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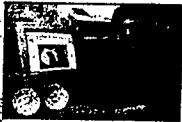
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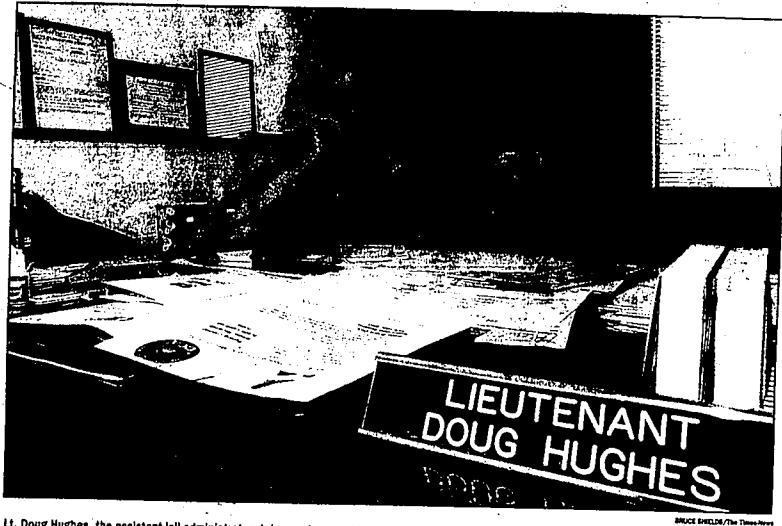
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# More than wages



Lt. Doug Hughes, the assistant jail administrator, takes a phone call in the administration office of the Twin Falls County Jail. Hughes, who has spent most of his career working in the jail, says the benefits that come with his job are more important now that he has a family.

## Magic Valley workers eagerly seek jobs with benefits

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Benefits were no big deal to Doug Hughes when he went to work in law enforcement a dozen years ago. Over time, perks grew precious.

"When I was hired I was 19 years old and I didn't think of that kind of stuff," Hughes said. "Now, I have a family. As you get older, you need insurance."

That's a view shared by most Magic Valley workers. And it's one reason locals apply in droves anytime a new employer brings jobs with benefits to town.

Among the recent examples: About 1,000 people applied for 150 jobs at The Home Depot's new Twin Falls store in 2000. Wal-Mart Stores Inc.'s new Jerome supercenter, after five days of recruiting in June 2000, had about 1,600 applications. By early August 2000, Wal-Mart counted 2,500 applicants for the 380 jobs.

Dell Computer Corp.'s call center began recruiting in late October 2001 for its first round of 120 full-time employees. More than 1,500 people - Dell officials declined to be more specific - had started the application process by early November. And

**Precious perks**  
The Times-News takes a look at what area firms have to offer - D1, D3-6

applicants kept coming, helping the center to grow to more than 700 workers by the end of 2002. The valley's low wages explain part of that phenomenon. But not all of it.

Regional labor economist Greg Rogers estimates only about 65 percent of Magic Valley's work force enjoys some sort of job benefits. "We're one of the lower areas in the state," he said. That leaves 35 percent who get nothing on the side.

The percentage isn't surprising, Rogers said, because so many of the valley's workers hold multiple jobs to compensate for low local wages. Both part-time work and certain low-paying full-time positions - the stuff of multiple-job schedules - tend not to offer benefits. In the service sector, a huge industry in Magic Valley, it's typical to offer no perks or to offer them only

after a year's employment or more.

The Idaho Department of Labor doesn't assemble exact data on employers' benefit policies. But Rogers and other economists with the department keep general tabs on their respective areas of the state. The effect of that 35 percent? Magic Valley's workers switch jobs often, either for pay increases or for benefits they didn't have before.

"Benefits are very important to the retention factor," Rogers said. "Seldom does he see workers change jobs for a small amount of money if they already have solid benefits packages. But they'll switch for a nickel or dime an hour if perks are part of the package."

"Benefits can mean tens of thousands of dollars to an average family if a medical crisis were to occur - if a child were to get ill, if someone were to require hospitalization," Rogers said.

### The benefit bonus

Working folks understand that risk. And want to avoid it. Julie Jaques, a Twin Falls cop. Please see BENEFITS, Page A2

## Free insurance, college tuition are among perks

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Bag a job at Target, and count on a \$500 annual gift from the retailer toward day-care costs.

Still nursing the baby? A job at Dell Computer Corp. comes with an on-site private room for that purpose. With refrigerator.

Get yourself on the Zions Bank payroll, and save dollars with a free checking account and reduced-rate loans. Or work at The Times-News and line up for a turn at a dirt-cheap vacation on Montana's Flathead Lake. Be a long-term employee of C Bar M Dairy, and you might receive an extra \$10,000 to help your son or daughter attend college.

The Times-News today profiles the benefits packages of 20 Magic Valley employers, both public agencies and private businesses. They include tiny local companies and a Fortune 500 international firm. Also, one of the

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## Soldiers discover suspicious barrels

Initial tests indicate chemical weapons

By John Sullivan  
Knight Ridder News Service

**BAIJI, Iraq** - U.S. soldiers on Saturday found 14 barrels of chemicals in a vast weapons storage area in north-central Iraq, and three initial tests indicated that they contained a deadly mixture of cycloisarin nerve agent and mustard gas.

Previous finds of suspect chemicals in Iraq have turned out to be false alarms, and a Pentagon spokesman Saturday said defense officials had no conclusive evidence that the barrels contained chemical weapons. She said samples from the barrels would be sent to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland for further testing, a process that could take a week. An international team of chemical weapons experts headed to the site from Baghdad to conduct further tests on Sunday.

But the fact that the barrels were found next to a mobile laboratory in a munitions dump makes them more suspicious, and if further tests confirm that they contain chemical weapons, it would provide the long-sought evidence that Iraq was hiding chemical weapons, as the Bush administration charged in justifying the need for war.

The tin barrels were found in a 3.5-square-mile storage area that also contained missiles, missile parts, gas masks, protective gear, a stripped mobile weapons laboratory and large storage containers covered by camouflage netting. The area is two miles east of the town of Baiji in the Jubal Alkhal, low, wind-worn mountains about 55 miles north of Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit.

The barrels were on the ground next to a mobile laboratory that looked like a 1970s Russian truck with a cube on the back that was filled with sinks, a fermenter and other equipment. It had been stripped bare, apparently by looters. Lt. Col. Ed Martin, the commander of the 10th Cavalry unit that tested and secured the barrels, said the mobile lab had charts showing dosage amounts.

Lt. Victoria Phillips of Sherwood Ark., with a Texas-based chemical reconnaissance team from the 10th Cavalry at the site, said three tests verified the presence of cycloisarin, a nerve agent, as well as a toxic mustard gas, most likely mustard gas in liquid form, mixed together in a toxic slurry.

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## Asian health officials plan SARS strategy

The Associated Press

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia** - Health officials from across Asia came up with a joint plan Saturday to fight SARS with tighter screening of travelers, while a health minister blamed for China's slow response to the outbreak there was expelled. "We must use every weapon at our disposal," the regional director of the World Health Organization, Shigeru Omi, told health ministers and senior officials from Southeast Asia, China, Hong Kong, Japan and South Korea. The health ministers approved a plan to boost screening at international departure points, bar travelers

### U.S. hospitals on alert - A3

with SARS symptoms and require health forms for visitors from affected countries.

The worldwide spread of severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, has been blamed on travelers in Asia, particularly in Hong Kong and southern China, where the flu-like disease emerged last fall.

"Should SARS continue to spread, the global economic consequences could be great in a closely interconnected and interdependent world," Malaysian Health Minister Chua Jui Meng said. Chua said the measures approved

by the ministers would be presented to national leaders at a summit next week before being implemented formally.

Elsewhere, Hong Kong health officials reported 17 new cases of SARS infections Saturday, the lowest daily figure this month, but they said it was too early to know whether the disease was coming under control. For more than a week, the daily number of new cases had been between 20 and 30.

India reported its fifth case of SARS on Saturday, further raising fears the disease could spread swiftly among the country's more than 1 billion people, most of whom have inadequate health care.



A couple wears masks as they wait at Beijing Railway Station Saturday. The two were among the thousands taking precautions as they lined up to buy tickets to leave Beijing amid the SARS outbreak which has killed at least 42 people in the city.

7 days, 7 reasons to read

### Saving sight

Children's vision should be checked at a young age.

Monday

### Taking the helm

Local man is new hospital auxiliary leader.

Tuesday

### Going golfing

Fairways and Greens debuts as a weekly golf page.

Wednesday

### Arches of awe

Enjoying a scenic spring journey into Arches National Park.

Thursday

### Strike up the band

The Magic Valley Symphony wraps up its season.

Friday

### Welcome home

Mercy Housing helps Filer families.

Saturday

### Kids and vids

A growing number of parents are cracking down on violent video games.

Sunday

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy skies, mild temperatures and isolated to day showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the middle 50s.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy skies and isolated showers or weak thunderstorms. Lows in the middle 30s.
Tomorrow: Breezy with mostly cloudy skies and widely scattered showers and thunderstorms - Highs lower 60s.

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Today: Mostly cloudy skies and isolated thunderstorms. Highs near 60.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy skies and isolated showers or weak thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 30s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy skies and scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs lower to middle 60s.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Yesterday's Weather. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

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Perks

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valley's smallest school districts, and the federal government.
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center offers some of the more unusual benefits: private hospital rooms, dry cleaning drop-off and on-site day care, for example.

Strengthening packages

Despite rapidly rising costs in some areas, a number of Magic Valley employers seek ways to put better perks on the table.
Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousey, for instance, pulled out all stops to help employees.

Benefits

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metology student, is researching local salons' wages and benefits. She 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.

Recruitment and retention

Last year's arrival of hundreds of Dell jobs - with plenty of - might eventually improve the situation.
"Depending on their situation, sometimes people look more at their benefits than at their salary," Hollibaugh said.

joining the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho.

The county currently uses Nationwide as its retirement plan provider and contributes 5 percent of wages toward the employee's retirement.
"if you went to work for the city or state, you're looking at a 12 percent," Tousey said.

recruiting and getting what you want, you have to be competitive.

And that costs money. Of the state's Department of Labor uses this national rule of thumb: Benefits on average cost a company 40 percent of total compensation.
That's a substantial cost of doing business, says a damper on new hiring. In poor economic times like these, any growing business might try to expand hours of existing employees instead of adding positions.

# U.S. hospitals go on alert for SARS

The Washington Post

Nurses and doctors in emergency rooms across the United States are subjecting patients to increasingly intensive scrutiny in an urgent effort to prevent the kind of SARS outbreaks that have exploded in Beijing, Hong Kong and Toronto.

The emergency staff intercepts patients to test for telltale fevers, coughs and other symptoms, and grill any suspicious cases about their family, friends, work and travel in the hope of isolating people carrying the SARS virus before they can infect health care workers or other patients. Anyone with the slightest possibility of harboring severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) is immediately segregated in a specially ventilated room, and no one is permitted near him or her without wearing a mask, goggles, gloves and a gown.

The aggressive measures are a reflection of the crucial role a patient in the nation's attempt to keep SARS from becoming a major health problem in the United States. Hospitals have been the focal points of outbreaks everywhere the new lung infection has been a major problem. Sick patients have spread the virus to hundreds of hospital workers and other patients, who have then spread it further.

"We're the canary in the coal mine of medicine," said Brian Keaton, an Akron, Ohio, emergency room doctor who serves on the board of the American College of Emergency Medicine. "If we have SARS here, it's going to be people showing up in the emergency department."

Until scientists develop a reli-

able test, vaccine or treatment for SARS, doctors have none of the most potent weapons that modern medicine uses to fight disease. Instead, they must resort to the most primitive of public health

measures: finding and isolating carriers before they can infect others. "We are very concerned about that," Julie Gerberding, director of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

# U.S. official says he's optimistic following talks with N. Koreans

Los Angeles Times

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea has put forward a new proposal for resolving its nuclear Standoff with the United States that might merit further consideration, Assistant Secretary of State James A. Kelly told Asian officials Saturday before heading back to Washington.

Although details of the proposal presented last week during talks in Beijing were not released, it was believed to be a new spin on North Korea's previous offer to suspend its nuclear program in return for guarantees that the United States would not launch a military attack against it.

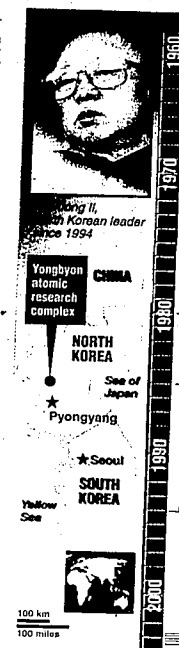
Despite the North's stunning boost at last week's talks with U.S. and Chinese representatives that it already has nuclear weapons, officials who met with Kelly are said to believe that he came away from his meeting with the North Koreans more optimistic than after the two sides' previous encounter in October.

In Tokyo, Kelly told Chief Cabinet Secretary Yasuo Fukuda that the North Koreans had made a "bold, new proposal" that would be examined after his return to Washington, according to a Foreign Ministry official. Kelly also suggested that the United States would hold a meeting shortly with Japan and South Korea to discuss ways that they might be included in the next round of talks with the North Koreans — a multilateral approach that Washington has consistently favored.

Kelly made similar comments Friday night to South Korean officials in Seoul.

South Korean representatives were scheduled to fly to the North Korean capital, Pyongyang, Sunday for three days of Cabinet-level talks with their North Korean counterparts. The South Korean national security council, which met Saturday, said in a statement that Seoul's representatives would "strongly urge North Korea for an abolition of its nuclear program and a change of attitude."

The reports, however, that the North might abruptly



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cancel the meetings as it did Cabinet-level talks that had been set for earlier this month.

South Korean analysts have suggested that North Korea's claim that it has nuclear weapons — something that has been suspected for years but never confirmed — was an attempt to strengthen its bargaining position with the United States.

Washington has taken the position that it will not agree to a repeat of a 1994 deal in which North Korea was given energy assistance in return for promises of freezing its nuclear program. North Korea was later found to be cheating on those pledges.

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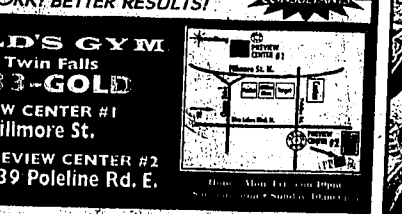
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NATION



Chris Hill, right, talks about James Sheets as he sits on his front steps Friday in Red Lion, Pa. Hill and his friends Josh Seward, left, and Mike Shultz, lived in the same neighborhood and went to school with Sheets, who shot his principal before killing himself in the crowded school cafeteria Thursday.

School shooter behaved strangely before attack

RED LION, Pa. (AP) - Friends of the 14-year-old boy who shot and killed his school principal said the teen told them he hated the man and brought a pocketknife to school in the days preceding the attack. About two weeks ago, after his sometime-girlfriend began dating another boy, James R. Sheets told friends that he hated Principal Eugene Segro and the girlfriend, they said. "He was pretty upset," said Chris Hill, a ninth-grader who said Sheets showed him a picture of the girlfriend this week and said he wanted to resume the relationship. On Thursday, authorities say Sheets brought three of his stepfather's revolvers to Red Lion Area Junior High School. In a cafeteria packed with students, Sheets shot Segro, 51, in the chest before turning another revolver to his head and committing suicide. Friends said they never thought Sheets would do such a thing, that he was a good student who stayed out of trouble. But they also said his behavior in the days leading to the shootings had been unusual. "He wasn't really like that," Mike Shultz, a 10th-grader who

Prosecutors plan to seek death penalty for Peterson

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - Prosecutors have decided to seek the ultimate punishment against Scott Peterson, the man accused of killing his pregnant wife on Christmas Eve. "A decision has been made to seek the death penalty in the case of People of California vs Scott Peterson," according to a statement by Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brunelton. The bodies of Laci Peterson, 27, and the unborn son the couple had planned to name Connor washed ashore last week in San Francisco Bay, about three miles from where Scott Peterson said he was fishing when his wife vanished. Peterson, 30, a former fertilizer salesman, pleaded innocent at his arraignment Monday, declaring "I am not guilty" before an audience that included his in-

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Heston proves too weak to speak at NRA farewell

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - Charlton Heston made his last appearance as president of the National Rifle Association on Saturday, shuffling onto the stage before a crowd of 4,000 NRA members but too feeble to give a farewell speech. The actor, diagnosed with symptoms of Alzheimer's disease, was strong enough to raise an 1866 Winchester rifle over his head and deliver his trademark line, "From my cold, dead hands." He received a standing ovation but only spoke three more sentences at the annual NRA meeting Saturday. "Thank you for everything, not only now but for all the years," Heston said. "It has been a wonderful run. I'm going to miss you."

Alzheimer's, a neurological disease that can lead to dementia. Heston became NRA president in 1998 as the gun-rights group was overcoming a period of internal strife and facing run-ins with the administration of President Clinton. During his tenure, the NRA raised its membership to 4 million members. The group helped send a supportive

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EPA investigators do odd jobs for agency boss

WASHINGTON (AP) - Environmental Protection Agency criminal agents are being diverted from their normal investigative work to provide security and drivers for agency chief Christie Whitman - and getting long lists of do's and don'ts to keep her happy. EPA agents assigned to investigate environmental crimes have at times been ordered to perform more personal tasks, such as returning a rental car for Whitman's husband after a trip or sitting at a table until the administrator arrives for a restaurant reservation, according to interviews with several EPA senior managers. The Hsts of do's and don'ts instruct agents who chauffeur the EPA administrator to ensure they rent only a Lincoln Town Car, tune the radio to smooth jazz or classical music and set the volume low, and keep an eye out for a Starbucks coffee shop or Barnes & Noble book store. The "professional conduct" lists, obtained by The Associated Press, say the former New Jersey governor prefers to be addressed as governor, rather than ma'am or administrator. After the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, senior managers in EPA's Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training were instructed to help with homeland security and Whitman's protection detail by providing agents who normally investigate environmental crimes, according to memos written last year by office heads. The agents are pulled from offices around the country for several days at a time depending on where Whitman travels, and the added duties are straining already overtaxed resources in the crime unit, the managers told AP. They spoke only on condition of anonymity, for fear of reprisal. The agents are not there to investigate alleged violators of environmental laws, gathering evidence for criminal prosecutions. One manager said an agent on a security detail was directed by Whitman to return her husband's rental car to the airport so the

Whitmans could catch a flight together. A second manager said an agent was told by the head of Whitman's personal security team to help with the reservation table until Whitman arrived for dinner. The agent is paid \$100,000 a year to investigate environmental crimes, the manager said. With agents already designated for homeland security tasks, the regional offices sometimes are left without investigators for days at a time when Whitman is in town. "Up to a week all work will shut down in an area office to facilitate the protection service detail," one manager said. EPA officials said the added security was necessitated by the post-Sept. 11 terrorism concerns against Whitman, which they declined to describe. They said the agency is trying to minimize the impact of the added duties on the 220-agent Criminal Investigation Division. "We dedicate a minimum amount of resources to the protective detail," said Leo D'Amico, chief of EPA's criminal enforcement office, which includes the investigative division. "We will adjust our level as our on-scene people see fit."

D'Amico, whose name appears as the author of the do's and don'ts memos, said he knows of no instance in which an agent was asked to return a personal rental car or to perform any other personal chore for Whitman. "If there is a need to accompany the administrator for protection reasons, we'll accompany her to any and all locations," he said. "Our agents are not there to provide any personal services, nor have they been asked to provide any personal services."

Whitman's protection and chauffeur duties are overseen by a small group of EPA special agents permanently assigned to this job, John Martin, the agent who supervises that group, said he wrote one of the lists to help agents not typically trained in providing security.

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# Army remembers its fallen on Saddam's parade ground

By David Zucchino  
Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — They called the roll for the 2nd Brigade on Saturday morning.

Command Sgt. Maj. Otis Smith cried out, "Sgt. 1st Class Marshall," but no answer came. "Sgt. 1st Class John Marshall." No answer came. "Sgt. 1st Class John W. Marshall."

And on it went at Saddam Hussein's parade ground. The names of seven more soldiers were called. No one answered.

That is the way the 2nd Brigade Combat Team of the U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry Division remembered its eight men who died on the long march from Kuwait to the parade ground. Their names were spoken. Prayers were said. The brigade's officers and men bowed their heads, and some of them wept.

The brigade chaplain, Father

Patrick Ratigan, repeated the eight names and mentioned a detail from the sum of each man's life. And after each name he repeated a single word: "sacrifice."

The helmets of the dead men were perched on the stocks of their M-16s, their ranks still pinned to the tan cloth covers, their names still etched in ink or sewn into the thin Kevlar bands. Their boots stood in a neat row.

Everyone remarked how ironic it was, to have these men memorialized on the very ground where Saddam once reviewed his troops and, notoriously, fired a shotgun with one hand while wearing a black homburg. The parade ground was one of the first sites seized by the 2nd Brigade when it ripped through central Baghdad on the foggy morning of April 7.

John Marshall, who grew up in Los Angeles, never made it to Baghdad. He was firing a Mark 19 on an armored personnel vehi-

cle south of the city that day when a rocket propelled grenade, or RPG, blew his body out of the vehicle. His comrades found him several days later, buried by the enemy in a shallow grave. He died at what the military calls "Objective Curly."

Afterward, Marshall's commander spoke to his widow, who found comfort in the fact that her husband had died protecting fellow soldiers, said his friend, Maj. Denton Knapp. Marshall was a scout protecting an important ammunition and fuel resupply convoy that fought its way up Highway 8. He was 50.

The arrival of the convoy at the parade ground the evening of April 7 allowed the brigade to hold its positions overnight. Essentially, it sealed the defeat of the Republican Guard and thus the Saddam regime.

After Marshall's name was called, the roll call proceeded: "Staff Sgt. Robert A. Stever." No answer came.



Pvt. Joseph Olliam of Raleigh, N.C., weeps following a memorial service on Saturday in Baghdad for the soldiers and journalists who died while assigned to the 2nd Brigade during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

## Military investigates Marine in shooting

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Military officials are investigating a Marine who says he shot an Iraqi soldier twice in the back of the head following a grenade attack on his comrades.

The Marine Forces Reserve announced the preliminary inquiry of Gunnery Sgt. Gus Covarrubias on Friday, the day the Las Vegas Review-Journal published an interview in which he described the killing.

Covarrubias, 38, of Las Vegas, said that during an intense battle in Baghdad on April 8, he pursued a member of the Iraqi Republican Guard who fired a rocket-propelled grenade at his unit. Covarrubias said he received a concussion in the attack and several other Marines also were injured.

Covarrubias, a 20-year Marine veteran, said he found the soldier inside a nearby home with the grenade launcher by his side. Covarrubias said he ordered the man to stop and forced him to turn around.

"I went behind him and shot him in the back of the head. Twice," Covarrubias told the Review-Journal.

He said he also shot the man's partner, who tried to escape. He showed what he said were the men's ID cards.

"I'm not vindictive, and I might get in trouble for telling you this, but I take it very personally when you do that to my family," Covarrubias said. "The Marines are my family."

## Chemicals

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The tests, she said, are 98 percent accurate.

"There was so much intensity in that area it was hard to test further," she said. "The levels were very high."

Cyclosarin is part of the family of organophosphate chemicals, which are also used in insecticides. Exposure to a lethal dose of sarin or cyclosarin leads to loss of muscle control, paralysis and convulsions. Death can occur in minutes. Low and medium exposure can result in nausea, dimness of vision and other symptoms that can last from days to weeks.

Officers at the site where the barrels were discovered said the results of the initial tests and the proximity to other types of munitions seemed to indicate a high probability that the chemicals were intended as weapons, not for benign purposes such as pesticides.

"It's the worst-case scenario in a can," said Martin. Special forces soldiers discovered the barrels on Friday afternoon, nestled in the low mountains near a tributary of the Tigris River.

The team ran a quick test and determined the presence of a blister agent.

Team members decontaminated themselves, left the area and called in the 10th Cavalry. Unable to find the barrels on Friday night, soldiers from the 10th Cavalry resumed the search on Saturday morning and found them on the ground.

The 10th Cavalry team, wearing protective gear, lifted one barrel, which soldiers said was about three-quarters full, and opened the top with a mattock, a tool that resembles a pickaxe.

They used baling wire to remove a sample and placed it on a chemical sensor called the M-21 Rascal. The tester uses a mobile mass spectrometer, which ionizes chemical agents to determine their mass. It then uses a computer to compare the mass to that of 68 known chemical weapons agents.

In an interview with NBC News on Thursday, President Bush said that despite the lack of definitive evidence, he was convinced that Saddam Hussein did hide weapons of mass destruction.

"We will find them," he said, "but it's going to take time to find them."

The 14 suspicious barrels were found in an area of ravines and dry mountains with no buildings in sight. In some places, dirt was piled up around tanks and other military equipment.

Few locals were seen in the area where the weapons were found. But one man interviewed by the Army said that an Iraqi officer appeared at the site shortly after the war began. When the local man asked him why he was there, the officer said it was too dangerous a place for anyone to come looking for him.

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# Army shakeup clears way for Rumsfeld's vision

## Gen. Franks could receive promotion as defense secretary installs his own leaders

**Knight Ridder News Service**

WASHINGTON — The shakeup came suddenly. Late Friday, Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White abruptly resigned without explanation after a meeting with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and his deputy, Paul Wolfowitz.

White's departure and the coming retirements of Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki and Vice Chief of Staff Gen. John Rumsfeld to install his own hand-picked Army leaders and put his stamp on the Army's force structure, doctrine and training.

Pentagon officials told Knight Ridder that Rumsfeld plans to replace the Army chief of staff job to Gen. Tommy Franks, the tall Texan who commands U.S. Central Command and led coalition forces to swift victory in Iraq.

Franks accepts the job, Rumsfeld would replace him at Central Command with Army Lt. Gen. John Abizaid, Franks' highly regarded, Arabic-speaking deputy.

The officials said Rumsfeld has not yet asked Franks if he would

accept the chief of staff job.

From the day he arrived at the Pentagon, Rumsfeld has been at war with the Army's top generals, veterans of combat in Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, Mogadishu, Haiti, Bosnia, Afghanistan and Iraq, and with some of the top leadership of the other services, as well. Navy Secretary Gordon England has left to become deputy secretary of homeland security, and Air Force Secretary James Roche has also had a number of bruising encounters with Rumsfeld, who Pentagon officials said has a habit of publicly ridiculing those who disagree with him.

Rumsfeld's relations with White, a retired Army brigadier general who had a second career as an executive in new bankrupt Enron Corp., were strained last year when Rumsfeld decreed that the Army's \$11 billion Crusader artillery system would be killed, and White and other Army leaders were accused of lobbying Congress to overturn their boss's decision.

Relations between Rumsfeld and the Army became even frostier in late February, when

senators pressed Shinseki at a hearing to estimate how many soldiers he thought it would take to secure the peace in postwar Iraq. Shinseki reluctantly testified that he thought it might require "several hundred thousand," based on his experience as commander of peacekeeping forces in Bosnia. Rumsfeld and Wolfowitz publicly called that estimate grossly exaggerated.

When White was asked about Shinseki's estimates, he cited the general's experience in such matters. Published reports at the time said Rumsfeld wanted to fire White on the spot for supporting the Army chief of staff.

Rumsfeld and his spokeswoman, Victoria Clarke, could not be reached for comment.

Rumsfeld has made it plain that he considers the Army's senior leaders cold war dinosaurs unable to adapt to a 21st century environment and thinks the Army is too big, too heavy and too slow to respond to rapid developments abroad.

Nearly two years ago, the defense secretary's civilian aides tried to table a plan to take two more divisions and a corps out of the Army, which already had been reduced to 480,000 soldiers by a decade of manpower cuts. Shinseki successfully argued that it would be foolish to take the



Thomas White, left, shown July 18, 2002, resigned Friday as secretary of the Army. The move clears the way for Donald Rumsfeld, right, shown Friday at the Pentagon, to reshape the Army's leadership in his own way. Rumsfeld has been at odds with several leaders of the armed forces.

unprecedented degree of civilian control over the military services' selection of flag officers, generals and admirals. Military officials said Rumsfeld has demanded that all the services send up the names of at least two or three candidates for every promotion to three- and four-star rank and all nominations to the Joint Staff. The candidates are personally interviewed by a Rumsfeld staffer and by the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs, Marine Gen. Peter Pace.

Secretaries of defense traditionally have had the prerogative to nominate four-star generals and admirals, but have left the selection of one-, two- and three-star officers to each service's normal selection and promotion procedures.

"This is an incredibly dangerous politicizing of the flag officers," one retired general said. "It's not a good idea to have a high wall, but what if he is wrong?"

White House officials privately said Rumsfeld isn't loved there, either. They cite his arrogance and propensity for saying whatever he thinks in public, even in well-placed official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said Rumsfeld's poll numbers were "too high to get rid of him now."

With an approval rating of 71 percent, Rumsfeld's numbers are better than President Bush's.

# U.S. Army reaches out to improve stability, community trust in Mosul

By David Rising Associated Press Writer

MOSUL, Iraq — Joint police patrols began Saturday in Mosul — one measure among many initiated by American forces to establish order and trust between the troops and a tense city of 700,000 people.

After two straight days without any reports of attacks on U.S. forces, "we feel that security has dramatically improved in the city," said Maj. Gen. David Petraeus, commander of the 101st Airborne Division.

"I personally have walked the streets and it's amazing how much shaking someone's hand ... can break down barriers and we have been doing that all over the city," he said on a visit to the newly established civil affairs office in the heart of Mosul's Old City.

Mosul is among Iraq's most volatile cities, shared uneasily by several ethnic groups including Arabs and Kurds. It also saw some of the most recent bloodshed; passions have had less time to cool than in many other parts of Iraq.

Last week, local hospital offi-

cials said 17 people died in confrontations with U.S. Marines, who were holding part of Mosul. The Army arrived Tuesday to take control.

The soldiers set out to calm the nation's third-largest city in a variety of ways. Three walk-in centers opened Saturday to inform people gasoline was flowing at some service stations and propane will be available starting Sunday.

In a move to assure residents that the United States doesn't intend to exert long-term control of Iraq, Petraeus met Saturday with a prominent tribal leader and a high representative of the Iraqi National Congress opposition group.

The aim was to work out terms for electing an interim city council and mayor. No final agreement was reached, but the participants said they were satisfied and pledged cooperation.

"We will do everything with a friend," said Mishan Al Jbouri, a leader of the regionally powerful Jburi tribe.

Petraeus also met with acting Mosul police chief Abdulah Aziz to talk about ways American

forces and the city's nearly 2,200 police officers can work together.

There had been several cases of U.S. troops forcibly disarming the police officers, mistaking them for Iraqi military. But Aziz said most difficulties have now been smoothed out and joint patrols that began Saturday were working well.

"For security in the city we have to work with the U.S. Army now," Aziz said through an interpreter. "Only with the U.S. Army is it going to get better."

Though he appreciated the help, Aziz said he was happy with assurances that the United States does not plan to keep an occupation force in Iraq forever.

Others agreed. Ghassan Dahmi, 36, a former Iraqi Army doctor, said he would like to see the presence would continue until a functioning democratic government was established, but no longer.

"I hope the situation is transitory — temporary, maybe one to two years," said Dahmi, standing outside the former Mosul Military Hospital with his oldest child, 9-year-old Saad, as other American officers met with hospital officials inside.



A U.S. soldier is reflected in the Arabic-language notice board of a junior school in Mosul, Iraq, Saturday. The school authorities said students are not turning up because of a lack of security.

# Rumsfeld: U.S. will stay until stability reigns

SHANNON, Ireland (AP) — U.S. troops will stay in Iraq and Afghanistan until stable, democratic governments have taken control, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Saturday.

Rumsfeld said he was traveling to the Persian Gulf and South Asia to thank forces "deeply involved in the successes we've achieved" in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He also plans to talk to allies in the Gulf about how U.S. military "arrangements and partnerships and cooperation" with those countries will change after the war in Iraq. Rumsfeld has said that significant changes to the Pentagon's "footprint" in the region could be in store now that Saddam Hussein's military threat has been removed.

The defense secretary has denied reports that the United States is considering an arrangement to have permanent access to some bases in Iraq.

"Long, dangerous and difficult work remains in both Iraq and Afghanistan," Rumsfeld said, telling reporters aboard his plane, which

stopped in Ireland to refuel.

"One ought to think of this as a victory tour," Rumsfeld said, noting that coalition forces in both Iraq and Afghanistan still are coming under sporadic attacks. "The task before us in Iraq will take a lot of focused attention over a period of time."

Between 7,000 and 8,000 American troops are in Afghanistan, part of a coalition force of around 11,000 to 12,000. In Iraq, where about 135,000 American troops are, coalition forces are rounding up former government officials nearly every day, Rumsfeld said.

Rumsfeld said that in Afghanistan he will discuss with Afghan leaders and U.S. military officials a formal declaration that major combat is over. He would not say whether a similar declaration for Iraq is imminent.

A major purpose of the trip is to underline the commitment the United States has to ensuring that Afghanistan and Iraq do not descend into chaos or return to authoritarian rule.

"Our intent is to stay there and work with the international com-

munity to help them transition from where they are to where they're going," Rumsfeld said.

In Afghanistan, the United States hopes to quickly send up to six more provincial reconstruction teams into safer areas of the country, Rumsfeld said. Three of the teams, which include 80 to 100 soldiers and humanitarian aid experts, are working in the Afghan areas of Bamayan, Kunduz and Garduz.

The teams are meant to help solidify support for President Hamid Karzai's government in

Kabul by showing Afghans that government can help make their lives better, Rumsfeld said. That, in turn, will help stabilize the country and reduce the violence, he said.

The United States agreed with proposals from the United Nations and others that the international peacekeeping force in Kabul should be expanded throughout the country, Rumsfeld said. But no nations with enough forces to do the job came forward to do that, he said.

# Second U.S. soldier dies after battle

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — A second American soldier died Saturday from wounds suffered the day before in a battle with rebel fighters in eastern Afghanistan.

The soldier died hours after Friday's battle, Col. Roger King said from Bagram Air Base, the headquarters of U.S. operations in Afghanistan. Another U.S. soldier died Saturday. "Afghanistan continues to be a combat zone," King said.

Thirty coalition soldiers have died in combat since the war in Afghanistan began in October 2001, King said. There are 11,500 soldiers from 23 countries still in Afghanistan.

Later Saturday, an honor guard of 100 helmeted soldiers in desert fatigues saluted as pallbearers lifted two coffins wrapped in American flags into a C-130 transport plane. The soldiers' bodies were being flown to Dover, Del., by way of bases in Uzbekistan and Germany.

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# Gingrich re-emerges in political discussion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Like a flashback to the 1990s, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich is pushing his way toward the center of the political debate, pugnacious as ever and spilling for a fight.

Some in the GOP say they were not surprised to have the high-profile Republican leading a charge to turn the federal bureaucracy — this time the State Department — on its ear. Just like old times.

"He's a polarizing figure who sees an opening in our policies," said Republican strategist Scott Reed. "He knows how to read the tea leaves. He's getting back into setting the terms of the debate."

Some Democrats were happy to see one of their favorite political targets re-emerge.

"There's nothing the Democrats would like more," said consultant Paul Begala, a former Clinton White House aide. "He's terribly bright, but he's more far right than he is bright. He's become the embodiment of what most Americans hate about right wingers."

After the past week, some people were asking: "What's Newt up to?"

Gingrich accused longtime State Department officials of undermining President Bush's foreign policy. He called Secretary of State Colin Powell's plans for a trip to Syria ludicrous.

Few believed the former Georgia lawmaker was positioning himself for another political race. Rep. Johnny Isakson, a Republican candidate for the Senate seat now held by Democrat Zell Miller in Georgia, said through a spokeswoman he's heard nothing of Gingrich running for office again. Officials with both Senate campaign committees say they don't expect a Gingrich run, and longtime friends and associates say they've seen no evidence.

Former Georgia GOP Chairman Rusty Paul said Gingrich "has no visibility in Georgia. That would be the first indication that he's running for something."



Newt Gingrich

Some thought Gingrich, a member of a Pentagon advisory board, might be floating a trial balloon for Defense Department officials eager to take over the State Department. Almost since the beginning of the Bush administration, Washington has been awash in reports of friction between the State Department and the Pentagon over how best to run foreign policy.

Close associates, however, said Gingrich has been making the same points for months in speeches, columns and television appearances. The difference, they now say, is people started listening.

President Bush's spokesman, Ari Fleischer, said Powell's planned trip to Syria was at the president's request. Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said, "Plain and simple, Gingrich speaks for Gingrich."

Some political veterans, like longtime Gingrich friend Bob Barr, a former congressman, questioned whether the former speaker would regain the sensitive Defense-State power struggle without the blessing of some in the administration.

Whatever Gingrich's motives, being at the center of the political debate over how to tear up government agencies and remake them is a familiar role. That strategy was at the heart of Gingrich's historic political rise that peaked in the 1994 GOP takeover of Congress, then flamed out spectacularly after the 1998 elections, when he left Congress.

In the 1998 race, Gingrich's strategy of spending millions for a campaign to highlight President Clinton's personal relationship with Monica Lewinsky backfired. Gingrich quit after Republicans lost five House seats in the midterm elections that year and after he apologized for violating House rules on the use of taxpayer funds.

The next year he found himself in his own personal scandal as his involvement with a congressional aide led to his divorce from second wife Marianne and eventual marriage to the aide, Callista Bisk.

# GOP seeks to heal internal rifts over taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Republicans plan a four-week sprint they hope will produce a big tax-cutting bill and other victories for President Bush, but it is unclear whether the party's internal ideological and institutional rifts will let them do it.

Ending a two-week Easter recess, the Senate resumes work Monday, the House on Tuesday. The break began with House GOP leaders furiously accusing their Senate colleagues of hatching a secret deal with moderate senators to shrink Bush's proposed tax cut. It also saw conservative and moderate Republicans sniping at each other, at times with television aids.

Further compounding their strife were comments by conservative Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., comparing homosexuality to polygamy, incest and adultery. His remarks drew rebukes from some Republican moderates.

"It would be incumbent on the White House to hold either a therapy session or truce meeting," said Ross Baker, a political science professor at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J., who specializes in Congress.

The White House has summoned GOP leaders to a meeting Tuesday. Though legislative aides consider the infighting likely to come up, Bush frequently invites leaders to such sessions after congressional breaks to discuss the legislative schedule.

No one expects the House and Senate to grind to a halt because of the GOP's problems.

But with lower taxes a central issue for Republicans, the split over the cut's size could make House conservatives leery of future promises by Senate leaders, complicating their work, say House aides, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Because the GOP controls both the House and Senate by narrow margins, Republicans need party unity and a cohesive working relationship to be effective.

The House plans votes next week on a bill to renew programs for stable students to fight crime could arise over using federal money in private schools. Another House measure would increase U.S. contributions for battling AIDS overseas.

On Tuesday, the Senate is

expected to approve the nomination of Jeffrey Sutton of Ohio to become a federal appeals court judge and resume debating the circuit court nomination of Texas judge Priscilla Owen. Senators also could debate a program to encourage development of vaccines against pathogens that could be used by terrorists.

During the four weeks until lawmakers begin their Memorial Day break, the GOP will focus on passing new tax cuts.

"It would be incumbent on the White House to hold either a therapy session or truce meeting."

— Ross Baker, political science professor at Rutgers University, on disagreements between the Senate and House

Bush, who proposed \$725 billion in reductions through 2013, says the plan would revive the economy. Democrats say the proposal would only worsen the record annual federal deficits now expected.

Before his Easter break, Congress approved a budget for next year that would let the House write a \$550 billion tax-cutting bill and the more moderate Senate a \$350 billion measure. The House and Senate must agree on a compromise before sending the legislation to Bush.

Shortly before the budget passage, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, nailed down the crucial votes of two moderate Republicans by promising to hold the final tax cut compromise to \$350 billion. The pair were Sens. Olympia Snowe of Maine and George Voinovich of Ohio.

That deal — backed by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn. — infuriated House Republicans, who said they were blindsided. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, said the incident "does right to the heart of our ability to work" with the Senate.

Compounding the ill will, the conservative Club for Growth ran television ads during the break attacking Snowe and Voinovich in their home states. Firing back, the moderate Republican Main Street Partnership ran commercials in Maine defending Snowe.

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# States take aim at 'voluntary poverty' for Medicaid

Some retirees give money to relatives to qualify for Medicaid

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — A growing number of budget-crunched states are considering a crackdown on retirees who give money away to relatives so they can get Medicaid to pay for nursing home care.

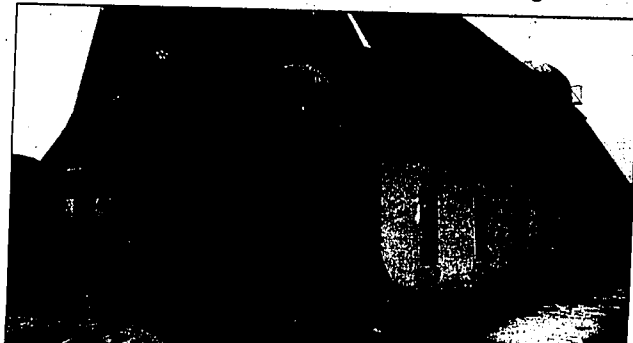
Critics of the move say it is a misguided attempt to find wealthy scofflaws. But lawmakers say the tactic is costly for states — an estimated \$12 million a year for Minnesota alone.

"Doing this says, 'I'm going to pass on my wealth to my descendants and your descendants can pay for my health care,'" state Sen. Sheila Kiseveden said.

To fight back, Minnesota and Connecticut are asking permission from the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to crack down on people who hide their money. Massachusetts is weighing a similar request, and experts say 15 or 20 other states are considering such action.

Through Minnesota and Connecticut expect to save less than \$15 million per year, supporters say the potential is much larger.

Medicaid, in which the govern-



Farmer, lawmaker and widow Mary Ellen Otremba reflects on her family's future April 18 on her farm in Long Prairie, Minn. Minnesota is one of a handful of budget-crunched states determined to make it harder for well-off retirees to hide their wealth to get the government to pay for their nursing home care.

ment reimburses states some of the health care dollars they spend on the needy, paid more than \$47 billion for nursing home care nationwide in 2001.

There's no good estimate of how much of that was for people

who could have afforded to pay. "If Minnesota and Connecticut get approved, I think you'll have a rush to the trough," said William Browning, incoming president of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys

and a lawyer in Columbus, Ohio. "A lot of folks are watching."

Guidelines governing Medicaid payments for nursing homes vary by state. Minnesota's version is called Medical Assistance and, broadly, it won't pay for nursing-

home care for people worth more than \$3,000, not counting their house and car.

The government currently lets states go back three years in examining applicants' finances. If a state finds the applicant gave away assets to qualify for government aid, it can impose a waiting period before it begins to pay the nursing home bill.

Minnesota's plan would add another three years to that "look back" period and make the waiting period start the date the person applied rather than the date the money was given away.

The changes would make it trickier for people to time giveaways to their need for nursing home care and encourage more people to purchase long-term care insurance rather than trying to rely on government money, supporters say.

The insurance has traditionally been a tough sell, in part because prices rise as people age. Without insurance, a year in a nursing home typically costs \$50,000 or more.

Browning said the crackdown is driven by bad information.

He said his typical client is a spouse of someone entering a nursing home who wants to protect more of the couple's income than would be allowed under standard Medicaid regulations.

# Astronauts blast off for space station

BAIKONUR, Kazakhstan (AP) — American astronaut Edward Lu and Russian cosmonaut Yuri Malchenko thundered toward the international space station Saturday as those who stayed on Earth hailed the opening of a new chapter in space travel after the Columbia shuttle disaster.

The launch of a Russian Soyuz rocket was vital to keeping the station manned in the wake of February's Columbia accident, which killed seven astronauts and grounded the shuttle fleet. It also represented renewed prominence for Russia's space program, which has been reduced to ferrying tourists in recent years in an effort to stay afloat financially.

Strapped snugly in their Soyuz TMA-2, Lu and Malchenko set off on a journey taking them some 250 miles above Earth for a six-month stay on the space station. The nearly 8-ton craft disappeared into a bright morning sky. About nine minutes later, Russian flight controllers announced it had entered orbit safely and was chasing the space station for a Monday docking. The announcement brought a round of applause, and Russian officials began pouring brandy.

