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Challenge of learning



Celia Cherland, the Families And Schools Together teacher at Lincoln Elementary School, tells students about the bookstore she constructed as part of the classroom's project to build a community out of index cards on Friday.

T.F. district works to help emotionally disturbed students

By Robert Moyer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — After rolling the dice, John moved his token to the green spot on the game board and drew a card from the green stack.

"Why is it important to help someone who is sad?" was the printed question. Without hesitation the third-grader answered, "So you can understand and perhaps offer some suggestions."

He then recalled a recent incident in which a classmate's belt broke, reducing her to tears. He marveled at all those who surrounded her to console her. "That belt must've been worth something," he concluded. "She

probably got over it."

His observations, while seemingly obvious, were milestones.

Not long ago, John's awareness of others' feelings was largely non-existent. The words "thank you" and "sorry" rarely left his mouth.

After several months in the Twin Falls School District's program for emotionally disturbed students, John distributes such courtesies with regular frequency, his teacher said.

About this story

The names of students in this story have been changed to preserve their anonymity.

But there's still work to do. It still doesn't take much for a class assignment to reduce him to tears, be it a lesson on cursive writing or a multiplication problem.

But he's quickly gaining awareness of those instances that trigger such outbursts and how to manage them. His class-disrupting frustration has lessened.

That's the goal of the Families And Schools Together program. Largely federally funded, the FAST program is an act of intervention for special education students who struggle emotionally in the classroom, often disrupting the classroom in the process.

The behaviors range from disruptive fits — including kicking and screaming or scolding a desk

around the classroom — to complete withdrawal and silence from those fearful or anxious, unable to communicate above a whisper.

For these students, peer interaction is a challenge. Concentration is fleeting. Interaction with the teacher is stilted, awkward or hostile. Often directions and rules produce fury.

The causes are as numerous as the symptoms, ranging from chemical imbalance in the brain to enduring a hostile home lives with parents mostly absent from the children's upbringing.

Yet all children must receive an education. And all students in this federal No Child Left Behind Act are required to perform to

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Some tax districts hold back

Officials save area taxpayers some cash

By Julie Ponce
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In terms of holding down property taxes, the cities of Twin Falls and Jerome, Cassia County and the College of Southern Idaho do about as good a job as any of the taxing districts around.

Those taxing districts don't charge the full amounts they are allowed. But not only that, the amount of money they save per capita is more than most other districts in the Magic Valley.

The city of Twin Falls charged property owners about \$972,000 less this year than it could have. Jerome saved taxpayers \$374,300. Cassia County let \$485,855 go by. And the College of Southern Idaho saved property owners in Twin Falls and Jerome counties \$933,523.

Those amounts are referred to by accountants and tax collectors as the "foregone amount." There is a hitch with foregone amounts: State law says a taxing district can call that money in from taxpayers at some point in time if necessary.

However, Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney said that's not likely because for some time, "Our strategic plan includes limiting property taxes."

Jerome's city manager, Travis Rothweiler, said, "We have a very strong mandate from the City Council to find new ways to further decrease our mill levy without decreasing services."

In addition, both cities have continued to see until recently a strong economy, which tends to increase property values.

Twelve years ago, Twin Falls city residents on average paid about \$9.40 per \$1,000 of valuation. Today, they pay roughly \$7.20 per \$1,000, Courtney said.

Rothweiler said that over the

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N.C. authorities nab elusive Olympic Park bombing suspect

The Associated Press

MURPHY, N.C. — Eric Rudolph, the longtime fugitive charged in the 1996 Olympic Park bombing and in attacks at an abortion clinic and a gay nightclub, was arrested early Saturday in the mountains of North Carolina. The FBI confirmed Rudolph's identity through a fingerprint match, authorities said.

"Eric Rudolph, the most notorious American fugitive on the FBI's most wanted list, has been captured and will face American justice," Attorney General John Ashcroft

said Saturday. "This sends a clear message that we will never cease in our efforts to hunt down all terrorists, foreign or domestic, and stop



Bystanders protect themselves seconds after a second explosion detonated outside of the Atlanta Northside Family Planning Services building in Atlanta Jan. 16, 1997. Eric Rudolph, who was arrested Saturday, is the suspected bomber.

them from harming the innocent." Rudolph was captured when Police Officer Jeffrey Postdale

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U.S. 'won the war' but is 'losing the peace' in Iraq

By Philip Dine
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON The mounting American casualties and continuing chaos in postwar Iraq are prompting calls for urgent U.S. action to address the situation, such as broadening the peace-keeping forces to spread the burden — and dangers — among other nations.

Unless stability and security are quickly established, not only will U.S. troops be increasingly at risk, but the positive impact of the military victory could be largely wiped away, legislators and analysts say.

In May, 30 U.S. soldiers were killed in accidents or combat in Iraq. This past week alone, a couple of dozen were wounded and 10 killed.

Meanwhile Iraqis are growing increasingly restive over the lack of electricity and other services and protests against the U.S. presence are growing.

"We're in a position right now where we won the war and we're

losing the peace," said F.W. Singer, an expert in modern warfare at the Brookings Institution and a former Pentagon official.

Thirty days after President George Bush declared victory, Iraq remains a "dangerous, turbulent place," and the United States has no real plan to change that, said Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee.

He said he has urged the administration to get more troops there quickly, whether Americans or Arab and European forces.

"We've got to stabilize this place," Skelton said. "That is of the highest priority. Otherwise, you will have a seabed of hatred and fire between America and the West and we'll be living with this thing for decades."

White House national security spokesman Sean McCormack said that while any American deaths in Iraq are disturbing, U.S. military commanders seek to strike a balance between protecting

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7 days, 7 reasons to read

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Monday

Helping hands
A community supports teens.

Tuesday

Lilacs galore
Here's everything you need to know.

Wednesday

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Thursday

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Some of the big names in syncopation are coming to Jazz in the Canyon.

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Spanish and English spoken
There's a new church for everyone.

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What's in a name?
Baby names are getting more complicated that ever. Is that good for the kid?

Sunday

Bush speaks on reconciliation

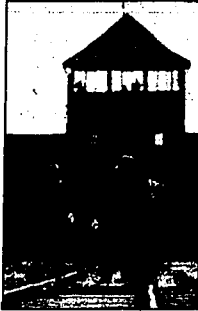
Seeks to end allies' divisions over Iraq

KRAKOW, Poland (AP) — President Bush challenged allies Saturday to overcome their bitterness and mistrust over the Iraq war and unite in the struggle against terrorism. "This is no time to stir up divisions in a great alliance," he warned.

Bush used a somber visit to the former Nazi death camps of Auschwitz and Birkenau to recall the horrors of the Holocaust and caution that the world still faces grave threats. "The enemies of freedom have always preferred a divided alliance," Bush said, "because when Europe and America are united, no problem and no enemy can stand against us."

With his wife, Laura, the president saw gas chambers where more than 1.5 million Jews and thousands of others died. They paused at displays of shoes taken from children and hair shorn from women before they were killed, to be sold later.

"The camps remind us that evil is real and must be called by name and must be opposed."



President Bush and first lady Laura Bush, center, walk across the railroad tracks that transported people to the World War II Nazi death camp of Birkenau, Poland.

Bush said, addressing an audience in the courtyard of ancient Wawel castle, a national Polish shrine that was seized by the

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Nazis in 1939.

The president's speech set a conciliatory tone for today's beginning of summit. Differences over Iraq caused an unprecedented breach between the United States and longtime partners such as France and Germany, which led the opposition to the war. With prompting from Washington, Americans have boycotted French products. Bush hadn't talked with Germany's chancellor, Gerhard Schroeder, since last November when he ran for re-election on an anti-war platform.

"America and European countries have been called to confront the threat of global terror," Bush said. "Each nation has faced difficult decisions about the use of military force to keep the peace. We have seen unity and common purpose. We have also seen debate — some of it healthy, some of it defensive."

He defended Poland for defying other European partners and standing with the United States in the war against Iraq. He said Poland did not struggle through

tyranny and occupation and uprisings "only to be told that you must choose between Europe and America. Poland is a good citizen of Europe and a close friend of America."

Summoning allies to a common struggle against terrorism and countries that help spread weapons of mass destruction, Bush declared, "This is a time for all of us to unite in the defense of liberty and to step up to the shared duties of free nations. This is no time to stir up divisions in a great alliance."

From Poland, Bush flew to Russia to join leaders of dozens of nations — France and Germany among them — at a celebration of the 300th anniversary of St. Petersburg. At a celebratory dinner that night, Bush approached Schroeder to offer his hand and exchange a few words.

Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin will meet privately Sunday and hold a joint news conference before they travel to Evian, France, for the annual summit of major industrialized nations.

Group proposes paying cash incentives for organs

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A group wants Congress to test whether cash incentives would encourage more families to donate the organs of relatives following their deaths. The Pittsburgh-based group wants a 1984 law prohibiting financial incentives for organ donations to be rewritten to allow a project that would award \$5,000 to families who authorize a deceased relative's organs to be used for transplantation.

The unnamed coalition of transplant surgeons, academics, reli-

gious leaders and activists sent a letter Wednesday to 40 senators and members of Congress.

"It would just greatly increase the number of organs that are donated," Harold Kyriazi, a University of Pittsburgh neuroscientist who organized the group, said Friday.

The idea for cash incentives comes at a time when leaders in the field of organ procurement are pushing for changes to reverse a trend that has seen donations remain flat in recent years.

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U.S. accepts Palestinian plan

JERUSALEM (AP) — The United States accepts a Palestinian plan to persuade militant groups to halt anti-Israeli attacks rather than launch an immediate crackdown, the Palestinians said Saturday ahead of a three-way summit with President Bush.

The security issue has been a main sticking point in starting the U.S.-backed road map to peace — a three-stage plan aimed at creating a Palestinian state in 2005.

Israel has said that for now it would accept a cease-fire from the militants, though it wants Palestinian officials to act to disarm and disband the groups. In a goodwill gesture, Israel began easing restrictions on the Palestinians Saturday night. An army statement said a two-week ban on Palestinians entering Israel from the West Bank and Gaza Strip would be lifted at midnight.

Following similar meetings with the Israelis earlier, U.S. officials met Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas to hug-

gle over the road map's first step: declarations by each side recognizing the other's right to statehood and security.

U.S. officials want the declarations ready when Bush meets Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon in a summit Wednesday in the Jordanian port city of Aqaba.

In talks between Abbas and U.S. Assistant Secretary of State William Burns on Saturday, the Americans accepted Abbas' position that there must first be a cease-fire before militant groups can be dismantled, Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath said.

"This is an important goal for us," Shaath told reporters. Neither Burns nor Abbas made a statement. The U.S. Embassy declined to comment on Shaath's statement.

Abbas has said he preferred persuasion to stop suicide bombings and other anti-Israeli attacks, and that within days he could have a cease-fire agreement with Hamas, the main group carrying out attacks.

The Israelis have demanded Abbas wage a crackdown. A Sharon aide said Friday that the Israelis would accept a cease-fire first, but that it must be the first stage of action.

Meanwhile, the militant group Islamic Jihad distributed fliers Saturday saying it has "no intention of attacking the American people and do not consider the American people our enemy" — a response to a warning the U.S. Embassy posted on its Web site Friday saying it had received "credible reports" of plans to kidnap U.S. citizens in the Gaza Strip.

Hamas issued a similar statement Friday.

The warning was still posted on the embassy site Saturday. Hamas and Islamic Jihad have claimed responsibility for scores of attacks in Israel that have killed more than 350 people in the past 32 months. Though Americans have been killed over the years in the Mideast conflict, they have usually died in attacks that targeted Israelis, not Americans.

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Townpeople refer to suspected serial killer as a 'country boy'

ST. FRANCISVILLE, La. (AP) — The entire time investigators were scouring southern Louisiana for a serial killer, Derrick Todd Lee was just a country road away, hiding behind a smile.

With his easy charm and good looks, Lee blended into the background of this languid Mississippi River town of 2,000.

He worked as a concrete finisher and pipefitter, was married to his high school sweetheart and warmly greeted everyone with kind words and a toothy grin. Even a record of petty crimes did little to raise suspicions.

"He was just a country boy," says cousin Darryl Wayne Lee. "I never would believe he would have been smart enough to evade the system as long as he did."

Almost by chance, DNA collected by investigators not connected to the 10-month-long serial killer probe allegedly linked Lee to a string of five slayings that gripped women across the state with fear. Police are looking at him in the death or disappearance of a half-dozen other women.

But the portrait of Lee that has emerged is not that of a criminal merited cleverly eluding capture. Rather, the 34-year-old appears to be a man of lower-than-average intelligence who bumbled his way through a series of ever-more-serious crimes and escaped suspicion by simply being himself.

When he last landed in prison



Derrick Todd Lee appears Wednesday in Fulton County, Ga. Superior Court to face charges.

three years ago, he even tried to charm the judge into shaving time off a two-year sentence.

"I will not let you, my family, society, or myself down," he promised in a letter. "I do not want any more life of crime. I want to commit myself to good behavior."

The judge didn't buy it. Perhaps he saw something others here didn't.

"We were so safe and small in St. Francisville," Linda Easter said this past week as she pulled

over to catch a glimpse of Lee's abandoned ranch house. "And here this is, right under our noses."

With its antebellum homes, oak-shaded streets and mossy backroads, this town 20 miles northwest of Baton Rouge looks nearly as it did in 1821 when John James Audubon described its beauty as "almost supernatural."

At West Feliciana High — where the nickname is the Saints — Lee had a reading deficiency and was put on a vocational track.

A class note beside Lee's smiling picture in the 1984 edition of "The Halo," the school's yearbook, describes how the vocational students spent the year "improving ourselves": "We learned to make pottery, use the telephone directory, and we even made a float for the homecoming parade."

"He wasn't the brightest bulb in the fixture," classmate Walter Oliveaux remembers.

Lee married Jacqueline Denise Sims in 1988, got a job as a pipefitter and later completed training to operate a diesel dump truck and lay concrete. He and his wife, a mail carrier in Baton Rouge, had two children and settled into a brick ranch house just south of town.

Relatives say Jackie Lee lived in denial of her husband's transgressions.

"She loved her husband," says her aunt, Frances Thibodeaux. "She didn't believe Derrick would do no wrong."

Alleged terrorist appeals to court

The Dallas Morning News

WASHINGTON — After months of delays and legal jousting taking place out of the public eye, the prosecution of avowed al-Qaida operative Zacarias Moussawi has reached a major crossroads.

