	54	34
El Paso, TX	55	40	pc	54	34
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London, ON	55	40	pc	54	34
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Mesa, AZ	55	40	pc	54	34
Mexico City, MX	55	40	pc	54	34
Minneapolis, MN	55	40	pc	54	34
Mobile, AL	55	40	pc	54	34
Montgomery, AL	55	40	pc	54	34
Murphy, NC	55	40	pc	54	34
Nashville, TN	55	40	pc	54	34
New York, NY	55	40	pc	54	34
Omaha, NE	55	40	pc	54	34
Orlando, FL	55	40	pc	54	34
Ottawa, ON	55	40	pc	54	34
Pasadena, CA	55	40	pc	54	34
Pittsburgh, PA	55	40	pc	54	34
Portland, ME	55	40	pc	54	34
Portland, OR	55	40	pc	54	34
Providence, RI	55	40	pc	54	34
Raleigh, NC	55	40	pc	54	34
San Antonio, TX	55	40	pc	54	34
San Diego, CA	55	40	pc	54	34
San Francisco, CA	55	40	pc	54	34
San Jose, CA	55	40	pc	54	34
Seattle, WA	55	40	pc	54	34
Spokane, WA	55	40	pc	54	34
St. Louis, MO	55	40	pc	54	34
St. Paul, MN	55	40	pc	54	34
Tampa, FL	55	40	pc	54	34
Tucson, AZ	55	40	pc	54	34
Tulsa, OK	55	40	pc	54	34
Waco, TX	55	40	pc	54	34
Washington, DC	55	40	pc	54	34
Yakima, WA	55	40	pc	54	34

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP

The map displays the following weather conditions and temperatures:

- 60°: Sunny, with a cloud icon.
- 70°: Sunny, with a cloud icon.
- 50°: Sunny, with a cloud icon.
- 40°: Sunny, with a cloud icon.

Cost of longer war could present big problem for proposed tax cuts

By Tom Raum
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - The longer and nastier the war with Iraq gets, the harder it will be for President Bush to muster support from skeptical lawmakers for those big tax cuts he is seeking.

Yet in the face of rising deficits and unknown war costs, the administration is working hard to salvage its \$726 billion tax cut plan after it was unexpectedly chopped in half last week by the Republican-run Senate.

Why the push for a big tax cut during wartime? Right now the war preoccupies Americans, but sooner or later their attention will snap back to the economy. Bush and his advisers do not want to see the country emerge from war only to slip into recession.

An initial burst of consumer and business spending after the 1991 Gulf War soon faded. A true economic recovery did not come for months - too late to help Bush's father win re-election to the White House. Also, that war was quick and decisive. It is a lesson not lost on Bush advisers disinclined to see history repeating itself. Thus the heavy push for tax cuts.

"The president's plan is still the best way to create jobs, provide economic security to American workers and families, and grow the economy for our future," Treasury Secretary John

Poll: Public backs plan to slash tax cut

Most Americans want to slash President George W. Bush's proposed tax cut as the country grows increasingly resigned to a longer, costlier and much bloodier war in Iraq, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News poll. The survey found that 65 percent of the public favors the Senate-passed plan to reduce Bush's \$726 billion tax cut by more than half in order to pay for the war, shore up Social Security and reduce the deficit - a view shared equally by Republicans as well as by Democrats and political independents. Nearly three in 10 would eliminate the tax cut entirely, the poll found.

- The Washington Post

Snow said last week.

But many economists question whether the centerpiece - elimination of taxes on most stock dividends - will have short-term benefits for most Americans.

Momentum seems to favor smaller tax cuts, said Stanley Colander, budget analyst for the Fleishman-Hillard consulting firm.

Bush's tax cuts face even bigger opposition if the war persists, "even if it doesn't get worse but just takes longer than people anticipated," Colander said. "In addition, to the extent the war keeps going on, the recovery in

the economy will take longer."

Initial euphoria over the war's quick start gave way last week to lower spirits and a recognition it could drag on as U.S.-led troops met stiffer-than-expected resistance from Iraqi forces.

Bush did not try to dispel such concerns. Fighting will last "however long it takes to win," he said.

Rising unemployment, lethargic consumer spending, a hiatus in business investment and a stock market retrenchment after a fizzled war rally raised fresh recession concerns.

Bush's high overall approval ratings continue to far outpace his ratings on handling the economy.

He suffered a major setback last week when the Senate voted 51-48 to cut his tax cut plan by more than half, to \$350 billion, through 2013. Administration officials pledged to lobby House-Senate budget negotiators in an effort to undo the damage.

But lawmakers of both parties wondered where the money would come from to pay for both tax cuts and the war, as Bush submitted an emergency request for \$74.7 billion to cover for initial war costs.

"We have to ask ourselves just what can we afford," said Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt. "I think the American people are willing to sacrifice a high-end tax cut to get money for people in the field. We have to take care of them first."

Dems give war budget OK, not tax cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) - Congress will act quickly to give President Bush the money he needs for the war in Iraq, but his budget for next year is "a different story," Sen. Byron Dorgan predicted Saturday.

"There is strong disagreement on this budget, and a disagreement about his priorities," the North Dakota Democrat said during the party's weekly radio address.

All senators voted in favor of a resolution that express support for Bush and U.S. troops, said Dorgan, who leads the chamber's Democratic Policy Committee. He said lawmakers now must provide everything needed to finish the job.

Missing USDA workers found cold, tired, alive

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) - Two federal employees who had been missing overnight in the high mountains near Santa Fe Ski Basin, where temperatures fell into the teens, were found alive Saturday, cold, tired and hungry.

Dan Murray and Richard Armijo were being checked out medically but seemed to be fine, state police Lt. Rob Shilling said.

A television cameraman who had been with them was found earlier and treated at a hospital.

Murray and Armijo, employees of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, had been measuring the depth of the snow-pack in the Aspen Vista area, a trailhead near the ski basin. Cameraman Rhett Muse of KOAT-TV was with them, reporting on the drought.

White House hasn't given up on oil drilling in arctic wildlife refuge

WASHINGTON (AP) - Rebuffed by the Senate, the Bush administration will not give up the fight this year to open an Alaska wildlife refuge to oil drilling, Interior Secretary Gale Norton said Saturday.

The White House is turning its attention to the House in hopes of salvaging a key part of the president's energy strategy. Republicans fell two votes shy in the Senate of passing the legislation that could lead to removal of a 43-year-old ban on developing millions of barrels of oil from the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

"We continue to press about ANWR, because that one small spot is believed to have the ability to produce more oil than the entire state of Texas," Norton told people gathered for the National Wildlife Federation's 67th annual meeting.

On Friday, Senate Energy Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., who favors developing the refuge's oil, shot down rumors he might push the issue as part of a broad energy bill to be offered by his committee this summer.

"I am not given to subterfuge. No means no," he said.

The House still may revive the issue as part of its energy bill. Norton's Interior Department estimates 5.7 billion to 16 billion barrels of oil are in the refuge, enough to produce 1.4 million barrels a day, compared with Texas' 1 million. Opponents argue the refuge feasibly might produce no more than 3.2 billion barrels of oil,



Interior Secretary Gale Norton speaks at a National Wildlife Federation meeting Saturday in Washington.

Norton's speech or questioned her afterward was the worry that President Bush's policies cater to industry and shortchange wildlife such as caribou, musk oxen, polar bears and migrating birds at the Alaska refuge.

"Wildlife refuges ought to be the one place where wildlife interests come first," said Clark Bullard of Urbana, Ill., an engineering professor who helps lead the Prairie Rivers Network environmental group.

Norton said her department is committed to conservation, but tight budgets demand creative thinking and cooperation from refuge neighbors preserving wildlife and their habitats. She also sought to deflect some criticism by pointing to successes of the Environmental Protection Agency and by portraying her boss, the president, as an outdoors guy, whose love of cleaning brush on his Texas ranch reflects an understanding for the harm that nonnative species of plants and animals can cause by invading other species' natural habitats.

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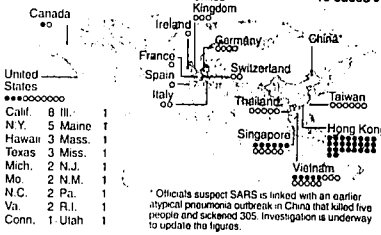
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Mystery illness spreads

By Monday, the World Health Organization had reported 456 cases of severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, worldwide. Seventeen deaths had been reported — 10 in Hong Kong, four in Vietnam and three in Canada.

Number of reported and suspected SARS cases



SOURCES: World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention AP

Treatment for deadly disease remains elusive

ATLANTA (AP) — U.S. health officials said Saturday that none of the antiviral drugs and other treatment they have tested are effective against a flu-like disease that has killed at least 54 people and sickened nearly 1,500 others around the world.

They also expanded their travel advisory, suggesting that anyone planning nonessential travel to mainland China, Hong Kong, Singapore or Hanoi, Vietnam, "may wish to postpone their trips until further notice."

"The global epidemic continues to expand," said Dr. Julie Gerberding, head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "We recognize this as an epidemic that is evolving."

The CDC has reported 62 cases of severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, in the United States, and at least 35 cases have been reported in Canada, where three people have died. But the majority of the cases

have been in Asia, where the illness is believed to have originated.

On Saturday, the first doctor to realize the world was dealing with an unfamiliar disease died of the illness in Thailand. Dr. Carlo Urbani, 46, of Italy, a World Health Organization expert on communicable diseases, became infected while working in Vietnam, where he diagnosed a U.S.-businessman hospitalized in Hanoi, the U.N. agency said. The businessman later died.

U.S. health officials believe illness comes from a new form of coronavirus, the virus that causes about a fifth of all colds.

Gerberding said Saturday that no successful drugs or treatments had yet been found.

"We have no evidence that any specific antiviral, steroid treatment or other agents that are targeting this virus have any benefit to patients," she said. Two possible diagnostic tests

that detect antibodies, indicating a person's immune system has reacted to the virus, are under development, and CDC officials hope to soon be able to supply those tests to state health departments, CDC officials said.

In Hong Kong, the number of people suffering from flu-like disease increased sharply Saturday to 12 people killed and 470 sickened. Hong Kong health secretary Dr. Yeoh Eng-king said more residents likely will become sick.

Singapore, which has had two deaths, nearly doubled the number of people quarantined to more than 1,500 on Friday.

More than 1,000 have been quarantined.

Thousands of Hong Kong residents donned surgical masks but many others refused to venture out, and activity in the usually bustling city stopped. Schools were closed and some companies shut down after workers became sick.

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Murderer says he helped teen escape home troubles

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A 56-year-old convicted murderer says he took a cross-country trip with a 14-year-old Michigan girl to help her escape problems at home and because he feared she would be harmed if she traveled alone.

"When someone tells me something's wrong, I respond," Terry Drake said in a jailhouse interview published in Saturday editions of The Sacramento Bee. "And when she ran away from home I knew she wasn't going to make it on her own."

Drake was arrested in northeastern California on Monday — 23 days after Lindsey Ryan disappeared from her home in Jones, Mich. The two spent three weeks at a remote campsite in the Sierra Nevada while a nationwide search was underway for the girl.

Lindsey was returned to her parents Tuesday.

Drake has been indicted on a federal charge of interstate transport of a minor with intent to

engage in criminal sexual activity. He also faces state sex charges in Michigan and California.

Drake, who was convicted of murder in 1977 and paroled in 1992, told the Bee he is gay and did not have sex with the girl.

"I tried to take care of her the best I could," he said. In retrospect, he said, "I wish I'd been smarter and gone to some of the authorities I knew," like a minister.

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New York City ushers in smoke-free era

NEW YORK (AP) — In a smoke-choked Manhattan tavern, Cathia Candiotti asked a neighbor for a light and took a deep drag on her cigarette, savoring a last barstool puff before the city outlawed smoking in bars and nightclubs.

For Candiotti, 26, the ban is a double whammy. "I can't tell you how many dates with cute guys I've gotten by looking into his eyes while he lights me up. That's as good as smoking."

With fear, loathing and lament, the city of Frank Sinatra, Humphrey Bogart and Philip Morris USA was ushering in the smoke-free age today, one tick after midnight.

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"First they cleaned up Times Square, then they said you couldn't dance in bars or drink a beer in the park. Now you can't even smoke when you go out on



Hank Herman smokes a cigarette at Library, a bar in the East Village neighborhood of New York Thursday, the town, said Willie Martinez, 37, who sat, chain-smoking, in an East Village bar. "This is like no fun city."

"There's one word for this: Ridiculous. Stalinesque. Brutal," interrupted Elliot Kovner, 48, as he added a few choice vulgarities.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, a former smoker himself, pushed

through the ban with a zeal that angered smokers and even some nonsmokers. He stood firm even when an incensed smoker wearing a Superman suit showed up at City Hall carrying a 12-foot-long ersatz cigarette and a sign threatening him.

Health issues are a priority for Bloomberg, a billionaire who once donated \$100 million to

Johns Hopkins University.

"Fundamentally, people just don't want the guy next to them smoking," Bloomberg said. "People will adjust very quickly and a lot of lives will be saved."

The ban covers all workplaces, including bars, small restaurants, bingo parlors and other venues not covered by the city's previous smoking law. Owners of establishments could be fined \$400 for allowing smoking and eventually could have their business licenses suspended.

A state anti-smoking law passed Wednesday is even tougher, closing a city loophole that granted an exemption for businesses that provide enclosed smoking rooms. That law takes effect this summer.

The bans have led to fears that bars will go out of business and rumors that secret "smoke-caves" will pop up — but of course, New Yorkers can be given to exaggeration.

Proprietors in California complained when a similar rule was enacted four years ago, but business did not drop significantly and polls showed most patrons backed the ban.

Air Force Academy removes 'Bring Me Men' sign, investigates assaults

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AP) — Large letters reading "Bring Me Men" that critics say became a symbol of a male-dominated culture at the Air Force Academy have been removed from a stone arch that incoming cadets march beneath.

The letters were taken down Friday under a directive that emerged from an Air Force investigation of a sexual assault scandal at the academy.

Five leaders at the academy have been reassigned as the Air Force responds to complaints that female cadets' reports of sexual assaults haven't been taken seri-

ously and that some of those who complained were punished. At least 56 female cadets reported being sexually assaulted over the past 10 years.

Since 1964, each incoming class of cadets has marched through the stone portal that bore the slogan "Bring Me Men" in 2-foot-high, brushed aluminum letters.

The phrase comes from an 1891 poem by Sam Walter Fens, extolling the expansionist spirit of the country. The first two lines of "The Coming American" read: "Bring me men to match my mountains, Bring me men to match my plains."

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Growing list of counties provide bilingual ballots

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — An hour's drive from Philadelphia, Berks County is known more for the German folk art on its barns than anything Hispanic. But it is on a growing list of places nationwide making changes to accommodate Hispanic voters, a step that has caused a backlash in some areas.

Dzens of counties whose Hispanic populations have surged in the past decade have been told by the federal government to hire bilingual poll workers and print ballots in Spanish.

Around 300 municipalities were required to use multilingual ballots during the November election, up from about 250 a decade earlier, according to the Justice Department.

Berks County and its seat, Reading, were added to the list March 18 when a federal judge ruled poll workers there had discriminated against Hispanics. The ruling, which requires the county to print Spanish ballots, hire Spanish-speaking poll workers and print copies of all election material in Spanish, has upset some in the county's English-speaking majority.

"It's been a very emotional issue," said County Commissioner Tim Reiver. "An awful lot of people think this is a bad idea."

Similar changes have taken place nationwide. The nation's Hispanic population rose by 58 percent in the 1990s, and counties from coast to coast learned in July they would be required to offer bilingual election materials under the federal Voting Rights Act. Under the act, foreign language ballots must be provided when either 10,000 people or 5 percent of the voting-age population in an

area doesn't speak English well.

Counties and cities in Kansas, Nebraska, Connecticut, Colorado and New Jersey have all added bilingual ballots.

The sudden changes have prompted a backlash in some areas. Election workers in Washington state said they were deluged with complaints from voters in four counties who were surprised to see ballots printed in Spanish and Chinese. "Bilingual ballots are un-American," said Jim Lubinski, spokesman for U.S. Elections Inc., a group that has lobbied to make English the official language of the United States.

"To become a (naturalized) citizen, you are required to speak English, so it would seem that to vote, you would need a workable knowledge of the English language as well."

Valentin Rodriguez Jr., an activist in Reading who fought for bilingual assistance at the polls for years, said he was not concerned with the criticism.

"Everyone's not going to be pleased, but if you believe in fairness, and you believe in the constitutional right to vote, there is no question that (bilingual ballots) are a step in the right direction," he said. "We have a large Hispanic population here, and they have been unable to exercise their right to vote."

A few places have opted to print multilingual ballots voluntarily. Worcester, Mass., adopted bilingual ballots in November 2001, but reversed the decision two months later. Southbridge, Mass., town officials added Spanish to ballots at the Justice Department's request last year, apparently without much negative feedback.

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In politics, Daniel Patrick Moynihan was in his element

By Jack W. Germond
The Baltimore Sun

WASHINGTON — To those who came to know him along the way, what made Daniel Patrick Moynihan such a special figure in American public life was less the distinction of his career than the enormous pleasure he drew from it.

Whether arguing foreign policy or welfare reform or highway design, he enjoyed himself immensely. He saw politics as a way to achieve great purposes, not just the self-aggrandizement so obviously prized by so many men and women who achieve high office.

In his four terms in the Senate and the staggering list of appointive posts he held under four presidents, Pat loved the game. He seemed to enjoy nothing more than recounting over a friendly glass at sundown the maneuvering that had led to some success or, on occasion, to a failure.

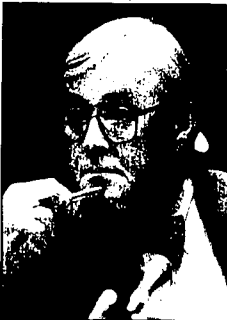
"You know how Charlie can be," he might say of a difficult political ally, "but he went along and in the end he thought it was his own idea so he's going to be happy with it."

His speech was always spiced with words and phrases that seemed arcane and perhaps contrived. But this was no pose. In speech and good humor, the Pat Moynihan of later years was identical to the young academic who joined the Albany staff of W. Averell Harriman when that patriotic Democrat was elected governor of New York in 1954.

As assistant secretary to the governor, Moynihan had a limited portfolio that he frequently exceeded, sometimes to Harriman's concern. Promoting his candidate as a possible presidential nominee in 1956, Moynihan had to be restrained when he began making promises on civil rights that other Harriman advisers considered too liberal.

Moynihan used his time in state

government to plunge into issues that were new to him and to the whole arena of public debate. He was writing articles about highway policy and the relationship between public funding and safety well before Ralph Nader. He



New York Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan was a New York City shoe-shine boy who became an incoherent scholar-politician and served four terms in the Senate. He died Wednesday at age 78.

was developing ideas for confronting the problems of American cities and the underclass when the only accepted answer seemed to be slum clearance.

He became the man who, at different times in his career, was the "go-to" expert on domestic issues as diverse as health care, the plight of minority families, Social Security and tax policy. He worked at the Department of Labor sub-Cabinet level in both the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, then as a domestic policy adviser to President Nixon.

When a few fellow Democrats sniffed at him working for Nixon, Pat seemed to take the attitude that his work product would justify the unusual assignment. In fact,

it did — leading Nixon to development of an incomes policy that was stifled by Watergate but was nonetheless ahead of the game.

Nor was his influence limited to domestic policy. He left the White House to serve Nixon and another Republican president, Gerald Ford, as ambassador to India and then to the United Nations.

It was a grounding that clearly led to elective politics, a road that looked tricky for the outspoken and colorful Moynihan. But he defeated a Republican incumbent, James Buckley, in 1976 and was reelected with 65 percent of the vote in 1982, 67 percent in 1988 and 55 percent against the Republican surge of 1994.

As a ranking leader of the Senate Finance Committee, Moynihan was a leading voice in his party on taxes, Social Security and welfare reform issues. But he didn't always win and didn't sit by silently on issues he took seriously — most notably when he criticized President Clinton cutting off abandoning 60 years of Democratic Policy to make a deal with Republicans on welfare reform.

The missing item in Pat Moynihan's resume was, of course, that he never was considered a realistic possibility for the national ticket, unlike almost anyone who rises to the top of New York politics. Part of the reason may have been his devout liberalism, but another part was a reputation he developed as a two-tisted drinker.

Asked once if the whiskey were worth what he might be sacrificing, Moynihan offered a controlled smile and replied, "Ah, ah, I don't know."

He paused, then said, "I'll have to have a drink on that." Whether or not he might have done more as president, Pat Moynihan left a huge imprint on the public policy of his time. And along the way he was a man who enjoyed himself and the lesser politicians around him.

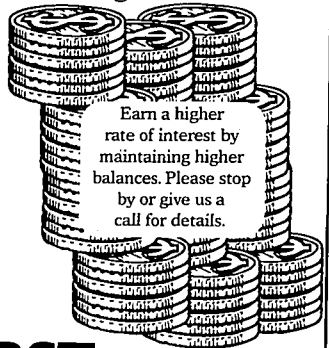
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ing that approaches gang problems in larger urban areas.

"If you have to ask if you have a gang problem, you don't," Twin Falls Police Chief Lee DeVore said. "We have some kids - and these are just kids - who like to emulate the things that gangs do."

Ex-gang member Pete Flores of Rupert said there's no doubt in his mind that there's a serious gang presence in his area.

Like him, many gangsters moved from large urban areas to escape violence or be closer to family, Flores said. Even so, the gang pride and mentality has stayed with many of them.

"They like to stay quiet and not be noticed," he said. "Just because you can't see it, doesn't mean it doesn't exist."

"I'm an ex-gang member in eastern Jerome County who spoke to *The Times-News* on the condition of anonymity - said gangsters in his area are mostly about menace."

"It's just to show you they have pride and strength," he said.

Whatever the level of gang activity here, most officials agree that the problem is simmering just under the surface and probably goes largely unnoticed by most people.

Gang-related violence

If gangsters here do little more than flex their status and get into occasional scuffles, why should the majority of residents even care?

"They should be worried, because it brings violence into the schools," said Mini-Cassia juvenile probation officer Brett Wright.

Most schools keep a tight watch on gang-like activity and have bans on gang-style clothing, Pullin said. That helps curb the problem. And most of the real troublemakers end up getting kicked out of school.

Sgt. Ann Chatterton, a detective with the Jerome police, said he can still link plenty of school violence to gang-like activity.

"Primarily, we notice it during the school year. A lot of batteries have a gang connection," Chatterton said. "It goes in spurts here, and the last couple of years, there seems to be more of a trend toward violent crime."

That includes burglaries and at least one recent armed robbery. Flores had gang overtones, he said. Flores and T said the gang members in this area are also active in the trade of drugs - especially methamphetamine.

Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver said his officers report a lot of "tagging" - or gang-related

graffiti - along rural roadways and other isolated spots in the county. There's no traceable trend of crimes or violence that can be linked to gang activity yet, Weaver said. Still, he takes the tagging seriously and worries that it could mean bigger problems are lurking.

"I think it has the potential to get a lot worse," Weaver said.

Another potential problem is that this could be an easy area for a gangster from elsewhere to become a big fish in a little pond, Chatterton said.

"I think our major problem would be with people coming into the area who may not have been all that big of a gangster where they were. All of the sudden, they're a big roller in Jerome," he said.

Kamachi said the situation is even worse in Mini-Cassia. A charismatic leader or two might be all it would take to ratchet gang activity to a whole new level, she said.

"All it's going to take is for some low-level gang member from a bigger city to come in here and start talking smack about how great he is and how much power he has in the inner city," Kamachi said.

Not like the big city - yet

A "gang problem" can boil down to matters of perception. There aren't - and probably never will be - organized gang turf wars in this area. Some officials said that doesn't mean there isn't a problem - or that it couldn't get a lot worse.

In the simplest terms, a gang is "two or more people who conspire for the purposes of criminal activity," DeVore said. By that definition, "gangs" can exist just about anywhere, he said. But he questions whether heavy hitters from big cities would ever have a reason to set up shop here.

Sgt. Dennis Pullin, who is one of DeVore's school resource officers, also downplayed the gang presence in Twin Falls.

"Don't think we have a really serious gang issue," Pullin said. "It is an issue, but it's not serious up to the point it is in the big cities."

Meanwhile, a Twin Falls attorney with strong ties to the Hispanic community said she also has a hard time believing there's a gang problem here.

"I think it's primarily just wannabes," said Lisa Barin-Garcia - who often does defense work in criminal cases.

She said she just hasn't seen anything resembling the gang problems she witnessed while growing up in New York City.

"Gangs don't try to hide. They want you to know their presence,

to try to intimidate you," she said.

Barin-Garcia said she's also active in the Hispanic community through her church and volunteer work. She said from her perspective, Hispanics here don't perceive or worry about a significant gang presence.

Cassia County Sheriff Jim Higgins said he and his deputies haven't noticed a dramatic increase in gang or pseudo-gang activity recently. Even so, Kamachi and her staff are more directly connected with youth and probably have a clearer picture of the problem, he said.

DeVore, who came to Twin Falls in 1995, previously worked as a police chief in an Orange County, Calif., community. There, legendary gangs such as the Crips and Bloods are so deeply established, they've actually started to mellow, DeVore said. In a way, they've become like neighborhood associations given to occasional spasms of violence.

But DeVore said he saw things get rough again about a decade or so ago - when Southeast Asian gangs started to move into California. The youngsters in those gangs had been raised in an atmosphere of continuous warfare and wouldn't hesitate to raise the stakes up to deadly violence.

"If you crossed them, they would just shoot you," he said.

That sort of thing doesn't exist here, he said. Kamachi and other officials agree.

Kyle Fisher, director of Jerome County Juvenile Probation, said gang-related fights in this area seem to be limited to baseball bats or knives at the worst - and are often settled with fists.

Hazelton Police Chief Kelly Bangerter said he knows there are gangsters in his jurisdiction, but their level of violence is muted.

"I would say they're not the traditional gangs - what we think of the L.A.-type gangs - like we see in the movies."

Solutions?

While opinions differ on the severity of the area's gang problem, officials say they're not about to tolerate criminal activity - whether it stems from gangs or not.

The Twin Falls police take a policy of treating each crime on an individual basis, rather than getting hung up on whether it has gang connections, DeVore and Pullin said.

"You need to deal with the kids on the basis of the crime," DeVore said.

After all, simply belonging to a

gang isn't a crime in itself, he said. So the key is to deal with illegal activity when it does pop up.

Higgins says he tries to take a similar approach, because the best way to deal with a violent offender is still to get him off the streets and away from his peers.

Kamachi said mentoring and education can help chip away at the problem, though she sees no quick or easy solution.

Flores has proven to be invaluable in that regard, as he now spends much of his time helping at-risk youngsters through the probation department or taking his anti-gang message to local schools, Kamachi said.

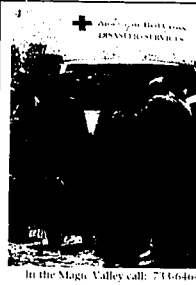
Valley Superintendent Laurel Nelson said teachers, coaches and family members have pulled together to get T back on the right path. With her schools seeing more students with gang or pseudo-gang ties, the key is to

try to show the youngsters how much more life has to offer, Nelson said.

"We just try to get them involved with positive things. Our coaching staff is very, very good

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in order to be fully accepted.

"I was born into the whole gang thing," said Flores, who is now married with two children. Many members of his family were - and continue to be - gangsters, he said.

And for a while, anyway, the gang life followed him after he moved to the Mini-Cassia area. Some of his family kept their gang ties, and they hooked up with gangsters who were already in Flores' area.

About four years ago, he decided to leave the life. "I just disappeared. I just laid down," he said.

Beyond their years

Another young man struggling to break with gangs is "T" - who attends school in Jerome County's Valley District. *The Times-News* agreed to not publish his real name because both he and Valley School District Superintendent Laurel Nelson said he still faces danger of retaliation if he talks back him down.

Both Flores and T said they got threats in the wake of their decisions to leave the gangs - but Flores said those against him faded with time.

Near, confident and soft-spoken, T seemed easily pass for at least several years - if not a full decade - over his age of 21.

The only clearly visible sign of his past is a "teardrop" tattoo under one eye. Authorities say such a tattoo indicates if bearer has been killed a rival or been prison time.

Flores said his indicates doing time. Lifting up his shirt shows during a recent visit with journalists and probation officers, Flores revealed a patchwork of ink rife with gang symbolism.

"They're there. And I have to live with them now," he said.

T, even more quiet and shy in the presence of a stranger, also seemed old beyond his years.

The somber attitude of T and Flores could be because of all they've seen, done and been through. Without going into detail, both said they'd been involved in some violence - and witnessed a lot of it.

Flores said he lost several cousins to street warfare in Southern California. T said he has also lost people close to him.

"That was the kind of life I was living," Flores said. "I had to look over my shoulder, wondering if my time might be next."

'Mi vida loca' no more

T and Flores, like most members of Hispanic-based gangs, both have small tattoos depicting three small dots in a triangular pattern. The marking stands for "mi vida loca," "my crazy life."

T's family recently decided they'd had enough of the craziness. Flores said it was time spent in contemplation behind bars that left him wanting something more sane.

The revelation came when he was locked up in a juvenile detention center in St. Anthony on drug charges.

"I sat there for 18 months. I had a lot of time to think about what I was doing and what my life was," Flores said.

Leaving wasn't easy, he said. There are still members of his family with whom he has no contact because of it.

Even so, neither he nor T said they had to quit by going through the harrowing ritual of being "jumped out." Basically, it's a repeat of the "jumping in" authorities say - only it's usually far more brutal and sometimes even fatal.

"I just walked away," T said. Not without help, Nelson said. T's family moved from

California to the Magic Valley partly to get him away from gangs, she said. And once he was here, it was a strong network of family and school officials that has helped him make the right decisions.

T agreed, and said the comparatively easy pace of life here has helped as well.

Being a gangster in California was frantic, he said.

"I started to notice that the days went faster, my life went faster," he said. "Here, things go a lot slower. People take more time to do things."

A new life

T and Flores said they both still know or know of active gangsters here, but they don't regret breaking away.

T has been active in sports and with his family and is no longer an angry, violent troublemaker, Nelson said.

"He's someone that I am very, very proud of," she said. "Even so, I don't think we can take all of the credit for that. I think that his family has worked together to bring on some changes."

Flores is a manager at a pizza restaurant and also spends time helping the probation officers he once saw as his enemies.

Mini-Cassia juvenile probation officer Maria Umana said Flores has become an effective teacher and mentor for at-risk young teens.

"It's much easier for them to accept a message from someone like him than from the gray-heads," Umana said.

Flores said he sees it as a matter of duty.

"It's what I do now. I just try to stop them before they get started."

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Observers spread blame around for stymied session

Ideologues, rookies, weak leadership head the list

By Bob Fick
Associated Press Writer

BOISE — Frustration over resolving the state's fiscal crisis has lawmakers looking into history for help, and some are willing to consider a tax hike, something that might have been unthinkable just weeks ago.

In fact, Senate President Pro Tem Robert Geddes suggests taking a page out of former Gov. Robert Smylie's playbook. And Gov. Dirk Kempthorne says he would not discount the idea.

Under remarkably similar circumstances, Smylie proposed the state's original three-cent sales tax in 1965 and got it passed by what he called "the most brilliant assembly of legislative talent in the history of the state." It was put to a referendum in the 1966 election, and while Smylie was defeated by Don Samuelson on an anti-sales tax platform in the spring primary, the voters endorsed the sales

tax itself that fall.

While House tax writers wrangle internally over cheaper alternatives to Kempthorne's cent-and-a-half increase in the now-five-cent sales tax, Geddes suggests the Legislature approve Kempthorne's plan then subject it to a voter referendum in November 2004.

It would generate the cash the state needs to resolve the current budget crisis and then let the people decide if they really want the dramatic cuts in government the absence of the extra tax revenues would require.

"We'll take a look at it because I really believe the majority of the people support what we're trying to do," Kempthorne said. "I don't shy away from the people affirming what we're trying to accomplish."

But Geddes says the opposition is coming from all quarters — some staunch conservatives fear the voters might actually endorse the higher tax, another bloc is concerned about being pegged as tax raisers and still others fear the public will accuse them of just passing the buck.

Erasing deficits for this year and next were the only real issues lawmakers had to deal with this



winter. Now — 12 weeks and \$1.5 million into the session — some are coming to grips with the fact that there is no way to oppose tax increases at the same time they oppose cuts in education spending.

House Speaker Bruce Newcomb believes it is a glimpse of what the situation would be under tight limits. Nearly a third of the House and Senate members are freshmen. They make up major percentages of the tax-writing committees that are at the center of the budget negotiations. At nearly \$20,000 a day, it is a relatively expensive educational process. Both houses are cutting back on staff this coming week to save money.

Newcomb and other Statehouse veterans also agree that a much greater number of lawmakers today are more ideological, making them less open to



Gov. Dirk Kempthorne



Bruce Newcomb House speaker

compromise and more focused on one or two issues at the expense of a broader vision of government.

Some point out that the leadership teams in both houses are

split over the budget solution — as well as many other issues. Some side more with Kempthorne while the others are behind the budget cutters. It makes it nearly impossible to sell any compromise to the Republican majority, especially in the House.

Kempthorne's lobbying effort in the House and Senate has been noticeable this session after being essentially nonexistent during his first term.

But his point men — former legislators Darrel Deide and Kent Kunz — still have nothing of the presence that gubernatorial lobbyists like Jeff Malmen for Republican Phil Batt and Clancy

Standridge for Democrat Cecil Andrus had to line up votes in the 1990s.

Geddes also believes Kempthorne's transformation from an acquiescing governor to a stand-his-ground chief executive has aggravated Republicans used to having their own way. That may have slowed any move toward compromise even more.

"I don't think they're so concerned about him taking a stand," Geddes said. "When the governor came out with his surprise tax increase, it was a surprise. He was criticized for not taking a stand before, and when he did take a stand, he took the wrong one."

Seven face charges in man's death

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Seven men have been charged in the death of a northern Idaho man — part of an investigation of a drug-smuggling operation that authorities say ran from Canada to California.

Those indicted include Giovanni Mendiola, 32, Piero Mendiola, 31, and Eddie Mendiola, 33, brothers of University of Washington basketball players Giuliana and Gioconda Mendiola.

The Mendiola siblings are among nine children in the Lake Forest, Calif., family.

Bill Douglas, prosecutor in Kootenai County, said Friday that six of the men were arrested in California and remain there.

In the March 21 indictments, a Kootenai County grand jury charged Giovanni Mendiola with first-degree murder in the death of Brendan Butler, whose body was found Nov. 13, 2002, at a campground near Hayden Lake.

Giovanni Mendiola, of Orange County, Calif., was also charged with eight other counts, including kidnapping, robbery and conspiracy to commit robbery, kidnapping and murder, court documents said.

Piero and Eddie Mendiola; John Altamirano, 25; Brian Weatherly, 24; and Marco A. Garcia, 31, all from Orange County, Calif., were arrested on warrants charging numerous crimes, including robbery, kidnapping and conspiracy to commit murder.

Justin Miller, 23, of Spokane, was indicted on five counts, including conspiracy to commit robbery, robbery, second-degree kidnapping and conspiracy to commit murder. He is in custody in Spokane.

"One individual was indicted for the murder of Brendan Butler," Douglas said. "Six others were indicted, not for murder, but for charges related to the murder of Brendan Butler."

Butler, 20, had been stabbed before being dumped off a dirt road near the campground. His 1993 Cadillac El Dorado was found abandoned on a Seattle street in late December 2002.

Butler was last seen in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on Oct. 10, and police suspect he was killed within the next few days. Police have said they think his death may be tied to involvement with a major drug ring.

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America at war

They're teens, they're scared and they're prisoners of war

By Meg Laughlin
Knight-Ridder News Service

NEAR AN NAJAF, Iraq — Friday, my driver and I were on our way back from talking to the mechanics who repair the Army attack helicopters — mostly Alpha and Delta Apaches and Black Hawks that get shot up by Iraqi AK-47s — when our Humvee came to a dead stop on the road, about 10 miles south of An Najaf.

A Chinook helicopter was blocking our passage, waiting for about 60 people. They were crouched in the sand on the side of the road in groups of 20 — mostly teen-age boys about 18. They looked scared to death.

They were Iraqi POWs. Because Iraqi soldiers dressed as civilians are attacking U.S. supply routes, the Army has started stopping all Iraqi males and searching them and their vehicles. If they have a gun, they are detained. If they have a map and a cell phone, they are detained. If they are wearing black combat boots, they are detained as well.

The U.S. soldiers take them to a temporary holding pen in the desert, which is where we saw them. From there, they fly them to a POW camp in Kuwait.

MPs, with fingers on the triggers of their M-16s, stood around the teens. A special forces officer stood in front of each cluster, calling each prisoner to the front, one by one.

Most of the prisoners wore traditional black robes or dark shirts and pants. They were so dusty everything looked gray. Only a few of them had beards. Most of them had short, black curly hair.

When called, they stood up and walked to the front of their group, but a few crawled. One boy went on his knees, his hands



Marines guard more than 200 prisoners of war who have surrendered and civilians who have sought asylum near the command center of the Second Tank Battalion just west of Basra on March 23.

raised up, as if he were praying.

Once up to the front of the line, their hands were tied at their waists with a "zip strip" — a strip of white plastic. Not one of them resisted.

SFC Stephen Furbush, an Army intelligence analyst, told me later in the day that he had talked to some Iraqi prisoners a few days before. Most said they were forced to fight, Furbush said. They weren't even in the military, but soldiers came to their homes and ordered them out on the roads around Al Najaf to either get information or to shoot at passing Army vehicles.

A few said they were told to go up to U.S. soldiers and beg for food so they could get a good look at their weapons and vehicles and report back. The result of these confessions was an Army decision to detain all Iraqi males around An Najaf who approached U.S. soldiers and expressed hunger.

"We are not winning civilian friends with this policy, but it has

to be," said Furbush, a 30-year Army veteran from Gorham, Maine.

Tom Grubbs, a retired major from Virginia who helped process POWs during Desert Storm 12 years ago, told me a month ago that there was so little food in Iraq during that war that Iraqis would claim to be part of the military just to go to POW camps so they could get fed.

"But this time is different," Furbush said. "These kids really were cannon fodder for the Iraqi military."

After getting their hands tied, each boy returned to his cluster and crouched back down in the sand. Most kept their heads down but a few looked up at the huge Chinook as the propellers started to rotate.

After a few minutes, the MPs prodded them with their rifles to stand up and walk toward the helicopter.

The boys did. They marched toward the open door in a straight line. Like good soldiers.

Marines pause to honor comrades

By John Murphy
The Baltimore Sun

WITH THE U.S. MARINES, Central Iraq — The war stopped briefly Saturday for members of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

In a simple ceremony held along the muddy route of an unfinished road about 100 miles south of Baghdad, the Marines crawled from their fighting holes, removed their helmets and hung their heads in prayer to say goodbye to two Marines who were killed during the last week.

Corsman Michael Johnson Jr., 25, of Little Rock, Ark., was killed Tuesday when a rocket propelled grenade hit his Humvee during an ambush on his convoy by the Iraqi Army.

Maj. Kevin G. Nave, 36, the executive officer of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines from

Camp Pendleton, Calif., was killed Wednesday night when he accidentally was run over by an earth mover as the Marines made a fuel stop on the 200 mile push from Kuwait.

"He died doing what he loved most: being a Marine. I know he would want us to move on," Lt. Col. Carl Mundy, commander of the battalion to whom Nave served as a supporting officer, told a crowd of about 100 Marines gathered together this morning.

"When we lose somebody it makes us stronger. He was a brother to us," said Corpsman Paul Brian Elder of San Diego, about Johnson.

Chaplain Mark Tannis stood before a hastily assembled altar made of metal supply boxes topped with a cross and a U.S. flag. In front were two M-16s capped with battle helmets, one

for Nave, one for Johnson.

Dressed in chemical suits and body armor, Marines formed a ring around the altar. Some cradled rocket launchers or rifles as they knelt in prayer. Addressing them through a loudspeaker, Tannis said that they might not understand why their two fellow Marines were killed, but they must not lose faith.