# Florida eyes privatization for troubled agency

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Kathy Hall, a 36-year-old single mother of six, used to dread visits from the caseworker with Florida's Department of Children & Families.

Hall worried the DCF worker would find something she didn't like: Not enough food. A dirty house. Children missing school. If anything was amiss, she feared she would lose custody of her kids again. So Hall didn't mind when the caseworker often called to cancel her required monthly visit because she was too busy.

"They used to come to your house and open your refrigerator, open your cabinets and stuff. And if you didn't have any food they were like you were neglecting your kids," she said. "They weren't helping me. They were just in my life."

It's been a familiar story at Florida's troubled child welfare agency, where concerns remain about its ability to monitor children in its care following the recent deaths of several youngsters and the high-profile disappearance of Rilya Wilson, who went missing 15 months from her foster home before DCF noticed a year ago.

The state is moving quickly to try to assure the public that the system is being fixed. One of the biggest changes is the privatization of child welfare services. The state is moving up by a year the deadline for all of Florida's 67 counties to contract with locally run, non-profit agencies to monitor the most vulnerable children, find foster families, and provide adoption assistance and other family services.

So far, 12 counties are using the local agencies for services, and 16 counties have startup contracts but are not providing services. That leaves 39 counties that still



Kathy Hall, of Tampa, a 36-year-old single mother of six, said she's getting more help now in raising her children from the new local provider, Hillsborough Kids Inc., than the Florida Department of Children and Families.

have to start making the transition, including Rilya's home of Miami-Dade.

Some experts are concerned the June 2004 deadline may force some counties to cut corners to comply. "I do think that the Legislature and the department need to take a serious look at whether or not all counties are going to be ready ... and if they're not, I think the deadline needs to be extended," said Mary Armstrong, a member of the Tampa-based Consortium for Child Welfare Studies. The DCF hired the group to conduct a statewide evaluation of community-based care last year.

For Hall, who lives in Tampa, Hillsborough County's move to community-based providers couldn't have come soon enough.

Hillsborough Kids Inc. took over for DCF in May 2002. Since

then, Hall feels like she's getting more help in raising her children. Her new caseworker hasn't missed a monthly visit. And Hall said she doesn't feel like every visit is a judgment of her and her past mistakes.

The DCF first took custody of Hall's children when her 10-year-old daughter was born and the baby tested positive for marijuana. Even though Hall said she's been off drugs for years and has regained custody of her children, she said she's always felt on the defensive when dealing with DCF.

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"I felt they were always like, 'Oh, she got her kids taken from her, so she's doing something wrong,'" said Hall, who's now a dietitian aide at Tampa General Hospital. Her children range in age from 6 to 17.

Hall said her new caseworker has brought food and school supplies to the house and "helped me keep my head up. When she does get out of my life, I'm going to miss her."

Supporters of the initiative said one of the most important changes with Hillsborough Kids is a smaller caseload, one of the major reasons for high turnover among DCF caseworkers. Hillsborough Kids uses three-person teams to handle its child cases. The supervisor divides between 10 and 13 cases, while two caseworkers handle about 20 each.

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# 'Norma Rae' factory will close

ROANOKE RAPIDS, N.C. (AP) — A textile mill where labor organizers claimed the first major union victory in the South, an effort that inspired the 1979 movie "Norma Rae," is closing this summer.

WestPoint Stevens Inc. said Friday that to stay efficient in a global economy, it would have to close its towel-making complex in

Roanoke Rapids and lay off 320 workers.

"If there was ever an icon of that industry, this was it," said Harris Raynor of the Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Technical Employees.

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# Georgia's first GOP governor in 130 years pushes through tax hikes

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia Republicans began this year's legislative session with unprecedented promises: Not only did they elect their first governor since Reconstruction, but the Senate was also back in GOP hands.

But the session that ended Friday turned into a bruising clash that left many GOP faithful angry over two of the bills Gov. Sonny Perdue was able to push through: a budget that included tax increases and a measure that will keep the controversial Dixie cross off the state flag.

The flag issue, raging since then-Gov. Roy Barnes pushed to change the banner's Confederate emblem in 2001, helped Perdue upset the incumbent last year. He had proposed allowing voters to choose whether to restore the large rebel X, which many blacks say is a symbol of oppression.

Perdue has agreed to sign a bill narrowly approved Friday that replaces the current flag with a new design, inspired by a Confederate national flag but lacking the well-known cross of stars. Voters will choose between the current flag and the new design in March, but black lawmakers succeeded in dropping language that could have allowed voters to choose the Dixie cross in a second referendum.

"He ain't got no backbone. He's a sorry governor," snarled Jimmy Jackson of Stephens, one of two protesters on the Capitol steps Saturday just hours after



Gov. Sonny Perdue, center, and his wife Mary, right, make their way along the House floor before speaking at the session Friday at the Capitol in Atlanta.

lawmakers went home for the year. "I didn't get nothing of what I wanted. I blame the Legislature and I blame him, too."

Many Republicans fought Perdue all session long on his budget proposals. He stood firm on his third day in office by

proposing higher taxes on alcohol and tobacco to help balance the budget, and eventually got a 25 cent-per-pack increase in ciga-

rette taxes.

Battling to the end, Republican Sen. Casey Cagle warned lawmakers that conservatives had waited 130 years for GOP rule, only to see a tax increase become one of their first proposals. "People are going to ask, who is conservative and how do you define conservative?" he said.

Republican Sen. Seth Hargrove chastised Cagle, arguing the opportunity to govern means "we put away the spitballs, we put away the fireballs."

Perdue, a Democrat until 1998, had been able to persuade four Senate Democrats to switch parties, giving the GOP control of that chamber for the first time since Reconstruction. But he ended up getting little legislation passed, losing a bid for stronger ethics rules and getting whittled-down versions of tobacco-tax and education measures.

University of Georgia political science professor Charles Bullock said Perdue was hampered by members of his own party still acting the minority role.

"When Republicans were in the minority, they could vote against the budget, vote against every tax increase. Now they are part of the team. If they help create an image of Perdue as unable to govern, the whole GOP team pays a price," he said.

Democratic victories mainly took the form of Republican proposals rejected, including a bill that would have required waiting periods for abortions and another

that would have considered new district maps for the state Senate. Some said a defense strategy could be their best chance at regaining lost ground in future elections.

"They want to come back to voters and say, 'Look. They had their shot and what happened? Let's put a good Democrat back in and solve the problems,'" said Charles Bullock, a political scientist at the University of Georgia.

With rookies in every key position, the legislative session dragged from Jan. 13 to April 25, the longest in 100 years. Lawmakers and lobbyists complained that no one seemed to be leading and that Perdue would toss out ideas, only to back off and suggest something else.

"One of the problems we had is that we wanted the ball for 130 years and, now that we've got it, everybody wants to be the quarterback," said Republican Rep. Austin Scott. "In the end, we've got to figure out what position each player's going to play."

The mixed results didn't seem to face Perdue, who in February brought business culture guru Stephen Covey to Atlanta to teach bureaucrats about principle-centered leadership.

"One result of the competitive process, I believe, is that the bar gets raised for passing legislation. And, frankly, that's fine with me. I'm not one who measures the success of a legislative session by how many bills get passed," Perdue said.

## Kentucky to U.S.: 'Li'l Abner doesn't live here'

HAZARD, Ky. (AP) — Leaders in mountain communities across eastern Kentucky are challenging those who would stereotype them as hicks or describe their communities as backwaters.

"Li'l Abner doesn't live here," is their message to the rest of the nation. That's also the title of a session at the East Kentucky Leadership Conference, an annual get-together of the region's best and brightest residents.

Li'l Abner, the title character of a newspaper comic strip that ran from 1934-1977, was a simple-minded yet heretofore hillbilly who earned a living as a mattress tester. His mother and father, Mommy and Pappy Yokum, and his wife Daisy Mae, also played major roles in the strip.

"It's important for people to realize that we've come a long way," said Terry Spears, who is leading discussions on the topic at the conference in Hazard.

"Certainly, we still have our problems, but eastern Kentucky is not central Appalachia as not places that Hollywood has portrayed."

Spears, a vice president for development at Pikeville College, said the message is at least partially aimed at CBS, which partially funded a reality television series called "The Real Beverly Hills" that features a mountain family transported to a life of luxury.

"We're letting people know we

are drawing the line," said Ben Jones, of Sperryville, Va., who played Coater on "The Dukes of Hazzard" and went on to serve two terms in the U.S. House.

"We don't mind making jokes about ourselves, but you can hardly turn on the TV without seeing someone portraying us as toothless, barefoot hillbillies," he said.

Spears said the national attention that has been generated by the proposed reality TV show has mobilized people across the South and rural America.

Appalachian coal miners plan to picket at the next shareholders meeting of Viacom International Inc., the parent company of CBS. A group has purchased advertisements in some of the nation's largest newspapers, calling on CBS to abandon plans for the show.

"What I want to get out of this is an examination of who we are and how we feel about ourselves," Spears said. "We know we have a lot of great qualities, but over the years, we've been bombarded with mass media telling us that we're somehow inferior. Unfortunately, to some degree, we have bought into that myth."

Dee Davis, president of the Center for Rural Strategies, recently launched the national advertising campaign, said the media's portrayal of rural people has been unfair.

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## Police identify body as suspect in 1980 California murder

The Associated Press

When the snow cleared in early April and forest rangiers in north-central Pennsylvania resumed their patrols, they found the body of a murder suspect who had been missing since January.

Timwell Matteson, plagued by health and personal problems, had driven 260 miles from his New Jersey home, calling police from a pay phone in Easton, Pa., on Jan. 14.

"He indicated he had plans to go up in the mountains and die up there," Oceanport, N.J., Detective Sgt. Mauro Baldanza said. The call was traced and police were sent to find him, to no avail.

Matteson's disappearance came just as California police were closing in on him as a suspect in the slaying of his girlfriend more than two decades earlier.

Susan Marie Dexter's nude

body was tossed in a highway ditch in northern California in 1980. She was 19, the mother of a 2-year-old girl then in state custody. Police said Dexter had been injected with lyse, which the killer probably passed off as crystal methamphetamine.

Over the years, no friend or relative ever pressed for an arrest in her death.

"We haven't been able to find any of her family members," said Bronwyn Hogan, a spokeswoman for the San Mateo County, Calif., Sheriff's Department. "The only person that this murder victim had in her court was the detective, Joe Farmer, who just refused to give up."

An anonymous tip in 1996 steered Farmer in the right direction. Before long, the right witnesses who said Matteson—known decades ago as The Chemist for selling methamphetamine to bikers gangs—killed Dexter after she learned he was a police informant.



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# Baghdad residents long for normalcy

## So far, chaos reigns in capital

By Niko Price  
Associated Press writer



A U.S. soldier holds a suspected Iraqi associate of Saddam Hussein's son Odaï against a wall during a Saturday raid in Baghdad. Several suspected Baath Party agents were arrested by U.S. forces who responded to a tip.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Traffic jams engulfed the sweltering, dusty streets Saturday as residents desperate to trade anarchy for normalcy tried — and often failed — to reclaim their daily routines at the start of the Muslim work week.

The American generals trying to restart this city of 5 million people said regular electricity and telephone service were still weeks away, and they wouldn't even hazard a guess at when paychecks for the workers rebuilding the service would start being issued. Law and order remained elusive.

Teachers were ready, but their schools weren't. Most shops closed, though many customers stayed away because of scattered gunfire, difficult transportation and a lack of spending money.

Some shopkeepers didn't care: Toting to an empty shop was better than sitting at home. "People like to live," said Salam al-Adhami, the 41-year-old cashier at the City Moon Supermarket in Baghdad's Zayuna neighborhood. Behind him were several bottles of shampoo, and jars of candies sat on the counter. But all his shelves were empty, and he had no customers.

When the U.S. force drove Saddam Hussein's government from Iraq nearly three weeks ago, they have become the de facto rulers of the country, and people

are becoming increasingly impatient for them to get things running and get out. But in terms of daily operations, Baghdad remains in anarchy except for pockets of the city that the American military deems worthy of overseeing.

As people tried to return to work, traffic snarled into crazy-quilt gridlock. A smattering of Iraqi policemen, freshly back on the job, looked on lazily as groups of citizens formed spontaneously to waive motorists through.

"I've never seen traffic like this," said Adel Ali, a 40-year-old military physical education teacher, packed with four other men in a battered Chevrolet Malibu in the choking dust and heat.

Baghdad's power grid was producing less than half of the 1,000 megawatts the city needs this

time of year, said Brig. Gen. Steve Hawkins of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Demand will rise with the thermometer as summer approaches.

To get services running again, U.S. engineers were giving priority to power for water-pumping plants, hospitals and sewage plants.

Hawkins said that engineers were already squeezing as much power as possible from local grids, and that it would take a week or two before real progress could be made on the comprehensive nationwide grid.

Maj. Gen. Carl Strock, the top engineer with the U.S. reconstruction effort led by retired Lt. Gen. Jay Garner, said the Americans have given cash to the Iraqi electricity workers helping them rebuild.

"We developed a list of who's rolling up their sleeves and helping them get the power back on," Strock said. He said each worker had been issued \$20 — straight from Saddam's frozen bank accounts.

Strock was more vague when it came to actual salaries for those workers — and the millions of others with government jobs. "We will work with the Iraqi authorities to re-establish the level of pay in place before the hostilities," he said without elaborating on which Iraqi authorities he meant.

Baghdad's streets remained precarious places to be. U.S. troops on Saturday stormed a building occupied for years by men who residents said worked as pimps for Saddam's sons Odaï and Qusai, leading away four men at gunpoint. Neighbors applauded and shouted. "They should be hanged!"

Teachers reported to schools that they had expected to open Saturday but found no students to instruct. Administrators, wary of continuing lawlessness, said they were awaiting orders from a government that doesn't yet exist.

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# U.S. presence pits brother against brother in S. Iraq

ALOWEGA, Iraq (AP) — Sitting cross-legged on a frayed carpet, a dozen robed men sipped tea and debated the U.S. occupation of Iraq. As more people wandered in, the room filled with cigarette smoke, the conversation grew louder and the gestures more animated.

"America came here to help itself, not the Iraqi people," said Abbas al-Onazi, a professional soccer player. "In the future we will be wishing for Saddam Hussein."

"No, no," chorused the room full of relatives and friends in this tiny mud-brick village. And in around the southern provincial capital of Nasiriyah, scene of some of the fiercest fighting in the war, America's continued presence is pitting brother against brother, neighbor against neighbor.

In tea shops, at the market in mosques and at home, "it's all we're talking about," said Mansoor al-Onazi, a merchant and relative of the soccer player.

Many of the villagers received food and bottled water from U.S. soldiers for the first time Saturday, but the Bush Administration insists that it has no plans to stay longer than it takes to ensure the security of a new government which the Iraqis themselves will establish. And U.S. officials scoff at suggestions the war was aimed at seizing Iraq's oil rather than disarming Iraq of weapons of mass destruction.

However, many Iraqis remain deeply skeptical in a culture that has no independent media. Conspiracy theories abound. "This crisis has divided my fam-

ily," said Abbas Shlqay, a water pump operator in Nasiriyah. "My younger brother is against the Americans and says they are colonizing our country. ... But I take comfort in the fact that Saddam Hussein is gone."

The debate in itself shows how Iraqis are relishing the freedom to express their views without constantly looking over their shoulders.

"In the past, we couldn't talk like this, even in our families," said Hameed al-Shamry, a former soldier whose right foot was blown off by a land mine during Iraq's 1980-88 war against Iran. "We were always afraid, it would get out," he said.

The unseating of Saddam also freed the region's Shiite Muslim majority to mass in their thousands for public prayer. On Friday they filled a Nasiriyah street to hear a long eulogized cleric's first address since returning home.

# Iraqis blame U.S. for huge ammo dump blast

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A U.S.-held weapons cache exploded Saturday on the teeming edge of Baghdad, killing six people and maiming others for miles around with a cascade of warheads, rockets and mortars.

The U.S. military blamed unknown attackers who they said fired four flares into the sprawling open missile dump. But hundreds of enraged, screaming Iraqis blamed Iraq's new American overseers.

"This is the safety that Bush promised us," demanded Munthir Saif, the head of his family draped on the cloth of his white caftan. Around him, wailing women collapsed over the coffins of two adults and four teenagers.

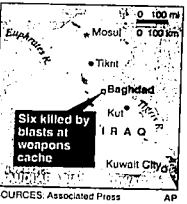
"No Saddam! No Bush! Yes to Islam!" fist-waving men shouted. "The disaster touched off protests in the stricken Zafaraniyah neighborhood and in the city center."

Hours later, smoke still surged from the blackened crater left at the missile cache. Explosives boomed, a rocket whistled and rounds popped. One unexploded missile protruded from a lawn. U.S. forces promised to send removal experts.

One American soldier suffered a broken arm in the initial attack on the depot, said Col. John Peabody, commander of U.S. Army's 11th Engineering Brigade. He was not immediately identified.

## Blasts kill six

Flares fired into a U.S.-guarded weapons cache triggered blasts that rained munitions on Baghdad's Zafaraniyah neighborhood, killing six residents.



SOURCES: Associated Press

Kitchens said. The disaster struck at 7:50 a.m. as residents slept or assembled bread for their breakfast.

Out of sight of U.S. troops at the depot, someone fired four flares over a wall around an open field where ordinance had been stored, said Sgt. 1st Class Ronald King, a witness.

Americans said some of the tactical weapons had been stored there by Saddam's regime, which had stashed such items in schools, homes and other populated areas.

The U.S. military had put some of the ordinance there itself, however, collecting abandoned Iraqi caches from around the city for later disposal, King said.

# Iran says it wants no 'friction' with United States over Iraq

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's government said Saturday it is neither seeking "friction" with Washington over Iraq's future government nor pushing for a religious administration in Baghdad.

However, Hasan Rowhani, secretary of the powerful Supreme National Security Council, said Iran does not support the presence of U.S. and British troops in Iraq or any attempt to install a "puppet regime" in Baghdad.

"Iran does not want any friction with Washington over issues concerning Iraq," Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency quoted Rowhani as saying during talks with India's visiting national security adviser, Brijesh Mishra.

Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi also said Iran "has not asked the Iraqi people to set up an Iranian-style government" in Baghdad, the state news agency reported.

Kharrazi was referring to U.S. charges that Shiite Muslim-controlled Iran was sending operatives into neighboring Iraq to promote an Iranian-style theocracy among that country's predominantly Shiite population.

U.S. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld this week ruled out a theocracy for Iraq. "If you're suggesting how would we feel about an Iranian-type government with a few clerics running everything in the country, the answer is: That isn't going to happen," he told The Associated Press.

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# Sufis detail killings by Saddam regime

## Documents match up victims with grave numbers in cemetery

**By Matthew McAllester Newsday**

**ABU GHRAIB, Iraq** - At least some of the men lying in a shallow grave within the walls of Abu Ghraib prison on the outskirts of Baghdad were victims of a last-minute purge of the minority Sufi Muslim sect by the regime of Saddam Hussein, friends and relatives of the men say.

Some members of the sect were severely resisting the regime in its final days, using satellite phones to contact opposition forces in the autonomous Kurdish region in the north of Iraq, they said.

They remained unclear Wednesday night how many Sufis had been arrested and killed in the sweep by Saddam's intelligence service, the Mukhabarat, but relatives and friends said that from one Sufi mosque, or takya, in Baghdad, between 40 and 70 members of the congregation were arrested in the first days of the war. Five are dead, they said, and at least three still are missing.

As it happened in Bosnia, Rwanda and Kosovo, the end of the war in Iraq has marked the start of a new period of grief and remembrance and revelations. Rumors of hundreds or thousands buried under the tarpaulin of Abu Ghraib mix with the very real smell of death inside the prison, but the American soldiers guarding it say they have very little idea how many people may be buried there. For a second day, they did not allow journalists access to the huge prison, whose walls stretch into pinpricks in the distance. But relatives and friends continued to show up at the gates demanding to be allowed to reclaim the bodies of their loved ones.

The prison grounds have been used over the years as burial spots for political opponents of Saddam's regime.

"The intelligence men promised my brother that they would set him free after two days, but we didn't get him back," said Kassem Taha, 39, a laborer, who was there with two of his brothers, hoping to find a fourth, Mohammed.

Other Sufis gathering at the front gate of the prison, which was the most feared place in Saddam's Iraq, said the arrests happened around the same time at takyas all over Iraq.

"They thought the people in the takya helped the Americans," said another brother, Ibrahim Taha, 49, a petroleum engineer. "They just had satellite phones."

At a makeshift office for a previously unknown underground Sufi group calling itself the Collection of Iraqi National Unity, officials offered a less innocent version.

Most of the men arrested, they said, were working in the underground organization in a bid to destabilize the Saddam regime. For years, they said, the clandestine group had avoided detection by the intelligence services. It was exposed a few days before the war started when a courier was captured by the Mukhabarat carrying incriminating letters to the north of Iraq, they said.

In the days that followed, the Mukhabarat arrested an unknown number of Sufis around the country. Some were released. Others have not been heard from since.

Sufis have navigated a precarious course for centuries as a small minority between the dominant Sunni and Shiite branches of Islam, not only in Iraq but in other countries around the Middle East. Practicing a humanist, mystical form of Islam, they have been the reported objects of persecution in Iraq, Iran and elsewhere.

Officials from the Collection of



**Iraqi Ali Majid Mohammed, 30, cries over the grave of his brother, Walid, at a cemetery outside Baghdad for political victims of Saddam Hussein's regime that is newly accessible to Iraqi citizens. Walid disappeared in 1993. Like many others, Mohammed's family only discovered recently that he was buried here in one of hundreds of numbered graves. A list of the former Saddam government that matches numbers to names has just been made available, allowing for proper burial.**

Iraqi National Unity said their members had not died in vain and that each had known death at the hands of the Saddam regime was likely.

The group, however, made some bold assertions that cast a shadow over its claims to have been a genuine threat to Saddam. Through highly placed agents in the government, they helped disable the regime's communications systems and weapons of mass destruction, said Amer al-Hadithi, a leader of the group.

He and other officials would not make available these well-placed agents or give any details about weapons of mass destruction.

But what remains clear is that some members of their tight-knit community were risking their lives by using satellite phones, which were declared illegal by the Saddam regime in the last days of its control over the country, and their brothers are now showing up each day at the gates

# Papers point to active Iraqi assassination program

Los Angeles Times

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** - The Iraq Intelligence Service established a unit to assassinate Saddam Hussein's enemies at home and abroad that claimed 66 successful "operations" between 1998 and 2000, according to documents obtained by the Los Angeles Times.

Found on the floor of a looted Intelligence Service villa on the east bank of the Tigris River here, the six-page file described the program and contained suggestions for improving its effectiveness - including obtaining poisonous gas disguised as perfume or explosives that would detonate when the car of the target passed by.

None of the assassination targets was specified in the documents, dated April and May 2000, but the period mentioned was a time when prominent Shiite clerics were killed in suspicious circumstances inside Iraq, and a number of Iraqi dissidents abroad were at least targeted. While short of details, the file provides an insight into the inner workings of the feared Mukhabarat, with its memorandum that asks for recommendations for improving its assassination apparatus, and a response suggesting for a division of "quality control." The documents said the project was code-named "Al Ghaffar." In Arabic, the code sounds like a person's name, but its significance was not clear.

In a working paper attached to the file, the author - known only in a coded designation - refers to the "fulfillment" of 17 missions in 1998, 35 in 1999 and 14 in the first three months of 2000. It was not clear precisely when the program began or when, or if, it ended.

"The assigned tasks were fulfilled precisely and without any mistake, and the project achieved the thanks and appreciation of the director of the Intelligence Service," the working paper said.



**Iraqi Ghirayr Ali kisses the skull of his son, Rahim, as his remains are unearthed. Rahim's family says he was 32 in the year 2000, when government authorities took him away without giving any reason.**

of Abu Ghraib in the hope of among the last Iraqis to die at the hands of Saddam's henchmen.

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# OPINION

## EDITORIAL

### Lawmakers came through with key legal legislation

This year's legislative session has earned notoriety for its tedious delays and length. But before citizens complain about legislative lethargy, let's remember some valuable accomplishments of this session.

Idaho legislators tackled major issues related to tort reform, the burning of school facilities lawsuits, and changes in the local public interest doctrine of water law.

In each issue, the Legislature closed loopholes or tightened legal language that has allowed abuses of the system. Each action also reaffirmed the Legislature's constitutional authority to craft laws that protect Idahoans' interests.

First came tort reform. By placing caps on non-economic damages and punitive damages, the Legislature is finding a way to solve the vexing problems that have plagued other states. Idaho's first tort reform in the late '80s proved to be a wise move, and the new round of legislation is a prudent second step.

Next came field-burning legislation. Legislators reaffirmed that burning off some types of vegetation is a prevalent and useful agricultural practice. So they gave farmers a safe harbor from frivolous litigation — as long as the farmers comply with state agency requirements when they burn.

The changes in the local public interest doctrine will block abuse of the water rights allocation process by anti-

dairy activists. The new law will keep opposition to public water use proposals properly focused on water use — not other issues.

Finally, the Legislature took a bold step this month on the school facilities lawsuit. Lawmakers passed HB 403, which breaks up the decade-old class-action suit. With its passage, the Legislature got the wheels turning on the lawsuit, and quickly at that.

Fourth District Judge Deborah Ball, who had retained jurisdiction on the case for over two years, finally ruled on Friday that the state is responsible for maintenance of schools. Her abrupt decision appeared to be a gambit to stop the bill from going forward.

In any event, it amounts to a win for the state, which finally can move the case into the Idaho Supreme Court.

Some critics have argued that by fiddling with these four issues, the Legislature is chipping away at the public's rights. They see any tightening in the laws as a narrowing of legal rights.

But most Idahoans recognize that these changes will curb abuse of courts and agency processes. The laws were being used in ways contrary to the laws' original intent.

This session may forever be remembered for its lengthy debate over taxes. But these legal reforms will improve state government and the courts. For that, our legislators do deserve applause.

**Our view:** Aside from its endless debate over the budget, the 2003 Idaho Legislature provided swift and decisive leadership on key issues.

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



## Get it right in rebuilding Iraq

Iraq: sweet land of liberty, or not-so-sweet land ofocracy?

That question arises as post-Saddam Hussein politics take shape in Baghdad. And it arose in Washington on Sunday, when Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., told CBS News' "Face the Nation" that "obviously we don't want this to turn into a theocracy." Lieberman's words sound like one part command and one part wishful thinking.

Over the weekend, the varieties of religious experience were on display around the world, even in Iraq. Christians celebrated Easter, while Jews are still celebrating Passover. And in Iraq, Shiite Muslims staged a pilgrimage to their holy city of Karbala, honoring their founding figure, Hussein, who was martyred in A.D. 680. That the Shiites could hold such a march at all, of course, is a tribute to the United States, such demonstrations were banned by Saddam Hussein's regime.

But it's not clear how much long-term credit the United States will get with Iraqis. As in so much of politics, the key question is not "what have you done for me?" but "what have you done for me lately?" The Shiite Arabs compose some 60 percent of the population, compared to about 20 percent for the once-dominant Sunni Arabs and another 20 percent for Kurdish Iraqis.

Which is to say, if the Shiites could unite — a big if — they could dominate the country at the ballot box. Indeed, the general rule of countries without a democratic tradition is that election results



JAMES P. PINKERTON

mirror closely ethnic or religious identities. So one might not be surprised if, in a future election, the results break down similarly: Shiites 60, Sunnis 20, Kurds 20.

For his part, Ahmed Chalabi, the Pentagon's long-favored candidate for leader of Iraq — elected or not — calls himself a "secular Shia." But his father was a Sunni, and he was not known for any particular religious devotion in the 45 years he has spent living outside Iraq. Such subdued religiosity made him popular with the Americans, but will it make him credible to Iraqis, now free to exercise their religion?

Chalabi is now saying that the future of the country should not be settled by a single election. He may have a point, in terms of the long-term process of democratic institution-building, but one can also read those words as a preemptive strike on poor election results for the Chalabis. As Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., said on NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday, "The thought of going to elections prematurely is disastrous."

Indeed, the realization that the coalition, or at least the Americans, could be in Iraq for a long time is starting to sink in. York Times we will be there for perhaps five years. The New Yorker says reports that the Pentagon wants four bases in

Iraq for decades, or forever. No doubt the United States will prefer to buy or lease the land, but what impact will a permanent U.S. flag presence have on the resurgent Shiites? Oh, and by the way, we're going to be there a while, we might as well start learning more about them, starting with their name. In Arabic, the plural of Shia — "Shia" means "party," or "partisans" — is "Shi'a." The "i" suffix is an English-language creation, a culturally awkward or insensitive amalgam of Arabic and English, squeezed into one word. One no longer refers to Israelis, for example, as "Israelites."

Will Americans start referring to the followers of the Imam Hussein as "Shi'a"? It all depends on whether we care about getting them to like us or not.

Such thinking, part of building a long-term relationship with the Iraqi people, will come hard to many Americans, but it's long as we have troops on the ground "in country," and as long as the United States has a huge stake in getting the "right" Iraqis elected, it behooves us to start changing our ways. That will require lots of learning about their religion and also, of course, their language.

Not that the retired Marine, running the show in Baghdad, addresses the Iraqis in English. Effective colonialists in the past took the time to learn the local language. If Garner and his team want to be effective, the time to start learning about Iraq is now. Better late than too late.

James Pinkerton is a *Newsday* columnist.

### Expanding INEEL's mission goes with cleanup

As any nuclear energy researcher at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory can attest, the nuclear reaction that ultimately leads to the generation of electricity can only happen in a very precise and controlled environment when all the elements are in place.

The INEEL is in a similarly well-aligned position today, following Sen. Larry Craig's recent announcement of legislation that includes a provision identifying the INEEL as the future site for an advanced nuclear reactor.

This is fitting. It doesn't mean cleanup is unimportant. Cleanup remains an INEEL priority. More than 60 percent of the INEEL's budget supports Environmental Management activities. This priority will not change any time soon as we accelerate the pace of cleanup and reduce the site's legacy environmental risks.

Funding is one measure of the commitment to cleanup. Results are another. In the last year, the cleanup work at the INEEL has made tremendous progress toward the goal of cleaning up waste and reducing risk to the public and the Snake River Plain Aquifer.

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We have steadily reduced the volume of liquid radioactive waste at the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center Tank Farm. We are continuing to consolidate spent nuclear fuel into dry storage. We have completed the shipment of 3,100 cubic meters of transuranic waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico. Across the site, obsolete and unused facilities are being decontaminated and torn down so that funds once used to maintain these buildings can be used for other cleanup projects.

Our commitment to cleanup is unquestionable. So, too, is our quest to bring sustaining long-term missions to the INEEL. Not since the early days of Eisenhower administration, when nuclear power was first controlled at the INEEL to provide electricity to Arco, have all the elements of nuclear development — the generation of nuclear power existed. It is a promising time for nuclear power, the world's largest source of emission-free energy.

These essential elements of nuclear research and development staff at the INEEL that is recognized in the country and around the world for its expertise in contributing solutions to the challenge of nuclear energy research.

There exists unquestioned support for nuclear energy by our nation's leaders. President Bush and Vice President Cheney have made nuclear one of the building blocks of their plan to help the world secure its energy future.

Given the administration's support for nuclear power, it is a most opportune time for Sen. Craig, with the staunch support of Sen. Mike Crapo and Rep. Jim Simpson and Butch Otter, to put forward the legislation that continues the INEEL's nuclear power legacy.

It is this precise set of circumstances that makes an advanced nuclear reactor at the INEEL a genuine possibility.

The energy authorization bill contains the funding and language proposed by Sen. Craig has already been considered by the Senate Energy Committee and will be sent to the Senate floor. A conference committee of the Senate and House will then meet, discuss and develop consensus on a final energy bill that would then go to the president.

All of this will take time, energy and significant work. I can't think of a political issue that doesn't when you step back and look at the bigger picture, it is strikingly clear that the time and energy necessary for our nation to further develop its nuclear power option and add to our national energy security have never been, and may never again be, as good as now.

We'll do our part to embrace this opportunity, even as we maintain our unwavering commitment to complete the cleanup of the INEEL.

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### Criticism ignores the positive impact of dairies

I was outraged at the letter written by Wynarda Exon of Hagerman that was published on April 20. To accuse the dairymen of "trashed, polluted, exploited and raped" the planet all because of greed is irresponsible and libelous.

Dairymen, like all others involved in agriculture, realize the importance of being good stewards. They realize that without taking care of the land, they couldn't make a living. Dairymen are among the best stewards of the land. The claim that they defile it is baseless and untrue.

Ms. Exon then claimed that it was because of "greed" that they raped the planet. Has she looked at the price of milk lately? The market is depressed and prices are low. They are struggling just to make a living. Families are forced to liquidate their herds just to pay the bills. I cannot count the times that I have seen Holstein cows for sale because a dairy was going broke. These families (notice I said families because the majority of dairies in Idaho are run by just that) are trying to make an honest living and contribute to the greater good.

How do they make this contribution? The monetary amount alone is staggering — \$2 billion to the state economy. Plus, they provide the employment opportunities for the residents of this great state. The economic benefits of the Magic Valley's dairies are invaluable to us all in this time of depressed state and national economy.

True, there are some draw-

backs to such a beneficial enterprise. The primary drawback is the odor emitted by these facilities. The dairies are responsibly trying to solve the odor problems and co-exist with their neighbors. Furthermore, by doing a simple cost benefit analysis, we can come to the conclusion that the economic bono that these facilities provide far outweigh any odor drawbacks that may exist.

So, hey, diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle, the cow jumped over the moon, and when she comes down I hope she'll be around to give this great state a boon.

MICHAEL JOSEPH CUTLER  
Murtaugh

### Tradition doesn't make Planned Parenthood right

Regarding Other Views editorial April 14: "The latest attack on Planned Parenthood needs to die."

Why should state funds go to Planned Parenthood? Why should "The latest attack on Planned Parenthood" need to die — just because John Walsh likes them?

Planned Parenthood statistics from 1993 indicate Planned Parenthood performed 13.5 second trimester abortions for every indication of prenatal care that took place (Dick Schultz is wrong, Planned Parenthood is a pro-abortion organization).

During the period January 1993 and June 1994, Planned Parenthood's revenue totaled \$693.7 million. Government sources accounted for 34 percent of Planned Parenthood's revenue.

## LETTERS

A recent Gallup poll result indicated that 48 percent believe that abortion is murder; 56 percent oppose most abortions; 73 percent oppose abortion on demand.

Few, if any, women who have abortions are aware of the increased risk of suicide and breast cancer nor the mortality risk associated with abortion.

Fights against abortion should not have to support it with their taxes. Let our state budget support local medical institutions to take care of prenatal needs. Why should our funds go to a national organization dedicated to procedures and philosophies that a majority of us are against? I don't care if Planned Parenthood has been funded for 30 years, if or the whole world funds Planned Parenthood, it doesn't make it right. Abortion is still killing a human being, and Planned Parenthood promotes abortion.

If a majority is against abortion, then how can an attempt by that majority to stop funding such an organization as Planned Parenthood, one who promotes abortion, be a "far-flung attempt from right field?"

I am tired of socialists running our country. Edmund Burke said, "All that is needed for evil to prevail is for good men to do nothing." When will our people rise up and do what is right?

If you make your teen to Planned Parenthood, you will not be told what is happening or the results of the visit. You will be told it is none of your business. In my opinion, parents have a right to know what is going on in the lives of their

dependent children, but Planned Parenthood doesn't think so. I don't want to support an organization that takes away parental rights.

Using national contracts, Planned Parenthood takes business away from local pharmacies by undercutting prescription prices, netting 69 percent profit. It does matter who provides the service!

KENNETH R. KUILLMAN  
Burley

### Maybe we should tax all the 'optionables'

It is evident that this longest-in-history legislative session is affecting the minds not only of the legislators serving in it but of the newspapers covering it. How else to explain your paper's endorsement of Speaker Newcomb's call for a tax increase on "optional consumables" — beer, wine, cigarettes and soda pop?

I guess the speaker thinks we will appreciate this new nomenclature rather than the old "sin tax," because, Lord knows, we get a little testy about our enjoyment of a glass of wine or beer being labeled a sin. Of course, once you lump soda pop into this category, you risk offending yet another constituency by labeling its behavior sinful.

Actually, it is time to know that my behavior has gone from sinful to merely optional, but I'm afraid that it is a small step from there to frivolous, which I assume would be taxed at a higher rate. It appears that the "essential" beverages in the speaker's universe are milk, bottled water, coffee, tea and, of course,

the distilled spirits on which the state enjoys a monopoly status.

And all this to keep our taxes low — these "essential consumables" — Twinkies, donuts, french fries, Big Macs and the like.

I think it's time we tackled this pesky budget problem head-on by taxing all the other "optionables." Let's start with "optional doubles" — going to movies, fishing, going to ball games and especially exercise. Then if the state receives a little less revenue from the sale of those "essential consumables" like junk food, they can garner a little more from an activity designed to counter the effects of said consumption. Of course, Idahoans who don't want to pay more could just reduce their exercise, "or even kick the habit," as *The Times-News* recommends.

Then let's move on to "optional wearables" — ties, gloves, hats and even winter coats. After all, how cold does it get in Twin Falls and Boise?

How about "optional readables"? I don't know if there is a tax on newspaper, but if there is, it should be raised. And really, a per-page over the course of the year, the small price for newspaper readers to pay.

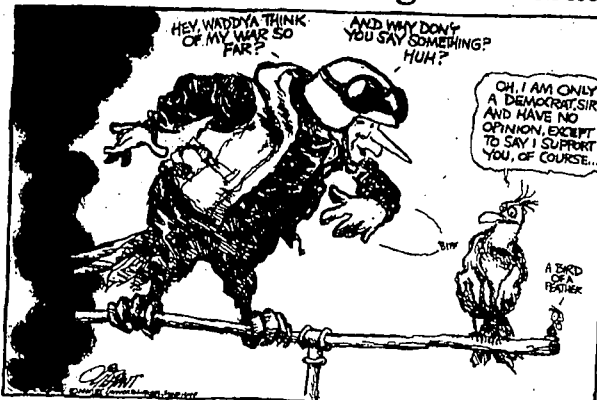
Finally, let's have a tax on LEIS — lame-brained political ideas. Maybe if legislators and newspaper had to pay a tax on their lame-brained ideas, they would just "lick the habit" and we might have an optional tax on stupidity.

JERRY FRAZEE  
Idaho Falls

# Bush bravado towers over covering Democrats

**A**t a midweek news briefing, Sen. Ted Kennedy was doing what he does so well — laying out the Democrats on domestic policy, preparing the ground for the debates that will resume now that Congress is back from its Easter recess.

His staff had positioned a chair highlighting the economic problems that Kennedy says have piled up during President Bush's tenure: "2.5 million fewer private sector jobs; long-term unemployment up by 184 percent; over 2 million more Americans without



DAVID S. BRODER

health insurance ... retirement savings eroded ... consumer confidence down ... a projected \$5 trillion federal surplus turned into a \$4 trillion deficit."

It looked like a script for a TV ad in the 2004 campaign — good, red-netted stuff, hitting Bush on the economy — the same kind of attack that sank the president's father in 1992.

In the subsequent question-and-answer session, Kennedy — who strenuously opposed the U.S. taking military action against Iraq — was asked what he thought now that the Saddam Hussein regime had been routed. "I commend the president on his leadership," he said, "and the men and women of the armed forces."

In that moment, I thought I saw the problem the Democrats face in trying to defeat this President Bush. No one, not even the most partisan of politicians, thinks it prudent to challenge Bush on his strong suit — leadership.

The reason is obvious. A mid-April poll by Public Opinion Strategies, a respected Republican firm, gave Bush a 68 percent approval score — 9 points higher than he enjoyed last October, on the eve of the Republicans' mid-term election victory. Particularly notable, pollster Bill McInturf told me, were the reasons people gave for their support. Only 4 percent of those approving said it was because of

Bush's economic policies. Only 13 percent said it was because he had prevented additional attacks. Even though the poll was taken days after the fall of Baghdad, it was because of his direction of the war. Fully 52 percent said they approved because of "his general personal strength and sense of leadership."

McInturf told me that he was not surprised. For 18 months, "when you ask people why they support him, they go right past specific policies and focus on those leadership qualities."

It is not just partisan Republicans who make this point. An early April Gallup/CNN/USA Today poll found 80 percent of those surveyed said they agreed with the statement that Bush "is a strong and decisive leader" — an all-time high in that survey's measure of this trait.

It is evident that the event that defined Bush as a strong and decisive leader was his reaction to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. A month earlier, only 55 percent of Gallup respondents attributed those traits to him. A month after the assault on the World Trade

Center and the Pentagon, it had jumped to 75 percent — and it has basically stayed at that stratospheric level.

It appears that 9/11 did for Bush what the assassination attempt that Ronald Reagan survived and almost laughed off did for his reputation, barely two months into his presidency in 1981. That event formed an indelible impression of Reagan in the minds of millions of voters and gave him an almost mythic dimension that withstood recession, scandal and controversy.

Almost everything Bush has done since becoming president has been designed to create a similar sense of steadfastness. His pursuit of adversaries in Afghanistan and Iraq is of a piece with his persistence in pressing for passage of big tax cuts and confirmation of conservative judges here at home.

Implicitly, he also seems to be saying he is a different breed of cat than his father, who had to fight "the wimp factor" as a candidate in 1988 and was savaged by many in his own party in 1992 for allegedly caving in to the Democrats on taxes.

Today's Democrats are pounding on the second George Bush, as befits an opposition party. His economic policies provide plenty of ammunition for the assault Kennedy outlined on his chart.

But there is little the Democrats can do to shatter the reputation for strong leadership Bush has built, and not much their presidential candidates can do to win equal reputations for themselves. McInturf is probably right that the winner of the Democratic contest will — simply by virtue of winning — gain stature. But it seems to me unlikely anyone in the field will close the leadership gap simply by gaining more votes than others in New Hampshire or South Carolina or Arizona.

Democrats may challenge Bush on the issues, but it will be tough to topple him from his leadership pinnacle.

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

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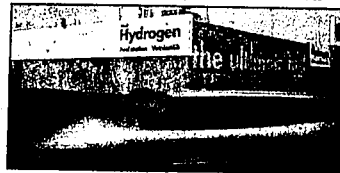
# World's first commercial hydrogen service station opens

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (AP) — Iceland opened a filling station for hydrogen-powered vehicles last week — one of very few in the world and the next step toward its dream of giving up fossil fuels completely. The first car in line was a Mercedes-Benz Sprinter van, a prototype provided under a European Union-backed program to use Iceland as a test for hydrogen power.

There weren't any other customers Thursday. None of Iceland's 280,000 people are known to drive cars powered by hydrogen. The new station will be used by three DaimlerChrysler hydrogen-powered buses being introduced into the Reykjavik fleet for two years, starting in August. Each bus can go about 125 miles before it needs refueling.

"In time, what is happening in Iceland will show to the rest of the world that hydrogen fuel is a real, commercial possibility that will lead to a cleaner, pollution-free environment," Industry Minister Valgerdur Svendsdottir said at an opening ceremony. The major partners in the venture are Icelandic New Energy, DaimlerChrysler, Norsk Hydro and Royal Dutch Shell. The

European Union contributed \$3.1 million of the \$7.7 million cost of the project. From the outside, the hydrogen station looks like a normal gas station — complete with the distinctive yellow Shell logo — except that one wall facing the street is emblazoned with an enormous light-blue sign that reads, "the ultimate fuel." The hydrogen, in gas form, is dispensed via a thin tube.



A car passes a commercial hydrogen vehicle filling station in Reykjavik, Iceland, Thursday.

## Car bomb, gun battle kill five in India

SRINAGAR, India (AP) — A car bombing and ensuing gunbattle Saturday at the offices of state-run radio and television in Indian-controlled Kashmir killed three suspected Islamic militants and two soldiers, police said. Hours later, at least 10 others were injured in two separate attacks in Kashmir, including an apparent attempt to assassinate the state's finance minister.

Two Pakistan-based Islamic rebel groups claimed responsibility for the car bombing in the state's summer capital, Srinagar. One militant was killed in the blast and the other two were shot and killed by security forces in the gunbattle that followed, senior police officer Javed Ahmed said. Three men from the paramilitary Central Reserve Police Force were wounded.