A federal appeals court in Richmond, Va., will hear arguments Tuesday in a dispute that could determine whether the prosecution of Moussawi, accused of conspiring with the planners of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, remains before the nation's civilian courts or is transferred to a military tribunal.

"Everything hinges on the 4th Circuit decision," former federal prosecutor Andrew McBride, who has watched the case closely, said recently.



Zacarias Moussawi

ting a defendant's right to a fair trial against the government's national security interests.

Moussawi, who is representing himself in a case that could bring the death penalty, insists that he should be able to question a witness he views as crucial to his

defense. The court-appointed lawyers advising him agree, and more important, so does the federal judge overseeing the proceedings.

On the other side is the Justice Department, under heavy pressure from the Defense Department and the CIA to shift the case to a military tribunal established for terrorism suspects.

The seeds of confrontation were sown in January when U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema directed the government to allow Moussawi to directly question Ramzi Binalshibh, the suspected coordinator of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Moussawi contends that Binalshibh would confirm his claim that he was not meant to be the 20th hijacker.

Bush: Idea of Iran attack is 'pure speculation'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is dismissing the idea that Iran would be the next U.S. military target as "pure speculation," even as the White House seeks to increase pressure on the Islamic nation to cooperate in the fight against terrorism.

The topic of Iran was expected to be on the agenda as Bush meets Sunday in St. Petersburg, Russia, with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Moscow's lucrative contract with Tehran to help build a light water nuclear power reactor in southern Iran has been a source of

U.S.-Russian friction.

The Bush administration has been openly skeptical of Iran's claims that it wants atomic power plants to generate electricity. Washington is concerned Iran is trying to develop a nuclear weapons program.

Presbyterian gay-clergy issue remains active

DENVER (AP) — The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) ended its national convention Saturday without reconsidering its ban on gay clergy, but opponents of the policy vowed to keep pressing for change.

"We'll be back," read a sign held by a gay-rights activist at the Colorado Convention Center, where the church's 215th General Assembly was held.

The assembly, the church's elected policy makers, has asked its members twice since 1997 to repeal the ban only to see regional governing bodies — calling themselves "protections" — vote overwhelmingly to keep the provision. This time gay clergy opponents and moderates fearful of splits in the church teamed up to block a vote.

"If we go through this again, we're not going to get a different answer. It has wreaked havoc in my church," said the Rev. Scott Mason of Riverside, Calif.

Assembly members voted Friday to send a proposed repeal of the ban to a task force that will report on several issues in 2006.

The Rev. Cary Chisholm of Weyauwega, Wis., said she supports gay ordination but agrees more time is needed.

"I think when we see more gays and lesbians in leadership in other places in society, the church will be more willing," Chisholm said. "It should be the other way around. According to our theology, the church should be in front."

Many people don't want to wait until 2006, said Cynthia Bursle, a seminary student from Atlanta who voted in committee to ask the General Assembly to drop the ban.

Cancer drugs studies often exclude elderly patients

CHICAGO (AP) — Although cancer is usually a disease of the elderly, a large government review finds older people are often excluded from studies intended to discover better drugs to treat their disease.

Older people may be left out for legitimate reasons, such as having other serious illnesses along with their cancer. But experts contend that many more should be offered a chance to take part in these experiments, known as clinical trials.

The elderly could benefit from the experimental treatments, just as younger patients do, and their enrollment is essential for doctors to learn whether the drugs are safe and effective in people their age.

Furthermore, many top specialists say doctors should be more willing to offer state-of-the-art treatments to the elderly patients in day-to-day care. Instead, the most aggressive therapy is often reserved for younger patients.

"It's not just clinical trials. They are also less likely to get standard treatments," even such obvious therapies as radiation to ease pain, said Dr. Lillian Siu of Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto.

The underrepresentation of older people in drug studies was documented by the Food and Drug Administration, which reviewed data from 29,350 patients enrolled in studies of new cancer drugs, or new uses for older ones, since 1995.

While earlier studies have reached similar conclusions, Dr. Lilla Talarico said hers is the first to look at age differences in stud-

ies involving various kinds of medicines. For instance, she found that older women with breast cancer are just as likely as younger patients to enter studies of hormonal treatments, which typically have mild side effects. But they are much less likely to get into chemotherapy studies.

Overall, she found that while about 60 percent of all newly diagnosed cancer is in people over 65, they make up 36 percent of patients in drug studies.

"Our knowledge about drugs comes from clinical trials," she said. "If a drug is only tried in a certain population, we can't extrapolate that to everybody."

While it may be unrealistic to expect studies to enroll older people in numbers reflecting their full cancer burden, "we want to make sure clinical trials contain an adequate number so we can answer whether the effect of treatment is the same as in younger patients," Talarico said.

She presented her data Saturday at the annual scientific meeting in Chicago of the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

Dr. Giuseppe Curigliano of the European Institute of Oncology in Milan, Italy, surveyed the treatment of 2,999 women with breast cancer that had spread to their lymph nodes. He found that 85 percent of those under age 65 got standard radiation treatment after lumpectomies, compared with just over half of older women.

Nevertheless, several studies have found that older cancer patients benefit just as much from treatment as do younger people.

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Bombing suspect arrest brings up more questions than answers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Accused bomber Eric Rudolph was an elusive target for law enforcement, and the suspect's arrest by a police officer leaves a string of unanswered questions.

Is Rudolph the killer that police say he is, where did he assemble his explosives? Why did he do it? Where was his hideout? And perhaps most significantly, did he help in carrying out his acts and remaining a fugitive for the past five years?

He was taken into custody Saturday in the same wilderness region of North Carolina where he long was suspected of living on the lam.

That there was local sympathy for Rudolph is without doubt. Bumper stickers in western North Carolina read "Rim Eric Run" but whether sympathy translated to aiding and abetting is unclear. The mayor in Murphy, N.C., where Rudolph was captured, says he was certain Rudolph had gotten "no slippers."

Rudolph is charged in federal indictments in the 1996 Olympic bombing in Atlanta that killed one person and injured more than a hundred; bombings the next year in Atlanta at an abortion clinic and a gay night club; and the 1998 bombing of an abortion clinic in Birmingham, Ala. where a police officer was killed. In some cases, incendiary bombs exploded as soon as rescuers rushed to the scene.

The federal government could file to seek the death penalty. Justice Department officials are assessing whether to go to trial in Alabama or Georgia. There are no state charges.

Growing up in the same area where he was caught, Rudolph and his mother attended a church espousing supremacy of the white race. Federal investigators have said he apparently has been in touch with the Aryan Nation, a fringe white supremacist adherents in some instances have been linked to violence.

In a criminal investigation with a high and murky focus, investigators linked the early Atlanta bombings because of similarities of the bomb plots in the makeup of two of the bombs.

Longtime fugitive captured

After more than five years on the run, Eric Rudolph was captured when police in western North Carolina spotted him in the small town of Murphy early Saturday.

Eric Robert Rudolph
Age/D.O.B. — 38; Sept. 10, 1966
Occupations — Carpenter, roofer, handyman
Charged with — Four bombings that left two dead and more than 100 injured



Rudolph

Two killed and dozens injured in explosions

July 27, 1996 — Bombing of Atlanta's Centennial Olympic Park kills a woman and injures 111 other people

Jan. 15, 1997 — Two bombs explode at an office building in the Atlanta suburb of Sandy Springs, injuring six; an abortion clinic is believed to be the target

Feb. 21 — Nail-laden device explodes at a gay and lesbian nightclub in Atlanta, injuring five people

Jan. 29, 1998 — Explosion kills a policeman and injures a nurse at an abortion clinic in Birmingham, Ala.

Five years on the lam

Jan. 30, 1998 — Rudolph stocks up on supplies in North Carolina and vanishes

Feb. 14 — Rudolph is charged in the Alabama abortion clinic bombing

March 17 — The task force investigating the Birmingham bombing finally merged with the task force investigating the three bombings in Atlanta

May 8 — The FBI adds Rudolph to its "10 most wanted list and offers a \$1 million reward for his capture"

Oct. 14 — Rudolph is charged with the Olympic bombing and the two other attacks in the Atlanta area

May 31, 2003 — Rudolph is captured in Murphy, N.C.

SOURCES: Associated Press

AP

The search for Rudolph began on Jan. 30, 1998, the day after the Birmingham bombing. A gray 1989 Nissan pickup truck registered in Rudolph's name was seen near the scene following the explosion by a witness who jotted down a license plate number.

Rudolph was tied to the bombings when authorities who searched a storage locker he had rented in Murphy, N.C., matched nails found there to nails in the two abortion clinic bombings, a federal agent told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

A Tennessee gun dealer identified Rudolph as the man who bought 50 pounds of smokeless powder, and a senior law enforcement official connected that powder to the Olympic bomb.

The ensuing manhunt faded out in the immensity of hundreds of thousands of acres of wilderness in North Carolina where Rudolph was thought to be lurking.

"It's hard to find someone if you

don't do the traditional things that people do, you don't use the phone, you don't have a checking account, you don't have a credit card, you don't drive around, you don't have any friends," said James Cavanaugh, special agent in charge of the Nashville, Tenn., office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

In the summer of 1998, Rudolph left five \$100 bills at the home of a neighbor in a mountain town, taking a six-month supply of food and the man's pickup truck.

One of the few points in the investigation came before investigators even knew Rudolph's name, when Attorney General Janet Reno apologized to Atlanta security guard Richard Jewell because law enforcement investigators had leaked his identity to the news media as a suspect in the Olympic bombing. Jewell spent 88 days in the glare of publicity after he was named as a suspect. The Justice Department cleared him.

Theorist says suspect hated FDA

Investigator links Rudolph's anger to cancer drug issue

ATLANTA (AP) — Eric Rudolph has been linked to extremist, anti-abortion and racist views, but a key investigator says the hatred that propelled the bombing suspect's alleged crimes actually was rooted in the death of his father.

The Food and Drug Administration's refusal to approve a drug he believed would help fight his father's cancer caused Rudolph to hate the government and associate with extremist groups, said Charles Stone, a retired Georgia Bureau of Investigation agent who was assigned to the bombing task force that hunted Rudolph.

"The anti-abortion, anti-gay thing was a smoke screen," Stone said Saturday, citing a theory developed through interviews he and other investigators had with

Rudolph's family and friends.

Rudolph was 10 or 11 when his father sought use of laetrile, a concoction of ground apricot pits, to fight his cancer, but the U.S. government has banned its use for three decades, Stone said.

Although the family eventually obtained the drug in Mexico, Rudolph's father died.

Supporters say laetrile is useful when taken with a doctor's guidance and with a strict, mostly vegetarian diet. But some leading cancer researchers and the FDA disagree, saying laetrile contains a form of cyanide and that ground apricot kernels are no different from other herbal products that are sold openly.

After his father died, Rudolph, now 36, moved with his mother, three brothers and a sister to Missouri in the late 1970s. He was a teenager in 1981, when they moved to the western North Carolina mountains.

In both areas, Stone said, Rudolph was embraced by followers of Christian Identity, a white supremacist religion that is

anti-gay, anti-Semitic and anti-foreigner. The Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Ala., which monitors militia activities and hate groups, has said it has strong evidence that Rudolph was an adherent of Christian Identity.

Rudolph once wrote an essay in high school that denied the Holocaust existed and "from a very early age was ensconced in the white supremacy movement," said Brian Levin, director of the Center for the Study for Hate and Extremism at California State University.

"This is someone who looks on himself as a holy warrior, but the faith he espouses is among the most twisted, bigoted ones out there," Levin said.

After a stint in the Army, from which he was released at the lowest pay grade, Rudolph returned to western North Carolina, where he worked as a carpenter, roofer and handyman. There is no evidence he belonged to a militia, although such groups have long existed in the region.

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Clinic bombing victim expresses joy over capture

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Emily Lyons never gave up hope that the man who allegedly set off the bomb that left her blind in the eye would someday be caught.

Her reaction when a friend called her Saturday to tell her that bombing suspect Eric Rudolph had been arrested in the mountains of North Carolina was a mixture of joy and relief.

"I jumped up and down. I kept saying 'I can't believe it. I can't believe it,'" Lyons said.

She said she felt immediate relief because "I knew he can't hurt anyone else now."

Lyons was critically injured and in duty police officer Robert Sanderson was killed in Jan. 29, 1998, bombing at the Women All Women Health Clinic in Birmingham, the last of a series of bombings linked to Rudolph.

Federal charges have also been



Emily Lyons

44-year-old Georgia woman who brought her teenage daughter to the park. The families of Hawthorne and Sanderson could not be reached Saturday.

Rudolph was also charged with bombing a gay nightclub in Atlanta and an office building north of Atlanta in 1997.

Beverly McMahon owned the Atlanta nightclub that Rudolph was suspected of bombing six years ago.

"This is the shocker," she said. "I just knew he was out there. I always thought they'd catch him."

The 62-year-old mother of two said she has struggled with paranoia since a bomb rocked The Other Side Lounge, whose clientele is mostly gay and lesbian. The lounge was crowded with about 150 people when the nail-packed device exploded in a rear patio in late February 1997.

"It's always like you have someone on your back," McMahon said. "You're always wondering, 'Why me?'"

Lyons had just arrived for work at the Birmingham women's clinic, the site of many anti-abortion demonstrations, and was apparently talking with Sanderson outside the clinic when the bomb sprayed hundreds of nails and shrapnel into her face and body.

In the past five years, she has had 20 surgeries and there are still nails in her legs. She is blind in her left eye and faces the possibility of eventually losing vision in her right eye.

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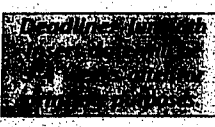
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Homemade bomb explodes near U.S. convoy in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Attackers detonated a homemade bomb near a U.S. special forces convoy south of Kabul, lightly wounding an Afghan soldier also traveling in the group, the U.S. military said Saturday.

The blast occurred Friday as the convoy was moving along a road 30 miles south of the capital, U.S. military spokesman Col. Rodney Davis said in a statement from Bagram Air Base.

"One Afghan National Army soldier received minor wounds,

and two vehicles received unknown damage," Davis said, adding that the Afghan soldier was treated and returned to duty.

Afghan troops searched the immediate area and a nearby village, but the culprits were not found, Davis said.

It was not clear who set off the explosion, but rebels have been stepping up hit-and-run attacks against U.S. and coalition forces in the south and east in recent weeks.

Iraq

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troops, turning over governance quickly to Iraqis and advancing the war on terrorism by routing out Saddam Hussein's loyalists.