He asked them to sing "Amazing Grace." Their voices lifted briefly over the sounds of passing tanks and revving armored vehicle engines. Then one by one the Marines stepped forward to rest a hand on the helmets of Johnson and Nave.

Some wept openly and hugged one another. Tannis said a closing prayer. The ceremony was over. The war was not. All Marines were ordered back to their stations to continue to fight.

Special ops reach out to civilians

By Peter Finn
The Washington Post

ZUBAIR, Iraq — Two trucks laden with food and water pulled up in front of a school Saturday morning on the southern edge of this dusty industrial town where paramilitary fighters loyal to President Saddam Hussein have razed the streets since shortly after the U.S.-British invasion of Iraq.

There was nothing random about the choice of this neighborhood for the first humanitarian effort by Special Operations forces. A local Shiite Muslim religious leader had been identified by a team of Green Berets as pro-American.

As the cleric came out to greet the trucks and its escort vehicles, wearing a checkered head-dress and sunglasses, U.S. soldiers began to unload 2,000 daily rations and 3,000 bottles of water. U.S. forces gave the Shiite notable a microphone to let the swelling crowd know that he, and not the soldiers, would determine who got the food. And, he said, more would follow in coming days.

The crowd applauded and a U.S. campaign to win political allies in southern Iraq through selective favors began in earnest.

Iraq was supposed to be a massive conventional war that would spark spontaneous uprisings leading to the speedy fall of the government in Baghdad. The people, however, have not risen up, and the role of Special Operations, which was supposed to be supportive but secondary, is likely to become ever more critical if military action is prolonged.

"We have to give this guy legitimacy and let his people see that he's the man that can get what his community needs," said one Special Operations major of Saturday's operation at Zubair, a crossroads 10 miles southwest of Basra. "We have to find friends who can help us build support. There's a purpose behind where we unload."

The payback for such hand-outs, according to the major, is more than goodwill. With access to community leaders, the United States can obtain intelligence to target Saddam's irregulars who are turning the 10-day civil war into a guerrilla campaign.

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America at war

Troops see importance of mundane jobs

By Lyndsey Layton
The Washington Post

ABOARD THE USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN - Carl Horn, a Navy sailor for six years, is fighting the war against Iraq one can of Dr Pepper at a time.

The 24-year-old third class petty officer's combat role is to stock the 16 vending machines that sell soda and candy on the lead aircraft carrier in the Persian Gulf. He does it 12 hours a day, seven days a week.

He says his job during the war is small but important. "Eventually, everyone's going to get thirsty and come see us," said Horn, as he stood in a storage room filled from sticky floor to ceiling with cases of Mountain Dew, Pepsi, Coke and the best seller, Dr Pepper. "I can make a difference. If someone's having a bad day, they come down and get a soda and it brightens their day."

In a year and a half on board the 18-level ship, Horn has ventured into the sunshine on the ship's flight deck just once. "I'm not much of an outdoors person; I'm more of an inside, family-type," said Horn, whose wife, LaToya, gave birth to their first child last month in Everett, Wash., as he ministered to vending machines half a world away.

On a vessel where the elite group of 115 pilots of supersonic jets claim most of the glamour, 5,540 others labor in more mundane jobs.

"We wake up, eat breakfast, watch the war on TV and that's pretty much it," said Seaman Royce Spurlock, 23, of Austin, another member of the vending machine team. The only sign that the ship is at war, he said, is the gas masks that crew members are required to carry everywhere. The sailors have come to refer



Navy sailor Carl Horn's role in the war against Iraq is restocking the vending machines on the lead aircraft carrier in the Persian Gulf. He says his job is small but important.

to the round gas mask kits as "Wilson," a nod to the soccer ball carried everywhere by the Tom Hanks character in the movie "Castaway."

Two levels above the hangar deck, Petty Officer 3rd Class Antonio Clyburn Sr. and Petty Officer 2nd Class Darriek Spikes waited for customers in the empty

barbershop for enlisted sailors. Clyburn, 25, and Spikes, 32, are among seven barbers who work shifts that keep the room open around the clock. Often it's busy; Friday there was a yawning hole in their schedule.

Clyburn, a Detroit native, said he's been surprised by the relaxed atmosphere on the Lincoln since the war began. "I thought it would be more intense," he said. "I thought it would be general quarters all day and we would be standing by, waiting to see if danger would strike."

General quarters requires all hands to go to battle stations around the ship. So far, general quarters has been called on the Lincoln only during drills.

When he sees the televised images of Marines and Army soldiers battling in Iraq, Clyburn feels no pangs of jealousy. "I wish them the best out there, but I don't want to be out there," said Clyburn, who wears a neat mustache and shaves his head to a shiny baldness. "I'm not a person to be out in the woods. I picked the Navy because I like a warm bed to sleep in."



Above, U.S. Army Spc. Lucas Edwards smells the perfume on a letter sent from his wife, Stephanie, in the desert near Karbala in central Iraq Saturday. Below, U.S. Army Spc. Shaun Urwiler, 26, from Tampa, Fla., looks at photos of his nieces received during the mail shipment.

First mail gets through to U.S. soldiers in Iraq

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press Writer

NEAR KARBALA, Iraq - The magic words first came on the battlefield's radio network: "Mail is ready for pickup."

"Is that mail to go out, or mail coming in?" asked an incredulous 1st Lt. Eric Urwiler, of a Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment.

"Why don't you go over and find out," answered Capt. Chris Carter, the company commander, from Mukdamsville, Ga.

Soon the lieutenant's Humvee pulled up, bringing mail from behind.

Overstuffed letters, carefully folded boxes, all with U.S. Postal Service markings.

The surprise delivery, brought from Kuwait by cargo truck, sparked excitement around the unit, and a few happy tears.

Spc. Luke Edwards of Raleigh, N.C., inhaled deeply the perfume sent in an envelope holding a letter from his wife.

Then he ripped into it with an excited grin.

"She joined a gym behind my mom's work, she got a better job," said Edwards, 22, as he voraciously read the letter. "Nothing could be better right now. This is the closest thing to going home."

In the desert miles from any village or city, anything other than green or tan stands out - especially a pink love letter.

Spc. Shaun Urwiler, 26, received letters from both his niece and his parents in Tampa, Fla., filled with snapshots from home. His fiancée, Emily McFarland, sent him photos of his cousin's spaniel, Sparky, and a new armchair she'd bought for their future home.

He didn't expect to get mail for a couple of months," Urwiler said, disappointed that he couldn't dig back right now because mail hasn't yet begun to be shipped to the rear. "I keep a diary, so I can tell them about it when I get home."

There were also packages of

snacks and letter-writing materials sent to "Any Soldier" from supporters back home - everything made more precious because it was unexpected.

"You look around and you're in the middle of Iraq," said Sgt. Paul Ingram of Athens, Ohio. "You don't expect to get mail."

Carter received several back issues of *Sport Illustrated*. He offered the other troops a chance to read them first, and they leaped from the loved ramps on the back of their Bradley fighting vehicles to get the first whiff of the pristine glossy paper.



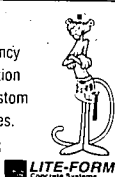
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Administration failed to level with public, analysts contend

By Ken Fireman
Newsday

WASHINGTON - Two weeks ago, as the Bush administration was entering its final countdown to launch the war in Iraq, Vice President Dick Cheney made the rounds of Sunday TV news shows to help cement public support for the looming conflict.

During an appearance on NBC's "Meet the Press," Cheney was asked by host Tim Russert if the American people were prepared for the possibility of a long and costly conflict, the kind that could ensue if Iraqis reacted to U.S. troops as conquerors rather than liberators.

"Well, I don't think it's going to unfold that way, Tim, because I really do believe that we will be greeted as liberators," Cheney said.

Cheney's confident forecast has become a prime exhibit for critics who accuse the Bush administration of playing a kind of bait-and-switch game with the public over Iraq.

These critics say administration officials and their ideological acolytes consciously downplayed the risks and trumpeted the benefits of military action during the run-up to war, when they needed to sell their policy to the public. Now that the conflict has started - and many of their confident predictions have not materialized - these same officials have pivoted sharply and are working to lower expectations about the war's difficulty and duration.

"The first time the president really warned about this was when he announced that the war

had begun," said Philip Gordon, a foreign policy analyst at the Brookings Institution, a Washington think tank. "That's a bit late in the day to be telling us this might be hard."

Administration officials strongly dispute this criticism. They say President Bush, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and other senior officials candidly told the public a war in Iraq would entail costs and casualties and might prove difficult.

In support of this assertion, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer pointed to several spe-

cific statements in presidential speeches on Iraq over the past six months, such as this one on Oct. 7 in Cincinnati: "Military conflict could be difficult. An Iraqi regime faced with its own demise may attempt cruel and desperate measures ... There is no easy or risk-free course of action."

But administration critics say that extracting isolated lines from presidential statements misses the point. They say Bush and other officials labored relentlessly in the weeks and months leading up to war to create a public-opinion climate in which the

potential benefits of military action were stressed and the costs discounted.

They note Bush's speech on Feb. 26 when he portrayed Saddam's overthrow as a catalyst for democratic reform in the Arab world and peace between Israelis and Palestinians, and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Richard Myers' March 4 comment that a short war could be achieved by a powerful opening salvo.

In addition to such overt statements, the critics argue, the administration shaped public

opinion by allowing to go unchallenged the rosy forecasts of hawkish intellectuals with close ties to Bush and his top advisers.

"It's very clear that Bush was not forthcoming about the costs of military engagement," said Brookings scholar Thomas Mann. "He talked about the costs of not acting, he talked about the benefits of acting, but he never really talked about the costs of acting ... As soon as he made the decision to go to war, he began talking about the difficulties. He tried to lower expectations, but that's a hard thing to do after all that."



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EDITORIAL

Want higher ed in Magic Valley? Then fight for it

A whimsical proverb says when elephants wrestle, the grass is what suffers. The elephants of Idaho higher education are wrestling, and Magic Valley is political grass.

The situation should remind local leaders that no institution outside Magic Valley feels an imperative to meet our area's higher-education needs.

Magic Valley must protect its own interests, because no one else will.

The State Board of Education is considering a policy to divide the state into geographical zones. Each university would have first rights to provide education programs within its own zone. We would be assigned to Idaho State University in Pocatello.

The proposal is an outgrowth of the universities' battle over the coveted Treasure Valley market. As this column pointed out a couple of weeks ago, the struggle's outcome could harm our valley, by making us wholly dependent on ISU for four-year degree programs. Indeed, it is doubtful that being chained to any single higher-ed provider would enhance Magic Valley's interests.

This valley is victim to the chief inequity in Idaho higher education. We are Idaho's only stable population center without convenient access to a four-year college. While the universities climb over one another to serve Boise, our needs are largely ignored.

The College of Southern Idaho is an excellent community college, and many local people - including us - dream of a day when it will become a four-year school. But tight budgets and jealous defense of existing programs are pushing that day further into the future.

In the meantime, our best hope is development of additional outreach programs from the state's various universities, to let students earn a broader variety of four-year degrees on the CSI campus. Such programs are a lifeline for "placebound" students - primarily women whose jobs and family responsibilities bind them to Magic Valley.

Those students (and prospective students) have neither economic clout nor a political voice. Local leaders - especially Laird Stone, the

Twin Falls lawyer who sits on the State Board - must speak for them. Killing the geographical zones is an essential step.

Last week, two members of this newspaper's Editorial Board met with ISU President Richard Bowen. The discussion was both enlightening and disheartening.

Bowen noted that, in a time of budget cuts and fierce competition

Our view: Magic Valley

leaders should be persistently noisy about higher-education opportunities for our area. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

wrestling for Boise. Treasure Valley is home to big employers - particularly the major hospitals that hold the key to future health-care degree programs.)

Locally, Bowen suggested creating a task force of Magic Valley industry and education leaders, led by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, to explore cooperative opportunities. The idea has obvious merit, and local leaders should explore it.

But at the same time, Bowen's suggestion was also a dismissal. He was telling this valley that if we want more four-year programs, we'll have to pay ISU to bring them.

ISU's Treasure Valley focus may be understandable, given ISU's current financial pinch and competitive pressures. But it also demonstrates why local leaders must preserve CSI's ability to recruit four-year programs from all Idaho universities, not just ISU. Laird Stone, take note.

The moral of all this? First, Magic Valley leaders should be persistently noisy about our region's right to fair and adequate higher-education opportunities. These opportunities are essential to our region's economic future, and local leaders should make the issue a perennial priority. We can't be content with the status quo.

Second, because access to outreach degree programs is so important to local women, every Magic Valley women's organization should adopt it as a key goal. They should agitate at every opportunity.

Let's be clear: Nobody is going to give this valley higher education as a gift. We have to fight for it.

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Studies show no indication that vaccines cause autism

PETER HOTEZ

As a pediatrician, vaccine researcher and the father of an autistic child, I have great concerns regarding the debate about the safety of our infant and childhood vaccines.

The unfounded association that has been proposed by some between vaccines and autism is at best misleading and at worst a serious undermining of children's health.

The vaccine/autism question stems from two separate theories that are unscientific and have been determined to be invalid by the qualified experts in vaccine science.

The first claims autism is the result of the combination measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine.

The second claims thimerosal is the autism culprit. Thimerosal is a mercury-based compound that was used in many vaccines since the 1930s, but MMR vaccine does not, and has never contained thimerosal.

Let's begin with the MMR question. Numerous large-scale studies have shown no increase in autism for children who received the MMR vaccine.

The most recent study, published in The New England Journal of Medicine and funded by the National Alliance for Autism Research, examined more than 500,000 Danish children. The study found there was no greater incidence of autism among children who received the MMR vaccine than those who did not.

Scientific organizations including the Centers for Disease Control, the Institute of Medicine and the American Academy of

Pediatrics have all said that the scientific evidence does not support a causal link between MMR and autism. Ironically, the only known cause of autism is rubella, which the MMR vaccine prevents.

The second vaccine/autism theory is based on the idea that autism is the result of mercury poisoning from the thimerosal in vaccines. In 1999, public health officials decided that thimerosal should be removed from vaccines as a precautionary measure.

A study on thimerosal conducted by the University of Rochester was published last fall in the British medical journal The Lancet.

The study showed that ethyl mercury - which is what thimerosal becomes as it is metabolized - is excreted from the body within seven days and does not appear to build up from one vaccination to the next.

Even when it is still in the body following immunization, the levels of this mercury do not exceed the government standard, which is based on a more potentially harmful form of mercury known as methyl mercury - the type found in some types of fish. When the report was released, researchers wrote that children would likely be exposed to more mercury by eating a tuna fish sandwich than by vaccines.

As the father of a child with autism, I know the need for parents to understand the root of this heartbreaking disorder and find something to blame.

However, as a medical doctor, I believe a more constructive focus is on advancing treatment options, extending reimbursement policies, and finding a cure.

By focusing on unproven theories, we not only risk wasting our precious resources and not finding the real cause of autism, but we also risk parents losing confidence in vaccines, resulting in fewer children being immunized. This would leave our youngest vulnerable to diseases that we have only read about in history books, reversing one of the world's most successful public health programs.

Ireland and other parts of the United Kingdom are a case study of what happens when the fear spreads through the media: fears of the "MMR jab" have led to a significant drop in the immunization rate, resulting in a dramatic increase in the number of measles and mumps cases. We often forget that measles is still the leading killer of children in the world.

Every parent has to decide: is it worth protecting my child from a real deadly threat or protecting him from a hypothetical, scientifically unproven leap of logic? I chose the former and I am confident I made the right decision.

Peter Hotez is chairman of the Department of Microbiology and Tropical Medicine at George Washington University. He is also a senior fellow and chairman of the Sabin Vaccine Institute's Scientific Advisory Council (www.sabin.org). Readers may write to him at 58 Pine Street, New Canaan, Conn. 06840.

Kimberly doesn't owe county for 911 service

It has been more than a decade since the Twin Falls County commissioners decided to pursue the idea of a "Consolidated Emergency Communications System," now known as SIRCOMM, Title 31 of the Idaho State Statute, Title 31, adopted in 1988, authorizes "counties" and in some cases "cities" to approve funding for a consolidated emergency communications system.

READER COMMENT

David T. Overacre

This statute gave Twin Falls County commissioners the authority to take this to the voters of Twin Falls County. The commissioners decided to take this vote to all of their constituents in Twin Falls County, including the residents of Kimberly.

The significance of Title 31 is that the Twin Falls County commissioners had the opportunity in 1993-1994 to enter into an agreement with Kimberly should they desire. The commissioners entered into agreements with the city of Twin Falls and the city of Buhl but did not do so with Kimberly, Filer, Hansen, Murtaugh and Hollister.

The reason is that prior to SIRCOMM, the Twin Falls County sheriff dispatched for those areas of the county. The only reason that Twin Falls County entered agreements with Twin Falls city and Buhl was because both of these cities ran their own dispatch centers, and Twin Falls County wanted their budgets for the county's voters. In return, both Twin Falls city and Buhl received seats on the Joint Powers Board of SIRCOMM.

The city of Kimberly has always contended it was the county commissioners that took Title 31 to the voters. That Title 31 clearly states the counties are responsible for whether or not they can afford to fulfill the obligations of this Title, not the cities. The county of Twin Falls has threatened to sue Kimberly for the \$100,000 plus they say is owed. The truth is that the citizens of Kimberly paid the same toward SIRCOMM as every other taxpayer in the unincorporated areas of Twin Falls County.

Unfortunately if you live in Twin Falls, Buhl or Filer you are paying not only your \$1 per phone line and your county taxes toward SIRCOMM, your city is paying an ever-increasing portion of your city tax dollars into SIRCOMM. I contend this is "double taxation" and for those of us not represented on the joint powers board, "taxation without representation."

Something to think about: In Ada County, which includes Boise City, Garden City and Meridian, the county only collects the \$1 per phone line. Ada County uses county tax dollars to fund the balance of the budget for their dispatch center. I believe this is how Title 31 was meant to work. The residents in Ada County all pay the same equally.

Title 31 clearly indicates that this is meant to be a county-level initiative, with all that infers. In fact, Title 31 has provisions for those taxing districts (cities) that no longer are able to run their dispatch centers because the county has taken over. For one would like to see the record straight. The Times-News has quoted county officials many times about "Kimberly's failure to pay." I suggest that The Times-News and our county commissioners, along with the prosecuting attorney, take a good hard look at Title 31. Then find where a city is obligated to pay the county without any agreement between the respective governing boards.

Next the county will be billing the cities to help fund the Twin Falls County court system. Oh, I forgot they're doing that already, too! It is time for Twin Falls County to accept responsibility for its statutory obligations and move on.

David T. Overacre has an insurance business and is a city councilman in Kimberly.

You anti-war protesters should move to France

This is in response to all the anti-war protesters who think it is patriotic and American to talk of support for our troops out of one side of their mouth and bash our president and his Cabinet out of the other side of their mouth.

Yes, war has begun, but not against the Iraqi people as so many of you are fond of saying; the action is against Saddam and his regime. No other army in modern history has spent so much effort to spare civilians. How many Kurds did Saddam spare when he gassed them?

I believe our president and secretary of state have gone out of their way to explain to the world why this war must be removed from power. If you don't understand at this point, you won't until he leaves an American city nothing but a mushroom cloud. Apparently, you forget about U.N. Resolution 1441. This resolution specifically says that Saddam Hussein will suffer "grave consequences" if he chooses not to comply and disarm. It was passed unanimously by the Security Council last September.

As a war protester, how come no one ever asks Saddam why he will not turn over his weapons of mass destruction? If half the pressure that has been put on President Bush and Prime Minister Tony Blair were applied to Saddam Hussein, he would have been disarmed peacefully. Does he not have a part to play in this conflict? Contrary to left-wing propa-

ganda, we do have a large coalition of the willing. It is the second largest coalition every assembled in modern-day military history. Most of the countries willing to help us are countries that have lived under tyranny themselves. Irony, isn't it?

Some anti-war protesters speak of President Bush and his cabinet as bullheaded because he will not practice containment. Where were you when President Clinton practiced "containment" in Haiti and Kosovo? How about the containment policy practiced in Somalia? The only containment policy he practiced was in North Korea, and look at what we are left with in that country.

I am thankful my president does not govern by polls or by what is popular.

He does what is right, and if people have a problem with a man protecting our country against another Sept. 11, perhaps you should move to France where the only things practiced were cooking and surrendering.

NICKOLE CRAWFORD
Kimberly

America should shed U.N. entanglement

While Saddam is a brutal dictator, what about the leaders of China, North Korea and Russia, where these countries already possess weapons of mass destruction and have supplied Iraq with weapons?

The Middle East was destabilized when our State Department forced the pro-American Shah of Iran out of power, which led to a

radical anti-American government. We supplied Iraq with weapons to prevent Iran from supposedly overrunning the entire region.

Now we are disarming Iraq while the real enemy threats are appeased with food and money. President Bush should not have looked to the United Nations for war authorization. That authorization belongs to the U.S. Congress.

With regard to foreign affairs, our founders and Constitution state it is better to promote peace and commerce with all nations and exclude ourselves from the entangling, dangerous and unworkable alliances that come with our membership in the United Nations.

Will President Bush or any U.S. soldier or citizen be hailed before the United Nations' newly created International Criminal Court for committing war crimes?

The United Nations is rampantly anti-American. It is time to pass HR 1146, the American Sovereignty Restoration Act, to get out of the United Nations! ADRIAN L. ARP
Twin Falls

Some people should keep their ideas under wraps

This is in response to the ridiculous letter submitted by Steven Poppino on Monday, March 24:

Better to keep quiet and have people only think you a fool rather than open your mouth and remove all doubt.

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LETTER

Don't be fooled: War is about control of oil

What is wrong with you Americans? Don't be fooled with the political bull. All this war is about is controlling the oil over there.

We don't use that oil. If we do, it is very little. And they are already talking about rebuilding that country. If we need some-

thing done over here, like new schools, it takes an act of Congress to get it done.

So what is more important - our own country or that country? The United States cannot even take care of its own back yard, let alone somebody else's.

Say no to war and yes to new schools here.
PERRY REASCH
Jerome

O, give me a home where like-minded roam

When Dixie Chicks lead singer Natalie Maines told an audience in London she was "ashamed" that President Bush came from Texas, she had no reason to think her words would cause country music stations in parts of the United States to boycott the trio's latest album and their best-selling hit single, "Travelin' Soldier."

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It wasn't just that she was caught up in Europe's anti-war spirit; something more profound is in play here. Maines lives and works in artsy, liberal Austin. Her remark wouldn't cause a ruckus among the like-minded transplants who have moved there in droves over the past two decades. The revolt of radio stations in more traditional places such as Birmingham and Kansas City forced Maines to issue an apology and taught her a lesson that the major parties also are learning.

Place matters more than ever in today's political geography. Ever since the disputed 2000 presidential election, it's become fashionable to talk about America as a "50-50 nation," divided precisely between Republicans and Democrats, and dramatized by the red and blue states of the TV networks' political maps. But this bipolar description doesn't adequately explain the seismic shift that's taking place in American politics, culture and economics. Researchers have charted a new migration pattern: More and more people are moving to places that are already home to lifestyles or attitudes similar to their own.

This sorting out is creating what University of Maryland political demographer James Gimpel calls a "patchwork nation." For much of the last century, the nation's politics has been dominated by geographic splits—North and South, rural and urban. Now, society is changing at a molecular level. City by city, even neighborhood by neighborhood, our politics are becoming more concentrated, and consequently, more polarized. We may live in a 50-50 country, but our cities are largely 60-40 or even 70-30—whether it's about a presidential election or what to do in Iraq.

It's become increasingly likely that people live near those who share similar views of the world. As a result, the political middle ground evaporates. Regions pull away from each other economically and politically, and the widening distance makes it increasingly difficult to find civility, much less consensus, in national debate. That explains why some neighborhoods have "No War" lawn signs sprouting from nearly every yard, while others show only "Support Our Troops" messages.

Many people say they're moving to a city that "feels right," not necessarily the one with jobs that pay the most. They're finding the city that offers economic opportunity and the kind of culture they want—and for many, culture comes first.



Local culture is inextricably intertwined with local economy, and while it's impossible to tell which is the most compelling force at this point, it's clear that this new migration began with a change in the way regional economies develop. When Detroit, Pittsburgh and Cleveland blossomed in the last century, their factories required large numbers of unskilled laborers. Hundreds of thousands of workers—Southern field hands, immigrants, Appalachian coal miners—left their homes for the booming urban manufacturing centers.

Over the past several decades, our cities have once again been transformed. But unlike the earlier migration, this one has taken place between cities and relies on highly skilled and creative people. Today's fastest-growing metropolitan areas have expanded by becoming magnets for talent, fueling the development of places such as Austin, Atlanta and Raleigh-Durham, N.C., in the South; Minneapolis and Chicago in the Midwest; Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle in the West; and New York, Boston and Washington in the East.

The changes in the economy are easier to document than the shifts in the nation's cultural geography. Yet both stem from the same movement. Social solidarity has become as much of an attraction for a city as coffee hangouts, six-figure salaries and houses with curb appeal. People are moving to the neighborhoods that ratify their social and cultural view of the world.

This social congealing has had political consequences. In 1980, there wasn't a significant difference in how high-tech and low-tech cities voted in the presidential election. By 2000, however, the 21 urban centers with the most tech productivity voted Democratic at rates 17 percent above the national average, while lower-tech cities and rural America went Republican. That pattern held true in California, the most Democratic of states. Of the state's 25 metropolitan areas, George Bush won the 14 lowest-tech metro regions, and the non-

metro areas, by 210,000 votes. Al Gore took the 11 higher-tech metro areas by more than 1.5 million.

The new political division doesn't fall along traditional economic lines. These high-tech cities are both increasingly Democratic and increasingly unequal in terms of income. In the 20 metro areas with the greatest income disparities—including San Jose, Raleigh-Durham, New York, Washington, Boston and Austin—Gore won 56.6 percent of the vote compared with Bush's 39 percent.

No wonder the pieces of our politics don't match. Democrats consider themselves champions of working people and of economic, environmental and social justice, but their constituency is strongest in the centers of high-tech growth that have the highest levels of economic inequality and the least amount of blue-collar manufacturing.

Republicans, on the other hand, boast that they cultivate the entrepreneurial, wealth-generating edge of capitalism, but they draw their support from rural Americans and from cities with relatively higher levels of economic equality, larger proportions of old-style manufacturing and less-than-vibrant economies.

The parties are playing catch-up, shaping policies to fit both old supporters and their new economic and regional constituencies. Republicans juggle faith-based initiatives and tariff protections for steel. Democrats support abortion rights and environmental protection—but they are mum on income inequality, and, prodded by Hollywood interests, they have promoted copyright extension.

With Iraq, we can see the patchwork nation at work. Governments in 14 of the 21

cities with the most high-tech production adopted resolutions against the war. Austin is the only city in Texas to have passed one.

At some point, the war will be over. The fragmentation of our politics, and our culture, will last far longer.

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America at war

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM: DAY ELEVEN

Allies reload, airstrikes go on

Four American soldiers were killed in a suicide bombing and Iraq's vice president hinted at future attacks on U.S. soil. Some allied ground forces slowed their advance and waited for supply and communications support to catch up. Nearly 100,000 U.S. and coalition forces are now in Iraq and a total of 290,000 are in the region, the Pentagon reported.

SYRIA
JORDAN

Four U.S. troops were killed in a checkpoint north of Najaf, Iraq, the attack was carried out by an Iraqi militia. The attack hinted at the likelihood of more suicide bombings.

Airstrike
Ground battle

Areas not in Iraqi control, according to the Pentagon

U.S. forces found the bodies of some allied troops in shallow graves near Hadiyah, where there has been heavy fighting. U.S. troops went missing there last Sunday after an Iraqi ambush.

SAUDI ARABIA

An Iraqi missile eluded U.S. defenses and exploded in Kuwait City, Kuwait time, damaging a shopping mall. No people were treated for minor injuries.

The U.S. military agreed to temporarily halt Tomahawk launches from the eastern Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea because some missiles have strayed into Saudi Arabia and Turkey.

Republican Guard units outside Baghdad continue to change positions to avoid U.S. airstrikes, the Pentagon said. Those assaults have included dozens of Apache helicopters.

Area where coalition forces do not have secure air space.

Tomahawk cruise missiles targeted the Information Ministry in Baghdad, but the building remained standing and appeared not to have sustained any structural damage.

U.S. warplanes firing laser-guided missiles destroyed the target area, setting aflame a tank. That prompted him to focus the Apache's nose camera on a point behind the burning tanks, revealing the three exposed tanks.

Helicopter group gets first taste of combat

Los Angeles Times

CENTRAL IRAQ - Through the monochrome that rested on his cheek, and on the video monitor near his lap, Chief Warrant Officer Two Jeffrey Lamprecht spotted his target: a row of three Iraqi tanks on the outskirts of the Shiite Muslim holy city of Karbala.

Lamprecht was in the front seat, the weapons seat, of an AH-64 Apache gunship early Saturday morning. He was the lead man on the lead Apache helicopter on the very first combat mission for his entire unit, the 101st Airborne Division. He was anxious and, he admitted later, nervous. At age 31, he had never before flown a combat mission.

Lamprecht felt better when he saw that American rockets had prepped the target area, setting aflame a tank. That prompted him to focus the Apache's nose camera on a point behind the burning tanks, revealing the three exposed tanks.

He locked on and released a Hellfire missile. It pierced the tank, which burst into flame. Seconds later, Hellfires ripped into the other two tanks.

"Did we hit 'em?" Lamprecht's pilot, Chief Warrant Officer Four Duane Crawford, 38, asked a few hours later as he recounted the morning's mission. "Oh, yeah. We could see the secondary explosions."

By the time the mission was over, more than 40 Apaches had torn into the Medina Division of the Iraqi Republican Guard. The armored division is blocking the path to Baghdad for the U.S. Third Infantry Division, poised now southwest of Karbala.

For the soldiers and commanders of the 101st, who have waited for weeks in the desert for an opportunity to get into combat, the raid was a blessing - the very first taste of this war for any of them.

"There was a lot of anxiety, a lot of excitement and a lot of relief when we finally got in there and broke the ice," said Lt. Col. Steve Smith, 40, commander of one of two Apache battalions on the raid. "These guys, believe it or not, were

afraid they'd be left out of this war."

Smith held the preliminary "BDA" - battle damage assessment - on a folded section of notebook paper in his hand. He read it off four tanks, six armored personnel carriers, two trucks, three other vehicles, 20 armed men and one radar tower, all killed. The toll was based on initial reports. Such assessments have been known to shrink after targets are reviewed by other aircraft in daylight.

The damage on the American side lay on the sand before Smith, who stood outside a lonely tent camp. One Apache rested awkwardly on its side, like a wounded animal, having crashed on take-off, the pilot breaking his leg. A second Apache had pitched forward on its nose as it returned from the mission. Both were victims of "brownout," their pilots having lost visibility in swirling plumes of sand.

A quarter-mile across the desert, the front wheels of a Black Hawk helicopter had plunged deeply into the soft sand, disabling it. Black Hawks, utility helicopters, had flown in support of the Apache gunships.

All the other helicopters returned unscathed, unlike those from another unit that ran into a hail of ground fire in the previous major Apache raid, near Karbala Monday morning. Of the nearly three dozen Apaches on that raid, all but one were damaged by machine gun, automatic rifle and anti-aircraft fire. One went down in the heavy fighting and its two-man crew was captured by Iraqis. The helicopter was later destroyed by U.S. jets so that Iraqis could not gain information from it.

"We certainly had that in mind," Smith said of the raid Saturday. Except for a few rounds of anti-aircraft fire, and an RPG that zoned past one of the Apaches, the pilots said, nothing came close.

In the lead Apache, Lamprecht searched for other targets after striking the tanks. As the Apache on his wing fired Hellfires into a group of armed men, he said, he and Crawford fired their helicopter's 2.75-inch rockets to suppress any return fire. There was none.

SOURCES: Defense Mapping Agency, CIA, United Nations, National Imagery and Mapping Agency, NASA, Associated Press

U.S. halts cruise missile launches over Saudi Arabia

CAMP AS SAYLIYAH, Qatar (AP) - The United States stopped launching Tomahawk cruise missile launches over Saudi Arabia after the kingdom complained that some of the weapons landed in the vast desert country, the U.S. Central Command said Saturday.

The military also said 200 Iraqi paramilitary fighters were killed in a coalition airstrike near the besieged city of Basra. It was one of nine strikes against Baath Party headquarters in Iraq, the Central

Command said.

The cruise missile problems involved missiles fired from ships in the Mediterranean and Red seas, and a military source said late Saturday the United States was considering moving some of its ships from the Red Sea to the Persian Gulf to get around the Saudi problem.

Later, U.S. military officials said two warships in the eastern Mediterranean were being redeployed. They did not provide an explanation or say where the USS

Anzio and the USS Cape St. George were headed.

At a briefing, Air Force Maj. Gen. Gene Renaut said launch procedures would be reviewed and the United States would "work to resume those (launches) when it's appropriate."

The Central Command, meanwhile, confirmed a suicide attack north of Najaf in which four American soldiers were killed Saturday when a car bomb exploded at a U.S. checkpoint.

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Sometimes, life shouldn't go on as usual

Last weekend, the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament blazed through its first and second rounds on CBS with barely a newsbreak, and the Academy Awards glittered as usual, except without the red carpet.

Across America, amusement parks hummed, casinos bustled, stock-car races roared.

In Iraq, young Americans died. And in the homes where they once lived and in those where they grew up, their loved ones died a thousand times more.

Since Korea, we Americans have become adept at compartmentalizing — and thus sanitizing — our wars. Unless your life or that of someone you love is on the line, it's long been considered something close to a civic duty to live as if nothing were amiss.

President Bush said as much in the aftermath of 9/11. His purpose was to demonstrate that terrorism should not be allowed to hold hostage our way of life, but, in truth, Americans needed little encouragement to return to their diversions.

To some extent, that reflects our essential national optimism, our conviction that there's nothing we can't overcome. But it seems to me there's a point at which we should stop pretending that we're not in the middle of a national trauma.

We're facing the biggest land battle that the United States has fought since China intervened in the Korean War in the fall of 1950 and killed, wounded or captured 5,000 Americans in a month.

So maybe, just this once, the games shouldn't go on.

Maybe this one year, the NCAA Final Four should be in May, not April. Maybe the first pitch of the baseball season can wait until after Easter. Maybe we can do without another round of "Fear Factor" until fall.

We should postpone our public amusements for a time, out of respect for our neighbors whose sons and sisters and daughters and brothers and husbands are in harm's way.

For a generation and a half in this country, our all-volunteer military has insulated most of us against the uglier realities of a dangerous world. Nobody participates in the defense of America anymore without making a conscious and informed choice to do so.

By and large, that system provides the homefront with security without sacrifice, and in the process it indemnifies our collective conscience: Since America doesn't send conscripts to war anymore, service is optional.

But those who serve know better.

When I was a kid in Pocatello, there was a disabled veteran named Mr. Jenks who lived down the street. An eastern Idaho farm boy, he joined the Army in 1916, six months before the United States entered World War I, and because he was trained before the war started, Cpl. Jenks was offered an artillery unit as a drill instructor of new draftees.

Eighteen years old at the time, he didn't think that was good enough. So he volunteered for an artillery unit that was dispatched to France at the end of 1917.

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak
Upper Snake River	90	90
Salmon Falls	82	88
Bellevue	80	86
Oakley	82	88
Big Wood	81	86
Little Wood	83	89
Henry's Fork/Teton	82	78
Big Lost	88	84
Little Lost	72	67
As of March 20		

A comparison of basin snowpack, on March 20, with a 30-year average.

New nuclear generation for Idaho?

Craig's plan sets ambitious objectives for INEEL

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Idaho's senior congressman is working to secure eastern Idaho as the birthplace of the next generation of nuclear reactors.

If Republican Sen. Larry Craig's plan receives congressional approval, the prospect could mean \$1 billion to eastern Idaho for research and development. The

Nuclear reactor 'generations'

- **Generation 1** — Prototype reactors developed in the 1950s and 1960s.
- **Generation 2** — 104 plants built in the 1970s and 1980s still operating in the United States. These plants supply about 20 percent of the nation's electricity. There are 438 Generation II reactors generating about 17 percent of the world's electricity, ranging from 1 percent in China to 78 percent in Lithuania.
- **Generation 3** — Advanced reactors built in the

1990s primarily in Eastern Asia to meet expanding electricity needs there. Safety features rely less on human interaction and complex systems of equipment and more on inherently safe design.

• **Generation 4** — The next generation. Design goals will minimize waste and reduce proliferation risks posed by spent nuclear fuel.

Sources: Idaho's state INEEL oversight program and INEEL.

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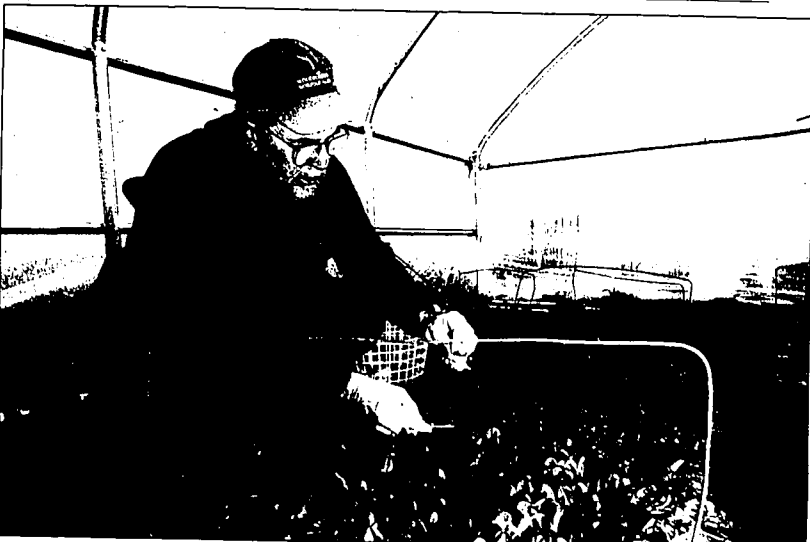
waste. Just how much less is uncertain. The state has a long history of nuclear

research, lighting the first town with nuclear power in 1955 in Arco west of the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory near Idaho Falls. Nuclear power research continues at the lab, which has three operating nuclear reactors. Craig is positioning eastern Idaho to continue the legacy.

Craig's blueprint is ambitious, setting a 2010 deadline for initial testing of a new technology that would generate both electricity and hydrogen fuel.

That timeline poses a tall order, said Ralph Bennett, advanced nuclear energy director at INEEL. But the draft language Please see INEEL, Page B6

GREENS GROW IN JANUARY



Mick Grant harvests salad greens in a greenhouse on his farm in Gooding. The greenhouses were purchased with a grant to study the feasibility of growing some crops during the winter. The Grants sell most of their produce at farmer's markets in the summer and hope to expand their growing season with the greenhouses.

Couples extend growing season with greenhouses

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Though a layer of snow covered the ground, tender spinach leaves, endive, frisee and lettuce were growing in Shoshone, Gooding and Fairfield this winter.

Jeanne Grant initially wanted the greenhouse to provide fresh greens for her family during the winter.

"I've always had a garden, whether it was a rooftop in Delhi or wherever I was," Grant said. She wasn't going to let anyone tell her Gooding winters were too cold for gardens.

She and her husband, Mick, are one of four couples in south central Idaho who have built greenhouses to extend the growing season.

After organic farming guru Eliot Coleman spoke in Twin Falls and Ketchum two years ago, these couples had "a flash of inspiration" and decided to apply

for a grant to build greenhouses, Jeff Rast said.

The couples — Jeff and Carol Rast, Fred and Judy Brosey, Clarence and Tona Stillwell, and the Grants — won a specialty crop grant from the Idaho Department of Agriculture to build two greenhouses at each family's home. The four couples bought pre-made sets of steel tubing along with 6 millimeter plastic sheeting to build low-profile, Quonset-style greenhouses. These greenhouses, plus the anchors to keep them from blowing away, cost about \$3,000, Rast said.