Soldiers cordoned off the area and found explosives strapped to the bodies of two of the dead attackers. An unidentified caller, claiming to be a spokesman for the Al Madina group, told the Kashmir Press Service the assault was carried out by three Kashmiri fighters.

"We are not against a dialogue with India, but it should accept Kashmir as a disputed territory," the caller said.

The Harkat-ul-Mujahedeen militant group in Muzaffarabad, capital of Pakistan's part of Kashmir, also claimed responsibility for what it called a "suicide car bombing attack."

"Our two mujahedeen carried out this attack," Abu Samayia, a spokesman for the group, told The Associated Press.

He claimed that five Indian soldiers were killed in the attack but refused to give other details.

Harkat-ul-Mujahedeen, or Movement of Holy Warriors, is one of several groups fighting Indian rule in the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir. It was among 27 groups and individuals whose assets were frozen by the United States, Pakistan and other countries after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States.

## Pope urges Castro to give dissidents break

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II asked Cuban leader Fidel Castro to show clemency toward dissidents sentenced to long prison terms during a recent crackdown, the Vatican said Saturday.

The pope appealed to Castro "as soon as he heard about the news of the heavy sentences inflicted on a significant group of Cuban dissidents, three of whom were sentenced to death," a Vatican statement said.

The appeal, dated April 13 but released only Saturday by the Vatican press office, was made through the Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Angelo Sodano.

The pope expressed "profound pain" over the recent firing-squad executions of three hijackers on a ferry boat and "deep sorrow" over the long prison sentences handed out to 75 dissidents, "asking President Fidel Castro for a significant gesture of clemency toward those convicted," the Vatican said.

The dissidents were sentenced after quick trials to prison terms ranging from six to 28 years on charges of collaborating with American diplomats to subvert the island nation's socialist system. The convicted dissidents and the diplomats have denied the charges, and the sentences were criticized internationally.

The pope's letter, dated April 13 but released only Saturday by the Vatican press office, began with Easter greetings to the traditionally Catholic nation.

The Holy Father has felt deeply pained when he learned of the harsh sentences recently imposed on numerous Cuban citizens, and, even, for some of them, the death penalty," Sodano wrote in Spanish.

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## Fire, brimstone on a Sunday morning

On Oct. 4, 1957, my grandmother was at work in her kitchen in Soda Springs, canning tomatoes and listening to Paul Harvey on the radio. That's where she heard the news about Sputnik, the world's first artificial satellite, launched by the Soviet Union.

The implications of Sputnik, of course, were pretty sobering: If the Russians could figure out how to orbit a 183-pound metal ball, it seemed that it wouldn't be long before they could do the same with a ballistic missile.

"It's scary," my mother, who was helping with the canning opened.

"It's biblical," Grandma corrected. Things are pretty biblical today, too, what with wars, rumors of wars and pestilence abroad in the world.

But I wonder how our current flirtation with the book of Revelations compares to the past. I speak, of course, as somebody who grew up in Southern Baptist, at least one of my generation, were a jumpy lot, forever in the words of the preacher in the church I attended - "tap-dancing on the rotten boards of the trapdoor to hell."

Their premise was stark: My co-religionists, almost to a person, viewed the Cold War as the gateway to The End Time. During the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1963, some members of my church actually gathered in the basement bomb shelter of one of the deacons, waiting for the Second Coming.

That attitude always struck me as futile. God, I figure, is gonna do his gonna do, no matter how many ulcers the faithful inflict upon themselves.

And the Lord, who demonstrated his sense of humor by devising humors in the first place, must think the industries we've spawned from the Apocalypse are exceedingly lousy.

Thanks to the Rev. Tim LaHaye, for example, half the country is expecting the other half to disappear at any moment, swept up in The Rapture. And a fair percentage of the movies released by Hollywood nowadays are riffs on Revelation prophecy.

But it's too bad more people don't actually read to the end of Revelation. For all its savage symbolism, its Seventh Seal and Four Horsemen and Man of the Beast, it's a simple story, and the good guys win in the end.

John Milton, the second-greatest poet in history, was an ambitious conservative politician and adviser to Oliver Cromwell during the English Civil War. Milton was a gifted pamphleteer and rattle-rouser, skilled at stirring up a crowd and not above stretching the truth to make a point.

But he was also an intellectually honest soul, who couldn't help observing that "a man may be a cleric in his title; and if he believes things only because his superior says so, or the assembly so determines, without knowing other reason than his belief be true, yet the very truth he holds becomes his heresy."

There was a retired preacher who used to visit our church in Pocatello three or four times a year, the best fire-and-brimstone man I ever met.

His technique was to start his sermon in a barely audible voice, which the congregation would have to strain to hear, and then build to a crescendo that filled the windows, cranked by weeping and a call to repentance.

One Sunday, his sermon was thundering to a climax - describing the effects of a thermonuclear explosion and assuring us that such a holocaust was a picnic compared to hell - when he suddenly fell silent.

The preacher stood there in the pulpit, eyes closed, face taut, hands trembling for seconds, then minutes. We also closed, after he had the sweat trickling down the back of the necks of everyone in the congregation.

Finally, after a full five minutes, occupator gently rose from his chair, absented the visiting preacher to his seat. We found out later that the

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## Mothers, wives share military experiences

By Shad Chaney Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Rainbeau Decker was finishing the paperwork to buy a car. At the bottom was the "X" where her husband would have signed to seal the deal.

She started to cry. "Matt wasn't there to test drive, to sign papers, I just wanted to call him up and ask, 'Is this OK?'" I got the finance lady crying.

Army Capt. Matthew Decker was deployed to the Iraq region April 10. Rainbeau, his bride of roughly three months, is living in Filer, living with her parents to save money while she's gone.

Rainbeau Decker's was just one story shared at a Saturday support meeting of mothers and wives, a father and an uncle of military personnel serving in the Middle East.

Danette Turner's husband, Curtis, is also serving in the Middle East. The couple, with their two children, moved to Twin Falls on Jan. 9. Her husband, an Army captain, was deployed two weeks later and left to go overseas April 6.

Turner said she had her greatest comfort when a woman came up to her at church and talked of her own husband, who had made it through conflicts in Korea and Vietnam. It was a realization.

"It doesn't mean just because he's going over there, he's going to die," Turner said.

But it's something a wife has to think about and be prepared for, she added.

Rainbeau Decker said she received an a.m. phone call Friday morning and talked with her husband for about 10 minutes. "It was the shortest 10 minutes of my life."

Both Rainbeau and Danette have mailed letters to each other but haven't received any of them yet. They each have small tape



Holding her daughter Aubri's hands, Danette Turner listens to discussion during a military family support group in the KMYT Community Room Saturday. Turner's husband, Army Capt. Curtis Turner of the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion, was deployed April 6 overseas.

recorders and were planning to mail tapes back and forth. Julie Kaputo, a self-proclaimed "very proud Marine mom," liked that idea. Her son had told his wife, "I just need to hear your voice," Julie Kaputo said.

The group of nearly 10 spent the morning sharing stories, a few tears and some heavy laughter. Jeanne Hicks shared a story from her experience as a wife

## Know of a serviceman heading home?

**T**housands of National Guard and Reserve forces who left civilian lives and jobs for the war are now being heading home soon, the Pentagon says.

If you know of any Magic Valley servicemen and women who are among those returning in the near future, we'd like to know about it. Please call Times-News City Editor Chad Baldwin at 735-3234 with the information, or write him via e-mail at cbaldwin@magvalley.com.

with a husband in Vietnam. He was shipped home after being injured and the Red Cross "lost" him for seven days, she said, laughing about it now. They had only shipped him to a different base than expected.

Hicks also talked of moving from place to place with her family, and her husband reminding her of the adage, "If the Army wanted you to have a wife, they'd issue you one."

It was a touching moment when meeting organizer Pam Murphy explained her son Matthew, serving in the Air Force, left a present for his son when he left - a pillowcase with Matthew's picture silk-screened on and the words, "Good night, son. I love you."

Tears came mostly at the end, during a poem about a Marine serving in war and the people who miss him but know it's his job. The group also sat silently as it listened to "The Star-Spangled Banner."

It really is a love of country that drives many of the soldiers, Dunn said. Her son re-enlisted for six years in the Navy after Sept. 11.

Turner said the meeting was helpful. It was a way to show support and make connections with people in similar situations.

Kaputo showed a scrapbook she has created of e-mails, news stories and other war-related items.

She said it's therapeutic and will be a gift for her son when he returns. Kaputo also mentioned taking cookies to the local rec center's office.

It's hard to imagine going through what the soldiers are, but Murphy said she's thankful that sons and husbands are willing to fight for freedom.

## 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.

**Daniel J. Garza**  
• Age: 24  
• Hometown: Rupert, Paul and Brenda Garza.

• Service, date of enlistment: Navy, 2000.  
• Rank, assignment: Corpsman, medic for the 3rd Infantry Division, Iraq.

• Task: Military surgery, pharmacy needs, laboratory analysis and patient transportation.

• Additional information: Deployed in January, and will soon be on his way home.

**Jeremy J. Oakes**  
• Age: 22  
• Hometown: Heyburn, Idaho.

• Local family: Parents, James (Bernie) and J. Anne Oakes.

• Service, date of enlistment: U.S. Marine Corps, October 2000.

• Rank, assignment: MS3 on the USS Bridge, Persian Gulf. • Task: Operating the mess hall.

• Additional information: Deployed in February.

— Compiled by Anic Thompson

For a list of other people serving in the war from Magic Valley, go online to [www.magicvalley.com](http://www.magicvalley.com) and click on "America at War." To submit information and photos about our servicemen and women involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom, please call Times-News clerk Sharissa Barnes at 735-3259 or e-mail [sharissa@magvalley.com](mailto:sharissa@magvalley.com). Please include your name and contact information.

## Bases step up security efforts

By Dan Gallagher Associated Press Writer

MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE - This federal installation may appear to be in a sleepy corner of the West, but looks deceiving.

Techno-thriller author Tom Clancy considered the base and its long-range B-1B bombers vital enough to include them in his books. And the terror attacks alerted the Air Force officials that the nation's domestic bases and their multimillion-dollar weaponry could be as much in danger as they are in combat overseas.

Mountain Home and other bases nationwide have adopted the Eagle Eyes program, which asks surrounding communities to watch for suspicious activities and call in their misgivings at any time.

"Terrorists want to succeed just as we want to stop them, so they'll be spying," said David Tyler, an agent with the Air Force's Office of Special Investigations at Mountain Home. "We want people to be aware of those activities such as surveillance, watching the base, watching the personnel sitting in cars with binoculars or a video camera."

## Bullet grazes T.F. man; police arrest suspect

TWIN FALLS - One man had minor injuries and another was in custody Saturday following a shooting incident early that morning, according to Twin Falls Police.

The incident took place around 3 a.m. at the 40 block of Elm St. N. in Twin Falls, said police officer Terry Thueson. Police were not releasing names Saturday.

Five rounds were fired and one grazed the victim's shoulder, said Sgt. Brian Pike. The man was taken to the hospital but his injuries were not serious, Thueson said.

Police arrested who they believe to be one of the suspects after a short foot pursuit through some backyards, Pike said. Police were unable to apprehend a second suspect.



Special Agent David Tyler of the United States Air Force Office of Special Investigations stands before an old Air Force F-111 on display in Carl Miller Park in downtown Mountain Home - home of Mountain Home Air Force Base - Thursday morning.

Police were not releasing names Saturday.

## Magic Valley In brief

The incident appears to be the result of an "ongoing feud," Pike said. He said he would not classify the incident as gang-related.

## Jerome High gets 'A-plus' for educational excellence

JEROME - Jerome High School has earned special recognition for its educational excellence from the Idaho Education Association. Connie Kleas, president of the Jerome Education Association, said last week.

The school will be honored in a ceremony later this spring for its commitment to meeting the needs of the students. Jerome High is among 35 schools from 35 districts through-

out Idaho to receive the annual Idaho Education Association's A-plus Excellence in Education Award for the 2002-2003 school year, said association president Kathy Phelan.

"We are very proud of the staff and students at this school," Kleas said. "We also want to recognize the parents of the students at Jerome High School. They are vital to the success of their children and of the school. Their cooperation and involvement help make this award possible."

Kleas said the award also reflects positively on the community and school districts.

"We appreciate the commitment and support the public regularly demonstrates for our schools," she said.

— compiled from staff reports

## Technical center students win medals at competition

By Shad Chaney Times-News writer

BURLEY - Cassia Regional Technical Center students have proved they are learning something.

Five categories earned gold medals in the SkillsUSA competition held in Burley and four earlier this month. Silver medals were brought home in five categories and three bronze medals were also garnered.

"We had a good year," said center director Gaylen Smyer.

Students who earn gold medals are eligible to attend the national SkillsUSA competition held in Kansas City, Mo., in June.

SkillUSA is a national organization which provides leadership and technical, skilled and service occupation training.

DeLo students Kevin Birch and Craig Checkers were on the team that designed the gold-medal-winning chapter display. They plan to take their display to the national competition.

Many components of the tech center were used to create the display - a Power Point presentation was created and displayed on a monitor within the display. Small feet were cut in the automated manufacturing technology department and used in the display.

Checkers said the theme was "Step up to success." Each department at the tech center was represented on a foot.

Birch explained to judges why the team members chose the elements they did and how they organized the display.

The tech center had a high number of students competing in the competition, Smyer said. While it's a "good chance to see how they measure up" to other schools across the state, it's also a chance to meet people with similar interests.

of people in the industry or from a college or university, Smyer said. Students can talk with people from an industry they're interested in working in and ask questions.

"It does open a lot of doors," Smyer said. "It just mushrooms when they get to the national level."

Last year, tech center students earned ninth place in automated manufacturing at the national competition, Smyer said. Other students participated in the computer-aided drawing and design, opening and closing ceremonies and health occupations.

The tech center draws students from several area high schools - all five of Cassia County high schools, along with Valley and Murtaugh, Smyer said. Some of the students attending the tech center didn't have the opportunity to attend the competition such as SkillsUSA because programs aren't available at their school.

Having the tech center available to students throughout the region brings students together. Smyer said there were skeptics in the beginning about having students from different schools in the same classroom, especially with potentially hot rivalries in the athletic arena.

The rivalries are on the football field during the ball court and they are discussed in tech center classrooms, but, Smyer said, the tech center allows students with similar interests to work together.

The atmosphere and opportunities bring more than gold medals to the tech center; it's bringing students who are interested in high enrollment for next year is up by more than 100 students.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

SERVICES

Enid Geraldine 'Gerl' Bell of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley; burial will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today and before the service Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home.

Viola Beatrice Claffey Miller of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Monday at Heritage Alliance Church, 401 Sixth Ave. N., Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Michael Don Cole of Rupert, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel; burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery.

Johnny Houser of Weiser and formerly of Buhl, graveside service at 1 p.m. Monday at the West End Cemetery in Buhl; viewing from 10-11:30 a.m. Monday at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth Ave., Buhl.

Mary Noene Haag of Boise, service at 1 p.m. Monday at Summers Funeral Home, 1205 W. Bannock St., Boise; graveside ceremony will follow at Dry Creek Cemetery; friends may call from 4-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Susan Eileen Loughmiller of Elba, service at 1 p.m. Monday at the Declo LDS Stake Center, 213 W. Main, Declo; burial will follow at 3:30 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls; friends may call from 4-7 p.m. today at White Mortuary, Twin Falls, and from noon-12:45 p.m. Monday at the church.

Vella Dee (Stockdale) Arterburn of Heyburn, memorial ser-

vice at 3 p.m. Monday at the First Christian Church, 1110 Eighth St., Rupert (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Nancy Sonius of Twin Falls, service at 4 p.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

John H. Blasius of Twin Falls, service of remembrance at 11

a.m. Tuesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; vigil service at 7 p.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home; friends may call from 5-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Dorothy Lillian Beitia of Stockton, Calif., and formerly of Shoshone, service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Shoshone Cemetery (Demaray's Shoshone Chapel).

DEATH NOTICES

**John R. Thornton**  
TWIN FALLS - John R. Thornton, 84, of Twin Falls, died Friday, April 25, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

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

**Patsy Rice**  
BUHL - Patsy Rice, 58, of Buhl, died Friday, April 25, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

**Viola Burling**  
BURLEY - Viola May Burling, 90, of Burley, died Thursday, April 24, 2003, at the Burley Care Center.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 1, 2003, at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. Friends may call from 1-1:45 p.m. before the graveside Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350

E. 16th St., Burley.

**Andre E. Gerber**  
BURLEY - Andre "Andy" Emil Gerber, 81, of Burley, died Thursday, April 24, 2003, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center.

At his request, no services will be held. Burial will take place at the Paradise Cemetery in Paradise, Calif. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary in Burley.

**Alice L. Craig**  
GLENN'S FERRY - Alice L. Craig, 91, of Glenn's Ferry, died Saturday, April 26, 2003, at Poplar Grove Assisted Living in Glenn's Ferry.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

**Pura Flores Nino**  
HEYBURN - Pura Flores Nino, 89, of Heyburn, died Saturday, April 26, 2003, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Liquor officials mull fines for servers

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Liquor control officials are looking to other states as they craft an administrative fine schedule to be imposed on alcohol servers when new regulations take effect next month.

As part of a law passed during the 2003 legislative session, alcohol servers will be subject for the first time to fines - much like their bosses.

Instead of just clubs and taverns taking a financial hit for employees breaking the rules, the employee will be assessed a fine depending on the severity of the offense, said Earl Dorius, Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control compliance manager.

"Any fines previously went against the licensee on the theory they are responsible for the behavior of the employee," Dorius said.

But businesses wanted a way to insulate the same sort of respect for the rules by holding employees more accountable, he said.

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TWIN FALLS



**Gene L. Smallwood**  
1938 - 2003

Gene L. Smallwood, 64, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, April 24, 2003, at his home.

Gene was born September 5, 1938, in Twin Falls, the son of Floyd and Neva Oshant Smallwood. Gene grew up and attended schools in the Magic Valley, graduating from Kimberly High School in 1956. He enjoyed playing basketball and was President of the Student Body his senior year. Gene was an alumnus of the University of Idaho, Class of 1960, and was affiliated with the Gamma Iota Chapter of Delta Sigma Phi.

As a young man, he served his country in the U.S. Army Reserves. On August 15, 1970, he married the love of his life, Nancy Slowart. Gene worked most of his life as a Building Materials Manager for the Boise Cascade Corporation and he retired from there in 1993.

In his spare time, he was an avid hunter, fisherman, and a golfer. He was a member of the Twin Falls Municipal Men's Association and a past member of the BPOE Elks.

All who knew and loved Gene will miss him.

Surviving Gene are his loving wife of 32 years, Nancy of Twin Falls; son Steven Eugene of Robert Park, CA, and daughter Leslie Gay of Las Vegas, NV. Also surviving is one granddaughter Candice Ann of Las Vegas, NV. His parents and one sister preceded him in death.

Memorial Services for Gene will be held Tuesday, April 29, 2003, at 3 p.m. at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho, with Deacon John McKinley officiating. A reception will be held following services at the funeral home and everyone is invited to attend. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Luke's Cancer Center, 190 East Bannock Street, Boise, Idaho 83712.

RUPERT



**Henry William 'Bill' Manning**  
1913 - 2003

Henry William "Bill" Manning, a 99-year-old Rupert resident, died Friday, April 25, 2003, at his home in Rupert.

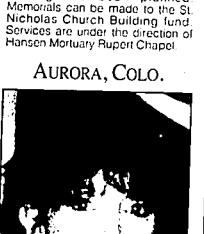
Bill was born on May 4, 1904, in Rupert, Idaho, to Daryl W. and Margarita Manning. He was raised in the Paul area and graduated from Minica High School in 1922. He went on to the Air Force Academy, graduating in 1926. He spent four years in the Air Force, three of which were served in Sombach, Germany. After being honorably discharged from the Air Force, he completed college and then earned his law degree from the University of Utah Law School. Bill served as the prosecuting attorney in Minidoka County and practiced law in the Rupert and Burley areas for many years.

Bill was a member of the BPOE and the Air Force Academy Alumni Association. He worked with the Special Olympics and in many other civic endeavors. Bill served on the Knights of Columbus and the Curcio, all through St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert. Bill enjoyed gardening, while water ruffling and sports of any kind. His favorite past time was being with his grandson, Austin. Bill was a devoted father who loved being with his family. He was always a champion for the underdog.

Bill is survived by his mother, Margie Manning; his sisters, Kathleen Ritzard, Carol Stein, and Jane Holskell; his brother, James Manning; his daughters, Rachelle Peterson, Christina Manning, and Monica Fossenden; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Daryl W. Manning, and his brother, John Manning.

A Rosary service will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday April 28, 2003, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert. Funeral Mass will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday April 29,

AURORA, COLO.



**Pat Kerbs**  
Former Twin Falls resident, Pat Kerbs, lost her courageous 7-month battle with breast cancer, Wednesday, April 23rd, in Aurora, Colorado.

Pat was surrounded at home by her loving family: Bob, her husband of 38-years; daughter Tiffany Kerbs (San Francisco, CA); son Ryan Kerbs; daughter-in-law Laura and children Lucas and Kennedy (Sacramento, CA); son Jason Kerbs; daughter-in-law Rhonda; and daughters Hailey and Kaitley (Aurora, CO).

Pat's Idaho family includes Dick and Patty Kerbs (Boise, ID); Bob and Arlene (Kerbs) Jones; Leonard and Dorothy Kerbs; Larry and Judi (Kerbs) Baxter; Tyl Twin Falls, ID) and her sister Lois (Eriggs) and Dale Jones (Garden Valley, ID). She was also a doting aunt to many nieces and nephews.

More than anything, Pat loved being with her family and they enjoyed many special times together: fishing, playing tennis, traveling and celebrating holidays. All who were fortunate enough to know her will miss her radiant smile and sunny disposition.

Services will be held April 26th in Aurora. A celebration of Pat's life will be held in Twin Falls in mid-July.

Expressions of sympathy can be addressed to the family at: 6186 S. Jencho Ct., Centennial, CO 80016.

Donations in Pat's memory may be made to the McKain-Kinney Remembrance Rose Garden in care of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation, P.O. Box 2231, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or the Susan G. Komen Foundation, 1835 Franklin Street, Denver, CO 80218.

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# Castleford board hopes to address residents' concerns

Mickey Walker  
Times-News correspondent

**CASTLEFORD** - A special meeting of the Castleford School Board last week resulted in a call to improve lines of communication.

Administration officials also agreed to ask school counselor Shianne Choate to reconsider her letter not to renew her contract for the coming year. A contract will be offered to Choate and her letter will remain tabled.

Residents had bombarded the School Board at an April 15 meeting with concerns about Choate's resignation and about retaining quality teachers.

Though a good portion of last week's meeting was held in executive session, the members of the public who remained until the board reconvened were that told a proposal would be drafted to address the concerns.

That document, outlining the issues and a course of action, will be sent to every person who had spoken at the previous meeting

or who submitted written comment. Anyone else interested in the proposal will be picked up a copy at the school office.

Board members expected to have the proposal available by early this week.

"The pulse of the administration is that if there is some number, any number, of people who think there is a need or an opportunity to make things better, make things better," said Superintendent Kelly Murphy. "And bottom-line, better means better for kids."

As a beginning point, the staff will be surveyed to find ways to open lines of communication. The Castleford Teachers Organization will compile the information in the survey, Murphy said.

Additional ways to open communication with all segments include forming a faculty "action team" to meet on a monthly basis.

Members from the community committee will be invited to join

the school improvement committee along with staff, board members and parents.

With nearly half the teachers driving in from other areas, the board said a citizens group could help keep teachers by developing a housing project to find places for young families and teachers to live.

"The truth of the matter to some degree is that after a full year of working hard on the (federal) No Child Left Behind (Act) and little or no money, everybody is tired and a little cranky," Murphy said. "It has been a real year, and I have to complement our staff."

And in all likelihood it looks to be another year of budget cuts, Murphy said. The district will be facing a shortfall of about \$100,000 for textbooks and other basic needs.

"A group of people to look into a tax levy might be an area we need to pursue," he said. If that approach isn't well-received then dollar donations or labor donations would be a start.

# Boise-based company lands contract

**BOISE (AP)** - The federal government has assigned Washington Group International Inc. a \$1.85 billion contract to cleanup a portion of the U.S. Department of Energy's Hanford nuclear site in Washington state.

Washington Group will control one of the three major cleanup areas at the site that once played a key role in building the nation's nuclear defense.

The 586-square-mile Hanford reservation was established to make plutonium as part of the top-secret Manhattan Project during World War II.

It produced plutonium for the nation's nuclear arsenal for more than 40 years.

The contract is one of the largest awarded to the company since it came out of bankruptcy in early 2002.

Washington Group beat out other high-profile companies for the contract, including Bechtel Corp., which had been managing the cleanup project.

Deputy Secretary of Energy Kyle McSarrow announced the contract Friday in Richland, Wash.

The contract requires Washington Group to clean up a 210-square-mile area beginning at the bank of the Columbia River and extending inland to the Central Plateau in the middle of the Hanford site.

The two-phase contract is spread over eight years.

The first phase requires the company to securely store three defunct plutonium production reactors, clean up 269 waste sites and 46 burial grounds, and demolish structures in the reactor area.

A second phase, which has not

yet been priced, calls for securely storing three more reactors, cleaning up four burial grounds and 240 waste sites, and demolishing another 218 structures.

Except for two additional burial sites and groundwater cleanup, the work will complete the cleanup of the Hanford river corridor, a major portion of the reservation.

Washington Group spokesman Jack Herrmann said the contract will present some unique challenges, as it requires the company to clean up projects that were built without thought about their removal.

"It is a major step to effectively reduce health risks and expedite the environmental cleanup at Hanford, while reducing the overall cost of this important effort," said Steve Hanks, company president and CEO, in a statement.

# Forest Service decision allows burning, logging

**LEWISTON (AP)** - Plans to burn and log thousands of acres in the Clearwater National Forest can proceed now that a Forest Service official has approved a restoration project.

The Middle Black Ecosystem Restoration Project, intended to improve forest habitat for elk and other animals, had been appealed by the Friends of the Clearwater environmental group at Moscow, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the Clearwater Elk Recovery Team.

The coalition claimed the project did not do enough to help elk and would take too long to accomplish. The plan is expected to take 10 years.

But Regional Forester Brad Powell at Missoula, Mont., reviewed the project and announced Friday that it does not violate Forest Service rules or procedures and can proceed.

According to Forest Service analysis, the area is suffering from years of fire suppression causing the forest to become thick with middle-aged trees.

Elk have been in decline for several years.

Degraded habitat, along with predation from black bears, mountain lions and wolves has been blamed for the dwindling herds.

The logging and burning is intended to create disturbances or openings in the forest that elk favor and to return the area to a healthier condition.

Clearwater National Forest Supervisor Larry Dawson said he was pleased with the decision to affirm the project restricted from both ends of the forest politics spectrum.

"I'm just anxious to move ahead and start implementing things on the ground," he said.

Actual work could begin by fall, he said.

The Middle Black project will apply prescribed fire to about 11,000 acres within a 156,000-acre area.

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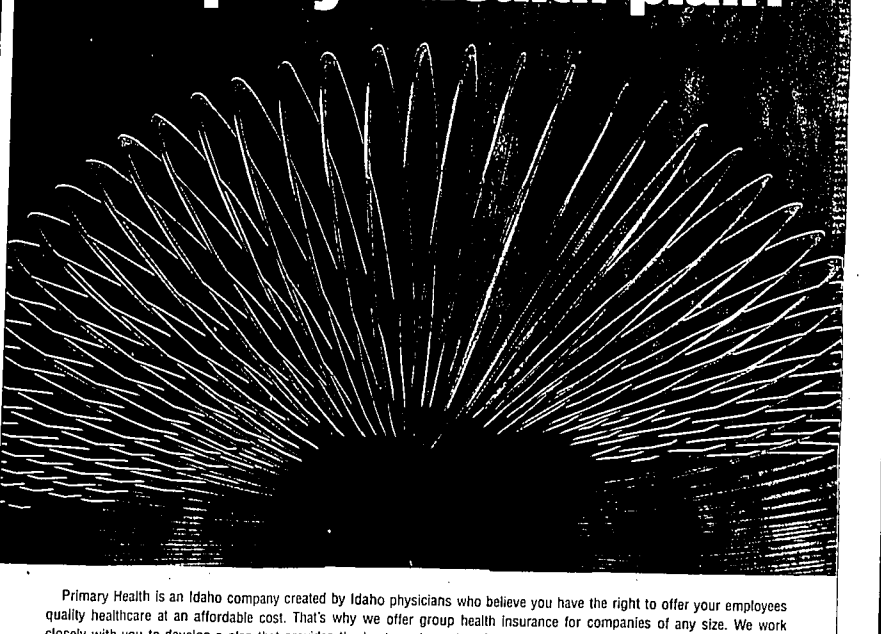
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Dan Tryan of Longhorn Auction shows some of the items at the Fifth Avenue Grocery Tuesday in Roundup, Mont., that he will auction this week in Billings.

# Governor: Utah Olympics bid effort clearly broke law

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Two Olympic bid executives who face renewed bribery charges may have believed they were acting under an "implicit understanding" they had to do whatever it took to bring the 2002 Winter Games to Salt Lake, Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt said last week.

Leavitt said there was no such understanding. Leavitt said bid chief Tom Welch and deputy Dave Johnson "clearly broke the rules" of Olympic bidding but he questioned whether their conduct was criminal and said he wished the scandal would just go away.

At a regular monthly news conference, Leavitt offered his first extensive remarks on the scandal since a federal appeals court on Tuesday reinstated 15 felony charges against Welch and Johnson that had been thrown out by a Utah judge.

Leavitt, an Olympic trustee who sent a stand-in to board meetings, said he had no inkling of the \$11 million bribery scandal and would have stopped it if he had known. His main function was to stand at the head of reception lines when International Olympic Committee delegates visited Utah at the organizing committee's expense.

"I had my job. I would stand and greet people and I would go to meetings and to dinners, as did



Gov. Mike Leavitt



Dave Johnson



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hundreds of other people in the community, to do everything we could to get the games. We worked hard at it, we completed hard at it, and we deserved to get it," Leavitt said at the news conference televised by KUED.

The Republican governor said he already went through an campaign for re-election during the scandal and wasn't bothered about possibly being called to the witness stand during another campaign, if he decides to run for a fourth term in 2004.

To fight the fraud charges, lawyers for Welch and Johnson are expected to confront Olympic trustees — including Leavitt and other civic and business leaders — with evidence that they allegedly knew what the executives did to lure the games to Utah.

Welch told "60 Minutes" in a

February 2002 broadcast that Leavitt lied when the governor denied knowledge of cash and scholarships given to IOC delegates.

Asked Thursday whether he should have known what was going on, Leavitt said: "It boils in my mind (down) to this: I think there was a concern on the part of Tom and Dave that we didn't have the toughness as a state that was required to do — to get the bid."

"And I think they sensed that there was some sort of implicit understanding that they would do what had to be done" to sway the IOC, said Leavitt. He would not add he had no knowledge of any such informal understanding and wouldn't have approved of it.

# FROZEN IN TIME

Store, untouched for 50 years, goes on auction block

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — The Fifth Avenue Grocery in Roundup closed its doors in 1952, and they stayed closed until late last year.

Thousands of items, most of them in mint condition, were locked in a time warp for 50 years. They range from the mundane — bars of soap, tubs of honey and packs of cigarettes — to the rare and valuable — an American Flyer miniature train set with a wind-up locomotive, a souvenir scorecard from the 1929 World Series and an antique Coca-Cola display that hadn't even been taken out of its wrap-around.

Starting this week at an auction house in Billings, the contents of the store will go on sale.

The Fifth Avenue Grocery was owned by Martin and Anna Pluth and eventually was operated by Anna and two of her children, Louis and Ann. When their mother died in 1952, Louis and Ann closed the store. Both now have died, and the old grocery finally opened to inspection last year.

Frank Braun, Louis Pluth's personal representative, didn't really understand how valuable the merchandise was at first. He had been thinking of having a regular estate sale until a friend who knew antiques advised him to contact an auction house.

Longhorn Auction owner Dan Tryan, who saw the Pluth collection for the first time only a couple of weeks ago, was amazed. He'd seen some good estates before, but this one was unusual for variety and volume, he said.

As in many small towns, the Fifth Avenue Grocery was also a mercantile store selling a little bit of everything. And beneath



An old cloth Golden West coffee poster from 1924 is among items from the store available for purchase.

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the store, under big cellar doors, was a small tavern with a bar and six homemade stools. Other property included: the Pluth family home and three outbuildings next to the store, as well as two small miners' houses owned by the family.

All of them were full of belongings, artifacts and merchandise. "One of the problems was that they had so much stuff gathered around them," Braun said of Louis and Ann Pluth. "They apparently didn't throw anything away."

The Longhorn Auction Center will be selling off the Pluth family estate, including everything preserved for 50 years in the

Fifth Avenue Grocery in Roundup, starting next Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Items on the block include an unused Ultratone record player and radio, a Shimola shoe shine kit with a can of polish, brush and buffer, Kool-Aid packets in an original display case; an old set of golf clubs made in Scotland in a corduroy bag; and two large oil-cloth posters of cowgirls holding cans of Golden West coffee.

There are Depression-glass pitchers, hurricane lamps, two player pianos and rolls of music, three boxes of jewelry, thousands of old magazines, a Roy Rogers songbook, antique wind-up toys, religious curios, wooden egg crates and hundreds of packages of food, spices and condiments that look as though they were just put on the shelf.

The downstairs bar yielded a trove of old and mostly unopened bottles of wine and liquor and hundreds of bottles and cans of beer. Among the beer artifacts are many bottles, cans, posters and trays from the Kessler brewery in Helena. There are also a lot of Ebling beers in tin cans and Carlings Black Label Beer tin cans still in the six-pack holder.

Braun said Louis Pluth left most of his money to the Montana Rescue Mission in Billings, the seminary fund of the Great Falls-Billings Roman Catholic Diocese and his home church, St. Benedict's Church in Roundup.

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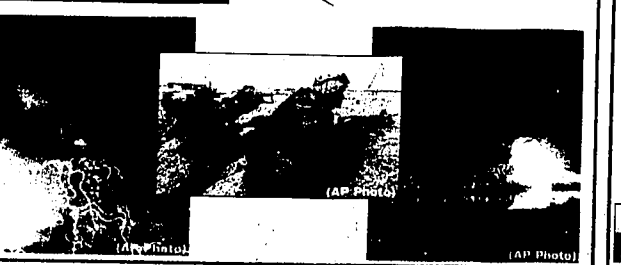
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# Washington city pushes change in perception with new museum

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — Architect Antoine Predock had a complaint about the weather during a recent visit to this Pacific Northwest city's new art museum. It wasn't raining — again.

"I don't even carry a raincoat up here any more," Predock, who designed the Tacoma Art Museum's new 50,000-square-foot home, said in mock exasperation.

Rain would show off the building's stainless-steel, which gleams a muted silver. The material is intended to complement Tacoma's gritty industrial core and the region's famously cloudy skies.

The building itself frames Mount Rainier, which Predock prefers to call by its Indian name, Tahoma, citing "the poetic power the word." Like the mountain, which appears and fades depending on conditions, Predock envisions the new museum as a building "that dissolves into the sky."

The new museum — the latest in blue-collar Tacoma's renaissance — opens to the public with a 24-hour party that begins Saturday evening and carries on until dusk the next day with two rock bands, yoga at dawn, gospel music, jazz and a downtown bed race.

Glass master Dale Chihuly, a Tacoma native, celebrates the opening in the museum's largest

gallery — 4,200 square feet — with a vivid, tropical garden of glass called "Mille Fiere," his wild take on the Italian glass tradition of "a thousand flowers." Elements of the site-specific work range from 6 inches to 25 feet tall.

More traditional art-lovers can

candid glimpses of artists including Jacob Lawrence.

The spacious galleries have windows in surprising places, all keyed to views of Tacoma's "industrial landscape" — a glimpse of the nearby marina, a peek at the mountain, the fortresslike underpinnings of the freeway and a nearby bridge.

"It's so essential to me to have these connections to place," said Predock.

The \$22 million facility should be the last stop for the institution founded in 1935 in a spare room at the University of Puget Sound. It has occupied several downtown spaces since — in the old city jail, a storefront between a Bible store



The Tacoma Art Museum was designed by architect Antoine Predock. At left, Pacific Northwest glass artist Dale Chihuly's work dominates the museum's largest gallery with a glass garden landscape called 'Mille Fiere.' This photograph shows a detail of the exhibit.

steep in a selection of paintings and drawings by Northwest masters Morris Graves, Mark Tobey, Kenneth Callahan and Guy Anderson called "Immeasurable Spaces and Incalculable Energies."

Rounding out the thoroughly regional focus is an exhibit of recent gifts called "Building Traditions," which includes works by painters Faye Jones and Dennis Evans, both of Seattle; Portland glass artist Michael Brophy; California photographer Imogen Cunningham; longtime Northwest photographer or Mary Randlett's insightful,

and a liquor store, and, since 1971, a dignified but cramped former bank building.

The new site includes room to grow, said Executive Director Janomae Upp.

The rooms are subtly irregular due to their spiral array and the building's sloping roof. They're united by white walls and a muted-black cement pathway.

The museum's four galleries are wrapped around a courtyard, surrounded by mirrored two-way glass and open to the sky — a storeroom of natural light that spills into the galleries spiraling around it.

On the floor of the courtyard is a heaving sea of stone, with a cresting 7-foot wave at the corner marking the entrance to the galleries, a hushed centerpiece to another permanent installation: a wall of Chihuly glass.

Seattle stone artisan Richard Rhodes designed the courtyard in Chinese granite that was hand-chiseled five centuries ago into 24-inch-square blocks for a road. Over the past 500 years, the crystalline surface has been worn to a soft patina by animal and human traffic in the Pearl River Delta in southern China.

"They have this fantastic texture ... you get almost a sheen to the stone from the wear," Rhodes said.

Each piece was trimmed for the sculpture using a computer-generated paper template. The work was preassembled along side a rice paddy in China, and then numbered, color-coded by section and packed up for shipping — a blend of 16th-century stone, 18th-century handcraftsmanship and 21st-century information technology, Rhodes noted.

"This is a 700-piece, 60-ton jig-

saw puzzle — you don't want to get it out of order," he said with a smile.

A visitor walking through the galleries — "up to the mountain," as Upp put it — wanders around the courtyard to a second-floor concourse above the lobby, with Mount Rainier on the left.

To the right, on the street side, are glass-walled classrooms, a resource center and work spaces.

At the far end is an open deck — "the city's perch," the architect calls it — that overlooks the city's evolving downtown.

# Divorce-by-mail means quick easy, and cheap in Washington county

DAVENPORT, Wash. (AP) — Monday is Divorce Day in the Lincoln County Courthouse.

In the morning, Assistant County Clerk Mary Gamble brings files and mailbags from the Post Office full of new filings for dissolution of marriage.

In his office one floor up, Superior Court Judge Philip Bors gets writer's cramp signing final decrees in marathons that can last six hours or more.

Welcome to the divorce capital of Washington, the only county in

the state where marriages can be dissolved by mail without a court appearance.

Paralegals and attorneys from across the state swamp County Clerk Peggy Semprimoznik's office each week with filings for clients anxious to be shed of spouses more quickly and inexpensively than in the counties where they live.

This wheat farming county of just over 10,000 residents last year handled 4,035 domestic filings, most of them divorces.

That's more than any other county except King, home to more than 1.75 million residents in and around Seattle, which had 5,487 filings, according to state Department of Health statistics.

By contrast, Skamania County in southwestern Washington state — with about as many residents as Lincoln County — had 83 domestic filings in 2002. "Realistically, there's a lot of reasons for people getting divorced," Bors said. "If I had my raters, I'd rather people stayed married and had a happy

marriage."

But the judge said he's not saddened by the volume of marriages that are ended with a stroke of his pen because many of those seeking divorces in his court have tried marriage counseling, without success.

The ease with which a couple can legally separate or divorce here does upset a Washington-based family group and some

church pastors in this county seat about 35 miles west of Spokane.

Typically, Bors's signature makes a Lincoln County divorce final in a little more than the 90-day waiting period mandated by the state. In some of the state's larger counties, where court appearances are required, court dockets are crowded with other matters and divorces can take a year or longer.

The Rev. John Hammond of the Harvest Celebration Church, an Assembly of God congregation about a block away from the sandstone courthouse, is among those who don't welcome the county's status as a divorce haven.

"What kind of message are we sending?" he asked in a recent Wenatchee World article. "We have to consider what this means for families."



## Gooding County Memorial Hospital

### Community Meetings

Hear why Gooding County Memorial Hospital needs a new facility to continue meeting the needs of the community.

- Hagerman Senior Center Monday, April 28 7:00pm
- Wendell High School Thursday, May 1 7:00pm
- Gooding High School Tuesday, April 29 7:00pm
- Bliss Fire Department Monday, May 5 7:00pm

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# Costs rise as Idaho's record-setting session rolls on

BOISE (AP) - When U.S. warplanes were streaking over Iraq, the joke around the statehouse was about which would end first - the legislative session or the war.

While the soldiers and sailors are coming back to their families, Sunday marks the 112th day of the record-breaking session.

As legislators struggle to balance the state budget, the humor is gone and costs of their own lawmaking continue to mount.

"I hear people grumbling about it, but I don't hear a lot of anger yet about the session's length," said Boise State University

political science professor Jim Weatherly. "I don't know that the cost is a huge issue yet, though it could become one if there is a new stalemate."

Each lawmaker gets a per diem allowance of either \$38 or \$99 a day, depending on how far they live from the Capitol. Attaches, pages, and other people who assist the lawmakers during the session continue to be paid as well.

With those basic expenses, it costs more than \$16,000 every day the session lasts, according to the controller's office.

Not included in that figure are travel expenses and the cost of food during the session. The salaries of people who get paid the same amount regardless of the length of the session, such as the lawmakers themselves, also are not included.

Dan Goicoechea, the deputy state controller, said estimating the costs for one day in session is complicated by determining which costs are paid on a daily basis and which are paid regardless of the session's length.

The average session length in the last five years is about 75 days, Goicoechea said. Using the conservative estimate of \$16,050 a day, this year's additional length has cost a minimum of \$593,850 so far.

Idaho code allows up to \$5.6 million to be budgeted each year for the Legislature, said legislative budget director Jeff Youtz. Because of a rough economy and tight state budget, legislators were allotted just under \$4.8 million during fiscal year 2002 and just under \$5.2 million for 2003.

Any left over funds are rolled into the next year's budget.

"We normally have a balance left over each year, and we've not had time to assess what the length of this session is doing to that projected balance," Youtz said.

Still, legislative watchers say, the cost will have little impact on the overall state budget.

"They're talking millions of dollars in the state budget, and about \$20,000 a day isn't going to make that big of a difference," said Jasper LiCalzi, a professor in the politics and economics department at Albion College of Idaho. "It's more the impression this gives the public. They're saying, 'We're not going to give teachers raises for additional education, we're cut-

ting corrections and meanwhile we're running up a big tab."

Because the session has lasted so much longer than expected, some lawmakers have left for pre-planned vacations to Europe or Mexico, leaving substitutes to serve in their place.

"It's not like the substitutes would vote differently, but they're not as familiar with the process, so that could slow things down more," said LiCalzi.

Costs aside, the legislators need to come to a consensus on the budget soon, said LiCalzi.

"They really need to get out of there before May 2, because the laws don't take effect for 60 days after the end of the session and the new fiscal year starts July 1," LiCalzi said.

## Authorities probe death in hospital

NAMPA (AP) - Two staff members of the Idaho State School and Hospital for people with severe developmental disabilities were placed on administrative leave last week while federal and state investigators look into the death of a resident.

Department of Health and Welfare spokesman Bill Walker confirmed that the death occurred, but would not release the person's identity.

Authorities are waiting for results from toxicology reports. The cause of death has not been determined, Walker said.

Assistant Police Chief Tim Vincent said his department, which routinely answers calls to the school, was not contacted about the death. He said dispatchers answered one ambulance request from State School and Hospital last week, but police were not requested for any follow-up investigation.

It was unclear whether the ambulance call and the resident's death were related.

But Walker said the school is participating in two ongoing investigations: an internal review by the institution, and an external review by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which he expects will release a public report within 10 days.