House Majority Whip Roy Blunt, R-Mo., said the United States is doing the best it can, but that peacekeeping is not an American strength and that authorities underestimated the rage felt by liberated Iraqis.

"I think the one thing that may have been unanticipated at first by members of Congress, if not by the military, was the level of pent-up frustration after a generation of repression, and how that could lead to lawlessness once they received a taste of freedom," Blunt said.

Analysts have differing views over what led to the current problems — insufficient U.S. planning, an American aversion to peacekeeping or a military victory so fast it outpaced U.S. readiness for nation-building — but there is wide agreement that the prob-

lems are serious.

Progress toward democracy and economic prosperity for Iraq won't occur until the rule of law is established, said John Altemann, director of the Middle East program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington-based think tank.

"There is not security on the street, people are still terrified, and until you get a better hold on that, it's going to be awfully hard to make other things work," said Altemann, who served on the State Department's policy planning staff earlier in Bush's administration.

And continued instability in Iraq could dash American hopes of promoting progress in the region.

"One of the reasons for the war was to create a model of democracy and prosperity that would resonate in the Arab world," Singer said. "You can't count it as a success if you don't have that model to promote."

Failure to improve the situation

in Iraq would also create an active threat for the region, said Michele Flournoy, a former high-ranking Pentagon official who now leads the project on post-conflict reconstruction at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

"The danger is that Iraq becomes perpetually unstable, that it becomes a source of instability for its neighbors, in terms of arms coming across the border, people coming in and out conducting terrorism. It will be very damaging for our credibility in the region, and once we become seen as the enemy, we'll start seeing many more Americans killed," Flournoy said.

"It is not too late to turn this around, but it will require a substantial increase in focus and resources to do it."

In response to the problems, the Pentagon now plans to keep most of the Third Infantry Division in Iraq, instead of sending them home as planned. Add Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said

more military police units have been arriving in Baghdad.

Pentagon spokesman Lt. Dan Hestage said consultations were underway with European allies about peacekeeping forces in Iraq, and that the issue would be further addressed at a NATO meeting June 12 in Brussels. Hestage declined to say whether the United States is asking for Europeans — or Arabs — to send troops.

Selection called for more U.S. troops and "large contingents of non-American soldiers." He mentioned Arab states, whose forces "understand the culture, speak the language," and the French, of whose foreign legions "are good soldiers."

Harold Staveness, chief spokesman for the Republican-led House Armed Services Committee, said the postwar U.S. role in Iraq is "a rough job," and called the decision to keep some troops there longer than expected "the first step in assessing what's needed."

Tax

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past five years, the city of Jerome has lowered its mill levy by 24.5 percent.

How most property taxes are figured

In all taxing districts except schools', budgets based upon property tax collections have to be certified by county commissioners for the coming year in early September. The budget is based upon how much money the district is anticipating to bring in through those taxes. But also, that part of the budget is only allowed to be 103 percent of the highest property tax budget of the past three years.

So if a taxing district happens to greatly increase its taxable value because of value increases in existing properties in any given year, the rate would go down for everyone. However, some property owners might still pay more because the value of the property increased. That hinges on how an owner's value-increase compares to everyone else's values. For example, if all property values in the district double, no one will see more than a 3 percent increase in taxes. But if only one owner saw his property value double, he will pay more.

New construction and annexation will not necessarily lower property taxes, because there is an allowance for additional taxes on those properties to cover the services they require, noted Alan Dornfest, who heads the Idaho State Tax Commission.

How property taxes for schools are figured

The formula for public schools is much different than any other district that collects taxes on property instead of basing the taxes on 103 percent of the highest budget number over the past three years, schools are required to use a simple multiplier of .003 times what the taxable market value property in the district is for the maintenance and operations sections of their budgets. Dornfest said that accounts for 20 percent of property taxes collected statewide.

And the formula is automatically applied. In other words, schools don't have the option to hold back on this revenue stream.

Usually, that means that schools will get at least what they got the year before. In the northern part of the state, however, some districts have actually seen their valuations go down because of the logging timber industry.

Even Minidoka and Cassia counties, which have seen certain aspects of their economies turn downward over the past two years, have not lost value, according to the Tax Commission. In 2001, Cassia County was valued at \$801 million, but in 2002, the county had a taxable value of \$814 million. Minidoka went from \$780 million in 2001 to \$869 million in 2002.

The Legislature subtracted property taxes on farm equipment in 2000, so schools in the Magic Valley lost that property tax. But still, Dornfest pointed out, school districts received that more, back from the state. And in fact, Cassia County Joint School District and Minidoka County Joint School District got the biggest checks in the state. Cassia got \$424,000, and Minidoka got \$437,000.

Amounts not collected

Local taxing districts that have saved money for property tax payers by not charging the full amounts allowed by law:

District	Amount not collected
Blaine County	\$164,156
Caray	\$17,900
Ketchum	\$52,993
Blaine County	
Ambulance	\$14,457
Holley	\$16,598
Caray Fire	\$733
Minidoka County Fire	\$1,420
West Magic Fire	\$445
Wood River Fire	\$27,332
Bligwood Flood	
Control No. 9	\$3,782
Fairfield	\$881
Camas County Cemetery	\$151
West Magic Fire	\$297
Camas County	
Mosquito Abatement	\$1,859
Cassia County	\$485,855
Declo	\$628
Malta	\$1,159
Goose Creek	\$2,248
Flood Control	
Raft River Flood	
Control No. 15	\$1,421
Almo	\$211
Hellister	\$727
Twin Falls	\$972,034
Buhl Fire	\$15,516
Fluer Fire	\$16,433
Rock Creek Fire	\$101
West End Fire	\$34,663
Fluer Highway \$4	
College of Southern Idaho	\$933,523
Hansen Library	\$30
Owyhee County	\$209,133
Three Creek Highway	\$4,260
Minidoka County	\$366,046
Hayburn	\$7,706
Paul	\$1,365
Rupert	\$1,599
Minidoka Fire	\$1,420
West End Fire	\$3,080
Minidoka Memorial Hospital	\$57,561
Lincoln County District	\$20,335
Shoshone	\$25,473
Eden	\$3,177
Jerome	\$374,300
Jerome Highway	\$3,080
Valley Recreation	\$1,040
Gooding County	\$255,129
Gooding	\$56,206
Hagerman Cemetery	\$677
Hagerman Highway	\$501
No. 3	\$1,388
West Point Highway	\$2,249
Gooding Hospital	\$2
Gooding Recreation	\$3,497

All other taxing districts collected the full amount possible.

Source: Idaho State Tax Commission

For farmers, the tax break was a windfall — one that many say has allowed them to stay in business. But over the long term, there could be some loss for school districts in farm country, since those districts will receive indefinitely the same amount as they did the first year in farm-equipment replacement tax money.

Taxpayers should keep in mind, however, the formula multiplying the district valuation .003 does not take into account any special levies that a school district voters choose to put upon themselves, such as bond levies for construction or supplemental levies.

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Rudolph

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spotted a man rooting through a trash bin behind a grocery and, worried that he might try to break into a business, arrested him, Chief Mark Thigpen said. Rudolph had a large flashlight and a backpack but wasn't armed. Thigpen and other officers didn't initially recognize the man. But when he was taken to the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department, a deputy thought he looked familiar and the man eventually identified himself as Eric Robert Rudolph, Sheriff Keith Levin said.

"He was very cooperative, not a bit disrespectful," Postdale said.

Rudolph had been on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list and had eluded a massive manhunt for five years, much of it in the western North Carolina mountains near where he was arrested about 4:30 a.m. in the small town of Murphy. The FBI had offered a \$1 million reward for his capture.

The 36-year-old Army veteran and experienced outdoorsman hadn't been seen since July 1998 after he took supplies from a health store owner in North Carolina.

Authorities believed he had fled into the mountains, and as more time passed with no reported sightings of him, some believed he must be dead.

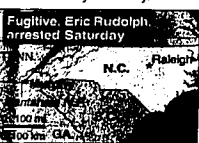
"We always thought he was in the mountains of North Carolina somewhere," said Chris Swecker, the lead FBI agent in the state. "No law enforcement agent ever gave up on finding him."

They spent years searching the hills and caves around Murphy for any trace of Rudolph. Early in the search, they ran across some camping sites believed to be his and found cartons of oatmeal and raisins, jars of peanuts and vitamins, and cans of tuna they said were the same brands Rudolph ate.

Levin said Rudolph appeared to have lost quite a bit of weight but

Fugitive arrested

Eric Rudolph, the longtime fugitive charged with the 1996 Olympic Park bombing and in attacks against an abortion clinic and a gay nightclub, was arrested early Saturday.



SOURCES: Associated Press; ESRI AP

still looked very much like his picture on wanted posters. He was wearing blue work pants and shirt, jogging shoes, a camouflage jacket and backpack when he was caught.

He didn't resist when he was arrested, Levin said.

He told police his name was Jerry Wilson, giving his real name only after he was recognized, Thigpen said.

The 1996 bombing at the crowded Olympic park during the summer Olympics in Atlanta followed closely on the heels of the Oklahoma City federal building bombing and stunned the world.

The bomb was left hidden in a knapsack in the crowded Centennial Olympic Park on July 27, 1996. When it exploded, it killed one woman and injured 111 other people.

Two years later, Rudolph was charged with that attack and in three others — at a gay nightclub in Atlanta and at an office building north of Atlanta in 1997, and at an abortion clinic in Birmingham in 1998. One police officer was killed.

In all, the bombings killed two people and wounded more than

100 people, according to the FBI. Robert Stadler, whose wife worked at an attorney's office in the Atlanta building that was bombed in 1997, had been inside the building with the couple's baby twins when the bomb exploded. They had made it out when a second bomb exploded that injured several police officers.

"We had moved on from what happened in 1997," Stadler said Saturday, "but always there was a feeling that Eric Rudolph was somewhere."

Rudolph, a Florida native who moved to western North Carolina in 1981, was believed to adhere to Christian Identity, a white supremacist religion that is anti-gay, anti-Semitic and anti-foreigner. Some of the four bombs he is charged with planting included messages from the shadowy "Army of God."

The search for Rudolph began a day after the Birmingham blast. He was initially sought as a witness: A gray 1989 Nissan pickup truck registered in his name was

seen near the clinic following the explosion.

He was tied to the bombings when authorities searched for storage locker he had rented in Murphy found nails like those used in the clinic attacks.

At its height, the search for Rudolph in the mountainous region in western North Carolina just outside the Tennessee border included more than 200 federal agents. In 2000, it was scaled back to less than a handful of agents working out of a National Guard Army post outside Murphy.

Pockets of western North Carolina have had a reputation as a haven for right-wing extremists. Some there mocked the government's inability to find Rudolph, with bloodhounds, infrared-equipped helicopters and space-age motion detectors — and some said they would hide him if asked.

The FBI had said it believed Rudolph was somewhere in the Nantahala National Forest, living on his own, breaking into vacation cabins, stealing from local gardens.

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Sunday liquor bans fade as more states alter laws

DOVER, Del. (AP) — On their way to a recent Sunday dinner at a friend's house, Ed and Alice Delbo stopped at the store for a couple bottles of red wine — a transaction that would have been impossible just a few weeks ago.

In a sign that Prohibition-era restrictions are drying up, Delaware and New York have become the 25th and 26th states to allow Sunday sales at liquor stores — putting states with Sunday bans in the minority.

"It's convenient," said Ed Delbo, 67.

Delaware's Sunday sales started May 18; the New York change came last weekend. Pennsylvania repealed its ban in February at 10 percent of its government-run stores as part of a two-year pilot study, and Oregon did away with its restriction a year ago.

Legislation has been considered this year in other states, including Colorado, Kansas, Rhode Island and Washington.

The trend began 40 years ago when women began entering the work force in large numbers, said David Laband, an economic and policy professor at Auburn University and co-author of "Blue Laws: The History, Economics and Politics of Sunday-Closing Laws."

"The time frame within which much of the shopping can be done for a family has been compressed into the weekend, with so many women working," Laband said. "There's been enormous economic opportunity for establishments to be open all weekend long."

Industry officials say the roll-back marks a convergence of lean budget times, economic competition between states, and the continuing erosion of blue laws.

"I think the stars were in alignment," said Jonathan Newman, chairman of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. "If you can buy so many things on Sunday, what makes getting a bottle of wine for a spaghetti dinner inappropriate?"

The Distilled Spirits Council of the United States has lobbied legislatures across the country to repeal blue laws.

"It's a top legislative priority for this organization and for many



Kathleen Mastercola of Conshohocken, Pa., and her brother-in-law, Ken Hobbs, of Dover, Del., leave Old Mill Spirits on Sunday in Dover, Delaware has just passed legislation to make Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages legal.

120 members don't predict a sales increase, so they'll stay closed on Sundays, for now.

"Nobody is going to drink more just because you can buy it on a Sunday now," she said.

Not all efforts to repeal Sunday sales bans have succeeded. Colorado lawmakers rejected a proposal, and a measure in Kansas didn't pass the Senate. Nevertheless, several Kansas communities have passed ordinances allowing Sunday sales, some of which are being challenged by the state attorney general.

University of Delaware economist William Latham estimates Sunday sales could generate up to \$2 million in tax revenue for the state, but Gov. Ruth Ann Minner's decision to repeal the ban was not made for budgetary reasons.

Kristine O'Hanlon of Karl's Wine and Liquors in Albany, N.Y., president of the Eastern New York Liquor Stores Association, said she and most of her group's

Police say boy copied movie with pranks

GAHANNA, Ohio (AP) — A 13-year-old boy who wanted to make his own version of "Jackass: The Movie" threw a cup of boiling water on his best friend as he slept, causing second-degree burns, police said.

Collin Gaffney was charged with felony assault.

Police Lt. Jeff Spence said

Gaffney videotaped the May 19 incident and others in earlier weeks. The boy told police he planned to make his own movie of pranks similar to "Jackass," a movie version of the defunct MTV show.

Gaffney and other boys from this Columbus suburb appear throughout the hourlong video of

pranks and stunts. Spence said no one was hurt in the rest of the tape.

The MTV show and movie included a warning against trying stunts at home.

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NATION

American historical places need repairs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Minute Man National Historical Park outside Boston marks the site where the American Revolution began.

The Mount Bethel Baptist Church was a gathering spot for the Rev. Martin Luther King's march on Washington in 1963.

Both places are steeped in history. And both are under siege, according to a non-profit preservation group.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation placed the Minute Man park and the Baptist church on its 2003 list of the United States' most endangered historic places.

