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Tax talks continue in Boise

House, Senate negotiate over cigarette plan

The Associated Press

BOISE - A compromise increase in the state cigarette tax eluded House and Senate negotiators on Monday, leaving no end in immediate sight for the longest legislative session in Idaho history.

A panel of eight lawmakers, evenly split between the House and Senate, generally agreed to double the tax to 56 cents from June 1 through mid-2005. But they remained at odds over how to make sure the nearly \$24 million the extra tax would raise each year would not be spent unless

absolutely necessary.

Monday's four hours of talks began after the House rejected a Senate plan to double the tax without any expiration. The panel recessed until Tuesday. It has a deadline of Tuesday evening to reach a compromise. While disagreement continued



over how the new revenue should be handled, there was optimism that the House and Senate and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne were not that far apart on a solution to the state's worst budget crisis in two decades.

"On the expenditure side, we're just a couple million dollars apart," Kempthorne's Chief of Staff Brian Whitlock told the negotiators. "On the revenue side, it comes down to this: Do we raise the tax. We are very close."

House negotiators wanted to delay any increase until it was triggered by the kind of deteriorating crisis in two decades.

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SIGNALING A CHANGE



George Dalns lifts a 'Left Turn Only' sign off a traffic light at the intersection of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Pler Avenue in Twin Falls. The Idaho Transportation Department replaced the old style lights with 'permissive' left turn indicators. The new lights will allow motorists to turn left when the light is green for through traffic after they have yielded.

AP photo

Council closes in on street decision

By Mark Helz Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - New names for streets in Twin Falls' downtown and Old Towne quadrants could be made official as soon as next week.

The City Council Monday decided to include the street names as an "action item" on its May 5 agenda.

City residents are encouraged to attend, because an open forum for discussion and comments on the idea will be held before any vote is taken, said Mayor Lance Clow.

It wasn't decided Monday if that will happen during the council's regular May 5 meeting, which starts at 5 p.m., or during a special session starting at 6 p.m.

The hope is to have new street names in place by next week, in time for the city's centennial celebration.

The council earlier this year was presented with a list of possible new names by the members of the Historic Old Towne business improvement district.

The City Council approved the idea of changing the names of streets in the original townsite - but decided to leave open the option of exactly what to call the streets.

The initial idea was to rename the streets after people who had been influential during Twin Falls' early years. But after that proved too controversial, members of the council drew up another proposed list of street names - based on places and ideas that have been important to the city's economic progress.

Councilman Howard Allen said most of the new names are those of towns that have played an important role in the area's agricultural development - such as Eden. The name of Goding was also included, because that area has a significant Basque community, he said.

Councilman Trip Craig questioned whether some proposed names - such as Liberty and Nevada - would hurt the continuity of the new system. It might be better to name all the streets after communities, to create a

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Iraqis convene to discuss new government

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Delegates from inside and outside Iraq agreed Monday to hold a nation-building meeting next month and fashion a temporary, post-Saddam Hussein government that the United States predicted could be in place within days, after that.

Iraq's new American administrators, charting the future of the land they invaded, secured the pledge to meet again in May from a multiethnic assortment of delegates. It represents the first specific timetable for trying to assemble the foundations of democracy in postwar Iraq and a more secure tomorrow.

"I think we have enough ... to come up with a road map," said U.S. envoy Zalmay Khalilzad, adding that an administration could be in place within weeks.

Monday's daylong conference coincided with a date that had been a national holiday: It was Saddam Hussein's 66th birthday.

"Today, on the birthday of Saddam Hussein, let us start the democratic process for the children of Iraq," the U.S. civil



Zalmay Khalilzad, left, special envoy to U.S. President Bush for Iraq and Milko O'Brien, right, British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, listen to an Iraq delegation member Monday during a conference in Baghdad.

AP photo

administrator for Iraq, retired Lt. Gen. Jay Garner, told delegates.

The conference brought together Shiite and Sunni Muslim clerics in robes, Kurds from the north, tribal chiefs in Arab headaddresses and

Westernized exiles in expensive suits. Still, some said Shiites, who make up 60 percent of Iraq's population, were underrepresented, and delegates generally agreed

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Now free to sin? Iraqis find a different world

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq - When the Atlas Cinema last showed "Blue Chill," people screamed: "Yes! Yes!" every time the actors began kissing, only to see the scratched reel jump to the next scene. On Monday, they sat in awed silence as naked couples writhed on screen.

"The movie is much more beautiful now, because there's sex," said a young Mohammed Taber, 18. Since Saturday, when the theater reopened with a freshly uncensored version of the low-budget American flick, he has seen "Blue Chill" three times.

Baghdad has gone through a revolution in the past three weeks, casting off decades of censorship and state control with

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Name-tag wearing author says he's making the world a friendly place

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS - Hello, his name is Scott.

Scott Ginsberg, that is. The name's not hard to remember because Ginsberg has been wearing a name tag for more than 900 days with "Scott" scrawled boldly across a piece of adhesive paper in felt tip marker.

When people used to ask why, he'd explain in depth. "The Name Tag Dissertation," his friends called it. So, now he keeps the response simple: Name tags make people friendlier.

Ginsberg is tired of people averting their eyes on the street or looking at the elevator floor rather than making conversation.

Name tags, he says, serve as a

modern-day front porch. They're a welcoming invitation for people to be sociable.

Ginsberg, 23, grew up in the St. Louis suburb of Creve Coeur. As a sophomore at Miami of Ohio in October 1999, he had to wear a name tag for a seminar. On a whim, he and a friend decided to keep their name tags on after the lecture ended. That night, Ginsberg explains, he met about 20 new people when they approached him to say hello or struck up conversations.

About a year later, Ginsberg and his friend recalled the fun they'd had that night. Scott had an epiphany: What if I wore a name tag all the time?

"It's an icebreaker. It makes people feel comfortable," he says.

"It's not for me to get popular or to let people know who I am. It's for other people."

The name tag also forces Ginsberg himself to be a happier, more approachable person.

His tag often makes others friendlier, too. He meets new people almost every day, and name tag-wearing comes with perks. He's gotten free nachos out of the deal.

On the other hand, he said some have threatened to beat the spot out of him. He's not entirely sure why, but the name tag can really enrage those who think he's being a smart aleck.

There's another downside: Panhandlers sometimes latch onto

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Scott Ginsberg, wearing his omnipresent name tag, stands next to a sculpture upon which he applied a name tag in Portland, Ore., April 21. Ginsberg has been wearing a name tag for 980-plus days.

AP photo

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Breezy and cool. A few rain showers expected. Highs near 55.
Tonight: Scattered rain showers likely. Lows near 37.
Tomorrow: Off and on rain showers probable. Highs near 53.
BURLY/RUPERT FORECAST
Today: Comfortable with patchy clouds. A slight chance of rain and thunder likely this afternoon. Highs in the 50s.
Tonight: Becoming cloudy with scattered showers likely. Lows in the 30s.
Tomorrow: Partly to mostly cloudy with brief periods of light rain possible. Highs in the 50s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Weather forecast grid for Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday with icons and temperature ranges.

Yesterday's Weather

Table of weather data for various cities including Boise, Burley, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Almanac section including Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Sunrise and Sunset, Barometric Pressure, Moon Phases, Moonrise and Moonset, and Snowpack.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Map of Idaho with regional weather forecasts for various areas like Boise, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello.

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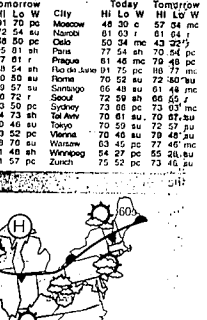
NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table for cities like Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, etc.

WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table for cities like London, Moscow, Tokyo, etc.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Comunidad advertisement with phone numbers 733-0931 and 677-4042.

Canadian forecast table for cities like Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, etc.

Downtown Twin Falls Proposed street names map showing streets like Albon, Bunt, Crestwood, etc.

Taxes

Continued from A1. In state revenue collections that required more money. But senators contended that approach would essentially delay any increase until it was too late to generate the money needed to avoid further budget cuts...

Troops seize suspected mobile biological weapons lab

Los Angeles Times. WASHINGTON - American forces in northern Iraq have seized a truck that U.S. intelligence officials, eager to end a string of false alarms, said they believe could be a mobile biological weapons laboratory. No significant quantities of suspicious substances were found on the vehicle, officials said Monday...

Iraq

Continued from A1. on a need for wider representation in the future. "This is the start of democracy," delegate Hatem Mokhles said. "Discussions were serious and deep. It is a long and difficult road but we will cross it."

Saddam's birthday - A6

The United States wants the U.N. role in Iraq limited to providing experts to help reconstruct and to endorse the U.S.-organized administration. Many council members, however, want the world body to play an active part in putting the new government together.

Street

Continued from A1. The Twin Falls Police Department is willing to provide security for the event, Patz said. The council also: Renewed a contract with Western Waste Services to collect commercial garbage in the city.

Time to liquidate?

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IRAQ

Continued from A1. "We hope we can form a unified government, one that reflects the entire spectrum of Iraq," said Ahmad Jabbar al-Awadi, a representative of the newly formed Iraqi Independent Democratic Movement. Under Saddam, the all-powerful Baath Party barred dissent and effectively banned competing parties. Maududi's meeting, like one in the ancient city of Uruk earlier this month, pulled aside that monolithic facade to reveal a fractious land rolling with political agendas.

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Continued from A1. his name and beg him personally for money. Still, the idea is catching. One of Scott's cousins in Creve Coeur liked the idea so much they started wearing name tags too. One of the cousins, 21-year-old Justin Diechrich, is a senior at Case Western Reserve University in Ohio. His commitment to the name tag was toughest when he was interviewing for medical school. "It's so quirky, I wasn't sure. I was kind of nervous about it," he said.

CORRECTIONS

CSI Jazz concert takes place May 9. A College of Southern Idaho events calendar in Monday's paper gave the incorrect date for a CSI jazz concert. The concert is May 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. The Times-News regrets the error.

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Times-News telephone directory

Telephone directory listing Circulation, Retail Advertising, and Publisher contact information.

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Continued from A1. As he sat down in the office before his interview, wearing his "Justin" name tag, a secretary walked out carrying name tags for several other applicants to wear. Said Diechrich, who was accepted and will start medical school in the fall. "It's sort of like an invitation,"

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Bush promotes Iraqi democracy

President visits heart of Michigan's Arab community

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — America will not impose any government or culture on Iraq but will be a "steady friend" in forming a new democracy to replace Saddam Hussein, President Bush said Monday in a speech broadcast across the Arab world.

"The Iraqi people will choose their own leaders and their own government," Bush told an exuberant crowd that twice chanted "U.S.A., U.S.A.," in Dearborn, a suburb of Detroit with deep Middle Eastern ties.

"The days of oppression from any source are over," he said. "Iraq will be democratic."

Bush's speech in Dearborn, on Saddam's birthday, came on the same day that Jay Garner, the retired Army lieutenant general who is Iraq's day-to-day administrator, met in Baghdad with 300 Iraqi political leaders. Religious leaders, regional chiefs and exiled Iraqis all are vying for power in the new Iraq.

As Garner mapped out a vision for an interim government authority, Bush told about 600 Arab-Americans at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center that they need to be patient because building a new democracy takes time.

"America pledged to rid Iraq of



President Bush gets a "thumbs-up" as he shakes hands with a guest after promoting Iraqi democracy in a speech Monday in Dearborn, Mich.

an oppressive regime and we kept our word," Bush said. "America now pledges to help Iraqis build a prosperous and peaceful nation and we will keep our word again."

He said the journey will be hard, "but at every step of the way, Iraq will have a steady friend in the American people."

Bush said economic sanctions still in place against Iraq were pointless and should be removed. And he highlighted progress in restoring power and getting food and medical aid to Iraqi citizens.

This was Bush's ninth presidential visit to Michigan, which carries 17 electoral votes in next year's election. Bush lost Michigan to Democrat Al Gore and seems determined not to

repeat the defeat.

The nonmilitary setting also reflected Bush's broadened focus on matters beyond Iraq, such as the economy. Michigan's February 2003 jobless rate, released this month, was 6.6 percent, a nine-year high.

While Bush did not mention the economy in his speech, he met with the chiefs of the Big Three U.S. automakers, who endorsed Bush's proposal for at least \$550 billion in tax cuts over 10 years.

"We had a chance to update him on the status of our industry which is not bad — certainly not as robust as it could be," said Richard Wagoner, chief executive of General Motors.

Before the speech, Bush attend-

ed a round-table discussion with more than a dozen Iraqi-Americans. At one point a Kurd, Asad Khilany, professor of computer information systems at Eastern Michigan University, proposed three semi-autonomous regions for the new Iraq. When another man objected, the president acted quickly to dampen any disagreement.

"We're not going to have a debate on the form of the government," the president told the round-table participants. "This debate is going to take place in Iraq."

The president wasn't just talking to a friendly crowd in Michigan. His speech was being telecast live by al-Jazeera, al-Arabiya and Abu Dhabi television, satellite stations widely viewed throughout the Arab world.

Bush said nothing about the end of the military conflict. That announcement was expected later this week when Bush travels to California and spend the night on an aircraft carrier returning from the war.

"There still are missions to be accomplished in Iraq," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said, previewing the speech to reporters on Air Force One. "He does not look at it as declaring victory, he looks at it as describing where we are and the fact that we are now turning to a new and important phase in this war on terrorism and in Iraq."

Study: Regular fasting can improve health

WASHINGTON (AP) — Periodic fasting can be just as good for the health as sharply cutting back on calories, even if the fasting doesn't mean eating less overall, a new study indicates.

Researchers are now planning to see if what works in mice is also good for people.

Several recent studies have reported a variety of benefits from a sharply restricted diet, including longer life span, increased insulin sensitivity and stress resistance.

In the new report, mice that were fed only every other day — but could gorge on the days they did eat — saw similar health benefits to ones that had their diet reduced by 40 percent, a team of researchers reports in Tuesday's online edition of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The cause of health improvements from cutting back on diet isn't fully understood, though many researchers had assumed that a long-term reduction in calories was involved.