The couples relied on guesswork and persistence to assemble the structures, gauge planting times and keep the ground from freezing. Growers did not have to contend with many insects, but rodents drove some of them to distraction. They found a solution to this problem in the "swim of death."

"You could call it the coffee can filled half up with water and

buried so the rim is flush with the ground, but that doesn't capture the emotion of the moment," Rast said.

For some reason the rodents gravitate to the water and drown. "I don't know if it's a marine tendency," Rast said.

The Grants, who live at 3,500 feet, just north of Gooding, had great success with their greenhouses. The ground temperature never fell below 40 degrees inside, and their greens sprouted all winter long. For most of the winter the Grants did not have to water their plants.

"It worked just like a biosphere, just recirculated the moisture," Jeanne Grant said.

By selling the organic winter produce to restaurants and to individuals on an e-mail list, Jeanne and Mick Grant made the project pay.

The other growers sold some of their produce but said they would have to make a full-time winter

occupation. In the "arctic" prairie around Fairfield it would be nearly impossible to grow plants all winter, Jeff Rast said. The past winter was mild, and results may be different in colder weather, he cautioned.

But Jeff Rast and Clarence Stillwell both said they weren't interested in growing all winter. Instead they will use the greenhouses as a tool to spread out their harvest period and work load.

Greenhouses also can keep plants cool in the summer if farmers replace the plastic with shade cloth.

The greenhouses are designed to be moved. "That breaks up the pest cycle, builds up the soil and gives you something to do in all that spare time," Rast said.

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America at war

Serving Their Country

Profiles of servicemen and women with local ties who are deployed to Iraq and the Middle East. Information supplied by their families.



- Name: Andrew Eichelberger
- Age: 24
- Hometown: Jerome
- Local family: Mother, Vonnice Eichelberger of Jerome, and wife and son of Twin Falls, Christina and Brandon Eichelberger
- Service/date of enlistment: Marines, May 2000
- Rank and assignment: Sergeant, weapons repair in the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines in Iraq
- Task: Repairs weapons, on the front lines
- Additional information: He arrived in the Middle East the first week of February and got his sergeant stripes 20 miles from the Iraqi border.



- Name: Dennis Aguilar
- Age: 22
- Hometown: Castleford
- Local family: Parents, Joseph and Margarita Aguilar
- Service/date of enlistment: Marines, June 2002
- Rank, assignment: Pfc., field operations in the 1st Division, in Iraq
- Task: He goes ahead of troops to spy.

To submit information and photos about local servicemen and women for *Serving Their Country*, please call Times-News reporter Jennifer Sandmann at 735-3337, or at e-mail jsandmann@magicvalley.com. Please include your own name and your contact information.

Woman files suit over husband's death

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — He went to the hospital for a simple MRI. In many cases, magnetic resonance imaging, a medical procedure that produces high-quality images of the inside of the human body, can save lives, detecting critical health problems in early stages when they're easier to treat.

Not so for 39-year-old Richard Lee Fetterly, according to a lawsuit filed Feb. 24 in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County. According to the court document, Fetterly went in for an MRI exactly one year before, was sent home following the procedure and died that night. Now his ex-wife, Pamela Lloyd, contends Fetterly died during the night as a result of an overdose of medication "or

as a result of other improper procedures carried out by the personnel of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center."

The lawsuit goes on to say that the hospital was "negligent, reckless or wanton" in its care of Fetterly.

Pike said he couldn't comment on an ongoing case but did say he and his client would be asking the Idaho Medical Board to review the case.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center has not yet filed a response to the complaint.

Steve Tolman, the attorney representing Magic Valley Regional, said he also could not comment so early in the litigation process.

"It wouldn't be appropriate for me to comment on this litigation at this time," Tolman said.

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Blaine County teens earn accolades as health heroes

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — To the long list of other achievements, 26-year-old Angenie McCleary and her energetic group of teen-age activists have a new honor — the title of health heroes.

The Blaine County Teen Advisory Council has made numerous accomplishments over the last year, all of which served to help the youth of Blaine County make healthier lifestyle choices," said Dr. Donald Bard, chairman of the South Central District Health Committee.

The advisory council was honored along with the Twin Falls Times-News and Gooding Police Chief Paul Brown in the 2003 Health Heroes Awards that're conferred annually by health

department.

Bard's accolades may be a vast understatement.

From its creation, the teen group's influence has spread, felt not only by Blaine County teenagers but by adults as well.

Teen members of the 40-member council provide adult policymakers in various organizations with the youth perspective before decisions are made — such as the Hailey City Council, the Bill Janes recreation activity center design committee, the Criminal Justice Council and the Blaine County Recreation 10-Year Planning Committee.

One of the teen council's most significant achievements was convincing the city of Ketchum to fund and inaugurate a special bus Please see BLAINE, Page B6

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Trade representative resigns

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Ambassador Jon Huntsman Jr. has resigned his position as deputy U.S. trade representative to spend more time with his children and return to his family's Utah-based corporation.

Huntsman Jr. is the son of petrochemical entrepreneur and philanthropist Jon M. Huntsman.

The junior Huntsman was exploring a run for the governor's office, but said he is primarily looking forward to leisurely activities with his wife, Mary

Katherine, and their six children. "On the political side, I happen to strongly support Mike Leavitt and I still don't know what he's going to do," Huntsman told The Salt Lake Tribune in a copyright story Saturday.

Leavitt, the three-term incumbent Republican governor, has not indicated if he will seek an unprecedented fourth term.

Huntsman says he looks forward to shooting hoops with his teenagers, playing electric guitar in impromptu family jam sessions

and watching cartoons with his youngest child, a 12-year-old Gracey Mae. The Huntsmans adopted her as an infant after she was abandoned in a vegetable market in Jiangsu Province in China.

The White House is expected within days to announce a nominee to succeed Huntsman for the top-tier trade post.

Huntsman has been President George Bush's lead negotiator for trade deals with Africa, South Asia and East Asia.

Police say mayor fabricated kidnapping

EAGLE MOUNTAIN, Utah (AP) — The mayor of this tiny town may face criminal charges for lying to county and federal law enforcement investigators about being carjacked and kidnapped.

Kelvin Bailey, 47, allegedly told authorities he was kidnapped on Thursday near Mona in Juab County, carjacked and forced to drive to California.

Bailey said he had stopped to help a stranded motorist, but the man had brandished a gun and

forced Bailey to drive west, police said.

Reporting the incident by phone to the Utah County Sheriff's Office, Bailey told police he had escaped his captor somewhere in Barrow, Calif.

But on Friday night, in a meeting with sheriff's detectives and FBI agents, Bailey admitted fabricating the incident, FBI Special Agent George Dougherty said.

He confessed that he made the story up, Dougherty said. "He said he felt under-appreciated for the job he does, and that he is under too much pressure."

Bailey, who went home Friday night, was not likely to be arrested, Dougherty said. Dougherty was unsure about Bailey's whereabouts during the time he was "missing."

He could, however, face criminal charges for making a false report to law enforcement, which carries a penalty of up to six months in jail and \$1,000 in fines.

OBITUARIES

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

RUPERT



Eugene Monroe Humphries

Eugene Monroe Humphries born March 2, 1922 in Rupert, Idaho, died Friday March 27, 2003 in Burley, Idaho, of heart failure. Eugene or "Gene" was the son of Zillah Calmull Humphries and Roy Monroe Humphries.

He attended elementary and high school in Rupert and graduated from Rupert High School in 1940. Gene met his wife, Aleene, from Bear Lake, Idaho, and they married in the Salt Lake Temple June 12, 1941. Aleene died one month ago. They celebrated almost 62 years of marriage.

Gene served in the United States Navy from 1942-1946. After the war, Gene, Aleene and their only son, Gene Jr. left California where Gene was stationed and returned home to Rupert. Gene worked at various jobs including Calmull Plumbing while attending Albion State College to receive his teaching degree. He began his teaching career in Paul, Idaho. He attended more college at Ricks and Utah State where he earned both a B.A. and an M.A. degree in education administration.

He served as principal of Pioneer and Pershing elementary schools and taught in Rupert, Heyburn and Paul for over 30 years. He constructed his own home in Rupert. It was a place of pride.

Gene was a zealous, faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and held many service callings.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Reva Woodward and Floretta Perkins as well as his wife Aleene.

He loved his family and is survived by his son Dr. Gene Roy, his daughter-in-law Crystal, and his grandchildren: Sage, Margaux, Gene M., Hunter and Ananna.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 3, 2003, at the Rupert 6th Ward building of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 324 East 18th in Rupert with Bishop Kevin Bessire officiating.

Burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call Wednesday evening from 6-8 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel at 710 6th Street in Rupert and one hour prior to the services at the Church on Thursday. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel.

HAGERMAN

Teresa Terry Hyde

Teresa Terry Hyde passed away in Friday, March 28, 2003 in Gooding, Idaho at the age of 96.

She was born April 22, 1906 in George and Anna Jensen Terry in Lodi, Nevada. It was on April 22, 1925, that she married Clarence Hyde in the Salt Lake City Temple.

Survivors include her children: Donald R. Hyde of Sandy, Utah; Myrtle Zink of Hagerman and Tressa

White of Sparks, Nevada, two brothers, Andrew J. Terry of Beaver, Utah and F. Terry of Silverdale, Washington, 13 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and 22 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence in 1987, sisters, Lula Leyden and Jetta Lane (1) son, Clyde A. (1) grandson Terry L. Hyde and a great-great-granddaughter Tammie Cymere.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, 2003, at the Hagerman LDS Church. Burial will follow at Hagerman Cemetery. Viewing for family and friends will be from 5-7 p.m. Monday at Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding and an hour prior to services at the church.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

TWIN FALLS



RUPERT



Margery Georgeson
Margery Georgeson, 81 year old Rupert resident, died Friday, March 28, 2003 at the Mandokai Memorial Hospital in Rupert.
She was born January 7, 1922, in Centerville, South Dakota, the daughter of McClellan and Maple Folvis Her. She married Leslie Duane Georgeson October 18, 1941 in Nebraska. He preceded her in death in 1992. Margery was an active member of the Rupert Trinity Lutheran Church. She also belonged to the Rupert Lions Club, Senior Citizens, and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary club in Lodi, California. Margery was a devoted mother, grandmother, wife and friend. She dearly loved her family and had a good sense and forgiveness that could not be matched. She liked to camp with her family and especially loved to fish. She will be greatly missed by her family and all who knew her.

She is survived by her children, Judy Gerfers of Rupert, Ron (Janice) Georgeson of Rupert, her granddaughter, Toni Rayborn of Rupert, her granddaughters, Gerfers of Rupert. She is also survived by 6 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 5 brothers, 2 sisters, her husband and one daughter.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 1, 2003, at the Rupert Trinity Lutheran Church, with Pastor David Poovey officiating. Burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call Monday evening, March 31, 2003, at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel from 6:00 until 8:00 and one hour prior to the funeral at the Rupert Trinity Lutheran Church Tuesday, April 1, 2003. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel.

Bernice Westfall Durham
Bernice Westfall Durham passed away March 26, 2003, at the Cottage at Bridgeway Estates in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Bernice, the daughter of James Stanley and Sarah Francis Hall Westfall was born May 6, 1923, in Kimberly, Idaho. She is the mother of ten children. She spent most of her growing up years in Falls City at the family farm near Jerome. She for many years picked potatoes, hoed beets and sorted beans. Bernice worked at Marty's Market and Albertson's and retired in 1990 as an Albertson's. She has worked hard to help provide for her family. Bernice has been an active member in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints all her life. She was one of the world's best cooks and home-makers.

Bernice first married Frank Voytes, and they later divorced. She married Robert Durham on September 17, 1949, in Twin Falls, Idaho. She and Robert had two children and Robert adopted her two children from her previous marriage.

Robert preceded Bernice in death in 1994. Left to survive Bernice are four children: James Durham of Nampa, and the children Tawney, Chance, Terra, and Amy. John

Lorraine B. Ostermiller

TWIN FALLS — Lorraine B. Ostermiller, 80, of Twin Falls died Saturday, March 29, 2003, at Twin Falls Care Center in Twin Falls.

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

Lillian Schutte

TWIN FALLS — Lillian Schutte of Twin Falls died Saturday, March 29, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

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

SERVICES

Delta Boguslawski Goodman of Jerome, who died at 7 p.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave., E., Jerome (Fairview Mortuary, Jerome).

Bessie Faye Daughenbaugh of Kimberly, memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth, Burley.

Leo D. Petersen, formerly of Pocatello, Arimo and Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Monday at the LDS Century Ward in Pocatello; the family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. today at Manning-Wheatley Funeral Chapel, 510 N. 12th Ave., and from 12-12:45 p.m. Monday at the church; interment will be in Restlawn Memorial Gardens, Pocatello.

Jacque Elaine Tolman, daughter of David and Lurinda Tolman, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave.; burial will follow, family and friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and from 10-10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Robert Eugene Mickael of San Jose, Calif., and formerly of the Magic Valley, graveside service at 11 a.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Bernice Westfall Durham of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Monday at the 11th Ward LDS Church, 847 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls; friends and family may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary and one hour before the service Monday at the church.

Sherry (Jones) DeFord of Burley, memorial service at 4 p.m. Monday at the Shoshone Falls Park; friends may call from 4-7 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Eliza Mae Riddle of Wendell, graveside service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Wendell Cemetery; friends may call from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Blanche Margaret Detweiler

TWIN FALLS — Blanche Margaret Detweiler Detweiler, 92, died March 12, 2003.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. April 15 at the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls.

Memorial contributions may be made to Central Oregon Home Health and Hospice, 2698 N.E. Courtney Drive, Bend, OR 97701; First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301; or Twin Falls Public Library Foundation, 438 Second St. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Verl Leland Patterson

BURLEY — Verl Leland Patterson, 73, of Burley died Friday, March 28, 2003, at his home.

The service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, 2003, at the Pella LDS Ward Chapel, with Bishop Alfred Barrus officiating. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hansen Mortuary, Burley Chapel 321 E. Main St. and one hour before the service Wednesday at the church. The graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 3, 2003, at the Ogden City Cemetery, Ogden, Utah.

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IDAHO

Dad's letter arrives after death in Kuwait

BOISE (AP) — Gregory Stone made sure his sons knew he loved them, and a letter to that effect arrived two days after his death in Kuwait.

Stone, 40, was the first Idaho resident to die in the war with Iraq and one of the first confirmed American losses after grenades were tossed into command tents of the 101st Airborne in Kuwait last Sunday.

"It was good," 11-year-old Alex said about his father's letter, which arrived Thursday. "At the end he said he would be back and that we'd go to Universal Studios."

The letters, along with other mementos saved by Alex and 7-year-old Joshua, are among the treasures that will help them remember their father, his ex-wife, Tonya Stone, said Friday. Alex has started what he calls his "special drawer" inside the family's Boise home to collect things that remind him of his dad.

Gregg and Tonya Stone had been married for 11 years when they divorced in 2000, she said.

Stone's family members are now waiting for his body to be returned from Kuwait. He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia in mid-April. A memorial service is planned next Saturday at Boise's First United Methodist Church.

Tonya Stone said the shock of his death Tuesday has been especially strong because of the circumstances that caused his injury. Another officer was killed and 14 others injured in the attack. Army Sgt. Asan Akbar is in custody following the attack.

Before Stone was deployed in early March, he talked with Alex and Joshua about his safety and assured them he would do everything possible to protect himself from harm. He showed his combat gear to his children, and Alex tried on his father's bulletproof vest, the boys' mother said.

"It's really hard to realize what a loss they have, because they love him so much and I hate to have them lose that," Tonya said.

Idaho tables the question of spent nuclear fuel rods

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — State officials have tabled Argonne National Laboratory-West's request to bring six spent nuclear fuel rods into Idaho for research.

They dropped it after learning Friday the U.S. Department of Energy is reviewing if its supports Argonne's request for a waiver from the Settlement Agreement, which outlines what nuclear waste can enter the state.

"It's off the table," said Kathleen Trever, head of the state's INEL Oversight Office, which enforces the settlement agreement.

Argonne hopes to land a \$1 million contract with Framatome Corp., a nuclear fuel manufacturing plant that wants to research why some fuel rods do not work properly in nuclear reactors.

Framatome had an April 1 deadline for bids on the research work.

The U.S. Department of Energy also gave the go-ahead Friday for the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Facility at the INEL to begin operations.

Under cleanup deadlines in the 1995 court agreement between Idaho and the federal

government, contractor BNFL Inc. had until Monday to get start-up authorization in writing from the Energy Department.

The \$400 million plant is not likely to be fully commissioned before December. "This will enable DOE to fulfill its commitment to get transuranic waste now stored at INEL into permanent geologic storage at the nation's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant," Energy Department spokesman Tim Jackson said.

BNFL Inc. is under contract to treat and remove 55,000 cubic meters being stored above ground to the WIPP facility in New Mexico. The metal casks largely contain plutonium-contaminated tools and clothes.

The only thing standing in the way is a moratorium on waste shipments imposed when the nation went to an orange-level security alert.

The Energy Department must adhere to the court agreement to remove 65,000 metric tons of mixed transuranic waste from the state by 2015.

BNFL has employed about 400 eastern Idaho workers since breaking ground on the Advanced Mixed facility in August 2000.

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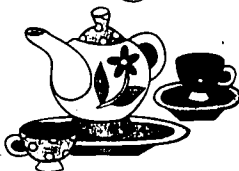
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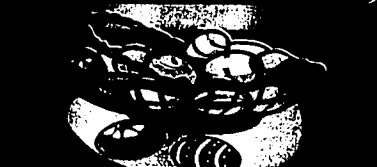
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 - 1 Chamber Lunch 12 noon at Grandstands
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 - 1 Free Tax Assistance West End Senior Center 9am-3pm
 - 2 Kiwanis 12 Noon at Grandstands
 - 3 Bingo at Moose Hall 7 p.m.
 - 3 Rotary 12 Noon at Grandstands
 - 3 Ladies Spring Lunch at Clear Lake Country Club
 - 4 West End Men's Assoc. 6:30 a.m. at Grandstands
 - 4 Daylight Saving Time Begins
 - 7 Castleford Men's Club 7 p.m. Dessert
 - 7 Girls High School Invitational at Clear Lake Country Club
 - 8 City Council 7 p.m. at City Hall
 - 8 Free Tax Assistance West End Senior Center 9am-3pm
 - 9 Kiwanis 12 Noon at Grandstands
 - 9 Bingo at Moose Hall 7 p.m.
 - 10 Regular meeting at Moose Hall at 8 p.m.
 - 11 West End Men's Assoc. 6:30 a.m. at Grandstands
 - 11 Del Parkinson Romantic Piano Classes at 8th Street Center at 7:30 p.m. \$20 per person
 - 12 Dance at West End Senior Center 8-11 p.m.
 - 12 & 13 Clear Lake Country Club hosting Buhl Amateur Golf Tournament
 - 13 Palm Sunday
 - 15 Chamber Lunch 12 noon at Grandstands
Speaker: Bill Chisholm
 - 15 Free Tax Assistance West End Senior Center 9am-3pm
 - 16 Kiwanis 12 Noon at Grandstands
 - 16 Bingo at Moose Hall 7 p.m.
 - 17 Rotary 12 Noon at Grandstands
 - 17 West End Men's Assoc. 6:30 a.m. at Grandstands
 - 18 Ribbon Cutting at Western Cellular 12:30 p.m. 104 1/2 Broadway South
 - 19 Community Breakfast at Senior Center \$3.00 per person
 - 19 Day of the Child Parade/Easter Egg Hunt
 - 20 Easter
 - 21 Castleford Men's Club 12 noon at the Red Barrel
 - 21 Annual meeting at the Clear Lake Country Club
 - 23 Kiwanis 12 Noon at Grandstands
 - 23 Bingo at Moose Hall 7 p.m.
 - 24 Rotary 12 Noon at Grandstands
 - 24 Regular meeting at Moose Hall at 8 p.m.
 - 24 West End Writers Group 7-9 p.m. at 8th St. Center
 - 25 Blood Drawing at the Moose Hall 9a.m.-3p.m.
 - 25 Arbor Day
 - 25 West End Men's Assoc. 6:30 a.m. at Grandstands
 - 25 Chamber Board Meeting 12 noon at Farmers National Bank
 - 25/26 North Side Gem & Hobby Club Saturday 10-5 p.m.
 - 26 Sunday 10-4 at Gooding Recreation District Gym
 - 27 Buhl Legion Baseball Fund Raiser at Clear Lake Country Club
 - 30 Kiwanis 12 Noon at Grandstands
 - 30 Bingo at Moose Hall 7 p.m.

FUTURE DATES

- July**
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Man, dog die after car goes over embankment

BOISE (AP) — A man and a dog were killed and another man was injured after their car went over an embankment and into the reservoir near a campsite east of Arrowrock Dam Thursday night.

The name of the man who died was not released while police tried to notify his family. Boise County Sheriff Gary Brown said alcohol was involved in the accident.

Investigators are investigating the death as an accident, and foul play is not suspected, Brown said. He declined to say which man was driving or whether the surviving man, identified by Idaho State Police as Jerry Holmin, would face criminal charges.

Holmin was found wet and in shock by two campers, who

drove him to a pay phone to call police.

Brown said it appeared that the two men thought they could take an access road on the reservoir bank back up to Arrowrock Road. That road ends at the top of a ridge about 25 feet above the water.

The Ada County Sheriff's Office diving team and a tow truck removed the car and body from the reservoir Friday morning.

The frigid water and alcohol likely made it difficult for the drowned man to escape, Brown said.

Brown said that Holmin was taken to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center for treatment and was later interviewed by detectives, who released him.

Activist calls for more Potlatch dividend study

LEWISTON (AP) — For a second consecutive year, an environmental activist is pushing a shareholder resolution demanding Potlatch Corp. explain a dividend policy he says is crippling the company.

Spokane physician John Osburn also wants to discuss the ownership of Potlatch stock by the Weyerhaeuser family.

Potlatch's board of directors opposes the measure, published in the company's notice of its annual May 12 meeting in Spokane.

The board said that information is already disclosed in filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and dividends are awarded with the best interest of all shareholders in mind.

Osburn, who owns 100 shares

of Potlatch stock, also is a founder of the Lands Council, a Spokane-based conservation group.

"There are serious problems at Potlatch," Osburn said. "They're continuing to pay a dividend and at the same time they're closing plants and laying workers off."

Potlatch has come under fire from environmentalists over the years. It is Idaho's largest private timberland owner and the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley's largest employer.

Potlatch has had three consecutive losing years. It has eliminated 300 jobs in the valley since 2000, leaving about 1,950 positions.

In 2001, Potlatch lost nearly \$80 million, but still issued dividends of \$1.17 per share.

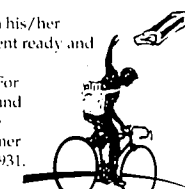
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Asset Builders approach Lincoln County for funding

By Jeannette Chambers
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE - Lincoln County commissioners last week asked organizers with Asset Builders to present a budget request before the county provides funding.

Representing the organization, Beverly Ashton reported to the commissioners last week that the program is going strong

and meeting with great response. Ashton said she also thought the organization was bringing county's communities closer.

Asset Builders is an organization that helps young people realize their own worth and works on building self-esteem. Ashton asked the commission for monetary support for next year. She said the group usually asks for \$5,000 total from the county and its communities.

Commissioner Jerry Nance suggested

Ashton find out what she can expect from the various communities and present a budget request. He said if the county has the funds, commissioners will definitely support the cause.

Other county business last week included:

- Insurance policy - John Moore, an insurance broker, and John Gustin of Blue Cross Blue Shield, presented an insurance policy they said could cut the

county's insurance premiums and give better coverage.

By accepting the policy, the county would join a coalition of counties. Instead of insuring about 30 employees, the policy would spread the cost among 3,000 employees from several counties.

• Fire escape ladders - Commissioners also discussed the possible purchase of fire escape ladders to be used in the upper stories of the courthouse. At pre-

sent there is only one ladder.

• Second access - Nance said a second access needs to be in place for the basement of the Convalescent Care Center. Currently, there is only one access.

• Dumping area - It was brought to the attention of the commission that the dumping area owned by Rick Oneida is in the area of impact and that Oneida needs to apply for a conditional-use permit.

Columbia River dredging project moves ahead Blaine

WASHINGTON (AP) - Talk to Bill Wyatt and you can almost hear the drone of dredges gathering at the mouth of the Columbia River.

As executive director of the Port of Portland in Oregon, Wyatt is chief cheerleader for a 14-year effort to deepen the river channel by 3 feet to make way for larger ships carrying more goods.

"I feel much better about this project today than I did a year ago," Wyatt says. "It's more likely to happen now than has been in the case."

Wyatt has reason for optimism. A new report by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers says the 103-

mile project - to deepen the shipping channel from Portland to the Pacific Ocean - would cost \$20 million more than previously estimated and return 17 percent more in economic benefits.

But critics say the \$134 million project could still harm the river's stock of endangered or threatened salmon and jeopardize Dungeness crabs, one of the region's few healthy fisheries.

They also suggest the corps overestimated the economic benefits and underestimated the effect on nature.

Some even question the project's basic assumptions. Situated more than 100 miles inland, Portland will never become a

deep-water port like Los Angeles or Seattle, critics say.

Nearly 14 years after it was first proposed, the deepening project remains an elusive dream.

"I don't think it's going to happen," declares David Morcy of American Rivers, an environmental group that opposes the project.

Morcy knows his statement is bold - dredging is slated to begin as soon as next year - but he says the project has been poorly planned from the start.

"I don't think ultimately it's going to pass muster," he said, citing a series of state and federal hurdles that must be cleared,

not counting a possible court challenge from opponents who say the project violates the Endangered Species Act and Coastal Zone Management Act.

Morcy and others are skeptical of the new report by the Army Corps, which now says it can complete the project for \$133.6 million, down from \$156.2 million estimated last year and a 1999 estimate of \$188 million. The Jan. 28 report also predicts a return of \$1.71 for every dollar spent on dredging, up from its most recent estimate of \$1.46.

"We're spinning a big wheel every time they do a study - and a different number comes up," Morcy said.

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service Friday nights to carry teenagers between Halley and Ketchikan for recreational events.

The group's charter leader, Ms. McCleary, came to the post via AmeriCorps, the national public service group whose members work in U.S. communities to improve civic life. She was hired in 2000 by a predecessor organization, the Blaine Youth Partnership, the 1997 brainchild of state Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchikan.

From the outset, McCleary has challenged the nearly 100 teen members of the council who've served over the past three years to a galloping pace of activities.

Working out of the St. Luke's Center for Community Health in Halley, she says the council usually partners with other groups when beginning a new project.

Projects originate from youth-driven ideas at the school campus and buildings will involve joint-use programs of the College of South Idaho, the Blaine County Recreation District, Wood River High and the teen council.

heroes award.

Former Army National member Floyd Cochran provided teens with a gripping account of the consequences of hate and intolerance. Former Los Angeles narcotics officer Trinkia Perrata talked vividly of the perils of drugs. And social behavior expert Dan Heidt discussed prevention of violence.

With a relatively modest annual budget of \$10,000, no project is too overwhelming, she said, because the teen energy focused on their programs. The group, she said, also benefits from interaction with adults, as well as adults benefiting from the viewpoints of teens.

Major work is now under way to create an ambitious after-school youth program at the Wood River High School, which will close at the end of this school year and reopen in new facilities.

The old school campus and buildings will involve joint-use programs of the College of South Idaho, the Blaine County Recreation District, Wood River High and the teen council.

Recycled grape mash can become a hidden hazard

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) - There were no flames, no smoke, no warning.

Almost seven years ago, a 16-year-old bird hunter stepped onto a dusty-looking pile of grape pulp and sank into a deep pit of smoldering 500-degree mash.

Phillip Hickle, then a sophomore at Prosser High School, would somehow manage to drag

himself out, but he would still lose both his legs to severe burns.

Kind of leveled out - like a drain that had been filled in," said Prosser Fire Chief Doug Merritt, recalling his visit to the site with a fire investigator on Oct. 25, 1996, the day after the accident.

"The top is kind of hard. You can walk on it, and all of the sudden

we both broke through. It was extremely hot."

Here in the Yakima Valley - sometimes called the nation's fruit bowl for its bounty of crops - grape grapes are a \$40 million industry. Washington is the No. 1 producer of Concord grapes.

Fruit juice companies Seneca Foods Corp. of Marion, N.Y., and Milne Fruit Products of Prosser

had for years contracted with Whitney Farms to haul away and dispose of the mash - grape skins, pips and vine - left over from their local processing plants.

The material was dumped in large pits and covered with soil. As it decomposed, spontaneous combustion would ignite the material. It smoldered at temperatures as high as 500 degrees.

INEEL

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in the proposed energy bill included a provision that would allow for more time, he said.

"There is still probably at least five years of research and development," he said.

Construction would take at least another five years, Bennett said.

INEEL and Argonne National Laboratory-West already have been taking the lead role in development of a Generation 4 reactor. Generation 1 reactors were prototypes. Generation 2 reactors still operate in the United States and supply about 20 percent of the country's power. There are no Generation 3 reactors operating in this country; the reactors are mainly operating in Eastern Asia for electricity.

The guiding vision for the Generation 4 reactor is a nuclear energy source that is safer, less waste producing, resistant to breeding nuclear

weapons material and economically competitive. Development efforts have involved international forums that so far have included 10 countries: the United Kingdom, France, Japan, Canada, South Korea, South Africa, Switzerland and Brazil, according to INEEL.

Generation 4 reactors would produce less waste, but there is not a firm number for how much less, Bennett said.

Technology used for cooling a Generation 4 reactor would not require water, Bennett said. Dry cooling towers would be used.

"It's a very good option for a dry climate like ours," he said.

A reactor that produces hydrogen fuel would require water, but only about 1 percent of INEEL's water rights - or about 330,000 gallons, he said.

And that is a high-end estimate.

A hydrogen-producing plant would be valuable, he said.

In written commentary about the project, Craig says key politi-

cal support has never been higher.

"The political and scientific atmosphere is just right to make a new reactor at INEEL a reality," President Bush and Vice President Cheney have made a strong commitment to advancing the nuclear industry in this country. Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham echoes that sentiment and runs a department receptive to the challenge," Craig said.

He cites last year's congressional designation of Yucca Mountain in Nevada as the nation's repository for spent nuclear fuel as a huge step to address the waste disposal issue.

The state of Nevada is fighting that designation. Gary Richardson, director of the nuclear watchdog group Snake River Alliance, isn't convinced of the likelihood of a \$1 billion appropriation and a reactor project that would jointly produce nuclear energy and

hydrogen. And 30 years of unfilled nuclear waste cleanup promises by the federal government make him wary of new projects that generate waste.

"We have had a history of all these 'wonderful' projects - then left with all the waste in the ground and hundreds of tons of spent fuel," Richardson said.

Spent nuclear fuel volume is described in metric tons. There are about 269.1 metric tons of spent nuclear fuel at INEEL, according to Idaho's state INEEL oversight program. A metric ton is 2,000 pounds.

Reports from Washington, D.C., indicate that an energy bill is jeopardized by political infighting and that spending could be a casualty of President Bush's \$74.4 billion war budget submitted to Congress last week.

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Crump

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His outfit was posted outside the French city of Amiens, which in March 1918 was the focus of an attack by a million German soldiers - the greatest German offensive of the war.

Amiens was shelled by artillery rounds containing mustard gas, and Jenks was caught in the middle of the barrage, disabled and temporarily blinded.

Mustard gas burns and scars the lungs, so Jenks spent the next 50 years unable to walk across a room without having to sit down and catch his breath.

He was a curiosity in the neighborhood, and although most kids avoided him, he took a liking to me after I knocked on his door and offered to mow his lawn for 50 cents a week.

"I'm sorry for what happened to you in the war," I said one day after he paid me for the yard work.

"Soft," he helped," he rasped softly. "Somebody had to go."

Somebody still does.

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Suit

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Lloyd is asking for at least a \$10,000 settlement that covers the cost of medical and funeral expenses, the loss of financial support Fetterly's son has sustained because of the untimely death of his father and general damages, the loss of love and companionship of the boy's father, as well as attorney fees and costs.

Magic Valley Regional

Medical Center owns two MRI units, according to hospital spokesman Shawn Bariga.

One of them has an open-architecture style for patients who can't endure the confining quarters of the tube of a traditional MRI machine.

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SCHOOL LUNCHES

AGAPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL AND CHILD CARE CENTER

Milk or juice served every day
Monday: Menu not available
Tuesday: Hoagie sandwich
Wednesday: Menu not available
Thursday: Menu not available
Friday: Menu not available

BUHL SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk served every day. Choice of fruit or juice every day.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Waffles
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: Sausages
Friday: Hot oatmeal
Lunch menu
Solid bar and milk served every day
Monday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich
Tuesday: Chicken and cheese sandwich
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza
Thursday: Spaghetti
Friday: Burrito

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served every day
Monday: Donuts
Tuesday: Turnovers
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Cinnamon rolls
Friday: Breakfast muffin
Lunch menu
Monday: Corn dogs
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Tacos
Thursday: Chili
Friday: Pizza

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Macaroni and cheese
Tuesday: Taco nuggets
Wednesday: Chicken
Thursday: Chili
Friday: Turkey sandwich

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: Hamburgers
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets

Wednesday: Cook's choice

Thursday: Spaghetti
Friday: Hot dogs

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Bagels
Friday: Long johns
Lunch menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Potato soup, ham sandwich
Tuesday: Chicken fajitas
Wednesday: Fish paty
Thursday: Chicken nuggets
Friday: Pizza pockets

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Pig in a blanket
Wednesday: Sandwich
Thursday: Spaghetti
Friday: Roast turkey and cheese pasta

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Pizza pockets
Wednesday: Hamburgers
Thursday: Chicken and noodles
Friday: Barbecue beef wrap

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Pizza pockets
Wednesday: Chickenburgers
Thursday: Barbecue beef wrap

MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Fresh fruit and milk served daily
Monday-Friday: Menu not available

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served every day
Monday: French dip sandwich
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Chili sandwich
Thursday: Mexican fiesta
Friday: Tuna fish sandwich

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Menu not available
Tuesday: Chicken fajita salad
Wednesday: Cheeseburgers
Thursday: Hot dogs with chili or cheese
Friday: Turkey and Swiss cheese sandwich

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Sausage, egg and cheese sandwich
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Breakfast burrito
Friday: Chicken fajita salad
Lunch menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Cheeseburger deluxe, rib-cue sandwich or salad bar
Tuesday: Malibu chicken sandwich, soft-shell taco or soup and sandwich bar
Wednesday: Taco bar or pizza
Thursday: Chicken-fried steak, deli sandwich or potato bar
Friday: Grilled cheese, tuna fish sandwich, chicken and cheese quesadilla or salad bar

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: Corn dogs
Tuesday-Friday: Menu not available

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Sausage, egg and cheese sandwich
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Breakfast burrito
Friday: Cereal

Lunch menu

Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Italian spaghetti
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza
Thursday: Finger steaks
Friday: Grilled cheese sandwich

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast is served every day.
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main-line menu varies every day.
Monday: Salad bar, deli sandwich or spicy chicken sandwich
Tuesday: Coyote grill bar, deli sandwich or soft-shell taco
Wednesday: Taco bar, deli sandwich or cheeseburger
Thursday: Deli sandwich, coyote grill bar or open face ham and cheese sandwich
Friday: Deli sandwich, potato bar or pizza

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served every day.
Monday: Chicken and noodles
Tuesday: Enchilada
Wednesday: Hot dog
Thursday: Turkey gravy
Friday: Chicken noodle soup

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served every day.
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Burrito
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Hot dog
Friday: Taco

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

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

GLENNS FERRY

Monday: Meat tort dog
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Taco soup

Thursday: Soft-shell taco

Friday: Vegetable soup

GOODING ELEMENTARY

Choice of milk served every day. The third choice is for junior high and high school students only.
Monday: French dip
Tuesday-Friday: Menu not available

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Milk served every day.
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Taco
Thursday: Hamburger
Friday: No school

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Milk served every day.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Cereal
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: Cereal
Friday: French toast
Lunch menu
Solid bar and choice of milk served every day
Monday: Hamburger
Tuesday: Chicken-fried sandwich
Wednesday: Canadian bacon or cheese pizza
Thursday: Baked potato bar
Friday: Chili or clam chowder

JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served every day.
Monday: Barbecue beef sandwich

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served every day
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Pancakes
Friday: French toast
Lunch menu
Monday: Bean burrito
Tuesday: Chicken paty
Wednesday: Nachos
Thursday: Taco burger
Friday: Fish nuggets

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served every day
Monday: Pepperoni pizza
Tuesday-Friday: Menu not available

WENDELL SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk daily
Monday: Chicken paty
Tuesday: Beef stroganoff
Wednesday: Turkey sandwich
Thursday: French toast
Friday: Fish nuggets

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Nampa elementary school helps Spanish speakers master two languages

NAMPA (AP) — Oscar Perez, 9, says he wants to speak English better because he wants to be confident about how he goes about his daily life.

"If you go to the store and you speak only Spanish, then the people won't be able to understand you," he said.

With help from his teacher, Cheri Brondstetter, the fourth-grader at Snake River Elementary School is working toward improving his English skills.

Each school day, he and a handful of other fourth-graders work intensively with Brondstetter, a bilingual facilitator, to work on sounds, words and comprehension with the goal of improving their English.

Snake River Elementary School has by far the largest population in the Nampa School District of students who struggle with English.

Out of 550 students at the school, about 200 students are classified as limited English proficient, or LEP, with many students hailing from migrant worker families.

The situation provides a challenge to school officials and educators who try to meet the needs of students who may be struggling because they almost exclusively use another language — in this school's case, Spanish — outside of school.

"We're trying to meet the needs of all our children," Snake River Chief Education Officer Nancy Chopko said.

Besides hiring a cadre of bilingual teachers who work directly with students in the classroom, the school tries to develop other ways to address the needs of bilingual students, she said.

Over the past year, the school

developed a program to target students who might be able to benefit from intensive help with their English skills.

The students are identified for extra help based on the results of standardized tests such as the Idaho Reading Indicator and the Idaho Standards Achievement Test.

For an hour each school day, students from the same grade level are pulled from their regular classrooms and work intensively with Brondstetter.

"We look at where the kids are in relation to where they're supposed to be," said Brondstetter, a fluent Spanish speaker who was hired this year in Nampa after teaching for about six years at schools in Wenatchee, Wash.

The goal is to get the children's skills up to what is expected for their grade level, she said. At the end of each session, the students take timed reading tests to see how much they've improved from the previous session.

Once they're reading at grade

level, they return to their normal class schedule, but continue getting support from a bilingual specialist as needed.

"For many kids, Spanish is the only language they hear at home," Snake River building administrator Don Keller said.

But being fluent in Spanish and being less so in English does not necessarily mean students would have trouble learning, he said.

"What we've found is that if their Spanish is quite developed, they're in a better position to

learn English," Keller said.

That's why, he said, there's an emphasis among bilingual teachers to help strengthen their students' skills in both languages.

Chopko said efforts to reach out to LEP students has started to pay off. The figures are still preliminary, she said, but results of the most recent standardized reading scores for Snake River students show an improvement from the previous tests.

"I think it's going to be a pleasant surprise," she said.

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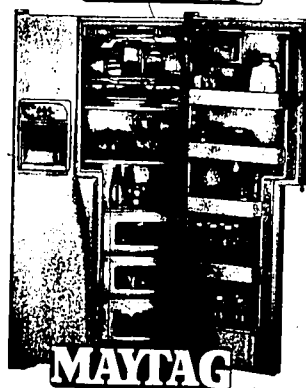


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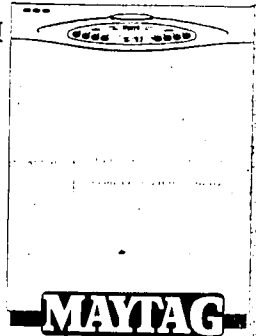
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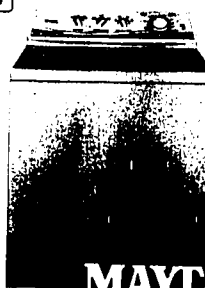


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—Reggie Jackson

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
The New York Yankees and the Chicago Cubs will face off in interleague play this season.
When did the Yankees last play at Wrigley Field?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Golf
Canyon Springs Amateur concludes play

IN BRIEF

Kwan wins fifth world championship

WASHINGTON — With a smile that could light up the world and a grace unmatched in her graceful sport, Michelle Kwan soared into the record books Saturday night.
Kwan became only the third American to win five World Figure Skating Championships, and she did it with the kind of magnificent artistry that would match anyone who has ever laced on skates.