The park, which covers more than 900 acres, includes original segments of the 1775 "Battle Road" connecting Lexington and Concord, Mass. It is where the famed Minutemen, tipped off by Paul Revere, first met the British Redcoats for bloody skirmishes that opened America's war for independence.

"One of the most important historic places in the country is slowly being degraded by noise, congestion and visual intrusions," said the National Trust's Peter Brink. His organization is protesting expanded flights at the Hanscom Field regional airport, which sits in the middle of the park.

In a first for the annual list, urban religious buildings were included. Mount Bethel, one of the six houses of worship the trust singled out, needs a major maintenance

overhaul and a new electrical system, Brink said.

Other religious institutions, such as the Beth Hamedrash Hagadol Synagogue in New York, are suffering from a serious lack of money for repairs.

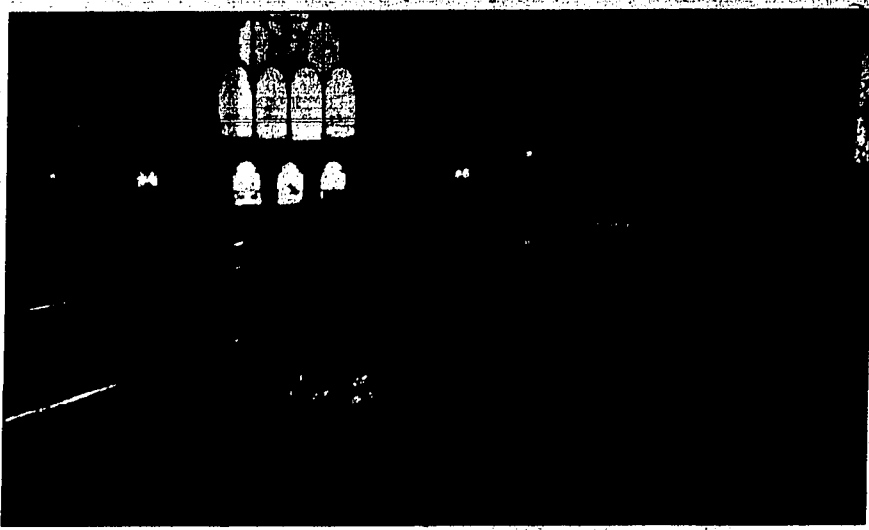
Another site on the list is described as "North America's greatest collection of historic bathhouses." Bathhouse Row in Arkansas' Hot Springs National Park consists of eight Victorian bathhouses, most of them built in the early 1900s for travelers visiting the "healing" thermal springs. The trust said six of the eight bathhouses are vacant and deteriorating.

The landmark TWA Terminal at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York also made the list. Portions of the gull-shaped terminal are slated for demolition to make way for a new building.

These places are "important because they tell our story as Americans," Brink said.

"One of the most important historic places in the country is being degraded by noise, congestion and visual intrusion."

— Peter Brink, National Trust for Historic Preservation

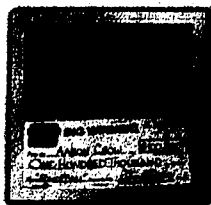


Raydeja Gill, 5, left, and Eva Rogers, 69, sit amid members of the congregation at Mount Bethel Baptist Church listening to their pastor, Rev. Bobby Livingston Sr., while he spoke Thursday about their church being placed on a list of the United States' most endangered historic places in Washington.

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Search for life on Mars shifts into high gear

Several missions are set to launch

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Since the late 1960s, humans have looked for signs of life on Mars. Now, several unmanned spacecraft are set to launch, in part lured by the prospect that the Red Planet may have extraterrestrial life.

It has yet to be found by the spacecraft, most of which died a fiery death trying to reach the planet. Of all the U.S., Soviet, and Russian missions, two-thirds failed to achieve their goals.

Getting to Mars is very, very hard," says Dave Lavery, who oversees the U.S. Mars exploration program.

Against the odds, the fate of more missions are to set out Mars this week on two continents. The European Space Agency's Mars Express orbiter is scheduled for a Monday launch from Kazakhstan. The United States is set to launch the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter on June 8 at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

A fourth space vehicle, sent up in 1998 by Japan, continues to attempt a Mars orbit but is having problems.

If these missions succeed, the international parade of robotic spacecraft will undertake the most intensive exploration of another planetary body since the Apollo moon missions three decades ago. Beginning in December, the spacecraft from Europe, Japan and the United States should begin to arrive at the planet, joining two other U.S. satellites already in orbit.

"One can expect a glut of information about the planet," said Colin Pillinger, lead scientist on the British Beagle 2 lander.

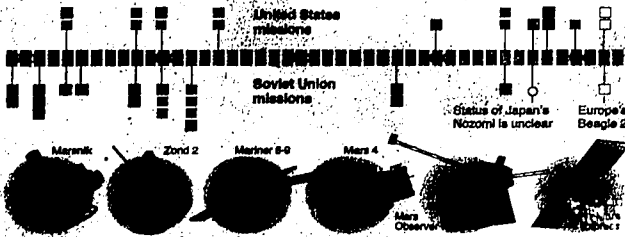
If past performance is any predictor of future results, two — maybe even three — of the missions will fail, said Lavery, program executive for NASA's \$600 million mission to send twin rovers to the planet.

Of the current \$2 billion fleet,

MISSIONS TO MARS

If at first you don't succeed ...

More than 30 unmanned missions have been launched to the Red Planet over the past 40 years. Of those missions, less than one-third have succeeded. Beginning in December, spacecraft from Europe, Japan and the United States are expected to join two U.S. satellites already in orbit.



SOURCE: NASA

Japan's Nozomi will try again to get into a Mars orbit, but damaged electronics may prevent it. The satellite was designed to probe the Martian atmosphere and image the planet's surface.

Last-minute glitches also cropped up on the European Space Agency's Mars Express and NASA's twin Mars Exploration Rovers. The missions have since been repaired and cleared for launch.

"We've had a lot of problems and we caught a lot of problems, because we did a lot of testing. Our confidence is high," said Richard Cook, flight systems manager for the rover missions at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

The launching of so many spacecraft at once is no accident. Celestial mechanics are bringing Mars and Earth closer together than they have been in tens of thousands of years, scientists said.

The clutch of missions broadly seeks to answer questions about the geology, climate and resources of Mars, as well as its potential —

past or present — for life.

If successful, NASA's identical twin rovers will mark the space

agency's return to the surface of Mars. In 1999, its Mars Polar Lander likely plunged to the surface and

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was smashed to pieces when its descent rockets were prematurely shut down. Two smaller probes it carried were never heard from again.

The loss came just weeks after the destruction of the Climate Orbiter, a satellite that flew too close to the planet and burned up in a well-publicized mix-up between English and metric units.

The two rovers are designed to operate as robotic field geologists hunting for evidence of past water activity on Mars. That should reveal whether the planet was

ever hospitable enough to allow life to gain a foothold.

The Europeans' instrument-laden Beagle 2 lander is bolder: It is designed to look directly for signs of life on Mars — something that has not been done since the twin Viking landers' inconclusive results in 1976.

The British lander should dig into Mars to hunt for organic materials and sniff the atmosphere for traces of methane produced by living organisms.

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Pentagon offers \$1M in robot race

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — With an eye to future desert warfare, the Defense Department is sponsoring a 250-mile cross-country race next March from Anaheim, Calif., to Las Vegas — to be run by robots.

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency is putting up a \$1 million prize for the winner of this wacky-sounding competition. So far, 18 companies, universities, computer scientists and robotics specialists have signed up for what DARPA calls its "Grand Challenge" race.

The Pentagon's goal is to advance the technology of autonomous (self-guided) ground vehicles that can operate on a battlefield without human control. Congress authorized the prize money last year to stimulate further innovation in military robots, which have just begun to prove their worth in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"We are trying to inspire the innovators out there, the nontraditional people who don't normally deal with Department of Defense."

— Col. Jose Negron, U.S. Army, project manager

At a meeting for prospective competitors, Negron compared the race to Charles Lindbergh's prize-winning solo flight across the Atlantic in 1927, which led to the rise of commercial aviation.

The Army already uses some unmanned ground vehicles, but they are guided by soldiers using remote control. An autonomous vehicle must find its way on its own, with no assistance from humans.

Race entrants "must be 100 percent autonomous," Negron said. Their only permitted instructions are "start" and "stop."

The robots will have to steer themselves along paved and unpaved roads, sandy and rocky trails and open desert. They must cross gullies, ford streams, avoid ditches and thread their way through a 10-foot wide underpass.

They must do all this using only computerized maps and commercial Global Positioning System satellite receivers, which tell them their location within about 10 feet. Competitors will get the maps only two hours before the race is set to begin at 6:30 a.m. March 13. The maps will provide a "waypoint" — the latitude and longitude

of an intermediate point along the way — about every quarter-mile to help the robots figure out where to head next. Straying too far from the defined route means disqualification.

There will be one pit stop about 180 miles into the race, but the machines will have to gas up themselves — no humans can help.

The vehicles will need vision systems so they can avoid tumbling into ditches, crashing into one another and hitting people, buildings or other obstacles.

To win the prize, the vehicle must be the first to cross the finish line in 10 hours or less. That means it must maintain an average speed of 25 mph — sometimes much faster — an extremely tough standard for today's robots.

"We want to push the technology forward more quickly," said DARPA spokeswoman Jan Walker. "For military use, unmanned vehicles will have to cross rugged terrain quickly and easily without human assistance."

There are no restrictions on the size, weight or type of vehicle. Wheels, treads or legs are allowed for locomotion.

"Perhaps having six legs, like a cockroach, is the best way to go through rough terrain," DARPA Director Anthony Tether told the competitors' meeting.

If no robot finishes the course in 10 hours, DARPA plans to repeat the race every year until 2007, when congressional authorization for the prize money runs out. Contestants will pay to build their own vehicles.

The first entrant in the race, William "Red" Whittaker, a veteran robotics expert at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, said the challenge was "extremely difficult," but he's confident his "Red Team" can win.

Whittaker has spent 20 years designing and building mobile "field robots" to work on farms, in mines, nuclear plants and other places outside the typical factory or office environment. He is now developing an autonomous robotic explorer for a future mission to Mars.

"We want to change the view of what is possible and create new robotic applications," Whittaker said in an interview. "Our generation of technology is woefully insufficient for the future of robotics."

Mars

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Project manager Rudolf Schmidt said the mission is the European Space Agency's first to any planet — and the last to Mars for the foreseeable future. NASA, in contrast, plans to launch either a lander or orbiter to Mars every two years through at least 2009.

"It's the only mission we have, so we have to receive a maximum return. For that reason, we have to be ambitious," Schmidt said. Beagle 2, named for the ship that carried naturalist Charles Darwin on his round-the-world voyage in the 1830s, weighs about 132 pounds. Each NASA rover, in contrast, weighs three times as much.

High above, the Beagle's mother ship, Mars Express, is to map the planet, use a powerful radar to probe the top few miles of its surface for evidence of water, and measure water concentrations in the atmosphere.

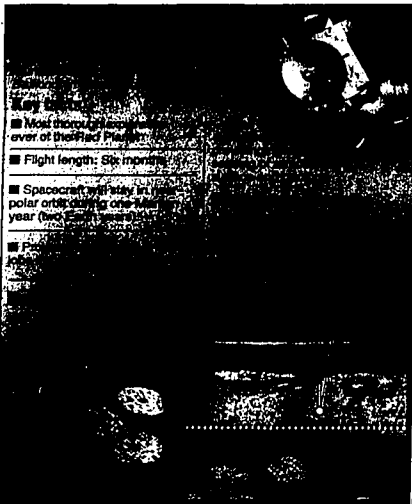
Mars Express — and the Japanese Nozomi if it makes it into orbit — should join two U.S. satellites. NASA's Global Surveyor and Odyssey, which have been in orbit since 1997 and 2001, respec-

tively, have revealed tantalizing clues about the presence of water on Mars.

By late January, scientists hope to have the four orbiters zipping around Mars, the two rovers rolling across its surface and the small Beagle 2 lander actively digging into the rusty soil that gives the Red Planet its distinctive tint. The missions include contributions from scientists and engineers from Europe, China, Japan, Russia and the United States.

"The view that I tend to put out personally was that Apollo was one nation trying to get to the moon first," NASA's Lavery said of the international effort.

"This is one planet going out together to investigate another."



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World leaders tackle global issues

EVIAN, France (AP) — The world's seven richest industrial countries and Russia struggled to reach common ground Saturday on a range of global issues in advance of an economic summit.

The Group of Eight gathering, however, is likely to be remembered more for the disagreements separating the countries than for any modest achievements on combating AIDS or jump-starting global growth.

Advises to President Bush and the other leaders sought to resolve as many disputes as possible before the three days of talks that begin Sunday. The discussions were being held at a luxury hotel with magnificent views of Lake Geneva and the French and Swiss Alps.

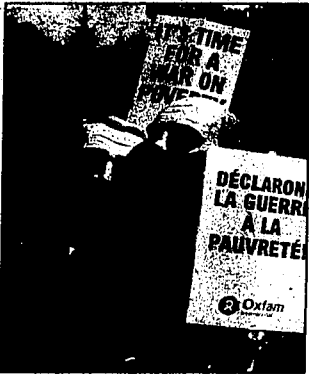
Bush and other leaders of the G-8 countries were scheduled to arrive after helping Russian President Vladimir Putin celebrate the 300th anniversary of Putin's hometown, St. Petersburg, Russia — a warmup for 2006, when Russia for the first time will serve as host for the annual summit.

A diverse group of anti-globalization protesters, who were being kept away from the meeting by police and military units, clashed briefly among themselves and with police, who used tear gas to disperse a crowd of a few hundred.

Swiss anti-G-8 protesters lit 50 bonfires along the lake shore in a peaceful demonstration. Later Saturday, though, dozens of protesters set fire to shops and smashed windows in downtown Geneva, where tens of thousands were to gather for a protest march Sunday.

Bush and the other leaders insisted that the G-8 still will be able to reach consensus on global issues despite the deep divisions in the group exposed by the Iraq war, which saw France, Russia, Germany and Canada refuse to join Britain, Japan and Italy in supporting the U.S.-led war.

Bush's relations grew especially



Two protesters from the British poverty group Oxfam wear giant Shogun heads Saturday outside the G8 summit site in Evian, France. The heads represent President Bush, left, and French President Jacques Chirac.

bitter with French President Jacques Chirac, who actively led the opposition to the Iraq war, and German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder, who won re-election with what the White House viewed as an anti-American campaign.

Schröder, who hadn't spoken to Bush since a brief exchange last November, said reporters should not overanalyze the body language.