Walker said there is no immediate cause for alarm.

"We are very serious about our clients receiving appropriate care and treatment," he said.

Last fall, state inspectors revisited the hospital to see if problems found in a series of inspections had been corrected. If they had been left uncorrected, the hospital could have lost its operating license.

Surveyors found that there were enough staff on hand and that clients were receiving appropriate treatment, according to state Department of Health and Welfare officials. The hospital regained full certification after the inspections.

The inspections were prompted by 10 complaints received by authorities over the previous year, four alleging health and safety issues and six referring to care questions including lack of adequate staff. During that time, the hospital was cited for two cases of immediate jeopardy.



Blika McBride, 17, left, and Flak Sorenson, 13, right, of Eagle Troop 242 bring down the old U.S. flag at Skyview High School in Nampa on Wednesday as the troop and American Legion Post 18 members salute the flag before burning it and replacing it with a new one. The old flag started flying over the school in 1997.

## TIME TO RETIRE

### Simplots leave hilltop home

BOISE (AP) - Billionaire potato magnate J.R. Simplot and his wife, Esther, have moved out of their famous hilltop home overlooking Boise and into a condominium at the Grove Hotel.

"They do consider this a permanent move," said Fred Zerza, J.R. Simplot Co. spokesman. "There is no one compelling reason. It's just the right time for them. Maybe he's tired of moving the lawn."

The Simplots moved into the 6,000-square-foot, two-story house on the hill in 1981. It is a highly visible landmark, with a huge American flag always flying. Scores of people slide on giant ice blocks down the mammoth hill of the 100-acre property.

There are no plans to change the estate, Zerza said. The grounds will be maintained, and

the flag will continue to wave. Even the ice-blocking can continue.

"It's never really been sanctioned. So as a non-policy, I guess it can continue," Zerza said.

The J.R. Simplot Co. is one of the largest agribusiness conglomerates in the world. The company supplies french fries to McDonald's, guacamole to Taco Bell and food products to consumers worldwide.

At 94, Simplot still goes to his office every day. He drives himself and has recently added weightlifting to his exercise routine.

The Simplots bought one of the most expensive of The Grove Hotel's 19 condos when it was built in 1997. It is a two-story residence at the top of the 17-floor hotel.

### City wants high court to reconsider prayer ruling

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The city of Murray wants the Utah Supreme Court to reconsider its ruling of two weeks ago allowing an atheist to pray to Mother in Heaven before City Council meetings.

Attorneys for the city on Friday filed a petition for rehearing, arguing the state Supreme Court misinterpreted an earlier appeals court ruling as well as a previous decision of its own on prayer during government-sponsored events.

Murray's petition declares that allowing 71-year-old atheist Tom Snyder to offer what the city considers a disparaging prayer would force the city to violate the U.S. Constitution.

But Snyder's attorney, Brian Barnard, says if the city were to get what it's asking for, it would have to examine subjectively every proposed prayer before deeming it worthy of recitation before the public.

"That process then would unquestionably violate the Establishment Clause, because you've got government sitting in judgment of people's prayers," Barnard said Saturday.

Government should never be allowed to so minutely examine or dissect anyone's religious beliefs, he said.

Attempts Saturday to reach Richard Van Wagoner, Murray's lead attorney on the case, were unsuccessful.

### Company will shut Bonners Ferry mill

BONNERS FERRY (AP) - Louisiana-Pacific Corp. closed its Bonners Ferry sawmill which will remain inactive until lumber prices improve.

The company announced the move to its 130 employees at the end of the day on Friday.

Company spokesman David Dugan said from Portland that lumber prices are far below the sawmill's costs. "There just hasn't been any improvement in the market," he said.

Some office workers will stay during the layoff, Dugan said. Employees who work in the plant's finishing and shipping operations will remain until the last lumber works its way through the plant.

Louisiana-Pacific's Movie Spring sawmill, which makes another product, will remain open, officials said.



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- Army Spc. David Warren, Iraq.

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- Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Jake Bloss, aboard the USS Princeton.
- Army E-6 Airborne Ranger Patrick S. Connell, Iraq.
- Army Spc. Adam Douglas, location unknown.
- Marine Lance Cpl. Steven Graham, Kuwait.
- Army Pvt. Evan D. Hilliard, Iraq.
- Air Force Staff Sgt. Corey McDonald, Red Horse Squadron, Oman (brother of Ryan McDonald).
- Marine Staff Sgt. Ryan McDonald, 1st Division, Kuwait (brother of Corey McDonald).
- Marine Pvt. Steven Medina, location unknown.
- Army nurse Spc. Sarah Thornbrow, Kuwait City.
- Marine Lance Cpl. Joshua VanCester, Kuwait.
- Idaho Air National Guard Master Sgt. Kirk Weinert, near Kuwait City.
- Marine Cpl. Bryce Yurbe, Kuwait.

**Burley**

- Army Sgt. Michael D. Albrecht, Iraq.
- Marine Lance Cpl. Jason Brashosky, Kuwait.
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- Army Spc. Eric A. Chinn, Iraq.
- Army Cpl. Matthew Douglas, location unknown.
- Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Randy E. Hall, aboard the USS Gunston Hall.
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- Navy Airframe Spc. Shane Hodge, Kuwait.
- Army Pvt. Jeremy Kuman, Kuwait.
- Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Leon S. Melino, aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln.
- Air Force 2nd Lt. Wesley W. Millard, unknown.
- Army Spc. Marcos Rodriguez, Iraq.
- Marine Lance Cpl. Von Michael Williamson, Iraq.

**Castelford**

- Marine Plc. Dennis Aguilar, location unknown.
- Marine Cpl. Lance Easterday, Iraq.

**Eden**

- Navy Seaman Kevin Gilley, Kuwait.

- Marine Lance Cpl. Coy Snow, on board the USS Boxer.

**Fairfield**

- Navy Gunnery Sgt. Joey D. Dillard, location unknown.

**Filer**

- Marine Cpl. Ryan Bean, Kuwait.
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- Army Spc. Gerald F. Hays Jr., Kuwait.
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- Air Force Reserve Staff Sgt. Melody D. Thurber (girl), at Amhed al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait.

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- Army Sgt. Michael D. Albrecht, Iraq.
- Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Jeremy J. Coakes, aboard the USS Bridge.

**Hollister**

- Army Chief Warrant Officer Richard "Monty" Gonzalez, Camp Udairi, Kuwait.

**Jerome**

- Army Pvt. Aaron Bagley, Iraq.
- Marine Sgt. James Baird, Iraq.
- Army Master Sgt. Michael W. Barm, Kuwait.
- Army Major Aldo P. Biagioti Jr., outside Kuwait City.
- Navy Boatsman's Mate Tonya L. Blunt, on the USS Camden.
- Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Britten L. Taylor, on board the USS Boxer.
- Marine Cpl. Charles Robert Crabtree, aboard the USS Bonhomme-Richard.
- Army Staff Sgt. Howard Dunn, Iraq.
- Marine Sgt. Andrew Eichberger, Kuwait.

**Kunawit**

- Army Lt. Col. David C. Eyr, Qatar.
- Air Force Airman 1st Class Craig W. Gilbert, location unknown.
- Army Sgt. Rod Edmund Hendrix II, Kuwait.
- Marine Lance Cpl. Arlo G. Lott Jr., Kuwait.
- Navy Aviation Technician 3rd Class, Joseph Schmitt, on the USS Nimz.
- Army Sgt. Joshua Valley Schmidt, Camp New Jersey, Kuwait.
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- Marine Lance Cpl. Derek Benson, Iraq.
- Army Spc. Lucas Heidem, Kuwait.
- Air Force Staff Sgt. Bradley Eugene Kerr, location unknown.
- Marine Cpl. Andrew J. Leebetter, Kuwait.
- Air Force Master Sgt. Scott Livingston, Saudi Arabia.
- Air Force Staff Sgt. Matthew Murphy, Qatar.
- Marine Lance Cpl. Philip Steen, Kuwait.
- Marine Sgt. Sean Watson, Kuwait.
- Marine Cpl. Brandon Volmer, Iraq.

**Kuna**

- Navy Gunnery Mate Ryan Watson, aboard the USS Nassau.

**Murtaugh**

- Marine Cpl. Jared Grimm, Kuwait.
- Navy Airman Matthew Koch, aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt in Bahrain.

**Paul**

- Marine Cpl. Josh Martsch, Kuwait.
- Marine Staff Sgt. Charles L. McGregor, Kuwait.

**Twin Falls**

- Army Pfc. Jeremy Ayeti, Iraq.
- Air Force Staff Sgt. James G. Andrews, location unknown.
- Army Ranger Spc. Steh Class Trint Aston, location unknown.
- Navy Seabee Stee Worker First Class Wade Altred, Kuwait.
- Army Sgt. Jacob Babcock, Kuwait.
- Army Pvt. Steven Brandsmia, Iraq.
- Army Spc. Frank Eugene Carroll, Iraq.
- Army Cpl. Matthew Decker, Kuwait.
- Marine Sgt. Kenneth Shaun Dudley, in Iraq.
- Senior Airman Patrick Dulin, Idaho Air National Guard, Kuwait.
- Army Pvt. Brent M. Faught, Iraq.
- Army Pfc. Michael Fink, Kuwait.
- Army Pfc. Cole Plooner, Kuwait.
- Marine Cpl. Thomas Garcia, Iraq.
- Army Sgt. Landon Hanson, Iraq.
- Army Pvt. Marcos Herrera, aboard the USS Kitty Hawk.
- Army Pvt. Gene Jensen, Afghanistan.
- Army Spc. Tucker Johnson, Kuwait.
- Army Spc. Michael Legg, northern Kuwait.
- Army Sgt. Kevin Leir, Kuwait.
- Marine Plc. Cody Mai, Bahrain.
- Air Force Staff Sgt. Kyle Mason, Kuwait.

- Army Pvt. April Nesmith, Kuwait.
- Air Force Senior Airman Bryan A. Piper, Saudi Arabia.
- Air Force Airman 1st Class Brian Pyles, Oman.
- Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Paul Rankin, aboard the USNS Niska.
- Marine Lance Cpl. Tavin D. Reeves, Camp Coyote in Kuwait.
- Marine Cpl. Robert S. Riseo, Kuwait.
- Army 1st Lt. Matthew E. Robinson, Kuwait.
- Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael Schulz, Iraq.
- Air Force Senior Airman Mark Jay Stout, Incirlik Air Force Base, Turkey.
- Navy-Marine Medical Corpsman Joseph Vissarago, Kuwait.
- Army Staff Sgt. Thomas William Wamgaman, location unknown.
- Army Staff Sgt. Matthew J. Webb, Iraq.
- Marine Pfc. Class Kyle V. Williams, Kuwait.
- Marine Lance Cpl. Jason Willingham, Camp Coyote, Kuwait.
- Marine Sgt. Mike A. Wilson, Iraq.
- Marine Lance Cpl. Jan A. Wright, Iraq.

**Richfield**

- Navy Seaman Isaac Grier, aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln.

**Rupert**

- Army Sgt. Jay M. Boddy, Kuwait.
- Air Force Airman 1st Class Andrew Brower, Oman.
- Army Cpl. Kevin Cotton, Kuwait.
- Army Spc. Don Finkins, Kuwait.
- Air Force Staff Sgt. Jason N. Hooker, Saudi Arabia.
- Marine Cpl. Travis Scott Jensen, Kuwait.
- Navy Chief Petty Officer Frank C. Linsen, on the aircraft carrier USS Westburg.
- Air Force Airman 1st Class Brandon Midhun, location unknown.
- Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class. James O. Rasmussen, aboard the USS Nimz.
- Army Pfc. Mickey Webb, Jordan (wife of Nick Webb).
- Marine Lance Cpl. Nick Webb, Kuwait. (husband of Mickey Webb).

**Shoshone**

- Army Ensign Brian James Ross Jr., USS Chant.
- Marine Cpl. Matthew Tabor, Kuwait.

**Wendell**

- Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Barbara J. Bae.
- Marine Sgt. Dustin R. Caroten, Kuwait.
- Navy Petty Officer 3rd class Jody Dille, Kuwait.
- Army Pfc. Danny J. Feighner, Kuwait.
- Marine Lance Cpl. Arlen Genton, Kuwait.
- Air Force Senior Airman Daniel Broc Hansing, Iraq.
- Army Spc. Shawn Mangum, Kuwait.

**Psychology professor will speak at CSI**

TWIN FALLS—Dr. Jack Singer will be the keynote speaker Wednesday for the College of Southern Idaho's Student Success Days.

Singer will speak at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts auditorium. Admission is free and the public is invited.

A veteran of the psychology departments of seven universities, Singer says he was once a "class clown" whose guidance counselor told him he had no future in college.

He has spent 25 years speaking around the country, motivating and training Fortune 500 companies. He has been referred to as the Patch Adams of psychology. He appears frequently on MSNBC, Fox, and ESPN, as well as on radio talk shows. He is renowned for his strategies on eliminating stress and teaching people how to unleash the barriers to their ultimate health and wealth.

Student Success Day recognizes the many forms of student success throughout the campus, in academic and technical programs.

The day begins with a free barbecue at noon between the Taylor Fine Arts buildings, where students can meet with CSI Student Senate positions will give their campaign speeches.

Beginning at 2 p.m. in Room 1115 and 1116 of the Shields Building students from 10 departments will be honored for success

**Bases**

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The B-1B Lancers have moved on, but the 366th Fighter Wing — the "Gunfighters" — now includes F-15C, F-15E and F-15J fighters. The base also is a center for the next-generation fighter, the F-22.

Eagle Eyes was created after the 2001 attacks and takes its cue from British and Israeli authorities, who believe terrorist acts don't just happen — they're carefully planned and rehearsed.

W. Troy Hubbard, head of the Office of Special Investigations, said many cases have been documented in which terrorists turned to an alternate target when their surveillance of a primary target indicated a high risk of detection or failure.

Eagle Eyes helps create the look and feel of a "hard target," Swaney said, and that makes terrorists think twice.

Tyler said the Air Force has met with residents in Mountain Home and other communities to acquaint them with ways terrorists might target the base. They include:

- Surveillance — in which someone records or monitors activities near or on the base, with notes, binoculars or diagrams.
- Elicitation — involving terrorists trying to gather information by mail, fax or telephone about military operations.
- Tests of security — such as attempts to measure reaction times or win the response to security breaches.

- Persons out of place — such as those who don't seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood or business.
- Acquiring supplies — such as purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, passes, badges or the equipment to make them.

"We want people to watch out for unusual purchases, or in unusual quantities. It also includes stolen uniforms, ID cards, window stickers," Tyler said.

"An air base population plunges when its wing is deployed."

"At those times, we have so many people gone," said Capt. Kelley Thibodeau, base spokeswoman. "If that person is gone and his wife is at work, and yet a cable TV van parks in front of the house — wait a minute. Something is going on."

Tyler did not comment on specific cases involving Mountain Home.

"Let me say it takes me time everyday to review all the calls that come in nationwide," he said. "This information frequently gets passed up the chain and is taken very seriously."

The terrorist attacks and the war on Iraq have been unsettling to Americans, he said.

The Eagle Eyes program is just like a neighborhood watch," Tyler said. "We don't want people to go beyond their normal activities, we don't want them to turn into spies. We're neither here nor there. We're just trying to find what kind of things to look out for."

**AGAPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL AND CHILD CARE CENTER**

Milk or juice served every day  
 Monday-Cereal  
 Tuesday: Hugie sandwich  
 Wednesday: Chicken nuggets  
 Thursday: Hot dogs  
 Friday: Pizza

**BUHL SCHOOL**

Breakfast menu  
 Milk served every day. Choice of fruit or juice every day  
 Monday-Cereal  
 Tuesday: Waffles  
 Wednesday: Donuts  
 Thursday: Biscuits and gravy  
 Friday: Pancakes  
 Lunch menu  
 Salad bar and milk served every day  
 Monday: Taco salad  
 Tuesday: Peanut butter and jelly roll ups  
 Wednesday: Breadfast pizza  
 Thursday: Pizza  
 Friday: Peanut butter sandwich

**CASTLEFORD SCHOOL**

Breakfast menu  
 Milk and juice served every day  
 Monday: Donuts  
 Tuesday: Turnovers  
 Wednesday: Pancakes  
 Thursday: Citrus fruit rids.  
 Friday: Scrambled eggs  
 Lunch menu  
 Monday: Corn dogs  
 Tuesday: Tacos  
 Wednesday: Chicken nuggets  
 Thursday: Pizza  
 Friday: Annual cook-out

**CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

Milk served every day  
 Monday: Sloppy joe  
 Tuesday: Turkey  
 Wednesday: Spaghetti  
 Thursday: No school  
 Friday: Chicken

**FILER SCHOOL**

Monday: Corn dogs  
 Tuesday: Turkey gravy  
 Wednesday: Sandwich  
 Thursday: Sandwich wraps  
 Friday: Cook's choice

**HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Breakfast menu  
 Milk served every day  
 Monday-Cereal  
 Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy  
 Wednesday: Yogurt  
 Thursday: Menu not available  
 Friday: Menu not available  
 Lunch menu  
 Monday: Hot turkey sandwich  
 Tuesday: Chicken fillet  
 Wednesday: Beef stroganoff  
 Thursday: Menu not available  
 Friday: Menu not available

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

Choice of milk every day  
 Monday: Burrito  
 Tuesday: Chicken and noodles  
 Wednesday: Nachos  
 Thursday: Spaghetti  
 Friday: Cheese pizza

**KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Milk served every day  
 Monday: Burrito  
 Tuesday: Barbecue chicken sandwich  
 Wednesday: Nachos  
 Thursday: Chicken fillet  
 Friday: Baked ham

**KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL**

Milk served every day  
 Monday: Chicken strips  
 Tuesday: Barbecue chicken sandwich  
 Wednesday: Nachos  
 Thursday: Chicken fillet  
 Friday: Beef wrap

**MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

Breakfast and milk served daily  
 Monday: Soft taco  
 Tuesday: Grilled cheese  
 Wednesday: Pizza  
 Thursday: Ribbed beef  
 Friday: Bacon and egg breakfast burrito

**MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

Choice of milk served every day  
 Monday: Bacon burger  
 Tuesday: Buffalo wing basket  
 Wednesday: Pizza  
 Thursday: Menu not available  
 Friday: Biscuits and egg breakfast burrito

**MURTAUGH SCHOOL**

Milk served every day  
 Monday: Chicken strips  
 Tuesday: Fish nuggets  
 Wednesday: Beef noodles  
 Thursday: Menu not available  
 Friday: Menu not available

**ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH**

Breakfast menu  
 Milk served every day  
 Monday: Cereal  
 Tuesday: Scrambled eggs  
 Wednesday: Cereal  
 Thursday: Menu not available  
 Lunch menu  
 Milk served every day  
 Monday: Chicken tender, finger steaks or salad bar  
 Tuesday: Grilled cheese sandwich, ribbed beef sandwich  
 Wednesday: Taco bar or pizza  
 Thursday: Menu not available  
 Friday: Menu not available

**ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Monday: Corn dogs  
 Tuesday: Beef stroganoff  
 Wednesday: Chicken and cheese  
 Thursday: Menu not available  
 Friday: Menu not available

**TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY**

Milk served every day  
 Monday: Cereal  
 Tuesday: Scrambled eggs  
 Wednesday: Cereal  
 Thursday: Menu not available  
 Lunch menu  
 Monday: Breakfast for lunch  
 Tuesday: Chicken fried steak  
 Wednesday: Lasagna  
 Thursday: Menu not available  
 Friday: Menu not available

**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 pizza bar  
 Tuesday: Coyote grill bar, deli sandwich or pizza bar  
 Wednesday: Taco bar, deli sandwich or cheeseburger  
 Thursday: Menu not available  
 Friday: Menu not available

**VALLEY SCHOOLS**

Breakfast is served every day.  
 Monday: Soft-shell taco  
 Tuesday: Ham  
 Wednesday: Pizza  
 Thursday: Pizza in a blanket  
 Friday: Plum chowder

**BLISS SCHOOL**

Milk served every day  
 Monday: Almond stir fry  
 Tuesday: Chicken pizza  
 Wednesday: Chicken and beef stroganoff  
 Thursday: Turkey sandwich  
 Friday: Student's choice

**DIETRICH SCHOOLS**

Salad bar, fruit and milk served every day  
 Monday: Mashed potatoes, turkey gravy  
 Tuesday: Beef and bean enchilada  
 Wednesday: Sloppy joe  
 Thursday: Baked potato  
 Friday: Pizza

**GLENN'S FERRY**

Monday: Chef salad  
 Tuesday: Chicken terrazzo  
 Wednesday: Chicken pizza  
 Thursday: Menu not available  
 Friday: Menu not available

**GOODING ELEMENTARY**

Choice of milk served every day. The third choice is for junior high and high school students only.  
 Monday: Hot dog, salad bar or pizza  
 Tuesday: Crispy chicken salad, potato bar or burrito  
 Wednesday: Cheeseburger, salad bar or popcorn chicken  
 Thursday: Menu not available  
 Friday: Menu not available

**HAGERMAN SCHOOLS**

Choice of milk offered every day  
 Monday: Chicken nuggets  
 Tuesday: Nachos  
 Wednesday: Beef-roni  
 Thursday: Menu not available  
 Friday: Menu not available

**IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND**

Milk served every day  
 Breakfast menu  
 Tuesday: Chicken pizza  
 Wednesday: Menu not available  
 Lunch menu  
 Salad bar and choice of milk served every day  
 Monday-Friday: Menu not available

**JEROME SCHOOLS**

Milk served every day  
 Monday: Chili  
 Tuesday: Turkey and noodles  
 Wednesday: Soft-shell taco  
 Thursday: Pizza  
 Friday: Rib-beef

**MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

Breakfast and choice of milk served every day  
 Monday: Burrito  
 Tuesday: Hamburger  
 Wednesday: Deli sandwich  
 Thursday: Menu not available  
 Friday: Menu not available

**WENDELL SCHOOLS**

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily  
 Monday-Friday: Menu not available

*School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed in your copy of the Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or fax to 284-5238. Attention: Lunch Menus. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.*

**Crump**

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visitor had suffered a "mini-stroke," or transient ischemic attack, from which he later recovered and went on to preach for many years. But for the moment, nobody in the church that morning dared move.

Another five minutes passed;

most of the congregation was now sobbing openly. Out pastor got out of his chair again, strode to the pulpit, cleared his throat, and said, "Any questions?"

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**MORNING-LINE**

**SPORTSQUOTE**

“I felt like I had been in the Civil War or something.”

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—Katie Horvath, who returned to college softball after enduring four cancer operations, including the last that left a scarring wound on her leg.

**TRIVIA**

**QUESTION:** What 1961 Chicago Bear draft choice out of the University of Pittsburgh went on to become a Hall of Fame player?

...answer below

**IN BRIEF**

**Carolina drafts Fruitland graduate**

Former Fruitland High School and University of Utah star Jordan Gross went to the Carolina Panthers with the No. 3 pick in the 2003 NFL draft Saturday.

Gross, a 6-foot-5, 300-pounder, was the first offensive lineman taken in the draft. He played at Fruitland from 1995-1997.

**Rain washes out racing at M.V. Speedway**

**TWIN FALLS** — Damp conditions and a threat of rain canceled racing Saturday night at Magic Valley Speedway. The NASCAR Weekly Racing Series returns Saturday at 7:05 p.m. with the season debut of the Queen Bees along with the Modifieds, Grand National Sportsman and Pony Stocks.

**Candleridge women's association meets**

**TWIN FALLS** — A team captain's meeting for the Candleridge women's association will be held on Thursday at 6 p.m. at the golf course. League play, scheduling, fees and other business will be discussed.

For more information, call Coleen Florke at 733-0908.

**M.V. Babe Ruth signs players on Tuesday**

**TWIN FALLS** — The Magic Valley Babe Ruth League will hold registration for boys ages 15-19 from 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Harmon Park recreation building. A signed release form from a parent and a \$55 fee is required.

If the boy did not play in the program last year, they must provide a copy of their birth certificate.

For more information, call Gary at 733-5532 or Linda at 733-4600 or 734-2633.

**Space is open for Wishing Star golf event**

**TWIN FALLS** — Teams are needed for the second annual Wishing Star Foundation Golf Scramble on Saturday, May 31 at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

The entry fee is \$75 per person for each four-person team or \$65 for juniors or season pass holders. The price includes greens fees, cart, and lunch.

Proceeds will benefit local children suffering from life-threatening illnesses.

To enter, call Tracey Henry at 734-8897 or Diana Jones at 734-6695.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

**TRIVIA ANSWER:** Mike Ditka.

## NFL draft: Getting defensive

More than half of first-round picks play on defense

By Dave Goldberg  
Associated Press writer

**NEW YORK** — NFL teams did their best Saturday to stem the league's increase in offense.

They drafted for defense, taking 11 defensive linemen in a first round also marked by an aborted trade — between Minnesota and Baltimore that led to three of the quickest first-round picks ever.

Carson Palmer, the Heisman Trophy winner, quarterback from Southern California, was chosen by Cincinnati, and wide receivers Charles Rogers of Michigan State and Andre Johnson of Miami went to Detroit and Houston with the first three picks — ammunition for teams that need everything.

Four quarterbacks were chosen — Palmer, Byron Leftwich by Jacksonville, Kyle Boller by Baltimore, and Rex Grossman by Chicago. But no more were taken until the third round, when Louisville's Dave Ragans was taken with the 88th overall pick.

And Texas' Chris Simms, projected as a second-rounder, wasn't chosen until the last pick of the third round by Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay, becoming the sixth quarterback on their roster.

Meanwhile, running back Willis McGahee of Miami, who took his knee in the national championship game, was moved to tears when he was taken 23rd overall by Buffalo — although he's not expected to be at his best until 2004.

But after the first three picks, the highlight was a run on defense like none other in draft history.

Eleven of the next 13 choices were for defensive players, eight of them defensive linemen. The only exceptions were Leftwich of Marshall, who was taken by Jacksonville with the eighth overall pick after the botched trade that might have made him a Raven, and offensive tackle Jordan Gross of Utah, taken by Carolina with the ninth pick.

With scoring last year at 43.4 points a game, highest in 20 years, why not?

"It's no secret we were going to go to the defensive side with the first pick," said Seattle coach Mike Holmgren, whose corner-back Marcus Trufant of Washington State. "Obviously, we were looking at those big



Above, Kentucky's Dewayne Robertson bules Vanderbilt quarterback Jay Cutler Nov. 16, 2002, in Lexington, Ky. The New York Jets took Robertson with the fourth pick of the NFL draft Saturday in New York. Below, Michigan State wide receiver Charles Rogers runs for a touchdown against Notre Dame Sept. 22, 2001, in South Bend, Ind. The Lions took Rogers with the No. 2 pick.

**Who went where**

A team-by-team breakdown of the first three rounds can be found on Page C5.



defensive lineman. We really didn't think Marcus would come to us."

"It was one of those runs," added Gil Brandt, the NFL's senior draft consultant, who has spent 30 years running the Dallas Cowboys' draft. "All these guys are basically the same, but teams felt they had to have them."

Boy, did they ever. Philadelphia traded from 30 to 15 to take Jerome McDougle, a defensive end from Miami. At that point, McDougle was the eighth defensive lineman taken, but the Eagles are a bit desperate, having lost Hugh Douglas, their best pass rusher, to Jacksonville in free agency.

Right after that, Pittsburgh went up 11 picks — from 27 to 16.

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Marcus Trufant

## Seahawks snatch Washington State cornerback Trufant

Unusual rapid-fire series of picks precedes Seattle selection

The Associated Press

**KIRKLAND, Wash.** — Although he grew up less than an hour's drive away, Marcus Trufant never considered himself a huge fan of the Seattle Seahawks.

"I was more a fan of the

game itself," Trufant said. "I watched every game."

That changed Saturday when the Seahawks selected the Washington State cornerback in the first round of the NFL draft with the 11th overall pick. After a 45-minute drive, he was

introduced at team headquarters.

"Now, I'm happy to say the Seahawks are my favorite team," said Trufant, born and raised in Tacoma.

The pick was a surprise, since Trufant was projected

in the Top 10 and the Seahawks were expected to bolster their defensive line. Seattle was the NFL's worst team of last summer's world championships, a two-time NBA All-Star and the reason the Dallas Mavericks have won at least 50 games the past three seasons.

But when the Minnesota Vikings hesitated with the No. 7 pick, several teams

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## Mavs middle man strives for improvement

Nowitzki, already carrying Dallas in the playoffs, says he has "a long way to go"

By Jaime Aron  
Associated Press writer

**DALLAS** — The game among the teenagers was running late, forcing the senior-leaguers to wait for their turn on the court. So Holger Geschwindner sat and watched.

As the captain of Germany's 1972 Olympic team, Geschwindner knew talent when he saw it. And he was captivated by the tall, skinny kid who had an ugly shot but a keen understanding of the game.

"You could see that he was doing the things that good basketball players do," Geschwindner said.

Geschwindner asked the 16-year-old who his coach was. Stunned that he had none, Geschwindner volunteered to do it himself, for free, even though it meant driving more than an hour each way to the boy's hometown of Wurzburg.

Dirk Nowitzki proved to be a fast learner. Following a unique regimen that's includ-

ed fencing, rowing, rollerblading and music lessons, Nowitzki has developed into the MVP of last summer's world championships, a two-time NBA All-Star and the reason the Dallas Mavericks have won at least 50 games the past three seasons.

A 7-footer as comfortable behind the 3-point line as in the paint, he's been the team's top scorer and rebounder each of those three seasons. He opened this postseason with 46 points, a career high and a team playoff record.

He followed that up with another brilliant offensive performance with 42 points on 15-of-20 shooting and five 3s Friday night as the Mavericks beat Portland 115-103 to take a 3-0 lead in their first-round playoff series.

Yet Nowitzki and Geschwindner aren't satisfied.

Both consider him a work in progress, saying he's only at the start of the sixth level of a seven-tiered plan they laid out many years ago. Geschwindner estimates it will take two more years to finish the climb.

"I feel I have a long way to go to become a complete player," said Nowitzki, who in two months will be 25.

"It starts with rebounding. Defensively, I don't move my feet laterally great. My ball-handling has to be better. My post moves

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## 'A-Train' keeps on steaming

Agassi becomes oldest man to ever be world's No. 1

The Associated Press

**HOUSTON** — Andre Agassi became the oldest men's player to be ranked No. 1 in the world as he advanced to the finals of the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships with a 6-4, 6-1 victory over

Austria's Jurgen Melzer on Saturday night. Agassi's victory gave him enough points to surpass Leyton Hewitt of Australia and regain the top spot for the first time since Sept. 10, 2000, when Agassi was replaced by Pete Sampras.

"It feels amazing. I feel I've forgotten what it's like," said Agassi, who will be 33 on Tuesday. "There were a lot of nerves here tonight."



Andre Agassi gives the thumbs-up after his win Saturday in Houston.

Agassi replaced Jimmy Connors as the oldest player to hold the top ranking. Connors held the No. 1 spot at 30 years, 10 months in 1983. Agassi also became the fifth player over 30 to hold the top rank.

"I don't think I could quite find the words," Agassi said. "It's the result of a lot of hard work and decision making, a lot of success in many different arenas against many different opponents."

"It's a bit overwhelming to have it come together at one moment."

Agassi will play two-time champion Andy Roddick in Sunday's finals. Roddick rallied to a 6-6, 6-1, 6-2 victory over Olivier Mutis of France in the earlier semifinal and improved his record at

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## Eagles claw their way into second place

Successful weekend means CSI gets home-field edge

By Joe Palsey  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — The College of Southern Idaho did its part and the College of Eastern Utah played the spoiler.

The Golden Eagles completed a resoundingly four-game sweep of last-place Colorado Northwestern, 3-0 and 8-0 Saturday, while the other Golden Eagles from Price, Utah knocked off Dixie State 13-9.

The Rebels bounced back with a 9-1 win in Game 2, according to Dixie sports information director Jeff Cluff.

But the damage was done. The loss dropped Dixie to 15-9 in the Scenic West Athletic Conference standings and CSI's sweep improved the Golden Eagles to 14-8. The difference between CSI and No. 2 and No. 3 seeds came down to winning percentage — with CSI owing a .636 mark to .625 for the Rebels.

The difference may be small in number, but it's enormous in meaning as CSI will host the Rebels for a best-of-three playoff series beginning Thursday at Jim "Skip" Walker Field.

"We know Dixie is tough at

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**Battle for home field**

- Saturday's games
  - CSI 3-8, Colo. NW 0-0
  - Eastern Utah 13-1.

- Dixie State 9-8
- Note: State's 13-9 loss gives CSI hosting rights for first round of playoffs.

- First-round playoff pairings
  - Dixie State at CSI, Thursday, TBA
  - Salt Lake CC at CC of So. Nevada, TBA



AP photo









Trufant

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fired off choices in rapid-fire auction, and Trufant's turn was available when Seattle's stall came up.

"We called our guy in New York and told him to write down the name and run it in there," coach Mike Holmgren said.

"We called our guy in New York and told him to write down the name and run it in there - and if there were a lot of little old guys in the way, knock them down."

-Mike Holmgren, coach of Seattle Seahawks

Over the past month, Holmgren and general manager Bob Ferguson have expressed confidence in the team's defensive tackles: Chad Eaton, John Randle, Rocky Bernard and Cedric Woodard.

With new offensive coordinator Ray Rhodes taking over, they're confident they can work with what they've already got. Holmgren and Ferguson pledged to draft the best athlete, and that turned out to be Trufant.

"We didn't expect this young man to get to Holmgren. We really thought he was going to go soon."

"What happened was very bizarre," Ferguson said. "In 28 years, I've never seen it before."

The Vikings - trying to make a trade - failed to make the No. 7 pick in the 15 minutes allotted.

That set off a flurry of picks from several other teams, none of which selected Trufant.

Having Trufant on Seattle's depth chart will help immediately in the pass-happy NFC West.

He'll line up against stout receivers like Torry Holt and Bruce A. Smith of St. Louis and Terrell Owens in San Francisco.

"I'm looking forward to getting on the field," Trufant said. "I usually consider the best guy on the field in college. In the NFL, that's going to be something that happens every week."

The Seahawks used their second-round selection, the 42nd overall, on Arkansas free safety Damien Robinson, a six-year veteran who signed as a free agent after Seattle released Marcus Robertson.

In the third round, Seattle chose offensive lineman Wayne Hunter of Hawaii.

The 5-foot-11, 200-pound Trufant was a four-year starter at Washington at the University of Washington. A product of Wilson High School in Tacoma, he'll play alongside All-Pro cornerback Shawn Springs and third-year pro Ken Lucas.

"You can't have enough good corners in this league," Ferguson said. "We happen to have three now, and that really helps us with depth."

Trufant wasn't certain which team would draft him, but he expected to go somewhere. He rented a hotel suite in downtown Tacoma for a party that included his family and some 300 guests.

"I'm glad to be home," Trufant said. "Family, friends, I'm going to have a lot of support."

"We definitely picked the right guy," Holmgren said. "There are a lot of things Marcus needs to do: learn to play the receivers, then figure out how many tickets he's going to need."

from the bottom of the second division to fourth in the top level. Nowitzki also did a mandatory stint in the German military. Geschwindner considered it important that he fulfill that obligation.

"If you want to perform with the best guys in the world, you cannot spend one second trying to sneak around anyone," Geschwindner said. He emphasized the point by giving Nowitzki a copy of Joseph Conrad's "The Typhoon," in which Captain MacWhirr courageously guides his boat through a violent storm.

With such well-thought techniques, you'd think Geschwindner is a teacher, coach or Phil Jackson-like Zen master. Nope. He's just a basketball-loving businessman who has owned a project management company for 35 years.

As the boss, he was able to make time for the lessons. His reason for refusing to do more personal - he was paid for Nowitzki's what an American soldier had done for him four decades earlier.

"You have to give something back," said Geschwindner, 57.

On to America
Mavericks assistant coach Donnie Nelson, a pioneer of international scouting, discovered Nowitzki in March 1998. Conveniently, Nowitzki was working out in Dallas before his German team went against U.S. high schoolers at a tournament in San Antonio.

A few months later, the Mavs got Milwaukee to draft him ninth as part of a negotiated deal. Nowitzki had just turned 20 and was only on the third of Geschwindner's seven levels. They didn't expect him to be ready for the NBA until he reached

Reeling Hornets sting Sixers

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - The New Orleans Hornets didn't need Jamal Magloire to clutch back into their first-round playoff series. A jobbed Barnes turned out to be enough.

Davis, wearing a tight blue sleeve over his strained and bruised left knee, scored 28 points on everything from 3-pointers to slicing drives to floaters, leading the Hornets to a 99-85 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Saturday night.

The victory pulled the Hornets to 2-1 in the series, with Game 4 coming up Monday night. Jamal Magloire and P.J. Brown followed through on their promise to be more of a force inside. Magloire had 18 points and nine rebounds, while Brown had 17 points and 12 rebounds.

Allen Iverson led the Sixers with 28 points, but he had only eight in the second half when he wasn't much of a factor.

Keith Van Horn, Kenny Thomas and Derrick Coleman each added 12 for Philadelphia. Magloire, the Hornets' leading scorer, also chipped a bone in his right middle finger during Wednesday's 90-85 loss in Philadelphia.

Davis re aggravated a left knee injury when he landed awkwardly after a layup in Game 1 in Philadelphia, then sat out Game 2.

New Orleans also was far more assertive on the boards, where the Hornets were beaten by Philadelphia in Game 2. They outrebounded the Sixers, 51-33, with 21 rebounds on that set-up a 3-pointer by Wesley in the second quarter that pulled the Hornets to 44-43.

On the following possession, New Orleans maintained possession after missing three shots before finally getting a pair of points from Brown at the foul line to retake the lead, 45-44.

The Sixers led 60-54 after Iverson started out from the baseline for an off-balance floater, but Brown then scored six straight points on a drive, a pair of free throws and a

fallaway that was set up by Davis. Magloire completed an 8-0 run with two free throws to give the Hornets a 62-60 lead.

Bucks 119, Nets 114, OT
MILWAUKEE - The Milwaukee Bucks squandered a 14-point lead in the final five minutes of regulation, and they probably would have lost the game if the New Jersey Nets had made a few free throws.

Toni Kukoc hit two big 3-pointers in overtime and Michael Redd added a third as Milwaukee defeated New Jersey 119-114 Saturday night in their first-round series at two games apiece.

Milwaukee managed just one free throw over the final minutes of regulation. But the Nets, despite scoring 14 unanswered points to tie the game 99-99, missed nine free throws in the final 3:45.

Kukoc came off the bench to lead Milwaukee with 23 points, while Gary Payton had 19 points and 14 assists, tying his career-high for a playoff game. Game 5 is Tuesday in New Jersey.

Ducks down Dallas for 2-0 series lead

DALLAS (AP) - The Anaheim Mighty Ducks didn't need much extra time in Game 2 to seal their lead over the Dallas Stars.

Mike Leclerc gathered a loose puck and scored on a wristed shot in overtime as the Mighty Ducks beat the top-seeded Stars 3-2 on Saturday, taking a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference semifinals.

The game began just 37.5 hours after the five-overtime series opener, the fourth-longest in NHL history at

140 minutes, 48 seconds, that the Ducks won 3-2. Dallas scemed on the way to getting even, until Rob Niedermayer scored off a defender's skate with just 1:09 left in regulation.

Ducks' goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere had another impressive game with 29 saves, including three incredible stops in the third period that kept the Ducks within a goal.

Devis 3, Lightning 2, OT
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Jamie Langenbrunner scored 2:09 into overtime - his

second straight game-winner, as New Jersey beat Tampa Bay to take a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Langenbrunner, who has seven goals in seven games this postseason, took a shot from the right circle that goalie Nikolai Khabibulin fumbled in front of.

Langenbrunner rushed in from the rebound, made a move around Khabibulin, and slid the puck in.

Grant Marshall and Brian Rafalski also scored for New Jersey. Martin St. Louis and Chris Dingman scored for Tampa Bay.

Nowitzki

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He've gotten better along the years, but there's still a long way to go."

Well-rounded game
Nowitzki didn't immediately take Geschwindner up on his offer. That came about three weeks later when they bumped into each other again.

Nelson's mother, a former member of Germany's national team, asked whether it still stood and the partnership soon began.

Within a few sessions, Geschwindner realized the incredible talent he'd discovered.

He told the teen he could make the NBA if he was willing to dedicate himself to a long, grueling program. Nowitzki accepted. A month later, he joined the junior national team.

Although Nowitzki was tall enough to play under the basket, Geschwindner started by having him shoot outside. "That's what's the hardest to master," he wanted Nowitzki to be able to play anywhere from shooting guard to center.

You have to be able to do different things so that the coach will always need to rely on you," the mentor said. Shooting, dribbling and rebounding were only parts of what went into Nowitzki's "toolbox." Geschwindner insisted on building a complete person, much as a complete player.

He quizzed Nowitzki on schoolwork during free-throw drills. He gave him a sixophone for Christmas and sent him to opera, hoping to stimulate his brain so he'd "think in the way that ballplayers don't," Nowitzki has since picked up the drums and guitar.

To build stamina for an 82-game season, Nowitzki played in three leagues with 50 games each. His club team went 0-11.

Defense

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in a tie with Kansas City - and took safety Troy Polamalu of Southern Cal. The first five picks were no surprise.

Palmer, Rogers and Johnson, followed by defensive tackle Dewayne Robertson of Kentucky to the New York Jets, who traded up Friday for the pick and cornerback Terrence Newman of Kansas State to Dallas.

though they could get anyway at No. 10. "I'm ticked," Vikings coach Mike Tice said. "I felt that would've been a hell of a deal to get your guy and two more picks."

So Baltimore ended up with defensive end Terrell Suggs of Arizona State and got Bolter of Cal by trading away No. 1 pick and this year's No. 2 pick to New England. Seattle got Trufant and St. Louis grabbed defensive tackle Jimmy Kennedy of Penn State, who was expected to go higher.

"This has got to be the strangest first round," St. Louis coach Mike Marz said. "It was hectic, wasn't it? The picks went so quickly. It was probably about 45 seconds for about three picks. It was getting exciting."

The defensive parade continued. New England moved up one pick to choose defensive tackle Iy Warren of Texas A&M; Chicago chose defensive tackle Michael Haynes of Penn State; the Eagles jumped up for McDougale; and the Steelers did the same for Polamalu,

the first time the team has ever traded up in the first round. Arizona, which had traded down for New Orleans' two picks, took Penn State wide receiver Bryant Johnson, then receiver Jeff Faine of Notre Dame, end, Calvin Pace of Wake Forest, considered a second- or third-rounder.

Denver chose offensive tackle George Foster of Georgia; Cleveland picked center Jeff Faine of Notre Dame; and the Bears took Grossman, who left Florida after his junior season.

Buffalo, which needs defense, chose McGahee, even though it has a good starter in Travis Henry and signed Olanic Gary as his backup. "We thought he was one of the top one or two players in the whole draft before he got hurt," Bills' coach Greg Williams said. "He's a great young football player with a chance to hit a real home run with him."

McGahee, sitting in his agent's home in North Miami Beach, Fla., broke down

in tears when he got the call by the Bills to tell he was the first running back taken in the draft.

"They caught me off-guard with the pick, but I'm really happy," said McGahee, who after the injury was considered a possible third- or fourth-rounder.

Indianapolis took tight end Dallas Clark of Iowa, then the New York Giants chose defensive tackle William Joseph, the fourth player from Miami selected. The Hurricanes had five first-rounders last season.

San Francisco took offensive tackle Kwame Harris of Stanford. Then Penn State took Lary Johnson, who went to Kansas City as insurance for Priest Holmes, who has hip problems.

Green Bay chose linebacker Nick Barnett of Oregon State and Oakland closed out the first round with two picks: safety Nnamdi Asomugha of Cal and Tyler Brayton, a defensive tackle from Colorado.