And for those who criticize her for not trying the most difficult jumps, she answered with a technical masterpiece of spins, spirals and footwork that had the crowd in ecstasy.

She appeared to be just as ecstatic, particularly toward the end of yet another brilliant performance. With more than a minute remaining in the program, she was smiling widely. During a mesmerizing series of steps from one end of the rink to another, she looked as if she was somewhere else — in that special place where only champions travel.

Kwan, a seven-time U.S. champion, is tied with Dick Button and Carol Heiss for most world crowns by an American. She already has more world medals than any American, with eight. She has been either first or second at every world championship since 1996, winning in '96, '98, 2000, '01 and this year.

"I hope she wins 25 world championships," an elated Button said.

Russia's Elena Sokolova capped her breakthrough season by winning the silver, and Japan's Fumie Suguri won the bronze.

Figure skating rests at critical crossroads

WASHINGTON — Figure skating is in danger of derailing its gray train.

More than a year after a judging scandal rocked the Salt Lake City Olympics, skating remains mired in a troubling crisis. Skaters are frustrated, fans are disgruntled, television ratings are down and casual interest is waning.

Some of the sport's biggest names have even founded an alternative governing body, the World Skating Federation.

But International Skating Union president Ottavio Quinziada said he has no "fear" of the ISU being replaced or marginalized.

"We are not afraid, we do not fear," he said Saturday at the World Figure Skating Championships. "We are good competitors, and we will compete."

But if skating doesn't do something to change its course, the sport's glitz and glitter — not to mention its considerable cash — could disappear.

—compiled from wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

The 1938 World Series, when the Yankees swept the Cubs in five games.

Milestones aplenty await this season

The Associated Press

Reggie Jackson was joking. Sort of.
Too many players are hitting 500 home runs," he said, rolling his eyes. "I'm lucky, I've got a big ego. It doesn't devalue what I did."

Relax, Reggie, your place in history is safe. But your spot on the career homer list might change because the 500 club is about to get a lot more crowded.

Sammy Sosa could make it with his next swing. Rafael Palmeiro is on deck, while Fred McGriff and Ken Griffey Jr. are well within range this season.

Never before has baseball seen such a stampede on the hallowed mark. Then again, it all makes sense to Roger Clemens.

"It's just a different game," The Rocket said. "There are some big dudes. It's dangerous out there."

Clemens has his own big number to shoot for, too. The New York Yankees' ace needs seven wins to reach No. 300.

Added up, it's a major year for milestones.

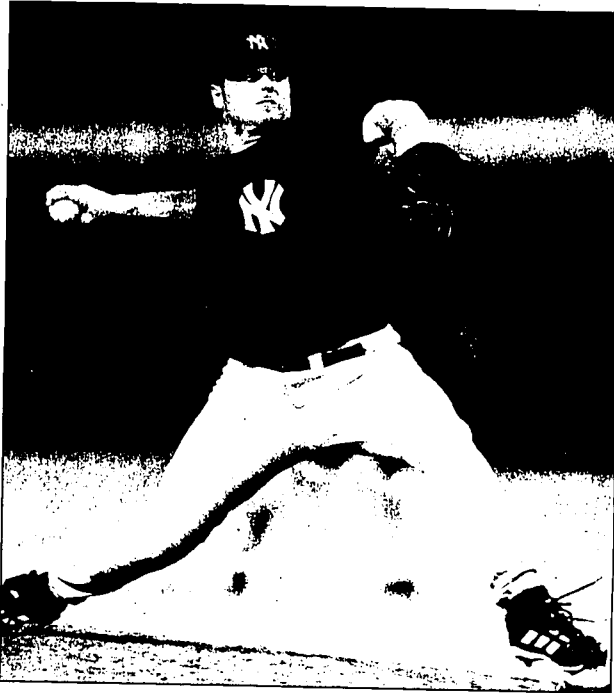
Sosa heads into opening day at Shea Stadium with 499 home runs. At 34, and averaging 58 home runs in the last five seasons, there's no telling how high the Chicago Cubs' slugger will get.

"Some number is going to come up. I don't know how many, but some number will be there," he said.

Right now, only 17 players have hit at least 500 home runs. Twice before, two guys have hit the historic homer in the same season — Mickey Vernon and Eddie Mathews in 1967, Harmon Killebrew and Frank Robinson in 1971.

In the next few months, though, that special mark might start looking rather routine. Palmeiro begins the season with 490 homers, followed by McGriff at 478 and Griffey at 468.

Asked about the sudden influx



New York Yankees' Roger Clemens delivers a pitch against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays in Grapefruit League action Wednesday night in St. Petersburg, Fla. Clemens needs only seven more wins to reach No. 300.

of sluggers, Robinson waved his hand.

"I don't want to talk about it," he said. "A lot has changed in

baseball." Smaller parks, watered-down pitching, he's all factors in this era of increased offense.

So are built-up ballplayers, he said through weights or other more shady methods.

"Yeah, it bothers me," said

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• More Asian players looking to make a difference, C-4
• New faces abound at helm of teams, C-5
• An alphabetical look at the season, C-5

Jackson, who ranks eighth all-time with 563 home runs. "But I can't do anything about it."

Fact is, until Willie Mays hit his 500th homer in 1965, only four players had made it that far.

"When I came in, Mel Ott was at 511," Mays said. "I came in in 1951 and then passed him. It was nothing bad. As a player you just go as far as you can."

Mike Schmidt finished at 548, and knows he might've hit many more these days.

But it's not the players' fault. They didn't build the ballparks or wind the ball tighter," the former Philadelphia star said. "But the bar has definitely been raised."

"Not to take anything away from guys now when they hit 500. But if you're a Hall of Fame voter, maybe you have to look at 600 as the new number."

Maybe that's why no one on the brink is making an ultra-big deal about it.

"It's nice. I'm not going to say it's not," Sosa said. "I'm not satisfied with that because I know my numbers are not going to stop there. I've got to move on."

Griffey was flinging a Frisbee around the Cincinnati clubhouse when the subject came up.

"I never really thought about it," the 33-year-old Reds star said. "All I ever wanted to do was be like my dad. He was a line-drive hitter. He would always say that if you got your hits, the home runs would come."

Palmeiro has piled up impressive power stats though he's never hit more than 47 homers in a season. Of course, Hank Aaron Please see **BASEBALL**, Page C2

Hinrich reverses fortunes

Senior guard sends Kansas to Final Four

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Kirk Hinrich went from his worst day to his best, taking Kansas back to the Final Four.

Hinrich scored 28 points and blocked a 3-point attempt by Jason Gardner in the final seconds Saturday as the second-seeded Jayhawks beat top-seeded Arizona 78-75 to win the West Regional.

So much for that anticipation that anticipated Arizona-Kentucky matchup in the national semifinals next Saturday at the Superdome.

Instead, the Jayhawks (29-7) will face Marquette in New Orleans. The third-seeded Golden Eagles (27-5) stunned No. 1 Kentucky 83-69 earlier Saturday to win the Midwest Regional.

The victory was the 1,800th for Kansas — third-most in NCAA history. The Jayhawks will play in their 12th Final Four, the fourth in Roy Williams' 15 years as coach.

Williams has a 417-100 career record and his .807 winning percentage is the best among active coaches, but he's never won a national championship.

This team appears poised and ready.

Hinrich, a miserable 1-of-9 for two points in Kansas' 69-65 victory over Duke in the regional semifinals, came out sharp in this game and wound up one point shy of his career high.

He shot 10-of-23, including 6-of-17 from 3-point range, and added five rebounds, five assists, two steals and two blocks.

The second block won't soon be forgotten in Kansas.

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GOLDEN EAGLES SOAR

Wade, Marquette rout Kentucky

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Marquette did what no team had done in three months, and what many people thought was impossible.

Dwyane Wade and the Golden Eagles upset Kentucky 83-69 Saturday, ending the top-seeded Wildcats' 26-game winning streak and earning a trip to the Final Four in New Orleans.

Cheered by a sea of yellow-clad followers, Marquette's surprising rout gave the school its third regional title and first since 1977, when Al McGuire coached the team to its only national title.

If Wade keeps it up, the Golden Eagles might get another. He showed again why he's one of the nation's top players with a triple-double — 29 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists.

"My mind-set was to give it my all," he said. "You never want to leave anything on the court, and I told the guys to leave their hearts out there. And once I got going, my teammates found me. Once

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• Previews of today's men's matchups, C-6
• John Wooden's Pyramid for Success, C-7

anybody gets going, it can be tough to stop."

As he stood on the floor celebrating, Marquette's fans began chanting "One more year, One more year" to the talented junior, who is a top NBA prospect.

Wade did get plenty of help in this game. But 6-foot-10 Robert Jackson, a transfer from Mississippi State, had 24 points and 15 rebounds, and freshman Steve Novak hit five 3-pointers and scored 16 to help the Golden Eagles win convincingly.

Marquette (27-5) used a 35-12 run over the final 12 minutes of the first half to take a 45-26 lead against the stunned Wildcats,



Marquette's Dwyane Wade drives to the basket in front of Kentucky's Chuck Hayes during the first half of the NCAA Midwest Regional final Saturday in Minneapolis.

who hadn't lost since Dec. 28, against Louisville.
"Is it amazing we were up by

the margin we were? Yes it was," Marquette coach Tom Crean Please see **MARQUETTE**, Page C6

Grimes takes one-stroke lead at Canyon Springs

The Times-News

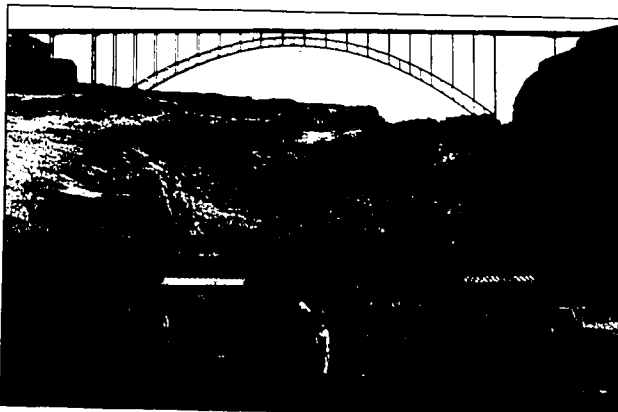
TWIN FALLS — Everett Grimes II shot a 70 to take a one-shot lead at the Canyon Springs Amateur Saturday after the first day of competition.

Grimes, of Boise, is just a stroke ahead of Brady Stanger and three shots clear of Bob Wheeler in the championship flight. In the first flight, Chad Urie fired a 71 to take a three-shot lead over Eric Wall.

The two-day tournament, which ends today, drew 145 golfers from across Idaho. The winner will walk away with \$500 and Carter Cup points. The Carter Cup pits the top area amateurs versus local PGA pros.

Grimes was one of just two players to finish below par a year ago when he outbattled Aaron Curtis of Twin Falls for the title.

Joe Malay, Jason Wahlstrom and Marc Rhoades are all lurking just off the pace after shooting 74s.



Michael Ericson, of Twin Falls, drives toward the green on the 12th hole during the first round of the Canyon Springs golf tournament Saturday. Ericson, who shot an 85, finished third a year ago.

SCORES AND STATS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

Auto Racing

NASCAR, Winston Cup, Sprint/Goodyear 500, at Fort Worth, Texas, 10:30 a.m., FOX

Golf

PGA Tour, The Players Championship, final round, at Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., 11:30 a.m., NBC
LPGA, Kraft Nabisco Championship, final round, at Rancho Mirage, Calif., 2 p.m., ABC

Baseball

MLB, Texas at Anaheim, 6 p.m., ESPN

Basketball

NCAA tournament, Eastern Regional, at Albany, N.Y., Oklahoma vs. Syracuse, 12:30 p.m., CBS
NCAA tournament, South Regional, at San Antonio, Texas vs. Michigan State, 3 p.m., CBS
NBA, Dallas at Minnesota, 11:30 a.m., ABC

Motorsports

FM, World Superbike, race 1, at Victoria, Australia (same day), 10 a.m., SPEED
FM, World Superbike, race 2, at Victoria, Australia (same day), 11 a.m., SPEED

Tennis

ATP WTA Tour, NASDAQ-100 Open, men's championship, at Key Biscayne, Fla. (same day), 10 a.m., CBS

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culminating in an NCAA Final

Four appearance by the

Bennett said he is returning to the game and the interaction with players, both in winning and losing.

"Of course, I'd like to die an old man, but I pray I die a passionate old man," he said. "I was starting to worry because I was beginning to enjoy golf on television."

Bennett will make a base salary of \$155,000, but incentives will increase it above the \$240,000 that Graham made, WSU athletic director Jim Sterk said. Bennett's son, Tony, an assistant at Wisconsin, has been asked to join him on the Fred Court bench.

Moon Ballard runs away

with Dubai World Cup

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Moon Ballard gave the ruling Maktoom family of Dubai another victory in the world's richest horse race.

Taking command after the turn, Moon Ballard pulled away from Harlan's Holiday in the stretch and easily won the \$6 million Dubai World Cup at Nad Al Sheba racetrack on Saturday night.

The win gave Godolphin Racing, operated by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, its fourth World Cup win in eight runnings of the 1.25-mile race. The Maktoom family has five World Cup wins and U.S.-based horses have won the other three races.

Northeastern State

wins Division II title

LAKELAND, Fla. — When Larry Gipson took the head coaching job at Northeastern State six years ago, he started looking for players who were unselfish and disciplined.

He found the perfect mix this year — one that added up to a championship. John Robinson scored 25 points and Darnell Hinson added 19 to lead Northeastern State Kentucky Wesleyan 75-64 Saturday for its first Division II men's basketball title.

The Redmen (32-3) opened the second half with a flurry of 3-pointers that turned a tie game into a 52-44 lead that they never lost.

"We're going to make one more pass of someone more scared than the other team's willing to defend," Gipson said. "Going into the tournament, we put an emphasis on running our game plan and being precise, and we executed that."

Northeastern State, nestled in the foothills of the Ozark Mountains in Tahlequah, Okla., had never been past the regional semifinals. Kentucky Wesleyan (31-4) was appearing in its sixth straight Division II title game, and its 13th overall. The Panthers have won eight national titles, including two in the past six years.

Northeastern State won the title this year with only nine players in uniform. Two players quit during the year, two were lost to grades and another was injured.

Williams beats Capriati

in Key Biscayne final

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Serena Williams extended her 2003 unbeaten streak by beating Jennifer Capriati for the seventh consecutive time Saturday, 4-6, 6-0, 6-1, to win the NASDAQ-100 Open.

Williams, who is ranked No. 1 and 17-0 this year, after beat Capriati in the 2002 final.

No. 2-seeded Andre Agassi advanced by beating the men's No. 9 Albert Costa, 6-2, 6-4.

Playing on her 27th birthday, the No. 6-seeded Capriati won four games in a row to take charge of the first set, and then Williams appeared susceptible to an upset. It was the first set Williams had dropped in the tournament.

The noisy stadium crowd was firmly in Capriati's corner, but Williams steadied her game in the second set and won nine consecutive points early in the third to grab the lead. Taking a big swing on almost every shot, Williams finished with 42 unforced errors to 21 for Costa, and she compensated with a big advantage in winners — 33 to 13.

Compiled from wire reports

WSU hires Dick Bennett

as men's basketball coach

PULLMAN, Wash. — Dick Bennett was hired as Washington State's men's basketball coach on Saturday.

Bennett, 59, succeeds Paul Garret, who was fired this month after four losing seasons. Bennett's 25-year collegiate career is notable for turning around three Wisconsin teams,

BASEBALL

American League CAPSULES

EAST

New York Yankees 103-58
Favored to win their sixth straight division title only if Hideki Matsui adjusts to the majors, then they could have the best offense in the league. The starting rotation is old, but deep.

Boston Red Sox 93-69
After 84 seasons without a World Series title, the Red Sox assembled one of baseball's most potent lineups and have a proven pitching staff. Can they beat the Yankees in the East?

Toronto Blue Jays 78-84
There is a framework for success, with Roy Halladay, Vernon Wells, Eric Hinske, Chris Woodward and Orlando Hudson providing a bright future.

Baltimore Orioles 67-95
Were 63-63 before stumbling to their fifth straight losing season by losing 32 of their final 36 games. Needs to stay healthy and get decent pitching in order to finish above .500.

Tampa Bay Devil Rays 55-106
Tampa native Lou Piniella knows he will have to be patient if the organization's plan to grow with young, promising players is going to have any chance to work.

CENTRAL

Minnesota Twins 94-67
After narrowly avoiding contraction, they returned to the ALCS last season after a 10-year playoff absence. The youthful core of this close-knit team is nearing baseball maturity.

Chicago White Sox 81-81
Have one of the most fearsome pitching staffs in the AL. Frank Thomas needs another year like 2000, when he finished second in the MVP voting, and Paul Konerko needs to put up big numbers.

Cleveland Indians 74-88
The rebuilding is over. First-year manager Eric Wedge's energy and enthusiasm will help keep the players driven, but at some point, the kids — Cleveland will start three rookies — will have to grow up.

Kansas City Royals 82-100
Had first 100-loss season in franchise history. They lack a leadoff hitter. The pitching staff is young and inexperienced, so a ninth consecutive losing season seems a good bet.

Detroit Tigers 55-106
Ranked last in the majors in runs with 52 fewer than any other team — home runs, walks, slugging percentage, on-base percentage and strikeouts from their pitchers. Second-to-last in hits and errors.

WEST

Oakland Athletics 103-58
The A's have a slightly different look again this season, but their "Big Three" starting pitchers and middle of the lineup remains intact. Expect Oakland to be in the October mix again.

Anaheim Angels 99-63
The World Series champions remain virtually unchanged from last year. The offense should be consistent and powerful. Their pitching could be even better than last season.

Seattle Mariners 93-69
A veteran club, the Mariners think they can contend for a World Series title. With most players in their 30s, health will be key.

Texas Rangers 72-90
Buck Showalter will be the club's third Opening Day manager in the last three years. They have Alex Rodriguez and one of the most potent offensive lineups in baseball, but pitching remains in question. Added two-time All-Star closer Ugoeth Urbina and Estaban Yan to the bullpen.

With almost their whole championship team returning, is another World Series for Anaheim?

Waiting IN THE wings?

The Angels won't catch anyone by surprise this season when they return as reigning World Series Champions, but teams will be familiar with their lineup. With the same hitters they've

had in the middle of the lineup for several years — Darin Erstad, Tim Lincecum, Garret Anderson and World Series MVP Troy Glaus — the Angels' offense should be consistent and powerful. Their pitching

could be even better than last season, because John Lackey, Francisco Rodriguez and Brandon Donnelly all were rookies and are key to the future.



The Anaheim Angels celebrate their 4-1 victory over the San Francisco Giants in Game 7 of the World Series in Anaheim, Calif. Holding a winning hand, the World Series champion Angels have stood pat during the offseason.

Asians making a major league mark

Young Japanese ballplayers are hoping their career path takes them to the big leagues — in America, that is. Major league teams are also tapping into the South Korean and Taiwanese leagues in search of new talent.

Some Asian impact players on major-league rosters

Player	2002 club	W-L	ERA	SV
Kazuhisa Ishii (Japan)	LA	14-10	4.27	-
Hideo Nomo (Japan)	LA	16-6	3.39	-
Byung-Hyun Kim (Korea)	Anz	8-3	2.04	36
Shigetoshi Hasegawa (Japan)	Sea	8-3	3.20	1
Kazuhiko Sasaki (Japan)	Sea	4-5	2.52	37
Player	2002 club	Avg.	HR	RBI
Ichiro Suzuki (Japan)	Sea	.321	8	51
Hideki Matsui (Japan)	Yankees	.334	50	107
Hee Seop Choi (Korea)	Iowa	.287	26	97
	Chi Cubs	.180	2	4

*currently with the Yankees

Magic numbers

Sammy Sosa is set to crack his 500th home run with his next swing and Rafael Palmeiro is on deck. Roger Clemens, at 40, is still cranking away as he nears his 300th win.

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Wins by Roger Clemens to become the 21st player to reach 300
Home runs by Rafael Palmeiro to also reach the prestigious 500 club
Home runs needed by Barry Bonds to move past Willie Mays into third place all time with 661
Walks needed by Bonds to become the fourth player to record behind Nolan Ryan (5,714)

Second heaven?

The Angels have all of their core players returning this season. Their toughest task in 2003 will be living up to inflated expectations.

Projected lineup

Pos.	Player	BA	HR	RBI
SS	David Eckstein	.293	8	63
CF	Darin Erstad	.283	10	73
RF	Tim Lincecum	.286	22	88
LF	Garret Anderson	.306	29	123
3B	Troy Glaus	.250	30	111
DH	Brad Fullmer	.289	19	59
	or Shawn Wooten	.292	3	19
1B	Scott Spiezio	.285	12	82
C	Bengie Molina	.245	5	47
2B	Adam Kennedy	.312	7	52
	or Benji Gil	.285	3	20

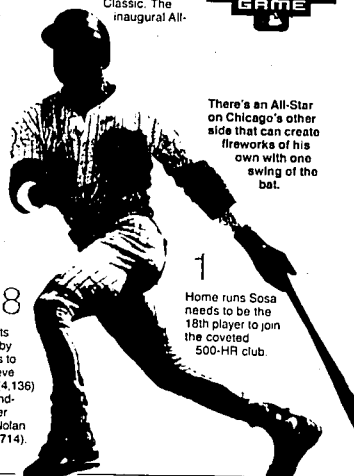
Starry night in Chicago

On July 15, the Chicago White Sox will host the 74th All-Star Game at U.S. Cellular Field. It will mark the fourth time that the White Sox have hosted the Mid-Summer Classic. The inaugural All-

Star Game was held at old Comiskey Park in 1933, a 4-2 American League win.



There's an All-Star on Chicago's other side that can create fireworks of his own with one swing of the bat.



Home runs Sosa needs to be the 18th player to join the coveted 500-HR club.

National League CAPSULES

EAST

Atlanta Braves 101-59
After 11 straight division titles, they seem to be nearing the end of their remarkable dynasty. May be able to muster one more title run against improved division rivals Phillies and New York Mets.

Montreal Expos 63-79
The team's future once again could be a distraction. Baseball hopes to have a buyer and a city for the team to play in next year if the All-Star break, which could provide a boost for the franchise.

Philadelphia Phillies 80-81
Improved the offense by adding Jim Thome and David Bell. They bolstered the pitching staff by acquiring Kevin Millwood, their first legitimate ace since Curt Schilling was traded.

Florida Marlins 79-83
Owner Jeffrey Loria, who bought the Marlins a year ago, has yet to convince South Florida he's serious about winning. The team has young talent but hasn't shown it's ready to compete.

New York Mets 75-86
Art Howe should bring a steady influence to the clubhouse. Offseason acquisitions include Tom Glavine, Cliff Floyd and Mike Stanton. Outside of Floyd, the outfield has question marks.

CENTRAL

St. Louis Cardinals 97-65
With perhaps the best starting eight in the NL, featuring four Gold Glove winners and four players with 100-RBI seasons, this could be their year to make the World Series for the first time since 1987.

Houston Astros 84-78
Improved themselves offensively but pitching could be a problem. Lance Berkman, Jeff Bagwell and Jeff Kent should provide one of the toughest middle of the lineups in the league.

Cincinnati Reds 78-84
The new ballpark provides the Reds with extra money to keep the core of their everyday lineup intact, but not enough to significantly upgrade the rotation.

Pittsburgh Pirates 72-89
The Pirates badly need Aramis Ramirez to have a big season like '01 (300, 34 HRs, 112 RBIs). If he founders, Pirates may again have NL's weakest offense.

Chicago Cubs 67-95
With one of the NL's best young pitching staffs, Sammy Sosa and an improved bench, the Cubs have the ingredients. Counting on Dusty Baker to change the franchise's losing ways.

Milwaukee Brewers 86-106
Haven't had a winning season since 1992. New manager Ned Yost will be granted a short grace period by a fan base that has just about run out of patience.

WEST

Arizona Diamondbacks 98-64
Three NL West division and one World Series championship after a 97-loss expansion season in 1998. No team has a better two starting pitchers than power arms Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling.

San Francisco Giants 95-66
Nobody knows whether this new-look team can repeat last season's gritty run to the World Series, but with Barry Bonds still healthy and dominant, who's to say San Francisco can't get there again?

Los Angeles Dodgers 92-70- Haven't qualified for the playoffs since 1996, but winning 86, 86 and 92 games in the last three years, they seem to be heading in the right direction. They are counting on the health of Kevin Brown and Darren Dreifort.

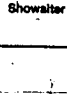
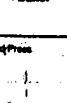
Colorado Rockies 73-89
Despite having NL Rookie of the Year, RH Jason Jennings, they still had the worst ERA in the NL (5.20) — again. That doesn't figure to change, even with the humidor again in operation at Coors.

San Diego Padres 66-96
Lost both closer Trevor Hoffman and slugger Phil Nevin to shoulder injuries this spring. Hoffman is expected back after the All-Star break, but Nevin likely will miss the whole season.

Fresh starts, new starts and starting over

Ten clubs will start the season with different managers than they employed at the end of last season.

First timers		
Eric Wedge	Cleveland	The 35-year-old is the youngest manager in baseball and will be counted on to oversee a youth movement in Cleveland.
Alan Trammell	Detroit	Tigers went back to their glory days by hiring Trammell, unfortunately for them, he can no longer play.
Ned Yost	Milwaukee	Leaves cushy job as coach for perennial playoff team in Atlanta to manage perennial loser in Milwaukee.
Ken Macha	Oakland	Takes over a playoff team, giving him the easiest job and most pressure of the first-time skippers.
Bob Melvin	Seattle	Should be a calming influence for team that had fiery Lou Piniella in charge for 10 years.
Trading places		
Dusty Baker	Cubs	Leaves the NL champion Giants to take over a team that hasn't won a pennant in 56 years.
Art Howe	Mets	Enters the New York spotlight after three straight playoff seasons in low-key Oakland.
Lou Piniella	Tampa Bay	Moved closer to home but a long distance in standings from contender in Seattle to last-place Devil Rays.
Back for more		
Felipe Alou	San Francisco	After overseeing firefalls in Montreal, takes over a pennant-winning team in San Francisco.
Buck Showalter	Texas	Helped build championship teams in New York and Arizona when he had pitching — Texas doesn't.



New major league managers face unfamiliar situations

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Tucked up on the bulletin board in Dusty Baker's new office is a baseball card with pictures of highlights from last year's World Series.

Memories of the Series might be as close as Baker gets now that he's in charge of the Chicago Cubs. Baker left a pennant-winning team in San Francisco to take over a club that hasn't been to the Series since 1945 and hasn't won it since 1908.

"There's nowhere to go but up," the always optimistic Baker said. "I'm not really looking as to why they haven't won. I'm trying to figure out how to win."

Baker isn't the only new manager who moved into a situation completely different from his previous one.

Felipe Alou, who took over for Baker in San Francisco, has a championship team after years of overseeing fire sales in Montreal.

New Tampa Bay manager Lou Piniella has never lost 90 games in a season and leads a team that has lost more than 90 games every season and at least 100 in the past two.

Buck Showalter goes from managing Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling three years ago in Arizona to a pitching staff in Texas that has been one of baseball's worst.

"I don't have a lot of time to dwell on it," said Showalter, who worked the past two years in television. "I want to establish a certain credibility here. It doesn't happen overnight."

All 10 new managers are trying to establish themselves in unfamiliar territory. Ar. Howe moved from Oakland to the New York Mets, and five managers got their first big league job: Ken Macha (Oakland), Melvin (Seattle), Alan Trammell (Detroit), Eric Wedge (Cleveland) and Ned Yost (Milwaukee).

Job security is tenuous these days — only seven of 30 managers are in the same place they ended the 2000 season.

Not even winning can guaran-



Chicago Cubs manager Dusty Baker, right, has a laugh with San Francisco Giants' Barry Bonds before their game March 23 in Scottsdale, Ariz. Baker managed the Giants last season.

tee stability. Just look at Baker.

Days after losing Game 7 of the World Series, Baker departed San Francisco. He became the first pennant-winning manager not to return to his team since Dick Williams left Oakland following the 1973 season.

Longstanding differences with Giants owner Peter Magowan led to the split, and the Cubs were the beneficiaries. Chicago hopes Baker can be the one to finally turn baseball's lovable loser into winners.

They've lost 90-plus games in

four of the last six seasons and have posted a winning record just six times in the past 30 seasons — never in consecutive years.

"My job is to lead the guys in the direction toward the pennant," Baker said. "I'm not playing anymore, but I do know the direction. I know the road map on how to get there from being in that situation before. And that's my job. To help direct them, to help show them the way to the finish line."

Baker didn't take long to win over the Cubs' players, many of

whom grew tired of Don Baylor before he was fired last year.

Baker's success dealing with Barry Bonds makes it easier to handle a superstar like Sammy Sosa. And even the lesser players are enjoying a skipper who has won as both a player and a manager.

"It's a dream of every player to play for Dusty Baker," catcher Damian Miller said. "He's a player's manager, yet there's so much more to it. He's just special."

That's how the Giants immediately felt about Alou, the only

person the team interviewed to replace Baker.

Once one of the most well-regarded managers in the game, Alou was criticized in his final years in Montreal for losing the drive that made him so successful.

He was worn down from watching stars such as Pedro Martinez and Larry Walker leave town and leading a team that had almost no following.

From the minute he first put on the Giants' black and orange uniform this spring, Alou has been revitalized.

"He said he didn't want to go back to baseball. He'd had enough," said Giants Hall of Famer Orlando Cepeda, Alou's teammate in San Francisco for six years. "When they said they wanted him, he said, 'Yes,' because that's where he started."

Alou noticed the difference in his new job each time he was whisked away to news conferences announcing the addition of players instead of their departures.

He's been overwhelmed this spring by boxes of baseball cards to sign and piles of fan mail to answer — something he didn't have to deal with to this extent in Montreal.

"I know Dusty led the Giants to the World Series, but I have tremendous confidence in myself," Alou said. "I believe I can replace anybody."

"I feel this is the ideal situation for me. This is a veteran club that's expected to win. The fans and the media want to get back in the World Series. If we're good enough to be there, we'll be there."

The 67-year-old Alou is the oldest manager in the majors and the oldest to be hired since 1962 when the expansion Mets brought on 71-year-old Casey Stengel.

But Alou insists he has the energy to manage a long season — all the way until the end of October.

Alou has never made it that far as a manager. He came close to winning it all as a player with the Giants in 1962, but his failure to get down a bunt in the ninth inning of Game 7 contributed to a 1-0 loss to the New York Yankees.

Alou's best chance at the post-season as a manager ended with the 1994 strike, which cost the first-place Expos a shot at a title.

Now with Bonds on his team, Alou once again has a team worthy of making the playoffs.

"If our manager has to make major decisions for us, then we're not doing a good enough job," Bonds said. "He's the eyes behind our head, basically. He's supposed to see things we don't see. That's what makes a great manager. Dusty's been able to do that. Jim Leavelle and Bobbly Cox have done that, and Felipe's been able to do that, too, over in Montreal."

Piniella has the opposite task of Alou. He leaves a perennial contender in Seattle for a team that has finished last all six years it has played.

Piniella jokes that when he asked the Mariners to let him manage closer to his home in Tampa, Fla., he didn't realize they would take him so literally. Piniella never had a chance to talk to the Mets about their opening.

But the fiery Piniella — already caught on tape ripping one of his players during a spring game — remains optimistic that he can produce a winner at home the way he did in Seattle.

"When I went to Seattle 10 years ago, I was told it was a dead-end street, and I couldn't succeed there," he said. "I feel very confident in saying within three years, we're going to be competitive with anybody in this division."

If not, Piniella could be looking for work again. The way the game is going these days, he'll probably have plenty of company.

AROUND THE BASES FROM A TO Z

The Associated Press

A quick trip around the bases for 2003, from A to Z.

A — Altitude: The spring training slugfests in Mexico City between the Mets and Dodgers made Coors Field look like a warm blanket. Something to think about if baseball plans to put a team south of the border anytime soon.

B — Bat Boys: No more cute kids bouncing around the dugout because baseball implemented the "Darren Baker rule," an age requirement of 14 for bat boys. Baker, the 4-year-old son of Cubs manager Dusty Baker, was nearly wandered into the action during last year's World Series when Baker's old team, the San Francisco Giants, and the Anaheim Angels.

C — Converted Closers: After Derek Lowe's big year for Boston, more teams are trying to turn relief aces into starters. Cincinnati's Danny Graves (32 saves) and Arizona's Byung-Hyun Kim (36 saves) hope to make smooth transitions into the rotation.

D — Death Valley: The Detroit Tigers finally agreed to bring in the left-field fence at Comerica Park. Only three years too late for Juan Gonzalez.

E — Expos' Extra Estadio: Montreal will play 22 "home" games at Hiram Bithorn Stadium in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where "pinchos" and "oleo-purrias" are served instead of hot dogs and pretzels. The team known for French and English translations will have to add Spanish. Roberto Alomar of the New York Mets and Atlanta catcher Javy Lopez are among the Puerto Rican-born stars looking forward to playing at home.

F — Free Agents: The market thinned up a bit this winter, which has the players' union investigating the possibility of collusion by owners. Jim Thome, Tom Glavine, Jeff Kent and Ivan Rodriguez were the big names to move and cash in.

G — Godzilla: Hideki Matsui is the first Japanese slugger to come to the United States, and the media frenzy followed. An enormous star back home, he signed a \$21 million, three-year contract with the New York Yankees and figures to flourish in the middle of a powerful lineup.

H — Hitting with Hrinak: Frank Thomas worked with hitting guru Walt Hrinak in the offseason, hoping to regain the stroke that made the Big Hurt one of the AL's most feared sluggers throughout the 1990s. Hrinak focused on hitting the ball the other way again.

I — Interleague Play: Intriguing new matchups include the Yankees at Wrigley Field June 6.

8) for the first time since the 1938 World Series, and the St. Louis Cardinals at Fenway Park (June 10-12) in a rematch of two Fall Classics ('46 and '57).

J — Jorge Julio: Who's that? The Baltimore closer could become the next dominant reliever in baseball — if the struggling Orioles can ever hand him a lead, that is. The 24-year-old right-hander had a 1.99 ERA and 25 saves as a rookie last season.

K — Kid: Effervescent catcher Gary Carter will be inducted into the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., on July 27 along with switch-hitting slugger Eddie Murray, Brewers broadcaster Bob Uecker and Dayton Daily News writer Hal McCoy.

L — Luxury Tax: Designed to give small-market teams a better chance to compete, the Yankees and Mets were the only clubs projected, based on mid-February rosters, to pay the new, tariff on big spenders this year. The Yankees' payroll for luxury-tax purposes, including all players on the 40-man roster and benefits, is projected to exceed \$180 million.

M — Monster: How'd you like to watch a ballgame while sitting atop the most famous landmark in sports? The Boston Red Sox are adding 280 seats atop the Green Monster at Fenway Park. The new section above the 37-foot wall in left field is slated to open April 29, and seats cost \$50 each. Standing room tickets are \$20.

N — Neck Brace: Alex Rodriguez has not missed a game since signing a \$252 million deal with Texas two years ago, but he left spring training for a few days with a herniated disc in his neck. If the problem lingers, new manager Buck Showalter and the Rangers should brace themselves for a dismal season.

O — Old Timers: The comeback David Cone, 40, is shaping up as a success. The right-hander, who sat out the 2002 season, could wind up as the No. 5 starter. Charles Nagy, 35, is trying to catch on with the Padres after missing much of the past three years with elbow problems. A three-time All-Star with the Indians, Nagy even coached first base for an inning in Cleveland's final game last season.

P — Pete Rose: Will 2003 be the year he makes it back into baseball? Everybody's got an opinion, but the only one that matters is Bud Selig — and he's not saying yet.

Q — Quieter Stars: Magglio Ordonez (Chicago White Sox), Brian Giles (Pittsburgh), Bobby Abreu (Philadelphia) and Carlos Beltran (Kansas City) are standouts who go virtually unnoticed.

R — Rocket: Roger Clemens' 300th win could come against

his old team. The Red Sox have a pair of three-game series against the Yankees in late May, and Clemens needs just seven victories to reach the magic mark.

S — Sweet Lou: Lou Piniella left Tampa Bay Devil Rays. The fiery manager says he'll be patient with his young team, but how do you think he'll handle that 100th loss?

T — Theo Epstein: Boston's 29-year-old general manager was busy in his first offseason, refusing to trade young lefty Casey Fossum for 20-game winner Raulo Lounsbury, shipping All-Star third baseman Shea Lennihan and scooping up Kevin Millar when he chose not to play in Japan.

U — Unit: As in, The Big Unit. Arizona ace Randy Johnson

can become the first pitcher to win five consecutive Cy Young Awards and join Clemens as the only men with six overall. At age 39, the 6-foot-10 lefty is more dominant than ever.

V — Vagabonds: Rickey Henderson, baseball's greatest leadoff hitter, is yet to find a team to play for this season at age 44. Also missing is 43-year-old pitcher Mike Morgan, who has played for 22 different clubs in a 25-year pro career. Chuck Knoblauch, Delino DeShields and Chuck Finley haven't found a spot either.

W — Windy City: Long suffering Chicago fans might finally have something to cheer about. Buoyed by promising young pitching staffs, the Cubs and White Sox could both contend this year.

Neither team has won a World Series since 1907.

X — Xenadium: The heatstroke death of Baltimore pitcher Steve Bechler during spring training after taking Xenadium RFAI, an ephedrine-based diet pill, has baseball officials deciding whether to ban on the substance. Under the new labor agreement, players are already being tested for illegal steroids.

Y — Yost: New Milwaukee manager Ned Yost spent four years as a backup catcher with the Brewers. His claim to fame? His only home run of the 1982 season came at Fenway Park in late September and gave Milwaukee a four-game lead in the AL East with five to play. The Brewers went on to win the pennant — and haven't made the play-

offs since. Yost occasionally worked on Dale Earnhardt's pit crew before the driver's death and wears No. 3 in honor of his friend.

Z — Zito: Zane Letts Barry Zito, the AL Cy Young Award winner, had a wild offseason that included playing guitar on "The Late Late Show" with Craig Kilborn and appearances on "The Howard Stern Show" and "Arrested." But don't expect the celebrity tour to affect his Oakland debut at all.

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Defense will decide between Oklahoma and Syracuse

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — One team plays tight man-to-man defense, stifling teams on the perimeter.

The other goes almost strictly with a 2-3 zone, something most teams just don't get a chance to play against to learn its weaknesses.

Whether top-seeded Oklahoma, which guards outside as well as any team in the country, or third-seeded Syracuse, which has been sitting in the zone for years, wins Sunday's first Regional final, the game will be won with defense.

"That is one of the best defensive teams I've ever seen," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said Sunday of the Sooners (27-6), who allow an average of 58.9 points per game. "Pittsburgh's a very good defensive team in our league, but Oklahoma is even better, and that's why they're a one seed."

Oklahoma held Butler to 4-of-13 shooting from 3-point range in its 65-54 regional semifinal win. It wasn't the percentage that was impressive, rather that the Bulldogs usually go off about twice as many 3-pointers.

Then there's what Syracuse (27-5) does.

"They've run it forever. It's not easy to prepare for," Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said of the zone that has opponents shoot just 38 percent overall and 30 percent from 3-point range. "If they're in your conference it's a little more adaptable, but out of conference we don't play anybody who plays zone more than situationally. We're going to have to attack it intelligently and make shots."