"I think it's unfair, given the agenda here, to watch how long the handshake will be," said Schröder. The two leaders met Saturday at a banquet for world leaders in St. Petersburg, where Bush took the initiative to offer his hand and exchange a few words with the German leader.

Bush announced last week that he would leave the summit a day early to pursue Middle East peace

negotiations, but the White House said the decision should not be interpreted as a snub to Chirac. For his part, host Chirac said that he was not upset.

Global anti-poverty groups held out hope that the G-8 leaders would try harder to show progress on such issues as fighting poverty and AIDS in Africa.

The group was also expected to review the anemic performance of the global economy with Bush saying he would point to the recent congressional passage of a \$250 billion tax cut package as the U.S. contribution to stronger global growth. Bush, in an interview with Russian television released Saturday, insisted that the administration still supported a strong dollar, but said that the dollar's value should be set by the marketplace.

The dollar hit an all-time low against the 12-nation euro this

week, bringing smiles to U.S. manufacturers whose goods will cost less in European markets but raising complaints from American tourists to Europe and European companies who will face more competition from U.S. products.

"The marketplace is making decisions as to whether the dollar should be strong or not," Bush said.

One area where a breakthrough could be achieved at the summit was in a major increase in financial support to battle AIDS in Africa. Bush said in a visit to Krakow, Poland, on Saturday that he would challenge other G-8 members to match a \$15 billion, five-year U.S. boost in AIDS funding.

Bush said he would also showcase his administration's proposals to double spending on foreign assistance to poor nations and to create a new famine relief fund.

"If European governments will adopt these same standards, we can work side by side in providing the kind of development aid that helps transform entire societies," Bush said in his Krakow speech.

Jamie Drummond, executive director of DATA, the advocacy group formed by Irish rock singer Bono, said he was growing more optimistic that the meetings would produce bigger commitments for the global AIDS fund created two years ago at the G-8 summit in Genoa, Italy.

"There is a desire to do it, but the question is how to find the money," Drummond said.

The G-8 leaders were also addressing efforts to meet other U.N. Millennium Development goals such as making clean water and schools available and cutting poverty in half by 2015.

A German official told reporters that the G-8 was expected to announce support for the creation of regional peacekeeping operations in Africa to respond to conflicts that have resulted in hundreds of thousands of deaths over the past decade.



A man sits in his stall beside caged dogs in a market selling wild animals for dishes in Guangzhou in southern China on May 26.

SARS fears prompt China to ban wild animal cuisine

GUANGZHOU, China — The civet cats are gone from their cages at the market, replaced by ducks and rabbits. The snakes, bats, badgers and antelope-like pangolins are missing, too.

For years, the hundreds of stalls at Chateau Wild Animal Food Market in China's southern business capital of Guangzhou were a snapping, hissing zoo of exotic, endangered wildlife destined for the plates of the most adventurous diners.

Then came SARS and the discovery that civets and some other small animals carry the virus that has killed more than 600 people on China's mainland and in Hong Kong. Authorities in Guangdong province, which includes Guangzhou, ordered an end to the wildlife trade this week and told farms raising exotic species to quarantine their animals.

Some traders have been detained, and violators are threatened with fines of up to \$12,000.

Ninth American dies after bombings in Saudi Arabia

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — A ninth American has died of injuries sustained in the May 12 suicide bombings in Riyadh, officials said Saturday, bringing the death toll to 35.

The victim, an employee of Vinnell Corp., died Thursday at a Riyadh hospital where he had been in critical condition since the blasts, said Vinnell spokesman Jay McCaffrey. The man's identity was being withheld until Vinnell officials finish notifying family members, McCaffrey said.

Suicide bombers with suspected ties to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network staged simultaneous attacks at three residential compounds in northern Riyadh, the Saudi capital.

Vinnell, a Northrop Grumman subsidiary that trains the Saudi National Guard, sustained the largest number of American losses when a bomb-carrying truck crashed through a gate at the company's compound and destroyed a four-story building where workers were sleeping.

World in brief

Chechen rebel ambush results in soldiers' deaths

VLADIKAVKAZ, Russia — A rebel ambush and other attacks killed five Russian soldiers and wounded 14 others in and around the breakaway republic of Chechnya, officials said Saturday.

The latest bloodshed in the region — which nearly every day sees small but deadly rebel attacks — came as Russian President Vladimir Putin tried to convince world leaders gathered in St. Petersburg that his policies would bring peace to Chechnya.

The ambush took place in the neighboring republic of Ingushetia, at a village about a mile from the Chechen border, a spokeswoman for the Ingush Interior Ministry said.

Two soldiers were killed and five wounded in the ambush Friday night.

Afghan leader presses warlords in bid for authority

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghan President Hamid Karzai has made his boldest bid yet to assert authority beyond the capital, wresting governors and warlords into a deal to hand over millions of dollars in customs duties to Kabul's near-empty treasury.

But enforcing the new orders won't be easy in a fractious country where local rulers keep a tight hold on their money and militias to run their private fiefdoms.

Karzai sent top-level Finance Ministry officials to four key border provinces last week to ensure the revenues start flowing.

So important was the first and biggest target — the wealthy western province of Herat — that Finance Minister Ashraf Ghani flew there personally to make sure Gov. Ismail Khan pays up. Herat straddles lucrative trade routes along a largely peaceful border with neighboring Iran that rake in over a \$1 million a day. Ghani is staying a week.

— compiled from wire reports

Putin plays tour guide for European leaders

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP) — President Vladimir Putin proudly showed off his native city, freshly spruced up for its 300th anniversary celebrations, to world leaders at a summit Saturday that was long on pomp and circumstance and short on political issues.

Leaders of more than 40 countries attended festivities that included a tour of the Hermitage Museum, a concert featuring Italian tenor Luciano Pavarotti and banquets in two historic palaces.

Later Saturday, Putin and German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder opened the recreated Amber Room, a chamber in the Catherine Palace outside St. Petersburg whose amber panels were dismantled and carted away by Nazi troops during World War II.

"This masterpiece has become a symbol of the new relations in the united family of our greater Europe," Putin said in a speech at a nearby hall. The panels were recreated with funding from German natural gas company Ruhrgas.

It was a theme Putin emphasized all day. At a summit with 24 European leaders, Putin said Russia deserved a place in "a greater Europe" and pushed for his dream of visa-free travel between Russia and the expand-



Vladimir Putin

ing European Union.

"We understand that such a system won't be established tomorrow," Putin said. "But the citizens of Europe should know when, how and at what price freedom of movement, one of the most significant rights of every person, will be achieved."

EU officials say they are sympathetic but are concerned about illegal immigration, drug trafficking and other security threats.

Visa restrictions are a sore point for many Russians, who were all but forbidden from traveling west in the Soviet era and are now eager to be accepted as equals in Europe.

Putin, a St. Petersburg native, held the summit in the newly restored 18th-century Konstantin Palace on the Gulf of Finland.

Before the talks, Putin showed his guests a short film titled "Resurrection of the Masterpiece" about the \$300 million restoration at the suburban palace — perhaps a metaphor for his own efforts to enrich Russia and bring order after decades of decline.

Deceased cleric's followers still carry on missions in his name

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Sixteen months after his death, Saudi authorities still grapple with the legacy of a blind cleric who preached that the United States was the enemy of Muslims and that those allied with the West were nonbelievers.

This past week, the interior minister said three prominent followers of Sheikh Muhammad bin Oqla al-Shu'abi were arrested during the investigation into the May 12 Riyadh terror attacks that killed 34 people, including eight Americans. The trio apparently is not suspected of making bombs or firing weapons, but of wielding words.

"It's like al-Shu'abi has risen from the dead," said Abdullah al-Heedan, a political science professor at Riyadh's King Saud University.

Terror suspects Ali al-Khudair, in his 50s; Nasser al-Fahd, in his 40s; and Ahmad al-Khalid, in his 30s, were drawn together by their belief in the ideas of al-Shu'abi, who made his base in Buryyadh, a town famous for its strict piety.

Throughout most of Saudi Arabia, women cars appear in public only in enveloping robes and head scarves. Buryyadh is one of the conservative places where they also must cover their faces.

Al-Shu'abi, from Saudi Arabia's austere Wahhabi school of Islam, began his Islamic education at age 6. He lost his sight at 7 because of smallpox, but went on to memorize the Muslim holy book, the Quran, by the time he was 13.

The octogenarian died Jan. 18, 2002.

Al-Shu'abi was one of the first to issue fatwas, or religious rulings, calling on Muslims to support the foreign mujahedeen, or holy warriors, helping Afghans fight the Soviets.

In 1995, al-Shu'abi was among several clerics arrested for criticizing the Saudi royal family's pro-Western policies around the 1990 Gulf War, said Saud al-Faghi, a London-based Saudi dissident who tracks Islamic fundamentalism in the kingdom.

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Conditions fuel discontent in Iraq

By John Daniszewski
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Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — In the tight-knit Kemp al Arman section of central Baghdad, there are often just two hours of electricity a day. Many families have been foregoing meat for more than a month, water only trickles from the taps, and garbage is piling up knee-deep on the street corners.

Gunfire rattles through the night, tormenting residents who cannot sleep because of the heat that builds up inside their mud and concrete homes during Baghdad's notorious heat waves. In years past they would have slept on their roofs. But the danger of stray bullets eliminates that option.

One poor-to-middling neighborhood dotted with car workshops does not a country make, but Kemp al Arman is by no means unique. Across much of Iraq, the sense of desperation that has grown during the weeks of U.S. occupation is reaching crisis proportions.

The hope for better times that greeted the demise of President Saddam Hussein's regime and the belief that a country as powerful and efficient as the United States would quickly restore order have not been fulfilled.

Much of the blame is falling on the Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance, the U.S. civil administration in Iraq. Experts now fear that its failures could threaten the transition to an interim Iraqi government by causing infrastructure, economic and public confidence and increased demands for the United States to get out altogether.

Senior officials within ORHA describe the upcoming hand over to new Iraqi authorities as one of their most important challenges.

Under the current transition formula, the occupation authorities, together with a variety of Iraqi groups and individuals, will select about 300 delegates to a conference that will set the future course of the country. It will choose an interim governing authority, draw up a constitution, reform the legal system and, over a year or two, prepare the country for free elections.

American officials insist that the conference can succeed only if it is put together carefully, assuring it is broadly representative of all Iraqi political strains.

But the chaos and disillusionment of the early weeks of American control have weakened that argument. Some political parties are complaining that the United States is taking too long to set up an interim government with real powers to address Iraq's many problems. The top U.S. diplomat in Iraq, L. Paul Bremer III, says it can be formed no sooner than July.

"It is politicians, or the political-minded, who are unhappy about being without a government," said one analyst, Baghdad University political science professor Wamidh Nadhmi.

But the clamoring for a new interim government could spread



Above, Hanan Kadhim bakes bread for her family of 10, including eight children, in a cement oven on the roof. She used to use a gas balloon to heat the oven, but now must gather wood instead. The price of a gas balloon has gone up from 250 dinars to 8,000 dinars. She and her husband have little to feed the children except bread and tomatoes. Below, 12-year-old Abbas Jabbar Kadhim takes a bath in warm water heated by a propane burner. He and his brothers and sisters don't go to school. They boys help their father, Sattar Jabbar Kadhim, in his mechanic shop in Kemp al Arman. It takes hard scrubbing for Abbas to get the grease off of his hands and feet.



to the wider population soon unless conditions improve, he said. Already, "the majority of the people are extremely unhappy because of the lack of services and the lack of security," he noted.

Kemp al Arman is a case in point.

Residents say they do not really know what the Americans are doing or what they plan. For most, any contact with the Americans

comes only when the helmeted, flak-jacketed Army troops periodically rumble through their narrow streets, smiling at the children, or when the troops are guarding the local filling station where the line

of vehicles waiting for gasoline may snake for half a mile.

Meanwhile, cupboards go bare and cash reserves dwindle, leaving residents frustrated and resentful that the U.S. appointees are failing in what Iraqis see as any authority's minimum tasks: providing security, electricity and water, paying state salaries and ensuring an adequate supply of food.

Sattar Jabbar Kadhim, 45, a mechanic, said that he and his wife, Hanan, and their eight children are barely coping without the food rations that Saddam's government used to provide. Kadhim earns about \$3 a day and must pay \$50 a month in rent on their three-room hovel, which is furnished with three broken chairs. The rest of the money goes to food, which has become more expensive since the war. The family's breakfast consists of tomatoes and bread that Hanan makes herself in a rooftop oven. She has to scavenge for wood to burn because the price of propane has tripled. Dinner is often the same — bread and tomatoes — and they have not had meat in several months, he said.

The lack of essential services and the fall in the quality of life appear to have strengthened support for Shiite Muslim conservatives, some of whom already are organizing anti-U.S. protests.

U.S.-led raid yields Iraqi plot suspects

Chicago Tribune

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. military police hunting for Baath Party followers plotting to kill them didn't need to travel far Saturday.

They found the plotters meeting in the dean's office of the Iraqi police academy that serves as the well-guarded American law enforcement headquarters, U.S. officials said.

A U.S.-led raid netted 14 Baathists, including the dean, as they were plotting to blow up police outposts and assault U.S. forces, American military police said.

"They were right here," said U.S. Army Capt. Steve Caruso, who led the raid on the dean's office Saturday morning, just a few yards from where he usually sits.

"They were supposedly working on curriculum for a police force that does not exist," he said. "They were really working on attacking police stations and soldiers." The police academy was for decades a stronghold of Saddam Hussein's tyranny, where officers were taught their brutal ways. Members of Saddam's ruling Baath Party head the academy.

About a month ago, U.S. military police units took over the academy and now use it as a launching area for joint patrols with re-emerging Iraqi police units.

Each morning, as dozens of U.S. troops waited in the parking lot for assignments, Baathists walked past them on their way to second-floor offices. Sometimes they nodded and waved, Iraqi police said, but often they scurried past the assembled officers and guards. At daily briefings in a ground-floor conference room, the Americans and Iraqi commanders assigned the day's patrols, including those searching for weapons. Baathists and other Saddam loyalists.

Across a courtyard and upstairs on the top floor, Baathists who were high-ranking police officers before the war looked down on the American-run meetings. They worked on plans to kill U.S. soldiers and to stage sieges of police precincts, the Americans said.

"I worried all the time about someone throwing a grenade and hurting the Americans," said Iraqi police Col. Ahmed Kadhim, who would stand at the window and look warily to the second floor during morning meetings.