2003 NFL Team-by-team Draft

Saturday's Picks

- Arizona
1 (17) Bryant Johnson, wr, Penn St.
1 (18) Calvin Pace, db, Wake Forest.
1 (19) Andrew Bolds, wr, Florida St.
3 (70) Gerald Hayes, lb, Pittsburgh.
Atlanta
2 (55) Bryan Scott, cb, Penn St.
Baltimore
1 (10) Terrell Suggs, dt, Arizona St.
1 (19) Kyle Bolter, db, California.
3 (77) Musa Smith, rb, Georgia.
Buffalo
1 (23) Willis McGahee, rb, Miami.
2 (48) Chris Keisyak, db, Miami.
3 (94) Angelo Crowell, lb, Virginia.
Carolina
1 (8) Jordan Gross, ot, Iowa.
2 (50) Bruce Neston, c, Iowa.
3 (76) Mike Seaman, te, UCLA.
3 (82) Ricky Manning, db, UCLA.
Chicago
1 (14) Michael Haynes, db, Penn St.
1 (22) Rex Grossman, qb, Florida.
2 (35) Charles Tillman, db, Louisiana-Lafayette.
3 (65) Lance Briggs, lb, Arizona.
Cincinnati
1 (1) Carson Palmer, qb, Southern Cal.
2 (33) Eric Steinbach, g, Iowa.
3 (65) Kelly Washington, wr, Tennessee.
Cleveland
1 (21) Jeff Faine, c, Notre Dame.
1 (52) Shaun Thompson, lb, West Texas A&M.
3 (84) Chris Crocker, db, Marshall.
Dallas
1 (5) Terrence Newman, db, Kansas St.
2 (41) Al Johnson, c, Wisconsin.
3 (69) Jason Witten, te, Tennessee.
Denver
1 (20) George Foster, ot, Georgia.
1 (51) Terry Pierce, lb, Kansas St.
Detroit
1 (2) Charles Rogers, wr, Michigan St.
2 (34) Ross Barnett, lb, Kansas St.
3 (66) Cory Redding, db, Texas.
Green Bay
1 (29) Nick Barnett, lb, Oregon St.
3 (79) Kenny Peterson, dt, Ohio St.
Houston
1 (12) Dewayne Robertson, dt, Kentucky.
1 (41) Ronnie Johnson, lb, Michigan.
3 (67) Antwan Peck, lb, Cincinnati.
3 (75) Seth Wane, ot, Northwest Mississippi.
3 (88) Dave Ruggione, db, Louisville.
Indianapolis
1 (24) Dallas Clark, te, Iowa.
3 (58) Mike Doss, db, Ohio St.
3 (90) Donald Strickland, db, Colorado.
Jacksonville
1 (7) Byron Leftwich, qb, Marshall.
1 (39) Jonathan Mathis, db, Bethune-Cookman.
3 (72) Vincent Manuwai, g, Hawaii.
Kansas City
1 (27) Larry Johnson, rb, Penn St.
2 (47) Benji Buntley, lb, South Florida.
3 (92) Julian Battle, db, Tennessee.
Miami
2 (49) Eddie Moore, lb, Tennessee.
3 (78) Wade Smith, ot, Memphis.
3 (87) Taylor Whiteley, qb, Texas A&M.
Minnesota
1 (9) Kevin Williams, ot, Oklahoma St.
2 (40) E.J. Henderson, lb, Maryland.
3 (71) Nate Burleson, wr, Nevada.
New England
1 (13) Iy Warren, rb, Texas A&M.
2 (36) Eugene Wilson, db, Illinois.
2 (45) Benhel Harrison, wr, Texas A&M.
New Orleans
1 (6) Jonathan Sullivan, dt, Georgia.
2 (37) Jon Stinchcomb, ot, Georgia.
3 (80) Cee Grant, lb, Ohio St.
New York Jets
1 (25) William Johnson, dt, Miami.
2 (56) Osi Umuoyoro, db, Troy St.
3 (91) Vishante Shannone, te, Morgan St.
New York Jets
1 (45) Dewayne Robertson, dt, Kentucky.
2 (53) Steve Johnson, lb, Michigan.
3 (85) B.J. Askew, rb, Michigan.
Oakland
1 (31) Nnamdi Asomugha, db, California.
1 (32) Iy Johnson, dt, Colorado.
2 (63) Iy Johnson, te, Stanford.
3 (83) Sam Williams, lb, Fresno St.
3 (96) Justin Fargas, rb, Southern Cal.
Philadelphia
1 (15) Jerome McDougale, db, Miami.
2 (63) L.J. Smith, lb, Rutgers.
3 (93) Bill McMillen, wr, Virginia.
Pittsburgh
1 (16) Troy Polamalu, db, Southern Cal.
2 (59) Alonzo Jackson, db, Florida St.
St. Louis
1 (12) Jimmy Kennedy, dt, Penn St.
2 (43) Pava Tinoisema, lb, Hawaii.
3 (17) Kevin Bartis, wr, Utah St.
San Diego
1 (30) Sammy Davis, db, Texas A&M.
2 (46) Drayton Florence, db, Tuskegee.
2 (82) Terrence Kiel, db, Texas A&M.
3 (80) Courtney Vanburner, ot, Arkansas-Pine Bluff.
San Francisco
1 (26) Kwame Harris, ot, Stanford.
2 (57) Anthony Adams, dt, Penn St.
3 (89) Andrew Williams, db, Miami.
Seattle
1 (11) Marcus Trufant, db, Washington St.
2 (42) Ken Hamlin, db, Arkansas.
3 (73) Wayne Hunter, ot, Hawaii.
Tampa Bay
1 (24) Dewayne White, db, Louisville.
3 (97) Chris Simms, qb, Texas.
Tennessee
1 (28) Andre Woolfolk, db, Oklahoma.
2 (60) Tyrone Calico, wr, Middle Tennessee.
3 (83) Chris Brown, rb, Colorado.
Washington
2 (44) Taylor Jacobs, wr, Florida.
3 (81) Derrick Dockery, g, Texas.

SPORTS

# Fifty years after fathers' ascent, sons brave Everest

By Connor Ennis  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK - The words were simple, the message extraordinary.

"Dad, it's Peter. We're on the summit."  
Sir Edmund Hillary was on a satellite phone with his son, Peter Hillary, who was sitting atop Mount Everest - the tallest mountain on Earth. The summit, 29,035 feet above sea level, was first scaled by Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay 50 years ago, an achievement Peter calls "one of those amazing steps in the 20th century."

Peter, Jamling Norgay and Brent Bishop, the son of Dr. Barry Bishop, a member of the first American group to reach the top in 1963, marked the anniversary by journeying back to Everest as part of a National Geographic expedition.

The trials of the sons and the attached footage of the fathers has been combined to form a two-hour special "Surviving Everest," which premieres Sunday night at 6 p.m. (MDT) on the National Geographic Channel.

"I found it very emotional," Peter Hillary, 49, said of the anniversary climb. "It was incredibly moving stuff."

The climb, which began last May, was more than just a pleasant walk through the past. It was a harrowing trip to one of nature's most forbidding destinations, an expedition that challenged the experienced mountaineers and their Sherpa companions physically, psychologically and emotionally. All three main climbers and their expedition leader Pete Athans had been to the summit before - Athans six times, a record for a Westerner. Still, the brutal winds, blinding snow, treacherous ice and hidden crevasses proved formidable.



Jamling Tenzing Norgay climbs towards the summit of Mount Everest in Nepal last May. "Surviving Everest," a two-hour documentary through the history of those who braved the tallest mountain on Earth, airs tonight at 6 p.m. MDT, on the National Geographic Channel.

"You cannot conquer Everest. It's not possible," said Jamling Norgay, 38. "Everest will give you a chance to stand on the top for a few minutes and that's it."

Norgay, whose father died in 1986, did not reach the summit with the others, instead choosing to stay behind at base camp. He promised his family he would never climb the mountain again

after 15 people died during the 1996 climbing season, when he reached the top.

But he remained integral in the planning and execution of the climb, providing support and guidance from base camp. Stopping also gave him a chance to reflect on the significance of his father's achievement and the ripple effect it has had on the

Sherpa community.

"Climbing this mountain, for me, was more like paying homage to my late parents," Norgay said. "It was a way for me to reconnect with my father. I didn't know him that much, as well as I wanted to. I knew him well enough. I wanted to get a lot more closer."

Jamling Norgay also wanted to

highlight the sacrifices the Sherpa people, "the unsung heroes of Everest," have made through labor, hardship and death. More than 50 Sherpas have died on Everest over the years and many more have been injured, crippling their ability to earn a decent living for their family.

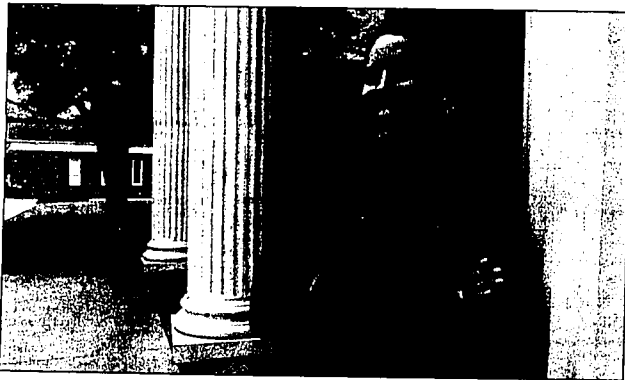
They still climb, however, often

carrying the vast majority of an expedition's supplies on their backs, trekking ahead to set up camps and receiving little to no outside recognition. The Sherpas remain drawn to Everest by the financial gain, as well as the opportunity to scale a mountain they view as holy. The latter is personified on the expedition by Dawa Sherpa, who is striving for the first time, and competing to reach the summit. Chomolungma or "Goddess Mother of the World," as Everest is known to the Sherpas, will prevent him from attaining that goal.

Several of the American climbers have more specific goals: having already set foot upon the summit, Athans and Brent Bishop, whose father died in 1994, try to reach the top by the West Ridge, a technically difficult route that both hope will be the crowning achievement of their climbing careers.

Even with all the expertise, equipment and desire that the expedition had, however, Everest remained a great challenge. Climbers were turned back because of the weather, the thin air wreaked havoc on their health, injuries took their toll and a camera crew was almost killed in an ice boulder collapse.

The mountain's challenges, the experienced and well-equipped expedition highlights, the momentous achievement of Hillary, now 83 and living in New Zealand, even further. "You learn to really appreciate what they've done," Jamling Norgay said. "They were basically pioneers of mountaineering. I respect for my father has grown tremendously." And it shows the massive power of the mountain, and nature. "It makes you really realize that we are frail little people," Peter Hillary said.



Katie Howard, a 22-year-old senior, has a lot to smile about after beating cancer as she looks to the future and playing softball again at Anderson College where she stands Thursday in Anderson, S.C.

## Tenacious college softball player returns from battle with cancer

By Pate Iacobelli  
Associated Press writer

ANDERSON, S.C. - There were times - after four cancer operations and the pain from a consuming infection - when Katie Howard thought it might be best to die.  
Then she would look at her softball cleats and smile.  
"I knew this was going to touch the dirt one day," Howard said. "We were going to play softball again."

Howard was a softball junkie in high school who went to Anderson College and spent summers on traveling teams. Always fit and strong, she paid little attention to a small, fleshy bump on her right thigh in 2001.  
Doctors weren't very concerned, either, Howard said, despite her complaints of fatigue during fall workouts. Then, on Jan. 4, 2002, a biopsy revealed a cancerous liposarcoma.  
"I didn't think she was going to make it back," Anderson softball coach Dan Jenkins said.  
Liposarcoma, a tumor that attacks soft tissue, is one of the rarest forms of sarcoma and hardest to cure. She was counseled that if doctors didn't work quickly, the cancer might spread to her lungs. Howard had surgery in February 2002.  
"We didn't get it all," she said. Howard transferred to Emory Hospital in Atlanta where sarcoma specialists decided to shrink the deep-rooted, cancerous cells

with six weeks of radiation. The 30-minute treatments charred the skin on her right leg between her pelvis and knee.  
Another operation in May 2002 removed even more tissue and muscle. This time, the surgery succeeded. She was cancer free, although she needed a drainage tube in her leg.  
But she soon became violently ill. An infection attacked the wounded area and traveled through her body. Her temperature soared to 104 and she was rushed to the emergency room. She was so dehydrated, she needed a doctor making 23 needle sticks to find a vein for the IV tube.  
The pain was intense and non-stop. Howard thought she had lost her fight. She recalled praying for two angels to help her through death.  
"I was like, 'Lord, I'm ready. This is it,'" a teary Howard said.  
She had a fourth and final operation last June. She was left with a gaping wound on her leg that would have to heal naturally from the inside out to prevent another flare-up.  
"I felt like I had been in the Civil War or something," she said.  
Howard needed months as layer after layer of skin grew back. Howard needed the wound repacked each day at the hospital. Roommates helped her dress the injury. She wore a fanny pack with a battery-powered wand vacuum to keep the injury clean.  
But soon the 22-year-old senior

thought about softball. Open wound and all, Howard returned in August and attempted a 3-mile run.  
"I'm going to do it," Howard said. "Katie, I said, 'Just one foot in front of the other, one step at a time.'"  
Howard finished and collapsed in tears.  
"From that point on, I proved I could withstand any obstacles that came into my life," she said.  
Teammates cheered as Howard took the field when Anderson opened its season Feb. 12 against Southern Wesleyan.  
"I can't put into words how I felt," she says.  
On top of that, Howard had her best season, batting .226 as Anderson (28-20) enjoyed its first winning season since joining NCAA Division II.  
Howard most likely will finish her career this weekend at the Carolinas-Virginia Athletic Conference tournament in Florence. She'll graduate next month with a marketing degree and plans to go to graduate school or possibly speak to groups about the disease that almost claimed her life.  
She's in remission, although she's been warned her cancer is stubborn, with a high rate of recurrence.  
Still, Howard plays with an ease and peace she never had before.  
"This is more than just my senior season," Howard said. "This is my comeback season."

## Breeder watches his foals rise and ebb

By Hal Bock  
Associated Press writer

Each year, on the first Saturday in May, the racing community convenes at Churchill Downs to celebrate the best 3-year-olds in the land. Getting to the Kentucky Derby is no small accomplishment. Winning it is even more complicated.

Jim Squires spent a lifetime writing, editing and putting out newspapers. When he was invited to pursue other interests, he picked a dandy: breeding racehorses.

There were 32,938 thoroughbred foals born in America in 1998 - frisky, fragile creatures equipped with a chance to be outstanding, but most more likely to be ordinary.

Squires came up with one that was extraordinary.  
The breeding business is not an exact science. Only half of the horses born that year made it to the races. Squires mated Regal Band and Maria's Mon, and became midwife to Monarchos.  
Regal Band's foal dossier was hardly imposing. Still, her grand sire was 1964 Kentucky Derby winner Northern Dancer. For \$13,000, she was worth the gamble.

Then, along came Maria's Mon, a champion 2-year-old whose career was cut short by injury and who carried a modest stud fee of \$7,500.

Together, they produced the winner of the biggest race in the land.  
There is that nick in terms of pedigree," Squires said. "I've foaled 250 horses. I knew he was pretty good. He got up real quick."  
Monarchos was a sleek gray colt who in 2001 merely ran the second fastest Kentucky Derby in history. He was timed in 1:59.45, just two-fifths of a second off Secretariat's record. His breeder was so taken by the whole experience that he wrote a book about it.  
"Horse of a Different Color" is Squires' account of how a man who once chased commas for a living wound up chasing a dream across the finish line at Churchill Downs.  
Monarchos was sold as a yearling for \$100,000 because breeders must sell their foals to stay in business. Then the colt was sold again to John and Debby Oxley for \$170,000. He won all three of his starts at Gulfstream as a 3-year-old, including the Florida



Jim Squires poses with 2001 Kentucky Derby winner Monarchos at Claiborne Farms in Paris, Ky., in this August 2002 photo. Squires spent a lifetime writing, editing and putting out newspapers. When he was invited to pursue other interests, he picked a dandy - breeding racehorses.

### 129th Kentucky Derby

When: Saturday, May 3  
On TV: 3 p.m. (NBC)

Derby and was second in the Wood Memorial at Aqueduct, a major prep for the Derby.  
Then, it was on to Churchill Downs.  
All along, Squires was watching because breeders have a lifetime affection for their foals.  
"I felt he had a chance to win the Derby," Squires said. "Out of the 20 or so that start, only four or five have a chance. The others are there for show. Monarchos convinced me at the Florida Derby that he could win."  
Assigned post position No. 16 - next to favored Point Given - Monarchos was outrun for six furlongs and stuck in the back of the field. Then, with Squires watching from the Churchill Downs roof, the 10-1 shot swept through the stretch and picked off the other 3-year-olds one by one until none was left in front of him. He won America's grandest race by 4.5 lengths.  
Monarchos not only won the Derby, he did it convincingly. The margin was the second largest in 30 years. "He had the

best day of his life on the most important day of his life," Squires said. "And he had plenty left at the end."  
The colt finished the Derby full of fire. Trainer John Ward had to restrain him in the barn area because he was bucking, squealing and playing so hard.  
But the dramatic win turned out to be Monarchos' final victory. He finished sixth in the Preakness and third in the Belmont, both races won by Point Given.  
Then came a hairline fracture in Monarchos' right knee, an injury incurred in an innocuous morning gallop, a reminder just how tenuous this business is. Just how thin the margin for error. He raced just once more after that, finishing third as the heavy favorite in an allowance race at Gulfstream.  
And then Monarchos was retired, headed off to stud with career winnings of \$1.72 million. He stands at Claiborne Farms with a live foal due of \$25,000. That's where he'll be Saturday when a new crop of 3-year-olds is shepherded into the starting gate at Churchill Downs.  
Meanwhile, Squires continues his breeding business. He still owns Regal Band and still hopes for one more special match, one more nick in the pedigree, one more Monarchos.



# TO WAR AND BACK

## A B-2 crew's journey from middle America to Iraq warfront — and back home for lunch

By Sharon Cohen  
Associated Press writer

**KNOB NOSTER, Mo.** — He woke up from a nap, fresh and ready for the momentous night ahead. Brian Gallo's wife drove him to work in their Ford Explorer, they embraced, and off he went, an American flag tucked in his bags.

Thirty miles away, Brian Bogue kissed his wife and five daughters goodbye. "Daddy's going to work," he said. "I'll be gone a couple of days." Then he headed out into the cool April night.

Both men packed for a long flight, stuffing their bags with beef jerky, sandwiches, soft drinks, sunglasses, crossword puzzles and good luck tokens — the flag from Gallo's days in the Air Force Academy and a rosary from Bogue's wife.

They were like a pair of businessmen leaving on a trip from rural Missouri. But these two Brians are Air Force captains, and their business was the war in Iraq.

It was the night after American prisoner of war Jessica Lynch was whisked out of Iraq in a daring rescue, and the two young pilots would embark on a different kind of stealth mission in their B-2 bomber, the Spirit of Missouri.

"Around 11 p.m., as much of America was in bed, they would climb into the \$2 billion bat-winged plane that can evade radar, slap each other high fives, and lift off into the night.

They would see twinkling lights in countless towns from Kansas City all the way to Boston before the glow surrendered to the inky blackness of the Atlantic.

They would cross nine time zones and travel 7,000 miles with a lethal package: 32,000 pounds of "smart" bombs to be dropped on targets in Iraq.

More than 40,000 U.S. missions were flown during the war with Iraq, but Gallo and Bogue were among only a few dozen pilots who would see the sun rise, set and rise again, all from a cockpit six miles in the sky.

They would fly from the heart of America to the heart of Iraq, drop their bombs, turn around and head home, never touching the ground until it was wheels down on the runway where they started, at Whiteman Air Force Base.

It would be a 37-hour nonstop.

### Destination Iraq

It was the 13th night of the war and Saddam Hussein's regime was about to collapse.

U.S. troops had seized bridges across the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, advancing by within 25 miles of Baghdad.

The night before their mission, Gallo, 30, and Bogue, 32, huddled in a simulator at the base, scoping out possible targets — surface-to-air missiles and anti-aircraft radar.

More than enemy fire was on the minds.

They would have to rendezvous with air tankers at 25,000 feet, moving at 300 miles an hour, sometimes in clouds or darkness. Not once, but five times — a task that requires the split-second precision of trapeze artists.

The plane had taken off with 130,000 pounds of fuel. They would need an additional 400,000 pounds for their journey.

This was the third war for the



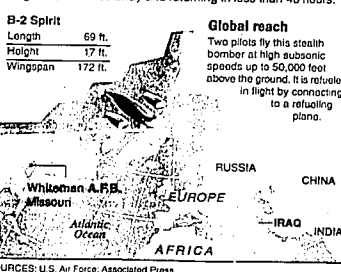
A B-2 bomber, viewed from the refueling window of a KC-135 over the Indian Ocean, closes on the tanker during a bombing mission over Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in this March 27 photo.



U.S. Air Force Capt. Brian Bogue, left, and Capt. Brian Gallo, both from the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base, stand in front of a B-2 bomber April 27 in Knob Noster, Mo. During the war in Iraq the two flew combat missions in a B-2 stealth bomber from this base in the heartland of America over Iraq and back in 37 hours.

### To bomb and back again

During the war, B-2 bomber pilots flew missions into Iraq, hitting targets 7,000 miles away and returning in less than 48 hours.



picked up in pilot training. Bogue — nicknamed "Mugsy" after Mugsy Bogues, the diminutive former basketball player (the pilot is 5-foot-8) — is soft-spoken, a hunter and a devoted father.

Before the war began, he had written two letters to be given to his family in case he didn't return. He told his daughters he wanted them to be successful. His message to his wife, Hollie: "You're the greatest thing to ever happen to me."

On this night, Bogue was the mission commander, responsible for dropping the bombs. Gallo was responsible for the flying.

They carried a 2-inch-thick spiral binder with their flight plan, their route and their mission — they were scheduled to hit four "soft targets" in northern Iraq.

That could be anything from buildings, troops and vehicles — as opposed to bunkers and armored tanks.

The inside of the B-2 is no bigger than a van, so the pilots packed tightly, bringing sandwiches, soft drinks, gummy bears, nasal spray, eye drops, wet cloths and a pillow.

And they brought along crossword puzzles for distraction.

It was no use trying to sleep en route to Iraq. "Your adrenaline's pumping," Gallo explains. "You're wound up."

As they got closer to Iraq, the pilots donned desert-colored flight suits and boots, then 30-pound survival vests that held a radio, signaling devices and a 9 mm handgun with a spare clip.

Since they had taken off, the winds of war had shifted and new orders were dispatched: Two of their targets had been scrubbed because there was a danger of hitting U.S. troops.

Night had fallen again when the B-2 cruised into Iraq.

### In the thick of things

On the ground, U.S. troops were attacking Saddam International Airport and fighting Iraqi troops along a six-mile stretch of road.

From 40,000 feet in the air, Baghdad, without power now, was "like a black hole," Gallo said.

For both pilots, it seemed strange being in the middle of a war zone, knowing they would be heading home immediately after.

"I had taken off from the middle of Missouri and now I'm in

the middle of a country in the Midwest," Bogue says.

Though the skies were black, the air was abuzz with dozens of planes with their lights off.

"The radio was nuts," Bogue says. "It was constant jabber."

Within a half-hour of arriving in Iraq, Bogue and Gallo dropped the first three bombs on a command-and-control facility. The pilots wouldn't say more.

They hit a runway with four more bombs.

Just one minute had elapsed.

Dropping a bomb is nothing like ground combat, but the pilots think about what is happening below.

"All of us go into this business knowing what you get paid to do and coming out with grips with that," Gallo says. "You kind of rationalize it ... you're bringing the war to an end sooner."

Bogue says he tries to think of targets as "American people."

"I believe in what I'm doing," he says. "This is my job, this is what I'm trained to do."

The pilots also were eager to use their "degree of rationality."

"You fly 37 hours to drop 16 weapons," Gallo says. "You don't want to bring any home."

Bogue radioed in and typed the same message over and over.

"Do you have anything more for us?"

The response came from the ground controller.

"The Army's moving so fast, we can't keep track of where the frontlines are."

As the Spirit of Missouri headed homeward, the pilots were frustrated to have dropped all the bombs.

"I wished I could have helped a little more," Bogue says.

— U.S. Air Force Captain Brian Gallo

It was kind of surreal. Just a day ago I was involved in this, and now I'm on the La-Z-Boy watching TV.

Back home safe and sound

After more than 33 hours, the pilots crossed the U.S. coastline, passing the Statue of Liberty and the spot where the World Trade Center had stood.

"Welcome home, boys," came the voice of a New York traffic controller. "Get plenty of rest."

Gallo had slept 3.5 hours on the way back; Bogue, 5.5 hours.

Their slate gray plane landed at Whiteman around lunch.

After debriefings, Gallo went home, called his parents to tell them he was fine and later watched the war news with his wife, Clara.

"It was kind of surreal," he says. "Just a day ago I was involved in this and now I'm on the La-Z-Boy watching TV."

Bogue was picked up by his wife and three of their daughters, his 4-year-old, Sydney, noticed he was in his tan desert flight suit — not the green one he wore when he left.

"Have you been to the war?" she asked.

"Yes," he said, "but I'm home now."

# Experts: U.S. is the most dominant air power in aviation history

Knight Ridder News Service

**RIYADH, Saudi Arabia** — Honed by five conflicts over the past 12 years, U.S. aviators now constitute what military leaders describe as one of the most combat-ready forces in the history of aviation.

"This is undoubtedly the best-trained, most-experienced force since World War II," said Dr. Herman Wolk, a senior historian for the Air Force. "And I think it shows."

The United States enhanced its reputation as the world's dominant air power in the latest war with Iraq, displaying high-tech aircraft, precision-guided weaponry and pilots with lengthy combat resumes.

"This is the most combat-experienced group of people that the Air Force has ever fielded," said Air Force Lt. Gen. T. Michael Moseley of Grand Prairie, Texas,

"This is undoubtedly the best-trained, most-experienced force since World War II."

— Dr. Herman Wolk, senior historian

who commands the air campaign. The Navy and Marines can justifiably make the same claim, he said.

Moseley and others credit the combination of experience and advanced technology for the air war's success.

Air Force, Navy and Marine

aviators have flown more than 300,000 combat missions in the two Iraq wars, the U.S.-led NATO bombing of Yugoslavia in 1999 and the continuing anti-terrorist campaign in Afghanistan. U.S. fliers also participated in an 11-day NATO assault on Bosnia in 1995.

Moreover, active duty and reserve pilots flew 383,000 missions enforcing two no-fly zones over Iraq, often encountering ground fire, missiles and occasional Iraqi aircraft. The U.S. imposed no-fly zones extended from the early 1990s until the start of the current war.

Lt. Col. Dan Hampton of Dallas, nicknamed "Two Dog," flew 38 missions during the first Persian Gulf War, attacking missile- and ground-artillery sites. Over the next decade, he was sent to Saudi Arabia 12 times to patrol no-fly zones over southern Iraq.

When he climbed into his F-16 at the outset of the recent war, Hampton had already amassed 600 combat hours as well as a multitude of lessons from responding to close calls.

"When you've been shot at once or twice, it takes a lot of the mystique out of it," said Hampton, a member of the 77th Fighter Squadron from Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. "You pretty well know in the next conflict how you'll react."

Capt. Joseph "Screech" Sinelli, a 15-year Marine veteran who flies AV-8 Harrier jets off the deck of the USS Bataan, a Navy assault ship, said that "every hour is important" in building combat reflexes. He has flown more than 170 hours over Afghanistan and Iraq.

Although thousands of U.S. fliers became battle-hardened combatants in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, military

leaders and historians say that American aircrews were never more prepared than they were going into the current war.

Just days after the war started, aircraft from the United States, Great Britain and Australia had demolished Iraq's command and communications structure and decimated the Republican Guard.

The air campaign also marked the maturity of precision-guided weapons, unmanned aerial vehicles and high-tech cockpits with the ability to instantaneously lock on targets and synthesize intelligence beamed from the ground or in some cases from other aircraft.

More than 1,800 aircraft from 30 bases and five aircraft carriers participated in the assault, flying more than 42,000 missions by early last week.

Although the campaign has passed the one-month mark, the

air assault wound down nearly two weeks ago. Allied aircraft still provide close air support when ground forces request it, but the number of missions has dropped from a peak of 1,800 a day to about 750. Many pilots and aircraft have returned home.

The cumulative experience of the past 12 years instills America's air forces with an unparalleled degree of readiness for whatever comes next. But some military analysts caution that post-war eras in defense spending could erode those gains by cutting back training and related programs.

"Experience is like cutting flowers," said Harlan K. Ullman, a senior associate at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and a former combat pilot who helped author the Pentagon's "shock and awe" doctrine. "It's very perishable."





## JEAN FREYMLER



**Employer:**

A Child's World in Burley

**Job description:**

Store manager for a staff of five.

**Health Insurance**

- Employees pay no health premium. The company pays the full premium, "which is really nice," Freymiller said. That's a benefit she hasn't always had at other jobs.
- Employees pay a 30 percent co-payment. Insurance pays the remaining 70 percent.
- Employees choose from a list of doctors, but there are plenty of local options, Freymiller said.
- Prescription card is available.

**Eligibility for benefits**

- Benefits start at date of hire.

**Retirement**

- Freymiller has a simple IRA, rather than a 401(k). Employees can choose a simple or regular IRA. The employee pays money into the account; the employer contributes some money also.

**Time off**

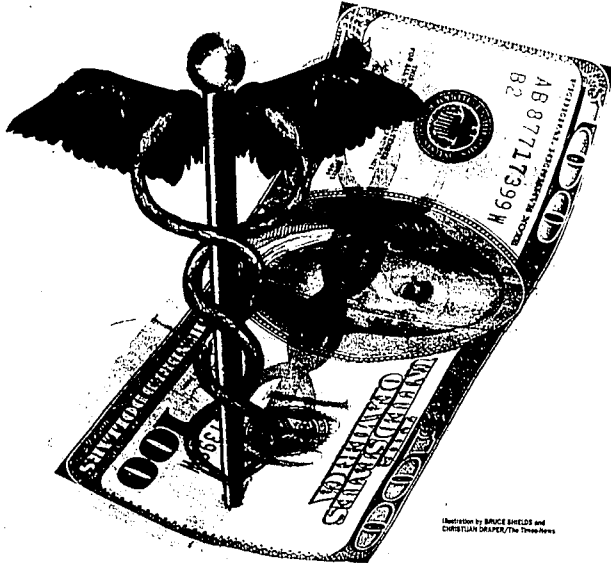
- Employees who work longer than a year get paid sick time and vacation, but no employee has been at the new store that long yet.

**Miscellaneous benefits**

- Education. Opportunities for learning about the business - including customer service, employee and customer relations and product knowledge - abound. The store holds public training and seminars; employees attend those, as well as shows and conventions.
- Flexible scheduling. The company considers employees' personal schedules when setting work hours.
- "We just all work around each other," Freymiller said.
- Employee discount on items from the store. Freymiller declined to say how much.

-Shari Chaney

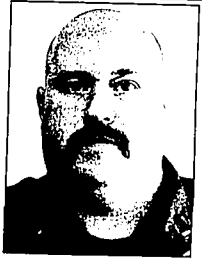
# Precious perks



## Inside ...

These pages profile the benefits packages of 20 Magic Valley employers, both public agencies and private businesses. They include tiny local companies and an international firm. Also, one of the valley's smallest school districts, and the federal government.

## DOUG HUGHES



**Employer:**

Twin Falls County, in Twin Falls

**Job description:**

Assistant jail administrator.

**Health Insurance**

- The county pays the individual \$212.30 monthly premium for employees.
- The health insurance plan has a \$1,500 deductible, but the county reimburses the employee 80 percent on everything over \$200.
- The maximum out-of-pocket expense is \$2,000.

**Health coverage for family**

- Premium is \$273.70 per month to add spouse to plan, at employee's expense.
- To add child, \$124.90.
- To add family, \$383.40

**Dental and vision**

- The monthly dental premium for the employee is \$23.80; for self and spouse, \$47.60; for self and children, \$47.60; or for self and family, \$71.35.
- Dental deductible is \$25.
- For in-network dental care, preventative care is paid at 100 percent; basic at 80 percent; and major at 50 percent. Annual out-of-pocket maximum is \$1,200.
- Monthly vision premium is \$6.88; for self and spouse, \$16.06; for self and children, \$16.06; or for self and family, \$16.06.
- The vision plan pays up to \$55 a year for vision examinations; \$55 a year for frames; \$35 to \$70 a year for lenses depending on type of lenses; and \$90 a year for contact lenses.

**Eligibility for benefits**

- Employees are eligible two months after hiring.

**Life Insurance**

- Payment for a full-time employee is equal to his or her annual salary, rounded to the next highest \$1,000, in basic term life insurance.
- Families of sheriff's deputies killed in the line of duty receive a \$50,000 state benefit and a \$150,000 federal benefit in addition to county life insurance.

**Retirement**

- The employee is required to contribute 5 percent of wages to a retirement plan, and the county matches that 5 percent.
- Employees are fully vested after three years.

**Time off**

- Ten paid holidays per year.
- Ten paid sick days per year.
- Two personal days per year.
- During the first year, employees accrue 10 days of vacation time; employees with five to 10 years, 12 days; and employees with more than 15 years, 18 days.

**Miscellaneous benefits**

- Sheriff, captain and command staff can use patrol cars during off hours.
- Employee assistance program.

-Sandy Miller

## DONNELLEY SPORTS

**Employer:**

Donnelley Sports

**Number of employees:**

25 at two stores in Twin Falls and Burley.

**Health Insurance**

- Donnelley partner Scot McNeley said he has found that health insurance is a necessary tool to find and hold on to quality employees.
- Donnelley pays the premium costs and a portion of the employee deductibles. Monthly premiums run between \$90 and \$197 depending on employee age.
- To continue to offer a health plan, the business has been forced to

change the plan almost annually to keep it affordable. Donnelley now offers a plan that covers 70 percent of health care costs, and employees pay 30 percent after a \$1,000 deductible is met. Employees contribute under \$500 to the deductible, then Donnelley picks up the rest. "It's something we've had to move to because of the rising cost of premiums," McNeley said.

- Maximum out-of-pocket expense is \$2,000.

**Health coverage for family**

- Employees can choose to add family members to the plan; employees pay that cost.

**Eligibility for benefits**

- Employees are eligible for

health care benefits one year after employment.

**Retirement**

- Donnelley employees can contribute up to 6 percent of their annual salaries to individual retirement accounts. Donnelley will match up to 3 percent.

**Time off**

- Most employees receive a week of paid vacation a year.
- Donnelley is flexible with paid sick leave.

**Miscellaneous benefits**

- Discounts on merchandise.

-Jennifer Sandmann

### Who benefits how?

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## LORRIE DUNAHOO

**Employer:**

The Amalgamated Sugar Co. LLC in Paul

**Job description:**

Senior payroll clerk and accounts payable staffer.

**Health insurance**

- Employees pay no health premium.
- Deductible is \$175 per year. After that the individual pays 20 percent of expenses with a \$2,000 out-of-pocket maximum.
- Lifetime payment cap is \$1 million per employee.
- Blue Cross of Idaho administers the company-funded medical plan. If the doctor does not participate in Blue Cross, it's possible for payment to be denied.
- But Dunahoo said she's never heard of an employee having trouble getting approval to pay for a doctor. "We have a lot of choices of doctors and they're all really willing to work with you."
- Dunahoo's husband is self-



employed, so 24 years ago she jumped at the chance to work at the sugar factory - mostly because of the benefit package. "Our third son was born prematurely and had to spend 10 days in the Twin Falls hospital. If we hadn't had insurance we'd probably still be paying off that bill," Dunahoo said.

**Health coverage for family**

- Employees pay no premium to include spouses and children on the health plan.
- Dunahoo's plan covers her husband. Their three sons, now grown, were on the plan when they lived at home.
- Her husband has undergone a couple of surgeries and faces another round of back surgery soon.
- "Having insurance has really helped us," Dunahoo said.

**Dental and vision**

- The company pays 100 percent of premium for dental coverage.
- Cost for treatment is split. The company pays 70 percent for preventive service. Anything "major" is split 50-50, said Paul Lemieux, manager of employee relations.
- There's no vision coverage except eye surgery, covered as part of the health plan.

**Eligibility for benefits**

- Employees are eligible for all

benefits after working one year.

- Lemieux cautions that these are current benefit levels, which could change. The package for hourly employees, described here, differs from that offered salaried workers, he said.

**Life insurance**

- Life insurance payment is about double an employee's annual salary.
- Payment is twice as large in the event of accidental death or dismemberment.

**401(k)**

- Amalgamated pays a 10 percent match on the first 6 percent of total wages which an employee contributes.
- Full vesting in Amalgamated's portion of contributions is after five years.

**Pension**

- Amalgamated offers a defined benefit pension plan. It's a calculation based on the number of years an employee has

been in the plan, multiplied by the employee's final average salary.

- Employees must contribute to participate - 1 percent of their monthly base earnings in excess of \$300. For instance, a person earning \$2,000 a month would pay \$17 a month.

**Time off**

- Ten paid holidays per year.
- One week's vacation after one year of employment; two weeks' after two years; three weeks' after eight years; four weeks' after 15 years; and five weeks' after 20 years.
- The 15 paid sick days a year can be accrued from year to year and used during major illness. Can't be used for personal leave.
- A car accident in 1991 broke Dunahoo's sternum in two places. She was off work for three months and used all the sick leave she had accrued.
- "I was allowed to take time off without pay. That's a great option," she said. "I had to pay part of my insurance premium

while I wasn't working, but that was OK."

**Miscellaneous benefits**

- Educational assistance, as well as regular job-related training.
- "As long as the schooling is related to your position, the company helps pay the costs for such classes," Lemieux said.
- Dunahoo took computer classes after Amalgamated changed to computers "and the company paid for most of that. They'll do that as long as you get a passing grade. I know a lot of the guys who have taken welding or electric classes and been reimbursed by the company. In the end it helps the company too," she said.
- Employee assistance program.
- "It deals with anything like counseling that people need, at no cost to the employee," Lemieux said. Employees or family members may use eight sessions per occurrence.

-Shelley Ridmour

# Notes on the economy

## Magic Valley report

### Business Initiative

**B**usiness Plus III is a six-county business initiative that by 2010 aims to raise \$1.44 million to invest in Magic Valley's economic health over five years.

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

The campaign provides a weekly update of its fundraising. The status Friday:

Number of Investors: 54  
Total raised to date: \$1,318,250  
Potential Investors may call 736-1085.

Source: Rebecca Wildman of Business Plus III

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Qwest deregulation hearing delayed

**TWIN FALLS** - Hearings regarding Qwest's petition to the Public Utilities Commission in Twin Falls and six other areas in southern Idaho were postponed by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

Commission staff and Qwest both agreed to new hearing dates of June 3 and 5.

Qwest wants to regulate pricing of its local exchange services in the seven areas. If the commission approves, Qwest would be free to increase or decrease basic local exchange rates with basic commission involvement.

About two-thirds of Qwest's total residential and business lines throughout southern Idaho would be affected.

They include all residential lines and business lines for those areas, with five or fewer lines in urban areas including and surrounding Boise, Meridian, Nampa, Caldwell, Twin Falls, Idaho Falls and Pocatello.

The Idaho Telecommunications Commission will present the commission shall cease regulating basic local exchange rates when the incumbent telephone corporation - in this case, Qwest - can show that effective competition exists for local calling.

Qwest maintains that a number of cellular telephone providers in those areas offer competitively priced services.

The commission will continue to receive written comments from the public through the hearing dates.

Comments can be emailed from the commission's Web site at [www.puc.state.id.us](http://www.puc.state.id.us).

Click on "Comments and Questions" and provide the Code No. QWE-7-02-25.

Comments can also be mailed to P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID, 83720-0074 or faxed to 334-3762.

### Shilo Inns announces recovery of 27 properties

**TWIN FALLS** - Shilo Inns, with headquarters in Portland, Ore., and more than 43 locations throughout the West, announced that the 27 Shilo Inns that sought voluntary Chapter 11 reorganization protection in March 2002 successfully emerged from bankruptcy March 31, 2003.

The hotels sought protection as a result of the adverse effect of the hospitality industry and sluggish economy since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the company said.

The plan of reorganization will pay all creditors 100 percent of principal balances, Shilo said.

In a statement Shilo said its founder, Mark S. Hemstreet, along with his attorneys and executive management team, "worked day and night to reach a deal with creditors to reach a quick, consensual plan of reorganization" that Hemstreet describes as "bold, unique, fair and beneficial to unsecured creditors as well as to the secured creditors."

The plan achieves Shilo's initial intent to pay all creditors, the company said. It also permits Shilo flexibility to deal with the challenging hospitality market and the current soft economy.

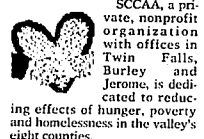
### Flower House opens in Buhi, retails flowers, plants, etc.

**BUHI** - The Flower House, owned and operated by Tony and Bonita Regehr, opened April 18 at 151 E. 3700 N. in Buhi.

The Flower House features many kinds of flowers and plants and some vegetables, along with baskets, pots and planters. The Regehers offer custom planning and potting - just using your pots, planters or baskets. They also will deliver merchandise locally.

To find The Flower House, from Buhi go four miles south on

### Wells Fargo Foundation recently contributed \$2,500 to South Central Community Action Agency to support its affordable housing program in Magic Valley.



SCCAA, a private, nonprofit organization with offices in Twin Falls, Burley and Jerome, is dedicated to reducing effects of hunger, poverty and homelessness in the valley's eight counties.

Currently focusing on homeless families with children, SCCAA has nine transitional housing units where families can stay for up to 24 months. The homes are in Twin Falls, Jerome, Cassia and Minidoka counties. Rent is based on families' incomes.

The transitional housing allows time to help the previous homeless families stabilize their lives, keep their children in school, find permanent hous-

ing and become self-sufficient. During the past 12 months, the program provided more than 6,500 bed nights for homeless families.

SCCAA also plans to have a transitional duplex operational in Twin Falls in 2003.

For the second year in a row, Albertsons will distribute information about the State Children's Health Insurance Program and Medicaid coverage, including emblazoning more than 160 million grocery bags with the national toll-free (877) KIDS-NOW hot line number.

Families can call that number to learn more about programs in their state. More than 2,200 Albertsons stores in 28 states will participate by providing important health-care coverage information.

The effort builds on the partnership Albertsons launched in March 2002 with "Covering Kids," a national program of

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Albertsons participated in the "Cover the Uninsured Week" national effort to establish the issue of the uninsured as a top priority and to encourage the nation to seek solutions for the more than 41 million Americans who have no health insurance, the grocery chain said.

Through the recommendations of the Idaho Power Energy Efficiency Advisory Group, Idaho Power Co. was able to disperse 2,000 compact fluorescent lamps throughout its service territory to low-income residents. The South Central Community Action Agency in Twin Falls and groups elsewhere in the state received the bulbs to distribute to their clients.

The smaller versions of standard fluorescent lamps consume little energy and have a bright light and color rendition that is comparable to incandescent lights. Unlike standard fluorescent lamps, they can directly



Jim Mason, of Idaho Power Co., presents a donation to Ken Robinette, South Central Community Action Agency executive director, right, and Randy Wright, weatherization production supervisor, left.

replace standard incandescent bulbs. Compact fluorescents last longer, use less energy and produce less heat than incandescent bulbs, while producing more light per watt.

South Central Community Action Agency will distribute the bulbs to income-eligible families who receive assistance from its Low-Income Weatherization Program.

## CAREER MOVES

### Michael Brent Armstrong

**TWIN FALLS** - Jensen Jewelers announced the graduation of Michael Brent Armstrong of Jensen Jewelers in the Magic Valley Mall from Master Jewelry Salesman program.

Armstrong completed the eight-week course and received certification. The course involves training in fulfilling customer needs in diamonds, genuine stones, watches and jewelry making and repair.

### Michelle Montgomery

**TWIN FALLS** - Michelle Montgomery joined Zen Fitness and will teach Kundalini yoga.

Montgomery is a Twin Falls native. She has practiced yoga for several years and has undergone more than 100 hours of formal training. She has completed one level of yoga certification and will complete her yoga safety certification from nationally known company SAFAX in May. Also, she is training under Zen Fitness' master trainer of yoga and Pilates, Kaylan Viaplano.

### Kundalini yoga combines Eastern traditional yoga postures, breathing and meditation to help relieve stress and find inner calm.

The other yoga classes at Zen Fitness tend to be more physical with more of a Western flavor - meaning that there is more focus on improving flexibility, balance and endurance - and are derivatives of Ashtanga and Inyengar Hatha yoga.

### Max Excell

**SHOSHONE** - Idaho Music Educator's Association recognized Shoshone schools Superintendent Max Excell as Administrator of the Year.