There will still be plenty of offense to enjoy as the Sooners try to advance to the Final Four for a second straight year, while the Orangemen attempt to get there for the first time since 1996.

Oklahoma keys around the veteran backcourt of seniors Hollis Price, Quanias White and Ebi Ere. Syracuse has forward Carmelo Anthony, the second-leading freshman scorer in the country, whose teammates have stepped up in the NCAA tournament.

"Their perimeter guys are tremendous, what more can you say?" Boeheim asked. "They're great defenders, and they all shoot the ball."

Oklahoma is hitting 35 at a 51

percent clip in the tournament, but the key to scoring against the zone is going inside, and freshman Kevin Bookout has led the Sooners in scoring in the tournament with a 12.7 average.

"He's 17-for-21 from the field in the tournament," Sampson said of the 6-foot-8 Bookout. "We know we have to get him the ball to open things up."

Auburn's Marquis Daniels had most of his 27 points inside against Syracuse's zone Friday before the outside shots started falling late, and the Tigers lost 79-78.

"The second half, Auburn certainly didn't have any problem with the zone," Boeheim said. "Defense is defense. Good defense is hard to play against. If you're going to win games, you have to have a good defense, whatever it may be."

Oklahoma's man-to-man will get a big test from Anthony, the 6-8 forward who may be playing his first and last NCAA tournament if he heads for the NBA, as many expect him to.

"We don't match up with him, but then again I don't know who does," Sampson said. "He's the LeBron James of college basketball, except much better player."

What does LeBron James do? Carmelo Anthony doesn't do? Anthony, who averages 22 points per game, has struggled in the first half of the Orangemen's three tournament victories. He had two of his 13 points in the first 20 minutes against Oklahoma State, and all 18 against Auburn came in the second half.

"I struggled in the first half against Manhattan in the opener and told my team I owed them a good half," Anthony said. "I wasn't about to let the season end because of me."

Boeheim interjected quickly. "You're about due for a good first half, aren't you?" he asked.

Boeheim said much of the problem is a lack of patience, and that Anthony can rely too much on his jump shot.

"Still, he is very valuable even without scoring because he rebounds and draws people into his," he said.

Defense aside, there's the matter of where the game is being played. Albany is about 2.5 hours from the Syracuse campus, and most of the crowd of 15,000-plus at Pepsi Arena will be wearing something orange.

"This obviously is going to be a road game because it's in Albany, N.Y., and it will be a pro, pro-Syracuse crowd," Sampson said. "We'll have 1,250 people here. It's just too far for us to have our fans here. It's their advantage. I'm not sitting here complaining about it. We're in Albany, N.Y. We're from Oklahoma. They're from Syracuse, N.Y. They're going to have a huge, huge crowd, and that will be an advantage for them."

Marquette

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said. "What Kentucky did the last three months was incredible. Our respect for them is a major reason we knew we had to be on top of our game."

Kentucky's star guard, Keith Bogans, wore a protective brace in the middle of his spine on Thursday's semifinal win over Wisconsin.

He scored 15 points on 4-of-11 shooting in 24 minutes, but with his quickness hampered, the Wildcats simply couldn't respond to Marquette's offense.

"Just by being out there, I was trying to show my teammates how badly I wanted to play," Bogans said. "It meant a lot to me to be out there playing in this game."

Kentucky (32-4) pulled within 12 with 10:50 left and had a chance to cut it to 10. But after a great spinning move to the basket, Kentucky's Barbour was called for an offensive foul, sending Wildcats coach Tubby Smith into a dance of disgust.

From there, Wade was too much for the Wildcats to control, scoring several of his baskets on eye-popping dunks.

After Scott Merritt hit a jumper, Wade scored Marquette's next 11 points with two three-point plays and a 3-pointer to put the victory away.

During the game, Wade fouled out Kentucky's defending MVP, coach Chuck Hayes with 6:17 left as Marquette won 72-54.

The 6-foot-5 Wade put his considerable athletic ability on display when he went straight up under the basket and dunked a shot by 6-9 Marquis Estill.

Wade then drove for an acrobatic reverse layup on the other end that Estill outstayed.

The sequence put the Golden Eagles ahead 26-19 with 6:29 left in the half and provided the spark for what was ahead.

"I think that got us going for the rest of the game," Wade said. "I was so pumped, and so was everybody after that."

Wade made another spectacular drive to the basket, and though he missed the reverse shot, he was fouled and hit two free throws to put Marquette up by nine.

Travis Diener sank a 3-pointer and Novak, a star in Marquette's second-round overtime win against Missouri, hit three 3-pointers in a span of 2:30 as the Golden Eagles roared ahead by 21.

Jackson, who became familiar with Kentucky while at Mississippi State before transferring to play one final season at Marquette, was able to negate Estill, who had scored 28 points in a win over Wisconsin. Estill finished with 10.

Bogans scored nine points in the first half, playing 14 minutes, but his quickness was obviously affected by his injury. One time after coming down awkwardly on his left foot, he winced in pain.

Kentucky went inside early and at one point had a 12-5 edge over Marquette. But by the end of the half, Marquette had a 25-21 edge on the board; Jackson grabbed 10 to go with his 14 first-half points.

Now it's on to New Orleans, where the Golden Eagles will face Kansas.

Spartans look to put brakes on Ford

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The day before the South Regional final, Texas' T.J. Ford already was causing problems for Michigan State.

It's tough enough that the Spartans lack a true point guard to match up with the Naimish Award winner on Sunday. But on Saturday, they worry about finding someone to simulate the speedy Ford in practice.

"Unless he's into cloning, we're in trouble," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "We might put a box-and-one on him, with four guys guarding him and one guy guarding the rest."

Although only 5-foot-10 and 165 pounds, Ford is the big man in this matchup, with a Final Four spot at stake.

If Ford can work his open-court magic, the top-seeded Longhorns (25-6) can get the pace and scoring up and start thinking about spending next weekend in New Orleans.

But if Michigan State (22-12) can limit his touches or clog his passing lanes, Ford would be forced to shoot — his lone weakness. Only a 42-percent shooter coming into the tournament, he's slipped to 29 percent (12-of-41) in three NCAA tournament games. He's 0-for-5 on 3-pointers.

What the Spartans may go for then is that defense is their

strength. In winning eight of the last nine, opponents have averaged only 55.3 points. Texas' season low is 57.

"We know every shot we put up, it's going to be tough," Ford said. "I just want to establish the tempo, keep everyone relaxed and focused and make sure we have fun."

Michigan State hasn't faced anyone like Ford, whose pass-first attitude catches defenses off guard because he drives as if he's going to shoot, then finds a way to squeeze the ball through traffic to a teammate for a layup.

"He has so many different gears," said Alan Anderson, the Spartans' latest converted point guard. "He goes at the basket 100 mph, stops on a dime and goes again. He sees the floor so well."

Sophomore Kelvin Torbert, Michigan State's best defender the last two seasons, will be assigned to Ford. Asked to compare someone with Ford, Torbert smiled, shook his head and said, "Ain't nobody like him."

Torbert knows, too. He was Ford's teammate at an Adidas summer camp several years ago and remembers wondering what the little guy was doing there. Then he saw him play and quickly understood. They've also gone against each other in AAU tournaments.

"No matter what he does, he makes everyone around him better," Torbert said. "We've got to throw a lot of bodies at him and keep everyone fresh to make it difficult for him. We've got to help on him, but we can't over-help. Hopefully we can try to tire him out on defense."

The only time Connecticut stopped Ford on Friday night when he went to the bench with four fouls and 10:30 left. Texas led by seven at the time. The game was tied when he returned five minutes later.

In the final 2:32, Ford assisted on a layup, made a beautiful pass that sent James Thomas to the line for the go-ahead points, hit two free throws with 11 seconds left, then grabbed the game's final rebound from Huskies big man Emeke Okafor and dribbled out the clock.

Another outing like that could send Texas to its first Final Four since the field expanded beyond eight teams, in 1951; the Longhorns were in the national semifinals in 1943 and 1947. The Longhorns are trying to become the first team from the Lone Star State to make it since Texas Western's historic triumph with an all-black starting lineup over all-white Kentucky in 1966.

The pressure doesn't seem to be getting to Texas. Coach Rick

Barnes and five players laughed and joked their way through a half-hour news conference Saturday, with Ford and Royal Ivey getting so worked up that they nearly fell out of their chairs at one point.

When Ivey, the team's best defender, was asked how to stop Ford, he smiled and said, "I do it in practice every day." Barnes said that Ford is so scared of Ivey that he feigns being injured when they're matched up. Once Ivey started giving a real answer, Barnes chimed in that Ford "can't shoot, right?"

Barnes, who rarely shows a sense of humor at news conferences, kept it going later when he said he thought Michigan State had the advantage at point guard.

"We've always believed three or four guys are better than one," he said.

The Spartans are seeking their fourth Final Four in five years and possibly a second title in four years.

"It's amazing they're even this close, considering they were 14-11 after losing to Syracuse on Feb. 23. Then came five straight wins, a one-point loss to Ohio State in the Big Ten tournament and three more wins, in the NCAAAs. At No. 7, Michigan State is the lowest seed still playing.

Roller-coaster ride continues for coach Boeheim

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — On the Syracuse sideline, Jim Boeheim rides a wave of emotions. Sometimes he's serene, sometimes frenetic, yet always involved.

Make a bad pass and his eyebrows arch like a chemistry professor wondering where a student came up with that answer.

Make a bad call and his arms stretch out with palms turned up, amazed at how an official could make an outrageous mistake like that.

He's been in the cauldron of college coaching for 27 years now, all

at Syracuse, longer than any current coach has stayed at the same place. He remains one of the most successful practitioners in the business, his dossier crammed with 650 victories and one win away from a third trip to the Final Four. His .742 winning percentage is third among active Division I coaches. He is seventh among active coaches in wins and 22nd all-time.

Not bad for a walk-on who had to talk his way on to the team when he arrived at Syracuse in 1962. By the time he was a senior,

he was starting in the backcourt alongside Hall of Famer Dave Bing. After four years of minor league basketball, he returned to the Syracuse bench as a graduate assistant in 1969, and he's been there ever since, appointed head coach in 1976 with a first contract that paid him \$28,000.

"It's the only thing I know," he said. "I don't like change. I eat in the same restaurants. I've gone to the same barber since I was 17. I'm comfortable where I'm comfortable."

That's not to say there haven't

been other opportunities.

"The first, at least a while," Boeheim said. "I never took them. I took an interview in my house once. It was a talking session. Ten minutes into it, I knew I was not going to go. I don't think you get jobs or offers unless people know you're looking. The NBA might have interested me. To coach at that level might have been interesting. That time is past for me."

"It became clear to me a number of years ago that I was not going to leave Syracuse."

Kansas

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After the Jayhawks committed a shot clock violation, the Wildcats took possession with 7.1 seconds remaining. Gardner let fly from about 25 feet away, but Hinrich slapped the ball away.

Arizona's Luke Walton grabbed it and fed the ball back to Gardner in the left corner, but his second attempt to tie the game missed as time expired, setting off a wild Kansas celebration.

The loss was a tough one for Arizona and 68-year-old Hall of Fame coach Lute Olson, who remained stuck at 499 wins in his 20 seasons as leader of the Wildcats.

Jeff Graves had 13 points and 15 rebounds, and Keith Langford also scored 13 points for Kansas.

Nick Collison, brilliant in the victory over Duke with a career-high 33 points and 19 rebounds, sat out key minutes down the stretch with four fouls. But he made his second basket of the game with 1:27 left to give Kansas a 76-73 lead.

Langford made a free throw with 4:31 remaining to snap a 69-all tie and put the Jayhawks ahead for good, and his runner with 50.6 seconds to go completed the scoring.

The sophomore guard then drew a charging foul on Walton with 4:34 seconds left, setting up the final sequence.

Gardner led the Wildcats (28-4) with 23 points. Walton had 18 points, 10 rebounds and six assists, and Rick Anderson and Hassan Adams added 11 points each.

It was the last game for seniors Gardner, Walton and Anderson. But Hinrich and Collison — key seniors on the other side — get to play on.

Arizona outscored Kansas 18-4 to finish the first half and start the second, erasing all but two points of a 16-point deficit.

It was reminiscent of a game between the teams Jan. 25, when the Wildcats trailed by 20 before outscoring Kansas 67-30 to finish



Kentucky's Bryant Nash dunks during the second half of the Jayhawks' NCAA West Regional final game against Arizona Saturday in Anaheim, Calif.

the game for a 91-74 victory that snapped the Jayhawks' 23-game home winning streak.

Just when it appeared the Wildcats were in control, Kansas went on a 14-2 run capped by Bryant Nash's breakaway dunk to go ahead 56-42.

That only seemed to stir up the Wildcats, who scored the game's next 16 points — eight by Gardner — in just over three minutes for a two-point lead with 10:32 remaining.

Neither team led by more than four after that.

Channing Frye and Anderson each picked up two fouls in the opening four minutes, causing

Olson to have to go to his bench early and employ a zone defense.

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Vols, Nova advance to Mideast final

By The Associated Press

Tennessee coach Pat Summitt has helped dress up the wardrobe of her close friend, Villanova coach Harry Perretta, and she's treated him and his players to a cookout at her home.

In exchange for this generosity, Perretta will try to knock Summitt and the Lady Vols out of the NCAA tournament.

Wearing one of the lucky ties given to him by Summitt, Perretta coached second-seeded Villanova to a 53-51 victory over Colorado in the Mideast Regional semifinals on Saturday in Knoxville, Tenn.

The Wildcats will face top-seeded Tennessee for the regional championship game on Monday night. The Lady Vols routed Penn State 86-58.

Duke beat Georgia 66-63 in one of the other games Saturday night, while the Texas Tech-New Mexico game finished after The Times-News' press time.

Perretta wore his orange tie for the game. Summitt gave him that piece of neckwear and three others, and Perretta says all have brought him luck.

"I haven't lost in it yet," he said. "She was trying to make me look better on the sideline. I needed a tie that cost more than 55."

Katie Davis hit her fifth 3-pointer with 4:18 left to give Villanova (28-5) its first lead. Sixth-seeded Colorado (24-8) had plenty of opportunities to surge ahead, but Tera Bjorklund, who had 29 points, missed five straight shots in the final five minutes.

Villanova has won seven straight, including a victory over Connecticut in the Big East tournament championship game on March 11 that snapped the Huskies' 70-game winning streak. "We won another game, I don't know how we do it," Perretta said.

Gwen Jackson had 24 points and 14 rebounds to help the Lady Vols (31-4) jump to a big lead in the game.

Tennessee, trying to reach the Final Four for the 14th time, improved its record in NCAA tournament home games to 43-0. The Lady Vols hosted the first and second-round games before getting the regional semifinal and championship in Knoxville.

The fourth-seeded Lady Lions (26-9), who won their early-round games by an average of 20.5 points, were overwhelmed by Tennessee's strong defense and dominant rebounding, which led to many easy transition baskets. The Lady Vols had a 53-21 rebounding advantage.

Summitt and Perretta became good friends over the summer when he visited Knoxville to give Summitt some tips on the motion offense. Summitt hosted a cookout at her house Friday for Villanova and Perretta, and her team and had plans to join the Wildcats again Saturday night.

"I may tell him I'm sick and



Tennessee guard Kara Lawson pressures Penn State guard Kelly Mazzante during the second half in the NCAA women's Mideast Regional semifinal in Knoxville, Tenn., Saturday. Tennessee defeated Penn State 86-58 and will play Villanova on Monday.



Former UCLA coach John Wooden talks with UCLA guard Earl Walton following UCLA's victory over Oklahoma State at the John R. Wooden Classic at Arrowhead Pond in Anaheim, Calif., in this Dec. 5, 1998, photo.

The wisdom of John Wooden

HAL BOCK

Tucked away in Bill Walton's wallet is his personal recipe for life, a philosophy created by a man Walton speaks about with passion and purpose — Hall of Fame coach John Wooden.

The Pyramid of Success offers Wooden's formula for living a productive, positive life. It is Walton's mantra handed down by the coach who produced 10 NCAA championships in 12 years at UCLA, the greatest dynasty in college basketball history.

"These are personal values and human characteristics he developed in his life and that he feels will help us," Walton said. "He defines himself as a teacher, not a coach. He never asked anything of us he hadn't done himself."

"He never talked about winning or losing. He talked about the effort it took to win, the challenge of people performing on command every day, subjugating ego for the benefit of the group. He was brilliant. His sense of fairness, justice and compassion are so inspiring."

"Other than my mom and dad, he was the single most influential and inspirational man in my life."

The Pyramid remains pertinent today, so much so that it is the cornerstone of a Public Broadcasting System fund-raising video called "John Wooden: Values, Victory and Peace of Mind." In it, Wooden offers his philosophy of life, nothing complicated, a theme developed over time.

He delivered those same thoughts to legions of UCLA players. Some bought in immediately. Others needed more time.

"After I started teaching in the 30s, I didn't like what people called success," said Wooden, now 92. "I worked on my own definition. Part of it was never try to be better than someone else. Try to learn from others."

"I needed something you could see."

So the construction began. The first two blocks were industriousness and enthusiasm. For 14 years, from 1934-1948, Wooden added to the Pyramid, one block at a time. When he was done, there were 15 of them, a guide for life.

At the top is competitive greatness and success.

"Success is peace of mind that is the result of self-satisfaction in knowing you did your best to become the best you are capable of becoming," Wooden said.

"If you want something, you work for it. With my players, I never mentioned winning. I wanted winning to be a byproduct of being the best according to your ability."

Sometimes, it took a while for his players to catch on. He'd toss around homilies that left them looking at each other, wondering what they meant.

Perhaps the best known is "Be Quick But Don't Hurry."

Years later, Andy Hill figured that one out and used it as the title of a book he wrote with Wooden.

"It means let's be fast and aggressive but let's always be able to stop on a dime and go in another direction," Hill said. "It has as much to do with life as it does with basketball."

Some of the others included "Failing to Prepare is Preparing to Fail," and "Concentrate on Your Team, Not the Opposition."

Walton said Wooden lived by those beliefs.

"He was the master of preparation," he said. "He was all about us. We never talked about the other team in the four years I was at UCLA. Only twice did he mention other players. In my freshman year, he talked about Austin Carr. In my senior year, he talked about David Thompson."

"We lost both those games."

They also won 88 in a row, an NCAA record.

As kindly as Wooden is, he did not always have a tranquil relationship with his players. There were frequent clashes.

"We had countless arguments over politics, Vietnam, social mores, economics, religion, facial hair," Walton said. "Coach would say, 'Bill, I really respect your individual beliefs. But I am the coach of this team. We've enjoyed having you and I'll miss you.'"

"He meant every word."

Hill had the same kind of cantankerous relationship with the coach. The difference was he was a 5-foot-11 benchwarmer instead of a 6-11 star like Walton.

After he graduated, Hill never spoke to Wooden, trying to put the UCLA experience behind him. "I had thought UCLA was an ugly Pandora's Box," he said. "I thought I had been a failure."

Years later, it dawned on him that the reverse was true, that his success as a TV executive had been directly linked to Wooden.

"I realized that everything I knew I learned from a guy I didn't like," Hill said.

He decided to call Wooden, not sure what to expect. The two men had not spoken for 25 years and when they had talked, the conversation was not pleasant.

As he dialed the number, Hill half hoped to get Wooden's answering machine. It would be easier, instead, Wooden picked up the phone.

"I said, 'Coach, this is Andy Hill,' figuring he might not even remember the name."

Wooden remembered. "Andy," he said, "where have you been?"

Now, Hill carries the Pyramid of Success in his wallet, too.

Hal Bock is a national sports writer for The Associated Press.

have to watch tape," Summitt said.

Kara Lawson hit back-to-back 3-pointers, and Jackson followed with another to get Tennessee going. Lawson finished with 14 points, eight rebounds and five assists.

Penn State's leading scorer, Kelly Mazzante, was held to just three points in the first half, but she answered each of Tennessee's 3s. That put the Lady Lions' offense rolling, and they cut the lead to 10 points with 13:49 remaining after Jess Strom stole the ball from Lawson and converted the layup.

But Tennessee responded with a 17-2 run to push the lead to 25, and the Lady Vols ran down the clock from there.

Strom scored 18 points to lead Penn State, and Mazzante had 12. "We realized through experience if you panic, you have no chance of winning," said Villanova's Trish Juhline.

Duke 66, Georgia 63

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Ivica Tilius scored 21 points and fresh-

man Mistie Bass had 10 straight points to spark a second-half run by top-seeded Duke in a 66-63 win over Georgia in the semifinals of the Midwest Regional on Saturday night.

Duke (34-1) will meet the New Mexico-Texas Tech winner in the regional final Monday, with the winner advancing to the Final Four.

The Blue Devils overcame some shakiness on offense and a rare off night by All-American guard Alana Beard to win their 14th straight game. Beard finished with 12 points.

Marquita Driskell scored 16 points to lead No. 5 seed Georgia (21-10), which suited up just eight players. Christi Thomas added 13 points and 12 rebounds for the Lady Bulldogs.

Georgia's Ebony Felder made it a three-point game with a layup with 42 seconds remaining and Duke couldn't get off a shot before the 30-second clock expired with 10 seconds left. But Duke guard Sheana Mosch stole the ball from Alexis Kendrick with 4 seconds left and the Blue

Devils were able to run out the clock.

Duke trailed 44-41 with 10:56 left when Bass, scoreless in the first half, hit a short jumper, back-to-back layups, a pair of free throws and another layup to put Duke in front for good at 51-46.

But the Lady Bulldogs hung in there. A 3-pointer by Mary Beth Lyeett got Georgia within 64-61 with 1:22 left. Beard then hit a short jumper in the lane with 53.5 seconds left.

Aside from her late field goal, Beard wasn't much of a factor. She passed up open shots and was content to let her teammates do most of the scoring. Aside from Tilius, who was 9-for-16, the Blue Devils struggled. They hit 26 of 63 shots and have not scored more than 66 points in three tournament wins.

Beard, who had scored 46 points in Duke's first two wins, didn't attempt a field goal for the first 11.5 minutes. Her 3-pointer with 2:33 left in the half gave the Blue Devils their first lead of the game at 26-25 and finished off a 10-0 run.

In the groove: Rubber trail dictates passing at Texas track

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The trail of rubber on the racing surface at Texas Motor Speedway shows the safest way around the 1.5-mile oval.

Venture off that sticky, black stripe and onto the slick, green part of the asphalt surface, and the concrete wall surrounding the track can come into play in a hurry.

"You don't want to get off the groove at this place," said Bill Elliott, who will start sixth in the 43-car field for Sunday's Samsung/Radio Shack 500. "You get into the gray and there's just no grip. And that wall is real hard."

Since competition began at the speedway in 1997, the track has been one of the fastest in the Winston Cup circuit. But it has also been a one-groove racetrack, making passing for position a difficult and dangerous prospect.

There were signs of change last April on what was then a newly resurfaced track.

"Everybody keeps calling it one groove," Johnny Benson said. "But I remember a year ago when we were here and were leading. We were passed on the outside, so

I don't think it was one groove then."

Despite Benson's observation, though, there's a debate among the drivers about how wide that strip of rubber will be on Sunday.

"It's early to tell, but I don't see any black on that second groove," Ricky Rudd said. "It doesn't look like there's been much racing going on up there, and there certainly isn't much rubber up there."

"I would say you'd have a better chance racing side-by-side this time, simply for the fact that the track has weathered some. Atlanta was a single-groove race track, it weathered and all of a sudden the grip wasn't all that great on the bottom so you went to the top."

"I could see a better chance of that happening here this week than it has before. But, right now, I don't want to get out of that bottom myself."

Four-time Winston Cup champion Jeff Gordon agreed, saying, "It's a one-groove racetrack as of now, and you have to run the bottom so fast as you can."

Rusty Wallace disagreed, and believe the track will become

more "raceable."

"It's definitely seasoned in more and I see a second groove coming in," he said. "I know there will be two lanes of racing, and maybe three, especially in turns three and four."

Whatever the track conditions, though, everybody agrees it's going to be a competitive race.

"We've already had six winners in six races this year," Gordon said. "There's probably 10 or 15 other guys who could win on Sunday."

"The problem with passing is not just the width of the racing groove. It's also the fact that everybody is running about the same speed, and this place is one of the fastest tracks we race on."

The top 23 drivers in qualifying surpassed 190 mph and Bobby Labonte, who won earlier this season in Atlanta, took the pole at 193.514, the fastest official lap recorded this season.

"It still gets your attention, but the speeds have dropped by two or three miles an hour (since 1997) and it's not quite as bad as it was before," Rudd said. "The cars

don't have as much grip in the corners and that is what tends to get you nervous about if something were to break. I know I'm a little more comfortable here running 190-191 miles an hour than 194."

Alongside Labonte's Chevrolet at the start will be the Ford of Elliott Sadler, followed closely by the Dodge of Ryan Newman, the Chevrolet of Jimmie Johnson and the Pontiac of Jerry Nadeau.

Rounding out the top 10 will be Elliott, Gordon, Kevin Harvick, Joe Nemechek and Wallace.

Other than Labonte, none of those drivers has won this season, and none of the 10 have won the Texas race.

Former TMS winners in the lineup include Dale Earnhardt Jr., Terry Labonte, defending champion Matt Kenseth, Dale Jarrett, Jeff Burton and Mark Martin.

"It's a tough racetrack," Bobby Labonte said. "Last year, we had some bad luck and the year before that we had some back luck, but we always run pretty good here ... and we'd love to be able to continue that different winners since '97 thing."

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Scientist theorizes that Earth's core is a nuclear fission reactor

By Guy Gugliotta
The Washington Post

Jules Verne thought you could get to the center of the Earth through the chimney of an extinct Icelandic volcano. At the bottom, he envisioned a vast inland sea — really inland, as in 4,000 miles down — and a bunch of dinosaurs.

This, it turned out, was science fiction.

These days we know more, and this week Paramount Pictures will release "The Core," in which a team of intrepid "terranauts" try to reverse the collapse of the Earth's magnetic field by traveling to the metal center of the planet and setting off a nuclear bomb.

This is somewhat closer to reality, since it reflects the prevailing view that the Earth's core is made of partially molten iron and nickel, and makes use of the idea that heat from the cooling core contributes to the magnetic field that repels solar radiation and keeps it from frying the Earth to a crisp.

Still, no one knows exactly what's down there and, despite "The Core," there are no terranauts getting ready to find out.

The question is still open, and nevertheless, geophysicist J. Marvin Herndon has a theory in many ways as radical as Verne's: The core is 150 years old. The center of the Earth, he believes, is a nuclear fission reactor.

And in the Proceedings of the National Academies of Science earlier this month, he argued that the mix of helium isotopes rising in lavas to the Earth's surface suggested that the "demise of the georeactor" is approaching. The reaction could cease anytime from 100 years to 1 billion years from now, collapsing the Earth's magnetic field with monumental consequences.

Nevertheless, "I'm not a bit worried," Herndon said in an interview. "I don't know how long it will take when it starts — maybe hundreds of years. In this paper, we say that we have perhaps the first warning."

Herndon and Paramount have forged a publicity partnership of sorts. Although Herndon said he has not received any money from the film company, he is unabashedly lauding "The Core" in hopes of raising the curtain of silence that has stymied debate on his theory since he propounded it 12 years ago.

"I like the way he does his science, but I can't say the same about the people who review his work," said Ilan St. Yoder Jr., former director of the geophysical lab at the Carnegie Institution of Washington and one of Herndon's most influential boosters. "The geophysical community has been doing this to him for years. He's had a terrible time, and I hope this latest paper will generate some civilized discussion."

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It does not appear to have done so. "It's a very controversial topic," said Don L. Anderson, a geophysicist at the California Institute of Technology. "I'm a little more open-minded than many of my colleagues," he added, noting that georeactors may help explain some anomalies in the Earth's core and mantle. But it is "ridiculous" to suggest that the Earth's geomagnetic field is threatened, he said.

Most scientists agree that the Earth was formed about 4.12 billion years ago from an amalgam of fiery material that contained all of the elements found in nature. Disagreement begins over what happened next.

The view held by most Earth scientists is that iron and nickel migrated downward, taking with them all the trace elements that readily combine with these metals. The rest of the trace elements, including uranium, combined with oxygen to form oxides that remained in the Earth's mantle and crust.

These scientists use common meteorites as their model, but Herndon used a rare meteorite with a small amount of

oxygen as his example, arguing that the uranium would remain metallic and, as the heaviest element in nature, would migrate to the Earth's core, forming a sphere about five miles in diameter — a natural nuclear fission reactor.

"It's a self-sustaining critical reaction," said nuclear engineer Daniel F. Hollenbach of Oak Ridge National Laboratory, a longtime collaborator of Herndon's until the two parted ways last year. "Depending on how much it fissions, that's the power."

Hollenbach explained that the core would be composed primarily of two uranium isotopes. Atoms of the isotope U-235 would split, giving up neutrons, which would be absorbed by the isotope U-238, transforming it into an isotope of plutonium — Pu-239. The numbers signify the number of protons and neutrons in the atomic nucleus, known as the atomic weight.

This reaction, the same produced in some nuclear power plants, eventually creates radioactive waste isotopes much lighter than uranium. These migrate upward and outward from the core, "like fizz from a soft drink," Hollenbach said. The heat from the reaction is what drives the Earth's magnetic field.

Hollenbach said it is important to regard the core not as one large, controlled nuclear reaction, but as billions of smaller reactions that "shut down and resume" as waste products are created and expelled. Hollenbach and Herndon theorize that the aggregate fluctuations in the reaction's intensity are what cause the Earth's magnetic field to weaken every 200,000 years and change direction when it starts up again.

Further evidence of the georeactor comes from Hawaii and Iceland. Hollenbach said, where young lava basalts have been recovered that contain the helium isotopes He-3 and He-4. While He-3 is a byproduct of the decay of natural uranium, He-3 can only be produced deep within the Earth in a nuclear reaction.

Herndon's latest paper went even further, suggesting that the ratios of He-3 to He-4 indicated that the georeactor is reaching the end of its life — albeit in perhaps a billion years. Hollenbach said he disagrees with that conclusion.

"Marvin likes to make sweeping grand statements without the data to back them up," Hollenbach said.

Herndon said the two parted ways

A Core Question

Conventional theory holds that Earth has a hunk of nickel and iron. An alternative theory suggests a nuclear furnace at the core.

Conventional

Inner core (solid iron and nickel)
Molten core
Lower mantle
Upper mantle

Earth's magnetic field is created by molten metal flowing around the solid core, the magnetosphere protects the planet from solar radiation bombardment.

Nuclear fission model

Molten core
Inner core (nickel alloy)
Sub-shell (fission products)
Sub-core (uranium and plutonium)

Helium-3 and Helium-4 isotopes make their way to the surface in concentrations similar to those found in uranium.

The magnetic field in this model is created by charged particles flowing in the core.

A Hollywood film, "The Core," depicts life without a magnetosphere. Heroes try to reignite the core.

SOURCE: The Washington Post, Discovery Magazine

because Discover magazine didn't pay enough attention to Hollenbach in an article last year: "There is a still a lot of bad blood," he acknowledged.

Anderson dismissed Herndon's latest conclusion, but he noted that French scientists showed in 1972 that a georeactor did exist for millions of years in a uranium deposit in Gabon. Most geophysicists believe that the He-3 found in lava is "primordial" — already there

when the Earth congealed.

Also, Anderson noted, scientists have managed to flip the Earth's magnetic field in lab simulations that envision a cooling core. Finally, he said, Herndon's experiments use mathematical models based on data gathered from controlled nuclear reactions. "But there's no reason to put the uranium in the core," he said. "It does interesting things even if it's in the crust or upper mantle."

NASA seeks balance of manned flights, robots in future

By Robert S. Boyd
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Despite the tragic loss of the shuttle Columbia and its crew, NASA is pressing ahead with an ambitious schedule of unmanned scientific missions to space starting next month.

Almost two dozen spacecraft are being readied to investigate the Earth's environment, the solar system and the far corners of the universe over the next 10 years. They will join a fleet of about 30 science satellites soaring through the heavens.

A pair of robotic rovers is sitting at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, waiting to be boosted toward Mars later this spring. If the twins land successfully on our neighbor planet next winter, they would restore some luster to the space agency's battered reputation.

Although human astronauts are grounded — except for the lonely crew aboard the International Space Station — National Aeronautics and Space Administration officials say they won't hold off on robotic exploration. The space agency needs "not an either-or but a combination" of unmanned and manned flights, NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe told reporters.

For years human space flight has dominated NASA's budget,

Space missions scheduled for the next decade

Earth science missions include: Aura (in 2004), a satellite to study the upper atmosphere; CloudSat (2004) a trio of spacecraft to study global cloud cover; an Orbiting Carbon Observatory (2006), to measure our planet's output of carbon, a major source of climate warming; Aquarius (2007), which will survey salt in the oceans, another key climate factor; and THEMIS (2007), a fleet of five small satellites to track disturbances in Earth's magnetic shield.

Since Earth's climate is ultimately controlled by the sun, NASA is adding two more spacecraft to its "Living with a Star" program: STEREO, a Solar Terrestrial Relations Observatory (2005), will study the violent eruptions on the surface of the sun that affect our environment. Later, a proposed Solar Dynamics Observatory will study the sun's magnetic field and the high-

energy particles carried to Earth by the solar wind.

Elsewhere in the solar system, spacecraft will explore interesting places in greater detail than ever before. Messenger, a return visit to Mercury, is set for next year. The Cassini mission is due to enter orbit around Saturn in July 2004, and to drop a scientific probe onto its Earth-size moon, Titan, in 2005.

The following year will see Dawn, a flight to the large asteroids Ceres and Vesta. Work is beginning on a spacecraft to orbit Jupiter's icy moons, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto in 2001. A possible mission to Pluto, the outermost planet, is under consideration.

To send space ships great distances faster and keep them there longer, the budget includes \$300 million for a nuclear propulsion system called Prometheus.

The shuttles — gets \$6.2 billion, the same as this year.

These science missions, which were planned long before the Columbia disaster, have one crucial advantage over shuttle flights: Failures are embarrassing but not fatal.

Deep space missions over the next decade include:

Deep Impact (2004), a vessel that will punch a hole into a comet; GLAST (2006) a telescope to study black holes; KEPLER (2007) to hunt for Earth-size planets around other stars; SIM, a Space Interferometry Mission (2009), to find planets using stereoscopic vision; LISA (2010) a trio of spacecrafts trying to detect gravity waves — extremely faint ripples in the fabric of space.

Planning is under way for a Terrestrial Planet Finder that is supposed to search for signs of possible life beyond the solar system sometime after 2014. The fine-tuning mission to improve the Hubble Space Telescope is set for 2004. A successor to Hubble is being designed; its launch is tentatively set for 2010.

Furthermore, robots don't need astronomically expensive safety systems, so the dollar loss is less when a spacecraft goes awry.

The first of the forthcoming missions, even before the Mars rovers, is a large telescope that will study extremely distant

objects visible only in infrared light. Saddled with an awkward name, SIRTIF (for Space Infrared Telescope Facility), the observatory is due for launch April 18. It will orbit the sun, trailing behind the Earth like a pet puppy and returning never-before-seen images of the universe in its infancy.

"This observatory is like an infrared cousin of the Hubble Space Telescope. It sees things the Hubble can't see," said Michael Bicay, assistant director of the SIRTIF science center in Pasadena, Calif. The 10-year-old Hubble telescope works mostly in visible light, a different part of the electromagnetic spectrum.

Another small satellite, the Galaxy Evolution Explorer, is also waiting at Kennedy for launch sometime in April.

GALEX will use ultra-violet light to observe 10 billion-year-old galaxies as they were being formed.

Right on SIRTIF's heels will be the Mars Exploration Rovers — two 300-pound, six-wheeled robots designed to trundle up to 12 miles across the Martian surface, checking out interesting rocks and prospecting for water. One rover will be launched in May, the other in June or July. They are supposed to touch down at separate sites on Mars next January.

A satellite named Swift is to

rocket into space in December to watch for so-called gamma-ray bursts, brilliant flashes of light that release more energy than anything since the Big Bang, the theoretical birth of the universe.

Since the humiliating loss of two Mars spacecrafts in the late 1990s, two others have successfully gone into orbit around the red planet. The Mars Global Surveyor and the Mars Odyssey have produced a trove of information about the Mars environment, detecting buried hordes of water and a liquid iron core.

Their photos show that contrary to previous belief "Mars, like Earth, is experiencing contemporary climate change," said Michael Malin, a Mars expert in San Diego.

Future Mars visitors include a Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, to be launched in 2005, that will use radar to probe the subsurface of the planet; a Mars Smart Lander, a mobile science laboratory, scheduled for 2009, and an unnamed mission to collect and return a sample of Martian rocks and soil sometime after 2011.

Besides Mars, NASA has scheduled numerous spaceflights to other destinations. Some focus on Earth, some on different parts of the solar system, and some on distant stars and galaxies in deep space.

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Notes on the economy

About Business Plus III

Business Plus III is a six-county initiative that by May 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. Campaign leaders recently approved a one-month extension for the effort, which they originally planned to wrap up by April 30. The Business Plus III campaign provides a weekly update of its fund-raising. The status Friday showed a sizable gain in the past week.

Number of investors: 32
Total raised to date: \$1,160,500
Potential investors may call 736-1085 for more information.

Source: Rebecca Wildman of Business Plus III

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Agency helps firms get competitive

TWIN FALLS — The federal Economic Development Administration is awarding a grant of \$472,334 to help Idaho companies become more competitive and innovative in getting new products to market.

The grant will be administered through Boise State University and TechHelp, a group that does consulting and development for local manufacturers. Through BSU and TechHelp, small companies that do not typically have the capital and resources to pay for expensive research and development will have access to these services, Idaho Sen. Mike Crapo's office said.

"Idaho is home to many innovative companies," Crapo said. "This grant will reduce the costs and time associated with developing and introducing new products, and in turn, keep Idaho firms on the cutting edge in various fields. As Idaho businesses take advantage of the resources available through TechHelp and BSU, they can become more competitive both nationally and internationally."

BSU and TechHelp's services are available to Idaho firms and individuals who are in the concept or development stages of a new product. The goal is to introduce new products to consumers and boost manufacturing in Idaho.

The grant is a major step forward in new product development in Idaho, said TechHelp Director Gary Thompson. "New product development is key to increasing wealth and creating jobs. The EDA grant will enable TechHelp to expand operations and take new processes and technologies to manufacturers and processors throughout the state."

Prior activity has resulted in manufacturers from Hayden Lake, Hailey and Blackfoot going into new production, bringing an economic benefit to Idaho of \$4.6 million and a projected 35-40 jobs, Crapo's office said.

Insurance, financial group meets Tuesday

TWIN FALLS — The Southern Idaho Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors will meet at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Mandarin House restaurant in Twin Falls.

The association encourages attendees to bring names of those they want to nominate for next year's officers and board members. Voting will take place at the May meeting. The southern Idaho association promotes professional development among its members through ongoing classes and training provided to insurance and financial professionals. It also aims to support the insurance industry at the political level, ensuring industry stability.

For membership information, call Leal Snodson at 543-8157.

Compiled from staff reports

What's in your paycheck?

Analysts release salary averages for Magic Valley

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — To most folks, this is a mighty interesting bunch of numbers.

Economic-development leaders use them to tell prospective employers about the region. Workers use them to gauge their own paychecks against others. Companies use them to set competitive wages, recruit workers and pick business locations. Job seekers and students use them in career decisions, schooling plans, relocation decisions and job-offer negotiations.

The numbers are Magic Valley's average wages for occupations that range from top executives to low-paid

Don't see your job? — D5

"Idaho Occupational Employment & Wage Survey" for 2002 uses survey responses from employers throughout the state during October 2001 through August 2002. So the numbers aren't merely educated guesses, but they are based on a sampling of employers.

Also on these pages are brief profiles of eight Magic Valley workers. The Times-News put faces to just a few of the hundreds of local job classifications that the state surveys — plus one military man fighting in Iraq.

Department analysts caution that there's no single "right wage" for an occupation. Economic conditions and the job market's supply and demand determine the wage an employer will pay and whether the individual will accept the offer.