But the new study by Mark P. Mattson and colleagues at the National Institute on Aging found equal benefits for mice that ate only every other day, but didn't cut total calories because they ate twice as much on days they weren't fasting.

planning stages to compare the health of a group of people fed the normal three meals a day with a similar group, eating the same diet and amount of food, but consuming it within four hours and then fasting for 20 hours before eating again.

"Overeating is a big problem now in this country, it's particularly troublesome that a lot of children are overweight. It's still unclear the best way to somehow get people to eat less One possibility is skipping a meal a day," Mattson said. "Our study suggests that skipping meals is not bad for you."

Dr. Carol A. Braunschweig of the University of Illinois at Chicago, who was not part of the study team, said she was intrigued by the suggestion that a drastic change in eating patterns might have benefits.

"With the current epidemic of obesity and physical inactivity facing the U.S. today, identification of a beneficial eating pattern that could address some of the untoward effects of excess weight would be a very significant finding," she said.

Mattson said an earlier study found that mice that fasted every other day had extended lifespans and the new experiment found the mice also did better in factors involved in diabetes and nerve damage in the brain similar to Alzheimer's disease.

U.S. reviews Korean nuke proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is reviewing a North Korean proposal to give up the nation's missiles and nuclear facilities in exchange for substantial U.S. economic benefits, Secretary of State Colin Powell said Monday.

The North Koreans set forth the proposal last week in talks in Beijing that were focused on U.S. concerns about North Korea's weapons programs.

Powell called the meeting "quite useful" and said U.S. officials are comparing notes with South Korea, Japan, China, Russia, Australia and others. At the Beijing talks, China joined the United States and North Korea.

The North Koreans "did put

forward a plan that would ultimately deal with their nuclear capability and their missile activities.

But they, of course, expect something considerable in return," Powell said.

Powell's somewhat hopeful account of the meetings contrasted with initial accounts last week by other U.S. officials, who highlighted the negative aspects of the North Korean presentation.

These included a North Korean acknowledgment for the first time that the country possessed nuclear weapons and was contemplating exporting or even using them, depending on U.S. actions.

In South Korea, government

sources were quoted in media reports as saying there were positive aspects of the North Korean proposal to make it worth pursuing further.

The North Korean offer to swap their military might in exchange for economic benefits echoed a similar proposal three months ago by President Bush.

Bush said then that if North Korea dismantles its nuclear weapons programs, the United States would be willing to assist the country with its food and energy needs.

A senior State Department official said the North made specific reference to its energy problems as part of a long wish list in return for which they would be willing to disarm.

Kids and vids: More parents crack down on violent video games

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Court: State can catalog names of abortion patients

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court cleared the way Monday for health authorities in South Carolina to collect names, addresses and other information about women seeking abortions, a power doctors say violates a fundamental duty to protect patient privacy.

The high court rejected a challenge to the state's plan to catalog medical records from clinics and abortion doctors. The court's action, taken without comment, ends a lengthy legal challenge that had kept the law on hold.

South Carolina is the only state whose law allows regulators to see, copy and store abortion patients' medical records without stiff requirements that the information be kept confidential, lawyers representing the clinic

and outside medical organizations said.

"For every individual, having your private medical records kept confidential is important, in the abortion context, it's even more important," said Bonnie Scott Jones, a lawyer for the Center for Reproductive Rights, which represents a Greenville, S.C., abortion clinic. "Women are subjected to harassment, violence, if their abortion decision is disclosed."

South Carolina wants abortion clinics to open all files, including patient medical records, if state investigators ask to see them. Supporters say the new regulations will improve state oversight of abortion providers, and are part of ordinary state record keeping.

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Steinbeck widow dies at age 88

NEW YORK (AP) — Elaine Steinbeck, the former actress who married John Steinbeck and became a self-described ambassador of the Nobel laureate's legacy, has died. She was 88.

She died Sunday at New York Hospital following a long illness, said Samuel Pincus, the literary agent for Steinbeck's works and a friend.

She lived in the New York apartment she shared with her husband, but spent summers in Sag Harbor, in the heart of Long Island's Hamptons.

In 1996, the Bay Street Theatre in Sag Harbor dedicated its stage in her honor. There to honor her were "chums" Edward Albee, Terrence McNally, E.L. Doctorow, Bruce Springsteen and Julie Andrews.

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Uncensored - Brokers agree to pay \$1.4B in stock-rating settlement

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satellite dishes and video CDs are now sold on the street - as are alcohol and women.

Nobody knows how long the permissiveness will last. Iraq's American gas giant has brought together Iraqi political leaders Monday to discuss a new government, and many Baghdadis believe that once it's in place, some of their freedoms will disappear.

Conservatives are counting on it.

Horrified by the changes, some Iraqis blame America for what they call a cultural degradation. If it continues for long, they promise to rise up in a holy war against the U.S. forces occupying their country.

"Everything against Islam, everything we hate, has been imported by the Americans like a disease," said Abbas Hamid, a 50-year-old merchant. "We'll fight them. We're tired now, but we'll rest up and use our guns to drive the Americans out."

For now, Hamid appears to be in the minority as Iraqis excitedly discover worlds of vice - and virtue too - long forbidden by the repressive regime of Saddam Hussein:

- Teenagers gape at Christina Aguilera's navel via brand-new satellite dishes illegal under Saddam.

- Young lovers smooch in roadside cars, hidden behind tinted windows that were banned by Saddam because they prevented police from spying on motorists.

- Prostitutes walk the streets in some neighborhoods, beckoning passing motorists.

- Bookworms excitedly leaf through political histories that could have gotten them tortured in years gone by.

- Shiite Muslim religious leaders watch grainy VCD images of ceremonies from neighboring Syria, banned for years out of fear that clerics might challenge Saddam for Iraq's loyalties.

"Before, everything was forbidden except the air," said retired Mohammed Jabbar. "Now, we don't have electricity, we don't have water, but we are free."

Sahad Hashim, manager of the Atlas Cinema, couldn't be more delighted. Because of the lawlessness, he closes at 3 p.m. instead of 11 p.m. But he's still selling 800 of his 50-cent tickets a day - double his prewar box office.

"People are hungry for this," he said. "If I stayed open later, I could sell even more."

Under Saddam, Hashim cut sexy scenes from his movies to conform with Information Ministry orders. When the Americans took over, he simply spliced them back in.

Ushers with flashlights yelled from orchestra to balcony, searching for seats for the standing-room-only 11 a.m. showing.

Not all the patrons were happy, however.

"I don't like it. It's forbidden under Islam," said Mohammed Mishan, a 26-year-old Iraqi army lieutenant.

"Then what are you doing here?" a man called as the crowd erupted in laughter. Mishan flushed and stalked off.

A wide selection of titles was available at the VCD market at Tahrir Square. Before the war, the Information Ministry issued a list of prohibited movies, and most others were heavily censored.

Sellers offered uncensored versions of old standards and some newer ones as well: One best-seller was "Three Kings," the George Clooney satire about American soldiers in the 1991 Gulf War who loot a stash of Saddam's gold.

Some merchants hawked more serious videos. "The crimes of Saddam!" one yelled. "Executions!" another called. Their offerings were grainy images taken by hand-held cameras of atrocities during the Gulf War and the ensuing rebellions in northern and southern Iraq.

Asked what would have happened if he sold those CDs under Saddam, vendor Majid Jabbar drew his finger across his throat and smiled.

At the al-Mutanabi Street book market, Karim Hamzah sold "The Diaries of Seki Kheiri," which chronicles the life of a leader of the Iraqi Communist Party. In 2001, he was imprisoned for selling the book.

"I feel much better, but I hope the coalition forces won't repeat the same tragedy and arrest people for selling books," said religious bookseller Jamal Shaker Mohammed, who said he was tortured for three months for selling a banned religious text.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Securities regulators on Monday announced a settlement that will cost 10 Wall Street firms \$1.4 billion and require reforms to resolve allegations that they issued biased stock ratings to lure business.

One of the largest penalties ever levied by securities regulators, it follows a lengthy investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission, New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer and other

state regulators, and market regulators.

The settlement, aimed at bolstering investor confidence, will change the way major investment firms - including Citigroup, Merrill Lynch and J.P. Morgan Chase - do business.

"These cases are an important milestone in our ongoing effort both to address serious abuses that have taken place in our markets and to restore investor confidence and public trust by making sure these abuses don't happen again," SEC Chairman William Donaldson said at a news conference at SEC headquarters.

Donaldson, a former chairman of the New York Stock Exchange and co-founder of a major Wall Street investment firm, said he was "profoundly saddened and angry" about the conduct detailed in the regulators' complaints.

"There is absolutely no place for

it in our markets and it cannot be tolerated," said Donaldson, who was flanked by the other regulators.

The allegations against Merrill Lynch, Credit Suisse First Boston and Citigroup's Salomon Smith Barney reached the level of securities fraud for the research reports they issued.

Financial-services giant Citigroup will pay \$400 million in fines and for funds to promote better research under the settlement, which is based on a tentative agreement reached in December.

But Barbara Roper, director of investor protection for the Consumer Federation of America, cautioned investors not to "rush to bestow renewed trust on Wall Street firms."

"There are too many questions that only time will answer about the ... effectiveness of the new requirements," Roper said.

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Mosaic browser revolutionized Web

Development opened Internet to masses

The Associated Press

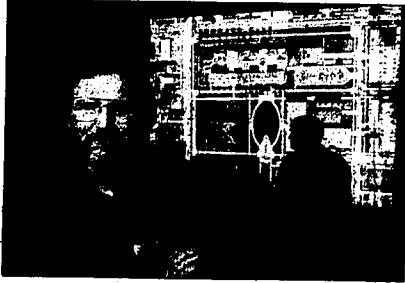
CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Ten years ago this month, software developers at the University of Illinois released Mosaic, which used graphics and simplicity to open the World Wide Web to the masses.

What had been the domain of scientists and computer geeks dominated by cumbersome language and technical complexity became simple enough for nearly anyone to use.

Mosaic was released in April 1993 by the school's National Center for Supercomputing Applications as free software. It became the foundation for today's Web browsers, such as Microsoft's Internet Explorer and Netscape Communications Communicator.

Mosaic's lead developer, Marc Andreessen, became one of Netscape's founders and took some of his university colleagues with him.

"It was an accelerator for the whole Internet," said Larry



Mike Folk, technical program manager for the University of Illinois' National Center for Supercomputing Applications, is framed by a multi-screen aerial view of the university's supercomputing complex in Urbana, Ill. Folk was part of the original team that developed the groundbreaking Mosaic browser 10 years ago.

Smarr, the former director of the computing center. "It sort of took the Internet to the next level of capability."

Before Mosaic, access to the Internet and the World Wide

Web was limited to text. The new software brought a way to integrate images and sound with words.

Andreessen and his colleague Eric Bina had a clear goal when

they started — a browser that was easy to install, simple to use and would work with different computer operating systems.

"We knew it didn't have to be hard to run this thing," Bina said. The first version of Mosaic worked only with UNIX systems, Windows and Macintosh versions followed later in 1993.

Once word about Mosaic's simplicity circulated, users couldn't get the software fast enough, turning it from a creation of computer geeks to the beginning of an information revolution.

The NCSA Web site recorded more than 1 million downloads within a year of Mosaic's release. New users eager to surf the Web downloaded 70,000 copies of the software monthly.

Bina, who helped write the program, says he doesn't often think about his role in Web history. But he noticed the difference Mosaic had made when he used his computer to make plans to attend his 20th high school reunion.

"I thought it was amusing that the entire machinery used to organize my 20-year high school reunion was the result of things I was working on at the time of my 10-year reunion," he said.

Update software for slow printer

By James Coates
Chicago Tribune

Q. I have a powerful computer with 1 gigabyte of RAM running Windows XP Pro, and performance on all games and applications is great except for printing. Print jobs (especially Web pages) drive the CPU to consuming 100 percent of resources and hold it there almost continuously until the job finishes. The printer is an old HP 1200C.

A. The lack of RAM on the printer the cause of the CPU thrashing? Are there any settings I can tweak to allow print jobs to run in the background while taking fewer CPU cycles?

— Jesse Braden, San Jose, Calif.

A. The culprit is the driver software used to operate that venerable HP DeskJet. You need to update this software to the version specifically designed for Windows XP, rather than running the software you installed from the original CD that came with that DeskJet.

In cases where one only needs to update the drivers themselves it is possible to find most of them already on the computer as part of the massive code that goes into Windows XP. This takes a tad of doing, but go to the Add Hardware Control Panel by clicking on Start and then Control Panel. In XP a wizard will be launched that is designed to sense new hardware and install the needed drivers and other software.

Computer Q&A

Print it to the connection that your printer uses and see if it finds it. In that case you will be led through a driver installation. Windows probably will not see the printer but that's fine, too. Just follow the wizard prompts until you get to where it lets you seek out your own hardware.

Follow the rest of the install prompts, and your machine will print while surfing the Web and playing Space Invaders with hardly a hiccup.

Some folks find it easier to just go to a company's Web site and download drivers rather than jump through the hoops the Windows XP wizards require. Check that out at the Web site (www.hp.com). Check on the Support and Drivers choice, and you can easily search out that printer for a Web download of the small program. Owners of older equipment can also use the Web site to order CDs containing drivers and programs for products dating back many years.

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New cell phones allow limited use on airlines

The Associated Press

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Travelers itching to use their cell phones in flight can do so on Scandinavian Airlines through rules against gabbing while flying remain in effect.

The Scandinavian carrier said the decision was made possible by a new crop of smart cell phones equipped with "flight-safe" mode.

A phone in that mode can't send or receive cellular signals and won't affect the plane, thus complying with U.S. and other regulations banning cell phones in flight, the airline said.

That means there's no talking, sending e-mail or accessing the Internet in flight. But users can listen to music, take pictures of a seatmate or compose e-mail for sending when they land.

Phones with flight-safe mode include the Sony Ericsson P800, which boasts PDA features and a built-in digital camera, and Nokia's 9290 Communicator, which opens on a hinge that runs the length of its six-inch case, converting it into a Lilliputian laptop computer.

The airline consulted with several cell phone makers in pushing the flight-safe mode. So far, only Sweden's Ericsson and



A woman uses a Sony Ericsson P800, which boasts PDA features and a built-in digital camera, during a flight in this undated promotional photo.

Finland's Nokia have models that feature it. Other manufacturers are expected to make it available later this year.