Max Excell

He received the award at the Annual Combined Band Concert held April 11 in Shoshone. As superintendent, Excell has encouraged and promoted a friendly environment, the association said. Excell sup-

### Barbara Ward

**BURLEY** - Barbara Ward, media specialist at Burley Junior High School, was January Employee of the Month for Cassia School District.

Ward prepares the school's newsletter, teaches a photography class and takes videos of school events.

Ward earned her bachelor's degree from DePaul University in Greencastle, Ind. After three years with the Peace Corps in West Africa, she received her master's and specialist degrees from Indiana University in Bloomington. Moving to Idaho in 1975, she first worked with migrant education in Mini-Cassia before going to work for Burley Junior High in 1989.



Barbara Ward

### Recently three Internet databases were added to the library from which students can research thousands of articles published over the past 20 years in hundreds of magazines and newspapers.

She obtained a \$3,000 grant from the Idaho Community Foundation, part of the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation, which is being used to provide encyclopedias in Spanish, and bilingual books and Accelerated Reader tests. A \$1,000 grant from Wal-Mart will be used to purchase more books and computer software.

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## Idaho meeting will draw 300 tourism professionals

**COEUR D'ALENE** - More than 300 tourism industry professionals are expected to attend the 2003 Idaho Governor's Conference on Recreation and Tourism, April 30 through May 2, at the Courtyard by Marriott d'Alene.

Novaty of Master Connection Associates will deliver the keynote address, "Ignite the Passion of Excellence" at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday. Novaty has served or restored Idaho by the notable generating International American Society of Training and Development as one of the most powerful, innovative speakers in the industry, the Idaho Department of Commerce said.

Thursday morning, Roger Brooks will offer tips for reviving businesses and communities during his keynote presentation: "25 Invaluable Rules of Successful Tourism."

Conference workshops will address topics such as Internet marketing, capturing the family market, generating international visitation and leveraging positive public relations.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne will present the Take Pride in Idaho Awards Thursday evening at Silverwood Theme Park. The awards recognize Idahoans for their efforts to promote, protect and enhance Idaho's tourism and recreation resources.

Friday morning, John Marks, national chairman of the Travel Industry Association of America, will share the latest forecasts for domestic and international travel. Marks will also give participants an update on legislation creating a public-private partnership to promote the United States as a premier travel destination.

The conference concludes with Friday's luncheon and a drawing to select a grand prize winner from among more than 700 people who have completed the Idaho Corps of Discovery Passport Program.

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### Investment rep will talk on mutual fund basics

**JEROME** Gretchen W. Clelland, the Edward Jones investment representative in Jerome, will host a free seminar titled "Mutual Fund Basics" at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Edward Jones office, 2716 S. Lincoln Suite B. The seminar will identify different mutual funds, explore their advantages and explain their varied commission structures.

### Medical assistants will meet May 6 in Twin Falls

**TWIN FALLS** - The Magic Valley Medical Assistants will meet at 6 p.m. May 6 at Idaho Medical Associates, 630 Addison Ave. W., Suite 110.

Dr. Lucie DiMaggio will speak on women's health. Ongoing continuing education unit from the American Association of Medical Assistants is available. For information, call Shanda at 734-4555.

### Family Digest magazine picks Washington Mutual for honor

**TWIN FALLS** - Washington Mutual said it was selected as one of Family Digest magazine's "Best Companies for African Americans."

Family Digest looked at three key areas in compiling its list: recruitment of African Americans, advancement of African Americans managers and work-life balance. At Washington Mutual, African Americans make up 5.2 percent of the total employee base. In the past five years, the company has added more than 4,500 African American employees, more than 1,100 African American managers and more than 100 African American division heads to its ranks.

Washington Mutual said its family-friendly employee benefits include flexible scheduling, telecommuting options, as well as traditional benefits such as profit sharing, retirement and insurance plans.

## MILESTONES

**Fair Street, turn east and it's the first place on the right. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The Realtors can be reached at 543-5904, 308-7411 or 308-7440.**

### Aviation company lauds Sun Valley Aviation of Halley

**HAILEY** - Sun Valley Aviation of Halley was named one of the best general aviation facilities in the ExonMobil Aviation-branded network of fixed-base operators that includes 750 sites around the world.

The company landed the honor based on its customer service as rated through ExonMobil Aviation's PremierSpirit program.

In its 14th year, the program asks customers to rate the operators in four areas: customer service, image, quality control and business performance. Based on that feedback, award winners are chosen. Winners represent the top 20 percent of ExonMobil Aviation-branded fixed-base operators who participated in PremierSpirit. Pilots and schedulers returned almost 25,000 surveys nationwide in 2002.

Sun Valley Aviation serves local and cross-country professional pilots who stop at the facility for refueling, catering and other needs.

### Consumers Digest hands spa company 'Best Buy' award

**TWIN FALLS** - The Vanguard Hot Spring Spa recently received a "Best Buy" award from Consumers Digest, according to hot tub retailer Snake River Pool & Spa Inc. in Twin Falls.

An exclusive feature of the Vanguard spa noted by Consumers Digest is SpAudio, an integrated music system designed for the spa environment. The spa's built-in speaker, so audio vibrations are felt as well as heard. Sound waves travel through the water.

\*SpAudio takes the spa relax-

ation experience to a new level," said Jim Paxton, owner of Snake River Pool and Spa. Music combines with soothing hydromassage.

The Vanguard spa also offers the exclusive Luminescence LED light system. The energy-efficient system provides an array of colors to set a visual mood. Various brightness, timing and sequence patterns are adjustable in six color choices - white, blue, aqua, green, amber and red.

Since 1986, Consumers Digest has rated spas five times. Each time a spa from the maker of Hot Spring Spas has received a Best Buy award. No other spa manufacturer can make that claim, according to Paxton.

### T.F. Care Center will become part of nursing home group

**TWIN FALLS** - Twin Falls Care Center was recently selected for membership in the Idaho Collaborating Nursing Home Group as part of the national Nursing Home Quality Initiative. Sponsored by the Federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the initiative is a major new effort to ensure that nursing home residents receive quality care.

Fifteen of Idaho's 81 Idaho nursing facilities are members of the Collaborating Nursing Home Group, which will help lead quality improvement efforts in the state. During the next two years, the group will participate in educational activities, conduct targeted intervention to improve care, and share improvement information with other Idaho nursing homes.

The national initiative focuses on 10 quality measures which are indicators of a nursing home's overall quality of care. Based on available information about needs in Idaho, the Collaborating

Nursing Home Group will emphasize work to reduce pain among residents, development of pressure sores and use of physical restraints.

Qualis Health is the independent organization coordinating the initiative in Idaho.

### Landscapeers open new business in Twin Falls

**TWIN FALLS** - Cascade Landscape Group Inc., which opened in April, is a new business owned by Bill Merritt, Erik Williams and Ryan Carpenter.

They have a combined 30 years of experience in the landscape field. Merritt and Carpenter are both certified arborists.

Cascade Landscape offers landscape design and installation, sprinkler systems, concrete mowstrips, brick paver and retaining wall installation, pruning and all other aspects of landscaping. It can be reached at 280-0802 or 732-8299.

### Family Digest magazine picks Washington Mutual for honor

**TWIN FALLS** - Washington Mutual said it was selected as one of Family Digest magazine's "Best Companies for African Americans."

Family Digest looked at three key areas in compiling its list: recruitment of African Americans, advancement of African Americans managers and work-life balance. At Washington Mutual, African Americans make up 5.2 percent of the total employee base. In the past five years, the company has added more than 4,500 African American employees, more than 1,100 African American managers and more than 100 African American division heads to its ranks.

Washington Mutual said its family-friendly employee benefits include flexible scheduling, telecommuting options, as well as traditional benefits such as profit sharing, retirement and insurance plans.

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## ROBERT RIGGLES

**Employer:**  
Filer Police Department (city of Filer)

**Job description:**  
Patrol officer.

**Health insurance**  
• Employees pay no premium.  
• Deductible is \$200 for an individual.  
• Policy pays 80 percent after deductible is met.  
• \$1,000 cap on out-of-pocket expenses.  
• Employees do not have choice of doctors.

**Health coverage for family**  
• Also, zero-premium family coverage.  
• Family deductible is \$400.  
• No limit on dependents.

### Dental and vision

• Zero-premium dental coverage.  
• Preventive dental services are paid in full. Calendar-year limit on all types of service is \$1,000. Care above basic preventative services has a \$25 deductible per visit.  
• After employee or family satis-



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fies deductible, employer pays 80 percent of the maximum allowance for basic work and 50 percent of the maximum allowance for major medical services or orthodontic services. Lifetime cap for orthodontic services is \$1,000 per person.  
• No vision coverage.

### Eligibility for benefits

• Employees are eligible for benefits after six months.

### Life insurance

• A plan is available at the employee's choice and expense. Premium is \$16 per month. Level of coverage depends on age - anywhere from \$25,000 to \$75,000. It decreases as age increases.

### Disability

• For major medical the city pays 80 percent after a \$200 deductible has been met - up to \$70 per individual or \$1,500 per family. Then Blue Cross kicks in.  
• A disability plan is available at the employee's choice and expense. There currently are no city employees enrolled, and details were unavailable.

### Retirement

• There is a "choice plan" through the city's retirement plan that is similar to a 401(k), except the city pays both the employees' and employer's share.  
• After five years, employees are fully vested for Public Employees Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI).

### Time off

• Flexible paid holidays each year.  
• Vacation - after one year, 40 hours; after two years, 80 hours; after 10 years, 120 hours; after 20 years, 160 hours.  
• Sick leave is accrued after six months' probation at the rate of eight hours per month.

### Miscellaneous benefits

• Flexible scheduling.  
• Reimbursement for approved job-related schooling.  
• Availability of city-owned health equipment.

### Effect of benefits

• Riggles said his benefits have prompted him to keep working for Filer.  
"I turned down good jobs elsewhere because of the benefits here."  
• Riggles and his wife run their home on only his income. They have one toddler and another baby on the way. The city's perks make it possible, he said.  
"I couldn't do it without these benefits."

-Mark Heinz

## Advocate seeks to pass legislation on paid vacation

By Carol Kleiman  
Knight Ridder News Service

**CHICAGO** - "Vacation deficit disorder." "The stranglehold of overwork." "The incredible shrinking vacation."

"Vacation starvation."  
That's how Joe Robinson of Santa Monica, Calif., describes what's happening to paid time off for U.S. workers.  
Robinson, who founded the Work to Live campaign in 2000, is spearheading a national effort to get legislation enacted that mandates three weeks of paid vacation for all full-time employees. A freelance journalist and documentary filmmaker, he's the author of "Work to Live: The Guide to Getting a Life" (Penguin, \$14.95).

"The U.S. is the only industrialized country in the world without paid vacation laws on the books," said Robinson, who has lobbied in Washington for his proposal and is devising a national survey to measure public support.  
"Vacation time is completely

up to the employer, yet there are real benefits to vacations. They allow you to rejuvenate yourself, recover your health and diminish stress. You come back refreshed and with higher productivity."

In addition to U.S. workers not having a legal right to any vacation at all, "we also have the shortest vacations in the world - and they're getting even shorter," Robinson pointed out.  
"According to the International Labor Organization, Americans are working eight to 12 more weeks a year in total hours than workers in European countries. Labor Organization, Americans have legally mandated vacations of at least four weeks."

Denmark just added two days more to its five weeks of vacation, and Japanese workers get two paid weeks by law," said Robinson.  
During the 10 years he worked as an employee, Robinson usually got two weeks of paid vacation, but he also negotiated to take a third week, unpaid. The vacation advocate, who previously edited an adventure travel magazine, now tries to take four weeks a year.

## CURTIS CANNELL

**Employer:**  
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls

**Job description:**  
Safety officer.

**Health insurance**  
• Individual premium for a full-time employee is \$64.09 per month.  
• Cannell pays \$138 per month for health insurance for himself, his wife and two children, and has a \$1,500 deductible.  
• Employees have a choice between \$350, \$800 or \$1,500 deductible plans, as well as a PPO plan. The deductible plans pay 80 percent of office visits, hospital and hospital visits, surgical services, second and third surgical opinions, inpatient and outpatient services and inpatient rehabilitation.  
• Maximum annual out-of-pocket expense is \$1,500 for the individual.  
• In the PPO network, co-payment is \$20.

Cannell said benefits were a factor in accepting the job four years ago.  
"I had just graduated from graduate school and I needed benefits for myself and my family," Cannell said. "I am definitely happy with my benefits."

**Health coverage for family**  
• Premium is \$118.85 for self plus spouse on the middle deductible plan.  
• Self plus child, \$108 per month.

• Self plus family, \$158.67.  
• Plan pays 100 percent of well-baby care - seven exams during the first 24 months - and 100 percent of well-child care visits once every 12 months.  
• Plan pays 100 percent for annual well-woman exams.

### Dental and vision

• Monthly dental premium is \$67.50 for the employee; for self plus family, \$32.61.  
• Dental annual deductible is \$60 for individual; self plus family, \$180.  
• Initial plan pays 100 percent for preventative treatment such as exams, X-rays and cleanings, with no deductible.  
• Plan pays 80 percent for maintenance, surgical and periodontal services such as fillings, crown and bridge repair and periodontics after deductible.  
• Plan pays 50 percent for crowns, bridges, dentures and orthodontics after deductible.

• Dental annual out-of-pocket maximum is \$1,200. Lifetime maximum for orthodontics is \$1,000.  
• Vision premium is \$1.51 month for employee; for self plus family, \$6.02.  
• Vision plan pays 100 percent of annual routine eye exams within provider network.  
• Plan pays 100 percent for lenses each year in network.  
• Plan pays up to \$250 per year for contacts in network.

### Eligibility for benefits

• Employees are eligible on the first of the month following hiring.

### Disability

• Magic Valley Regional provides long-term disability coverage - 50 percent of salary, up to \$4,000 per month.  
• Employees may purchase long-



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term disability coverage of an additional 10 percent of salary.

### Life insurance

• Payment for a full-time employee is equal to his or her annual salary, rounded to the next highest \$1,000, in basic term life insurance and in accident, dismemberment and death coverage. The hospital provides that.  
• Full- and part-time employees may purchase supplemental coverage in increments of \$10,000, up to \$300,000.  
• They may purchase dependent life insurance for spouses and children if buying supplemental coverage for themselves.

### Retirement

• Magic Valley Regional is a county-owned entity and does not offer a 401(k) or stock options. It does have a nonemployer-funded 457 Plan, a tax-deferred savings plan for retirement.

• Magic Valley Regional also offers a defined-benefit pension plan. Employees become fully vested after five years. At age 65, they can claim the benefit and are paid until death. It's based on years of service and five-year average earnings.

### Time off

• Eight paid holidays per year.  
• Four paid sick days per year.  
• During the first vacation day, employees accrue 10 vacation days. After five years, they receive 15.  
• Part-time employees get pro-rated vacation time.

### Unpaid leaves of absence

• Up to one year of medical leave after 90 days of employment.  
• Up to one year of educational leave after one year.  
• Personal leave after six months.

### Miscellaneous benefits

• Tuition reimbursement up to \$1,500 a semester.  
• 20 percent discount on unpaid balance of hospital bills after insurance reimbursement.  
• Private rooms at hospital, if available.  
• Cafeteria discount.  
• Dry cleaning drop-off at human resources office. Key drop-off for oil change or vehicle repair; vendor comes to site.  
• On-site day care; cost can be deducted from paycheck.  
• Cell phone contracts at group rates.

-Sandy Miller

## YOLANDA SANTOS

**Employer:**  
Target in Twin Falls

**Job description:**  
Executive team leader of guest services.

### Health insurance

• Employees may choose a plan with one of three deductibles: \$250, \$500 or \$1,000.  
• Santos, single and childless, picked the lowest deductible, which comes with the highest premiums.  
• Her premium is about \$50 per month. After the \$250 deductible is met, she pays 20 percent of costs. Her annual out-of-pocket cap is \$1,600.

• Target switched to a PPO about two months ago.  
• When Santos went to a doctor and got a prescription drug, she paid just \$10 for the \$70 drug and \$20 for the \$60

prescription.  
• Target provides 80 percent discount on lenses and frames, and 15 percent off on contacts.

Participants get a discount for laser vision correction. The \$330 glasses Santos bought recently cost her just \$125.

### Health coverage for family

• Workers have options to add coverage for spouses and dependents.  
• Santos' dental premium is about \$5 per month.  
• Her dental deductible is \$50 for the year. Preventative maintenance is covered at 100 percent with a preferred provider, or at 80 percent with a nonpreferred provider.  
• Participants have options to enroll in orthodontic coverage.  
• Santos' vision premium is about \$1 per month.  
• It's "pretty low," she said.  
• She pays \$10 for an exam

### Dental and vision

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### Eligibility for benefits

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### Disability

• Target provides short-term disability benefits. Combined with sick leave, they provide up to 150 days' paid leave.  
• Santos pays 35 cents per week for long-term disability coverage. It would provide 60 percent of her salary if an illness lasts longer than 150 days.

### Eligibility for benefits

• A worker becomes eligible for all benefits after 90 days on the job.

### Life insurance

• Target provides life insurance worth \$10,000.  
• Employees have the option to buy supplemental life insurance worth an additional \$10,000. Premium is \$2.80 per month.  
• Family members can be added to the plan.  
• For a spouse, \$10,000 coverage costs 35 cents per week. For each child, \$5,000 coverage costs 27 cents per week.

### 401(k)

• Target matches dollar for dollar the employee's contributions up to 5 percent of total wages.  
• Full vesting in the company's contributions is after three years on the job.  
• That dollar-for-dollar match is the benefit that excites Santos. She's 30 and has her mind on retirement.  
"I've been worrying about it for a while," she said.

### Pension

• The defined-benefit pension is for employees 21 or older who work 1,000 hours within their first calendar year.  
• Full vesting is after five years of working 1,000 hours or more annually.  
• Size of retirement benefit is based on years of service.

### Time off

• Four paid holidays per year.  
• Paid vacation is based on the number of hours worked. For a full-timer it's roughly two weeks a year. After five years, it's three weeks, and after 10 years, four weeks.  
• Three paid personal holidays per year.

### Miscellaneous benefits

• Contribution to education. Target pays up to \$1,500 per year for undergraduate work, and up to \$2,000 per year for graduate classes if the student maintains a C or better.  
• 10 percent discount at Target stores. Also discounts at other retail chains owned by Target: 10-15 percent at Mervyn's and 10-20 percent at Marshall Field's.  
• Flexible scheduling.  
"We are very flexible in our scheduling," Santos said. "We work around all kinds of different schedules."  
• \$500 per year toward day care or other dependent care.  
• Discounted legal services.  
• Home loans.  
• Free adoption assistance up to \$4,000.  
• 15 percent discount for cellular phone service.  
• Travel discounts through Target's agent.  
• Discounts at Dell Computer Corp.  
• Access to Target's credit union.

### Effect of benefits

• Target's benefit package will be a factor in how long Santos sticks with the job.  
"I would think so, yes," she said.  
She joined Target six months ago after working in the retail industry for 10 years elsewhere in the country.  
"I would say that Target far has the best benefit package I've had."

-Virginia S. Hutchins

## SHARON HENKELMAN

**Employer:**  
Sawtooth Surgery Center in Twin Falls

**Job description:**  
Certified surgical technician

### Health insurance

• Sawtooth offers an allotment to each employee which he or she can distribute to health, vision and dental plans.  
"That way it can be tailored to them," Business Manager Debbie Wensink said.  
She wouldn't name the dollar figure, but gave an example: An employee who didn't utilize dental or vision insurance could expect to pay \$18 a month in premiums for a \$750 deductible health care plan which would include the employee and children.

• Sawtooth offers a medical savings account plan with \$1,750 or \$2,400 deductible, and regular or indemnity plans with \$500 or \$750 deductibles. The \$500 deductible plan has a \$20 co-pay for office visits, and the \$750 deductible has a \$30 co-pay for office visits. For hospital visits, the plans pay 80 percent and the employee pays 20 percent.  
• Maximum out-of-pocket expense on the \$500 deductible plan is \$2,000, and on the \$750 deductible plan, \$3,000. Out-of-pocket maximum on the \$1,750 deductible medical savings plan is \$2,800, and on the \$2,400 deductible, \$3,200.



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Henkelman chose to put her benefit allotment into the \$1,750 deductible medical savings plan, the dental plan and into purchasing additional life insurance. She said she didn't think she'd like Sawtooth's cafeteria-style benefit plan at first, but has since come to appreciate its convenience. For instance, when she picks up a prescription, she simply hands the pharmacy cashier her savings plan card which deducts the money from her medical savings account.  
"It works like a Visa," she said. "You receive a statement once a month that tells you

what's in there."

Except for her prescriptions and annual physicals, Henkelman never had to dip into her medical savings account until this year when she had a test to check her colon.  
"I've always been lucky because I've always been healthy," Henkelman said.

### Health coverage for family

• Premium is \$260 per month to add spouse to \$750 deductible plan.  
• To add child, \$190.  
• To add family, \$228.  
• Henkelman's husband has his own medical insurance through his company.

### Dental and vision

• The monthly dental premium for the employee is \$45; for self and spouse, \$100; for self and children, \$79; or for self and family, \$134.  
• Dental deductible is \$50.  
• For in-network dental care, preventative care is paid at 100 percent before deductible; basic at 85 percent; and major at 60 percent.  
• Dental annual out-of-pocket maximum is \$1,200.  
• Monthly vision premium is \$8; for self and spouse, \$13; for self and children, \$13; or for self and family, \$20.  
• Vision exams are \$10 in network and \$35 out of network. Single-strength lenses are free in-network and \$25 out of network.

### Eligibility for benefits

• Employees are eligible 60 working days after hire.

### Life insurance

• Sawtooth provides \$20,000 life insurance policies for employees.  
• Employees can purchase up to three times their annual base salary in life insurance for spouses and children. Cost to employee depends on the age of spouse.

### 401(k)

• Sawtooth matches 10 percent of what the employee contributes.

### Time off

• Eight paid holidays per year.  
• 13 personal leave days per year (vacation and sickness) after the first year; after four years, 18 days; and after 10 years, 23 days.

### Miscellaneous benefits

• Employee assistance program.

-Sandy Miller

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BRIAN MAUGHAN

Employer: Twin Falls Police Department (City of Twin Falls)
Job description: Patrol officer.

Health Insurance
Employees pay an annual premium - about \$190 for an individual, or up to \$544 for a family.
Benefit cap of \$1 million.
Deductibles vary from \$200 to \$600, depending on the coverage package.
City pays 80 percent after deductible is met.
Co-payments are \$20 per incident.

Employees can choose between a PPO or traditional plan with a full choice of doctors.

Health coverage for family
Employees play about \$270 premium for employee and one child; about \$330 for employee and two or more children; about \$400 for employee and spouse; or about \$544 for full family coverage.

Maughan's plan covers his wife - who doesn't work outside the home - and their four children.



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Dental and vision
Dental coverage provided by the city: full coverage for check-ups, no deductible; 80 percent for basic care, such as fillings; 50 percent for major work, such as crowns and bridges.
\$50 deductible on basic and major dental work; \$1,000 maxi-

mum benefit per person per year.
Vision coverage is at the employee's option, with a payroll deduction.

Eligibility for benefits
Employees are eligible after 90 days.

Life Insurance
Basic coverage is free and includes \$13,500 upon employee death; plus \$13,500 for accidental death and dismemberment. For spouse or child over six months in age, \$1,000 per person; for children under six months, \$100 per child.

Retirement
A 457 plan is available on a voluntary basis. This plan is similar to a 401(k) - except employees can't transfer the money if they leave the city's employment. The city offers no match.
After five years, employees are fully vested for Public Employees Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI).

Time off
Ten paid holidays a year.

Twelve paid vacation days.
Twelve paid sick days. Bonus vacation accrues as sick leave balance increases.

Miscellaneous benefits
Tuition reimbursement.
Discount at city golf course.
Flexible scheduling.
Job sharing.
Day care plan with pre-tax deduction.
Employee assistance program.
Use of weight room in downtown fire station.
Membership in Magic Valley Credit Union.
Discount on passes to Lagoon amusement park in Utah.

Effect of benefits
Maughan said the benefits he gets through the city have made it possible to support his household on one income.

When I was self-employed, I basically had no benefits," he said. "We were paying in the ballpark of \$400 a month for health insurance with a \$2,500 deductible for myself and my wife. I was just hoping and praying that nothing would happen that would cost that much."

-Mark Heinz

BILL ALLRED

Employer: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality in Twin Falls
Job description: Regional manager for remediation and air quality.

Health Insurance
There are a couple of plans state employees can choose.
For Regence Blue Shield of Idaho plans, which is Allred's choice, an employee pays \$28.35 premium per month for himself, \$75.88 for himself and one dependent or \$112.62 for a family.
Deductibles are \$300 per person or \$900 maximum for a family for "module two." Allred's choice is "module two," which is \$400 per person and \$1,200 maximum for a family. For HMO in-network, there is no deductible; deductible is \$300 per person for out-of-network service.
Annual out-of-pocket maximum is \$8,900 per person, limited to two maximums per family. HMO maximum is \$2,000 per person for in-network of \$2,600 per person out-of-network.
Whether employees have choice of doctors depends on plan choice. With Allred's pick, there is a choice of providers. Fees are negotiated, dependent on whether the doctor is on the list of providers.

Allred said health insurance benefits played a role in his decision to take the job 30 years ago. Health insurance has been beneficial to Allred and his family over the years.
"There were times we wish they paid more," he said, "but help they did give us was pretty substantial."

Life Insurance
Life insurance is provided at no cost to employees, spouses and unmarried dependent children. The basic life insurance benefit is \$20,000.

Pension
The pension plan is the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho. Employees have 5.86 percent of their gross salary deducted as a contribution toward retirement. The state contributes 9.77 percent.

401(k)
PERSI's 401(k) Choice Plan is optional. During years when PERSI has earnings above what is needed for retirement accounts, enrolled employees get a share of those earnings.

Time off
Ten paid holidays per year.
An employee who has worked less than five years gets 12 paid vacation days per year; 15 days for those who have worked five to 10 years. Allred receives 18 vacation days per year.
Sick days accrue at 3.7 hours for every 80 hours worked.

Miscellaneous benefits
Work hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, but flexible scheduling can be granted. Most of the time they will work with you," Allred said.
Employee assistance program included Behavioral Health Program - includes emotional, behavioral, mental and substance abuse.

Disability
Long- and short-term disability.

Eligibility for benefits
State employees who work 20 hours a week or more are eligible for health insurance.

401(k)
Eligibility begins after one year of employment. The company matches employee contributions up to 3 percent of gross pay. Employees are fully vested in employer contributions and earnings after six years.

Under former ownership, The Times-News offered a pension plan as well. Johns prefers managing his retirement account. The company match is a plus.

Ownership interest
Lee offers employee profit sharing. In Twin Falls, 3 percent of an employee's annual earnings is contributed to his or her 401(k) plan. The percentage is subject to change depending on the newspaper's profitability.
Lee offers employees its stock at a discounted rate. Johns considers that a plus, and he likes the fact that it is an option in addition to the 401(k), rather than part of the 401(k).

Time off
Six paid holidays a year.
The change-over to Lee added another five days of vacation to the benefits package for Times-News employees. Vacation before topped out at 15 days. Now annual vacations are: 10 days for the first five years of employment; 15 days after five years; and 20 days after 10 years with Lee.
Five days of use-it-or-lose-it paid sick time each year.

Miscellaneous benefits
Half-priced health club memberships.
Free newspaper subscription for full-timers.
One-week use of Lee-owned lodge on Flathead Lake in Montana or \$100 based on availability and season.
Optional pre-tax dependent care account to set aside money for day care, adult care or services for disabled adults.

-Jennifer Sandmann



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Short term is 60 percent of an employee's salary paid for 26 weeks. Maximum benefit is \$3,000 per month.

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-Lorraine Cavener

CONNIE HARDY

Employer: College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls
Job description: Records clerk.

Health Insurance
CSI picks up \$403 monthly premium for employee, leaving the employee to pay \$8 to \$112 monthly payments depending on health care package.
Deductible is \$300 or \$400 depending on plan, with a \$3,800 or \$4,800 out-of-pocket maximum, respectively. After deductible is met, insurance picks up 80 percent of doctor service; employee pays 20 percent.

Employees must choose from a list of doctors.
"It's been fine; I haven't used it," Hardy said. "It's been 10 years since I've used my medical insurance."

Dental and vision
Employees pay \$4 per month for single dental care, or \$42 for family.
Vision coverage is included in health care package.



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the health care package.
While Hardy has left her health care plan relatively unused, she took advantage of her dental plan a year ago.
"I thought it was pretty good," she said. "We have vision but I don't use it because I don't have glasses."

Eligibility
A worker becomes eligible for benefits after 90 days on the job.

Life Insurance
College pays for life insurance worth the employee's annual salary, rounded up to the nearest \$1,000 with a \$20,000 minimum.

Retirement
The college uses the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho, contributing 10.42 percent of gross salary per employee.
What that he enough for Hardy? "I don't know," she said.
Employees hired after 1998 invest in the state's Optional Retirement Plan, similar to a 401(k), which unlike PERSI is limited in its lifetime distributions. The college contributes 12.3 percent of employee's gross salary toward that plan.

Time off
Eleven paid holidays per year.
PERSI-exempt employees start with two weeks of vacation a year, increasing to a maximum

of 25 days a year.
Non-exempt start with two weeks a year. After five years of employment, employee receives an extra day per year.

"I spend them all out to go to the ball games. That's what I use my vacation for," Hardy said.
Sick leave is one day a month. Upon retirement, a CSI employee can convert up to 82 sick days to pay for health insurance.
In her 17 years at CSI, Hardy has accumulated 120 sick days.

Miscellaneous benefits
Tuition waived on pre-credit classes.
Season pass to ball games.
Employee assistance program through the state.

Effect of benefits
While she's hardly taken advantage of her health benefits, they give Hardy peace of mind. She loves her job, but benefits do factor into her job satisfaction.
"I think it was an added benefit at the time I was hired," she said. "When I look at other people who don't have the benefits that we have, I feel fortunate."

-Robert Muxer

JERRY JOHNS

Employer: The Times-News in Twin Falls
Job Description: Pre-press technician.

Health Insurance
Johns picked the traditional plan offered by Lee Enterprises, the newspaper's parent, from an option of three that also included a preferred-provider plan and catastrophic coverage.
Employee premiums are deducted from monthly checks on a pre-tax basis and range from \$85 a month for the preferred-provider plan to \$13 a month for catastrophic only.

The preferred-provider plan requires a \$20 co-pay per doctor's visit and a \$40 co-pay for a visit to a specialist. Most other services under the PPO are covered at 90 percent. Maximum out-of-pocket expense is \$1,500.
Out-of-network PPO care has a \$500 deductible. Ten expenses are covered at 60 percent. Maximum out-of-pocket expense is \$4,000.

The traditional plan comes with a \$500 deductible. Once the deductible is met, the insurance pays 80 percent. Out-of-pocket maximum is \$2,500.
The catastrophic plan has a \$1,500 individual deductible. After that costs are covered at 80 percent. Maximum out-of-pocket expense is \$3,000.
Employees can open an account to set aside pre-tax dollars to cover health costs each year.
A 30-day supply of prescription drugs costs \$7 for generic brands and \$17 for name brands under PPO and traditional plans.



Precious perks

A case in point is his wife's cancer treatment. She opted for a COBRA plan available through her previous employer. Though it was a more costly way to pay for insurance, the Johnses wanted to guarantee she could continue to receive the same treatment from the same doctors.
Family premiums range from \$238 a month for the preferred provider plan to \$177 for the traditional plan and \$40 a month for catastrophic.
Family deductibles range from \$1,500 for traditional care to \$3,000 for out-of-network PPO care and catastrophic coverage.
Maximum out-of-pocket costs for family coverage range from \$3,000 with the PPO plan to \$6,000 with catastrophic.

Employees are not limited in dentist choice. Employees pay about \$14 a month in premiums for individuals and \$41 a month for families. Individual deductible is \$25, and family deductible is \$75. Diagnostic and preventive care is fully covered based on pre-existing fees.

Vision coverage is available on a limited basis. Employees who buy it choose between Fred Meyer and Sears optical services. Employee cost is about \$2 a month for individual coverage and \$10 a month for family coverage. An eye exam requires a \$10 copay. Various allowances are given to help buy lenses and frames.

Eligibility for benefits
Health insurance and most other benefits are available to full-time employees within the first month of hire.

Disability
Short-term disability benefits are offered to employees who have worked at least one year, are unable to perform their jobs because of illness or injury. The benefit is a grant time off work and supplement the employee's income up to 100 percent depending on years of service and length of disability.

Long-term disability coverage begins after 18 months of employment. Qualifying employees are eligible for 60 percent of their monthly salary. Monthly payments from the company begin after five months of inability to work and may continue for up to 19 months. Employees still incapacitated will continue to receive disability payments from Life Insurance of America.

Life Insurance
Life insurance equal to the amount of annual earnings is given to each employee, with the ability to buy additional coverage worth up to four times his or her yearly wages.
Employees may buy additional insurance for spouses and children.

Shrinking health benefits threaten retirees' nest eggs

Myers is not unique, and many retirees face significantly worse problems. Increasingly, current workers and retirees of major corporations find employers are seeking to reduce their pension liabilities. And one area of costs under renewed attack: retiree health benefits.
Employees routinely are experiencing double-digit percentage increases in health costs for workers. And the bill for retirees is often outpacing the tab for active workers, because seniors tend to have chronic health problems and are big consumers of over-more-expensive prescription drugs.

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BONNIE DAVIS

Employer: Dell Computer Corp. in Twin Falls

Job description: Mentor for technical support and customer-service workers.

Health insurance
• Individual premium is \$48.53 per month.
• Preferred Provider Organization has "a very comprehensive panel of providers," said Westa L. Maughan, human resources manager.
• In the network, co-payment is \$15.
• Individual deductible is \$200 per year.

Maximum annual out-of-pocket expense is \$1,200 for the individual.
• Davis has systemic lupus which at times requires a lot of medical attention.
• With Dell benefits, it's something I don't have to be concerned with. At all. I don't have to worry about it at all," she said.
• For someone with a medical disability, it's an immense relief to eliminate expense-related stress.

"It does wonders," Davis said.

Health coverage for family
• Premium is \$106.83 per month for self plus spouse.
• Self plus children, \$100.10 per month.
• Self plus family, \$161.20.
• Family deductible is \$500 per calendar year.
• Family out-of-pocket maximum is \$2,500.

Dental and vision
• Monthly dental premium is \$4.88; for self and spouse, \$10.83; for self and children, \$10.83; or for self and family, \$15.17.
• For in-network dental care, preventative care is paid at 100 percent, basic at 80 percent and major at 50 percent.
• Orthodontia covered at 50 percent, with lifetime maximum of \$1,500 per person.
• Dental deductible is \$50 per individual or \$150 per family.
• Dental annual out-of-pocket maximum is \$1,500 per person.
• Monthly vision premium is \$1.34; for self and spouse, \$6.31; for self and children, \$6.31; or for self and family, \$8.34.
• For in-network vision care, exam co-payment is \$10; lenses and contact lenses are covered up to \$105.

Davis called the vision benefit "absolutely fantastic. Working with computers, it's something you really need."
Eligibility for benefits
• Dell employees are covered the day they start work.
Disability
• Employees who have been with Dell for 30 consecutive days qualify for short-term disability benefits at no cost. After an employee has been disabled due to illness or injury and the plan pays 100 percent of base salary for the first 30 days and 60 percent for 150 more days.
• Employees may purchase long-term disability benefits.

Life insurance
• Dell provides free life insurance.



ance equal to the employee's annual salary.
• Workers can purchase additional coverage if they qualify, and can buy life insurance for spouses and children.

401(k)
• Dell matches employee contributions at 100 percent up to 3 percent of total pay.
• Full vesting in the company's contributions is after five years on the job.
• The 401(k) wasn't on Davis' mind when she started at Dell. Now that she has learned more about it, she considers it an asset. "It'll be a nice little nest egg for me," she said.

Stock discounts
• Employees can buy Dell stock at a 15 percent discount.

Time off
• Four paid holidays per year.
• During the first year, employees accrue up to 16 days of paid time off to cover both vacations and illnesses. The number of days increases up to maximum of 21 with each year of service.

Miscellaneous benefits
• Tuition reimbursement for classes or degrees related to work at Dell. Reimbursement depends on the grades received (A's and B's at 100 percent, C's at 75 percent) up to a maximum of \$1,000 per year.
• Employee discounts, announced each quarter.
• Free employee assistance program.
• Negotiated discounts for Dell employees with local businesses such as health clubs, restaurants, retailers and licensed day-care providers.
• Flexible spending accounts.
• On-site, private rooms for nursing babies or expressing milk. Equipped with a refrigerator.
• We have four or five people using it now," Maughan said.
• Pager loans.

Effect of benefits
• Dell's benefits - particularly medical - helped attract Davis to a tech-support job early last year. Now promoted to mentor, she said the benefits are a factor in her decision to stay.
• "I could not be without them."
- Virginia S. Hutchins

SONIA ALEXANDER

Employer: Twin Falls School District

Job description: High school English teacher.

Health insurance
• District pays employee health premium.
• Three options: traditional, PPO, HMO. Deductible for traditional is \$300 for individual, \$600 for family.
• Doctor availability depends on plan - very few PPO providers, plenty of Blue Cross providers. Specialists on the PPO plan are difficult to find.

Health coverage for family
• Spouse and unlimited children on traditional plan is \$438 per month, \$436 for PPO and \$430 for HMO - all premiums paid for by employee.

Dental and vision
• District pays dental premi-

C-BAR M DAIRY

Employer: C Bar M Dairy in Jerome

Health insurance
• Employees pay no premium; the dairy pays a \$146.18 monthly premium per employee.
• The insurance plan is a PPO, but most doctors in the area are on the list.
• "The list is huge," said dairy owner Jane Ledbetter.
• Co-pays include \$20 for an office visit and \$10 to \$20 for prescription drugs.
• There is a \$750 deductible. After that, the policy pays a certain percentage for care by providers in the network and a smaller percentage for out-of-network care.
• Annual out-of-pocket maximum is \$1,500 for in-network care and \$3,000 for out-of-network.

Health coverage for family
• If employees wish to add other family members they do

Eligibility for benefits
• Benefits start one year after hire.

Life insurance
• The company provides life insurance for the worker. Employees can add dependents at their own cost.

Time off
• A dairy operates 365 days a year; cows need fed and milked every day, Ledbetter said. Generally, the dairy tries to allow workers to work only half-days on major holidays such as Christmas, New Year's Day, Thanksgiving

ANDY WISEMAN

Employer: Castletford School District

Job description: School principal.

Health insurance
• District pays entire premium of \$286 per month for employee's health plan.
• Deductibles vary depending on service, surgery, physical therapy, etc., with \$15 co-pay for office visit.
• Full choice of doctors, but all are either in Twin Falls or Bull.

Health coverage for family
• Teachers and the rest of the staff get paid pay extra, starting with \$184 for the spouse and increasing with each additional child. But the district picks up health care premiums for administrators' immediate families.
• "I don't think that's typical," Wiseman said. "I think that's an advantage of Castletford."

Dental and vision
• Dental and vision plans are offered.
• There is no deductible for preventive dental. Other treatment is covered after a \$100 annual deductible is met. Dental premiums are \$12 a month for individuals up to \$56 a month for families. Depending on job classification, McDonald's will pay up to 100 percent of premium.

Eligibility for benefits
• Employees must be 17 and work an average of at least 32 hours a week. Depending on job classification, health insurance benefits kick in one month - or for hourly crew employees, one year - after employment.

Disability
• Short-term disability benefits cover 66 percent of an employee's weekly earnings.
• Long-term disability coverage pays for 60 percent of monthly earnings.

Life insurance
• Life insurance is provided by the company at a base amount, and employees can buy into it to increase coverage up to three times their annual salary. Family members can be added to the policy.



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• Vision is included in PPO



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Dental and vision
• Both are included in the district-paid health plan.

and HMO health care plans. No vision coverage with traditional.
• "I haven't opted for this," Alexander said.

Eligibility for benefits
• A worker becomes eligible within 30 days of employment.

Life insurance
• District pays \$3.40 per employee for life insurance worth \$20,000.

Retirement
• District pays 9.77 percent of employee salary toward PERSt; employee pays 5.86 percent.
• "PERSt is a pretty good plan," Alexander said.

Time off
• Five paid holidays per year.
• Three personal leave days.
• One sick day per month, for nine a year. Upon retirement,

and the Fourth of July.
• Employees such as milkers who miss work all day on holidays are paid an extra half-day's wages.
• Full-time, year-round employees receive two weeks' paid vacation each year.
• Because workers don't call in sick often, Ledbetter said she doesn't normally take away pay for being sick. Calling in sick usually happens if an employee or employee's wife had a baby or other major procedure, and that's not when an employee needs a short check, Ledbetter said.
• "Hardly anybody ever calls in sick," Ledbetter said.

Miscellaneous benefits
• Education. The dairy sends employees to schools and seminars related to the job. Examples: breeding or welding schools and pharmaceutical speakers.
• Education is important, Ledbetter said any high school students working for the dairy

who drop out of school are automatically terminated. While working, they are told school comes first.
• College for awards. The dairy offers a \$10,000 award for any children of long-term employees to attend college. The benefit began in 1995, Ledbetter said, and five awards have been given so far.
• The unique benefit, Ledbetter said, encourages students and their families to realize they can attend college.
• Flexible scheduling. Employees who attend church have Sunday mornings off; those with children in school have at least one weekend day off. In situations where a husband and wife are both at the dairy - the dairy works to ensure husband and wife have at least one day off together.
• "We do that a lot," Ledbetter said.

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mer break, one-week spring break, and a two-week Christmas break.
• Sick leave of 10 days a year.
• Can accrue indefinitely. Upon retirement, 50 percent of sick days can be converted into health insurance coverage. Employee must permanently retire from school district, not merely quit and work elsewhere.
• Employees who don't receive vacation receive two personal days off a year. Can accrue up to five personal days.
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KATIE BERMINGHAM

Employer: McDonald's Restaurants of the Magic Valley

Job Description: Shift manager in Twin Falls.

Health Insurance
• Bermingham takes advantage of the Blue Cross Blue Shield program offered by McDonald's Restaurants of the Magic Valley, which has 202 employees. She said it really helped cover expenses when she had surgery.
• The McDonald's franchisee owned by Bill and Donna Kyle chose not to offer a preferred provider plan.
• "I had no doctors in this area belonging to a PPO network," Bill Kyle said.
• Depending on an employee's job classification, McDonald's will cover 50 percent to 100 percent of employee's health insurance premiums. Total premiums (the combined employee and employer share) range from about \$110 to \$136 a month depending on age.

The coverage comes with a \$250 deductible, but no deductible is required for wellness checkups. After the deductible is met, employees pay a \$10 co-pay for medical office visits.
• Coverage is capped at \$1 million.



Health coverage for family
• Bermingham is single and buys individual insurance.
• Total premiums (the combined employee and employer share) range from \$400 to \$600 a month depending on age.
• Depending on the job classification, an employee may have to cover family insurance premiums. For some classifications, the company covers up to all of the cost of family premiums.

Dental and vision
• Dental and vision plans are offered.
• There is no deductible for preventive dental. Other treatment is covered after a \$100 annual deductible is met. Dental premiums are \$12 a month for individuals up to \$56 a month for families. Depending on job classification, McDonald's will pay up to 100 percent of premium.

Eligibility for benefits
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Disability
• Short-term disability benefits cover 66 percent of an employee's weekly earnings.
• Long-term disability coverage pays for 60 percent of monthly earnings.

Life insurance
• Life insurance is provided by the company at a base amount, and employees can buy into it to increase coverage up to three times their annual salary. Family members can be added to the policy.

Ownership interest
• Monthly profit sharing is offered for supervisors and store and assistant managers for their respective stores, based on store profitability.

Time off
• Bermingham, 27, has worked for McDonald's for nine years and has two weeks' paid vacation.
• All hourly employees receive one week of paid vacation after one year and two weeks after two years of employment. Shifted employees get two weeks of paid vacation after one year of employment, three weeks after 10 years, and four weeks after 20.
• Salaried employees receive one week of sick pay a year.