"To have them kill American soldiers, that would cause big trouble, and people would hear about it on the radio," he said. Even Kadhim said he kept his suspicions about Baath activities to himself even as other officers complained to the international press that senior Baath police officials remained in the academy.

Iraqis express anger over U.S. release of tribal leader

Knight Ridder News Service

MAHAWIL, Iraq — Iraqi Shiites swarmed the U.S. military internment camp holding Mohammed Jawad al Neifus back in April, keen to seize and kill him. They held the tribal leader responsible for the deaths of thousands of Shiites buried in mass graves at Mahawil.

At the time, U.S. officers held the bloodthirsty crowd back with the promise that al Neifus would be tried and justice served.

Now, news that Saddam Hussein's most loyal tribal leader was mistakenly freed after convincing a U.S. interrogator that he was a mere tomato farmer, has incensed the city.

Local Shiites are talking about "a revolution" against the Americans who let them down. Mayor Moayad Ali Khlaif said, "Already some carry signs reading 'American Troops, Go Home.'"

According to a U.S. Central Command statement on the matter, U.S. Marines arrested al Neifus and three of his sons on April 26. Three days later, the Marines moved him to the Bucca internment facility at Umm Qasr in southern Iraq.

He underwent a military court screening on May 18, Centcom said, but "there was nothing unusual about the story he told the alerted JAG to his true identity. Therefore, he was cleared for release."

The significance of the release only became known when Marines sought to visit the prisoner last week, said U.S. Marines First Lt.

Ernest Adams.

"Somebody messed up," Adams said. "He told them he was a tomato farmer."

Mayor Khlaif was incredulous. "It's a mistake? That's hard to believe," Khlaif said.

"All the people in this town, all the people in the world, they know al Neifus is guilty. It was a shock to people to know that al Neifus is free. They are very angry, and only God can save us when they are angry."

al Neifus, who is about 80 years old, was head of the Albu Alwan tribe.

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Road accident claims three lives of U.S. Army's 101st Airborne

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Three U.S. soldiers were killed and six were injured in a traffic accident in northern Iraq, the military said Saturday.

The statement said the soldiers were with Army's 101st Airborne Division, and that the accident happened Friday on the road between the cities of Mosul and Tikrit. It said they were traveling in a "light-medium tactical vehicle."

Two soldiers died at the scene, and one died at the 21st Combat Support Hospital, the military said.

It gave no further details, and said the names of the troops involved would be released after their families are notified.

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Americans try curbing gunfire by limiting weapons

By E.A. Toranzo
Chicago Tribune

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Shopping for a weapon of choice, neighbors often knock on the black gate of the Al-Rawi family house in a working-class section of Baghdad that looks like any other street in the sprawling capital.

Two Al-Rawi brothers take orders and promise delivery in days: rocket launchers, hand grenades, machine guns, pistols and "the much preferred AK-47 assault rifle."

Before the war, the family was entrenched in the influential Baath Party, manning armed checkpoints until the last hours of the war. U.S. troops were at their door. Now, the brothers traffic in the "once-vast Baath arsenal of stolen weapons. And they are not worried about American intervention."

"They can't search millions of houses in Baghdad," Ahmed Al-Rawi said of U.S. troops.

As the American-led interim administration begins the colossal task of reining in thousands upon thousands of armaments, there is little indication that it will make a dent in lawless Iraq.

Starting Sunday, Iraqis will have a two-week amnesty to turn in their heavy weapons. Small arms—including rifles, shotguns and pistols—will be allowed in homes and businesses but cannot be transferred or discharged in public.

U.S. authorities do not call their efforts a "disarmament." That is hardly realistic, they say, given that most Iraqis have guns not far from their sides. Iraqis seeking law and order complain that the ban penalizes well-intending militias and



An Iraqi policeman, foreground, holds a person who shot into the air during a wedding on Thursday while U.S. Military Police officers assist in the arrest, in Baghdad. Two people with the wedding party used their AK-47's in celebration, prompting U.S. military police and Iraqi police to arrive at the scene, arrest them and confiscate the two assault rifles.

allows powerful AK-47s to remain in the hands of thugs.

Still, the Americans hope to curb the persistent gunfire in the streets and prevent a host of armed groups from roaming Iraq in the

name of one cause or another.

The Americans are offering no economic incentives, relying instead on the threat of detention of violators and the altruism of Iraqis who want the nightlong

sounds of gunfire to end.

"This is a weapons control policy," said Lt. Gen. David McKiernan, commander of U.S. ground forces in Iraq. "It is not practical or necessary to remove all

arms in Iraq."

The Americans, though, are focusing on collecting heavy artillery that is mostly in the hands of Saddam Hussein's former cronies, outlaws and smugglers. In

the past week, five Americans soldiers died and more than a dozen were wounded in attacks by Iraqis firing mostly rocket-propelled grenades.

"We're just trying to get them off the streets, out of the hands of armed groups," U.S. Col. Rick Thomas said of the arms.

But in a country with no government, where records have been burned or looted, no one has any idea of the quantity of weapons on the streets, let alone how to find many of them.

Under Saddam's tough policies, most Iraqis did not have access to guns. His armies, however, had a hodgepodge of weapons bought from Russia and the Eastern Bloc nations and taken in wars with Iran and Kuwait. Many were old and in miserable shape, save for the modern equipment given to the elite Republican Guard.

After U.S. troops took control of Baghdad, looters and thieves grabbed tens of thousands of weapons from government arsenals, Americans estimate. Remnants of Saddam's forces apparently collected the best guns and artillery hidden before the war.

Gun markets sprang up all over Baghdad, where a hand grenade could be bought for less than the price of a sack of flour. In some schools, classes still cannot start because the rooms are filled with cartons of weapons stashed by Saddam's armies.

U.S. soldiers have found more than 500 caches since the end of the war — a small fraction of the remaining storeshouses, they said. In Tikrit, in Saddam's home region, 50,000 weapons were found in a palace complex in April.

Doubts grow over reasons for U.S. involvement in Iraq

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Some of President Bush's top advisers, who had hoped the war in Iraq would be the turning point in the battle against terrorism and the centerpiece of the president's re-election campaign, fear it is instead becoming a political, diplomatic and military mess.

"The postwar period in Iraq is messy. We haven't found what we said we'd find there and there are unpleasant questions about assumptions we made and intelligence we had," said one senior official, who spoke only on the condition of anonymity. "If many more months go by and our troops are still there, the Iraqis are still fighting each other and us and we still haven't found any WMD (weapons of mass destruction), there will be hell to pay."

The situation in Iraq could rebound quickly, especially if U.S. forces can restore electric power, water, health care and other services to the population, revive the nation's battered oil industry and unite the country's feuding Kurds, Shiites, Sunnis and tribesmen into some sort of civil authority.

But for now, U.S. troops in Iraq are becoming the targets of anger and ambushes instead of being greeted as liberators, as some Pentagon officials had expected. Twelve Americans died this week from enemy action and accidents, and some of their civilian leaders now privately admit that the relatively small force that quickly overwhelmed the Iraqi military is too small to restore order in a nation the size of California.

The U.S. attempt to hand the country over to an Iraqi civilian administration isn't faring much better, and Bush is expected to meet with L. Paul Bremer III, the top U.S. civilian in Iraq, (later on Wednesday) to discuss overhauling the American administration in Baghdad for the second time in a month. A top U.S. official on Friday said that Bremer's predecessor, retired Army Gen. Jay Garner, had failed, adding: "We lost a month because of Garner."

A growing number of critics in Congress and some within the government now suspect that a third program, potentially the most serious of all, helps to explain the unexpected military and political difficulties.

Each of the administration's public rationale for the war and much of its planning for both the war and its aftermath, these critics say, appears to have been based on fabricated or exaggerated intelligence that was fed to civilian officials in the Pentagon by the United States to put Saddam

Hussein.

The critics' intelligence network, intelligence officials said, told Pentagon officials that, among other things, many Iraqi Shiites would welcome American troops as liberators, that some key Iraqi generals would surrender their entire units and that Saddam had sent a key operative to work with a small militant Islamic group, Ansar al Islam, that had ties to al-Qaida.

Officials in the CIA, the Defense Intelligence Agency and the State Department all warned repeatedly that past experience with the critics led by Ahmed

Chalabi and his Iraqi National Congress, indicated that the intelligence they provided was unreliable at best.

But Iraqi defectors produced by the INC and other intelligence supplied by the group got a ready hearing in two important places: a special intelligence group set up by Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Douglas Feith, and The New York Times.

The INC, said U.S. intelligence officials, bypassed the skeptics in the CIA and DIA and fed the same information about Iraqi weapons of mass destruction and links to al-Qaida to both places so Pentagon officials would confirm what the newspaper was hearing and the nation's most powerful newspaper would confirm what the Pentagon was hearing.

An internal Times e-mail reported by The Washington Post said Chalabi "has provided most of the front-page exclusives on WMD to our paper" and added that a team of U.S. troops searching for chemical and biological weapons in Iraq was "using Chalabi's intel (intelligence) and document network for its own WMD work."

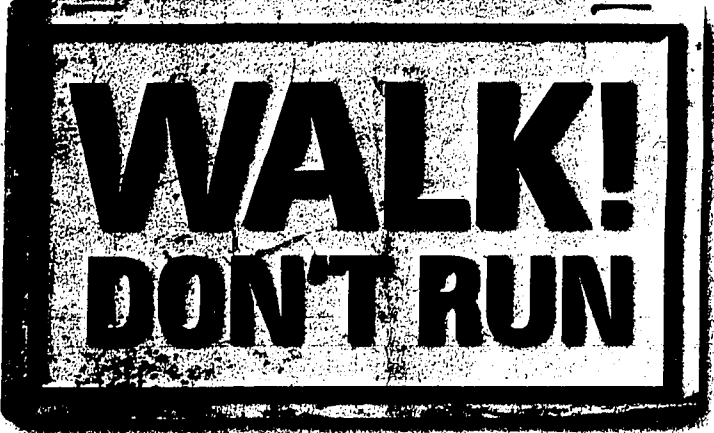
Doubts about the administration's assertion that Saddam had hidden stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons and established ties to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist organization have been growing almost daily since the war ended, as U.S. troops have failed to find either weapons or any ties to terrorism.

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EDITORIAL

Right-to-work law fuels Idaho's economic rise

As if Idaho didn't have enough to worry about during an economic stagnation, a north Idaho labor organization wants to turn the state's economic clock back two decades.

The North Idaho Central Labor Council of Coeur d'Alene is sponsoring a ballot initiative to repeal the state's right-to-work law, which Idaho voters approved in 1986.

The initiative's chances of success are minute. Repealing right to work would be economic suicide for Idaho's drive to attract new employers and industries.

The right-to-work law says workers cannot be forced to join a labor union as a condition of employment. That simple idea has unleashed the most significant era of growth in the state's history.

Idaho joined the ranks of right-to-work states after political battles that spanned decades. A key event was the infamous Bunker Hill episode of 1982, when Silver Valley miners agreed to wage cutbacks and other concessions in an effort to save their plant. They were overruled by national steelworkers union officials in Pittsburgh. Union membership declined drastically after that.

A few years later, Idaho's Legislature overrode the veto of then-Democratic Gov. John Evans to pass right-to-work legislation. A union challenge forced a statewide vote, and Idahoans endorsed the law by a 54-46 majority—despite a nasty, union-funded publicity campaign.

Since that passage, unions have slammed the law as a surrender to corporations and a kick in the teeth to workers. The truth, however, is the opposite. Idaho's job market boomed after right to work went into effect.

Some details:
• Manufacturing jobs: Manufacturing employment

increased 40.3 percent in Idaho from 1987 to 1998. That increase ranked fifth nationally, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce.

• High-tech jobs: The rise of the microchip industry led to a 95 percent increase in that same time span, according to the Idaho Department of Labor. This was in spite of cutbacks at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

• Unemployment: The state's jobless rate was 8.7 percent in 1986. Today, though Idaho population grew 31 percent in the 1990s, unemployment is 5.5 percent. Those numbers testify to robust job creation.

Critics of right to work complain that Idaho's wages are lower than the national average. But that argument ignores the impressive growth in Idaho's personal income. Idaho's total personal income increased 114 percent from 1987 to 1998, ranking sixth nationally in rate of change, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

On a per-capita basis, personal income grew 72 percent in those years, the nation's 16th fastest rate of change, the bureau reports. We're gaining ground rapidly.

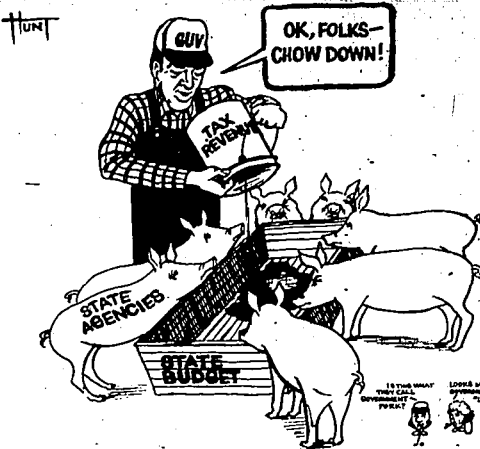
Locally, Magic Valley economic development leaders asked Atlanta-based Lockheed-Greiner three years ago to evaluate the region's strengths and weaknesses for corporate recruiting. The consultants' list of strengths included excellent labor-management relations and a right-to-work labor policy.

The numbers show a steady pattern of growth that should not be toyed with. That means keeping Idaho a right-to-work state.

The initiative campaign is nothing more than wishful nostalgia for the good ol' days of Joe Hill. Voters know repealing the law would be a bad economic move.

Our view: Repealing Idaho's right-to-work law would reverse years of economic progress in the state.

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



Good tax cuts boost economy

ED FEULNER

The president's economic strategy has made our modest level of growth possible. A study from The Heritage Foundation's Ronald Utt notes that our economy grew twice as fast last years as the European Union's. That's even more impressive if you consider the unique challenges our economy faces.

Congress and President Bush finally have a tax cut everyone can agree on. OK, almost everyone. After all, we've been hearing throughout the entire debate from some pundits and politicians who never met a tax cut they couldn't denounce.

Especially the one Congress approved in 2001. Only part of it has gone into effect, but that hasn't stopped tax-cut foes from using it as Exhibit #1 in their latest crusade.

"The Bush tax cuts have failed," Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., said recently. "They are not making the economy better, they are not helping people get jobs." Adds New York Times columnist Paul Krugman: "It's clear that the administration's tax-cut obsession isn't just busting the budget. It's also indirectly destroying jobs by preventing any national response to a weak economy."