Adoption of the technology is not surprising given that Scandinavia is the national carrier for Sweden, Denmark and Norway, all countries that heavily embrace new technology. The airline flies to more than 90 destinations worldwide.

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Franks says tips help in recovery of looted artifacts

CAMP AS SAYLIYAH, Qatar (AP) - Gen. Tommy Franks said Monday that coalition forces have begun recovering artifacts looted from Iraqi museums...

Museum said. Experts from the Louvre in Paris, New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, Russia's Hermitage and the Berlin Museums will attend the session...

king dated to the 9th century B.C. and the last relief. After some negotiation, a man arrived with 46 stolen antiquities...

he added in a follow-up interview after the broadcast. He told the Seattle meeting that ordinary Iraqis had told coalition forces that they wanted the items in coalition hands...

the last week or two that convinces me that he is alive. On the military presence in the region, Franks said that with the collapse of the Iraqi leadership...

Fear of SARS keeps Beijing homebound

BEIJING (AP) - Susan Guo no longer goes to her office. Her 11-year-old son no longer goes to school. Instead, the 40-year-old lawyer has a new ritual...

killed 59 people in the Chinese capital and infected nearly 1,200. The effect is dramatic: Shopping centers and other public places are deserted...

Over the weekend, cinemas, karaoke parlors and other entertainment sites were ordered to close. Police in and around Beijing are stopping highway traffic...

check his temperature and find out if he's been in contact with anyone. Guo talks calmly, but her manner betrays her worries...

On Saddam's birthday, some pledge devotion

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) - Saddam Hussein's hometown loyalists celebrated his 60th birthday Monday with blood oaths and vows of devotion...

For the first time in a generation, Saddam's birthday passed with no official fanfare, no compulsory celebration - and no Saddam. For many Iraqis, that was just fine...

Final MIA soldier is found dead

LOS FRESNOS, Texas (AP) - Army Spc. Edward John Anguiano, the last U.S. soldier missing in Iraq, was found dead, family members and the Pentagon said Monday...

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Organization says Vietnam contains SARS

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - The World Health Organization said Monday the worst of the SARS outbreak appears to be over in Singapore, Hong Kong and Canada...

MORNING BREAK

Perfectionist makes life perfectly awful for family

DEAR ABBY: The letter from Tina in Tennessee, brought back memories from my past. Tina was upset because her husband's son had come to live with them, and his messy bedroom made her angry. She excused herself by saying she was a "perfectionist," waving it like a banner, as though it made her behavior OK.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

DEAR MARK: A wise parent carefully chooses his (or her) battles, because you can't win 'em all.

DEAR ABBY: My philosophy on neatness is that I'll never look back on my life and think, "Thank goodness I did the dishes every day. I'm glad I spent so much time vacuuming." I will always wish for more time spent with my family and friends, enjoying the things I love. I would hate for that woman to find herself looking back on her life, regretting a miserable relationship with the boy and his

father over dirty clothes and early wrappers. She needs to reach a compromise.

-NOT SO NEAT IN N.Y.C.
housekeeping may not win any awards, but you have your priorities in order.

DEAR ABBY: "Tina in Tennessee" should count her blessings. She has a wonderful

stepson who is being bounced around like a pingpong ball through no fault of his own. His father should rejoice in the opportunity to have a relationship with his son. This is also Tina's chance to have a relationship with the young man. Tell her not to ruin it because of a messy bedroom. Shut the door!

-A MOTHER
IN MINNEAPOLIS

DEAR MOTHER: Good point. There is so little the boy can control - his bedroom is "his space," and it should not be turned into a battleground. He should be praised for his strong points and given a little leeway. To quote a reader from Littleton, Colo., "Teens are 'neat' people, and it has nothing to do with the state of their bedrooms."

I, too, was a perfectionist. I made my four children's lives miserable with my constant nagging and threatening. My crisis came one winter when, in the midst of a snowstorm, I made all of them stand on our windy back porch, strip naked from their wet, cold clothes, and wait until my floor had dried because I had just washed and polished it. It hit me like a ton of bricks!

For years, I had made my entire family miserable with my constant cleaning. I had been known to wake up in the middle of the night and clean or go outside and do yard work. I always said the clean house was for "them." The truth was, I didn't like myself. I cleaned house to prove to the world that I was all right.

What really needed cleaning was my SPIRIT, not the house. This may be too long to print, but I wanted to share this milestone in my life - the start of my recovery.

-NO LONGER "MOMMY DEAREST" IN CATHEDRAL CITY, CALIF.

DEAR NO LONGER: You were perceptive to realize that your had turned the "virtue" of cleanliness into obsession and compulsion, to the point that it had become abusive to your family. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: I, too, am the stepparent of a sloppy child. It used to drive me to distraction, until I realized the only person I could change was myself, and my harping and complaining only made ME the pariah in the household. Now I close the door to his room and ignore it. When he's grown up and gone, I can change the carpet, paint the walls and "live happily ever after."

-MARK
IN GARLAND, TEXAS

Actor says he doesn't know when he's good

Knight Ridder News Service

Dustin Hoffman, one of Hollywood's leading actors, said that even after all his years in the business, he is still not sure when he's "in" in a good performance.

"We artists are forever in doubt," he said at a dinner last week honoring his work and that of director Robert Altman at the San Francisco International Film Festival. "We don't know when we're good. If you come backstage and say thumbs up, we believe you," he said. "If you come backstage and say thumbs down, we believe you."

Hoffman, 65, who has won Academy Awards for best actor for "Kramer vs. Kramer" in 1979 and "Rain Man" in 1988, was honored with the festival's Peter Owens award for "brilliance, independence and integrity."

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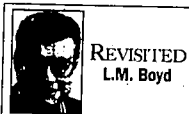
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In many a South American restaurant - are you ready to order? - you can get "Picante de Cuy" - guinea pig chili - and "Cuy Chacado" - breaded guinea pig.
Q. Iowa raises the most pigs of any state, California lays the most

eggs. Georgia grows the most peanuts, and Arkansas sells to more Chinese restaurants than does any other state, right?
A. Never thought of that. Rice is Arkansas's top crop, true.
Q. A remarkable product came onto the market in 1888. Theorists believed it would revolutionize American business. And it did. Name it.
A. The typewriter.

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Taurus: You've overlooked something

IF APRIL 29TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... today may prove very lucky for you. A gift surprise. You are unorthodox and attracted to ancient wisdom and philosophy. Your intuitive nature has often been your 11th-hour friend. November, December spell romance. May will be profitable. Be aware of militant superiors. Contact with long-forgotten family members is restored this year.

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tion and careful thinking. You are not in the driver's seat today.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A sense of loneliness makes you look beyond. You seek answers, but you're not going to get them at present. Key word is patience. You get chance to put right a spoiled relationship.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Emotional pressures overwhelm. You are at the right place professionally. Take the initiative, grasp the bull by the horn and throw preconceived ideas to the wind. Partners want your attention.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A variety of skeletons may be popping out of your closet. You are forced to rethink strategy and put your house in order. The harmonious moon brings exciting experiences including romance. Are you ready?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Romantic overtures could turn your head. Retain your high standards. You're able to fulfill your heart's desire. Keep your equilibrium as much as going on.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Spotlight is on partners and romance. Financial matters need your input and attention. A touch of envy is easily transcended. Taurus, Virgo involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be realistic about relationships. State your terms, but also know your limitations. Throw caution to the wind to obtain satisfaction. Your marital status figures prominently.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Added responsibilities have proven to be a challenge - especially since you refuse to take no for an answer. The harmonious moon promises romance and love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Home matters need your attention, and your secret wishes are fulfilled. Someone or something you had expected is delayed. Circumstances are turning in your favor. You are lucky.

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Palestine state would jeopardize Israel



Cal Thomas

President Bush may declare as early as this week an end to the Iraq war, but he appears ready to press ahead with the "road map" to establish a Palestinian state that can only jeopardize the continued existence of Israel.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell says the road map—drafted last year by the United States, the European Union, Russia and the United Nations—will be published once the Palestinian prime minister, Mahmoud Abbas, is confirmed by the Palestinian cabinet. This is sham Middle East theater. Heaving gained so many concessions from Israelis without living up to a single agreement they have signed, Palestinian leaders are not about to rescind their political-religious objective of eliminating Israel as a state and the Jewish presence in the region. The administration is as anxious to declare victory in the maddening Middle East conflict as the Nixon administration was to end the Vietnam War. Thirty years ago, President Nixon and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger trumpeted "peace with honor" following talks with North Vietnamese leaders in Paris. South Vietnam soon fell to the Communists, who had never abandoned their vision of one country under their dictatorial control.

Israel could easily become like South Vietnam—overrun by its enemy—if the "road map" is implemented. Among the road map's many problems is that it fails to fulfill President Bush's own conditions. In a speech last June, the president said the United States will not support the establishment of a Palestinian state until its leaders engage in a "sustained fight

against the terrorists and dismantle their infrastructure." That is unlikely to happen since terrorism has been the official policy of Yasser Arafat and his bloody band of brothers for more than 30 years. The faux "democracy" that Abbas supposes represents is about as creditable as one of Saddam Hussein's near-anarchy elections. British Prime Minister Tony Blair has said there can be no lasting peace in Northern Ireland until the Irish Republican Army destroys its hidden weapons, renounces violence and commits to a political process. He is right about that, but wrong when he and President Bush want to push ahead with their Middle East road map without making similar demands of the Palestinian leaders.

The new Palestinian cabinet is full of Arafat supporters. As many as 14 ministers are expected to be old Arafat appointees with just four to six loyal to Abbas (also known as Abu Azien). While Abbas controls one "security" organization, Arafat still commands many far larger ones. Arafat refuses to accept Abbas' demand that the armed factions of Fatah, such as the Al-Aqsa martyrs brigade, be dissolved. Arafat will continue to be the puppeteer, no matter whom the audience sees on stage. He will resemble Richard Gere in the film "Chicago," pulling the

strings and providing words for his dancing marionettes. Abbas retains his hard-line views. If implemented, they will jeopardize Israel's very existence. In an interview last month, he continued to justify "armed struggle" against Israeli civilians. He has never repudiated his 1983 book, "The Other Side: The Secret Relationship Between Nazism and the Zionist Movement," which denies the Holocaust occurred.

The minimum requirement before moving ahead with any "road map" is for Abbas and his cabinet to renounce violence as a means of achieving their objectives and then begin dismantling the terror infrastructure that has mangled schoolchildren and adult civilians for more than three decades.

If that happens, the pressure will shift to Israel to reciprocate. But it won't happen because this conflict isn't about "two states, living side by side in peace," as President Bush swears. It is about creating a new state that will be used as a base to eliminate Israel.

That Palestinian objective won't change because abolishing Israel is in the corrupted blood of Arafat and all his henchmen, including Abbas. The standard for renounce violence should be no different from that applied to the IRA by Tony Blair in Northern Ireland or to Saddam Hussein in Iraq. Surely President Bush knows this. Perhaps he is merely stalling his own political theater to expose Arafat and company as the liars they are. That's fine, but Israel should not be required to be a rickety to this show until it sees the last act.

Cal Thomas is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.



War hinders political ambitions

Lyn Nozziger

Already, Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry has come close to stepping over the line by calling for a "regime change" in the United States. In doing so, Kerry meant to indicate that while he supports the war he is highly critical of the steps President Bush took leading up to it. But calling for a regime change in the midst of a war has left a sour taste with many persons in both parties.

When Gen. William Westmoreland noted that "war is hell," he wasn't thinking of the effect it can have on the ambitions of political candidates. But, if he had been, he wouldn't have been amiss.

Certainly the war in Iraq is playing hob with the incipient campaigns of all but a couple of the Democrats running for their party's presidential nomination. And those two, Howard Dean, the former Vermont governor, and Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich, both of whom are on the liberal fringe of their party and who are running nearly hysterical anti-war campaigns, are likely to be left with little more to do than spout socialist rhetoric once the war is over and the sporadic fighting has ended.

As for the others, the war continues to have them in a bind as they proclaim their support for the troops and at the same time try to tread the narrow line between opposing and justifying the war, without lending aid and comfort to the president they hope to replace.

This is not easy, considering the ease and speed with which the war has been won as well as polls that now show public support of the war and the president running around 70 percent.

Yet, while the public in general continues to support both the war and the president, that support has never been as strong among Democrats. On the surface, this might seem to benefit the party's candidates. But that isn't necessarily so, in that it leaves the so-called major candidates in the delicate position of trying to appease their constituents without opening themselves up to attack by the president's supporters as unpatriotic.

Already, Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry has come close to stepping over the line by calling for a "regime change" in the United States. In doing so, Kerry meant to indicate that while he supports the war he is highly critical of the steps President Bush took leading up to it, as well as just about everything else Bush is doing or has done. But calling for a regime change in the midst of a war has left a sour taste with many persons in both parties.

Although Kerry has been the most strident, other candidates such as North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, Connecticut Sen. Joseph Lieberman and Missouri Rep. Richard Gephardt, while saying they support the war,

ders Bush might make.

Up to now, the war has also had an effect on Democratic criticism of Bush's domestic agenda, with one exception. That exception is the Democrats' successful reduction of Bush's proposed tax cuts.

Still, the Democrats' problem basically is that no one is listening; the war in all its ramifications has captured most of the public interest.

The economy, Bush's legislative proposals and judicial appointments have been relegated to secondary status by the news media, and this includes whatever the candidates may be saying about them.

Of course, with the war ending, the candidates' voices will be heard more clearly. But even so they will be competing against a victorious president, and predicting gloom and doom in the face of an economy that most economists think will take off again at the war's end is not likely to win them many converts.

But the candidates can take comfort that there is still more than a year left for Bush to make mistakes or to fail to deal effectively with whatever challenges lie ahead.

While on the surface this means that it is too early for the Democratic hopefuls to panic or begin hitting the political low road, the fact is it's never too early in either party for these to happen. This is especially true if there are numerous candidates striving desperately for public attention.

And, when attacking the president fails to do the trick, the invariable next step is to attack one's intraparty opponents. This means the likelihood is good that the bloodletting in Iraq will be followed shortly by more of the same among those competing for the Democratic presidential nomination.

There are those in the White House who can hardly wait for this to happen.