Miscellaneous benefits
• Flexible scheduling.
• Job sharing.
• No formal employee assistance program, but "assistance is frequently given to employees in need," Bill Kyle said.
• Free work uniforms.
• 50 percent off food purchases.

Effect of benefits
• Bermingham began working for McDonald's when she was a teenager. The steady paycheck and the health insurance led her to stick with the job.
- Jennifer Sandmann

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**MONEY**

**DON ALLEN**

**Employer:** U.S. Department of Agriculture in Burley

**Job description:** Agricultural commodity grader.

**Health Insurance**

Federal employees have more than 100 health insurance plans to choose from, but many of the plans are specific to areas of the country.

Allen has Blue Cross/Blue Shield, which he said is the most common.

Premiums: \$98.93 monthly for standard option, employee only; \$227.98 for employee and family.

Deductibles for some services are \$250 per person (\$500 per family) each calendar year.

Best for most services is a set fee plan, such as a \$15 per-office-visit fee. Co-payments are an 80/20 split.

With the standard option, employees can use any doctors they choose, Allen said.

**Dental**

The employee premium for dental insurance is \$31.22 for the employee, \$55.64 for the employee and spouse, \$50.32 for the employee and a child, \$78.18 for the employee and two or three dependents and \$97.56 for the employee and four or more dependents.

Employees pay varying amounts for dental services, depending upon the service.

**Disability**

The government provides long- and short-term disability coverage at no cost to employees. Short-term disability provides up to 45 days of full pay. Temporary total disability provides two-thirds of salary if the employee has no dependents or three-quarters of salary if there is one or more dependents.

Benefits for a permanent injury depend upon the injury. For example, 160 weeks of salary is provided for total loss of vision in one eye.

If the employee can't go back to the same job, compensation for a permanent disability is based upon the difference between the capacity to earn after the injury and what the employees would normally be paid.

A vocational rehabilitation allowance is also provided.

**Eligibility for benefits**

Employees are eligible immediately.



**Precious perks**

**Life insurance**  
• The cost of basic life insurance is shared between the employee and the government. The employee pays two-thirds and the government a third. It is only for employees, not their dependents.

Optional life insurance plans are also available that cover dependents, but the government does not cover any of those costs.

Basic life insurance is based upon a worker's basic rate of pay, rounded up to the nearest \$1,000, plus \$2,000 - called the basic insurance amount.

The government withholds from an employee's paycheck 15 cents every two weeks for each \$1,000 of the basic insurance amount.

**Retirement**

Federal employees have a basic benefit plan and Thrift Savings Plan.

Under the basic benefit plan, the government deducts 8 percent of an employee's paycheck per pay period, while the government contributes an amount equal to 11.5 percent of the employee's pay. If an employee leaves the federal government before retirement, he can take out all of his contributions, with interest.

Under the Thrift Savings Plan, the government contributes 1 percent of an employee's salary and matches contributions up to 5 percent. The employee can put in more.

**Time off**

Ten paid holidays per year. Vacation days are four hours per pay period, with 26 pay periods annually.

Sick days accrue at four hours per pay period, which increases to six hours after five years.

- Lorraine Cavener

**CINDY PETERSON**

**Employer:** Clear Springs Foods Inc. in Buhl

**Job description:** Packaging coordinator in the company's processing plant; manages 25-30 people.

**Health Insurance**

Employees pay no health premium.  
Deductible is \$200 per individual per year. After that point, co-payment is 20 percent of the first \$5,000. So the annual out-of-pocket maximum is \$1,200 per person.  
Employees have full choice of doctors.

The zero-premium health insurance was a big reason Peterson took the job seven years ago. She knew since childhood she'd eventually need hip surgery.

"Since I've started working here, I've had two hip replacements done, and I know I could not have done it if I hadn't had this insurance, and the company has been so willing to work with me in being away from work and having sufficient time off to recuperate," Peterson said.

**Health coverage for family**

Employees pay zero premium for health insurance for spouses and family members. There's no limit on the number of dependents in the plan.

**NITA SEVERE**

**Employer:** Zions Bank in Burley

**Job description:** Personal banker - new accounts representative.

**Health Insurance**

Zions Bank offers its employees health insurance, but Severe doesn't participate because she and her husband use his insurance for their family.

If she participated, she'd pay \$43 every two weeks to cover herself and her family.

Deductible is \$750. After that, the employee pays 20 percent of costs. Maximum out-of-pocket expense is \$3,500 for individual coverage, \$7,000 for family coverage.

It is a preferred provider plan. Employees are required to see physicians in the plan's network of doctors and hospitals in order for the insurance to cover costs.

**Dental and vision**

Coverage is also available, but Severe doesn't participate in either option.  
Zions Bank pays the full vision premium. Eye exams and the cost of lenses are co-pays, with an



**Precious perks**

Peterson's insurance covers her husband and two daughters. "I know it's given my husband more peace of mind," she said.

**Dental and vision**

The company also pays 100 percent of premium for dental coverage.  
No vision coverage.

**Eligibility for benefits**

A worker becomes eligible for most benefits after 90 days on the job.  
Dental coverage starts after one year.

maximum of \$1,500 a year per employee.

**Eligibility for benefits**  
Employees are eligible for all benefits after 30 days of employment.

**Life Insurance**  
The company provides \$10,000 in life insurance per employee.

**401(k)**  
Zions Bank matches 100 percent of the first 3 percent of total wages which an employee contributes, and 50 percent for the next 2 percent. That totals a 4 percent match by Zions Bank on an employee's annual salary.

Employees are vested in the company contributions after five years.

**Time off**

Ten paid holidays per year.  
That's an attractive thing about the job," Severe said.

Two weeks of annual vacation immediately upon starting work. Three weeks of vacation after five years.

Three paid sick days per year. Employees are allowed additional

annual allowance and discounts offered for frames and contacts.

The company pays 65 percent of the dental insurance premium. An employee may purchase dental coverage for himself for \$12 a month. Higher premiums are assessed to add a spouse or children.

The cost of dental care is a 50-50 split, with the policy paying a

**Life Insurance**

The company provides life insurance worth \$10,000 per employee - or \$20,000 if the death's accidental.

**401(k)**

Clear Springs matches 50 percent of the employee's contributions to the 401(k), up to 6 percent of gross wages.  
Full vesting in the employer's contributions is after six years on the job.

**Ownership Interest**

Clear Springs is a private company 100 percent owned by an employee stock ownership trust.

As Clear Springs pays down debt incurred to buy the company, stock from the trust is "beneficially allocated" to each employee. The person has interest in the worth of the company but does not own stock outright.

Upon job termination, the person receives a payout which varies with length of employment.  
"The longer you're here, the greater the interest," said Tim Hanifan, vice president operations.

Payment can be cash, a rollover into a 401(k) or other options.

**Time off**

Seven paid holidays per year.  
Five days' paid vacation in

the first year; 10 days annually after two years; and 15 days after 10 years.

Six days' paid personal leave annually for approved absences, such as illness or a child's high school graduation. Unused days can be carried over.

"What they can do is bank their good attendance and save that time for emergencies," Hanifan said.

**Miscellaneous benefits**

Contribution to education. "It's applied very narrowly, typically educational or trade assistance for employees that can utilize the training directly on the job," Hanifan said. "An example would be sending a maintenance person to welding school, or electrician school."

25 percent discount on the company's frozen trout products.

Employee assistance program for counseling and intervention.

**Effect of benefits**  
"We think we have kind of a Cadillac benefit program," Hanifan said. And that gives Clear Springs an edge in recruitment and retention, he said.

It's certainly a factor in retaining Peterson.  
"Oh, yes, most definitely," she said.

When she gets a little tired of the job, she thinks about that unusual medical policy.

- Virginia S. Hutchins

sick days, without pay.

**Miscellaneous benefits**

Full tuition for classes related to the job.  
Regular training at the company's expense. All bank employees must undergo quarterly regulatory training.

Option related to future salary increases. Employees can choose between annual raises based on merit or salary increases based on training and learning. Those who select to receive additional education can receive a 3 percent raise for each training they complete a year. The number of training sessions per year isn't limited.

As soon as classes are available, as long as we want to go, they send us," Severe said.

Free checking account.  
Reduced loan rate.  
Employee assistance program for free counseling.

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**Snow levels concern farmers; winter wheat may be hurt most**

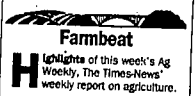
**STATELINE** - The climes may be bright and sunny, but north Idaho farmers aren't exactly digging the weather.

The bare ground and below-normal-snowpack has them hoping for a turnaround in the weather for their spring crops.

"The people who will really get nailed is the dryland farmers in southern Kootenai County," said Don Bredesch, who grows bluegrass and winter wheat near Worley, Idaho, said there's still time for Ma Nature to rescue farmers, but a little snow or rain would be nice.

"I was just doing some backhoe work, and it doesn't go deep," he said. "There's not a lot of subsoil moisture out there. Henry said that in the north end of the county bluegrass that wasn't burned last year could suffer the most from recent weather conditions; winter wheat, peas and lentils stand to suffer in the south. He said snow cover protects wheat from getting whipped around in the wind. If the leaves are snapped off, the young plants last serious damage."

The effect on other crops will come this spring.



**Farmbeat**  
Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

received about 5 cents more per hundredweight, according to Thiessen.

"Early contracts also had significant improvement in the bonus for digging early," he said.

Volume allocations were also made.

"Those allocations vary," he said. "They range from 100 percent of 2002 volume down to as few as 50 percent depending on the region."

Only one company allocated 100 percent of volume.

"All the rest are as much as 50 percent off," Thiessen said. "That was very significant."

**Diesel proposal necessary, but will cut farmers' profits**

**POST FALLS** - Area farmers say proposed mandatory cuts in off-road diesel engine pollution by 90 percent or more will slice into their already low profits, but are necessary to clean the air.

The changes pushed by the Bush administration would start

with 2008 models. All diesel-powered equipment not used on roads must have modern emission controls by 2014. Cleaner burning fuel would have to contain 99 percent less sulfur by 2010.

"New equipment will cost more, which will of course hurt our bottom line," said Terry Nichols, a mint farmer north of Post Falls. "We have no control over the price we receive for the product we produce. This will be something we'll end up paying for, but we can't pass an increase in

cost off to anybody. I suppose some industry groups will oppose this."

But Nichols isn't getting too worked up about the plan.

"I can happen in five years," he said. "We can have a change in administration or whatever."

Don Beck, a hay farmer north of Post Falls, wonders if the proposal will indeed clean the air. "It will be interesting to see if there's truly an environmental benefit from taking sulfur out of fuel," he said.

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**Budget resolution drops proposed monster cut**  
**TWIN FALLS** - Farm and rural interests dodged a bullet with the recently approved federal budget resolution.

A cut of \$18.6 billion called for in the U.S. House of

**Russet Burbanks up 10 cents, volumes decline**  
**PAUL** - Negotiations on all frozen french fry contracts in Idaho and Washington are a done deal.

Wayne Thiessen, consultant for Southern Idaho Potato Cooperative, said contracts with Lamb-Weston, JR Simplot Co., Heinz and McCain Foods, USA have all been settled.

Generally, contract prices are 10 cents per hundredweight for Russet Burbanks, Shepody and Rangers - early variety potatoes -

MONEY

NEW BUSINESSES

The Times-News BOISE - Following is the list of businesses filed during March with the Idaho secretary of state's office - including both new ones and those that had been filed with counties and had been refiled with the state.

Businesses are listed by name, agent, address and kind of business. "That Look" Salon, Darla Kidd, 1041 E. Main, Hurley, ID 83318, retail trade and salon. 18 Cheatum Street LLC, John Miller, 137 Assolungo Place, Halley, ID 83333. A Real Estate Adventure LLC, Julia Poller, 2107 1st Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Danalog Club, Jean Fontes, 197 W. 200 N. Jerome, ID 83301. Eagle Ridge Development, David R. Price, 1200 Overland Ave., Hurley, ID 83318, finance, insurance and real estate. Egie Realty, Tracy Jo Bird, 252 Bob Bennett Dr., Buhl, ID 83303, retail.

Nareelton, 621 N. College, Suite 103, Twin Falls, ID 83301. Mountain Motors, Robert Poirio Co. Inc., 1440 E. 250 S. E. Idaho, ID 83325, agriculture. Interstate Petroleum Services, 111100 Cottrell Ln., Kelso, ID 83325, services.

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3675 N. 1540 E., Kimberly, ID 83341. Rockstar "TM" Auctions, Fred Morale Jr., 1015 Mountain View, Twin Falls, ID 83327, services. Rockwell LLC, Rick Featherston, 304 Country Club Drive, Jerome, ID 83301, services.

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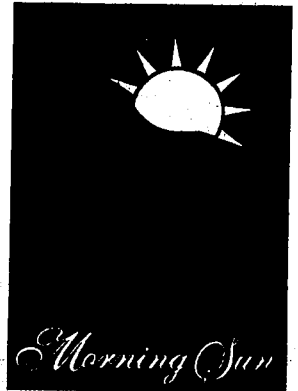
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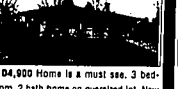
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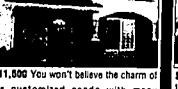
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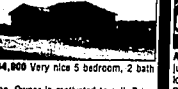
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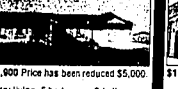
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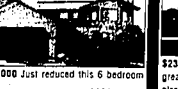
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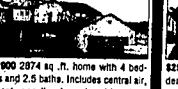
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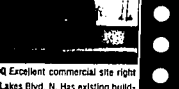
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FOUND Found dog puppy from 1st owner, call to identify \$35-030.

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FOUND: 1. Beagle female hurt leg, from the County 2. Golden retriever adult, Brown/Tan, Carney Street. 3. Golden retriever adult, male, from the County, 4. Lab mix, female, brown, brown, brown, 5. Rottweiler female, 6. Spaniel Chow cross, 7. Heeler cross, neutered male, older adult, in June, low white, brown, near Hwy. 83 south. ADOPTION 1. Lab/Shepherd X female, black, pup. 2. Collie/Shepherd X pup, female. 3. Shepherd X pup, female. 4. (2) Weimaraner Lab/Doberman adult dogs. 5. Black Lab cross male, 6. 100 lb cross male, 1 year old, all black. www.morgan.com/weimaraner

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Mr Weasel: Boss lays guilt trip on worker who deserves raise

By Carol Kleiman

Q. At my performance review, my boss said I deserved a raise, but he said the only way I could get one is if he fired someone to go around me. He said it was valuable to the company and he would let someone go if I said it was OK for him to do so. Of course, I said no. Is there any way you know of that I can get a raise without stabbing someone else in the back?

A. I am an easy-going, extremely laid-back person - OK, maybe not so easy-going - but when I read your correspondence, I really saw red: Any boss who would pull this trick is sick. This is even worse than the boss "explaining" if he gave you a raise he'd have to take the money from a colleague's salary increase. And he probably just said that to make you feel guilty about accepting a raise. This should be a warning. Forget the raise for now. And don't trust him: YOUR back may be next.

Q. About 12 years ago, I made a career change from distribution management to software consulting and project management. In my current job search, I've applied for positions that match my skills perfectly - but I haven't gotten any responses whatsoever. I wonder if by mentioning my work in distribution is holding me back. Is it okay to eliminate that portion from my resume?

A. Your problem may not be your resume. The job market for software professionals is very, very strong today, so you're going to take a while before you get a job. However, it's wise to tailor a version of your resume to each job you apply for and only list recent experience that is pertinent to what the employer is looking for.

Q. I recently applied for a job at a company that was having a "job fair." The line was so long the wait was around two hours, so I decided to leave and return just before it closed. This time, it took only 20 minutes to get an interview. They had listed a number of jobs they had open, and the interviewer asked why I hadn't applied for a specific position. I said it was because I was highest-paying job was - and was hired for it! Was this the right way to go about getting a job or could this cause a problem for me on the job in the future?

A. I can't imagine why you are asking for advice when it is clear that one day we all will be looking for you. You used your brains and followed your instincts. And the proof of the fact you must know what you are doing is that you got the job. And good for you for cutting through the red tape. Sorry about that 20-minute wait, however!

Q. Is it better to use a professional to write your resume? I don't know where to begin it - or my job search. Can someone else conduct it for me?

A. It's not a bad idea to get professional help whenever you need it, and there are many good professional resume writers listed in the Yellow Pages. But I have to warn you that depending on someone else to do your homework for a job search is a cop-out and could be a costly one: Many career marketers charge thousands of dollars up front but do not get you a job. Start out by at least trying to write your resume yourself. It's a way to make you fully aware of your experience, skills, where you've been and where you want to go. After you have a rough copy, it's certainly OK to get a professional's advice on it. And that also may be the time to go to a qualified career counselor for insights on how to proceed.

Carol Kleiman, of the Chicago Tribune, is the author of "Winning the Job Game: The New Rules for Finding and Keeping the Job You Want" (Wiley). Send e-mail to [ckleiman@tribune.com](mailto:ckleiman@tribune.com).

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Active SWF, 37, enjoys cuddling on the couch, good movies. Seeking nice-looking, caring, loving SWM, 35-45, not interested for companionship, possible future. LTR. #203573

**A WOMAN'S WORTH**  
SWF, 35, 5'4", full figure, honest, open, trustworthy, outgoing, Sagittarius, N/S, seeks SWM, 30-40, who likes outdoors, active, energetic people. #1940102

**PRICESLESS**  
SWF, 47, enjoys dining out, cooking, movies, drives, motorcycling. SWM, 35-52, with similar interests, for a possible LTR. #191085

**HOUSEBOY**  
SWF, 40, enjoys relaxing, camping, fishing, TV, Sevens. SWM, 25-35, smoker for LTR. #203339

**TAKE ME HIGHER**  
Shy and sweet SWF, 44, bookworm, seeks CM for friendship, companionship, and passion for the outdoors. #2137571

**HORSE WOMAN AND COOPER**  
SWF, 40, Capricorn, smoker, enjoys country life. Seeking SWM, 35-50, for LTR. #2036240

**ARIES**  
SWF, 45, brown hair, with children, is in search of a man for dancing, dining and more. #205248

**COUNTRY GIRL AT HEART**  
Attractive, independent, optimistic, goal-oriented SWF, 20, enjoys having fun, adventures, movies, music and more. Seeking intelligent, honest, humorous SWM, 25-32, for friendship. #1935496

**LINES CUDDLING**  
DWF, 35, mother of one, distasteful from car wreck, lost hair, has a good sense of humor. Seeking understanding, open minded, humorous SWM, 31-41, who is honest. #2036240

**FATHERLY, LOVING, KIND...**  
fun, 40-50, positive, I want my headline really describes me. SWF, 61, great at all-around person, passionate wonderful and kind. #2035226

**SOCIAL BUTTERFLY**  
DWF, 20, 5'11", slim build, hard worker, like laugh and play whenever possible. Seeking SWM, 25-35, for companionship, good conversation, adventure, fun. #2036143

**BLACK JACK**  
You've won the jackpot prize is a loving, attractive SWF, 60, Godmother, 5'3", 200 lbs, come and claim your prize. #205006

**VOLUNTEER**  
SWF, 35, 5'7", N/S, mother, brown hair, enjoys walks, overalls at home. Seeking man, 35-45, N/S, to enjoy life with no games. #2037274

**SINGLE AND LOOKING**  
SWF, 29, nurse, single, no kids, travels, movies, reading, music, dining out, quiet evenings at home. Seeking SWM, 30-40, with similar interests, for friendship. #2039773

**SINGLE MOM**  
Easygoing SWF, 36, enjoys the mountains, horseback riding, snowmobiling, moonlight walks. Seeking quiet, honest SWM, 35-45, for possible LTR. #2037344

**LAUGHTER IS THE KEY**  
SF, 20, friend of horses, seeks SWM, 24-34, for laughter, stimulating conversation, maybe LTR. #2010354

**READY TO MINGLE**  
SWF, 65, divorcee, three kids, open, retired business owner, enjoys keeping active, traveling, vacations, company of others. Seeking SWM, 60-70, active, fun, sharing, friendly, possibly more. #204425

**SEEKING NEW FRIENDS**  
SF, 63, likes to enjoy the company, mountains, nature, walks. Seeking SWM, 50-60, who enjoys life, for possible relationship. #2036770

**CALL ME**  
SWF, 30, likes to read news and motorcycling, a man to share this with. #206475

**FOR LIFE**  
SWF, 40, is looking for a CM who is ready to spend the rest of his life with a woman. #2021571

**VENUS**  
Voluptuous SWF, 30, loves fun, strong, good voice and a cool head. Seeking a man to share travel, movies, conversation. #2055777

**GOOD COMPANY**  
SWF, 62, with grown children, enjoys golf, boating, travel, gardening, fishing, camping. Seeking a man for dinner, dancing, golf, etc. #2037240

**SCORPIO**  
SWM, man, who wishes to find a man who prefers being in the sun than in the shade. #2037432

**DIET GIANDRA**  
SWF, 59, 5'8", brown hair, grey hair, has a heart for a man who is a "Low vision? Difficulty seeing? Sense of humor? Call me. #2037432

**ADVENTUROUS INDIVIDUAL**  
SWF, looking for a SWM, 40-50, with an adventurous spirit, who would like to go out, travel, fishing, canoeing, etc. #2037432

**THE CHANCE**  
SF, 32, blonde hair, dental assistant, enjoys outdoors, travel, fishing, movies, sports, music, dining out. Seeking a man, 30-36, for friendship. #2036159

**POSSIBLE SOULMATES**  
SWF, 45, enjoys dancing, movies, music, the outdoors, animals. Looking for a SWM with good sense of humor. #2035991

**ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT**  
SF, 40, enjoys dancing, movies, music. Would like to find a man, 18-25, N/S, who is ready for possible relationship. #2036159

**FAMILY-ORIENTED**  
WF, 5'0", 120 lbs, blonde hair, likes music, dancing, time with my children, cooking, outdoors, movie. Seeking honest man, 30-36, to develop a real relationship. #2036159

**LET'S MAKE A DATE!**  
SWF, 30, Pikes, N/S, enjoys church, horseback riding, farm life, animals, painting, shopping, roses. Seeking SWM, 25-35, N/S, for LTR. #2039452

**GREAT OUTDOORS**  
Friendly SWF, 37, 27, 23, average looks, enjoys fishing, 4x4, outdoor activities, hiking, walking, etc. Seeking loyal SWM, 25-30, non-smoker, for real, great relationship. No! Games please. #2036159

**GIVE ME A CALL**  
SWF, 27, mother, Leo, enjoys traveling, reading, music, like Seeking SWM, 30-35, with similar interests, occasional LTR. #2036159

**SHARE INTERESTS**  
Adventurous SWF, 27, triathlete, non-smoker, enjoys outdoor activities, walks, hiking, 4x4, reading, shopping, horseback riding, 2x4, 2x6, 2x8, 2x10, 2x12, 2x14, 2x16, 2x18, 2x20, 2x22, 2x24, 2x26, 2x28, 2x30, 2x32, 2x34, 2x36, 2x38, 2x40, 2x42, 2x44, 2x46, 2x48, 2x50, 2x52, 2x54, 2x56, 2x58, 2x60, 2x62, 2x64, 2x66, 2x68, 2x70, 2x72, 2x74, 2x76, 2x78, 2x80, 2x82, 2x84, 2x86, 2x88, 2x90, 2x92, 2x94, 2x96, 2x98, 2x100.

**THIS IS GAME**  
Attractive, warm-hearted, caring SWF, 33, likes adventures, reading, going out, movies, quiet times and much more. Seeking humorous, intelligent, kind-hearted SWM, 30-40, who shares great times and laughter. #2031872

**LAUGHTER AND LOVE**  
Energetic, single SWF, 49, has vast variety of interests. Seeking kind, honest, SWM, 35-45, who shares great times with possible LTR. #2036240

**JUST A FRIEND**  
DWF, 43, loves movies, animals, camping, dogs, quiet times at home. Seeking SWM, 40-50, who shares great times with possible LTR. #2036240

**LAUGHTER IS THE KEY**  
DWF, 42, enjoys everything from horsemanship to fishing. Seeking playful, adventurous, slightly SWM, 27-47, for possible relationship. #207103

**ACTIVE IN MANY WAYS**  
Classy active SWF, 49, enjoys biking, hiking, reading, fishing, golf, tennis, travel, fun, love entertaining, dancing. Seeking active, fun, romantic SWM, 40-52, for possible LTR. #2037240

**FUN-LOVING GAL**  
Fun-loving, hard-working, ambitious, trustworthy, honest SWF, 53, enjoys traveling, hiking, fishing, camping, fishing, boating, hiking. Seeking compatible SWM, 50-55, for possible relationship. #2029250

**LOOKING FOR A PRINCE**  
SWF, 24, enjoys hiking, skiing, cooking, and working with children. Seeking an honest, hard-working SWM, 24-30, who would like to have a family and someone to grow old with. #2036159

**IT'S TIME**  
Energetic, laid-back SWF, 56, 5'6", dark hair, blonde, average looks, great sense of humor, seeks someone, 50-63, who shares fun times exploring life. #796216

**ARE YOU THAT SOMEBODY?**  
Friendly, outgoing SWF, 52, no dependents, healthy, enjoys movies, the outdoors, sports, new things, nights out, times home. Seeking SWM, 35-50, for friendship. #2036159

**ONE GOOD MAN WANTED**  
Scandinavian woman, 57, 5'7", intelligent, intelligent, Leo, likes dancing, shopping, museums, movies, of painting, etc. Seeking interested man, 45-60. #2035272

**NO MORE HEAD GAMES**  
Happy, patient SWM, 29, enjoys movies, music, going out, companionship. Seeking beautiful SF, 24-34, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. #2037240

**FANCY FIVE**  
DWF, 30, 5'7", 145 lbs, brown hair, enjoys hiking and camping. #2030038

**DO YOU PASS ME BY?**  
SWM, 23, 6'0", blonde hair, with an athletic build, loves hiking, camping and backpacking. #2030038

**ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES**  
SWM, 26, 6'0", 200 lbs, wants to meet someone new to dating, and whatever develops. #2030038

**LET'S TEAM UP**  
SWF, 43, 200 lbs, enjoys golfing, hiking, camping, walking, horseback riding, the right person. Seeking SF, 37-43, similar interests, for companionship. #2037240

**DOWN-TO-EARTH**  
DWF, 56, 150 lbs, enjoys going to the outdoors, hiking, enjoys the outdoors, horses and riding, 100% country. Seeking honest, caring, fun-loving SF, 55-61, for companionship and possible LTR. #2037240

**LET'S GET REAL...**  
Athletic SWM, 43, 6'0", enjoys hiking, boating, biking, gardening, traveling, etc. #2037240

**COUNTRY SYNOPSIS**  
Seks suitable SWM, 60, outdoors, healthy, outdoors, enjoys photography and fishing. #2037240

**SWF, 43, with a spirit for adventure, a sports car and a love for spending late hours outdoors, would like to share the great outdoors with** #2037240

**EVERYBODY LOVES**  
Seks suitable SWM, 60, outdoors, healthy, outdoors, enjoys photography and fishing. #2037240

**FRED SEEKING WILMA**  
Taurus, 22-year-old SWM, smoker, enjoys hiking, fishing, travel, music, etc. Seeking a woman who loves what he loves. #2037240

**DO YOU WANT TALK?**  
Taurus, 22-year-old SWM, smoker, enjoys hiking, fishing, travel, music, etc. Seeking a woman who loves what he loves. #2037240

**HEARTS MUSINGS**  
Outgoing, hard-working SWF, 54, 5'4", 120 lbs, blonde hair, enjoys hiking, fishing, sports, ballroom dancing, song writing, etc. Seeking a man, 40-50, to dance the night away. #2037240

**TAKE ME HIGHER**  
SWF, 18, in search of a man, 18-20, with Christian values, and a passion for life. #2037240

**GREAT RELATIONSHIP**  
SWM, 30, honest, outgoing, in shape, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, hiking, etc. Seeking a woman, 25-35, attractive, sincere, seeking for friendship. #2037240

**SPIRITUAL SEEKER**  
Independent spiritual SWF, 25, enjoys hiking, fishing, etc. Seeking an independent, grounded, intelligent SWM, 25-35, who shares the same interests. #2037240

**MELLOW DIKE**  
DWF, 55, 170 lbs, enjoys hiking, fishing, camping, antique shops, etc. Seeking a woman, 40-50, who shares the same interests. #2037240

**ACTIVE AND QUIET**  
SWM, 20, 160 lbs, enjoys hiking, fishing, etc. Seeking a woman, 18-20, with a good personality. #2037240

**SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT**  
Single dad, 30, looking for a woman who is a mom. #2037240

**SEEKING MS RIGHT**  
Fun-loving, adventurous, smart happy SWM, 36, seeks same in SF, social, outgoing, enjoys hiking, snowmobiling, hiking, camping. Seeking SWF, 33-44, for possible relationship. #2037240

**GIVE IT A CHANCE**  
SWM, 34, 5'11", 160 lbs, father of a dog, loves to play, enjoys going out, enjoys outdoors and family time. Seeking dates and maybe more. #2037240

**THINK OF ME**  
SWM, 33, electrical engineer, wants to make sparks with a woman who has been camping, hiking, and anything outdoors. #2037240

**GIVE ME A CALL**  
SWM, 21, enjoys movies, video games, long walks, all outdoor activities, N/S, loves CR and am somewhat limited. Looking for someone to chat with. #2037240

**POSITIVE AND HAPPY**  
Active happy SWM, 53, enjoys horses, movies, outdoors, hiking, law, music. #2037240

**SEEKS MOUNTAIN LADY**  
Male, 52, enjoys mountains, lakes and streams. Seeking nice woman, 40-52, for outdoor fun. #2037240

**CROSS BETWEEN...**  
Kenny Rogers and Santa Claus. SWM, 40, 160 lbs, enjoys hiking, snowmobiling, etc. Seeking a woman, 35-45, who shares the same interests. #2037240

**LIVES SIMPLE, HONEST LIFE**  
I'm an employed, independent, honest, sincere, 40-year-old SWM, 160, N/S, who loves the outdoors (especially fishing, hunting, and golf). I'm 5'7" and 170 lbs. My wife is unimportant to me. #2037240

**MIDDLE AGE SEKS FUN**  
SWM, 53, 5'11", 170 lbs, enjoys fishing, hiking, camping, golfing, etc. Seeking a woman, 40-50, who shares the same interests. #2037240

**SEARCHING FOR HAPPINESS**  
SWM, 35, 5'7", hard-headed, I'd very outgoing, enjoys camping, hiking, boating, sports, etc. Seeking nice, outgoing, fun SF with similar tastes. #2037240

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**THIS AND MORE**  
Dating, matching, sweet and sincere SWM, 36, seeks same in SF, social, outgoing, enjoys hiking, snowmobiling, hiking, camping. Seeking SWF, 33-44, for possible relationship. #2037240

**SPECIAL FRIEND**  
SWM, 60, enjoys adventures, fishing, bar, etc. Seeking SWF, 35-45, for good times. #2037240

**POSIBLE LTR**  
Good looking, independent SWM, 32, enjoys movies, music, dining out, travel. Seeking SWF, 25-35, who enjoys hiking and maybe more. #2037240

**NEEDS A FRIEND**  
Creative, caring SWM, 37, likes theater, fishing, hiking, etc. Seeking SWF, 30-40, for friendship and a possible relationship. #2037240

**DOWN-TO-EARTH**  
SWM, 46, smoker, enjoys the simple things in life. Seeking SWF, 35-45, for friendship and a possible relationship. #2037240

**JUST A NICE GUY**  
SWM, 55, loves, enjoys the country, snowmobiling, etc. Seeking SWF, 40-50, for friendship and a possible relationship. #2037240

**SMALL STEPS**  
Friendly, out-going SWM, 42, enjoys camping, long drives, watching the moon, fishing, etc. Seeking SF, 37-47, for friendship and a possible relationship. #2037240

**STILL LOOKING**  
SWM, 20, enjoys hiking, fishing, etc. Seeking a woman, 18-20, who shares the same interests. #2037240

**WAY TOO QUIET**  
SWM, 20, enjoys hiking, fishing, etc. Seeking a woman, 18-20, who shares the same interests. #2037240

**SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL**  
SWM, 40, 5'7", brown hair, enjoys camping, fishing, pool, etc. Seeking a woman, 30-40, who shares the same interests. #2037240

**WAITING FOR YOU**  
SWM, 21, enjoys the outdoors, nature, animals, horseback riding, etc. Seeking a woman, 18-20, who shares the same interests. #2037240

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Sunday, April 27, 2003

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: Is Drury the answer to all problems when one is facing a potentially light third-in-hand opener? Is there not the risk of losing the club suit as a passed hand?

Meilyn Mann, Hartford, Conn.

ANSWER: Drury (the passed-hand response of two clubs to a major-suit opening showing a maximum pass and a fit) has many plusses. It keeps you low on occasions and lets you explore the right game efficiently. You minimize the risk you describe if you stretch to open one club with 11 points and six clubs in first or second chair. With fewer points, pass, then respond to no-trump (or three clubs if necessary).

Dear Mr. Wolff: Do you believe that an opening three-level pre-empt should always deliver seven cards? What about the vulnerability or position influencing the choice of pre-empt?

Flight of Fancy, Mason, Ga.

ANSWER: Three-level pre-empt normally delivers seven cards. Exceptions come when you hold clubs with no weak-two available, you may stretch to open a six-card club suit, at favorable vulnerability or when in third chair — where a pre-empt is vital — and also where you have a six-card suit with so much stuffing that it looks like seven.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Holding ♠ K-Q, 10-8-6-5, ♣ A-3-Q-9-6-3, I heard my partner open one club, and his RHO overcall one spade. I thought all three of my choices — raising clubs to the two- or three-level, doubling, or bidding one no-trump — had merit. What do you say?

Natural Selection, Muncie, Ind.

ANSWER: When you hold four cards in the other major, you will normally double first, then sup-

port partner. One no-trump looks wrong, with only one spade stop, and if you raise clubs, you may never find hearts. By the way, remember that a jump raise in clubs in competition is frequently played these days as pre-emptive, not invitational.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I was sitting minding my own business in second chair as my opponents bid one heart — one spade — two clubs, passed around to my partner, who balanced with a double. I held ♠ Q-6-4-3, ♥ Q-2, ♦ K-J-2, 10-8-5; what should I do now?

Frying Pan, Dodge City, Kan.

ANSWER: Partner's double suggests takeout of clubs — and if you remove the double, you are expected to choose between spades and diamonds. (Partner might well have space length and not have been able to act on the previous round.) That being so, it looks safe to bid two spades and avoid developments.

Dear Mr. Wolff: What are the responses to an opening four no-trump? Does it show the minors, or is it ace-asking?

Ilio-Mann, Springfield, Mass.

ANSWER: Some of the "fancy" players have recently taken to playing four no-trump as asking for specific aces rather than as regular Blackwood. You cue-bid in ace if you have one, and bid four clubs if you don't. Five no-trump shows two aces; six no-trump shows the club ace. For example, open four no-trump with ♠ A-K-Q-J-10-9, ♥ K-Q-J-10, ♦ A-K, ♣ —. Sign off in six spades over a five-club or six-club opening, and you'll have seven spades over a five-heart response.

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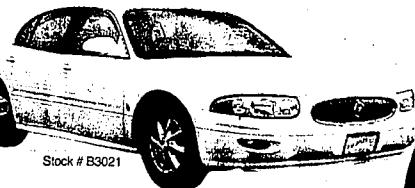
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Love isn't what it used to be. Today, there's lots more baggage attached. Today, love, and even romance, are trekking around the globe.

"After a quick check, I have determined that there are so many Internet dating services that you could spend your whole life just searching for love. One Web site is titled "dating attractive people." I can't imagine anyone browsing around for an alternative to that, but I'm sure there must be one.

Another Web site is titled "dating and driving," complete with instructions on how to get a date without ever leaving your car.

"A Web site titled "dating advice" was the biggest mystery to me. When I clicked on it, an ad for Pamper appeared on the screen.

Links to some dating joke sites made more sense. Today's couples often have to contend with long distance romance, too, either temporarily or permanently.

Or, "Be careful of men who are bold and rich. The arrogance of rich" usually comes in the nice of "bold."

As if finding a soulmate on the Internet weren't difficult enough, today's couples often have to contend with long distance romance, too, either temporarily or permanently.

Last week, I received a press release noting that long-distance love is a part of life for more than 10 million couples - "executives climbing the corporate ladder while sweethearts wait hundreds of miles away, students writing lonesome love letters on the Internet to their hometown honeys, members of our armed forces who protect freedom worldwide, even Hollywood stars trying to sustain a relationship while making movies in different countries."

To address the issue of commuter, even bicoastal, romance, the press release contained information about a series of books by Stephen Blake on "Loving Your Long-Distance Relationship." Blake tells people how to cope with saying good-bye again and again, how to communicate and make ground rules, how to achieve balance and how to prevent phone arguments.

I wonder how the long-distance love thing fits in with Nancie Wydra's book, "Look Before You Love," in which the author warns, "Don't fall in love until you check the upholstery."

In this book, Wydra advises checking out a potential mate's digs long before you take the plunge. The placement of artwork on walls can unmask a commitment-phobic partner, she contends, and an abundance of shiny, metal objects can be a relationship "red flag."

Wydra says people's carpeting can even identify them as party people, and their foyers can reveal their levels of compassion.

I think 21st-century life, and romance, just became a little more complicated.

"Meanwhile, Glamour magazine once printed a story about the kinds of questions guaranteed to start a conversation with your date. I suppose they would work just as well via telephone or Internet.

One suggestion: Do not ask yes or no questions. They're probably good advice, especially if you are considering asking something along the lines of, "Do you like me?"

Another suggestion: Ask, "What kind of music do you like?" Don't ask, "Do you like The Wallflowers?"

I suspect it would be even worse to ask, "Do you like being a wallflower."

You are also encouraged to ask, "Who had more influence on you - your mother or your father?" And, "What would you like your epitaph to say?"

Long-distance Internet romance is looking more attractive by the moment.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.



Eata Barlogi has been buying and selling antiques on eBay since 1998. Here, a set of her Johnson Bros. Rose Chintz berry bowls is on sale for an opening bid of \$7.99. Barlogi and her husband, Don, own and operate the Treasures from the Past antique store in Twin Falls, and use eBay in their business.

# The eBay subculture

Art of the online deal is now much more than hobby

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** - Everywhere you go in eBayland, you hear the peanut-butter sandwich story. "It's true," said Paula Meunier, an eBay user who runs a home-based online business selling clothing and other items. "I didn't see it, but somebody actually sold a peanut-butter sandwich on eBay." Meunier, like most regular eBay users, tells the story with more awe than humor. "There are a lot of buyers out there looking for sellers and sellers looking for buyers," said Meunier, 57, who has spent most

of her working life in sales and marketing. "It's a great fit." The San Jose, Calif.-based auction house, one of the few profitable online businesses left in the e-economy, continues to attract customers - 69 million worldwide - even as the economy founders. And like every pop-culture phenomenon, it's developed a mystique. "I love to surf eBay," said Dana Cameron, a Minidoka County antique dealer who sometimes does business on eBay. "It's amazing what you can find." "I go on eBay three or four days a week, maybe three hours a day," said Eata Barlogi, 64,

who with her husband owns a Twin Falls antique store. "I spend maybe 15 hours a week on it." Meunier, Cameron and Barlogi agree that eBay's most powerful attraction is the never-ending search for A Great Deal. "It's a question of someone having the item you want at a price you're willing to pay when you want it," says Meunier, who teaches online trading classes through the College of Southern Idaho's Community Education office. "For example, I sell vintage women's clothing and I have swimsuits available all year. Where are you going to find a plus-size swimsuit in a retail

## Revenue soars for eBay

Online auctioneer eBay Inc. last week shrugged off American consumer spending by posting first-quarter revenue and profit that rose faster than the bids for rare Lladro figurines. Buoyed by the continued rise in the number of new Internet shoppers and triple-digit growth of its international business, the San Jose, Calif.-based auction house boosted revenue 94 percent in the first quarter ended March 31 to \$476.5 million, from \$245.1 million a year ago. The bulk of eBay's revenue comes from collecting fees for facilitating online garage sales of everything from collectible lunch boxes to new cars. Profit rose to \$104.2 million, or 32 cents a share, up from \$47.6 million, or 17 cents, during the same period. The results matched expectations of Wall Street analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call. "They continue to hit on all cylinders," said Shawn Milne, analyst for Soundview Technology Group in San Francisco, which does not own stock in eBay and rates the shares overperform. "The company hasn't really seen any negative impact from the economy or the war."

A sour economy may have benefited eBay, which is viewed as a source of good deals. "If there's a one trend we're seeing, it's that consumers are looking for selection and value," eBay Chief Financial Officer Ray Datta said. "They're looking for bargains." The number of people who register to use eBay jumped 69 percent in the first quarter over a year ago to the 68.8 million, while the number of listings on the site rose 59 percent to 220 million. eBay facilitated \$5.3 billion in sales in the quarter, up 71 percent from last year. Although U.S. revenue grew a strong 29 percent the first quarter over a year ago, eBay saw 164 percent growth in international sales, driven by eBay's popularity in the United Kingdom, Germany and Australia. The company's PayPal payments business, which it purchased last fall for \$1.25 billion in stock, kicked in \$94.2 million in revenue in the quarter, up 93 percent over the previous year. eBay executives predicted full-year revenue of \$2.05 billion in revenue, up \$105 million from their earlier guidance. Earnings also would rise to \$1.27 a share from \$1.12. - Source: Los Angeles Times

## Parents can help when kids have eating disorders

- Consider your thoughts, attitudes and behaviors toward your own body and how these beliefs have been shaped by your family, society and sexism. Examine closely your dreams and goals for your children and other loved ones. Are you overemphasizing beauty and body shape?
- Educate your children about the natural diversity of human body shapes and sizes and the nature and ugliness of prejudice. Never make "fat jokes."
- Maintain positive, healthy attitudes and behaviors. Children learn from the things you say and do. Be a good role model in regard to sensible eating, exercise and self-acceptance.
- Avoid conveying the message, "I would like you more if you would lose weight, wouldn't eat so much, looked more like the slender models in ads," etc.
- Learn about and discuss the dangers of trying to alter one's body shape through dieting, the value of

- moderate exercise for health and the importance of eating a variety of foods in well-balanced meals. Avoid categorizing food as "good/safe/low-fat or low-fat vs. bad/dangerous/fattening."
- Make a commitment to exercise for the joy of feeling your body move and grow stronger. Encourage your children to be active and enjoy what their bodies can do. Promote self-esteem and self-respect in all your children through intellectual, athletic and social endeavors. Give boys and girls the same opportunities and encouragement.
- Help children recognize and resist the ways television, magazines and other media distort the true diversity of human body types and falsely imply that a slender body means power, excitement, popularity or perfection.

-Source: National Eating Disorders Association, Fort Worth Star-Telegram

## X-factor becomes omnipresent in American popular culture

X marks the spot, or many spots, so it seems. The letter is getting a hefty workout lately, though we're not really sure why (these things happen with the alphabet every so often). All we know is that X is everywhere. Just open your eyes. "X2: X-Men United," the "X-Men" sequel claws, slashes and burns its way into theaters May 5. Print ads display a steely, menacing X. An indie film about the chromosomal differences between the way men and women look at relationships, "XXX" has opened in select markets and is already earning good reviews. The "Mutant X" series, based on Marvel Entertainment's popular franchise of human mutant characters, continues to live in syndication on the WB. (Freddie



Actor Hugh Jackman, center, as Wolverine attacks hostile forces in a scene from the 20th Century Fox movie 'X2,' the sequel to 'X-Men.'

Prince Jr. wrote Monday's segment) The first season comes out on DVD June 24. This will be an excellent year for "Matrix" fans: "The Matrix Reloaded" slams onto the big screen May 15, to be followed by "The Matrix Revolutions" in November. For those die-hard Matrixers, Please see X, Page E2

FAMILY LIFE

WEDDING

Hale-Smith

OAKLEY - Anne Marie Hale and Jason M. Smith were married April 19 at the Mountain Valley LDS Church in Standish, Calif. The bride is the daughter of Fielding and Norma Hale of Oakley. She is a graduate of Boise State University and is employed as a teacher at Churchill County High School in Fallon, Nev. The bridegroom is the son of Mike and Vickie Smith of Litchfield, Calif. He attended Delta Junior College in Stockton, Calif. He is employed at the California Department of Corrections. The newlyweds reside in



Jason and Anne Smith  
Susanville, Calif.  
An open house will be held to honor the couple from 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the Fielding Hale residence in Oakley.