Ironically, though, the president's economic strategy has made our modest level of growth possible. A study from The Heritage Foundation's Ronald Utt notes that our economy grew twice as fast last year as the European Union's.

That's even more impressive if you consider the unique challenges our economy faces. The stock market bubble that popped on Wall Street in 2000 was worse than in Europe. Then the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 hit us—hard.

Despite that, our Canada and Australia enjoyed more robust growth than the United States did in 2002. And let's not forget that Canada's economy is really an outgrowth of ours and that it gets a boost because we absorb most of its exports, while Australia models its relatively low-tax economy after America's.

True, a one-year snapshot proves little, but when Utt ana-

lyzed economic performance over longer periods of time, he found essentially the same trend. France's experience is typical: Citizens there have seen their buying power decline relative to America's over the past two decades—a period during which France embarked upon an aggressive tax-and-spend policy. Today, taxes in France consume more than 45 percent of the national economic output, compared to about 29 percent in the United States.

Yes, unemployment in America is up slightly. The jobless rate rose by one-tenth of 1 percent last year, and we must work to

change that. However, in the Euro Zone (the 12 countries that share Europe's single currency) unemployment soared by six-tenths of 1 percent. Clearly, the 2001 tax cut is helping us hold the line by creating the jobs necessary to replace most of the ones we're losing.

To see if he's right, we need look no further than France and Germany, two high tax countries with national health care. The French economy grew barely half as much as ours did in 2002, and unemployment climbed to 9.2 percent. Even that anemic growth is better than Germany's. The economy there practically stood still last year (a growth rate of one-half of 1 percent) while unemployment climbed to 10.6 percent.

Higher taxes and more government spending aren't the answer. Remember that, for years, while high-tax Europe struggled and free-spending Japan suffered, the American economy soared, pulling the rest of the world with it.

The worldwide downturn has finally slowed us down, and trimming taxes is the way to get us back on track.

Good tax cuts boost our economy by encouraging people to work, save and invest. Our growth since 2001 proves it, and our future growth depends on it. With the 2001 cut fully in place and an even better one on the way this year, our economy will remain the envy of the rest of the world.

Ed Feulner is the president of The Heritage Foundation, a Washington-based public policy research institute.

History shows voters pass tax overrides

May 22, The Associated Press, dateline Coeur d'Alene, reported, in part, "Voters in northern Idaho Tuesday overwhelmingly supported the measures which will bring them higher property taxes. The votes reflected what a number of legislators predicted would be a shift back to the property tax to support public education in response to state funding cuts." The article then listed 14 northern school districts which had passed overrides. The Coeur d'Alene override "... was necessary to maintain current programs and make up for \$2 million lost in state funding cuts."

READER COMMENT
Sen. Laird Noh.

While none of the appropriation bills for schools directly impose property tax increases, history to us that in these circumstances, the public usually turns to overrides to maintain public school programs. This may be even more likely today as districts are struggling to meet new federal and state mandates such as administering additional testing requirements, upgrading qualifications for teacher aides, ensuring that teachers are qualified to teach in the subject area to which they are assigned—including such subjects as math and physics. May 23, The Utah Department of Education announced it would cost \$43 million just to offer the federally required tutoring services for elementary students who are below grade level in reading.

All of these are important, worthy goals, but there are no free lunches. And no free math teachers, either. Other legislation approved during the past session, unrelated to schools, will likely shift property taxes from some classes of payers to others.

With all local government budgets limited to a 3 percent increase per year, any reduction in property values or payments for one is shifted to all others.

The so-called Micron bill allows corporations with inadequate net income to benefit from certain income tax credits for capital equipment to shift the cost of the benefit to other property tax payers.

This provision should have limited application but constitutes a major change in tax policy by requiring property tax payers to pick up the cost of benefits for corporate income taxpayers.

Of wider concern is the so-called Idaho Power bill (unrelated to the recent reassessment of Amalgamated Sugar facilities) which shifts the burden of proof in appeals of property values from the protestant to the tax commission.

Counties with utility assets or railroads are numerous and any major reduction in the value of this class of property can result in substantive increases for others. While this may change in long-term, tax policy has popular appeal in the real world it will have little benefit to the average property owner who cannot afford the high legal and consultant costs of taking the tax commission to court. Not so for others who stand to gain millions from one legal challenge which, if successful, will then be paid by others.

While taxes paid by important Idaho businesses should be competitive with other states, there are ways to achieve this goal without shifting the burden to other businesses and individuals in the form of higher property taxes.

Sen. Laird Noh, R-Idaho, has served in the Idaho House of Representatives for 24 years in Twin Falls County. Serving his 12th term in the 2003 Legislature, he is chairman of the Resources and Environment Committee and also served on the Agriculture and Education committees.

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Health care reform won't be ignored in '04, thanks to group

The clearest dynamic to emerge from the opening stage of the battle for the Democratic presidential nomination is the rise of health care as the defining issue in the contest. This is hardly a surprise to those of us who have been out talking with voters. Few living-room conversations proceed very far without the cost, the quality and the availability of health insurance coming to the fore.

What is less understood is that a similar dynamic is operating in the business world. It is this factor which is likely to prod President Bush into joining the Democratic dialogue on the best way to expand access to health care in this country.

While at least four of the Democratic hopefuls have offered major health plans, the administration is inclined to resist discussing or proposing any comprehensive health insurance reform. It prefers to take a smaller but still significant step, by adding some form of prescription drug benefit to an overhauled Medicare system. Its tax cuts have left no money in the Treasury for major expansion of health care coverage and, of course, it resists the Democrats' proposals for rolling back some or all of the Bush tax



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cuts to pay for programs that would bring more Americans adequate health insurance.

But a diverse group recently made the case that the cost of inaction on major health reform is much higher than any of the budgetary costs associated with a major overhaul of the system.

The National Coalition on Health Care paraded a variety of private-sector leaders—the president of the Communications Workers union, the head of the giant California public employee retirement system known as CalPERS, the president of the 35-million-member American Association of Retired Persons—to testify that as CalPERS' Sean Harrigan put it, "fixing our dysfunctional health care system ... needs to be our top priority."

What was particularly striking was to hear that same view from the heads of several of America's major corporations. James Rogers, the chairman and

chief executive officer of Cinergy Corp., the energy giant, said it is "currently spending \$10,000 per full-time employee on health care" and with present trends, that figure will double every five years. "This liability absorbs huge amounts of our income and capital—dollars we could be using for other priorities."

Carlos Gutierrez, chairman and CEO of Kellogg Corp., said, "Our health care costs were up nearly 30 percent last year alone ... 10 times faster than our U.S. sales and 20 times higher than the projected increases for our raw materials and packaging."

William Daley, former secretary of commerce and now president of SBC Communications Inc., said, "The present course we are following is unsustainable. Employers can't continue to absorb double-digit increases in health care spending, year after year. Last year, his company's health care costs rose by 17 percent—about \$250 million—while it was cutting costs elsewhere to reduce overall spending by \$1.5 billion."

These firms are all members of the National Coalition on Health Care, a bipartisan organization whose honorary co-chairmen are former Presidents

Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford. The organization has not endorsed a specific plan, but its message is clear: Unless the approach is comprehensive, it is unlikely to head off this looming catastrophe. Its principles call for universal health insurance as a first step toward controlling costs and ending the cost-shifting that burdens policyholders and their employers for the uncompensated costs of those who show up at hospitals and emergency rooms without insurance.

A comprehensive reform would also aim at improved quality, by emphasizing preventive medicine and carefully measuring the value of various treatments, and would simplify the overly complex system of financing and administration we know today.

Is such a system feasible? The answer, all these hard-headed businessmen say, is yes. It is not only possible but necessary. Optimistically, according to the coalition's best estimates, the average annual premium for employer-sponsored family health coverage may reach \$14,545 in 2006, more than double the average premium in 2001, and the number of uninsured Americans will grow by 10

million to more than 51 million. That's why this is much more than a Democratic nomination fight issue.

CORRECTION:
In a column for release May 14, I wrote that at one point in his career, Karl Rove was working on a doctoral thesis on the emergence of the Republican South. He was teaching a seminar at the LBJ School of the University of Texas and writing on the subject, but it was not a doctoral thesis.

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

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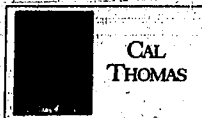
We've been force-fed lies about biotech food

If Americans need another reason to increasingly doubt certain European governments that undermined American policy to liberate Iraq from the mass murderer Saddam Hussein, here is one. Those same governments are not only opposing the sending of donated American biotechnology food to starving African nations, they are spreading disinformation and lies so that African governments will not accept any.

In a May 21 speech to graduates of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., President George W. Bush "told" the Europeans when he accused them of perpetuating starvation in Africa by lying about biotech food and subsidizing their agricultural exports that preventing poor nations from developing their own crops. The United States has filed a lawsuit with the World Trade Organization, complaining about the European ban on biotechnology crops.

Former Rep. Tony Hall (D-Ohio), who now serves as the U.S. ambassador to the U.N. Mission to the U.N. Agencies for Food and Agriculture in Rome, tells me, "Any leader who denies food to their people and they die deserves to be brought up on charges of crimes against humanity in the world's highest court."

Hall, who championed the cause of the hungry in Congress with mixed results (his



CAL THOMAS

Congressional Hunger Commission was eliminated a decade ago, and Hall went on a 22-day hunger strike to get it reauthorized), says that the European media are helping to spread fear and lies to African nations so that they refuse our food aid.

Among the myths being spread are that Americans won't eat the biotechnology food they want Africans to eat. Not true. Hall says 80 percent of the U.S. soybean crop and 33 percent of the corn crop are now biologically engineered. "Whether it's corn-on-the-cob, soy sauce, canola cooking oil or flit, we have been consuming biotechnology foods regularly since 1996 ... all with no ill effects," says Hall.

Another myth perpetuated by Europeans and their media is that biotech foods have not been adequately tested for safety. Hall says, in fact, foods that come from commercially produced biotechnology crops in the United States "have met rigorous safety standards - the most rigorous in the world."

What about the charge from

Europeans and their media that this isn't really about the hungry, but about enriching multinational companies and the biotech industry? Hall says food research has been a collaborative effort of land grant colleges, private foundations and some corporations, much of which is directed at helping poor nations with starving people feed themselves. Why would other countries oppose such a magnanimous humanitarian effort unless their own greed got in the way?

While the United States is preoccupied with terrorism and the relatively few who have died from it (compared to the toll taken by starvation around the world where many live on \$2 a day and one of three children is affected by malnutrition), a different kind of terrorism stalks the poor nations of Africa. New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof has raised our awareness with some profound and timely columns from poor African nations.

In a May 23 column, Kristof wrote, "In the best of circumstances, about 100,000 boys and girls ... will die of malnutrition-related ailments this year in Ethiopia. If the drought continues and the West doesn't provide more assistance, the number of deaths will rise to several hundred thousand more."

There may not be much that can be done about the drought,

but there is plenty that can be done about starvation if the Europeans will stop lying about biotech and their media will report the truth.

U.S. Trade Representative Robert B. Zoellick wrote in the May 21 Wall Street Journal that European food policy in Africa is having a "dangerous effect." He said, "some famine-stricken African countries refused U.S. food because of fabricated fears - stoked by irresponsible rhetoric - about food safety."

President Bush should continue to shame the Europeans and force them and their media to confront the consequences of what they are doing in Africa. As Hall suggests, this is nothing less than genocide, and there are laws against such things and consequences for breaking them, aren't there?

Cal Thomas is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

LETTERS

Remove air bags from cars and save lives

Several years ago, we were told that when air bags were deployed that seat belts would not be required. The current "click it or ticket" campaign is an admission that air bags don't work and are dangerous.

Let's get back to a time when we could decide where our children could sit in our cars. I think that it is time for the air bag mandate to end. Let's get these killers out of our lives. This would reduce the price of new cars. Car companies make an extra profit from the inclusion of air bags in the purchase price. The cost of repairing a car in

which the air bags have deployed has driven up the cost of insurance.

It's time to put this money back in the pockets of the consumers to spend as they wish.

CHARLIE ROSENTHAL
Twin Falls

City repair crew came through for resident

On May 22, the city of Twin Falls Water Department came to my street to fix a leak in the water line running under the road between my house and my neighbor's house. They arrived around 7:30 a.m. and began tearing a hole in my lawn, the street and my neighbor's lawn. I

thought, "Oh, no!"

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I would like to commend this crew for their great work, professional conduct and tidiness in their cleanup.

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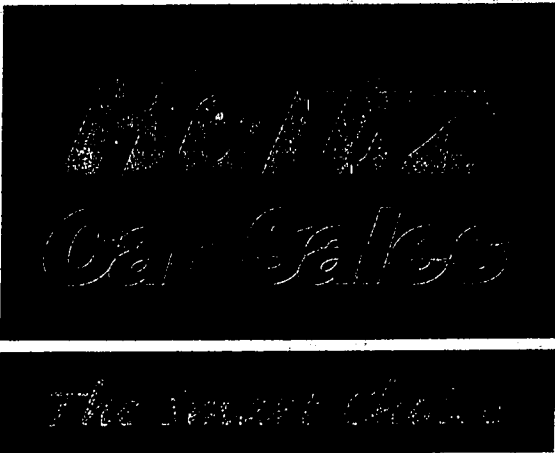
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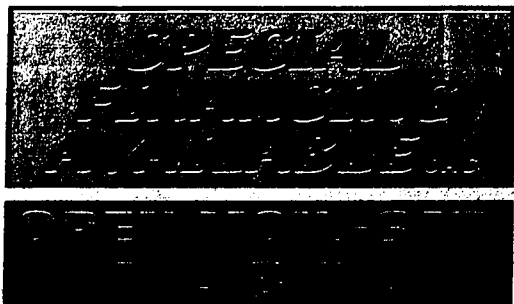
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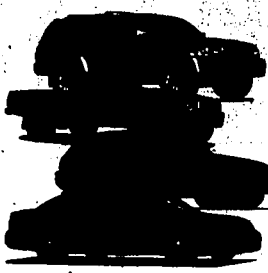


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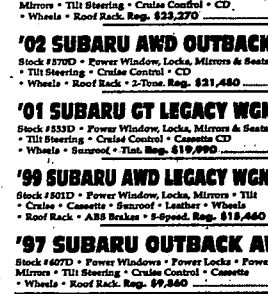


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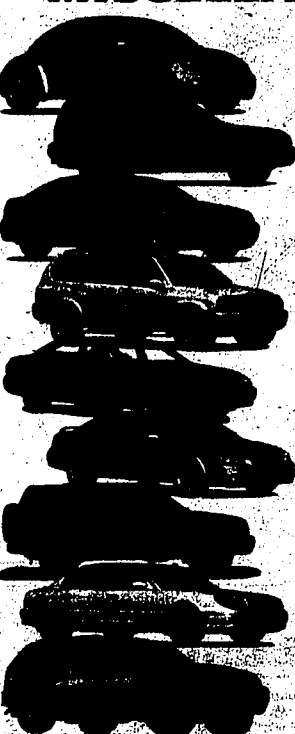
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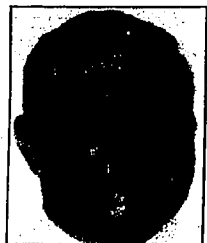
In addition to the competitive events, contestants participated Saturday in the annual Western Days Parade and autograph session and fashion show at Twin Falls City Park.