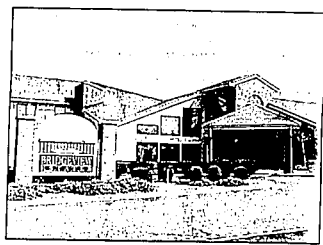
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State plans, lawsuits may threaten wolf delisting

Efforts could be stalled for years

CODY, Wyo. (AP)—Dick Geving rarely sees gray wolves on his northern Wyoming ranch, but he is sure that they killed 14 calves last year and have run elk out of the area. If he does see one, he says he hopes he has a gun handy and the right to kill.

"If we would be able to use reasonable force to control them, at least we'd have a fighting chance," said Geving, who raises cattle and runs an outfitting business near Yellowstone National Park.

Eight years after the first few gray wolves were reintroduced in the Northern Rockies, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is ready to declare the recovery program a success. With about 600 animals now roaming Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, the agency would like to the wolf removed from the endangered species list in those states and perhaps much of the West by 2004.

But worries over how the states will manage wolves and lingering anger over whether the animals should be here at all threaten to stall delisting, possibly for years.

Before delisting can even be proposed, state wildlife managers must prove to a panel of scientists and federal wildlife officials that gray wolves will continue to thrive under their control.

The federal wildlife agency has already given tentative approval to Idaho's plan, which provides for, among other things, managing wolves like black bears and mountain lions by allowing regulated hunting.

Montana recently released its proposal, which also would allow some hunting and permit ranchers to shoot wolves that threaten their livestock.

It is Wyoming's approach that has some wildlife officials and environmentalists worried.

"Wyoming," said Nina Fascione, vice president of species conservation and federal wildlife officials that gray wolves "has definitely thrown a wrench into the plans for delisting."

The state's wolf management plan is still in the works, but the Wyoming Legislature has overwhelmingly backed a proposal that would designate wolves as predators throughout much of the state, allowing them to be killed with few restrictions in many areas. The exceptions would be in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks and adjacent wilderness areas where wolves would be classified as trophy game animals. It is illegal to hunt trophy game without a state-issued license and federal law prohibits hunting wildlife in national parks.

If the number of breeding pairs fell below 15, the predator status would be suspended until numbers recovered.

The legislation is confusing, and state wildlife officials have asked the attorney general for help interpreting the language.

"All we know for the answers, we can't make a decision on whether it's acceptable or not," federal wolf recovery coordinator Ed Bangs said of Wyoming's plan.

"The service is a zone porter of hunting; we think that's an important part of this," he added. "But it can't be the 1880s Wild West again, with people running around with poison and guns. Those days are gone forever."

The dual classification of trophy game and predator is meant to keep wolves in and around Yellowstone and nearby Grand Teton National Park. It is also meant to give ranchers like Geving an option to protect their property.

State Rep. Mike Baker, who authored the wolf management bill, said the plan represents the interests of his constituents. He said he had them in mind when he pushed the plan, not how it might fit with those in the other states. The plans must complement one another to ensure that wolves continue to have adequate range.

"They have their own political pressures. I have mine," Baker said. "And the people of Wyoming are angry."

Fascione said establishing hunting seasons for an animal just off the endangered species list is premature. She said her group, which for 16 years has compensated ranchers for livestock killed by wolves, will sue to stop delisting if it deems any of the plans "substandard."

Monitoring wolves to make sure they aren't dying off is a key part of the plans. But it's expensive, and officials in all three states say the success of the plans hinges on adequate funding.

"If, at the end of the day, people don't see the dollars; expect a court challenge," said Tom France, director of the Northern Rockies office of the National Wildlife Federation.

Ranchers Jon and Deb Robnett aren't sure how much longer they

can hold on. They say they have felt like prisoners on their ranch near Dubois in western Wyoming ever since the wolves first settled in.

At night, Deb Robnett carries a flashlight and pistol while walking her dog. She or her husband gets up every two hours to see if the horses are riled or if they can hear howls from wolves prowling nearby.

Jon Robnett, who has worked closely with federal wildlife officials to try to control wolves, said

he believes the plan for Wyoming will leave him and other ranchers in a tough spot.

"I don't think the federal government can go along with something like this," he said. "It's gotten more away from reality and into politics."

Gary Lundvall, a cattle rancher near Cody and former member of the state's Game and Fish Commission, worries that more delays will only lead to more wolves—and more problems.

Like many ranchers, Lundvall said he believes wolves are responsible for a smaller-than-normal number of elk calves in the northern Yellowstone winter range. If elk or deer numbers dwindle much more, he said, it will affect the number of licenses game officials can dole out and hurt the economy.

"The wolf is a killer," he said. "I'm not putting him down. It's just what he does for food, for fun and play."



Rancher Gary Lundvall stands on his ranch near Cody, Wyo., April 8. Lundvall blames wolves for the apparent decline in the number of young elk near his ranch and worries fewer elk will attract hungry wolves to his cattle.



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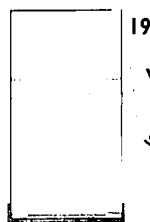
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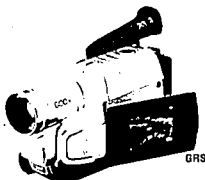
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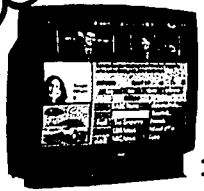
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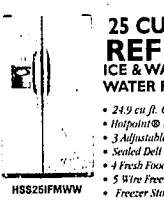
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Prosecutor: Shooting is still being probed

TWIN FALLS - No charges had been filed as of Monday in connection with a shooting early Saturday in Twin Falls that left a man slightly wounded, a prosecutor said.

Police early Saturday arrested Roberto Nevarez Jr., 19, in connection with the shooting - which happened at about 3 a.m. in the 300 N.W. 5th Street - North in Twin Falls, according to a report filed by Twin Falls police Sgt. Brian Pike.

At least five shots were fired into the front door of a house, and one grazed the shoulder of a man inside, according to Pike's report.

Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebis confirmed his office had received police reports on the case, but as of Monday, it was still under investigation and no charges had been filed.

Nevarez was not among people arraigned in 5th District Magistrate Court Monday, according to arraignment documents. He was released from the Twin Falls County Jail at 1 p.m. Monday.

Washington woman dies in one-car rollover

BURLEY - An 18-year-old woman from Yakima, Wash., was killed in a one-vehicle rollover on Interstate 84 at 7 a.m. Monday.

Rose Ann Hunter died immediately in the crash, according to a report from the Idaho State Police. She was partially ejected from the front passenger seat of the 1995 Grand Prix. She was wearing a seat belt. The car seat was reclined, police reported.

The car was driven by Joseph H. Hanks, 24, of Provo, Utah. He was driving east on I84 about 20 miles south of the interstate's junction with I86. Police say the car went off the left shoulder and Hanks overcorrected and then drove off the right side of the road, which caused the car to roll twice. It landed upright.

Hanks was also wearing a seat belt. He was taken to Cassia Regional Medical Center, treated and released, the police report states.

Wendell bond issue goes to voters today

WENDELL - School District voters will head to the polls today regarding a measure that district officials say will reduce property taxes.

The Wendell School District is asking voters to approve a change in financing from its plant facility levy to general obligation bonds for the new middle school.

Taking advantage of the current low interest rates could save the district thousands of dollars and reduce the tax to property owners, says Superintendent Larry Manly.

Voting will be from noon to 8 p.m. at the Wendell High School gymnasium. A two-thirds vote approval is needed for the bond issue to pass.

In May 2001, 71 percent of district voters approved a 20-year plant facility levy to pay for a new middle school. Refinancing the balance through bonds at an approximate interest rate of 4.25 percent would decrease the district's annual payment by \$57,000.

According to calculations provided by Zions Bank, a homeowner with a \$100,000 home that has a homeowner's exemption would see an annual savings of about \$18.77.

Planning commission again discusses feedlot

BURLEY - Debate about an application to allow a 9,999-head feedlot to be operated near Declo continues. The issue was discussed by the Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission.

A planning commission meeting begins at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Little Theater at the King Fine Arts Center at Burley High School. It is open to the public.

Earlier this month, commission members continued a public hearing on the proposed Alliance Land and Livestock partners to allow written comments about the proposal to be submitted. The plan was for commission members to review the comments before the May 6 hearing and then to again hear public comment on the issue before the planning commission renders a decision.

Also on Thursday's agenda are a hearing on an application filed by LeRoy Jarolimek to construct wind turbines on his property for personal use, comments by board members and an executive session.

Compiled from staff reports

Transplanted bighorn sheep hold on

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

ALMO - At least eight of the 13 California bighorn sheep released last month in the Albion Mountains remain there.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game transplanted the sheep southeast of Burley as part of a multiyear effort to reestablish wild sheep herds in the Albion and Jim Sage mountains near the City of Rocks National Reserve.

Monitoring by Fish and Game has found that two of the 13 sheep released March 9 in the Albion Mountains have died, said Travis Feldner, a senior conservation officer in Rupert. Two ewes were found dead and appeared to have been killed by

mountain lions.

Two more sheep crossed Idaho Highway 77 at the base of the Albion Mountains soon after their release and joined up with the Jim Sage herd. The two mountain ranges are intersected by a valley where the highway heads to the City of Rocks.

Fish and Game biologists anticipate that the remaining sheep will stay in the Albion Mountains now that they have become more familiar with the terrain, said Kelton Hatch, regional conservation officer.

"As far as a new release area, the population is doing really well," said Bruce Palmer, regional wildlife biologist. "We are really happy with the results of this year's transplant."

Biologists want to grow the Jim Sage

and Albion herds to about 125 sheep each to maintain stable populations. The latest counts estimated the Jim Sage herd to have grown to about 55 to 60 sheep.

A number of the ewes released in the Albion Mountains last month were pregnant, and biologists are counting on spring births to help increase the population.

"If the released animals continue to prosper over the rest of the year, we anticipate supplemental transplants to the area with sheep from Nevada and Oregon over the next two years," Palmer said.

Biologists used a habitat model developed from research of the Jim Sage herd to pick a release area in the Albion Mountains. The Jim Sage herd occupies rugged terrain and keeps above the tree line - an ideal spot to avoid and spot

approaching predators.

Overall, the initial news is better than it was for the original Jim Sage herd released in 2000, Feldner said. Of the original 30 sheep captured from Oregon, seven died within the first two months. As the herd learned its way around the new terrain, its survival rate improved, he said.

Efforts to transplant bighorn sheep into southern Cassia County began in 1997 when Roscoe and Joyce Ward decided to retire their family's century-old sheep business. Converting their grazing allotments from sheep to cattle paved the way for the project.

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THE VIEW FROM UP HERE



Perched on top of a slide, Mychello Shelton, 10, looks for his elster, Bailley, 4, and stop-brother Kyle McClure during a game of 'Catch Me if You Can' at Harmon Park in Twin Falls.

Police respond to apparent robbery

The Times-News

BURLEY - The Cassia County Sheriff's Office did not release any substantive information Monday regarding an apparent bank robbery in Burley.

A sheriff's office spokesman would confirm only that "deputies had been sent to a robbery" in Burley.

At 4:50 p.m. a sheriff's office dispatcher radioed that a robbery had been reported at First Federal Savings Bank at 2059 Overland Ave. A woman who answered the telephone at the

bank answered at 7 p.m. Monday said local bank employees wouldn't comment on what had occurred, and all information would have to come from the police or bank President C. Alan Horner. She said Horner was not available to comment Monday evening.

Neither Cassia County Sheriff Jim Hignens nor Undersheriff Gary Cristol could be reached for comment.

Initial police radio reports indicated a man, estimated to be in his 30s, had robbed the bank and left the building on foot.

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.



Roger Dover

- Age: 25.
- Hometown: Twin Falls.
- Local family: Parents, Clifford and Elizabeth Dover; wife, Jamie (Nelson) Dover; former of Glenns Ferry; and daughter, Maura.

- Service, date of enlistment: Army, September 1997.
- Rank, assignment: Sergeant, cavalry scout, 3rd Infantry, 3rd Battalion, 10th Cavalry, Iraq.

- Task: Goes ahead of troops to scout out the enemy.
- Additional information: His father was in the Navy for 10 years, and his brother, Allan, was in the Marines for four years.



Joseph Schmahd

- Age: 21.
- Hometown: Jerome.
- Local family: Rod and Sandy Dutt of Jerome and Chris and Lori Schmahd of Filer.
- Service, date of enlistment: Navy, April 2000.

- Rank, assignment: Aviation technician 3rd Class, Avionics, VSA-17 Mighty Team Warhawk, USS Nimitz, Persian Gulf.
- Task: Works on radars, displays, weapons control systems and communication systems on F-15A.

- Additional information: Deployed in March.
- Compiled by Anne Thompson

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Commissioners OK fee hikes

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Owners of recreational vehicles will be paying more for electricity at RV sites in Twin Falls County parks.

Twin Falls County commissioners Monday approved the increases.

"The cost of maintaining the parks has gone up," Commission Chairman Gary Grindstaff said. RV hookup fees will increase from \$3 to \$10 at Centennial Park and Rock Creek Park and from \$3 to \$9 at Murtaugh Lake Waterfront Park.

Commissioners also approved increasing the juvenile protection fee from \$20 to \$30 and instituted a 5-cent fee on Bulb license plates and driver's licenses.

Building permit fees are also going up. Here's a rundown of fee increases:

- Dwelling: Up to \$58.55 from \$50.32 per square foot.

- Garage: Up to \$21.10 from \$18.16 per square foot.
 - Carport: Up to \$14.40 from \$12.40 per square foot.
 - Dairy barn: Up to \$47.25 from \$45 per square foot.
 - Apartment house: Up to \$55.50 from \$47.69 per square foot.
 - Warehouse: Up to \$27.45 from \$22 per square foot.
 - Home for elderly: Up to \$71.15 from \$61.12 per square foot.
 - Office: A new building permit fee of \$59.25 per square foot.
 - Public building: A new building permit fee of \$79.65 per square foot.
- Commissioners said the increased revenue is required to offset costs of operating RV park sites, juvenile probation monitoring, increases in Bulb's utility and maintenance costs and enforcing the 2000 International Building Code.

County might seek annex bids again

By Lorraine Cavenor

Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - The bid process for the new Cassia County Courthouse annex might have to be conducted a second time.