"Companies differ considerably in the products or services produced, working conditions, size, location and complexity and work required for different jobs," analysts wrote. "There are also significant differences between the skills, education, experience and abilities of employees within each occupational classification."

"Because of these differences, there is typically a wide range of wages actually paid for a single occupation," they wrote.

Printed here are the wages for a special, newly created category: south-central Idaho excluding Blaine County. That's because Greg Rogers, the Idaho Department of Labor's regional labor economist for Magic Valley, has long told his Labor Department colleagues that Blaine's higher wages skew the results from the rest of the valley. Numbers printed here are for just Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Lincoln, Jerome, Minidoka and Twin Falls counties.

This is the department's second year to produce a Magic Valley report that excludes Blaine. But Rogers discouraged using comparisons with the year-ago list to gauge local wage growth.

Please see WAGES, Page D5



Charleen Mabry opens the bag protecting a wedding dress at Hart's Tux & Gowns in Twin Falls. Mabry, assistant manager, said she likes working for bosses who know her name.

- 87
- Twin Falls
- Assistant manager of Hart's Tux & Gowns in Twin Falls.
- Earns \$8 per hour.
- Works 39-40 hours per week.

It's a job Mabry plans to keep. "We see people at the happiest times of their lives," said Mabry. She enjoys helping excited brides and groom attenders — even calming the men, making them "as comfortable as possible under the circumstances."

In retail all her working life, Mabry has had employers large and small. The big corporations, she said, provided employee benefits but didn't know her name. At the small businesses, her bosses were friendly and were considerate when Mabry needed to care for an ill family member.

for instance. She sure would like to have health insurance and other benefits, which she lacks at Hart's. "But it does not balance, in my book, having your bosses care about you as an individual."

SCOTT MILNER



Scott Milner, a taxi driver and dispatcher for Checker Cab in Twin Falls, takes a phone call while waiting for a fare in a Lynwood Shopping Center parking lot.

- 54
- Twin Falls
- Taxi driver for Checker Cab in Twin Falls.
- Earns \$8 per hour, plus occasional tips.
- Works hours vary from 40 to 80 per week.

The tipping isn't frequent enough to suit Milner. In the first 4 1/2 hours of his shift on a recent Wednesday, tips totaled a meager \$1. But the job, he said, "keeps me busy."

— Virginia S. Hutchins

HOWARD WICKER



Howard Wicker, a crane operator for Miller Concrete & Excavation of Twin Falls, pauses by the rig on his way to lunch. He's concerned about the work ethic of young hires and the scarcity of good help.

- 40
- Twin Falls
- Crane operator for Miller Concrete & Excavation of Twin Falls, and manager of its pre-cast concrete manufacturing division.
- Earns about \$32 per hour.
- In summer, works 40-60 hours per week. In winter, 25-30.

"I enjoy it. There's a sense of accomplishment in it," Wicker said. But his job, like many in the construction trade, comes without benefits, he said. "There's very few union construction jobs."

And Wicker said he might have to return to retail work as his crane operator body ages.

"It's a young, strong, healthy man's occupation," said Wicker, who hasn't let much keep him away from the job

"I've run this thing with a temperature of 101 and barfing off the side," he said, gesturing toward the crane. But, he said, young men willing and able to do physical labor are becoming scarce — a trend that has Wicker mightily concerned. Miller Concrete & Excavation has huge turnover among its ranks, and recruitment is difficult.

He said young hires often fail to show up, make flimsy excuses, expend little effort or demand starting wages of \$12 or \$14 — the pay level of their experienced counterparts. On the other hand, Wicker said, the scarcity of good help might simply reflect a local job market that doesn't adequately compensate employees.

"Maybe the good quality people are just holding out" for higher wages and benefits, he said.

More profiles — D4

South-central Idaho wage survey (excluding Blaine County)

For more survey results, please see pages D4,5

	Average wage	Middle range wage	High range wage
Total all occupations	\$13.67	\$8.13	\$16.93
MANAGEMENT OCCUPATIONS	\$26.94	\$14.28	\$32.00
Top executives	\$37.72	\$18.38	\$44.06
Chief executives	\$41.31	\$21.71	\$61.78
General and operations managers	\$26.57	\$16.38	\$33.92
Legislators	\$31.29	\$10.97	\$30.22
Advertising, marketing, promotions, public relations and sales managers	\$27.81	\$10.31	\$38.93
Advertising and promotions managers	\$22.00	\$10.19	\$29.78
Sales managers	\$32.06	\$23.18	\$40.68
Public relations managers	\$31.29	\$10.97	\$30.22
Operations specialties managers	\$26.85	\$16.06	\$32.84
Administrative services managers	\$22.27	\$13.20	\$30.56

Computer and information systems managers	\$30.89	\$22.28	\$37.48
Financial managers	\$27.98	\$20.86	\$32.80
Human resources managers	\$26.70	\$18.72	\$32.62
Industrial production managers	\$28.20	\$18.07	\$34.26
Purchasing managers	\$21.88	\$9.27	\$31.91
Transportation, storage and distribution managers	\$27.27	\$19.16	\$32.99
Other management occupations	\$22.80	\$14.87	\$27.73
Construction managers	\$22.35	\$16.60	\$24.66
Education administrators, preschool and child care center or program	\$14.96	\$9.84	\$11.26
Education administrators, elementary and secondary school	\$57.299	\$45.739	\$68.938
Engineering managers	\$36.23	\$20.17	\$45.96
Food service managers	\$15.81	\$11.29	\$19.24
Funeral directors	\$21.17	\$20.16	\$22.68
Medical and health services managers	\$28.60	\$18.45	\$35.77
Natural sciences managers	\$28.22	\$20.27	\$33.13
Nurses and medical superintendents	\$23.93	\$19.90	\$27.91
Property, real estate and community association managers	\$12.84	\$10.29	\$12.59
Managers, all other	\$24.54	\$16.73	\$28.93

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS OCCUPATIONS	\$18.95	\$12.53	\$22.85
Business operations specialists	\$17.46	\$10.17	\$22.37
Purchasing agents and buyers, farm products	\$23.01	\$10.45	\$30.01
Wholesale and retail buyers, except farm products	\$16.22	\$12.86	\$18.06
Purchasing agents, except wholesale, retail and farm products	\$16.55	\$10.85	\$19.53
Comptroller clerks, except agriculture, construction, health, safety and transportation	\$9.10	\$6.11	\$9.78
Cost estimators	\$10.51	\$15.61	\$21.14
Employment, recruitment and placement specialists	\$23.01	\$15.76	\$21.99
Training and development specialists	\$12.06	\$14.81	\$24.33
Business operations specialists, all other	\$18.18	\$12.44	\$22.85
Financial specialists	\$20.89	\$14.86	\$23.86
Accountants and auditors	\$23.29	\$15.84	\$24.04
Appraisers and assessors of real estate	\$12.85	\$10.04	\$14.69
Credit analysts	\$27.24	\$18.96	\$31.00
Loan officers	\$20.08	\$15.35	\$25.99
Tax examiners, collectors and revenue agents	\$15.37	\$8.81	\$21.23
Financial specialists, all other	\$19.96	\$13.10	\$22.85

* Salary data cannot be converted to a meaningful hourly figure. Annual data is given instead.

Source: Idaho Department of Labor, from wage data collected October 2001 through August 2002.

NEW BUSINESSES

The Times-News

BOISE — Following is the list of businesses filed during February with the state secretary of state's office, including both new ones and existing ones that had been filed with counties and had to be refiled with the state. Businesses are listed by name, agent, address and nature of business.

878 Saloon, Jill Collette, 1252 Oakley Ave., Burley, ID 83318, services.

A Greener Season, Joel Camacho, 484 Tyler St., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Auremda Dental, Frans Aardema, 144 W. 400 S., Jerome, ID 83336, agriculture.

Aurkard Legal Support Service, Patricia Lawley, 67 W. 317 S., Jerome, ID 83301, services.

Acc of Clubs LLC, Jesus Rodriguez, 287 W. Spartan Drive, Rupert, ID 83350, services.

Advantage Lending and Lease LLC, James E. Herbert, 2058 Overlook Ave., Burley, ID 83318.

AIRT Land Surveys Ltd., Randall K. French, 96 Freedom Loop, Bellevue, ID 83313.

Albion Quick Response Unit Inc., Karl Robinson, 1170 E. 810 S., Albion, ID 83311.

Albright Markets, Susan Bridwell, P.O. Box 1387, Ketchum, ID 83340, services.

All Smiles Dental Care, Ronald C. Rice DDS PC, 207 E. 15th St., Burley, ID 83308, services.

Altek Metal and Machine LLC, Kary L. Yates, 81 Martin Lane, Bellevue, ID 83313.

AMI Properties LLC, Charles R. Atkinson, 451 Fourth St. E., Ketchum, ID 83340.

Anderson Transportation Inc., R. Trent Anderson, 271 U.S. Highway 30, Burley, ID 83318.

Angel's Haven Inc., Lynda Brennen, 200 S. 05 E., Burley, ID 83301.

Antelope Springs Ranch, Jared Brachett, Antelope Springs Ranch, Rogerson, ID 83302.

Artisan Woodworks, Douglas Wilson, P.O. Box 4354, Hailey, ID 83333, construction.

Aspen Janitorial, Brandon Dene, P.O. Box 1993, Twin Falls, ID 83303, services.

Avila Inc., Melissa Joann Brown/Avila, 415 N. 200 E., Jerome, ID 83336, services.

B & R Bearing Supply Inc., Robert S. Fairbrother, 1302 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

B & R Exchange Accommodation, Tiddler III LLC, Robert Koch, 128 Saddle Road, Suite 103, Ketchum, ID 83340.

The Bark Yard, Dot Perkins, 7195 S. Lane W., Rupert, ID 83350, retail and wholesale trade.

Big Tate's, Tate Dockstadter, 157 W. 200 S., Rupert, ID 83350, retail trade and services.

Black Hole Equity Investments II LP, Michael Kraymick, 81 E. Spruce St., Hailey, ID 83333.

Bonnie's Gifts for All, Craig J. McLean, 215 E. Stevens, Filer, ID 83329, retail trade.

Boutique Financial Alliance LLC, Suzanne M. Harlett, 111 Main St., Ketchum, ID 83340.

Boyer Metal Sculpture, III Enterprises Inc., P.O. Box 5901, Ketchum, ID 83340, wholesale trade.

C and I Feed and Supplies, Linda Burbee, 1460 E. 4300 N., Burley, ID 83306, services.

C-Barlow Inc., Chad Barlow, 2165 S. 1800 E., Gooding, ID 83330.

Cameron Multimedia LLC, Marian E. Burbee, 940 W. Magic Road, No. 43, West Magic, ID 83352.

Capital Partners LLC, David C. Hutchinson, 240 Leadville N., Ketchum, ID 83340.

Carlos Handyman Service, Carlos Benavides, P.O. Box 694, Heyburn, ID 83336, services.

Carroll's, Carol Glenn Hall, 516 Grandview Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade and services.

Christian Chaplaincy Mission International Inc., Theodore W. Mangini, 312 Meadows Lane, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

CK Storage, Kent Kolven, 621 Washington St. S., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Classic Lodging & Concierge Real Estate, Laurie Maher, 1334 Meadows Loop, Ketchum, ID 83340, insurance and real estate.

Classic Critics, Nina Day, 531 Calico St., Hansen, ID 83334, services.

Clinton Partners, Gerald L. Martens, 621 N. College Road, Twin Falls, ID 83301, finance.

Cottonwood Industries, Danny E. Moore, 2700 E. W. Twin Falls, ID 83301, construction.

Country Comforts & Antiques, Cheri Dill Schenker, 110 E. Gulch Road, Hailey, ID 83333, wholesale and retail.

County Line Dairy LLC, Hill Brandman, 2249 E. 3200 S., Wendell, ID 83350, services.

Crabtree Moving Services, Linda M. Crabtree, 1356 E. 400 S., Jerome, ID 83338, services, transportation, public utility.

CT Investors LLC, Carl Pendleton, 50 W. 620 N., Shoshone, ID 83352.

Curt's Refinishing Tile & Marble,

Curtis Charles Ward, 428 Sagebrush, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services, retail trade and construction.

Daily Automatic LLC, Rebecca B. Shetler, 400 E. Main Drive, No. 5, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Dan S. Fairman MD LLC, Dan S. Fairman, 180 W. First St., Suite 206, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Dazzling Digits, John S. Ritchie, 730 Grant Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail and wholesale.

Deer Valley Farm Homeowners' Association Inc., James R. Laski Esq., 675 Sun Valley Road, Suite A, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Design Productions, Starla Kim Hale, 135 S. 200 W., Rupert, ID 83350, services.

Dino's Burger & Brew, Randy Bryant, 402 D.C. Circle, Jerome, ID 83336, retail trade.

Dix's Country Occasions, Diane Schultz, 606 E. 18th St., Rupert, ID 83350, retail trade.

Dogs Play 'N' Train LLC, Barb Carpi, 810 Sunrise Drive, Hailey, ID 83331.

Dreamweaver Gifts, Lee Seward Lumpe, 304 Walnut, Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade.

E & T Transportation, Newworld Development Corp., 14 E. 300 S., Burley, ID 83318, transportation.

East Fork Productions Inc., Linda Gordon, 203 Meadowbrook Road, Hailey, ID 83333.

El Comedor, Debbie Lagunas, 129 Third Ave. E., Gooding, ID 83330, services.

Equity Exchange Services LLC, Jarrod T. Ball, 278 Whispering Pine Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Expresivo Etc., James W. Etherington, 1020 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade.

Extrada Corp., Dorotea J. Extrada, 334 E. 200 S., Burley, ID 83318.

E-Z Scrapbooks, Vanessa Harper, 942 Wendell Lane, Heyburn, ID 83347, retail trade.

Fido Trucking Inc., Mike Fidelity, 400S. 193 E., Ketchum, ID 83338.

First Assembly of God Inc., Hubert Idaho Rev. John Burke, 103 Locust St. N., Buhl, ID 83316, services.

G&G Enterprises Grumpy's LLC, Gary L. Goodenough, 102 Snowplow Road, Hailey, ID 83333.

G&G Enterprises Rivestreet LLC, Gary L. Goodenough, 102 Snowplow Road, Hailey, ID 83333.

G&G Properties-Arizona LLC, Gary L. Goodenough, 102 Snowplow Road, Hailey, ID 83333.

Golay Pet Foods, Robin E. Golay, 4326 N. 1400 E., Buhl, ID 83316, retail trade and services.

Golay Pet Foods LLC, Robin Eugene Golay, 4326 N. 1400 E., Buhl, ID 83316, services.

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Good Tooth Inc., Daniel B. Konrad, 450 W. 50 N., Burley, ID 83318.

Goodman LLC, Andrew Hachman, 304 Gem Drive, Kimberly, ID 83341.

Grassroot Cutters LLC, P. Parker, 815 E. 18th St., Burley, ID 83318.

Great Basin Trading Co. LLC, William K. Mendenhall, 999 W. Main St., Burley, ID 83318.

Greene Financial Alliance, Catharine Gutierrez, 547 Fifth St., Rupert, ID 83350, retail trade.

Hampton & Keenally Inc., J. R. P. Enterprises Inc., Spruce Ave. N., Ketchum, ID 83340.

Harper Kavita Farm LLC, Larry Harper, 1000 S. 672 W., Paul, ID 83347.

Hartman Properties Inc., Laura Huchard, 500 Bell Drive, No. 5, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Heritage Quarries of Idaho LLC, David J. Jorgensen, 144 B.E. Main, Oakley, ID 83346.

Horsewise Enterprises LLC, Mary E. Kimball, 27 Ropes End Road, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Horticulture Technologies, Tom Marron, P.O. Box 3771, Hailey, ID 83333, retail trade.

Idaho Diagnostic Sleep Center Inc., 526 Idaho Diagnostic Sleep Lab Inc., 526 C Shop Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Idaho Testing & Mitigation, Gordon M. Jacob, P.O. Box 57, A. E. Twin Falls, ID 83340, retail, wholesale, services and construction.

Independent Beauty Consultant, Julie A. Wilson, P.O. Box 1172, Hailey, ID 83333, services.

Innovative Woodworks, Alan R. Livezey, 4239 N. 1400 E., Buhl, ID 83316, manufacturing.

Intermountain Properties, M. Louise Ward, 3488 B. N. 4500 E., Murietta, ID 83344, finance, insurance and real estate.

J & R Properties LLC, 561 Terrace Drive, Burley, ID 83318.

Joe Painting, Jason McCardy, 576 Rose St. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Jenkins Autobody & Paint, Jason D. Jenkins, 661 Eastland Drive S., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Jerome Martial Art Academy, Dale Shropshire, 202 E. Main St., Jerome, ID 83338, services.

Quest Equine Lock & Key, Jason M. Evans, 1422 N. Fillmore St., Jerome, ID 83338, services.

Jet Dynamics, Glen Dilworth, 1215 E. 1601 St., Burley, ID 83316, wholesale trade and manufacturing.

Jodie's Bookkeeping, Jodie

Stanger, P.O. Box 1074, Kimberly, ID 83341, services.

John's Life Delivery, Robert F. Powers, 1732 Eighth Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

K & D Farms a Partnership, Keith Critchfield, 1895 Idaho Highway 27, Oakley, ID 83346, agriculture.

K & T Maneue Transport, Kent L. Claborn, 365 S. 2600 E., Kimberly, ID 83341, agriculture.

Kirk Meadows Life Estate LLC, George R. Kirk, P.O. Box 4380, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Kolayna's Bookkeeping, Kolayna Johnson, P.O. Box 5523, Twin Falls, ID 83303, services.

Kovalev Inc., Richard W. Gouley, 100 Lees Gulch Road, Bellevue, ID 83340, services.

Lawson Enterprises LLC, Robert H. Lawson, 621 Concordia Circle, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Little Sky Farms, Mike Elliott, HC 60 Box 1745, Bliss, ID 83314, agriculture, retail trade and services.

Lonnes Cleaning, Lonnie L. Davis, P.O. Box 8, Shoshone, ID 83352, services.

L.T.D. Leasing LLC, Mark Tim Praeger, 2050 E. 990 S., Hazelton, ID 83335.

Lutz Rental Inc., Anthony Lutz, 100 Leaning Tower, Ketchum, ID 83340.

M & J Express, Jody R. Bliss, P.O. Box 185, Ketchum, ID 83340, retail trade and services.

M & P Sales, Miles Osterlund, P.O. Box 185, Ketchum, ID 83340, retail trade and services.

M & T Upholstery, Allen L. Armstrong, 3572 N. 3300 E., Kimberly, ID 83341, services.

Maple Valley Auto Body LLC, David G. Hovey, 423 Sixth St., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Mark Stone Photography LLC, Mark Stone, 710 Sunrise Drive, Hailey, ID 83333.

The Marketing Department, Shawn A. Barick, 858 Aspenwood Lane, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Massage for Health, Lisa M. Knudson, 1133 E. 3800 N., Buhl, ID 83316, services.

Matten-Morris Motors, Kathy Morris, 373 S. 600 W., Heyburn, ID 83336, retail trade.

Matt's Computer Consulting, Matt Shulman, 229 Pleasant Road W., No. 62, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Milestone Builders/Developers LLC, J. Francis Foxworth, 139 River View Place, Suite 202, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Mimura, Maria Magana, 360 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Moats Associates Consulting Inc., Louisa C. Moats, 411 Mother Lode Lane, Hailey, ID 83333.

Moss Electrical Service Inc., Ryan C. Moore, 1636 Broadwood Lane, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Mr. Kleen Junior Service, Mary F. Moore, 2556 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Mr. West Kennel, Charles Busch, 1460 E. 4300 N., Buhl, ID 83316, services.

Nationwide Fleet Sales, Ron Folkinga, 357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Suite 13, Twin Falls, ID 83301, wholesale trade.

Native Stock Pictures, Marilyn Angel Wynn, 344 Glendale Road, Bellevue, ID 83313, wholesale trade.

Natural Graining, Jeff Carey, 1633 Second Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Nielsen Roofing Inc., Steven R. Nielsen, 267 Taylor, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Nunes Brothers Dairy, John Nunes, 2933 B. S. 1500 E., Wendell, ID 83355, agriculture.

OMC Radiant Heating Services Inc., Brian J. Bennett, 4041 Woodside, No. 1, Hailey, ID 83333.

Orchard Street Investment LLC, James M. Paxton, 969 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

The Organizers, Patricia Bolding, P.O. Box 5922, Ketchum, ID 83340, services.

Palos Verde Equity Fund LLC, Mark Vegter, 400 Sun Valley Road, Suite 409, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Parties for Rent LLC, Suzanne M. Pfefferle, 1336 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Peterson's Reliable Electric, Dave Peterson, 410 E. E. Jerome, ID 83338, construction.

Precious Gifts, Teresa Hayes, 308 E. Ave. F, Jerome, ID 83338, services.

Prepare a Child for Life Foundation Inc., Alexandra Delis-Abrams PHD, 110 Sweetbrier, Sun Valley, ID 83353.

Preventive Maintenance Services, Daniel P. Carragher, 1094 Wendell, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Progressive Landscape, Progressive Landscape Management Inc., P.O. Box 3807, Hailey, ID 83333, services.

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E. Newberry, 250 Second Ave. S., Suite C, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Radio Wave, Ron K. Godfrey, P.O. Box 753, Kimberly, ID 83341.

Raven's Ink Inc., Shane T. House, 258 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Raven's Ink Tattoo, Raven's Ink Inc., 258 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade and services.

Ream Property Management, Kathy Ream, 98 Eagle Rim Drive, Jerome, ID 83338, services, finance and insurance.

Reliable Management LLC, Richard G. Whyte, 4118 The Bluff, Sun Valley, ID 83354.

Remington Ranch LLC, Gary N. Nelson, 1031 Eastland Drive, Suite 3B, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Restaurante Guadalajara Inc., Andres Arceo, 262 Overland, Burley, ID 83318.

Rimview Consulting, Kevin L. Guthrie, 791 Rimview Lane W., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Romanian Hopkins Fund, Anita Moseley, 2521 E. 4264 N., Filer, ID 83328, services.

S. Clayton Foundation, a nonprofit corporation, Steven Clayton, 160 Second St. E., Ketchum, ID 83340.

Sage Counseling Group PLLC, Donna L. Hatch, 488 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Sale Yard Cares, Susan K. Hatfield, 313 Third Ave. W., Jerome, ID 83338, services.

Sawtooth Chinking LLC, Jim Bishop, 128 Saddle Road, Suite 104, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Shady Lane Ranch LLC, Paul Dene, 1542 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

SHP Enterprises Inc., Scott Pierce, 1523 Birch Court, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Snake River Queen Enterprises LLC, Corporation Service Co., 197 W. U.S. Highway 30, Burley, ID 83318.

Snyder's Farm Inc., Tim J. Williams, 109 E. 500 S., Jerome, ID 83338.

Sepphus, Kungu, Stone & Trainor, Laund B. Stone, 275 Lincoln St., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Studio E, Emily Gattard, 1252 Oakley Ave., Burley, ID 83318, retail trade and services.

Sun Valley Investment Professional LLC, John Weaver, 141 Northwood Way, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Sunbury's Guitar Gallery, David Campbell, P.O. Box 1680, Ketchum, ID 83340, retail trade.

Sun Valley Inc., Dallas Gray, 451 Eastland Drive, Suite 3, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Thesis Boardshop, Terese Straley, 416 Glenbrook, Hailey, ID 83333, retail.

The Third Floor Inc., Robert V. Brand Jr., 400 S. Main St., Suite 301, Hailey, ID 83333.

Thompson Enterprises, Georgia M. Thompson, 627 E. 400 S., Burley, ID 83301, retail trade.

Thor's Trail Sales, Travis Hughes, 924 12th St., Rupert, ID 83350, retail and wholesale trade and services.

Tigermoon PC, C. Cal Miller, 171 W. River St., Suite 102, Ketchum, ID 83340.

TJS Partners LLC, John A. Kancellaras, 401 Canyon Road, Hailey, ID 83333.

Twin Falls Better Business Initiative, Tony Burns, 3085 Wendridge Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade and services.

Tyco Farming, Alexander T. Windruck, 350 Monroe St., Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade and services.

Udderly Clean, Jeff H. Renke, 3939 N. 2000 E., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

View Water Development Co., Jave Wrigley, 417 E. 600 S., Burley, ID 83318.

Vintage Restaurant, Jeff Key, 231 12 Leadville Ave., Ketchum, ID 83340, services.

VIP Garage Doors, Elaine Niedrich, P.O. Box 2297, Hailey, ID 83333, retail and services.

Voorhees Lammur LLP, P.O. Box 2, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

WCS/Rever Street LLC, William E. Stennett, 220 Sahala, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Went/Cory Street LLC, William E. Morris, 291 N. Main, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Western Cellular, Schoettgers Inc., 309 Main St., Gooding, ID 83330, retail trade and services.

Western Mountain Construction, Ryan D. Phipps, P.O. Box 141, Burley, ID 83318, construction.

Widened Builders, John W. Cole, P.O. Box 1071, Hailey, ID 83333, construction.

Wilder Silver Sangha, Mary Ann Chubb, P.O. Box 175, Ketchum, ID 83340, services.

Zen Fitness Studio, Kaylan Volz, 222 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.



A U.N. worker stacks wheat bags at the U.N. warehouse in Jowdella, Jordan, near the capital Amman on Wednesday in what may prove to be history's biggest humanitarian operation, food aid to Iraq.

Wheat market takes a hit from war on Iraq

TWIN FALLS — One of the first casualties of the war with Iraq has been the U.S. wheat market. An announcement last week by U.S. Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman authorizing the release of 800,000 metric tons (approximately 29 million bushels) of wheat from the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust knocked the legs out from the ruggling market. March 21, the day after the announcement was made, there was a bid price for soft white wheat in Portland. Early this week, soft white prices fell another 8 to 10 cents.

"The market didn't want any more wheat," said Steve Johnson, executive director of the Idaho Grain Producers Association. While the wheat industry is very supportive of humanitarian efforts, how those efforts are implemented are causing significant impacts on the market. Several years ago the program was changed so that the USDA was given the authority to sell reserve wheat held in the Trust to generate cash that can be used to buy other commodities, such as rice, for use in humanitarian food relief efforts. Before that, the wheat itself would have to be shipped.

Gray wolf down-listing may have no impact

TWIN FALLS — Recent downlisting of the Canadian gray wolf from endangered to threatened will have no impact on how the predatory carnivores are managed in most of Idaho. That's because the reclassification status applies only to wolf populations north of 190, a northern U.S. interstate highway traversing the nation from east to west.

In Idaho, the area north of 190 is its panhandle, the narrowest portion of the state. Though the wolf down-listing holds some significance, Idaho remains largely unaffected by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's decision.

Jack Oyler, Filer, steering committee member for the Central Idaho Anti-Wolf Coalition, fears the USFWS

Water supply looks bleak for some beet growers

NYSSA, Ore. — As an uncertain winter year unfolds, sugar beet growers in Amalgamated Sugar Co.'s western-most district may be looking to the skies for much of their irrigation water. Growers are facing "an extremely short irrigation season" based on the amount of water presently held in the Owyhee Reservoir in southeast Oregon, said Jay Chamberlin, Owyhee Irrigation District manager in Nyssa.

Despite the low water reserves, sugar beet acreage is down just 13 percent — from 23,000 acres to 20,000 acres — in the sugar company's Nyssa district, said Amalgamated Sugar Co. agriculture manager Gilbert Wells.

Middle-aged workers see lack of motivation on the job

The Associated Press

A new survey indicates the baby boomers who affect middle-aged workers' motivation more than for younger and older employees.

Nearly a fifth of workers ages 45 to 54, or 19.2 percent, said they were not motivated to work, according to a survey of 54 full-time employees conducted earlier this month. Fourteen percent said they were very or somewhat unmotivated.

Chief executives ought to consider the advantages of helping key employees become more

attuned to the organization, noted Chris Pierce-Cooke, an executive vice president at Philadelphia-based Right Management Consultants, which commissioned the survey.

"If I was a CEO who knew that more than half of my workforce was feeling somewhere between OK and lethargic, I'd be taking steps to help them feel more invested and motivated," he said.

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South-central Idaho wage survey (excluding Blaine County)

For more survey results, please see pages D1.5

Occupation	Average wage	Middle range wage	High range wage
COMPUTER AND MATHEMATICAL OCCUPATIONS	\$23.06	\$18.47	\$28.06
Computer specialists	\$23.75	\$18.59	\$28.00
Computer support specialists	\$20.53	\$14.70	\$26.50
Computer systems analysts	\$22.63	\$18.30	\$27.44
Database administrators	\$26.18	\$24.94	\$29.83
ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING OCCUPATIONS	\$21.22	\$15.05	\$26.25
Engineers	\$27.25	\$21.49	\$33.05
Civil engineers	\$27.79	\$23.92	\$32.30
Mechanical engineers	\$30.31	\$20.74	\$41.06
Drafters, engineering and mapping technicians	\$16.59	\$12.72	\$20.44
Civil engineering technicians	\$17.54	\$14.67	\$20.63
Surveying and mapping technicians	\$13.42	\$10.69	\$15.54
LIFE, PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE OCCUPATIONS	\$17.54	\$11.48	\$22.60
Life scientists	\$22.77	\$19.28	\$26.81
Physical scientists	\$23.31	\$19.21	\$27.48
Social scientists and related workers	\$18.87	\$10.04	\$25.73
Clinical, counseling and school psychologists	\$19.65	\$11.66	\$27.89
Survey researchers	\$14.59	\$8.44	\$16.30
Life, physical and social science technicians	\$14.56	\$10.94	\$17.33
Agricultural and food science technicians	\$13.32	\$9.91	\$14.15
Biological technicians	\$15.69	\$13.34	\$18.81
Chemical technicians	\$13.77	\$10.24	\$16.69
Forest and conservation technicians	\$14.87	\$11.61	\$18.57
Life, physical and social science technicians, all other	\$16.27	\$12.61	\$17.95
COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES OCCUPATIONS	\$18.54	\$11.22	\$21.03
Counselors, social workers and other community and social service specialists	\$18.53	\$11.20	\$21.02
Substance abuse and behavioral disorder counselors	\$15.82	\$13.52	\$18.33
Educational, vocational and school counselors	\$20.76	\$19.65	\$22.22
Marriage and family therapists	\$20.24	\$19.00	\$21.73
Rehabilitation counselors	\$17.54	\$10.32	\$23.69
Medical and public health social workers	\$19.95	\$16.82	\$22.58
Social and human service assistants	\$10.60	\$7.62	\$12.91
All other counselors, social and religious workers	\$18.21	\$11.83	\$21.12
LEGAL OCCUPATIONS	\$21.45	\$13.03	\$24.51
Lawyers, judge and related workers	\$25.29	\$19.34	\$26.51
Lawyers	\$27.91	\$19.11	\$26.11
Legal support workers	\$17.35	\$12.19	\$19.07
Paralegals and legal assistants	\$14.68	\$11.79	\$15.21
Title examiners, abstractors and searchers	\$16.13	\$12.42	\$19.22
EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LIBRARY OCCUPATIONS	\$18.48	\$13.38	\$21.48
Postsecondary teachers	\$25.80	\$18.78	\$31.43
Mathematical science teachers, postsecondary	\$35.425	\$24.445	\$45.622
Art, drama and music teachers, postsecondary	\$48.245	\$43.234	\$54.555
English language and literature teachers, postsecondary	\$39.130	\$27.909	\$46.888
Home economics teachers, postsecondary	\$54.768	\$40.119	\$68.559
Recreation and fitness studies teachers, postsecondary	\$46.230	\$32.688	\$58.229
Vocational education teachers, postsecondary	\$25.11	\$18.59	\$29.79
Postsecondary teachers, all other	\$68.181	\$44.413	\$89.719
Primary, secondary and special education school teachers	\$18.56	\$17.07	\$20.93
Preschool teachers, except special education	\$10.04	\$9.40	\$10.75
Elementary school teachers, except special education	\$41.596	\$39.429	\$45.119
Secondary school teachers, except special and vocational education	\$37.254	\$34.016	\$40.601
Librarians, curators and archivists	\$10.07	\$7.52	\$11.24
Library technicians	\$9.94	\$8.99	\$11.15
Other education, training and library occupations	\$9.85	\$8.27	\$10.75
Teacher assistants	\$19.356	\$17.199	\$22.014
ARTS, DESIGN, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS AND MEDIA OCCUPATIONS	\$11.40	\$7.01	\$13.49
Art and design workers	\$8.90	\$6.53	\$10.76
Floor designers	\$7.59	\$6.30	\$9.36
Graphic designers	\$11.84	\$10.12	\$13.59
Media and communication workers	\$15.88	\$9.97	\$18.79
Announcers	\$9.73	\$7.87	\$10.79
News analysts, reporters and correspondents	\$14.10	\$8.62	\$15.40
Editors	\$19.04	\$13.63	\$21.67
Media and communication equipment workers	\$10.80	\$7.12	\$12.54
Audio and video equipment technicians	\$9.77	\$6.79	\$12.03
HEALTH-CARE PRACTITIONERS AND TECHNICAL OCCUPATIONS	\$20.50	\$12.70	\$22.93
Health diagnosing and treating practitioners	\$24.08	\$16.27	\$24.21
Chiropractors	\$19.77	\$16.49	\$21.94
Pharmacists	\$35.39	\$32.25	\$40.53
Physicians and general practitioners	\$42.68	\$18.78	\$69.08
Internists, general	\$73.73	Not available	
Physician assistants	\$18.72	\$8.64	\$31.81
Registered nurses	\$20.60	\$18.33	\$22.78
Occupational therapists	\$10.26	\$8.38	\$9.66
Respiratory therapists	\$16.92	\$15.73	\$18.14
Health technologists and technicians	\$15.68	\$11.47	\$18.66
Medical and clinical laboratory technologists	\$20.48	\$19.57	\$22.86
Medical and clinical laboratory technicians	\$20.46	\$16.61	\$23.15
Dental hygienists	\$28.64	\$25.58	\$31.73
Radiologic technologists and technicians	\$20.10	\$17.04	\$23.46
Pharmacy technicians	\$11.29	\$9.62	\$12.68
Respiratory therapy technicians	\$16.66	\$13.21	\$17.51
Veterinary technologists and technicians	\$9.02	\$7.85	\$9.57
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	\$13.97	\$12.41	\$15.26
Medical records and health information technicians	\$14.04	\$10.53	\$15.83
Opticians, dispensing	\$9.34	\$7.80	\$11.09
Other health-care practitioners and technical occupations	\$12.84	\$8.47	\$11.77
HEALTH-CARE SUPPORT OCCUPATIONS	\$9.54	\$7.85	\$10.74
Nursing, psychiatric and home health aides	\$8.70	\$7.67	\$9.73
Home health aides	\$8.16	\$6.83	\$9.00
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	\$8.80	\$7.86	\$9.85
Occupational and physical therapist assistants and aides	\$10.41	\$8.10	\$11.00
Other health-care support occupations	\$10.95	\$8.39	\$13.44
Dental assistants	\$12.16	\$9.29	\$15.19
Medical assistants	\$10.58	\$8.59	\$11.55
Medical transcriptionists	\$12.04	\$10.55	\$13.79
Veterinary assistants and laboratory animal caretakers	\$8.02	\$7.64	\$8.56
Health-care support workers, all other	\$8.27	\$6.39	\$10.13
PROTECTIVE SERVICE OCCUPATIONS	\$11.95	\$7.42	\$15.08
First-line supervisors/managers, protective service workers	\$18.58	\$7.21	\$26.18
First-line supervisors/managers of police and detectives	\$22.95	\$18.23	\$27.59
Firefighting and prevention workers	\$8.41	\$6.49	\$9.87
Firefighters	\$8.41	\$6.49	\$9.87
Law enforcement workers	\$13.95	\$10.83	\$16.41
Correctional officers and jailers	\$12.49	\$9.38	\$15.33
Detectives and criminal investigators	\$18.24	\$14.73	\$18.69
Police and sheriff's patrol officers	\$14.35	\$12.41	\$16.40
Other protective service workers	\$10.36	\$7.18	\$11.85
Security guards	\$9.06	\$6.80	\$10.39
Protective service workers, all other	\$8.58	\$6.74	\$9.19
FOOD PREPARATION AND SERVING RELATED OCCUPATIONS	\$7.77	\$6.42	\$8.89
Supervisors, food preparation and serving workers	\$10.02	\$6.03	\$11.25
Chefs and head cooks	\$10.23	\$7.74	\$8.69
First-line supervisors/managers of food preparation and serving workers	\$9.59	\$6.08	\$11.34
Cooks and food preparation workers	\$8.72	\$7.53	\$9.58
Cooks, fast food	\$7.41	\$6.55	\$8.43
Cooks, institution and cafeteria	\$9.29	\$8.17	\$10.45
Cooks, restaurant	\$9.39	\$7.81	\$10.21
Cooks, short order	\$9.39	\$8.79	\$10.65
Food preparation workers	\$8.09	\$7.26	\$8.66
Food and beverage serving workers	\$7.00	\$6.14	\$7.26
Bar tenders	\$8.26	\$6.68	\$10.29
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food	\$7.77	\$6.53	\$8.70
Counter attendants, cafeteria, food concession and coffee shop	\$7.49	\$6.21	\$7.37
Waiters and waitresses	\$6.63	\$6.02	\$6.97
Food servers, nonrestaurant	\$7.40	\$6.55	\$8.08
Other food preparation and serving related workers	\$7.16	\$6.25	\$7.83
Dishwashers	\$6.90	\$6.20	\$7.45
Hosts and hostesses, restaurant, lounge and coffee shop	\$8.04	\$6.49	\$8.91

* Salary data cannot be converted to a meaningful hourly figure. Annual data is given instead.
Source: Idaho Department of Labor, from wage data collected October 2001 through August 2002

MONEY

JULIE JAKUES



J 38
J Twin Falls
J Cosmetology student.

So far, Jakues isn't earning anything in cosmetology. But her training program involves interviewing with various local employers and researching their wages and benefits. Based on that, Jakues expects to earn a starting wage of \$6 per hour, plus tips, when she enters the work force in November.

"I'd rather do that and have benefits, than not," she said.

Many local salons don't provide benefits, Jakues said, but she's aiming for one that does.

"I think all of us are," she said.

Benefits is the topic her fellow students ask potential employers about most frequently.

- Virginia S. Hutchins

Get into the outdoors

Every Thursday in the Outdoors section, The Times-News guides Magic Valley residents to recreational opportunities.

KELLY CAMPBELL



- J 28
- J Twin Falls
- J Head cook for Idaho Joe's restaurant in Twin Falls.
- J Earns \$9.75 per hour.
- J Works about 62 hours per week.

Campbell calls herself "my own boss" and has a lot of freedom in creating dishes.

"It's not a corporate-like place," he said. "That's a good thing."

- Virginia S. Hutchins

J Earns about \$1,000 per month from the photo business. Earns \$8.39 per hour driving the bus.

J Puts in at least 20 hours each week for his own company, and drives about 20 hours per week.

Hulse left his full-time job in August to develop the photography business, which he hopes will fully support him within two years. The school bus gig is simply helping him through the transition.

His heart is in Top View, which photographs weddings, portraits, commercial advertising, real estate promotions, local scenery, sports teams, horse shows, aerial views and the like.

- Virginia S. Hutchins

TERRY PLEW



- J 43
- J Hazelton
- J Customer-services representative for Dell Computer Corp. in Twin Falls.
- J Earns \$8.50 per hour, plus performance-based incentive.
- J Works 40 hours per week on average.

Incentives bring Plew's hourly wage to "right at \$13."

"That's pretty good," he said.

The reason for the bonus pay? "I do more calls per day than most do."

Plew said all his career has been in customer service of some form or another — including heating and air conditioning, security and telemarketing.

- Virginia S. Hutchins

BRANDON VOLLMER



Photo courtesy of BRANDON VOLLMER family.

This picture of Brandon Vollmer was taken one week before he was sent to Kuwait. He was on high alert — evident from his packed pack.