The Dickards

TWIN FALLS - J.R. and Halle Dickard of Twin Falls will observe their 60th wedding anniversary on Wednesday. They were married April 30, 1943. He is retired from farming but he stays active helping their two sons, Jerry and Gary. He also enjoys fishing and four-wheeling. She stays active with baking and gardening. The couple has two sons, Jerry (Chris) Dickard and Gary (Gerrie) Dickard, both of Kimberly, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



J.R. and Halle Dickard



Carol and Carol Edwards

The Edwardses

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Carol Edwards of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2-5 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls. No gifts, please. Edwards and Carol Jean

Kleinkopf were married Jan. 21, 1953, at the First Christian Church in Buhl. The event is being hosted by their children, Von (Debbie) Edwards of Hagerman and Cleta (Todd) Allison of Hansen. The couple has six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Ruth and Elmo Short

The Shorts

WENDELL - Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Short of Wendell will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday. An informal open house will be held from 2-4 p.m. May 4 at the couple's home, 499 Seventh Ave. E., Wendell. Short and Ruth Leininger were married May 3, 1943, in Buhl. The couple has lived in the Gooding-Wendell area most of their lives, where he was known as the "best biter man in Magic Valley." He earned that reputation while working for Zittlau

Motors, Gettlemen Tractor and then his own business Elmo's Repair in Wendell. She worked at different jobs over the years and did the bookkeeping for Elmo's Repair until their retirement in 1993. The event is being hosted by their three children, Anna Lowder and Marvin (Carol) Short, both of Wendell, and Linda (Winston) Kennedy of Centerville, Wash. The couple has eight grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and one step-grandchild.

Bridal bliss doesn't need to break the bank

Knights Rlddr News Service

The strapless wedding gown, the three-tiered cake, the bouquet of luscious blooms. "Priceless! Not nearly." The average cost of a wedding has grown 50 percent in the past decade, from \$15,208 in 1990 to \$22,300 in 2002, according to the Conde Nast Bridal Infobank. The

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study also found that 43 percent of couples said they spent more on the wedding than they had planned. That will continue despite the war with Iraq and the less-than-sparking economy. But tying the

knot doesn't mean breaking the bank. Financial advisers generally suggest that couples not go into debt to have their wedding, unless they have a good plan for paying the bills. "Especially with the way the economy is today, I just don't recommend people going into debt," said Suzanne Krassa, a certified financial planner in Walnut

Creek, Calif. "It's like saying, 'Let's go into debt to have a big party or go on vacation.' Why start your life together with a huge debt?" Couples can still have the wedding of their dreams. One of the first steps is to set up a budget, keeping in mind not only the pri-

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eBay

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and it's the kiss of death for an eBay trader. "It's not risk free," Cameron said. "But I think it's pretty safe. You don't get burned often." eBay has created a whole new economy populated by retailers like the Barlogis and home-based entrepreneurs such as Cameron and Meunier. They buy on spec, post items at a profit, and live on the difference. "I go to a lot of garage sales," Meunier said. "If I clean up at garage sales, I might spend 10-hour days getting everything on eBay." Or she might withhold prod-

uct for awhile, guessing the prices will be better later. Putting an item up for sale on eBay is cheap: Sellers pay a nominal insertion fee, based on the value of their products. And when your listing ends, you pay a "final value fee," based on the price of whatever you sold the item for. It's 5.25 percent, with an additional percentage tacked on as the value of the item increases. eBay assumes additional fees for premium listings, or to add items such as photos or graphics to listings, and most serious eBay sellers use PayPal, an eBay service that works like a bank

account and expedites the transfer of money. For most business customers, the cost is about 3 percent. "By far the biggest expense in my business is shipping," Meunier said. "I don't pay a lot for using eBay." It's important, Esta Barlogi says, to do your homework before you buy an eBay - especially big-ticket items - and insure that what you're seeing online is what you'll get for your money. "After a while, you get more comfortable with it," said Cameron, who in addition to

items for her business has bought a digital camera on eBay. "You get more of a feeling about when you're dealing with." Meunier guesses the number of serious traders on eBay is dwarfed by the number of casual users, but they all share the thrill of the hunt. "It's a business for me, but I still enjoy going on eBay just to see what's there," she said. "It's exciting." Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223, or write to him at steven.crump@tnc.net

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- Use your Social Security number only when necessary.
- Before revealing any information online, ensure the Web site is securely protected (you should see a padlock icon when information is being sent.)
- Obtain a copy of your credit report at least once a year to check for errors.
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**INGREDIENTS:**

8 oz. fettuccine	3 tsp flour	3/4 tbs salt	1/2 tsp mild paprika
4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves (about 1 lb. total), pounded to 1/4-inch thickness	1 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth, defatted	1 tsp dried sage	1 tsp olive oil
1/2 cup Marsala or dry red wine	3/4 lb. mushrooms, thinly sliced	1 med. onion, finely chopped	
1 clove garlic, minced	1/4 cup reduced-fat sour cream		

In a large pot of boiling water, cook fettuccine until just tender. Drain well and return to pot; keep warm. On a sheet of waxed paper, combine the flour, salt, paprika, and pepper. Dredge chicken in flour mixture, shaking off and reserving the excess. In a large nonstick skillet, heat oil until hot but not smoking over medium heat. Add chicken and cook until golden brown, about 2 minutes per side. With a slotted spoon, transfer chicken to a plate. Increase heat to medium-high. Add the Marsala and bring to a boil, scraping up any browned bits that cling to the bottom of the pan. Add mushrooms, onion, and garlic and cook until onion is softened, about 3 minutes. Sauté reserved broth mixture and add it to the pan, stirring to combine. Reduce to a simmer and cook, stirring frequently, until slightly thickened, about 5 minutes. Return chicken to pan and stir to coat with sauce. Remove pan from heat and stir in sour cream. Divide chicken mixture among 4 plates, place fettuccini on the side, and serve.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Wedding

**Bowen-Osteth**

**BURLEY** - Bruce R. and Valerie Bowen of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Lynn Bowen, to Simon Paul Osteth, son of Jorgan Christel Osteth of Sandy, Utah. Bowen is a graduate of Burley High School and Ricks College. She is employed by Ferry Olsen Drywall in Lehi, Utah. Osteth is a graduate of Jordan High School. He is currently attending Brigham Young University. The wedding is planned for Thursday in the Bountiful LDS



Simon Osteth and Sara Bowen Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7-9 p.m. Friday at the Pella LDS Church, 400 S. 150 W., Burley.

**Morgan-Graf**

**BURLEY** - Paul and Sandra Morgan of Saco, Maine, announce the engagement of their daughter, Hannah Desiree Morgan, to Chris Graf, son of Dan and Julie Graf of Burley. Morgan and Graf are both attending Brigham Young University-Idaho. The wedding is planned for Friday at the Logan LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7-9 p.m. that evening at Sweetheart Manor, corner of Overland Avenue and 42nd Street, Burley.



Hannah Morgan and Chris Graf

**Siebe-Shewmaker**

**JEROME** - Sue Murray and Roger Shewmaker, both of Jerome, announce the engagement of their son, Tony Shewmaker, to Lori Siebe, daughter of the late Beverly and Mike Hallgren of Fernley, Nev. Siebe is a 1995 graduate of Fernley High School and is currently employed at Trugreen Chomlawn in Meridian. Shewmaker is a 1994 graduate of Cottonwood High School and received a degree in business and accounting from Boise State University in 1997. He is also employed at Trugreen Chomlawn in Meridian. The wedding is planned for



Lori Siebe and Tony Shewmaker May 31 at the Sandstone Event Center in Nampa. A reception will follow the ceremony. The couple will reside in Meridian.

**Nielson-McGee**

**TWIN FALLS** - Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Nielson of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Michelle Nielson, to Tyler Jay McGee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGee of Lake City, Utah. Nielson is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. McGee is a graduate of Cottonwood High School in Salt Lake City and Utah Valley State College with a degree in political science. He is currently a teacher at Summit High School in American Fork, Utah, and will attend BYU in the fall. The wedding is planned for Friday in the Salt Lake City



Kathryn Nielson and Tyler McGee Temple. A reception will be held from 7-9 p.m. May 10 at the Evergreen Building on the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls.

**Camp-Swensen**

**JEROME** - Myrna and Fern Camp of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Camp, to Aaron David Swensen, son of Ronald Swensen and Cheryl Long of Federal Way, Wash. Camp is attending Brigham Young University-Idaho, majoring in communications. She served an LDS mission in the California Santa Rosa Mission. Swensen served an LDS mission in Alabama. He is attending BYU-Idaho, majoring in graphic design. The wedding is planned for Saturday in the Logan LDS Temple. A reception will follow from 7-9 p.m. that evening at the



Aaron Swensen and Jill Camp Jerome 2nd Ward LDS building. The couple will continue their education at BYU-Idaho.

**Smith-Warmack**

**TWIN FALLS** - Andrew R. and Cheryl M. Smith of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Chantel M. Cheney Smith, to Jarrett L. Warmack of Ignacio, Colo. Smith is the daughter of Gene and Sue Cheney of Twin Falls. She currently is employed at Applebee's Restaurant. Warmack is the son of Dan and Trish Warmack of Buhl. He currently is employed at Southwest Equipment. The wedding is planned for 6 p.m. Saturday at The Ballroom, 305 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls. A reception will be held following the ceremony.



Jarrett Warmack and Chantel Smith

**Almendro-Hawkins**

**TWIN FALLS** - Paulo Cesar and Zeneide Almendro of Brazil announce the engagement of their daughter, Vanessa Moraes Almendro, to Jared Michael Hawkins, son of Jonathan and Janet Hawkins of Twin Falls. Almendro is a graduate of IB in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and teaches computer software. Hawkins is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho and is employed in Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for May 4 at the home of the groom's parents.



Vanessa Almendro and Jared Hawkins

**Klaas-Moore**

**JEROME** - Tim and Glenda Klaas of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Leann Klaas, to Jason Lee Moore, son of Robert and Debbie Moore of Denver, Colo. Klaas is a graduate of Jerome High School and the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Super Target in Golden, Colo. Moore is a graduate of George Washington High School in Denver and Metropolitan State College in Denver. He is employed at the Department of Veteran Affairs in Lakewood, Colo. The wedding is planned for May 17 at St. Jerome's Catholic



Heather Klaas and Jason Moore Church in Jerome. A reception will be held at 3 p.m. May 17 at St. Jerome's Parish Hall.

**Behring-Schutte**

**EDEN** - The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Mark Behring of Humble, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Behring, to Gregory Schutte, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schutte of Eden. Behring is a graduate of Concordia University at Austin in Austin, Texas. She is employed at Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide in Austin. Schutte is attending Boise State University. He is employed at Book Design Studio and Indian Creek Design in Boise. The wedding is planned for May 24 at Lamb of God Lutheran



Gregory Schutte and Jennifer Behring Church in Humble, Texas. A reception will follow at 5 p.m. at Magnolia Place in Humble.

**Morgan-Maxwell**

**TWIN FALLS** - Danielle Ellen Morgan and Robert Clay Maxwell announce their engagement. Morgan is the daughter of Dean Morgan of Gooding and the late Dennis Morgan. She is a graduate of Gooding High School and Boise State University. Maxwell is the son of Robert (Pavey) Maxwell and Teresa (Kirk) Maxwell of Twin Falls. He is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and will be attending Boise State University in the fall. The wedding is planned for May 17 at Valley Christian Church in Twin Falls.



Robert Maxwell and Danielle Morgan The couple will reside in the Boise area.

**Dalin-Bankhead**

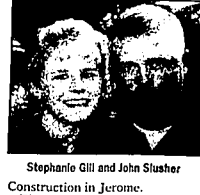
**FAIRFIELD** - Jack and Tracy Dalin of Fairfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Dalin, to John W. Bankhead, son of Gary and Iola Bankhead of Alamo, Calif. Dalin is a graduate of Camas County High School and is currently attending Brigham Young University-Idaho, majoring in English. Bankhead is a graduate of Monte Vista High School in Danville, Calif. He served an LDS mission in Mendoza, Argentina, and is currently attending BYU-Idaho, majoring in international marketing. The wedding is planned for Friday in the Logan Utah Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 4-6 p.m. Saturday at the Soldier Mountain



John Bankhead and Ashley Dalin Ranch and Resort in Fairfield. An open house will be held from 3-5 p.m. May 17 at the Bankhead residence in Alamo, Calif. Following a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple will reside in Dublin, Calif., for the summer and return to college in Rexburg in the fall.

**Gill-Slusher**

**FAIRFIELD** - Michael and Tracy Gill of Fairfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Jo Gill, to John David Slusher, son of David and Gerrie Slusher of Jerome. Gill graduated from Camas County High School in 1999, College of Southern Idaho in 2001 and Idaho State University in 2003 with a degree in elementary education. Slusher is a 1995 graduate of LERA (Lakeland) High School. He is Wendell High School, is employed at Slusher



Stephanie Gill and John Slusher Construction in Jerome. The wedding is planned for June 7.

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 orities of the wedding - is the food more important or the band? - but also how it could affect future purchases, such as a house or funds for retirement or a child's college education. "There's a huge financial picture that takes shape," said Elisabeth Anderson, a financial adviser with Morgan Stanley in Concord, Calif. "The wedding is just the first step." Couples should also review their finances and discuss their short- and long-term financial goals before putting together the wedding budget. That includes becoming familiar with each other's debts and loans. If they have a long engagement - the average lasted from 11 months in 1990 to 16 months in 2002, according to the Conde Nast Bridal Infobank - they could also set up a joint checking account and begin stashing funds, Anderson said. She also suggested using a credit card, since it provides a record of purchases in case of a dispute, but paying off the balance each month. All this planning allows the couple to throw the wedding they've fantasized about. "There's a way to make it happen, no matter what your budget is," said Anita Henry, managing editor of Modern Bride, a Conde Nast magazine that includes a feature offering cheap alternatives to such items as party favors, invitations and cakes. Phillip Novales-Li and Hgrid Plooy of Livermore, Calif., managed to throw a wedding with a "European, old world charm" by cutting costs wherever they could. They held their wedding on Labor Day, a Monday, and negotiated a deal with the Ritz-Carlton in San Francisco that included a free cake. They hired students from the Academy of Arts College to photograph the wedding for \$250

and shopped at outlets and consignment stores for the dresses. They estimated they spent under \$10,000 for their wedding for 50 guests. They did their research, calling several vendors and comparing prices. Often, they would ask for quotes for a party, instead of a wedding. "Lo and behold, the prices were different," Novales-Li said.

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- Students must be 5 years old on or before September 1, to enroll in kindergarten.
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**How to save**

- Budget-saving tips from newlyweds: "Think the guest list. With the reception usually the biggest expense, it's the most obvious place to cut costs. The math is obvious: fewer guests mean fewer invitations and party favors, as well as a smaller food and alcohol bill. You feel like you have to invite everybody in the world," said Jennifer Fitzgerald, who had about 110 guests at her January wedding.
- Consider holding the wedding on a day other than Saturday. Besides lowering the reception cost, it makes it easier to book photographers, videographers and other vendors who might otherwise be busy.
- Don't forget to negotiate. "The first price they quote you is usually open to negotiation. If not, be willing to walk away from it and go elsewhere," said Plooy, who chose a different ceremony location after the first wouldn't haggle.
- Enlist the help of family and friends. Yvonne Peltz's neighbor officiated the ceremony; her father, a former restaurateur owner, made spaghetti that was part of the catered buffet, and relatives helped set, serve and clean up the food.
- Plan early. It's easier to find bargains when there's more time.
- Don't feel pressured to spend. Some couples shaved costs by not renting chair covers or using a friend's instead of hiring the traditional limousine. As Julie Thompson's wedding drew closer, she felt compelled to make last-minute purchases. But she held back from buying an extra \$200 of poetry books for the guests.

- Source: Contra Costa Times

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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be innovative and test your abilities.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Throwing caution to the wind may win friends and influence others.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your intellectual curiosity pleases partners. You know when to turn on the charm to get what you wish for.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Odds are in your favor. Take the bull by the horns.

## GOODING FFA HONORS



Photo courtesy of Gooding FFA

Above, the Gooding FFA district meats team consists of Maleah Huggins, Todd Thomas, Steven Toone, Judd Leguinecho and Nick Human. Steven was second high individual, and Todd was third high individual. They had to identify 10 cuts of pork, beef and sheep. Lance Gillette was the chapter's Star Agribusiness, and his project was in agribusiness.

Below, the Gooding FFA state horse team won second in the state competition at the state convention at the College of Southern Idaho. The team consists of Trevor Ervin, Jona Reed, Sarah Pearson and Haley Gill. Becky Potroch helped the team prepare for state. Jena won sixth high individual, and Sarah won 10th high individual. The students had to judge three halter classes, three performance classes and then, give two oral reasons. One set of oral reasons was on a halter class and the other on a performance class. This is the second year in a row that the Gooding FFA state



## Shoshone students show math success

**SHOSHONE** - Fifty-nine Shoshone Elementary students passed 50 in a Minute tests in March.

Students passing are:  
Addition to 5: Audrey Sollars and Candy Camargo.

Subtraction to 5: Danielle McLeod, Sanyu Sanchez, Sarah Jones, Jose Hurtado and Tyril Ferguson.

Addition to 10: Leah Keyes, Elie Fox, Carlos Valencia and Amanda Bidwell.

Subtraction to 10: Jordan Bailey, Krysta Norris, Elie Fox, Kendra Wright, Mikaila Masarofin and Zinkrey Allen.

Addition to 18: Matthew Walsh, Diana Vaughn, Brooke Stein, Bryce Shetter, Robert Bradford, Bryan Bollar, Stacey Robertson, Britain Best and Jamie Tollard.

Subtraction to 18: Gage Roberts, Alexis Murphy, Tommy Warnke, Clive Masseu and Christina Villa.

Mixed addition and

### SHOSHONE ELEMENTARY NEWS

Kathle Bolan

subtraction: Ishmael Anguiano, Brandon Thomas and Gilberto Hernandez.

Multiplication to 25: Garrett Sant, Christina Nickoll, Candice Peterson, Ishmael Anguiano, Adrian Sanchez and Amber Mason.

Multiplication to 100: Tyler Gifford, Jose Orozco, Ivan Zavala, Emilia Silva, Cara Pantone and Sean Lancaster.

Division: Ivan Zavala, Shelby Bozuto, Tyler Cenarrusa, Jennica Korner, Roberto Perez, Amanda Olsen, Justin Santana and Jesse Anguiano.

Mixed, multiplication and divi-

sion: Hilda Machado, Shane Walsh, Amanda Olsen and Justin Santana.

Mixed all and qualifying for a trophy: Jacob Bitseff and Hilda Machado.

The marathon test involves passing 100 multiplication facts in one minute. When students attain this goal, they will receive a medalion in recognition. Interim steps toward this achievement are to pass 60, 70, 80 and 90 in a minute tests. Those students passing are:

60/minute: Jacob Bitseff, Rashelle Jensen, Joshua Olsen, Ashley Montgomery and Victoria Vaughn.

70/minute: Sigi Juarez, Samantha Alegria, Ashley Montgomery, Victoria Vaughn, Joshua Olsen, Caleb Greenwood and Janni Merrick.

Kathle Bolan is a teacher at Shoshone Elementary.

## Auxiliary names Girls State delegates

**TWIN FALLS** - The American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 7 announced the selection of the Twin Falls County east-end delegates to the 57th annual session of the Idaho Springs Girls State to be held at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, June 8-14.

Girls State provides an opportunity for the delegates to learn about the operations of city, county and state government. Delegates will prepare bills, run for offices, and participate in various activities one day at the state capital.

Deborah Artega, 17, was chosen to represent Murtaugh High School. She is active in volley-



Deborah Artega

Deborah's contributor is the Murtaugh High School Student Body Fund.

Kimberly High School's representative is Ely Garner, 17, the

daughter of John and Tennie Garner of Kimberly. She participated in the debate team, mock trial team, Spanish Club, Quiz Bowl and National Honor Society. She is a sports writer



Ely Garner

for The Times-News, and participates in activities with the Idaho Hunter Jumper Association. Ely's contributor is the Grace Smith Keevern Foundation.

## BURLEY LIBRARY ESSAY WINNERS



The Burley Public Library held an essay contest for students at White Pine Intermediate School in conjunction with the library's 51st birthday celebration. The theme was if they were to enter a time machine at the library, would they choose to go 81 years in the past or 81 years in the future and what would they see. First place winners were, from left, Chris Dixon, fourth grade; Emily Winn, fifth grade; and Kassie Helner, sixth grade. Each will receive a copy of the fifth book in the Harry Potter series.

Photo courtesy of SUSAN THOMPSON



Runners-up in the essay contest were, from left, Flor Lozano, Melanie Garrard and Eric Orton; back: Ashley Peterson, Nicole Mebey, Katub Ashby and Emily Greenman. Each will receive a book by Lemony Snicket.

## STORK REPORT

### Magie Valley Regional Medical Center

Joshua Alden Liddiard, son of Nicole Bronson and Joshua Alan Liddiard of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, April 2, 2003.

Bianca Isabel Castillo, daughter of Alma Cecilia Mercado of Twin Falls, was born Monday, April 7, 2003.

Kyle Skye DePriest, daughter of Ashley Marie Newton of Edon, was born Tuesday, April 8, 2003.

Hollyn Lane Bailey-Koch, daughter of Desiree Zondrea and Andrew Lane Koch of Wendell, was born Sunday, April 13, 2003.

Ryleigh Noomi Plank, daughter

To announce a birth send a copy of the birth certificate to: Melissa Morgan The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to: 734-5538. Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. More information? Call Melissa at 735-3278

ter of Robin Joyce and Erik Bryan Plank of Jerome, was born Monday, April 14, 2003.

Chance Logan Bennett, son of Katrina Mahan and Jeffery Robert Bennett of Buhl, was

born Tuesday, April 15, 2003.

Brian Terry McCurdy, son of Annette Trvdi and Jason Joy McCurdy of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, April 16, 2003.

### Cassia Regional Medical Center

Cassia Regional Medical Center will no longer be sending birth announcements to The Times-News. To have a birth announcement printed in the Stork Report, bring a copy of the child's birth certificate to The Times-News office in Burley or Twin Falls. Parents who bring in their child's birth certificate will receive one free issue of the newspaper.

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

### Magie Valley students make honor roll at WSU

Area students made the honor roll for the fall 2002 semester at Washington State University in Pullman, Wash.

To be eligible, students must enroll from 7:30 p.m. May 6 in the Buhl High School art room; have a 3.5 grade-point average or better or have received a 3.75 GPA or better during the semester.

They are:

Buhl - Anthony Joseph Ostrander

Heyburn - Jason Boyd Vanlueven

Mountain Home Air Force Base - Joshua Ryan Devoe

Rupert - Ivy L. Grant

Twin Falls - Christie Dyan Mary Updell, Norma Henny, Deagle, Jesse Thomas Hanley, Todd Joseph Lanting and Elizabeth Marie Quesnell.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Castleford FFA holds annual banquet

**CASTLEFORD** - The Castleford FFA Chapter will hold its annual banquet at 7 p.m. May 8 in the school's cafeteria, 500 Main St.

Rick Haines, host of "Haines of the Reins" on the Northwest Ag Network, will be the keynote speaker.

Members will be awarded for outstanding work, and new chapter officers will be installed.

Dinner will be served. Members are asked to bring the following items: eighth-graders, two bags of chips each; freshmen, green salad with dressing; and juniors and seniors, dessert.

Sophomores should bring a fruit salad, pasta salad, potato salad or macaroni salad.

Those attending must RSVP by May 5 by calling Roger Wells at 537-6511.

### Scrapbook consultants offer weekend workshop

**FILER** - Three local Creative Memories consultants will celebrate National Scrapbook Day with a weekend workshop from 6 p.m. to midnight Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at Alexander Barn, 1152 S. Stevens in Filer.

The weekend is dedicated to putting family photos and stories into photo safe albums.

The cost is \$10 for Friday and \$15 for Saturday. Lunch will be served on Saturday.

For more information, call Joy Atkin, 324-9381.

### United Methodist Church serves trout dinner

**HAGERMAN** - The Hagerman United Methodist Church will hold its annual trout dinner from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the church, 270 E. Salmon.

Trout, baked potato, salad, roll and a dessert will be served for \$6 for adults and \$3 for children ages 6-12. Children under age 6 eat free.

The public is invited. For more information, call the church at 837-6608.

### Gooding Basque Association holds dinner

**GOODING** - The Gooding Basque Association will hold its "first Friday dinner" from 6-9 p.m. Friday at the Basque Cultural Center at the intersection of Highway 26 and 46 in Gooding.

The meal will be served buffet style and entrees will include lamb chops, baked halibut and

cod and Basque chicken. Also served will be Basque rice, Basque bread, vegetable, soup, salad and dessert.

The cost is \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$5 for children.

For more information, call Helen Sabala Faulkner at 934-3920 or Carla Lizar at 934-5908.

### Magie Valley Iris Society plans trip to Caldwell

**CALDWELL** - The Magic Valley Iris Society will travel to two commercial iris gardens on May 17 in Caldwell.

The bus will leave at 7:30 a.m. from the Magic Valley Mall in Twin Falls and make a second pickup at 8 a.m. in the Ace Hardware parking lot in Wendell. The group will return to Twin Falls at 8 p.m.

The group will visit Riverview Iris Garden and San Hollow Irises.

Those attending should wear comfortable clothes, a hat and shoes. They should also bring a sack lunch and drinks.

Participants may also want to bring a folding chair and camera. The cost is \$20 for non-members and free for members.

For more information, call Pat Hurley at work at 733-5380, ext. 131 or after 8 p.m. at 537-6836 or e-mail her at

jhurley@magielink.com.

### Red Cross offers instructor courses

**TWIN FALLS** - The American Red Cross of Greater Idaho Sawtooth Branch will offer classes in standard first aid, CPR and AED instructor's courses from 6-10 p.m. May 12 and May 14 at the office, 1139 Falls Ave. E., Suite B in Twin Falls.

These classes train instructor candidates to teach American Red Cross first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and AED (automatic external defibrillator) program courses and modules.

American Red Cross training courses meet OSHA-identified First Aid Guidelines.

The prerequisite is a first aid, AED and adult, child and infant CPR class.

For more information about price or to sign up, call 733-6464.

### Buhl Community Ed announces classes

**BUHL** - The Buhl Community Education and Recreation Association announced the following upcoming classes:

"Basic Knowledge for Buying and Financing a Home" will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. May 5 and May 12 in the Buhl High School

library, 525 Sawtooth Ave. The class on May 5 will include information on finding a home, what to look for, identifying needs and home inspections. The class on May 12 will focus on basic financing, first-time home buyer programs and closing the deal. The cost is \$8.

"Old Wooden Screen Window Buhl hanging" will be offered from 7-9:30 p.m. May 6 in the Buhl High School art room. Participants will sew embroidered linen onto a screen and then stitch a favorite verse or phrase onto the linen. Linen will be available for purchase for those who don't have any. The cost is \$6 plus \$15 for materials.

For more information, call Connie Glander at 543-6553.

### Burley High School class of 1983 seeks classmates

**BURLEY** - The Burley High School class of 1983 is planning a reunion to be held Aug. 16 at the Sunrise-River Ranch.

The reunion committee does not have addresses for the following classmates:

Sally Martinez Andrade, Sheri Buxton, Peter Chausa, Joe Craig, Caprice Crofts, Kris Darchuck, Gilbert Dimas, Kathy Egan, Carla Fisher, Carmen Fuentes, Gilberto Gonzalez, Alisa

Gray, Jose Hernandez, Phillip Hess, Jim Holmes, Teresa Jamison, John Jensen, Melanie Kessinger, Richard Kessler, Sharon Leder, Gina Lopez, Lupe Macias, Alicia-Jo Nester, Scott Mechem, Sherri Morgan Galaviz, Helene Nielsen, Todd Nielsen, David Nordin, Danielle Olson, Tracy Osborne, Shanna Peterson, Lisa Roberts, Patricia Roberts, Robert Rodriguez, James Sandlian, Jeff Smith, Leanne Stanley, Martha Soto, Mike Stuart, Dawn Taylor Brown, Rose Mary Updell, Norma Henny, Margarito Valdez, Greg Whitley, Ladd Woodland and Haffis Yamni.

Anyone with information about any of these people is asked to call Trace Bedke at 677-4201, Jenny McGill at 678-8696, or Kerri Wilson at 654-2130.

### Polynesian layer dinner night benefits Relay for Life

**PAUL** - A Polynesian Layer dinner night will be held from 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Paul Baptist Church, corner of Fourth and East Lincoln streets in Paul.

The event will include food and entertainment. Cost is a freewill offering. All contributions will go to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.



SENIOR CALENDAR

The Times-News

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

516 Eastland Drive
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors...

Monday: Quitting from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Tuesday: Elks card game
Wednesday: Pinochle at 1 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Burley
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Monday: Thrift shop open every day.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday: Dinner served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday...

Saturday: Quilting from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday: Thrift shop open every day.

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Wednesday: Dinner served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday...

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Friday: Dinner served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday...

Saturday: Quilting from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Meals are served at 12 p.m.
Wednesdays and Fridays. The suggested donation for seniors is \$2.50...

Monday: Quitting from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Tuesday: Elks card game
Wednesday: Pinochle at 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.

308 Senior Ave.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.

Monday: Scandinavian vegetables, carrot salad, garlic bread, cake

Tuesday: Pepper steak, rice pilaf, spring vegetables, Jell-O with mixed fruit, bread, cookie

Wednesday: Beef stew, fruit salad, corn bread, cinnamon roll

Thursday: Roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, peas, roll, oatmeal raisin cake

Friday: Chicken dish, rice, broccoli, peanut butter pie

Saturday: Pork ribs, sauerkraut, green bean salad, bread, apricot crisp

Sunday: Menu not available

Monday: Thrift store open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Halley
Meals are served at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Monday: Milk, juice, coffee and tea are served with all meals

Tuesday: Chicken pot pie, spinach salad, bread sticks, stewed tomatoes, chocolate chip cookie bar

Wednesday: Hot roast beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, Brussel sprouts, pears and cheese salad, chesapeake with cherry topping

Thursday: Menu not available

Friday: Trip to Walmart

Saturday: Exercise at 1:30 p.m.

Sunday: Volunteer recognition celebration

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request.

Monday: Beef tips and noodles, vegetables, rolls, tapioca pudding

Tuesday: Tossed salad, baked chicken, oven browns, vegetable, biscuit

Wednesday: Smorgasbord

Thursday: Menu not available

Friday: Trip to Walmart

Saturday: Exercise at 1:30 p.m.

Sunday: Volunteer recognition celebration

Richfield Senior Center

Monday: Ham, green beans, scalloped potatoes, Jell-O fruit salad, birthday cake, ice cream, orange juice, milk, coffee

Tuesday: Taco soup, deviled eggs, corn bread, cinnamon rolls, orange juice, milk, coffee

Wednesday: Beef tips and gravy, California blend vegetables, mashed potatoes, homemade bread, apricot upside down cake, orange juice, milk, coffee

Thursday: Menu not available

Friday: Exercise from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Saturday: Quilting at 10 a.m.

Sunday: Lunch at noon

Pinochle at 1 p.m.

Wednesday: Lunch at noon

Thursday: Exercise from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Friday: Pinochle at 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Citizens

203 Wilson, Eden
Open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday...

Monday: Quitting from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Tuesday: Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday: Quitting from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Thursday: Quitting from 1-3 p.m.

Friday: Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday: Quitting from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior/Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman
Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lunch is served at noon on Monday...

Monday: Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee.

Tuesday: Menu not available

Wednesday: Menu not available

Thursday: Menu not available

Friday: Menu not available

Saturday: Menu not available

Sunday: Menu not available

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Thursday: Menu not available

Friday: Exercise from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Bingo at 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland, Burley
All dinners are served at noon. Monday: Beefy tomato macaroni, diced carrots, hard roll, cole slaw, berry chesapeake

Tuesday: French dip sandwich, mixed vegetables, pears, carrot and pineapple cake

Wednesday: Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, green beans, strawberry rhubarb Jell-O, coconut cream pie

Thursday: Menu not available

Friday: Menu not available

Saturday: Pool at 10 a.m.

Sunday: Exercise at 11:15 a.m.

Monday: Pinochle at 1 p.m.

Tuesday: Pool at 10 a.m.

Wednesday: Exercise at 11:15 a.m.

Thursday: Computer class at 1 p.m.

Friday: Bingo at 7 p.m.

Saturday: Pool at 10 a.m.

Sunday: Organ lessons at 9 a.m.

Monday: Pinochle at 7 p.m.

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Wednesday: Exercise at 11 a.m.

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Friday: Exercise at 11 a.m.

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Have too much stuff around? Apply this test

Knight Ridder News Service
If you're faced with boxes of old letters, postcards, journals and other memorabilia and can't decide what to keep and what to toss, try this tip from Karen Kingston, author of "Clear Your Clutter With Feng Shui" (Broadway Books, \$11).

Give yourself a test. Kingston suggests in Real Simple magazine: 1. Does it lift my energy when I think about it or look at it? 2. Do I absolutely love it? 3. Is it genuinely useful?

If the answers are not a resounding yes to question 1 and an equally resounding yes to either question 2 or 3, then what is the object doing in your life?

I said, "But this is a dog." He said he didn't care what she looked like. Then I said, "You don't understand. I've had Sex since I was 9 years old." He winked at me and said, "You must have been quite a kid."

When I got married and went on my honeymoon, I took my dog with me. I told the motel clerk I wanted a room for my wife and me, and a special room for Sex. He said, "You don't need a special room for Sex. As long as you pay your bill, we don't care who you do."

I said, "Look, you don't seem to understand. Sex keeps me awake at night."

The clerk said, "Funny, I have the same problem."

Well, one day I entered Sex in a contest, but before the competition began, the dog got loose and ran away. Another contestant asked me when I was just standing there, looking disappointed, I told him I had planned to have Sex in the contest. He said, "Wonderful! If you sell tickets, you'll clean up!"

But you don't understand, I said. "I want to have Sex on TV." He

Senior's sex life has gone to the bowwows



DEAR ABBY VanBuren

DEAR ABBY: I am a senior citizen at an independent living facility. I told my physician I feel like an old car - fix one part and another falls apart. I said I didn't need an overhaul, just a new motor.

Your column (plus coffee) started each day for me. I recently found an old one I saved, "A Dog Named Sex," and thinks it's time to run it again. I wanted to send it to my grandson, but alas, my clipping is yellowed with age. Thanks, Abby.

—BEVERLY NUNNELLY, EDMOND, OKLA.

DEAR BEVERLY: You're welcome. I'm pleased to oblige. I have had several requests for it lately - and it always brings a smile. Read on:

A Dog Named Sex by Marty Sturm

When I went to City Hall to renew my dog's license, I told the clerk I wanted a license for Sex. He said, "I'd like one, too."

Then I said, "But this is a dog." He said he didn't care what she looked like. Then I said, "You don't understand. I've had Sex since I was 9 years old." He winked at me and said, "You must have been quite a kid."

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DEAR ABBY: I would like to comment on the letter from "Paying the Price," the grandfather who had a cup of coffee with a male acquaintance and got herpes.

I am an 84-year-old man who has never had a venereal disease, and I'm an avid coffee drinker. I have three or four 12-ounce mugs every day. I have been drinking coffee as long as I can remember. Abby, coffee will not give you herpes.

—OLD COFFEE HOUND, TEXAS

DEAR OLD COFFEE HOUND: I agree. It's the "sweet talk" that went with the coffee that caused the woman's problem!

Dear Abby is written by Jeanne Phillips.

Kids and vision

Monday in The Times-News

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FAMILY LIFE

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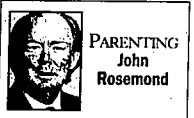
THE Sunday Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

15x15 crossword puzzle grid with numbers and some filled-in letters.

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Home-schooling doesn't necessarily mean sheltering



PARENTING John Rosemond

Q: Several of my friends who home-school maintain that home-schooling keeps children away from bad influences within the peer group and other inappropriate situations at school. Is it realistic to keep a child sheltered from such things? How are they going to know how to function in the real world? Also, doesn't home-schooling necessitate over-involvement on the part of the mother?

A: Home-schooling and sheltering are hardly synonymous. A parent shelters by preventing a child from encountering realities that would be helpful, not harmful, to the child. For example, a parent who helps her third-grader with his homework every night, making sure he answers every question correctly, is sheltering. She is preventing her child from learning that he is capable of meeting his challenges on his own. With good intent, she is all but guaranteeing that he will have serious problems when he begins to encounter challenges she cannot help him through.

Home-schooling, the home-schooling mom is not fostering dependence; rather, she is facilitating independence in learning. Many moms whose children attend institutional schools are spending more time on a daily basis helping their children with homework than the typical home-schooling mom is spending in direct teaching. (Make no mistake about it, however, some parents who home-school have no business doing so. They are unqualified and/or are doing so for all the wrong reasons.)

A joke found on the Internet: The parent of a home-schooled child says, "My wife and I used to worry about our child's socialization, but now we make sure he can relate to his peers. We let him watch R-rated movies."

Along those same lines, a public-school teacher recently told a friend of mine, "I home-school my own hard, that her child needed a few bad knocks by other children to toughen her up." My friend calmly replied, "I don't want my child to be tough."

We tend to forget that until the 20th century, most children were home-schooled. All of the

founder fathers, for example, were home-schooled. No evidence exists that when the time came, they had difficulty dealing with reality.

Home-schooling has proven itself, both historically and in recent times. Because of the home-school explosion of the last 20 years, a good amount of data on home-schooling outcomes now exists and continues to accumulate. The evidence is clear and irrefutable: home-schooled children suffer no disadvantage academically or socially, even institutionally-schooled children.

Is home-schooling for everyone? Absolutely not! For most single parents, it is not an option. For parents who are themselves not well-educated, it is inadvisable. I do not recommend home-schooling for parents who are having major discipline problems with their children. That's a recipe for disaster.

For parents who can send their children to institutional schools where both the learning and moral environments are excellent, home-schooling would be superfluous. And by no means should a parent home-school who just plain doesn't want to.

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In the real world, after all, you don't have anyone sitting with you, making sure you don't make mistakes. But John's a reader might be exclaiming, "The home-schooling mom is sitting with her child, too!"

That simply goes to show, you can't judge a book by its cover. The mother in the above example is enabling, thus disabling. If she is following one of many

Is that a moon or a rock out there?

Before the discovery of scientific laws, natural philosophers were limited to categorizing the subjects of their inquiry according to their observable traits. While this process was not without flaws (as was the 17th century theologian and educator Comenius, who lumped bats in with birds), it laid the groundwork for understanding the physical laws that determine the motions of rocks, or planets are similar or different.

Unfortunately, nature doesn't always succumb so easily to being pigeonholed, as anyone who's ever seen a platypus can attest. The categories of science are often artificial, and nature seems to delight at blurring the lines.

As a case in point, consider planetary moons. Discovering them has become something of a cottage industry in recent years. This year alone, no fewer than 20 new moons of Jupiter, and one of Saturn, have been found with giant telescopes and state-of-the-art cameras. The newly discovered moons have gone undiscovered before now because they're so small.

The largest is a rock smaller than the width of Twin Falls.



SKYWATCH Chris Anderson

Sky calendar (through Saturday)
Planets:
One hour before sunrise:
Mars: SSE, low
One hour after sunset:
Saturn: W, low
Jupiter: SW, high
Moon:
New Moon Wednesday, 6:15 a.m.
Near Venus Monday morning.

very soon, astronomers are going to have to decide how to classify these objects.

While the rings of Saturn appear solid, we've known for some time that their continuous appearance is illusory. They actually consist of a multitude of icy particles, ranging from gravel sized to house sized. Not even millennia of mythological tradition have enough names to lend to them.

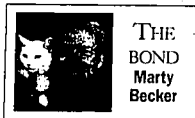
As telescopes get bigger, electronic cameras become more sensitive, and space probes bring us more close-up views of distant worlds, the smallest known moons will begin to overlap with the largest ring particles. When that happens, the problem of what is and isn't a moon will fall squarely into the gray zone of nature's classifiable continuum.

Next week: Seeing earth's shadow, Part 1.

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Love animals? How about a career allowing you to express it?

While many animal lovers desire a career that involves animals, few have actively pursued these aspirations. Why? Many people who want to work with or for animals, believe their choices are limited to difficult to achieve careers such as becoming a veterinarian. In her booklet, "105 Careers for Animal Lovers," author Paula Fitzsimmons dispels these concerns.



THE BOND Marty Becker

For the last 23 years, there has not been a day that I wasn't proud beyond measure to be a veterinarian. But I have to admit I am sometimes a bit embarrassed when the most common thing people tell me when they find I am a veterinarian is, "I've always wanted to be a veterinarian!"

The American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges says there are 31 accredited veterinary schools in North America. Millions dream of becoming a veterinarian, but only about 2700 are accepted by the schools each year. What about the others; do they drop their dreams or just pursue an alternate career working with animals?

The premise of "105 Careers for Animal Lovers" is that of abundance and choice.

Fitzsimmons believes that people desiring an animal-related profession, have many to choose from; and they can pinpoint one based on their interests and abilities. For this reason, the careers are separated into ten categories with a variety of careers such as animal transportation, aquarium maintenance, ecotourism guide, pet identification and recovery service, grief counselor, wildlife refuge manager, veterinary technician or assistant, wildlife rehabilitator.

imperative to gain experience in your field. A resume that lists related experience is likely to seem more attractive to an employer, than just having a college degree."

Particularly useful is the "Additional Resources" section, at the end of the booklet, "105 Careers for Animal Lovers" was written to help people jump start their imaginations. It is possible for people to find a satisfying career, while making a difference in the lives of animals.

Some of the most dedicated animal lovers, are the people who work in humane societies and animal shelters. They are involved in a great deal more than just cleaning cages (and of course, that is part of the job). They spend time handling and getting to know the animals awaiting new homes, feeding and nurturing them, giving them necessary health care, working with volunteers, talking to new owners and educating the public. It always brings a smile to my face when I consider their dedication and the animals that are benefiting from it.

"It's a good example of someone who shifted "animal career" lanes so to speak.

I graduated from veterinary school in 1980 and expected to practice companion animal medicine for the rest of my life. Now, I write, lecture, do media all on behalf of animals. This was probably not what my vet school professors had in mind.

The author writes that "People are not the only creature to benefit from therapeutic massage. Other opportunities are with pet daycare facilities, pharmaceutical and pet food companies, and veterinary hospitals. Many times, but don't have the grades or good fortune to be accepted into veterinary school or the time to go through years of veterinary school and training, have several possibilities. One alternative allied health career is pet massage therapist.

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For more information on "105 Careers for Animal Lovers," please visit [www.pjpublications.com](http://www.pjpublications.com), or write to PJ Publications at P.O. Box 45468, Madison, Wis. 53744-5468.

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In the first category, Writing and Publishing Careers, Fitzsimmons asks: "Would you like to combine a passion for reading and writing with your love for animals?" She adds that there are many opportunities, including - but certainly not limited to - book and magazine publishers, animal welfare organizations, zoos, museums and pet product manufacturers. Another example of a career in this category is grant writer, because many nonprofit organiza-

Follow these tips for a savvy sitter

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Make sure your baby-sitter is savvy about safety, with these tips from Parents magazine:

- Emergency care. Infant/child CPR and first-aid training are essential. Discuss common choking hazards that she should never give your child.
- Accident action plan. Show your sitter where you keep your fire extinguishers, first-aid kit, flashlights and list of emergency phone numbers.
- Drowning prevention. The sitter should keep the bathroom door and toilet lid closed, and never leave a child unattended in a bath.
- Sleep security. Make sure she puts your baby to bed on his back and keeps the crib free of quilts, pillows and stuffed toys.

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Hamburger giant McDonald's is getting ready to serve up a novel order: healthy food for kids.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports that McDonald's is considering adding sliced apples and perhaps other fruits, vegetables, and low-fat yogurt as options in children's meals. It also rolled out a new line of premium salads recently and is testing an all-white-meat chicken nugget.