County commissioners were on the verge of awarding a contract to Walton Inc. Monday when Myron Wilson approached them with a concern about the bid process. Wilson submitted the low bid opened by commissioners last week, but he didn't meet a condition of the bid package. He bid \$86,656 to remodel the building across the street from the courthouse. It will be used as the assessor's office.

Wilson said he did not turn in a payment performance bond, as required, because of the lack of information available about the project from the county.

"The problem is the board (of commissioners) didn't have

everything together," Wilson said. "I was not treated fairly. If you give it to Kelly (Walton), it was not done properly."

Law does not require a payment performance bond, Wilson said.

Walton Inc. submitted the second-low bid of \$107,840.

Wilson questioned if the county properly advertised the project. The public notice advertising bids on the project was supposed to have been advertised twice with a three-week interval between, Wilson said. Instead the notice was published twice with a two-week interval, he said.

Wilson said building specification information was also supposed to be distributed to people who requested it, but when he asked for the information, it was not provided.

Kelly Walton disagreed with some of Wilson's statements. "I'm not familiar with any

case that did not require a bid bond," Walton said. "We as contractors have the responsibility to stay in touch. Every morning I read the legal's. It's public record before completing his bid."

Walton said full specifications were not necessary to bid on the job. Walton called County Building Inspector Dan Barker several times with questions before completing his bid.

After commissioners discussed the issue, Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus said he would talk to the Idaho attorney general to learn if the bidding process will have to be repeated.

Also Monday, commissioners heard from Earl Warthen about problems created by the Howell Canyon Road construction that he thinks need to be cleaned up.

Debris from the road now washes into Bennett Springs, he said.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Man founds medicinal pot group

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) - "Brother Bob" Walker has organized a clinic to spare others the frustrations he says he endured in obtaining a license to use marijuana to soothe his back pain.

Walker, Oregon Medical Marijuana Network hosts seminars on cannabis and launched a Web site to promote medicinal uses for the drug.

Walker, 47, said he totally believes in what he does, he said, noting that it helped more than 250 people obtain cannabis cards.

At Sunday's clinic, men and women came from as far as Bend, Brookings and Klamath Falls to fill their paperwork and be examined by Levey.

Mountain Home infant dies after being mauled

BOISE (AP) - A 13-month-old Mountain Home child died Sunday after he was apparently mauled by a wolf-dog hybrid.

Neither the man nor the baby's mother reported hearing the dog attack the baby, police said. The man told police the dog belonged to his roommate.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-9331, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

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Emma Brydl

Emma Brydl, 65, of Filer, passed away Sunday, April 27, 2003, at Chaparrillo House in Twin Falls.



Carol J. Garcia

Carol J. Garcia, age 56, of Gooding, died Wednesday, April 23, 2003, at the Elk Rehabilitation Center in Boise.

played in the Royal Knights band through college and formed a band of his own as a hobby with brothers and sisters for most of his life.

He was called upon to sing at many funerals, weddings and other events in the area. He married Corral Mesa, Ariz., on Dec. 7, 1939, in the Mesa Arizona LDS Temple.

The Associated Press

Sent to Governor

HB145 (Ways and Means) - Creates Idaho commemorative silver coins to help finance operation of the veterans cemetery.



pancy for property tax purposes. Introduced in House.

SERVICES

Henry William "Bill" Manning of Rupert, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Gene L. Smallwood of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; a reception will be held following the service at the funeral home.

alice Lucile Craig of Glens Ferry, service at 11 a.m. today at the King Hill Community Presbyterian Church (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

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

Patsy Darlene Rice, 58, of Burley, passed away Friday, April 25, 2003, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center due to a sudden illness.

Patsy was born April 6, 1945, in Kamiah, Idaho, to James L. and Betty Jean Rice. She attended grade school in Gibbonsville and Cabot, Idaho, and graduated from Bonneville High School in Idaho Falls in 1963.

Emma is survived by a daughter, Patricia Ann (Dani) Jacobson of Rupert, Ore., three brothers, Lemur Papik, Ervin Papik and Al Papik, all of Nebraska, three grandchildren, Bondi Trautman, Theresa Rice and Barbara Davis, four great-grandchildren, two step grand-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lud in 2000, a son, David Brydl, two sisters, and one brother.

HEYBURN



Pura Flores Nino

Our mother, Pura Flores Nino, 89, of Heyburn, was called home Saturday, April 26, 2003, to be with her Lord.

She was born Nov. 26, 1913, in Eagle Pass, Texas, the daughter of Juan and Josefa F. Ramos Flores.

JEROME

George Edward Beardsley

George Edward Beardsley, 62, of Jerome, passed away Monday, April 28, 2003, at the home of his daughter.

JEROME

Marion K. Mortenson

Marion K. Mortenson, 82, passed away in Jerome on Friday, April 25, 2003.

DEATH NOTICES

Minnie Neoma Christenson - Minnie Neoma Christenson, 97, of Heyburn, died Monday, April 28, 2003, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Rose Ann Hunter - Rose Ann Hunter, 18, of Yakima, Wash., died Monday, April 28, 2003, from injuries received in an automobile accident.

Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Donald A. Tonkin - Donald A. Tonkin, 76, of Gooding, died Monday, April 28, 2003, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

Fenton S. Hayes - WENDELL - Fenton S. Hayes, 76, of Wendell, died Monday, April 28, 2003, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

Robert F. Tidd - TWIN FALLS - Robert F. "Sensi" Tidd, 88, of Twin Falls, died Monday, April 28, 2003, at Alterra Wynwood of Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Brian Lee McGregor - FILER - Brian Lee McGregor, 44, of Filer, died Monday, April 28, 2003, at his home.

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

Olive Coffman - TWIN FALLS - Olive Coffman, 88, of Twin Falls, died Monday, April 28, 2003.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Wendell Cemetery on West Main Street, and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 South Lincoln in Jerome.

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

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THE RUSH FOR THE EGGS



SANDRA WISEGAYER/The Times-News

Rylee Reynolds was out in front and first to a big orange prize egg at the Castleford Easter Egg Hunt April 19 at Joan's Park. Lots of young egg hunters turned out for the annual event under sunny skies with cool breezes.



MARY LYNE BRITTON/The Times-News

More than 100 youngsters participated in the sixth annual Albion Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Albion Improvement and Recreation Committee. They gathered more than 2,000 plastic eggs filled with toys and candy scattered around the campus property. Big Easter baskets were presented to those finding a special Easter egg. The youngest winner received a large stuffed bunny. Winners were, from left, Troy Adams, ages 9-11 group; Ben Orton, ages 7-8; Nick Westfall, ages 5-6; Lexus Fell, ages 3-4; and James Brockman, age 2 and under group. Linda Leach directed the activity, and was assisted by her husband, Gary; Jennifer Friedrichson; Denise Clark; and Gwen Montgomery.



MARY LOU POTTS/The Times-News

Children of all ages eagerly gathered eggs at the annual Buhl Easter Egg hunt at Eastman Park following the El Dia de los Niños parade April 19. The eggs were redeemable for cash awards. The festivities was compliments of the Kiwanis Club, Buhl Library, Buhl Chamber of Commerce and city merchants.

Man works to educate about mental illness

By Corcen Hart
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - Rick Huber is often shocked at how people view mental illness - views right out of the Middle Ages.

As a result, he has become an advocate for the mentally ill, and works for NAMI, the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Idaho Chapter, and is a state volunteer.

"I have been seeing a need for improvement," Huber said. That improvement is through education and public information.

One misconception is confusing mental health issues with deficiency or retardation. In fact, many of the mentally ill are above average in intelligence, he said.

Mental health issues must be diagnosed and treated properly and humanely, he said. Much of the difficulty is due to lack of funding from the state.

"Idaho ranks near the bottom in per capita spending on mental health," he said. "Yet, we are in the top five for suicides in the age range of 15-24."

He is a member of a committee that believes that number will decrease with increased mental health services.

The situation is worse for those aged 12 and under, Huber said. There are virtually zero hospital beds for children in Idaho. Regardless of financial status, families are forced to take their children out of state to get services.

Lee Woodland, executive director of the Idaho Chapter of NAMI, said a large part of her job is to raise awareness about the needs of the mentally ill. She produces a newsletter, coordinates 15 affiliates, and presents information at an annual conference.

Huber said people hide their mental illness to avoid stigma.

"The surgeon general estimates that one in five Americans will have a mental illness at any given time," Huber said. "But no one wants to be labeled, and some depression is short-term. So they conceal the fact that they are in treatment."

"Punishing people with mental illness does not help," he said. Statistically, they are not more violent than the general population.

"However, they are 10 times



PHOTO COURTESY OF DEBRA MCCLELL

Rick Huber, left, assisted Halley Police Chief Brian McNary in leading a training session for law enforcement officers on how to approach a person with a severe mental illness during a crisis. The training was held at Idaho State University, and authored by the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

About Rick Huber

Rick Huber, 38, was on the production advisory board in the filming of two documentaries, "Hearts and Minds," a 30 minute video that won the International Peabody Award, and "In Our Own Voice," an hour-long documentary about mental health in Idaho.

He is the chairman of the state planning council on mental health, and former chairman of the regional Mental Health Action Board.

He is the vice chairman of a subcom-

mittee of Comprehensive Advocacy, which refers people with disabilities to appropriate facilities; and a patient's rights advisory committee member for the state hospital at Blackfoot.

The Community Support Center Inc. is a community-supported center that offers a place to socialize for those with mental health issues, and provides training and a thrift store, all at no cost to the members. The store accepts and comes donations. Call the center at 678 3916.

more likely to be the victims of violence because of people's prejudice," he said.

Minidoka County Undersheriff Robert Vasquez said that officers are not specifically trained to recognize mental illness.

"We have had training sessions many times so our officers can follow the procedure. If it is an attempted suicide, there are ways to deal with the person that may help," he said.

Huber's job as an advocate is to educate the public, beginning with lawmakers. In January, he spoke at a legislative breakfast, and was chosen to hand out awards to outstanding volunteers

in mental health. In May, he will journey to Washington, D.C. for further advocacy work.

He is not the only area advocate. Pam Aldrich, co-director of the Community Support Center in Burley that provides services to the mentally ill, says that all of its members are advocates.

"Our members write letters every week," she said. "The work of advocates is very valuable. They have stopped some very bad bills from being passed."

Times-News correspondent Corcen Hart can be reached at 436-1186 or by e-mail at jimmyen@ajlink.net.

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Issa Ortiz, daughter of Juana G. Ortiz of Gooding, was born Wednesday, April 16, 2003.

Paige Elizabeth Beem, daughter of Susan E. and Rick Isaac Beem of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, April 17, 2003.

Brenlee Rita Louise Bremers, daughter of Amber Nicole and Bradley David Bremers of Buhl, was born Thursday, April 17, 2003. Kimberly McKenzie Edwards, daughter of Corrie Deann and Richard Kodi Edwards of Hollister, was born Thursday, April 17, 2003.

Tristan Marshall Oliver, son of Linda K. and Michael D. Oliver of Jackpot, Nev., was born Saturday, April 19, 2003.

Christian Caleb Brown, son of Tasha Lynn and Christopher Leo Brown of Paul, was born Sunday, April 20, 2003.

Dylan Janae Owens, daughter of Jacqueline Renee and Anthony Lee Owens of Shoshone, was born Sunday, April 20, 2003.

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

Victoria and Patrick Kelley of Hailey, was born Saturday, April 12, 2003.

Jeff Crist Carruth, son of Danielle and Kenton Carruth of Ketchum, was born Saturday, April 12, 2003.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Shlyder Art Watterson, son of Shay and Kimberly Watterson of Declu, was born Friday, April 11, 2003.

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.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Dominie Adams Curdwell, son of Jessica Poe and David C. Curdwell of Carey, was born Friday, April 11, 2003.

Daniel Patrick Kelley, son of

First male Magic Valley Regional auxiliary leader inspires members

By Heather Abel
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - The auxiliary at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is made up of about 134 volunteers. Of those, six are men. So when Ron Eversole took on the job as head of the auxiliary in January, it was a huge change. In fact, he is the first male to head the organization.

"He's really added a lot," says Glibby Riffle, auxiliary historian. "He's given us new ideas. It's nice to have a man's point of view."

Auxiliary volunteer Lorraine Moynoux agrees.

"I think he's a real inspiration," she says. "I think it's real admirable for a man to do that." Eversole has put in about 1,500 volunteer hours over a two-year period.

"I wanted to give back to my country and to my community," he says.

The auxiliary does many things for the hospital. Its members run the gift shop, interact with patients and families, act as greeters, and help out in all the hospital departments. The monies they earn from the gift shop are sometimes used to donate to a hospital department for equipment.

When Eversole started volun-

teering, he worked in the Cancer Center, interacting with the families and patients. He says the experience was "very rewarding."

"You can laugh with them, and you can cry with them," he says. "I'm a very passionate, very emotional person."

"From the time he started, you could see that he would bring a lot of enthusiasm and fun," says Lorraine Devey, director of Magic Valley Regional's Volunteer Services. "The volunteers are here to put the smiles back on their faces and lift their spirits."

Want to join the auxiliary?
Call Lorraine Devey at 737-2006.

Ron definitely does that. He lifts their spirits.

Eversole has had many different hobbies and careers in his lifetime. He has been a medical assistant, chef, hairstylist and a retail manager. He also enjoys professional cake decorating, woodworking, sketching, walking and yard work. But, he says, he was always interested in the medical profession, the most, which brought him to the auxiliary and volunteering.

"I enjoy everything about it," Eversole says. "It's commitment, and it's a lot of fun."

Devey calls Eversole a "trail-blazer" and says he is a "good role model" for other men. He has been called a "pink lady," but doesn't let that bother him.

"I still sometimes deal with gender issues or stereotypes," Eversole says.

He would love to see more men volunteer for the auxiliary.

"I'm interested in diversity, multi-cultural those with disabilities," he says. He adds that the transition has been smooth. "He's easygoing, very agreeable," Riffle says. "He just works very well with the ladies," Moynoux says. "We're lucky to have him," Devey says.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DEBRA MCCLELL
Ron Eversole took on the job as head of the auxiliary - the first male to do so.

TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL WINNERS



Posing with state officials, recent Congressional Award bronze medalists include, from left, front row: Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo, Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, U.S. Rep. Butch Otter, U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, Idaho Secretary of State Ben Ysursa and Idaho State Controller Keith Johnson; second row: Jared Stewart, Charlotte Dolecheck, Aubrie Brown, Linda Wells, Lisa Faldhusen, Morgan Will, Melissa Thom, Alex Kraal, Brittany Ward, Yelena Bagdasarova, Susan Tanaka, Amy Ash, Samantha Strunk, Tayvina Oliver and Region V Congressional Award Co-Director Willy Dobbs; third row: O'Leary Junior High School Principal Bill Bruletto, Kali Tudor, Megan Burley, Casey Paulk, Twin Falls Police Chief Lee DeVoro, Ry Phillips, Joe DiFranco, Chelsea Cochran, Twin Falls High School Principal Ben Allan, Jonna Meeks, Kimberly High School Principal John Miller, Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley Executive Director Don Hall, Robert Stuart Junior High School Principal Craig Ainsworth and Twin Falls Superintendent Terrell Donahick; fourth row: Sage Pressman, Teresa Aron, Alex Bowyer, assistant to the Idaho Congressional Award Bridget Barris and Region V Congressional Award Co-Director Ruann Meado. Not pictured is bronze medalist Justin Roberts. Students received the awards for their hours of work in the areas of volunteer public service, personal development, physical activity and expedition/exploration.



Leon Mills and Ruth Streater were Idaho Volunteer Caregivers volunteers of the month.

Caregiver volunteers are honored for service

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Volunteer Caregivers recognized Volunteers of the Month for March and April. Leon Mills of Twin Falls is volunteer of the month for March. He has been an Idaho Volunteer Caregivers volunteer for three years, and in that time has assisted more than one dozen caregivers with a variety of services. Ruth Streater of Twin Falls was named the volunteer of the month for April. She has been an Idaho Volunteer Caregivers volunteer for three years, and has assisted many people with a variety of services. For more information about Idaho Volunteer Caregivers, call 733-6333.



Congressional Award silver and gold medalists include: from left, front row: Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo, Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, U.S. Rep. Butch Otter, U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, Idaho Secretary of State Ben Ysursa and Idaho State Controller Keith Johnson; second row: O'Leary Junior High School Principal Bill Bruletto, Casey Tucker (gold), Benjamin Tateoka (silver), Elise Tateoka (silver), Melissa Waite (silver), Sarah Sargeant (gold), Stephanie Ward (silver), Katarie Crider (silver), Erika Blank (silver), Katherine Wandorlich (gold), Kelsey Bandella (gold), Ashley Watkins (silver), Terry Jussol (silver) and Region V Congressional Award Co-Director Willy Dobbs; third row: Matthew Kent Taylor (gold), Joe DiFranco (silver), Jacob Smith (gold), Twin Falls Police Chief Lee DeVoro, Twin Falls High School Principal Ben Allan, Kimberly High School Principal John Miller, Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley Executive Director Don Hall, Robert Stuart Junior High School Principal Craig Ainsworth and Twin Falls Superintendent Terrell Donahick; fourth row: assistant to the Idaho Congressional Award Bridget Barris and Region V Congressional Award Co-Director Ruann Meado. Not pictured is Malinda Barrett (gold), Tiffany Barrett (gold) and Julia Hurlbut (silver).



Pictured are Community Christian Church Sunday School superintendent Susie Miller, class members and teachers with a check for \$1,112. The money was raised to obtain Bibles for Zimbabwe.

Children raise money for Bibles

TWIN FALLS - The Sunday school classes at the Community Christian Church, 303 Grandview Dr. S., in Twin Falls, held an ongoing competition to raise money for Bibles for the people of Zimbabwe. The Community Christian Church wants to enable Christians in Zimbabwe to be able to read the Bible in their native language. Each week, the offering was collected by gender and tallied weekly. The girls in the class were victorious in giving approximately 77 percent of the total. A check for \$1,112 was sent to the mission fields, earmarked for this purpose. For more information, call Linda Richter at 733-5266, Susie Miller at 734-5097 or Bob Adams, at Community Christian Church at 733-2866.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Van Dyk receives Presidential Scholarship
Danielle Megan Van Dyk has been awarded the Hamline University Presidential Scholarship. Hamline is located in Saint Paul, Minn. Van Dyk, a student at Hansen High School, is the daughter of Ivan and Corrine Van Dyk. Scholarships go to students who have demonstrated excellent academic ability, outstanding preparation for college, strong sense of purpose and high motivation. Recipients must have high college entrance test scores, and be in the top 5 percent of their high school class or have a 3.8 to 4.0 grade-point average. The minimum award is \$6,000 to a maximum of full tuition, renewable for three years.

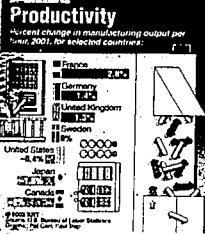
Clow makes dean's list at Rochester Institute
Rachel Clow of Rochester, N.Y., has been named to the dean's list for the fall quarter at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester. A third-year student in the school of photographic arts and sciences, Clow is studying photojournalism. She is the daughter of Greg and Debra Denny of Twin Falls, a 1999 graduate of Twin Falls High School, and former correspondent for *The Times-News*.

THINGS TO DO

- Musical**
Snake River Flute Barbershop Chorus - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Rupert. Men and all ages invited. Call 460-987.
Magic Valley Marching Barbershop Chorus - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Methodist Church, 401 S. Shoshone St. E. Men of all ages invited. Call 736-4067.
- Dance**
Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Methodist Church at 214 S. Buchanan St. in Jerome. Call Vera at 734-0657 or Tom at 244-0400. Couples welcome.
West End Senior Center dance - 8:11 p.m. second Saturdays of month at center, 24 per person. Call 543-4527.
- Bingo**
Sukor and Gold Senior Center - 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesdays. Hot food and snack bar open to 10 p.m. Must be over 18. Call 825-2562.
Golden Years Senior Citizens Center - 2 p.m. Wednesdays at 244 N. Road St. W. Shoshone. Must be over 18. Call 886-2809.
Agesless Senior Center - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Main Street in Kimberly. Anyone over age 18 welcome. Call 824-4188.
Golden Heritage Senior Center - 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays on 2525 Overland Ave. in Burley. Age 18 and older. Call 878-8640.
Minskinka County Senior Center - 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 202 11th St. in Burley. Age 18 and older. Call 436-9107.
American Legion Hall in Twin Falls - 7:15 p.m. Tuesdays, 442 S. Main St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Must be over 18. Call 736-1229.
Jerome Senior Center - 6:45 a.m. p.m.
- Tuesdays, 212 First Ave. E. in Jerome. Snack bar opens at 6 p.m. cash bar 6:45 p.m. regular lunch at 7 p.m. Must be over age 18. Call 524-5642.
American Legion Hall in Wendell - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 610 W. Main. Doors and snack bar open at 6 p.m. Must be over 18. Call 526-0442.
Twin Falls Senior Center - 1:15 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays, call 734-2084.
Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Burley - 7 p.m. Saturdays. Call Alice at 629-5962.
Snake River Elks 2807 - 7:15 p.m. Mondays at lodge, 401 S. 20th. Jerome. Call 424-0281.
West End Senior Center - 7 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at the center in Burley.
Burley Elks Lodge - 7 p.m. Mondays at lodge, 1510 Oakdale Ave. in Burley.
Magic Valley Bingo - doors open at 5:30 p.m. Cash bar at 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Endace and Saturdays at 801 Second Ave. N. Call 736-1805.
Moose Lodge 612 - 7:20 p.m. Wednesdays and 2:20 p.m. Sundays at 815 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. Call Kenning or Ron at 734-0617.
Western States College - 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the Gooding Cinema, call 735-7929.
Bull Moose Lodge 405 - 7 p.m. cash bar, 7:30 p.m. regular bingo at 1101 Main St. Call 244-4437.
- Singles**
Christian Singles Group - 7 p.m. on Sat. 1
- and every other Monday, Christian Fellowship - 102 Morrison St., Twin Falls, 734-2275.
Southern Idaho Twin Falls Singles - for a list of singles call 735-9614.
- Cards**
Pinnacled - 1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Maudsluke Community - Senior Center, 302 11th St. in Rupert, call 496-9107.
Twin Falls Senior Center - 1 p.m. Tuesdays, call 734-5984.
Bingo - 1 p.m. Mondays at Magic Valley Bulldog House, 246 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, 733-8095. Seniors welcome.
Magic Valley Pinnacled Club - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Disabled American Veterans Hall, Horvath Street, and Shoup Avenue, Twin Falls.
Valley Vista Retirement Center Pinnacled Club - 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays at the community center at 651 Rose St. N. in Twin Falls, 734-5548.
Pinnacled - 1 p.m. Tuesdays Community Club House, 1229 Johnson Ave. S., anyone invited, call 616 at 734-8116.
Snake River Elks Pinnacled - 2 p.m. Sundays at Elks Lodge, 802 E. 200 S., Jerome, meet at 9:00 Ranch. Everyone welcome.
- Other**
Magic Valley Tri-Club - meets for lunch and meeting, Call Glenda at 244-0440 or Vicki at 734-8838. New members welcome.
Writers of the Word, Christian writers group - 10 a.m. first Saturdays at Twin Falls Reformed Church, Carolyn Lewis at 244-0115.
Pioneer Button Club - 9:30 p.m. last Friday of the month at Kimberly Public Library, Call Marsha at 423-5227.
Magic Valley Astronomical Society - 7 p.m. second Saturdays in Karet room at Heritage Center on CSI campus, call 736-2447.
Twin Falls Bible and Pinnacled Club indoor league - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 251 5th St. W. Twin Falls. Limited to 22 table, moderate pool tables, call Sue at 424-2960 or Larry at 244-4213.
Snake River Canyon Kennel Club of Idaho - 2 p.m. fourth Wednesdays at upstairs meeting room at CSI East building, call Debbie at 736-9191.
Twin Falls Herpetology Society - 7 p.m. third Tuesdays at Heritage Center, call Nick Peterson at 242-6271.
Widows' Night Fellowship - 2 p.m. Wednesdays at 653 Rose St. N., Suite 30 at Valley Vista Village in Twin Falls, call Diane at 410-2699.
The knitting with Paul Gullit - 5:30 p.m. first Tuesdays, Shoup to Shoup, 426 Main Ave. N., call Charis at 735-8425.
Moose Lodge 612 dart league - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at 815 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. Call Dennis or Ron at 734-0617.
Snake River River Region Chapter of Gold Prospectors of America - meets last Saturday, call 620-0103 at 244-4437.
Snake River Elks Steak Night - 6:30 p.m. Fridays at Elks Lodge, 802 E. 200 S., Jerome, dancing starts at 9 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- To add a listing, please send a notice with Name of the organization or club, Time, day and place of the activity, Telephone number of a contact person, Send to: Pat Macdonald, The Times-News, P.O. Box 5438, Twin Falls 83403. Or fax to 734-5538. For more information, call Pat Macdonald at 735-3268.**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Arbor Day celebration features performance**
GOODING - The BREATH group will sponsor the third annual Gooding County Arbor Day celebration at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Gooding County Courthouse, at the corner of Sixth and Main streets in Gooding.
The program will feature the mayor's proclamation, a performance by singer Johnny U., information on Tree City USA designations and the dedication of the memorial rose garden and a brick pathway.
Refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend the ceremony.
For information, call Judge at 934-4374 or Linda at 934-8183.
- Nursery offers free seminar on container gardening**
TWIN FALLS - Kimberly Nurseries will hold a free seminar entitled, "Contain Creations" on outdoor container gardening at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Garden Gate Gift and Garden Shop at Kimberly Nurseries, 2862 Addison Ave. East in Twin Falls.
Pre-registration is required.
For more information or to pre-register, call 733-2717 or at the nursery, 2862 Addison Ave. E.
- Center holds Mom's Day craft, baked goods sale**
TWIN FALLS - The Center for Independent Living will hold a Mother's Day craft and baked goods sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at the center, 158 N. Blake St. in Twin Falls.
Free coffee will be served. Items for sale include soaps, cookies, book bags, candles, flower bouquets and picture frames.
For more information, call 734-2323.
- Lifeguard class takes place at local pools**
TWIN FALLS - An American Red Cross lifeguard class will be held May 5-20 at the YMCA pool, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd. in Twin Falls, and the Twin Falls City Pool, 756 Locust St. N.
Students must attend all classes.
Interested people must register by Wednesday. The cost is \$135.
For more information, call the city pool at 734-2336.
- Filer Rose Society discusses rose fertilization**
FILER - The Filer Rose Society will hold a rose fertilizing demonstration and workshop at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Memorial Rose Garden at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer.
Anyone interested in the demonstration is encouraged to attend.
There is still room in the Memorial Rose Garden for more roses to commemorate a person or special date.
For more information, call Barbara Urie at 326-5636 or Shari Hart at 326-4087.
- Valley High School alumni hold reunion this summer**
HAZELTON - A reunion for all alumni of Valley High, Eden and Hazelton schools will be held at 10 a.m. June 28 on the football field of Valley High School, 882 Valley Road S., in Hazelton.
Those attending should bring a dish to share, table service and gift chairs. Children and spouses are welcome.
For more information, call Juli Baish Lee at 829-5527.
- Dancing preschool holds visitor's day**
TWIN FALLS - Maudlin's Dancing Preschool will hold a visitor's day from 9-11:30 a.m. Thursday at the school, 361 Third Ave. N. in Twin Falls.
Children who will be age 4 this fall are invited to attend with their parents. Children will spend the morning participating in activities.
For more information call 733-1446 or 733-1147.
- DAV Auxiliary holds dance at hall in Twin Falls**
TWIN FALLS - The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary will hold a dance at 8:30 p.m. Friday at the DAV Hall, 459 Shoup Ave. in Twin Falls.
Archie Turner will provide the music. There is a \$2 suggested donation.
- These sisters want a family. Wednesday in Community**
- Are You Job Colorful?**
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Wood River Happening...
Contest for your age group



BRIEFLY IN MONEY

McDonald's posts Q1 profit increase

CHICAGO — McDonald's Corp. posted a 29 percent profit increase in the first quarter since new CEO Jim Cantalupo despite still-sluggish sales, benefiting from the impact of the weaker dollar overseas.