- J 21
- J Kimberly
- J Is a corporal in the U.S. Marines, stationed in Iraq.
- J Earns \$1,579.80 per month, plus separation pay of \$100 per month, hazard pay of \$150 per month and housing and clothing allowances.
- J Works as many hours as needed.

Vollmer is in the 11th Marines, third battalion, in Lima Company. He is in the artillery division and drives five- and seven-ton trucks as well as hummers. When he is not driving, he paints the area when artillery is being used, or fights.

It appears that Vollmer has been involved in several battles. He is attached to the 7th Marines, which is on news stations continually. He has been in several battles and was heading north last week. He participates in any battle the troops encounter on their journey to Baghdad.

- Nate Johnson

Most individuals provided the information about their own jobs and wages. A family member provided information on Brandon Vollmer.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV 2002-0088
CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT SUMMONS

In the Interest of **DANIEL BURCH, d.o.b. 09-15-91**
A child under the age of eighteen.

THE STATE OF IDAHO SENDS GREETINGS TO PATRICK E. DAMERON

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT:

A Petition, a copy of which is attached, has been filed in the above-entitled matter in the Magistrate's Division of the District Court of Twin Falls County, Idaho, by the Prosecuting Attorney, alleging the above-named child comes within the Court's jurisdiction under the Child Protective Act.

You are hereby directed to appear personally for a Case Plan Hearing at the Twin Falls County Court-house, 425 Shoshone Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, on April 10, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.

You are notified that service of the attached Petition upon you, as the parent(s), guardian, or custodian of this child, confers personal jurisdiction of the child upon you and subjects you to the provisions of the Child Protective Act.

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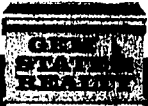
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\$59,000 Perfect starter home in Harrison School District. 2 bedroom stucco with forced air gas heat, large, fenced yard and oversized garage. Newer vinyl windows and room for a RV. Call **NICHOLE** at 539-7355. MLS#105031 PC#2102



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\$75,000 for this 3 bedroom home in Twin Falls convenient to downtown. This one won't last. With central air, gas heat, auto sprinklers, and a 1 car garage. Call **RON FREEMAN** 737-3915 OR **KATHY PARTRIDGE** 737-3920. MLS#102389 PC#2400



\$82,900 Very nice 3 bedroom home in Kimberly, on a cul de sac. Updated oak kitchen cabinets, central air, gas forced air heat, RV parking. Call for more information. **RON FREEMAN** 737-3915 OR **KATHY PARTRIDGE** 737-3920. MLS#106332 PC#2482



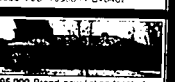
\$85,000 Recently updated 3 bedroom brick home, kitchen has lots of storage, updated bathroom, separate laundry room with storage. Large yard with automatic sprinklers in front yard. Call **VANCE** at 420-0364. MLS#105469 PC#1222



\$87,500 You snooze you lose! Remodeled handicapped accessible 2 bedroom home, could be 3 bed room. 4 car garage, barnshop, fruit trees, garden space. 1.5 acres with water, small corral. Call **TOM LLOYD** today 737-3924 OR 308-0177. MLS#106048 PC#2502



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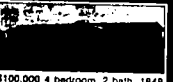


\$95,000 Brand new looking located on HWY 30 going West into Buhl. A real sweetie with red brick exterior. Private covered patio and park like landscaping. Three bedrooms, 1.5 baths, covered ceilings, beautiful stained glass window in family room, auto sprinklers, two fireplaces, and much more. Call **LYNN OR PEGGY OF THE RASMUSSEN TEAM** at 737-3925 OR 737-3900. MLS#101607 PC#2512

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\$104,900 Home is a must see. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on oversized lot. New carpet and vinyl, new gas furnace. Home has been well cared for. Plenty of RV parking plus a 24 x 30 shop. Call **KAY** at 948-4900 OR **ERNIE** at 948-4901. MLS#106325 PC#2752



\$104,900 SHARP, SHARP home in a great location. This home has room for everyone. 1900 plus square feet, 3 bedrooms, with den for dad and storage room for all the extras. Extra large lot with RV parking too. A must see. Call **DIANNE DOMAN** at 737-3916 OR 720-1810. MLS#106236 PC#2642



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\$114,900 Great home located on a quiet cul de sac in a good neighborhood. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, main floor utility. Cozy family room with fireplace. Exterior has just been painted. Extra large, fully fenced yard. RV parking. Call **KAY** 948-4900 OR **ERNIE** 948-4901. MLS#105756 PC#1622



BRING THE KIDS \$117,500 Wonderful 4 bedroom home on quiet cul de sac. This great family home has room to grow with its partially finished basement featuring large, egress windows. Well designed kitchen with formal and informal possibilities. Gas heat and central air. Double garage. Reduced to \$117,500. Call **KEN OR DOROTHY** 734-0400. MLS#105071 PC#1012



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\$249,500 Comfortable, quality brick home on .75 acre lot. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, den, large living room with cathedral ceilings, bay windows, bright, oak kitchen, formal dining room, utility, walk in pantry, large deck and patio, storage shed, work shop, RV parking, and many more extras. Call **DIANNE DOMAN** at 737-3916 OR 731-3858. MLS#105823 PC#1382



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\$283,000 Beautiful home in Woodridge Estates. Features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Beautiful master suite with tiled tub, lots of tile. Formal living and dining room, a great kitchen with tons of storage, and a family room with fireplace. 2 car garage, gas heat, and central air. Call **LYNN OR PEGGY OF THE RASMUSSEN TEAM** at 737-3900 OR 737-3925. MLS#106176 PC#2812



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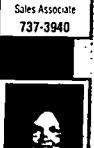
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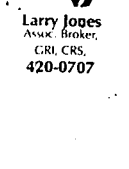
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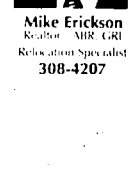
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3 bdrm, 2 bath, appls, garage, fenced yard. \$700. Cozy 4 bdrm, 2 bath home, gas heat, storage, nice size yd. \$625 mo. + dep. Older 2 bedroom, gas heat, basement storage, small garage, short term lease. \$525.00 per mo. Quiet Country 3 bdrm, 2 bath home, short term lease. Appliances, lg. yard. \$750. month + dep. Spacious 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath, appls, fireplace, short term lease. \$750. THE MGMT 733-0739

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The early bird often gets the best interview

By Carol Kleiman

If you want everything to go well during your so hard-to-get job interview in an employment market saturated with job seekers - here's a wakeup call for you: Try to schedule it for early in the morning.

At least that's the conclusion of a study of 1,400 chief financial officers by Accountemps, a temporary staffing firm. Their finding: More than two-thirds of the respondents said they prefer to have interviews between the magical hours of 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Over the years, job seekers have told me the job interview is a terrifying experience to go through - though it certainly doesn't have to be. Nonetheless, I agree with this description of it by Brian O'Connell, writing in his book, "The Career Survival Guide" (McGraw-Hill). "It is not easy selling yourself to a company, especially in a gut-wrenching one-on-one interview process that would make the Marquis de Sade wince."

While I don't know if O'Connell wrote that graphic description in the morning or late afternoon, I do see some merit in the Accountemps finding: If the hiring officer or the job candidate is a morning person, the advantage is obvious. If the interviewer has several people to talk to in one day, that first impression might be the lasting one. And employers may be worn out by the time they get to a 4 p.m. interview.

Job seekers who are morning people like me know the burst of energy and confidence they exude before noon. For everyone else - well, that's why Starbucks was invented. The secret, of course, is for hiring officials to do their interviews when they are at their best. Unfortunately, job candidates usually don't have any say about scheduling.

Despite the fact I am enthusiastic about early-morning job interviews - the general feeling is that the sooner they're over the better - I still have to ask the next-best question: Does the time of day you are interviewed have any impact on whether you actually get the job?

"According to research in the field of psychology, the time of day really doesn't matter - we could not find a connection to whether people did get the job," said Richard S. Wellins, senior vice president of global marketing for Development Dimensions International, Inc., a Pittsburgh-based global human resources consulting firm that has 75 offices in 25 countries.

Wellins, who has a doctorate in social and industrial psychology and was formerly an assistant professor of psychology, says his firm trains hundreds of hiring managers and recruiters each year. "We want to make job interviews consistent over time, whether that time is morning or noon," said Wellins, author of "Empowered Teams" (Jossey-Bass). Yet Wellins, who has 50 direct reports, admits he likes to do his own interviewing early in the day.

"I tend to be a morning person ... and I know I would much rather do interviews than because I'm more alert and attentive," he said. "I approach each morning fresh, so by the time I get to the fifth candidate I find I consciously have to keep my energy up to maintain the same quality of the interview." The executive points out that research shows something that DOES impact on hiring: It's better to be the first or last person interviewed. "Avoid being the middle of the pack," he warned. At any time of day.

Kleiman, of the Chicago Tribune, is the author of "Winning the Job Game: The New Rules for Finding and Keeping the Job You Want" (Wiley). Send e-mail to kleiman@tribune.com.

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Dear Mr. Wolff:
My partner sprung a sequence on me and blamed me when I got it wrong. Do I have your sympathy? I opened one heart, holding ♠ 10-3, ♥ K-Q-7-5-3, ♦ K-2, ♣ A-Q-3-2, and after a one-no-trump response, I rebid two clubs. My partner now had a weak hand with spades, I passed, ... which was not a triumph!

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ANSWER: Your partner assumed you'd know that he did not have spades (as he did not respond one spade initially). Presumably, he meant two spades to show a good club raise, since a direct call of three clubs might be quite weak and distributional. He assumed too much, but equally, you were wrong not to think through the position and work out that his call had to be artificial!

Dear Mr. Wolff:
As third hand when I have been told to play high in an attempt to win the trick, how should I signal on the partner's subsequent play in the suit? And if I win the first trick, what card should I return from a remaining holding of two, three or four cards?

Herman of the Day, Atlantic City, N.J.

ANSWER: Signal count based on your remaining holding (high from two or four, if you can afford it, low from three). Similarly, when leading the suit back, lead high from two, low from three, and middle from four cards.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
My partner and I disagreed about his last call in this auction. I opened one club with ♠ 3, ♥ Q-3, ♦ A-5-3-2, ♣ A-Q-J-4-3-2, and over my LHO's one-spade call, my partner bid one no-trump. When I removed to two clubs, he bid two no-trump. I thought this was invitational, so I bid three no-trump. Was I wrong to do so?

Snak Without a Trace, Shreveport, La.

ANSWER: You drew a correct inference when you assumed that if your partner had a weak or un-

suitable hand, he would respect your judgment and let two clubs go. He sounded like a man with 10 HCP or so and a decent spade stop, with some club fit. That being so, bidding three no-trump was a gamble — but a reasonable one, I think.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
Can you tell me what Maximal Doubles are, and should I be playing them?

To the Moon, Ellenville, Miss.

ANSWER: A frivolous answer would be "Not unless your partner plays them too!" Seriously, Maximal Doubles apply when the bidding goes, say: one spade - (two hearts) - two spades - (three hearts). If opener now bids three spades, it would be purely competitive, not a game-try, but he wants to make a game-try with no space below three spades, since the opponents have competed to the maximum — hence the name. Double here would show a high-card game-try and would let responder revert to three spades or jump to game, or even pass with extra defense.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
What is your view on balancing after opener has rebid one no-trump? Specifically, my opponents bid one club - one heart - one no-trump, and this was passed back to me, holding ♠ K-9-7-6, ♥ 10-6, ♦ K-Q-9-5, ♣ Q-9-2. Should I have reopened with a double here?

Twelve Steps, Shelby, Mont.

ANSWER: In this sort of sequence, a double is not light take-out. Instead, it suggests a penalty double based on good hearts and a strong no-trump or better in terms of values. If you have a tactical hand, act the first time, or be prepared to defend if the auction does not subsequently time out for you to bid.

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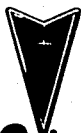
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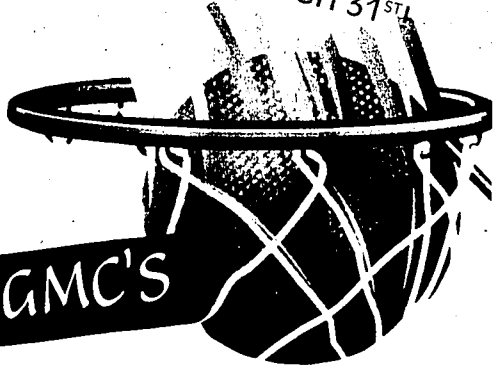
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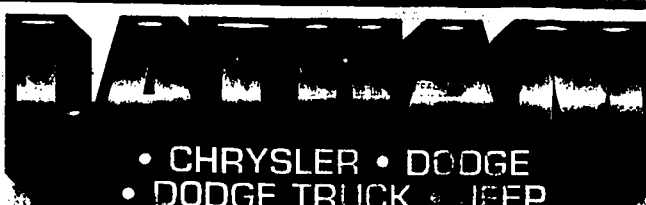
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Just in time for tax season, Parade magazine has published its annual report on "What People Earn."

And it looks like you may be in trouble, unless you happen to own your own airplane.

The magazine says troubles among commercial airlines helped people like Marty Campanella, a charter pilot in Maryland, who was able to earn \$57,000 and buy a house last year.

"People will hire a private jet because they don't want to wait for security at the airlines," Campanella said.



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Affecting much of the rest of the population, the average 2002 wage increase was only 3.6 percent, the smallest in 35 years, with median weekly salaries for all workers clocking in at \$610. The good news: Half of us make at least that much. The bad news: Half of us don't. The really bad news: All of us have to pay our taxes anyway.

The report blames the bad financial stuff on an edgy national mood, threat of an extended conflict in Iraq, accounting fraud unearthed at top companies, even the sex scandal in the Catholic Church. Still, you're doing OK if you happen to be doing Stephen King. He earned \$52.4 million last year. And tennis great Serena Williams pulled in \$43.9 million, while actress Arnold Schwarzenegger hunked a cool \$35 million. There was even enough to buy another house in Sun Valley.

Among the other more regular types listed was a chiropractor in Vermont who earned \$240,000, an attorney in Delaware who earned \$179,000 and a forensics examiner in New Jersey who earned \$160,000.

Meanwhile, filmmaker George Lucas earned \$200 million.

A while back, I read that about 80 percent of Americans have admitted to being in jobs they hate, just to pay the bills. Makes you wonder how many of the workers in the new poll are hating their working for low pay and hating every minute of it.

Among the lower-paid employees cited in the magazine story are a Michigan pizza cook - \$7,500; a Minnesota bartender - \$16,000; a South Dakota waitress - \$12,000; a Delaware pet sitter - \$16,300; and a B&B innkeeper in Alaska - \$18,000.

Up a numerical spot from that group are Maine's tax collector - \$43,000; a South Dakota pastor - \$30,000; an Arizona pool repairman - \$32,000; a Washington state office manager - \$32,000; a Nevada newspaper editor - \$29,000; and a theater manager in Sandpoint, Idaho - \$29,000.

Bill Clinton managed to make \$25 million last year.

No question about it. Money is a complex subject. Whether you happen to be earning it or spending it.

Reminds me of the year when my family spent big bucks remodeling the house, and everyone told us sob stories about similar experiences. About that time, TV comedian David Letterman said he heard that a contractor came in under age and the guy's friends had him killed.

I just know I gave up dreaming of millions to squander shortly after I completed a quiz in a book on money.

Sample question: In certain ways, you can strongly identify with (a) Mother Teresa; (b) Jane Fonda; (c) Your favorite teacher; (d) Hitler; (e) Your wonderful mother who gave her all for her home.

Hint: Hitler, with his monomania and bluffing skill, had been seen in a monomania had he chosen money instead of power.

I think I'll just worry about paying the IRS.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

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Day camps

The Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley offers day camp from June 9-Aug. 26, from 7:30 a.m. through 7 p.m. for kids aged 6-18. The camp includes tennis, football, softball, swimming, movies, arts and crafts and field trips. Cost is \$10 a day, which includes lunch and an afternoon snack. For more information, call 736-7011.

The YMCA offers a summer day camp from June 2-Aug. 22, Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to kids in the first through sixth grades. Activities include swimming, skating, arts and crafts, movies, and computer classes. Register by the week. Cost: \$65 a week for YMCA non-members. Call 733-4384.

A non-denominational Bible day camp, sponsored by Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Twin Falls, will be held for kids in grades 1-6 from July 27-July 31, Sundays from noon to 3 p.m. and Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities will include recreation, arts and crafts, singing and nature studies. Cost is \$50 per child. For information, call 733-3774 or Terri Hartman at 734-2097.

Art

Art classes for children are offered, including beginning art from June 1 through July 31, drawing classes from June 5-July 31 and ceramics class from June 10-July 28. Cost ranges from \$6 to \$8 per week to \$48 to \$64 per session. For information, call 734-1354.

The Twin Falls Creative Arts Center also offers a variety of drawing, painting and sculpture classes, call starting June 6. Call Karen Fosterhill at 737-9111 for information.

Sew-Biz for Kids, a series of two-week blocks of sewing classes will be held June 9 through Aug. 25, Mondays through Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. There will also be quilt classes Aug. 4-8. For information, call Glenda Barlow at 733-5348 or 539-9171.

Swimming

The YMCA/Twin Falls Community Pool, located at 750 Locust St. N., is open for public swimming effective June 9 Monday through Friday from 1-5 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7-9 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 1-5 p.m. Admission is \$5 for kids under 13, \$2 for children 4-17 and \$3 for everyone 18 and older.

The city of Twin Falls sponsors swimming lessons for 11 different skill levels and during six different sessions throughout the summer. The sessions are June 9-19, June 16-27, June 30-July 11, July 26-Aug. 7 and Aug. 11-21. Fees are \$25 and \$34 for stroke school.

Swimming lessons are offered both mornings and evenings. For further information, call the pool at 734-2336 or 735-0512.

Summer passes are \$75 for kids 17 and under, \$120 for adults and \$150 for families.

The pool also offers a variety of lessons to swimming instructors, and there's a



The Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley offers a summer full of day-camp activities.

Sagebrush Community Swim League for kids 5-18 who are able to swim 25 yards using front and back crawl. Practice is Mondays through Fridays from 8:30-9:40 for young children and 9:30-10:30 for older kids, and the fee is \$60 per child. The league runs from June 9-July 26.

Three sessions of springboard diving classes will be offered, from July 14-17 and Aug. 7-10. Fees are \$25.

Baseball

The Twin Falls Department of Parks and Recreation sponsors six age-based youth baseball leagues, whose seasons run from June 4 through July 10. Levels are pee-wee (first grade), pink (second grade), red (third grade), blue (fourth grade), white (fifth grade) and black (sixth grade). All players must register, using a form supplied by Parks and Rec. By April 11, Registration fee is \$12 for Twin Falls residents and \$15 for those who live outside the city. There's also a K-Ball League for kindergartners that runs from June 4-30 and a Challenger League for physically and mentally challenged kids that runs from May 20-July 22. For more information, call the Parks and Rec office.

There is also a parent run Call Ripken League for 9- and 10-year-olds and for 11- and 12-year olds that is more competitive than the recreation leagues. For more information, call Maria Eller at 734-8424 or Scott Bartlett at 733-6973, or log on to <http://www.twinfallsbaseball.com>.

Softball

The Twin Falls Department of Parks and Recreation also sponsors six age-based youth softball leagues, whose seasons run from June 4-July 10. Levels are continental (third grade), American (fourth grade), National (fifth grade), Pacific (sixth grade), Atlantic (seventh grade) and International (eighth and ninth grades). All players must register, using a form supplied by Parks and Rec. By April 11, Registration fee is \$12 for Twin Falls residents and \$15 for those who live outside the city. For more information, call the Parks and Rec office.

In addition, there are men's, adult mixed and adult church leagues. The men's league starts play on May 20; for more information call Paul DeBord at 735-0398. The co-ed league commences in April; call Rob Kelly at 423-6299 or Heather Bennett at 733-6899 for information. The church men's league begins April 21; call Kevin Newbury at 734-3169 for information. The church co-ed league starts in late May; call Newbury at 734-3169 to learn more.

Soccer

The Twin Falls Youth Soccer Program's fall league runs from Sept. 8-Oct. 10.

Games are played twice a week, Monday through Friday, at 5:45-7 p.m., and it's an eight game season. Registration for the fall league runs July 28-Aug. 15 and registration fees are \$17 if you live in the city limits and \$20 outside, if you need a jersey.

A Challenger Soccer Program, a co-ed league for mentally or physically challenged kids aged 18, runs Sept. 13-Oct. 11. Fees are \$12 if you live within the city limits and \$15 if you live outside.

In addition, there is the parent-managed Magic Valley Youth Soccer program for boys and girls 10 and older that runs fall and spring seasons. Fall season tryouts are in July. For information on Magic Valley Youth Soccer, call Mark Goodman at 732-0765 or Jim Jewell at 732-0933.

A city-sponsored Men's Adult Soccer League will start play on June 16; games are scheduled for weeknights at Harry Barry Park. The pregame meeting is scheduled for April 17 at 7:40 p.m. at the Parks and Rec office, 1430 Maxwell Ave. Player registration deadline is June 9. For information, call the Parks and Rec office.

Tennis

Twin Falls Parks and Rec offers tennis lessons to kids over the age of 4 of all abilities. Each session is two weeks in length, and runs Mondays through Fridays. The sessions are June 9-27, June 17-28, July 2-25 and July 28-Aug. 15. Seven to 10-year-old take lessons from 9:20-10:20 a.m. and from 10:30-11:30 a.m.; 4-6-year-olds from 8:30-9 a.m. and from 9:10-10 a.m. and 10:20-11:20 a.m., and those 16 and over from 7:30-8:15 p.m. Fees are \$15 for kids who live within the city limits and \$18 for those who live outside, and \$18 for adults who live within the city and \$28 for those who live outside.

The Twin Falls Tennis Association plans four tournaments this summer, starting with the Hallows Realty and Buzz 9999 tournament April 7-13. For more information, call Steve Hallows at 734-1298.

The YMCA sponsors tennis, complete with instruction, from 8-12-year-olds and for 13-18-year-olds from June 2-Aug. 22. Lessons are Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-10 a.m., 10-11 a.m. and 11 a.m.-noon for 8-12-year-olds and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-10 a.m., 10-11 a.m. and 11 a.m.-noon for 13-18-year-olds. Fee is \$40 per month. For further information, call the YMCA at 733-4384.

Rock climbing

Rock climbing instruction for those 13 and older is available June 6 at the CSI

Outdoor Program course. Cost is \$15.

There's also intermediate climbing instruction planned at Dierkes Lake, for those with previous climbing experience. Dates are June 15 and July 14, and cost is \$15 per person.

Scuba diving

Dive Magic offers professional scuba diving instruction for kids and adults and the YMCA/Twin Falls City Pool. Sessions are scheduled for June 16, July 28 and Aug. 18, from 6-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person.

Skating and blading

Two different roller hockey leagues, one for kids in the second through fourth grades and another for kids in Grades 5-7, will start competition June 9 at the Radio Rowdies. Players are required to provide and wear roller blades, helmets, shin guards and elbow and knee pads, and can bring their own sticks or use those sponsored by Parks and Rec. Registration fee is \$27 for city residents and \$30 for those outside the city limits. The league seasons run through Aug. 6.

The Twin Falls Skate Park at Harmon Park, is open to rollers, bladers and scooters, open daily from 6 a.m. until 11 p.m.

Music

Music Fest, sponsored annually by local music teachers, will be held June 24-27 for kids who have completed grades 8-12. Registration fee is \$100 and meals are another \$20, and the workshop is held in the CSI Fine Arts Center. For information, call Candice Cox at 737-5225.

The Magic Valley Academy of Music will offer a variety of music camps for kids. For dates and times, call 734-1542.

Dance

The Rocky Top Cloggers and The Dance Center offer summer dance classes. For more information, call Rocky Top Cloggers at 734-5863 or The Dance Center at 736-8988.

Golf

The Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course will offer junior clinics on June 15 from 9:30-10:30 a.m., June 11-12 from 6-8:30 a.m. p.m. and June 16-17 from 6-8:30 a.m. p.m. Cost is \$25 per session. For information, call 733-4326.

Martial arts

Diversified Martial Arts and American Self-Defense System will offer summer martial arts instruction for kids. For further information, call Brian Higgins at 733-0910 or Diversified Martial Arts at 733-0910 or American Self-Defense System at 736-0910.

Alcohol, teen-agers and you

What adults can do to control teen-ager drinking:

- Talk with your child about alcohol facts, reasons not to drink and ways to avoid drinking.

- Develop family rules about underage drinking and establish consequences.

- Set a good example regarding your own alcohol use. Do not share personal stories that glorify drinking.

- Know where your children are at all times and who is with them. If they are going to a party, make sure there will be adult supervision and no alcohol.

- Get caller ID on your phone and require your children call you from their destination on the house phone, not a cellular phone. Do not be afraid to drive by and check it out.

- Let your child know he or she should not be afraid to call if they do not have safe transportation home,

no matter what time it is.

- Create alcohol-free activities in your home.

- If you are leaving town, have a responsible adult stay at your house.

- Connect with the parents of your children's friends to know where the parents stand on underage drinking. That way you will know if your child is safe in their care.

- Talk to your homeowners' or neighborhood association about strategies to deal with underage drinking parties in the neighborhood.

- Call police if you witness underage drinking.

Sources: National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; Johnson County Stop Underage Drinking Project and Ohio Parents for Drug Free Youth; Kansas City Star

Etc...

Fear factor: Why do we like to be scared?

The Washington Post

Fear can be fun. How else to explain the appeal of roller coasters, "Goosebumps" books and Frankenstein movies? But why should people like being scared?

Fear is an ancient survival mechanism. It's that impulse to flee from danger that has been bred into animals (including humans) through millions of years of evolution. Those who lacked a strong fear response tended to be killed off, leaving the more timid and careful to pass their genes on to generations to come.

We got to thinking about fear being the product of a book, "The Dark Thicket: Southern Tales of the Supernatural" by Patricia McKissack.

The title of this spooky-story

collection comes from the old "Grossing up in the South, we kids called that half-hour just before nightfall the dark-thirty," McKissack writes. That was the time of day when the ordinary world looked a little weird. Shadows seemed ghostlike, branches resembled monster's claws.

The stories are fictional, but laced with African-American history. In one, a poor black woman who died after a bigoted bus driver refused to give her a ride comes back as a ghost to haunt him. In another, the ghost of a lynched man drives a Ku Klux Klan member mad.

How does a scientist explain being so shivering over such scary stuff is fun? "Some kids will go to a scary movie and love it and giggle over it, others will feel anxious and hide their faces and

some won't even set foot in the theater," said Ned Kalin, head of the psychology department at the University of Wisconsin. "Which kind of person you are depends partly on experience; you've had and partly on traits you inherited when you were born."

Back to the original question: Why do some people like to make themselves scared? "One reason is we can play games with fear, figure out ways to lessen the scares by looking away or thinking of something else," Kalin said. "To believe we have control over situations gives us a feeling of power. A major kind of stress is not feeling in control."

Thrills such as roller coaster rides also release chemicals that go to the brain's pleasure center.

FAMILY LIFE

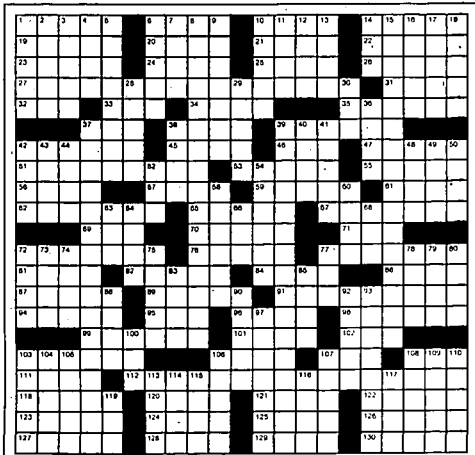
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By Robert H. Wolfe,
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 - Costa
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 - Synthetic labor
 - Up before the judge
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 - Dog's name
 - Brass wind instruments
 - Holy scroll
 - Dorothy and Karl
 - Period
 - Cosmetic dye
 - Former space station
 - Heal
 - Heal's son and namesake
 - Fattening place
 - Sufferer
 - Stick of "The Producer"
 - Russian ruler
 - David Bowie hit
 - Replay gimmick
 - Banking relationships
 - Old (U.S.S. Constitution)
 - Parasitic voice
 - Gonorrhea cousin
 - Lip
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 - Long Island county
 - Sail fairs
 - The man just mentioned
 - Ring around the pupil
 - Light weight
 - Avant-garde French sculptor
 - Say pretty please
 - Throw out
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 - Aluminum company
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 - Grown
 - Ben of goat

THE Sunday Crossword

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- DOWN**
- Sing
 - Capital of Vietnam
 - Embroid
 - Self-images
 - Yellowish-green
 - Deep
 - Part of UNLV
 - Phases the bar
 - Parents
 - Shun gun
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 - Close
 - Justice Warren
 - Boat in the
 - Witness
 - Immigration island
 - All by oneself
 - Ball sounds
 - First-generation Japanese
 - American
 - Gossip
 - Time meat
 - "Rule Britannia" composer
 - Trust
 - Upstairs party
 - Court order
 - Wide-mouth pitcher
 - Blood component
 - Detailed design, for short
 - Words of
 - Fast approximation
 - Fac fabricator
 - Nurse pod
 - Facial point
 - Wellfare hotels
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 - Goose
 - "Nice, Live Here Anytime"
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 - twisted horns
 - Turney and Tunney
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 - headquartered in
 - Blussels
 - Capture with
 - 1950
 - Nincompoop
 - Antelope with

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: Menu not available
Tuesday: Bratwurst, hot dog, sauerkraut, red potato, vegetables, bread, apple crisp
Wednesday: Roast turkey, potatoes, gravy, corn, rolls, green salad, cake
Thursday: Goulash, creamed peas, whipped Jell-O salad, bread, banana, pudding
Friday: French dip sandwich, potato salad, chips, celery and carrot sticks, cookie, fruit
Activities
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Monday
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sweet clinic, make appointment
Tuesday
Ticket Tuesday
Wednesday
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Elks card game
Thursday
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Friday
Lunch bingo
Blood pressure check
Saturday
Pancake breakfast

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. 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 Tuesday at noon and Wednesday noon and evening. Call the center by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the center, everyone is welcome.
Sunday: Fried chicken
Monday: Chicken, chicken
Tuesday: Pork chops
Wednesday: Chicken tenders
Thursday: Turkey dinner
Friday: Center closed
Activities
The gift 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 fried chicken 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.
Bingo from 1-3 p.m.
Friday
Center closed
Saturday
Center closed

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer
Dinner served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.
Tuesday: Vegetable beef soup
Thursday: Ham loaf
Aglee Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main N., Kimberly
Monday: Menu not available
Wednesday: Menu not available
Friday: Menu not available
Activities
The thrift store is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday and from 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Tuesday
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Wednesday
Dominos at 1 p.m.
Thursday
Crafts at 1 p.m.
Friday
Bingo at 11:55 a.m.
Pinchle at 1 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield
Meals are served at 12 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The suggested donation for seniors is \$2.50. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under age 10. All meals are sub-

ject to change. To eat a meal at the center, call ahead at 764-2226.
Tuesday: Hamburger or chicken patties, onions, pickles, potato salad, pudding, cookie
Wednesday: Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, buttered squash, green salad, bread, apple sauce cake
Friday: Pork chops, applesauce, baked potato, mixed vegetables, carrot salad, rolls, ice cream
Activities
Monday
Art class at 1 p.m.
Tuesday
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Wednesday
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.
308 Senior Ave.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.
Monday: Sloppy joe, Scandinavian vegetables, pickled beet salad, garlic bread, pudding
Tuesday: Swedish meatballs, rice, mixed vegetables, cold slaw, garlic bread, cookie
Wednesday: Swiss steak, potato puff, glazed carrots, three bean salad, french bread, pudding
Thursday: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, spinach, peas with cottage cheese, spice cake
Activities
Monday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Pinchle at 12:30 p.m.
Hand and foot at 6 p.m.
Tuesday
Pool at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Foot clinic at 10:30 a.m.
Bridge at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Bingo at 6 p.m.
Thursday
55 and Alive from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Linda Norris at 12:30 p.m.
Fiddlers at 12:30 p.m.
TOPPS at 5 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Friday
55 and Alive from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Bridge at 1 p.m.
Hand/foot at 1 p.m.
Bowling at 1:30 p.m.
Bingo at 5 p.m.
Saturday
Breakfast from 7:30-10:30 a.m.

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey
Meals are served at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Milk, juice, coffee and tea are served with all meals.
Tuesday: Menu not available
Wednesday: Menu not available
Friday: Menu not available
Thrift store open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals.
Monday: Hamburgers
Tuesday: Tuna casserole, cole slaw, green beans, rolls, cherry crisp
Wednesday: Finger steaks, french vegetables, Texas toast, cake
Thursday: Baked chicken, corn, brownies, biscuits, pudding, tossed salad
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. 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.
SHBA Medicare supplemental insurance assistance from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call George Schwinderman at 436-9107.
Friday
Pinchle from 1-4 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

Monday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, California mixed vegetables, dinner rolls, birthday cake, ice cream, orange juice, milk, coffee
Tuesday: Taco soup, deviled eggs, corn bread, peach pie, orange juice, milk, coffee
Shoshone Senior Center
218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Tuesday: Pork patty, winter blend vegetables, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot rolls, bread pudding, orange juice, milk, coffee
Wednesday: Chili dogs, carrot and apple slices, cherry pie, orange juice, milk, coffee
Friday: Turkey breast, baked beans, copper penny carrots, potato salad, strawberry angel food cake, orange juice, milk, coffee
Activities
Monday
Exercise from 9:30-9 a.m.
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
Quitting at 10 a.m.
Tuesday
Exercise at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Wednesday
Exercise 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.
Friday
Pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Pinchle at 1 p.m.

Golden Overland Senior Center

2421 Overland, Burley
All dinners are served at noon.
Monday: Italian meatballs, parmesan noodles, green salad, mixed vegetables, fruit, hard roll, cookies
Tuesday: Menu not available
Wednesday: Menu not available
Thursday: Menu not available
Friday: Menu not available
Activities
Monday
Pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11:15 a.m.
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Tuesday
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 7 p.m.
Pinchle at 1 p.m.

Two-time divorcee is eligible for benefits

Knight Ridder News Service

Q: I understand a divorced wife must be married to her husband for 10 years to qualify for some of his Social Security. I married my husband in 1980, and we divorced in November 1987. Then in October 1988, we married again. But after four more years, we divorced a second time in 1992. That's a total of 12 years, but it's in two different time periods. In other words, it wasn't 10 consecutive years. Does that count?

A: In your case, it will. We usually mean 10 consecutive years, but the law really says that your marriage must have been in effect at some point during each of 10 consecutive years. You were married in all or part of every year from 1980 through

Social Security Q&A

1992, so you should be able to get divorced wife's benefits.
Q: I'm 58 and still working. My husband is turning 65 and is already retired and getting Social Security. He's covered by my employer's health insurance. Does he need to take and pay for Medicare?

A: Yes and no. About three months before his 65th birthday, he's going to get a package of Medicare enrollment information in the mail. He should take the "Part A" coverage because that is free. But he can decline the "Part B" coverage as long as he's covered by your employer's insurance. That will save him \$58.70 per month. When you

retire, or if your husband otherwise loses his coverage through your employer, then he should file immediately for Part B if he wants coverage to begin that month. There will be no penalties or late enrollment fees as long as he files during the seven-month special enrollment period, which begins either when you retire or when his coverage ends (whichever comes first). If he delays longer than that, he'll have to wait until January of the following year for the next "open season" for Medicare enrollment. And then he will pay a 10 percent penalty for delayed enrollment.

This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For fast answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.

Suing for elders' right to live at home

Knight Ridder News Service

A lawsuit stemming from Josephine Bronczyk's experience aims to save her and others in similar situations from going to a nursing home before they are ready.
The suit, filed last month in U.S. District Court by Minneapolis-based lawyer Erick Kaardal, claims Minnesota law fails to protect its residents' constitutional right to an attorney and a court hearing before they are moved from their homes against their will.
It calls for a change in Minnesota's conservatorship law and county adult protection procedures, which he claims violates Fourth Amendment and other constitutional rights by making it too easy to move people out of their homes.
The state's conservatorship law entitles Minnesota residents

who have court-appointed conservators to an additional court hearing to determine whether the conservatee is making a responsible choice before a conservator can decide for them where they will live. The law is flawed in that "responsible" boils down to a matter of opinion, the lawsuit asserts, and the law judges weight arguments for safety and convenience over an elder's choice.
The lawsuit also seeks to protect people who don't have conservators. "A lot of people get put in nursing homes when they don't want to go," Kaardal says. "Seniors who get in this position usually have some handicaps. They are in their wheelchairs speaking at low volume. They need an amplifier."
A federal judge in Minneapolis took the suit under advisement Jan. 10. A decision is expected within a few weeks.

What seniors need to know

These resources can help elders who are trying to remain in their homes:
• For referrals to senior advocacy nationwide, call the Eldercare Locator, (800) 677-1118.
• People who cannot afford in-home services may qualify for elderly waivers or alternative care programs. To inquire about grants and community-based services, call your county's human services or social services department and ask for Long-Term Care Consultation Services (formerly Pre-Admission Screening Unit).
• If you think you are being mistreated in any decision-making or care setting, call an ombudsman, your state board of aging, or call lawyer.

Source: Saint Paul, Minn. Pioneer Press

Know the score

Check the Sports pages to see how your favorite team is doing.

Stay on top of your investments with the Money pages.

One dad's idea of a joke is no laughing matter to mom

DEAR ABBY: My 9-year-old daughter, "Kristy," has a good friend, "Libby." Libby's father started calling my daughter "Weirdo" when the girls were in kindergarten. It upset my daughter, and I asked him to stop. He ignored my request, so I saw to it that Kristy socialized with other girls. Kristy and Libby did not become close friends again until this year when they entered fourth grade.

Libby's father was polite to Kristy for a while, but yesterday when I picked her up, he yelled, "Goodbye, Weirdo!" Kristy says it doesn't bother her now, but I don't believe it. I think she's afraid I'll let her remain friends with Libby.

Abby, I can't understand why a grown man would intentionally demean a child by calling her names. I don't want my daughter subjected to this, but I don't know what to do. Any ideas?

—ANGRY MAMA

DEAR ANGRY MAMA: As a parent, it's your job to protect your child from abuse. Libby's father appears to be insensitive, immature, and a bit weird himself. That's three strikes in my book.

Limit Kristy's exposure to him by arranging for the girls to play at your house until further notice. The less she sees of Libby's father, the better for all concerned. If Libby's mother is in the picture, she should be told what her husband is saying.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

Write to Abby

Send letters to Dear Abby, Universal Press Syndicate, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069, or via her Web site at <http://www.DearAbby.com>

DEAR ABBY: My husband knows I'm writing to you. I've never written before, but this is so ridiculous I have to share it. However, because it's a story I can't repeat openly, don't use my name.

One evening last week, my husband sheepishly asked me if the city refuse collectors had picked up the garbage yet. It seems that while cleaning out his top dresser drawer, he had mistakenly thrown away a pill bottle that contained his remaining two Viagras.

He went to the curb and dragged the garbage can back into our yard. We then put on our rubber gloves and went to work. After rummaging through coffee grounds, chicken bones, orange peels and used facial tissue, we found nothing. It turned out he hadn't thrown away the Viagra—just pushed the bottle to the back of the drawer.

Can you think of a less romantic way to spend the evening?

—THE BLUE PILL "MYSTERY"

DEAR "MYSTERY": Not really. However, even if "Dumpester diving" is not your idea of foreplay—yes you now appreciate how far your husband is willing to go for a night of lovemaking with you.

DEAR ABBY: What's the best way of declining when someone asks me out for a date and I know he's not my type? Guys never seem to get the hint when I try to let them down easy.

I have said (truthfully), "I'm not dating at this time," that I'm interested only in someone who belongs to my faith, or who's my age, etc. I've tried every excuse I can think of—but some guys just there just don't think any of those reasons apply to them.