Cantalupo said he wasn't satisfied with the results and reiterated a pledge to put the restaurant giant back on a path to solid growth in the next 12 to 18 months.

But the earnings slightly exceeded Wall Street's lowered expectations and McDonald's stock jumped 7 percent to a three-month high after having lost half its value since last summer. Shares rose \$1.12 to close at \$16.93 on the New York Stock Exchange. The McDonald's locations in Magic Valley are franchised.

Commerce Dept. says consumers' spending rose

WASHINGTON — Even with a war on, Americans streamed to the shopping malls in March, boosting spending by the largest amount in three months.

The Commerce Department said Monday that consumers' spending rose by 0.8 percent as fears of worse economic scenarios in Iraq dissipated with the onset of the war. In February, spending had risen by a lackluster 0.1 percent after having fallen by 0.1 percent in January, reflecting harsh winter weather and plunging consumer confidence because of growing anxiety about the war.

MasterCard strikes deal to avoid high-profile trial

NEW YORK — MasterCard International struck a deal with thousands of U.S. retailers Monday to avoid a high-profile trial over debit cards that threatened to drag on for months and potentially cost billions of dollars.

The settlement, made public in a surprise announcement Monday before the trial was to begin, left Visa USA to battle in court with the retailers, including big names like Wal-Mart, Sears and Circuit City.

The retailers, which Visa and MasterCard have trapped them into paying high fees by demanding that stores accept their debit cards along with the credit cards. They also claim the big card companies are stifling competition.

Procter and Gamble says Q3 earnings increased

CINCINNATI — Procter & Gamble Co. said Monday its third-quarter earnings increased 23 percent because of growth in the company's health care business and strong sales in Asia and Europe. The consumer product giant earned \$1.27 billion, or 91 cents a share, for the quarter ending March 31, up from \$1.04 billion, or 74 cents a share, a year ago.

The latest quarterly results included a restructuring charge of \$66 million, or 5 cents per share, for the company's ongoing program to streamline its operations. The results in 2002 included a restructuring charge of \$147 million, or 10 cents per share.

Tyson Foods reports Q2 earnings rose

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Tyson Foods Inc., the world's largest meat company, reported Monday that its second quarter earnings rose 11 percent, largely due to a legal settlement.

The company's profit for the three months ending March 29 was \$72 million, or 20 cents per share, up from a profit of \$65 million, or 18 cents per share, a year earlier.

Without a \$9 million gain related to a settlement of litigation over alleged price-fixing for vitamins in animal feed, Tyson would have reported a profit of just 3 cents per share, the company said.

Revenue for the period totaled \$5.8 billion, matching its performance from a year ago.

Compiled from wire reports

Idaho income grows faster than nation's

The increase, a full percentage point higher than the national average, occurred despite a severe spring quarter last year when total personal income declined.

The Associated Press

BOISE — Both personal and per capita income in Idaho grew faster than the national average in 2002, but it was not enough to improve the state's standing among the other states.

The Commerce Department reported that total personal income in Idaho exceeded \$33.6 billion last year, up 3.8 percent from 2001.

The increase, a full percentage point higher than the national average, occurred despite a severe spring quarter last year when total

personal income actually declined four-tenths of a point from the previous three months.

The bulk of the growth came during last summer and fall, when personal income was up nearly 2.7 percent as the Idaho economy tried to stabilize during the national recession. By comparison, the total personal income across the country grew by only 1.4 percent during the last half of 2002.

But strong showings in a number of other states relegated Idaho to the same 42nd ranking among all the states as it had the year before.

The relatively mediocre performance of the Idaho economy was underscored even more in the per capita income figures for last year. They show the effect of spreading personal income among every man, woman and child in the state.

Idaho's per capita income in 2002 rose more than 2.2 percent from 2001 to \$25,057. That compared to a national average increase of 1.7 percent to just under \$31,000.

But the stronger growth in the other states caused Idaho's ranking nationally to drop from 42nd

to 44th last year.

While per capita income attempts to make income figures among the state's comparable, Idaho's figure is lower because of its larger average family and generally lower cost of living. Idaho per capita income was just 81 percent of the national average.

But labor market analyst Shelley Allen in Scattolelo believes wages are discounted even more because of the other amenities Idaho has to offer.

"We pay a price to live here, there's no doubt about it," she said.

BEING THE BEST



Kim Olson, left, trains a new employee before a recent Rotary Club meeting at the Turf Club in Twin Falls.

Customer service winner never forgets a face

By Loretta Burkhardt Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — With an uncanny memory, Kim Olson at the Turf Club in Twin Falls matches customers' faces to beverage preferences.

That leaves a positive impression. She was selected by *Southern Idaho Business* as a local example of great customer service.

"I may forget a name, but I never forget a face — and I'm always aware of what's going on around me — remembering what

people like and finding their niche," said this mother of three.

And it seems to be working.

Even during luncheons that include well over 100 patrons, "you never have to tell her what you want to drink," said Bob Voss, owner-broker of Irwin Realty in Twin Falls. "She always remembers."

Associate broker Donna Bach has also noticed Olson's customer service skills.

"She's also very kind and courteous," said Bach, who has

Have you been well-served?

Did a billing clerk patiently sort out your tangled account? Did a sales person surprise you with his or her efforts? The next time you are the beneficiary of outstanding customer service, note the worker's name and contact info. Write the name and address to Southern Idaho Business, a Times-News publication for business owners and managers. Make sure your nomination is based on a specific experience — not merely on general impressions.

The winning nominee for each month will be recognized in a Southern Idaho Business article like the one reprinted here and receive a plaque for his or her efforts.

Just call 735-3244 or e-mail Southern Idaho Business editor Dave Burgess at dave.burgess@nie.net with your nominations. Make a nomination by Wednesday to have it considered for the next monthly award.

Zions Bancorp forecasts slow growth in 2004

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Zions Bancorp income dropped 9 percent during the past year, and economic growth this year and in 2004 is expected to remain reasonably slow, Zions chief executive Harris Simmons said during the company's annual shareholders' meeting.

Zions has several bank branches in Magic Valley.

Simmons' recent forecast follows a year of mounting nonperforming assets for the Salt Lake City company — \$116 million on Dec. 31, 2002. That is down from

\$120 million a year earlier but a sharp rise from two years ago, when loan losses hovered around \$70 million.

Nonperforming loans made up only 0.61 of a percent of net loans and losses.

Zions' commercial real estate portfolio, which includes both residential and commercial loans, is a core product line, totaling \$6.1 billion.

"Our exposure is less in the markets that are in the worst shape," said chief financial officer Doyle Arnold.

The company had a very small part of its portfolio invested in

the Seattle and San Francisco markets, cities with high vacancy rates, he said.

About a quarter of Zions' real estate portfolio includes Southern California. Utah accounts for 13 percent and Colorado 11 percent.

Arnold said Zions' portfolio was not only diversified by geography but also by product type, with the largest component encompassing single-family housing developments.

Aside from real estate, the company's net income suffered as a result of several e-commerce investments. One venture, Phasos Technology Corp., was sold in the

Insurance covers you in the event of big financial catastrophes

Question: Reading about how insurers are dropping people for making claims, and how people should have high deductibles and not make small claims, makes me really depressed.

Basically this means that all the money we pay for insurance is good only when a really big disaster hits. This makes me dislike the whole insurance industry. It seems as if the consumer always gets the short end of the stick while the insurance companies make oodles of money off us.

Yes, they are in the business to make money and remain viable, but somewhere, somehow, something is very wrong.

Answer: What should really make you depressed is if your

insurance policy ever "pays off." That would mean that your house had burned down, your car had been totaled or some other disaster had occurred. It's far, far better to pay your premiums and never "get" to make a claim.

That's a hard concept for most people, however, because they view their insurance policies as

a sort of maintenance fund. They make a bunch of little claims in an effort to "get their money back," but what they really do is make themselves look like a bigger risk to insurers and they wind up paying higher premiums — if they can get coverage at all.

You might not like it, but you accurately summarized the role of insurance: to cover you in the event of big financial catastrophes from which you couldn't easily recover on your own.

This isn't just the view of the insurance industry. Leading consumer advocates appreciate this concept as well. Robert Hunter, insurance expert for the Consumer Federation of

America, keeps high deductibles on his personal insurance coverage and pays for small damages out of his own pocket. He knows this is the best way to minimize his overall insurance costs and to make sure his policy is there when he really needs it.

This is not to say insurers are blameless for the current situation. Bad investments and premium price wars have led to massive losses in recent years. State Farm Insurance Co. alone lost \$5 billion in 2001 and nearly \$3 billion last year.

If this cycle is anything like those in the past, insurers will go too far, raising prices too high, dropping too many customers and perhaps creating a con-

sumer backlash. But sooner or later a handful of companies will start cutting premiums again to win more customers, and consumers will get the benefit.

You can ride out the inevitable cycles in the insurance market by keeping your deductibles as high as possible, maintaining your property to minimize the possibility of a claim and shopping around each year to make sure you're not paying any more than necessary.

Questions can be sent to Liz PULLIAM Weston at asklizweston@hotmail.com or mailed to her in care of Money Talk, Business Section, Los Angeles Times, 322 W. First St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Brief: Female managers had to go to strip clubs

Los Angeles Times

Female managers of Wal-Mart Inc. were required to attend strip clubs with male colleagues on business trips, according to a brief filed Monday in federal court for a class of California women suing the largest U.S. retailer for job discrimination.

The women's declarations also say they had to take business meetings at Hooters, a restaurant where food is served by amply endowed women clad in tight skirts.

And the top brass of Wal-Mart's Sam's Club stores referred to female employees as "little Janie Qs" and "girls," even after a female vice president complained. The executive, who no longer works at Wal-Mart, said her complaint earned her a warning against being overly judgmental.

The testimony was collected to support a request that the case proceed as a class action on behalf of more than 1.5 million women employed by Wal-Mart since late 1998. The proposed class decries the size of other employment discrimination cases and, if approved, would make the suit one of the largest against a corporation.

In Magic Valley, Wal-Mart has stores in Burley and Jerome.

The brief, which comes 17 months after the suit was filed in U.S. District Court in San Francisco, paints the most detailed picture yet of the scope and effect on women of the alleged discrimination. It argues that a gender pay gap — which plaintiffs' experts say averages about 5 percent throughout the company — is a reflection and result of a culture of bias that flows from Wal-Mart's Bentonville, Ark., headquarters and permeates nearly every store.

Wal-Mart spokeswoman Mona Williams denied any pervasive bias within the company and disputed the plaintiffs' analysis of the evidence.

She said that experts who analyzed payroll data for the company found that "nine out of 10 times, women and men are paid equally," and that women are promoted at the same rate at which they apply for positions.

"We feel there is room for improvement with the pay, but from a promotional standpoint, it's absolutely fair," Williams said.

The 61-page brief filed by plaintiffs pulls testimony from



MONEY TALK
Liz Pulliam Weston

MONEY

Stocks rise on consumer spending data

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street got the economic and earnings news it's been so desperate to hear Monday, and stocks responded by barreling higher, lifting the Dow Jones industrial average more than 160 points.

Encouraging consumer spending and income figures and better-than-expected earnings from McDonald's and the Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 16.03, or 1.8 percent, to 9,148.4.

Analysts say investors are feeling more confident now that the war in Iraq is winding down and companies' first-quarter earnings have generally been better than expected.

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The Dow closed up 165.26, or 2 percent, at 9,171.61, regaining

much of the 209.31 it forfeited last week. It was the Dow's biggest advance in more than three weeks, or since April 2, when the blue chips shot up 215.20.

The broader market was also higher for the first time in three sessions. The Nasdaq composite index rose 27.70, or 1.9 percent, to 1,462.24. The Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 16.03, or 1.8 percent, to 9,148.4.

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Service

Continued from C3 attended the regularly scheduled Rotary Club luncheon held at the Turf Club since 1986. "I like you like, she'll remember that — and that's what you'll get. But when the weather is hot, she'll bring you iced tea.

When she's not there, we really notice the difference," Bach said. Marketing experts think of customer satisfaction as meeting or exceeding a customer's expectations.

"I think customer delight is a customer's perception of a service that exceeds their expectations," said Trina Sego, a specialist in consumer behavior and associate professor of marketing in the College of Business and Economics at Boise State University.

relates to Ms. Olson's ability to anticipate her customers' needs," Sego said. "Knowing what your customer wants is hard enough, and finding a way to go beyond that is quite a challenge."

Olson first took on the role of waitress when she was asked to help out a friend who worked part time in the food-service sector. Even on short notice Olson came up with a game plan.

"I pretended the people I was serving were all my friends," she said. "I thought about what I needed to do to make them comfortable."

Olson had been asked by her college roommate to fill in during a large banquet.

in Birmingham, Ala. "There's a very good chance the economy will do better in the second half of the year and going into 2004... The risks right now are of being out of the market as opposed to being in the market."

Still, market watchers expected that stocks, even if they continued their advance in the coming sessions, will have to relinquish some of the gains because investors remain wary after so much disappointment over the past three years. The declines of Thursday and Friday were due more to caution than a resurgence of investor pessimism.

Monday's economic news was upbeat, with the Commerce Department reporting that consumer spending rose by 0.4 percent in March. The gain this year, as worries about the Iraq war lessened. It marked the strongest monthly increase since a 1.1 percent surge last December.

Although she had no experience as a waitress, the management didn't seem to notice. And by all accounts, the banquet was a success.

That was 20 years ago. Today, as part of the management team at the Turf Club, Olson claims to be able to handle most any area of the restaurant business — "other than carving the prime rib."

With a built-in desire to make every customer feel special, her methods are still in play.

Except for those who use "the whistle" or a "snapping-fingers" approach, the customer is always right. But I can handle those situations as well, Olson said with a smile.

Wal-Mart

Continued from C3 more than 100 depositions of executives and the voluntary declarations of 110 female employees. In them, some women described being discouraged from applying for management positions and jobs in sporting goods, meat departments and other areas dominated by men.

Others recalled instances where male managers not only acknowledged but endorsed a pay gap between men and women.

One woman quoted in the brief said she asked why her pay was lower than a less qualified male worker. Her department manager's reply: "You don't have the right equipment. You aren't male, so you can't expect to be paid the same."

Brad Seligman, a lawyer for the plaintiffs, said the attitude conveyed in the comment is not an aberration. "We've got more than 100 depositions from 30 states," said Seligman, director of the Oakland, Calif.-based Impact Fund, a legal advocacy organization. "It's not just a problem in the Deep South or Alaska. It's a constant story that we hear all across the country, and it's consistent with what the numbers show."

Plaintiffs contend that male managers frequently put male subordinates on the unpaid furlough, leaving women out of the loop.

Williams said that can no longer happen. The company began posting entry-level management positions for the first time in January. She said Wal-Mart's focus on growth has precluded it from requiring such postings until then. Wal-Mart also is rolling out company-wide guidelines that would remove some subjectivity from pay raises based on performance evaluations, she said.

"We will be implementing quarterly reports to make sure that men and women are paid equally

and are promoted at equal rates," she said. Until recently, Williams said the company has left hiring, pay and promotion decisions to store managers. If there is truth to any of the allegations of bias, Williams said, it is a great disservice to the fault of individual managers whose behavior did not reflect the intent of the corporation.

Williams said the declarations filed by women in support of the suit amount to a tiny fraction of the 700,000 women employed by the company.

The plaintiffs portray the company as a retail empire tightly controlled by headquarters, which uses state-of-the-art technology to regulate everything from the temperature to the music inside stores.

"But when it came to looking at disparities in pay for women and even in the 2002 pay raise, a large number of women from management, they showed a remarkable lack of curiosity," said Joseph M. Sullivan, a lawyer with Cohen, Milstien, Hauschild & Lyman, Washington, D.C., who is representing the plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs are seeking back wages equivalent to what they believe they would have earned were it not for the alleged bias. They also are seeking compensation for promotions allegedly lost because of discrimination.

Lawyers for the plaintiffs said they had not calculated the possible damages. But, if the case becomes a class action suit, and any liability is found, it could add up quickly. In the largest settlement of such a case, Wal-Mart is scheduled to file its brief in opposition to the class action in early June. A hearing on the class question is set for July.

Micron exec hits bottom of earnings list

BOISE (AP) — Micron Technology's top executive has been up and down the pay scale. Now Steve Appletton has been singled out as one of the lowest paid CEOs in the country.

In Forbes magazine's annual executive pay survey, Appletton was ranked 68th. The low ranking compares with just two years ago, when Appletton ranked near the top of the list after a year in which he cashed in more than \$41 million in stock options.

Appletton, who stopped drawing his \$800,000 annual salary in October 2001, was paired up with the likes of Warren Buffett of Berkshire Hathaway, Lawrence Ellison of Oracle and Jeffrey Bezos of Amazon.com for slashing his own pay during 2002. Because Appletton stopped drawing a salary toward the end of October 2001, his fiscal 2002 pay was calculated at \$111,000.

The Forbes report provides executive compensation information for the firm's fiscal 2002 year, which ran from September 2001 through August 2002. Because Appletton stopped drawing a salary toward the end of October 2001, his fiscal 2002 pay was calculated at \$111,000.

The firm's proxy statement said the value of those options over the next two years could be as high as \$13.5 million. Micron's stock price trended steadily downward over the past two years and have sunk by about 40 percent since that proxy statement was issued. But options have value only if share prices increase in value.

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Against your aggressive four-spade contract, the defense starts off with the club 10. East wins and tries to cash a top club. The lead suggests that he began with the A-K-J. You ruff the second round and draw trumps. East having started with three to the jack.

At this point you should realize that what you need to do to make your contract is to develop two diamonds tricks so that you can discard your heart loser on the fourth diamond. All you know about the missing honors is that to make up his opening bid, East probably has the diamond ace-king if so, he has one heart trick but not two. He has no spades, with both of those face cards he might have opened a strong no-trump.

The key to your play in the diamond suit is your solid intermediate. You have the seven, eight and nine. Also bear in mind that your entries to dummy are so delicate that you will have to lead diamonds from hand, preserving the heart king as the entry to the fourth diamond. So the best way to develop the diamonds is to run the jack, despite not holding the 10 to go with it. Whenever West has the queen, your two tricks are assured. Even if the jack loses to a possible queen in East's hand, next time you will play small to dummy's king. That way you would still make your two diamond tricks if the suit splits 3-3 or if East has the doubleton 10.

Bridge hand diagram with South and North hands and declarer position.

Bridge bidding table showing South West North East bids and opening lead.

ANSWER: Bid two no-trump. Your partner's auction suggests 10-11 balanced. (With 8-9 he would have bid one no-trump at his first turn.) You have a maximum with excellent intermediates. Avoid leading a trumps game. If not to drive there on your own.

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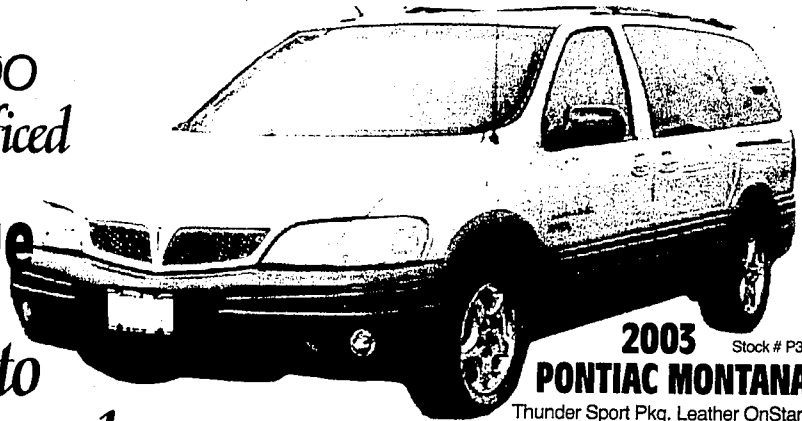


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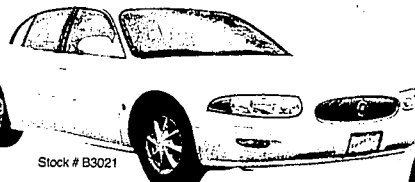
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SPORTS

Spivey dinger lifts D-backs

PHOENIX (AP) - Junior Spivey went 3-for-5 with his first home run of the year and the Arizona Diamondbacks won three games in a row for the first time this season by beating the heavily favored Florida Marlins 7-1 Monday night.

Spivey, batting .182 with three RBIs going into the game, drove in two with a first-inning homer off Justin Wayne (0-1) and scored twice. Rod Barajas, best of the disabled list, drove in two runs with a double and single.

that lasted six hours and seven minutes. Wayne, recalled from Triple-A Albuquerque when A.J. Burnett was placed on the 15-day disabled list Monday, got the start in place of Carl Pavano, one of eight pitchers used by Florida on Sunday. Wayne allowed four runs on seven hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Florida cut the lead to 4-1 in the sixth. Juan Pierre led off with an infield single, then Luis Castillo extended his hitting streak to 11 games with a single to put runners on first and second with no outs.

Sixers take 3-1 series lead

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - The Philadelphia 76ers didn't need a heroic effort from Allen Iverson to regain command of their playoff series with the New Orleans Hornets.

Iverson's 22 points Monday night were his lowest total in the series. But five other Sixers scored in double figures in a 96-87 victory that gave Philadelphia a 3-1 series lead, with Game 5 in Philadelphia on Wednesday night.



Philadelphia guard Eric Snow shoots while New Orleans' Baron Davis defends during the first quarter of the NBA playoff series game on Monday.



The balanced scoring and rebounding effort by the Sixers spoiled a 34-point performance by Baron Davis, who received too little help from the rest of the team to pull the Hornets even in the series.

Wesley finished with 12 points for New Orleans, while L'Ron Cummings had 11 points and nine rebounds. Iverson hit his next two shots and the Sixers their next seven as part of a 13-2 run that put Philadelphia back ahead 23-18.

Philadelpha scored six quick points to start the game, but by midway through the quarter the Sixers were 2-for-15 from the field as the Hornets ran to a 13-6 lead. Iverson missed his first five shots while Davis hit his first three.

The runners advanced on a double-steal when Pudge Rodriguez struck out. Pierre scored on Juan Encarnacion's groundout. Arizona added three in the ninth on Steve Finley's RBI double and run-scoring singles by Barajas and Council.

Eric Snow had 17 points and 12 assists for Philadelphia, while Keith Van Horn scored 13 points. Kenny Thomas, Derrick Coleman and Aaron McKie each scored 11.

When the 76ers settled down, however, they couldn't miss. Iverson hit his next two shots and the Sixers their next seven as part of a 13-2 run that put Philadelphia back ahead 23-18.

The Sixers opened a 51-37 lead in the second period, thanks in part to the Hornets being over the limit in team fouls with 4:24 to go in the half.

The best news for minority coaches was in the NBA, where blacks held a record 14 head coaching jobs in the 2001-02 season, reaching 48 percent of the total, the highest in the history of any sport.

Although the Hornets were within striking distance well into the fourth quarter, Philadelphia always found a way to reverse the momentum.

McKie hit a jumper, a 3-pointer and a free throw in succession to close out a 100 run.

The report card issued grades in relation to overall patterns in society. For example, with minorities accounting for about 24 percent of the population, an A was achieved if 24 percent of the positions were held by minorities.

Ground

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race and gender," said Lapchick, who has been tracing gains and losses by women and minorities in sports for 14 years.

and Major League Soccer all received combined grades of C on the report card.

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least gives the WNBA a shot at stability while it tries to find its audience. The deal provides for slow growth in salaries - 17 percent in increases over four years - with a hard salary cap and, in a significant win for the players, its first free agency in women's sports.

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Asked how long it might be before a WNBA player makes \$1 million a year, Stern shakes his head. "Oh, my gosh," he says, not even venturing a guess. In your lifetime? "Well, I'm planning to live a long time," he replies. "So the answer is yes."

Steve Wilstein is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press.

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Wood River downs Bobcats in softball

HAILEY - Wood River pitcher Aubrey Cirtley continued to show fine control from the mound, striking out nine and walking none as the Wolverines downed Durley 3-1 Monday in a makeup high school softball game. Wood River (14-3) hosts Kimberly today in a Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference game at 4 p.m.

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Another second-day find for Denver?

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Broncos have had outstanding success in past drafts with their first-round picks: Terrell Davis, Otis Armstrong and Mike Anderson.

Griffin projects to be an effective third-down back in the NFL because of his receiving skills. He caught 146 passes — third-best in Oklahoma history — for 1,217 yards and six TDs.

Although the Broncos have had recent pluck of quality running backs — making playing time hard to come by — Griffin could be stepping into a good situation.

Year award. Griffin is expected to retire while Gary signed a free-agent contract last week with Buffalo. Anderson was switched to full-back last season, making room for a return to Puss, who ran for 1,508 yards in training, the league's offensive rookie honor.

SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON T.V.

BASEBALL

Table with columns for Baseball, Basketball, and Hockey. Includes game times and scores for various leagues like MLB, NBA, and NHL.

Baseball

Braves at Astros, TBS, 6 p.m.
Cubs at WGN, 8:05 p.m.

Hockey

NHL playoffs, conference semifinals, Game 3, Senators at Flyers, ESPN2, 5 p.m.

Basketball

NBA playoffs, first round, Game 5, Suns at Spurs, TNT, 8 p.m.

Rodeo

Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association

TRANSACTIONS

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Iowa St. weighs discipline for former UI, USU coach

DES MOINES, Iowa — Iowa State basketball coach Larry Eustachy said drinking was a factor in his behavior as a student party in Missouri, where he was photographed holding a beer can and kissing female students on the cheek.

Torn tendon takes out Lakers' Fox for playoffs

MINNEAPOLIS — Los Angeles Lakers forward Rick Fox will miss the rest of the postseason with a torn tendon in his left foot that will require surgery.

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Yankees' Jeter hits off tee for first time

TAMPA, Fla. — Derek Jeter hit off a tee for the first time Monday, taking another step in his rehabilitation from a dislocated left shoulder in the season opener.

Busch wins second NASCAR race of year

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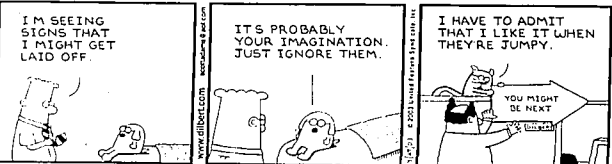
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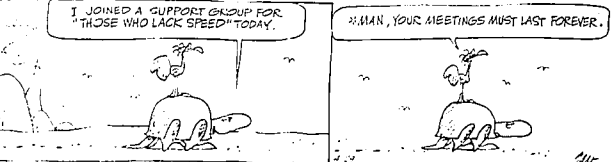
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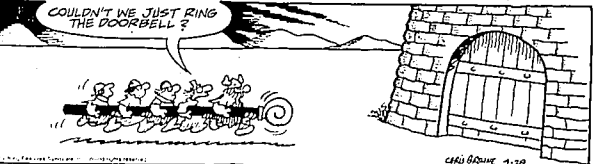
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Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Frank and Ernest

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The Born Loser

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For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Blonde

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



Pickles

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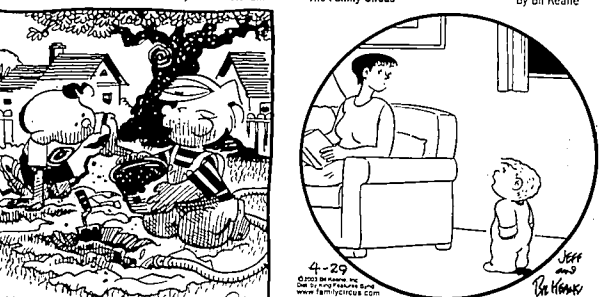


Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham

The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



"My mom said that once I was so dirty, I had to wash up before she could give me a bath."

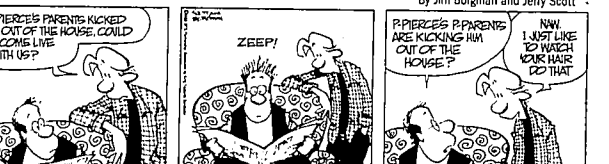
Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Luan

By Greg Evans



Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By Wiley