How do I say, "It's nothing personal, but it's you personally I don't want to go out with"? I would also appreciate any suggestions from your readers. Thanks.

—STUMPED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR STUMPED: I recommend the direct approach if subtly doesn't work. Say, "I'm sure you're a nice person, but I am not interested in you in that way." Readers, do you have anything to add?

Dear Abby is written by Jeanne Phillips.

Untangling the Gordian knot

DEAR EDITOR: What do people mean by the phrase "cutting the Gordian knot"? Where does this phrase originate?

—T.B., BUFFALO, N.Y.

DEAR T.B.: The term "Gordian knot" refers to an extremely tricky problem, in particular one that seemingly cannot be solved. To "cut the Gordian knot" means to take action in a swift and decisive manner in order to completely eradicate a problem.

"Gordius" was the name of a peasant who went on to become king of Phrygia, an ancient country located in what is now central Turkey. Legend has it that when the king of that land died without an heir, the elders of Phrygia consulted the Oracle at Delphi, who declared that the next king would arrive in an ox-drawn wagon. Gordius won the throne by driving his wagon up to the temple of Zeus, and as a show of gratitude dedicated the wagon to Zeus. Gordius tied the wagon to the temple with an intricate knot. Whoever could untie this knot, it was declared, would be on to rule the city. Many tried unsuccessfully until 333 B.C., when Alexander the Great arrived and promptly sliced through the knot with one motion of his sword. (Earlier versions of the story had Alexander untie the knot by hand, or by uprooting the pole to which the wagon was secured.) The phrase "cutting the Gordian knot" now refers to the use of similarly bold means to solve a complicated problem.

DEAR EDITOR: I have heard several different origins for the word "teetotaler." What's the true story?

—J.H., CARBORO, N.Y.

DEAR J.H.: The earliest recorded uses of "teetotaler" in English date from the early 1800s. We too have heard several theories about the word's origins. One connects "teetotaler" with pledges that temperance advocates urged people to sign. According to that tale, temperance pledges and petitions were passed from community member to community member offering them the choice of "distilled spirits abstinence" (that is, avoidance of "hard liquor" such as whiskey) or "total abstinence." Signers who pledged total abstinence were marked with a "T" at the end of their

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name, which led to the moniker "T-total."

Another highly imaginative theory claims the term was inadvertently coined by one Richard Turner of Preston, England, a stammerer who delivered a temperance speech in 1833 in which he asserted that "nothing but I-total abstinence will do."

As you might expect, the evidence does not support these theories. "Tee-total" was in use throughout America (and possibly throughout Ireland, according to the Oxford English Dictionary) long before Mr. Turner supposedly used it in his speech or the temperance pledges hit their stride. In the early 1800s, "tee-total" and "tee-totality" were apparently used to intensify "total" and "totally" in much the same way that we now say, "I'm tired with a capital T." The Dictionary of American English has a citation dating back to 1807 from the letters of Nathan Locke Weems (the man who fabricated the story about George Washington and the cherry tree) in which he writes, "I am now... wholly, solely, and teetotally absorbed in ayne's business." It was this emphatic duplication of the initial "T" of "total" that gave rise to "teetotaler."

DEAR EDITOR: Some friends of mine got married recently. It was a sudden thing, and it took us all by surprise. They just called us all after the ceremony and said, "Guess what we just

did?" Someone I know said it sounded like a "fleet marriage." Can you please tell me what fleet marriage is?

—C.B., SANDUSKY, OHIO

DEAR C.B.: "Fleet marriage" is a term used for marriages performed during the late 17th and early 18th centuries in or near the Fleet prison in London without public notice, witnesses, or consent of parents.

Fleet prison was primarily a debtors' prison, and some of the prisoners were allowed to take lodging and perform trades outside the prison itself, in an area near the prison known as "Rules of the Fleet." Fleet marriages were usually performed by imprisoned clergymen, in the prison chapel or in houses or taverns nearby. These clandestine weddings often involved alcoholic intoxication or other disreputable circumstances (it is said that when sailors were in port, hundreds of Fleet weddings took place a week), but they were legally binding and were sometimes sought for perfectly legitimate reasons.

The Marriage Act of 1753 outlawed Fleet marriages, but it didn't put an end to quickie weddings. From that point on, folks seeking to marry in haste headed to Gretna Green, a village in Scotland near the English border.

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Adult child wins power struggle

Q: We have a 20-year-old daughter, an only child, who feels we have no right to restrict her behavior. For one, she refuses to go to church with us. Her curfew is 1 a.m., but she often stays out later and has told me she will stay out as long as she pleases. I've discovered she occasionally drinks. Her father just wants peace. I think we should start enforcing the rules or tell her to leave. My daughter is very responsible and communication between us is usually good. It's just the rules thing. She contends that when she turned 19, she "graduated" from having to follow our rules. Am I being unreasonable? If not, how can I get my husband to support me?

At I take no pleasure in informing people of such things, but you are your own worst enemy.

Your surveillance and vain attempts to control decisions made by a 20-year-old put you in the running for my Magnificent Maternal Micromanager of the Year Award, the Triple-M of parenting.

There is a difference between not liking decisions an adult child is making and trying to control them. If the issue is simply a matter of who's right, you're Church is good (research finds that young people who attend church are much less likely to engage in self-destructive behavior), underage



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John Rosemond

drinking is bad, and then there's the matter of living at home and having defiant disrespect for the fact that coming in at all hours is disturbing to one's parents. Being right does not justify your hyper-vigilant attempts to micromanage your daughter. All you've managed to do is create a power struggle that—now listen up!—you cannot possibly win. I agree with your husband: You need to let it go.

That said, your daughter definitely does not need to be living at home any longer. She is responsible enough to support herself and obviously does not want to abide by anyone else's rules. Therefore, she needs to be emancipated. Not ejected, mind you, but emancipated, joyously.

There will be no joy in her leaving home until you and your husband resolve the disharmony in your parenting. From your point of view, this disharmony results from your husband's unwillingness to back you when you and your daughter have conflict.

I have to ask: Is it possible that

your husband recognizes, in your attempts to micromanage your daughter, something that feels very familiar to him? Does he identify with your daughter? Your letter leads me to suspect that passivity is his defense against your attempts to control, and that the more you attempt to control—him or your daughter—the more passive he becomes.

If I'm on the mark here, then this is fundamentally a marital issue, in which case I would strongly recommend that the two of you find a counselor who can help you put your marriage back on a right path, one that will enable the two of you to stand together, resolve parenting issues with your daughter, and emancipate her.

Under the present set of circumstances, your daughter's emancipation is likely to take place suddenly, without planning, and explosively.

Take it from someone who has helped two children through emancipations that were joyous for all concerned: You don't want it any other way.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at Affirmative Parenting, 1030 East 8th Street, Suite 208, Indianapolis, Ind. 46240 and at his Web site: <http://www.rosemond.com>

Domestic scene gives you satisfaction, Taurus

IF MARCH 30TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY—As August will be memorable for romance and travel involving your husband, a domestic scene concerning a female or domestic matter will be made. What is present is veiled will be uncovered, any doubts you have had about yourself and your own validity will dissipate. Your intelligence and creativity will dominate and surprise friends and acquaintances. Autumn changes add spice to your life.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Excellent day for taking control and showing initiative. Beware of possible threat to your guard your belongings. Let our relationship puts you on cloud nine.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Domestic scene gives you satisfaction. With your high ideals, you don't know where reality ends and illusion begins. Escape to the beach or the lake. You're dreaming of fame and fortune.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You feel you want freedom and action. Friends think you should run for office as you have a way with words.

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Virgo will play a role.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Are you asking for more than you can handle? Partners prove difficult and quarrelsome. You may receive a love letter from abroad. Can you resist temptation?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A dream of romance becomes reality, happiness is promised. To create the ideal impression, guard against wearing too colorful attire. Aquarius, Taurus make a show.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The moon and Venus are in your Seventh House, so you're in a party mood. Other people's money is forthcoming, you will be able to indulge yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): An invitation to a party makes your day. Your romantic nature and good taste set the scene. Don't ask for more than your Libra charm can take on.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your prestige is recognized due to newly acquired friends. Avoid disputes with close family members. The high and mighty feature. Leo plays dynamic role.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Welcome change, on the cards for a long time, it finally begins to manifest. Keep your cool and see the tummy side. Listen to female friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take extra care with anything mechanical as Mars is in your natal sign. You may be rash and overreact, think before you speak. Cancer natures are with anything.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your thoughts are on public affairs, and you want to enter a debate. Humanitarian causes are much on your Aquarian mind. A monetary opportunity presents itself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Much is happening, and you sensitive nature makes you moody. Don't give in. You have a right to happiness, you have come far and setbacks shouldn't intimidate you.

Gooding County Memorial Hospital

Community Meetings to discuss building a new hospital for Gooding County.

Hagerman Senior Center

Monday, April 28 7:00 pm

Wendell High School

Thursday, May 1 7:00 pm

Gooding High School

Tuesday, April 29 7:00 pm

Bliss Fire Department

Monday, May 5 7:00 pm

Why does GCMH need to build a new facility?

During the past five years, GCMH has experienced a rapid growth in patient visits and procedures, with many departments seeing their services double, triple and quadruple. We currently have 15 medical providers on staff and 14 visiting specialists. Several more specialists want to provide services at GCMH, due to lack of space we are unable to meet those needs. Federal Medicare Regulations state that any alterations to the existing facility will require the entire building be brought up to the current 2000 codes for health care facilities. Currently the facility is under a grandfather clause to building codes; to meet these codes would require a complete reconstruction of the facility. The cost of a complete reconstruction versus building a new facility are the same. Please plan to attend the community meetings to discuss the future of your hospital. Your input is valuable in this process.

Health Fair Lab Draws*

Hagerman Senior Center

April 7 & 8: 14 & 15: 21

6:00am - 10:00am

Wendell Senior Center

April 9 & 10: 16 & 17: 22

6:00am - 10:00am

Gooding Co. Memorial Hospital

April 7-25 M-F 6:00am - 3:00pm

April 19 Saturday 7:00am - 11:00am

Bliss Fire Department

April 11 & 18

6:00am - 10:00am

* Must not eat or drink 12 hours prior to the blood draw.

Health Fair Location

Saturday, April 26 8:00am - Noon

Wendell High School

Free bus transportation from GCMH to the Health Fair

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Music, murder, mystery



The cast of 'Something's Afoot,' which starts this week at the King Fine Arts Center.

'Something's Afoot' takes to the stage this week

BURLEY - The Burley High School drama department presents "Something's Afoot," a mix of music, murder, mystery and comedy that takes a satirical poke at Agatha Christie mysteries and musical styles of past years.

Ten people are stranded in an isolated English country house during a raging thunderstorm. One by one, cleverly fiendish devices pick them off. As the bodies pile up in the library, the survivors frantically race to

uncover the identity and motivation of the cunning culprit.

The cast includes Tesha Jones as Lettie, James Thomas as Flint, Daniel Rock as Clive, Brianna Call as Hope Langdon, Ryan Rasmussen as Dr. Grayburn, Lance Mitchell as Nigel Rancour, Katherine Moxes and Charlene Blauer as Lady Grace Manley, Prowe, Bradford Hill as Col. Gillweather, Misti Worthington as Miss Tweed and Ryan Bailey as Geoffrey.

Richard Call is the adviser.

"Something's Afoot"

Show times: 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, Saturday April 7, April 11 and April 12 with a 2 p.m. matinee Saturday.
Where: Burley High School Little Theatre, 2100 Parve Ave. in Burley.
Tickets: \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. Seating is limited to 200. Call 878-KING for ticket reservations.



Members of Bethel 56 visit with Grand Guardian Abby Brown, left, top row; Associate Grand Guardian John Kinney, right, top row; Meghann Price, left, front row; and Grand Bethel Honored Queen Bridget Olson, right, front row.



Grand Guardian Abby Brown receives a check for the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment from Past Honored Queen Jennifer Bemis, left, and Honored Queen Jennifer Bemis, right. The endowment is a Job's Daughters' fund designated to assist hearing impaired children with hearing aids.

Bethel welcomes grand guardian

TWIN FALLS - Members of Twin Falls Bethel 56, International Order of Job's Daughters, welcomed Grand Guardian Abby Brown and Associate Grand Guardian John Kinney at the official grand guardian visit on Feb. 2.

Grand Bethel Honored Queen Bridget Olson and Miss Idaho Job's Daughter Meghann Price also attended.

During the meeting, the ceremony of initiation was held, with Chelsey Martin of Twin Falls joining the Bethel. Active members of Bethel 56 include Abby Bettia, Jennifer Bemis, Andrea Carr, Katie Carr, Dixie Craig, Tami Craig, Hailey Everett, Robyn Everett, Brooke Jardine, Ashley Jenkins, Jessie Jensen, Shann Johnson, Ashley Jones, Corey Mason, Marya

SERVICE NEWS

Jackpot soldier earns honor from electronics command

A Jackpot, Nev., soldier has been named the U.S. Army Communications Electronics Command Soldier of the Quarter (first quarter, fiscal year 2003) at the Tobyhanna Army Depot in Pennsylvania.

Sgt. William Tucker, a communications security repair technician in the Communications Security and Tactical Missile Systems Directorate, earned the award after earning the award of Tobyhanna Soldier of the Quarter in October.

He had to answer questions about the Army, his duties as a sergeant, American and military history, current events and soldierly tasks.

Tucker graduated from Jackpot High School in 1997, and has been a soldier for five years. He began his depot tour last March.

Tucker will compete for Communications Electronics Command Soldier of the Year in July.

"I'm working on a bachelor's degree in history, using on-line courses from different colleges," he said. "I'd like to teach, but I'll make that decision at the end of my military career."

The Tobyhanna Army Depot is the Defense Department's

largest center for the repair, overhaul and fabrication of a wide variety of electronics systems and components, from tactical field radios to the ground terminals for the defense satellite communications network. Its missions support all branches of the Armed Forces.

Excellence. She is now assigned to the 1st Battalion 28th Infantry Regiment at Fort Jackson as a drill sergeant.

She is a graduate of Twin Falls High School.

They are the children of Ron and Gail Black of Twin Falls.

Herman is nominated as warrant-officer grade

U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. James N. Herman, son of Mary E. Herman and grandson of retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Robert E. Eisenhower, both of Twin Falls, has been nominated for appointment to the grade of warrant officer, effective in February.

Herman will attend a four-month active duty warrant-officer basic course at Quantico, Va. Upon completion of that course, he will receive a new duty assignment.

Herman enlisted in the Marines following graduation from Twin Falls High School in 1990. He has served many tours overseas, including tours in Mogadishu, Australia, Okinawa and Thailand.

He has been awarded the Distinguished Marksman Badge for excellence in the service rifle and pistol. He also is rated high among the best marksmen in the Marine Corps, and has numerous trophies, his family reported.

He currently is assigned as director of the marksmanship and instructors course at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Camp Pendleton in California.



William Tucker



Charles Black Donella Black

Siblings graduate from Army drill sergeant school

Sgt. 1st Class Charles H. Black graduated from the United States Army Drill Sergeant School at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., on July 28, 2002, and is assigned to the 82nd Chemical Battalion at Ft. Leonard Wood as a drill sergeant.

Black is a Gulf War veteran, and a graduate of Twin Falls High School.

Staff Sgt. Donella Black graduated from the United States Army Drill Sergeant School at Fort Jackson, S.C., on Oct. 4, 2002, earning the Distinguished Honor Graduate award and the Army Physical Fitness Badge of

Kimberly City Library places new books on its shelves

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly City Library announced the addition of the following new books:

Adult fiction: "A Greater Glory" by James Scott Bell, "Season of Blessings" by Beverly LaHaye and Terri Blackstock, "Coming to Light" by Anne Makepeace, "2003 Taste of Home Annual Recipes" by Taste of Home Editors and "Fly Fishing Made Easy" by Michael Rutter and Dave Card.

Juvenile fiction: "The Ghost of Fossil Glen" by Cynthia DeFelice, "Lord of the Deep" by Graham Salisbury, "I Was a Rat

by Philip Pullman, "Kir's Wilderness" by David Almond, "Zooman Sam" by Lois Lowry, "Racing the Past" by Sis Deans, "Dancing in Cadillac Light" by Kimberly Willis Holt, "Bat 6" by Virginia Euwer, "The Graduation of Jake Moon" by Barbara Park, "You're a Brave Man, Julius Zimmerman" by Claudia Mills, "Angus, Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging" by Louise Rennison, "Our Only May Amelia" by Jennifer L. Holm, "Notes from a Liar and Her Dog" by Jennifer Choldenko, "Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse" by Kevin Henks and "Mud Flat Spring" by James Stevenson.

For more information, call the library at 423-4556.

CSI, senior center sponsor seminar on aging

HAILEY - "From Age-Ing to Saging" will be offered from 10

a.m. to 4 p.m. April 5 at the Blaine County Senior Center, 721 Third Ave. S. in Hailey.

Participants learn skills to consciously control their retirement and aging process. The deep inner work helps participants reclaim the role of elders in our society and redefines what it means to age, coordinators say.

The seminar will explore redefining the role of aging in society, dealing with life completion, engaging in the review and repair, and transmitting a legacy to the future.

The seminar should benefit elders, adults interested in life-long spiritual development, professionals and caregivers who work with elders, retired people and those thinking about retirement and anyone of any age interested in aging consciously.

The instructor is Barbara Jean Glodowski, a Benedictine sister of the Monastery of St. Gertrude

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Robert Wesley Gyurdzhanyants, son of Wendy C. Powell of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, March 8, 2003.

Nandra Romero Franco, daughter of Venerito Fragoso Romero and Jason Kyle Franco of Jackpot, Nev., was born Thursday, March 13, 2003.

Hallie Ryan Wiggins, daughter of Sherry Sue and Michael David Wiggins of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, March 16, 2003.

Austin Duke Sandall, son of Holly Lisa and Stuart William Sandall of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, March 18, 2003.

Gideon Alexander Brown, son of Josie Lee and Brandon John Brown of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, March 18, 2003.

Febe Hoya Etchart, daughter of Brandy May and Phillip Jay Etchart of Gooding, was born Tuesday, March 18, 2003.

Dann Joseph Bravence, son of Cindy Lee Morgan and Robert Truman Providence of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, March 18, 2003.

Brady Frank Kinney, son of Christy Ann and Jake Dawson Kinney of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, March 18, 2003.

Matthew David Bolton, son of Heather Ann and Daniel Lee Bolton of Jerome, was born Wednesday, March 19, 2003.

Jared Caden Koch, son of Jennifer Lynn Hambleton and Jeff Valdimar Koch of Jerome,

To announce a birth
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was born Wednesday, March 19, 2003.

Isabelle K. Nauman, daughter of Jennifer Leigh and Andrew Kent Nauman of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, March 19, 2003.

Robert Aaron Rose, son of Molly Dee and Jason Derek Rose of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, March 19, 2003.

Fletcher Todd Hamblen, son of Molly Dee and Robert Andrew Hamblen of Kimberly, was born Thursday, March 20, 2003.

Hanna Leigh Hill, daughter of Amy Marie and Christopher Michael Hill of Filer, was born Thursday, March 20, 2003.

Chance William Fisher, son of Tressie Michelle Davidson and Joshua Richard Fisher of Buhl, was born Thursday, March 20, 2003.

Alyson C. and Payton C. Jackson, twin daughters of Carrie Alice and Troy M. Jackson of Kimberly, were born

Friday, March 21, 2003.

Abigail Jolaine Miller, daughter of Deanna Marie and Daniel Skip Miller of Hansen, was born Friday, March 21, 2003.

Yogi James Pierce, son of Karen and James Daniel Pierce of Jerome, was born Friday, March 21, 2003.

Shyanne Jolita Becker, daughter of Kristen Jo Becker and Andres Martinez of Twin Falls, was born Friday, March 21, 2003.

Andrew Evan Zischky, son of Kristina Suzanne and Dwight Andrew Zischky of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, March 22, 2003.

Patricia Sharon Taylor Korom, daughter of Wytnerly Dawn and David Earl Korom of Dietrich, was born Saturday, March 22, 2003.

Christopher Lee Hatt, son of Shannon Marie and Adam Christopher Hatt of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, March 22, 2003.

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center

Quilan Reed Booth, son of Aubrey and Theodore Booth of Gooding, was born Tuesday, March 18, 2003.

Jose Dominick Garcia, son of Jose Juan and Honey Lynne Garcia of Gooding, was born Wednesday, March 19, 2003.

Jade Ann Mitchell, daughter of Justin and Bethel Mitchell of Twin Falls, was born Friday, March 21, 2003.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Friends of Stricker hosts clean-up day

HANSEN - The Friends of Stricker will host a clean-up day from 1-5 p.m. Saturday at Rock Creek Station and Stricker Creek.

Home site, 3715 E. 3200 N., Hansen.

Volunteers are asked to bring rakes, shovels and their own gloves. Volunteers are needed to prepare the grounds for the

tourist season.

For more information, call Curtis Johnson at (208) 829-5311.

Flats 'Bring Back those Vaudeville Days'

BURLEY - The Snake River Flats presents "Bring Back those Vaudeville Days" at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Parve Ave. in Burley.

The event will feature The Extension Chords, with appearances by The Snake River Flats Chorus, Girls Night Out, The Dependents, 4Sure and The Rip Chords. The Friday concert will include White Pine Intermediate School students, and Saturday will include Big Valley Elementary School students.

Tickets are \$6, \$5 for seniors and students or \$18 for families. Tickets are available from chapter members of the Snake River

Flats or at Welch Music and Book Plaza in Burley and The Book Store in Rupert.

For more information, call 436-6047.

An old trade made new. Tuesday in Community



ENGAGEMENTS

**SACKMAN-
VANEVENHOVEN**
GOODING - Gary and Shannon Sackman of Gooding announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol Lynn Sackman, to Karl Peter Vanevenhoven, son of Peter and Kati Vanevenhoven of Clinton, Ind.
Sackman is a 1993 graduate of Gooding High School. She did undergraduate work at the University of Idaho and received her doctor of pharmacy degree from Washington State University in Pullman, Wash. She currently is employed as the critical care medicine lead pharmacist at Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital in Yakima, Wash.
Vanevenhoven is a graduate of Purdue University in Lafayette,



Karl Vanevenhoven and Carol Sackman
Ind., with a degree in chemical engineering. He is the senior production manager at Yakima Chief Inc. in Sunnyside, Wash.
The wedding is planned for June 21 at the Seth Ryan Winery in Benton City, Wash.

COFFMAN-FLORENCE
TWIN FALLS - Wendy Coffman and Patrick Florence announce their engagement.
Coffman is the daughter of Arthur and Roberta Coffman of Rupert. She is employed at Cable One Advertising and is currently serving in the U.S. Navy Reserves.
Florence is the son of Otto and Mary Alice Florence of Twin Falls. He is employed at independent Meat Co. in Twin Falls.
The wedding is planned for August in Twin Falls.
The couple will reside in Twin Falls.



Patrick Florence and Wendy Coffman

SORVAAG-OSBORNE
HAGERMAN - Bob and Julie Sorvaag of Susanville, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Irene Sorvaag, to Curtis Layne Osborne, son of Layne and Judy Osborne of Hagerman.
Sorvaag is a graduate of Boise State University. She is doing research at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif.
Osborne is a graduate of BSU and is employed as a project engineer for ACCO (Air Conditioning Company) in San Carlos, Calif.
The wedding is planned for May 31 at Mountain Meadows Ranch in Susanville, Calif. An open house will be held Aug. 9 in Hagerman.



Curtis Osborne and Megan Sorvaag
open house will be held Aug. 9 in Hagerman.

TRAINOR-FITCH
TWIN FALLS - Kevin and Linda Trainor of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Meghan Ann Trainor, to Jed Clayton Fitch, son of Buck and Jeannie Fitch of Riggins.
Trainor graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1995 and Albertson College of Idaho in 1999. She is finishing a master's degree in land resources and environmental sciences at Montana State University in Bozeman, Mont.
Fitch graduated from Salmon River High School in 1992, Albertson College of Idaho in 1996 and the University of Montana School of Law in 1999.



Meghan Trainor and Jed Fitch
He is a first lieutenant, judge advocate in the U.S. Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton, Calif.
The wedding is planned for June 21 at the home of the bride's parents.

TYREE-WOODLAND
FILER - Aaron and DaNaie Tyree of Filer announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Ann Tyree, to Ryan Michael Woodland, son of Steve and Carol Woodland of Jerome.
Tyree will graduate from Twin Falls High School on June 2.
Woodland has joined the Marine Corps and will graduate from basic training on June 20.
The wedding is planned for June 25.



Erin Tyree and Ryan Woodland

CATES-RASMUSSEN
TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cates of Bremerton, Wash., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jaci Cates, to Jeff Rasmussen, son of Jay Rasmussen and Lisa Mathis, both of Twin Falls.
Cates attended Eastern Washington University in Spokane, Wash. She is employed at Washington Mutual Bank in Kirkland, Wash.
Rasmussen attended the Art Institute of Seattle in Seattle, Wash. He is employed at American General Finance in Seattle.
The wedding is planned for June in Seattle.



Jeff Rasmussen and Jaci Cates

HITT-ERICKSON
MALTA - Tom and Marie Hitt of Malta announce the engagement of their daughter, Trisha Marie Hitt, to Tony Joseph Erickson, son of Scott and Sherrie Erickson of Alma.
Hitt is a 2000 graduate of Ratt River High School and a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho with a certification in dental assisting. She is employed at the dental offices of Gann and Wright in Burley.
Erickson is a 2000 graduate of Ratt River High School. He currently is working for the Bureau of Land Management.
The wedding is planned for Friday at the Malta 1st and 2nd Ward LDS Church. A reception to honor the couple will be held



Trisha Hitt and Tony Erickson
from 7-9 p.m. Friday at the church.
The couple will reside in Heyburn.

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THE STRAUCHES
TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Strauch of Twin Falls will celebrate their 67th wedding anniversary Tuesday.
Strauch and Lillian Johnston were married April 1, 1936.
He joined the Army in November 1943 in the field artillery at Watertown, N.Y. After a year, he transferred to the Army Air Corps at Mitchell Field Long Island until his discharge in March 1946.
They have lived in Hempstead Long Island, N.Y., Buffalo, N.Y., East Arden, N.Y., and Fernley, Nev., before moving to Twin Falls in 1995. He owned and operated a service station in New York. She



Lillian and Walter Strauch
worked for 13 years at Kleinhans, a men's store in New York.
Their children, Gene Strauch and Carol Clark, are deceased.
The couple has seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

THE TORIXES
PAUL - The family of Joe and Vi Torix will host a 60th anniversary celebration. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2-6 p.m. Saturday at the home of Joe and Vi Torix, 204 N. Fifth St., Paul.
The couple was married April 2, 1943. They moved from Brawley, Calif., to Paul in 1956, where they had a homestead west of Paul and began farming.
They have three sons, Terry (Jettson) Torix, Larry (Ann) Torix of Rupert and Steve (Bonnie) Torix of Paul, 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
The couple requests no gifts.



Joe and Vi Torix
just your memories of happy times and love.

Why do you think it happens?

I am in a quandary. What is your opinion? When given information that has verifiably helped others, why don't more people use that information to better their lives? Do they lack the capacity to understand or believe the substantiated information? Do they resist having someone else tell them what or how to do something, even when they know it works? Do they feel they are smarter than the others and can figure it out themselves, but never do? Do they believe their current situation is superior to the suggestion, even when all evidence contradicts that assumption?



STRESS
Tim O'Brien

Statistics show how many people, about 95 percent, will retire with little or no money saved, even with the way to wealth well known. And, with good financial information available for free. Physicians know the major factors that cause heart disease and 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 we want, 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 the for?

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 programs.
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.
Hereditry 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, giving gifts within your income and savings. Most items of value don't cost money! Savings 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's goal? I think so too.
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Parents get mixed messages about sleeping with babies

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Parents of newborns are faced with conflicting information about whether sleeping with their babies is safe.
On one side, groups like the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and the American Pediatric Society warn that sleeping with infants can be dangerous.
On the other, child care experts, including authors Dr.

William and Martha Sears, say if done correctly, sleeping with infants can strengthen bonds between parents and children while ensuring better rest for the entire family.
There's even some evidence that carefully sleeping with infants can decrease the chances of sudden infant death syndrome.
The mixed messages concern health experts who are finding many infant deaths labeled SIDS

were caused instead by suffocation by a blanket, fluffy pillow or a sleeping family member. A panel of doctors, nurses and government regulators began meeting earlier this year to develop a coordinated, statewide message on how to put infants to sleep.
The goal is to give parents options while making sure that whether they choose a crib or bed, they are aware of important safety considerations.

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FAMILY LIFE

Eating at the desk vs. going out for lunch

The Hartford Courant

It's the midday dilemma of the modern workplace: whether to sandwich one's lunch between phone calls and e-mail, or to indulge in a bit of cafe society, if only for a half-hour.

Experts — to the extent that there are lunch experts — disagree on which is a more healthful choice. The homemade meal is more likely to be nutritious and sensible, according to diet specialists. But psychologists who study workday mental health worry that lunchtime desk-diners are heading for more job stress and less *joie de vivre*.

"If you brown-bag it," said Shelly Figueiredo, a billing editor at a Hartford, Conn., law firm, "you're stuck in one of the break rooms. It feels like work." She says she goes out to lunch mainly to just get out of the office.

Yet more than 40 percent of those questioned in a 1999 National Restaurant Association survey said that they don't take a "real" lunch break. And a third of those questioned said they spend lunchtime doing something other than eating — working, running errands, shopping or exercising.

"It's a rush-rush world," said Simon A. Flynn, president of the Connecticut Restaurant Association, whose members report that the lunch business generally is down.

But this downturn in restaurant lunches is not exactly setting off alarms at the American Dietetic Association. Quite the opposite. Nutrition experts see the national waistline bulging. More than 60 percent of the adult population is overweight or obese. High-calorie, super-size fast-food meals aren't helping.

Ryan Mihalik, a law clerk who works in downtown Hartford, packs his lunch on most days. It's not that he doesn't enjoy eating out. In fact, he really likes getting a break from the office and hanging out with his colleagues.

But he believes the brown bag is healthier. And it's much cheaper. "You figure, \$6 a day, five days a week, that's \$40 — \$160 a month times 12 (months)," he said. "You know, I can think of somewhere else to put that money."

Cindy Moore, a spokeswoman for the ADA and director of nutritional therapy at the Cleveland



Co-workers Greg Chieffo, right, and Anjali Vadak brown-bag it outside the Winter Garden in New York City.

Clinic Foundation, said most people are better off bringing lunch. That way, they can plan the menu when they're not hungry and limit the total amount of

food. If they head out the door hungry with their cubicle mates, they may end up with too much of a good thing. "You lose the ability to self-regulate," she said. "Your body wants a quick fix. And the food may be higher-calorie."

Even so, some observers believe that bailing out of the

"rush-rush world" at midday has tremendous benefits. Concern about the spread of mindless, on-the-go eating — and the explosion of bland, mass-produced food — gave birth to the Slow Food movement in Italy in 1986. It has since spread throughout the world. Bernadette Kramer, director of publishing for Slow Food USA, said the organization has not yet tackled the issue of lunch but that perhaps it should.

"We help people to appreciate how much their lives can be enriched by enjoying the pleasures of the table with their families and their friends," she said, "so that's lunch or dinner."

Psychologist Robert J. Kriegl of Nevada City, Calif., says the lunch-at-the-computer habit is part of a larger picture of chronic and wasteful workaholicism in America. "I talk about the fact that people are working too many hours, too long and too hard," he said. His most recent book, published in February, is "How To Succeed in Business Without Working So Damn Hard."

Kriegl said that a number of studies show that we can only work at peak-performance level for five or six hours a day. After that, we get slow, sloppy and befuddled. Taking a break refreshes the mind, he said, and it's far from downtime.

"Ask people where they get their best ideas," he said. "It's never at work; it's never at your desk."

Psychologist Thomas Tang, a professor in the Department of Management and Marketing at the Jennings A. Jones College of Business at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn., has done research on job satisfaction and stress. He notes that gathering for lunch with colleagues can be a source of creativity and intellectual cross-pollination.

But just as there is no guarantee that all office lunches are healthful, workers don't have to go out daily for a four-course lunch to get a real break at noon.

Both Kriegl and Tang recognize that it's not always possible or practical to eat out. But it still helps to get away from the desk — even if the alternative is the break room. Another option is to take a quick walk or step outside for a few minutes. Just then head out for a walk or some other exercise alone or in a group.

Offensive? It depends on your viewpoint

Knight Ridder News Service

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Bob Wolfson has heard plenty of people use the term "Jew" as a verb. "You'd be surprised at the number of people who don't know that (derives from) people who are Jewish," he said. "Most of these people grew up in small towns and never knew a Jewish person."

Does Wolfson take offense? Well, it depends.

"The difference between being a bigot and just ignorant is whether you know what you said," said Wolfson, a 1960s regional director of the Anti-Defamation League, which monitors and speaks out against racial and religious hatred and extremism.

Should people take offense at such slurs, obvious or not? After all, a couple of black women from Johnson County are suing Southwest Airlines over a white flight attendant's comment they thought was racially discriminatory.

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Why can't we learn to behave ourselves?

By Chris Jones

Chicago Tribune

In order to make the distant gain for United Airlines' flight 943 headed for San Antonio, I was obliged to knock over at least one small child, force an elderly gentleman to grab a handrail to retain his balance, and send the wheelchair of my oversized carry-on over several tender feet belonging to fellow flyers.

But that did not mean someone had the right to my seat.

But there she was in seat 6D, a much-sought-after bulkhead in United's premier section, where the legroom approaches the humane. A few rows farther back sat the poor sops in regular coach, huddled into steerage and simmering with envy.

"Excuse me," I said to the interloper, "but you are in my seat."

The young woman did not budge.

"I was in row 18," she retorted, eyes flashing, looking me straight in the eye with a hint of guilt. "Would you mind taking that seat instead?"

Indignation rose in my belly. How dare she fight back instead of moving? Why are people so selfish? Why are they so darn uncivil?

What are manners in America coming to these days?

"Yes, I would mind," I growled, to the amusement of the ironically detached flight attendant (remarkable, given United's maniacal situational stances, that these folks have any humor left). "I think he declines," the flight attendant said. And with a scowl, the ill-mannered woman retreated to her assigned place at the back of the plane.

But I didn't enjoy my seat. Or my flight. Once my indignation subsided around 10,000 feet, I began to wonder whose manners had been at fault here. Should a man especially a tardy man still give up his seat for a woman, even a rude woman? Was my rudeness justified by her forwardness? In situations like this, doesn't the well-bred person just do the nice, kind thing and give way? Did I really need that seat?

Are not good manners, in essence, unselfishness?

That question helped define a

The ethics of etiquette

One of the perennial issues in social behavior is how to define the terms.

What are manners? What does etiquette really mean? Is well-mannered behavior the same as ethical behavior? And are manners culturally determined or universal?

"I've always found it useful to distinguish between manners—which means the underlying principles of civilized behavior—and etiquette, which means the surface rules," says Judith Martin, explaining how she has kept these two terms straight for the last 30 years.

In other words, Miss Manners believes, the principles of good manners are eternal and universal, whereas etiquette rules are limited by time and place, not to mention the various strata of society.

The line of thinking holds that the etiquette appropriate to a multi-course meal at Charlie Trotter's and a quick bite at McDonald's varies drastically, but the principles of good manners apply to both, and to eating at home.

And is good etiquette the same as good ethics? Plenty of manners mavens think so, seeing even the most trivial lapses in manners as having ethical implications.

Gloria Petersen, for example, tells her students of the chaos that can ensue when someone uses the wrong sideplate or water glass at a crowded round-table at a banquet.

"It can throw the whole table off," she said. "People don't know what to do. And it makes everybody work, uncomfortable for the rest of the night."

However, ethics expert Randy Cohen believes "there is no ethical implication to which fork you are using at dinner. But there are other kinds of manners for which the ethical implications are enormous."

The main flashpoints are cultural or religious activities that offend other groups. For example, Cohen was recently asked—and has struggled to answer—the question of whether the management of an expensive restaurant was behaving ethically when it forbade a waiter's dresscode, on the grounds that the etiquette of such places demands a neat and tidy look.

On the one hand, that seems a reasonable request. "But," says Cohen, "you could also argue that dreadlocks are a legitimate cultural expression. And the reason the manager doesn't think so is that he is making a racist association with, say, poor Jamaicans. And that, you might say, would be wrong, malignant and unethical."

Emily Post, of course, was silent on the subject of dreadlocks. In her guide to etiquette a couple of generations ago, Post is surely not too much of a leap to assert that she would have forbidden them in nice restaurants. Had she known what they were.

—Source: Chicago Tribune

young woman who exceeds her time on the StarMaster.

For those who yearn for a more polite society, the halcyon days are widely regarded as the 1950s, that era of well-defined social mores that the recent Todd Haynes film "Far From Heaven" captures with such semi-satiric aplomb.

One watches it with a combination of affection and horror. Back in the 1950s and early 1960s, we either assume or dimly remember, families taught good eating behavior to their children around the inviolable dinner table, and kids never answered back, and people wrote dignified letters of thanks, not e-mails with questionable

grammar. Role models for well-mannered behavior were everywhere—from "Father Knows Best" to the Marshall Field's tea room.

"There were a set of rules that everyone understood," said Gloria Petersen, president of a Chicago-based company called Global Protocol, which teaches classes in manners and etiquette mainly to business clients. "Back then, the lines were not blurred."

Conventional wisdom argues that the social upheavals of the 1960s and 1970s undermined these carefully codified social behaviors. "We were just fine until the '60s hit," says Petersen. "That was the breakdown of our society."

The more conservative 1980s may have brought out renewed interest in the trappings of bourgeois society, but it also ushered in a new era of selfishness and greed, both personal and corporate. If one used the moral framework summarized by the then-popular movie "Other People's Money," good manners of that epoch included doing whatever was good for one's personal profit. Such values as loyalty to long-term employees and corporate responsibility to a community were trumped by leveraged buy-outs and initial public offerings.

So by the 1990s, some would argue, the foundations of good behavior lay in ruins and in their place rose such monuments to ethical misbehavior as Enron and WorldCom, and such social irritants as movie-theater chatterers and restaurants ringing with the cacophony of cell phones.

But is that all true? Have manners actually declined? "It all depends on what you are talking about," says Judith Martin, who writes the Miss Manners column that appears in newspapers around the country. "There has always been rudeness."

As Martin well knows, it's easy to argue against the notion that manners have been on a downhill slide for the last 50 years. Certain segments of society in the 1950s may have been well-mannered to each other, but their graciousness had well-defined limits, usually determined by class, race, gender and ethnicity. Certainly an

African-American in 1955 did not typically encounter a lot of well-mannered behavior from whites. And if, in the 1950s, a woman asked a man to marry her, the notion that father-or husband-didn't always know best, etiquette manuals of the day offered scant guidance on how to express that view.

If one includes, say, the reputation of women expressed bigotry as an essential component of good American manners, then the manners harometer perhaps has been rising all these years. Sen. Trent Lott and the Augusta National Golf Club notwithstanding.

"There have been enormous advances in the idea of respect for everyone," Martin says. "That is both an American idea and a triumphant one."

Not that America has become a classless society. Some of those who lament the decline in manners are engaging in a long-practiced form of class warfare—many of the people who complain about all the pushing and shoving in airports these days surely would have been happier in the era when only the affluent could afford to fly.

Still, many of us still have a nagging sense that something important has been lost amid all the social progress. Politicians, we say with a sigh, is just what it was.

Take Stacy Slater, a teacher in her early 40s who cheerfully wrangles 6th grade at Hadley Junior High School in Glen Elder, Ill. Slater says she would never have answered back to her teachers in the way her students talk back to her without hesitation.

"Kids today feel much freer to voice their opinion," she says, "and they expect it to count for something."

Martin believes Slater's experience reflects a real social shift, not just anecdotal opinion, in the way children are brought up. "There was a big change in the latter half of the 20th Century," Martin says. "We hit one of those periods that come up, oh, every 200 years or so. It's the dedication of so-called natural behavior, a belief in 'original innocence.'"

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