Dressed in the class colors of silver and black, Buhi High School graduates of 2003 proudly march into the gymnasium to receive their diplomas, keeping in mind the class motto, "With every ending, there is a new beginning."

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BURLEY



Dr. Paul M. Nestor

Dr. Paul Michael Nestor, a 69-year-old resident of Burley, died Thursday, May 29, 2003, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

He was born January 25, 1934, in Shenandoah Heights, Pennsylvania, the son of Michael and Emma Elizabeth Wyszowski Nestor. He was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and of the Logan Chiropractic College in St. Louis, Missouri. He later did post graduate work in Radiology, Nutrition, and Chiropractic. He married Dorothy H. Zabodyn on January 7, 1961, in the Messiah Lutheran Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

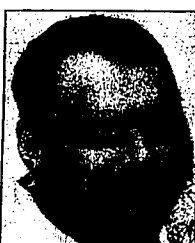
Dr. Nestor was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Burley. He was a charter member of Guardian Ad Litem, and was past member of the Idaho Association of Chiropractic Physicians, and of the Board of Examiners of Chiropractic Physicians. He was also a 48-year member of the Masonic Chander Lodge, No. 227, F & A M.

Paul was an avid lifetime hunter and fisherman. He was a master craftsman of bamboo fly rods, and was a lifetime breeder of rare breeds of pigeons. One of his greatest joys in life was enjoying the outdoors with his loved ones. He was a loving husband, father, and an adoring grandfather. His family was his life and loved his presence will surround us forever.

He is survived by his wife and best friend, Dorothy "Dotter" Nestor of Burley; two children, John Michael (Terri) Nestor of Battle Mountain, Nevada, and Alicia Jo (Joe Bill) Robertson of Buhl, Idaho; and three grandchildren, Kelsey Nestor, DarbyLee Robertson, and Kaitlyn Nestor. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 3, 2003, at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Avenue, with the Reverend Don Wright officiating. Burial, with military rites, will be at Gorm Memorial Gardens. Friends may call at Ramsey Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, on Monday, from 6 until 8 p.m.

BURLEY



Von Reese Jones

Von Reese Jones, 28-year-old Arizona and former Burley resident, died Sunday, May 25, 2003, in a rafting accident on the Middle Fork above Stanley.

He was born July 29, 1975, in Burley, the son of Tom and Anita Engstrom Jones. He attended local schools and graduated from Burley High School in 1994, where he was actively involved in golf, football and wrestling. Von graduated from ITT - Boise, in 1996, in Computer Aided Drafting before moving to Phoenix, Arizona, to begin his career. At the time of his death, he was employed by Swift Transportation of Phoenix. He had been with the company for six years as a Fleet Manager.

Von was an accomplished artist, and his work included all mediums, from sketching to charcoal, to oils. His collections of art brought happiness to many friends. Von cherished his family. Von was very goal oriented. His business dealings and personal goals were in order. His success in his financial dealings represented the type of person Von was. He shared and provided for his family members as well as his many friends. Von had a pure heart and a gentle soul. He loved babies and children, especially his six nephews. He had a special sense of humor. His family brought joy and laughter to his family and friends. He was always the life of the party up to and including his last trip with his family. His honesty was his greatest attribute in business transactions and family relationships. Von was known as

being a man of his word.

Survivors include his parents, Tom and Anita Jones of Burley; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Maxine Engstrom of Burley; his paternal grandparents, Ross and Lorraine Jones of Burley; his siblings, Tom (Toni) Jones of Boise, Leighton Jones of Burley, and Matt (Amy) Kramer of San Juan, California; six nephews, Troy, Tyler, Tanner, Trenton, Brian and Seth; and Von also had the love of many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was greatly missed and never forgotten.

Memorial Tribute and Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Monday, June 2, 2003, at St. Theresa's Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Avenue in Burley, with Father Boniface Lautz and Mitch Alred, co-officiating. The family requests that any donations be made to the Idaho Youth Ranch. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main Street in Burley.

RUPERT



David Graf

David Graf passed away at 1:45 a.m. on Thursday, May 29, 2003, surrounded by his family.

He was born on November 21, 1924, in Sugar City, Idaho, the son of Henry and Maria Bischoff Graf. David grew up in several locations and was one of fourteen children. He married Virginia Chesley and they had six children. In 1946, he served World War II as a construction equipment mechanic. After serving his country, he moved to Arco, Idaho, to farm and help his in-laws. In 1955, he participated in the "luck of the draw" raffle where he drew land on the north side of Rupert. While there, he was known for having one of the best looking farms and was always eager to lend a helping hand to neighbors. When Dave wasn't farming, he also was a mechanic and soon developed a very good reputation. He was involved with his children's activities and served as a volunteer scout leader.

In 1975, he married Elsie Day and resided in Washington, for 19 years. Dave and Elsie loved to travel and were seen often in their motor home going to new places. They took pride in showing off their motor home and loved to have family share in their trips.

In 1994, they moved to Salmon, Idaho, where he lived until recently moving to his daughter's home in Paul, Idaho.

David was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. He loved spending time outdoors working in his yard and seeing his family. He will be missed by all who knew him. We will miss his silly facial expressions which he was known to give, his gentle smile, and his love ways. See you soon, we love you.

David is survived by his wife, Elsie Graf of Washington; two sons, Robert D. Graf and Veri E. Graf of Salt Lake City, Utah; four daughters: Gertie (Tony) Jolley of Paul, Idaho; Becky (Gary) Motta of Davenport, Washington; Merri (Bill) Rees; and Virginia (Dorrie) Bell of Burley, Idaho; two step-sons: Ned (Jan) Day of Smith, Alabama; and Linn Day of Washington; three brothers: Richard, Art, and Eddie; two sisters: Lily and Kay; 18 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers: Fred, George, Henry, John, and Reinhardt; and three sisters: Momi, Paula, and Peggy; and one grandson.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 2, 2003, at the Ramsey Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, with the Reverend Herb C. Whitaker officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call at Ramsey Funeral Home on Sunday, from 6 until 7 p.m., and on Monday, from 1 until 1:45 p.m.

POCATELLO



Ella Edith Hansen

Ella Edith Johnson Hansen, 78, passed away Wednesday, May 28, 2003, at a local medical center.

She was born April 16, 1925, in Glens Ferry, Idaho, to Hugh F. and Ida Anna Maria Krahn Johnson. Ella married Howard Ray Hansen Jr. September 12, 1944, in Glens Ferry, Idaho. They were blessed with five children, four girls and a son. She was a loving wife and mother devoting her time to raising her family.

She belonged to the Glens Ferry VFW Auxiliary, past president of the Senior Citizens China Painter, and the German Ladies Club in Pocatello, Idaho. She was a member of the Gate City Baptist Church in Pocatello and the Glens Ferry Baptist Church in Glens Ferry, Idaho. She enjoyed china painting, gardening, and was very proud of her flower gardens on Iris Street. She loved spending time with her family, dancing at the Five Mile Inn with friends and doing genealogy on her German heritage.

Ella is survived by her daughters, Corinne Rae Hansen of Pocatello, Sharon Ann (James) Hutson of Highland, IN, Gloria Jean (James) Plost, Boise, ID, Edie Diane (Scott) Richardson, Pocatello, a daughter-in-law, Diane Carnahan Hansen, Pocatello; grandchildren, Cynthia Harmon (Andrew) Gustavson, Randall C. (Heather) Harmon, JoAnne Hutson (Kevin) Cox, Jacki Hutson, Lance Ogren, Gina Ogren, and Corinne Hansen; a special niece, Susan Overand and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, son, Ray Hansen Jr.; her parents, and brothers, Claude Ernest Johnson and Lester Hugh Johnson.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, June 2, 2003, at Colonial Funeral Chapel, 205 S. 4th Ave., Pocatello, with Larry Maxwell officiating. The viewing will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday, June 1, at the funeral home and one hour prior service on Monday. Burial will follow at 7 p.m. at the Glens Ferry Cemetery in Glens Ferry, Idaho. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Ray Hansen Jr. scholarship fund for graduating seniors of Glens Ferry High School through Citizens Community Bank.

WALLA WALLA, WASH.

Carl Louis Owsley

Carl Louis Owsley, 79, of Walla Walla, Wash., died May 27, 2003, at his home.

Carl Owsley was born January 22, 1924, in Hagerman, Idaho, to Myron Henry and Helen V. Grindley Owsley. He was born and raised in Hagerman, Idaho. He attended grade school in Hagerman, Idaho, and graduated from high school there. Then he attended radar school in the military. On September 1, 1944, in Madison, Wisconsin, he married his high school sweetheart, Lila Sevey. After serving in the Army Air Corp, he returned to Hagerman and ran a service station until moving to Walla Walla in 1957. In Walla Walla, he ran a service station until going to work for Garrett Freightlines in 1960. After returning on April 1, 1968, he ran a small farm. He enjoyed riding horses, watching old western movies and all sporting events on TV.

He is survived by his wife, Lila Owsley, one daughter, Carla Phillips of The Dalles, Ore.; one son, Gary Owsley, Chief of Walla Walla; one brother, Herbert (Coralee) Owsley of Federal Way, Wash.; four grandchildren, Darin (Linda) Phillips of Salem, Ore., Debbie (Don) Mooney of Walla Walla, Mandy (Matt) Stevens of Walla Walla and Megan (Chris) Long of Walla Walla; three great-grandchildren, John Phillips of Salem, Ore., Emma Phillips of Salem, Ore., and Carl Long of Walla Walla; one aunt, Opal Abney of Clarkston, Wash.; numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Marvin Owsley, Alvin Owsley and Thomas Owsley; and a son-in-law, Melvin Phillips.

The memorial service was held Saturday, May 31, 2003, at Chapel of the Heart Funeral Home with the Rev. Robin Peterson of College Place Presbyterian Church officiating. Interment followed at Elm Mountain Memorial Gardens, Garden of Peace.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Walla Walla Community College Rodeo Program or a charity of your choice. Contributions may be sent to Heming Grace Hospice, 315 W. Alder, Walla Walla, WA 99362.

Shooting at convenience store claims three

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Three people were shot to death early Saturday morning while sitting in a running car at a convenience store, police said.

The three, two men and a woman whose names haven't been released, were in their 20s and from the Salt Lake valley,

said police Captain Mark Peck. Police have no suspects and no motive for the shooting.

"We're still in the preliminary investigation, and I have no doubt we'll develop something on this," Peck said.

The car was backed into a parking space at the convenience

store in west Salt Lake City at 3 a.m. Saturday when witnesses reported hearing between three and seven shots.

Witnesses also allegedly saw a car drive away quickly.

No one has stepped forward who saw the shooting, Captain Peck said.

SERVICES

Gustav A. Eklund of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Mary Gloria Callahan of Kimberly, prayer vigil with rosary at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church; funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Edward's; private family burial at Sunset Memorial Park (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Wesley Eugene 'Abe' McCoy of Castleford, service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl; interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; friends may call from 2-4 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Leona M. Jagels of Buhl, celebration of life service at 11 a.m. Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1125 Poplar, Buhl (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

O.C. 'Mac' McNeal of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Catherine Montgomery Lewis of Idaho Falls, public celebration of life from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at the Magic Valley Elementary School in Idaho Falls (Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel).

DEATH

NOTICES

Inez E. Larsen

BUHL — Inez Elaine Larsen, 46, of Buhl, died Friday, May 30, 2003, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 3, 2003, at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Friends may call from 2-7 p.m. Monday at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Dale R. Bennett

SHOSHONE — Dale R. Bennett, 56, of Shoshone, died Friday, May 30, 2003, at the Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 4, 2003, at the First Baptist Church in Shoshone. Interment will be held at the Shoshone Cemetery. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Shoshone Chapel.

Adonna C. Boyer

RICHFIELD — Adonna Carolyn Boyer, 18, of Richfield, died Friday, May 30, 2003, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident north of Shoshone.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Shoshone Chapel.

William 'Bill' McGraw

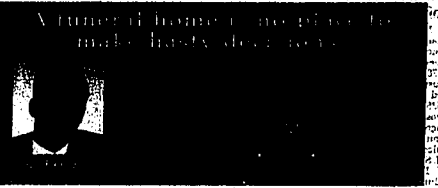
GLENN'S FERRY — William 'Bill' McGraw, 81, of Glens Ferry, died Thursday, May 29, 2003, at his home.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 3, 2003, at the Lutheran Church in Mountain Home. Burial will follow at the Glenn Rest Cemetery in Glens Ferry. Arrangements are under the direction of Summers Funeral Homes, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

Francis L. Engelhardt

MOUNTAIN HOME — Francis 'Shorty' L. Engelhardt, 75, of Mountain Home, died Saturday, May 31, 2003, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Summers Funeral Homes, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.



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wishes to thank his many friends for the cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy and other kindnesses following the loss of our loved one!

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TWIN FALLS COUNTY COURTS

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS—Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included the following:

Driving under the influence sentences

Thomas G. Seal, 46, 3709 Vista Grande Lane, Twin Falls, driving under the influence, \$500 fine with \$200 suspended; \$750 court costs; 90 days in jail with 90 days' driving privileges suspended; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; attend court alcohol school; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Steven L. Glass, 35, 321 12th Ave. N., Buhl, driving under the influence, pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$750 court costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; attend court alcohol school; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; Magistrate Judge Howard Snyder.

Cal Hutchinson, 18, 758 Jefferson, Apt. C, Twin Falls, one count driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$750 court costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; attend court alcohol school; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; one count open container; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Howard Snyder.

Oleg D. Turner, 46, 712 12th Ave. N., Buhl, driving under the influence, excessive alcohol; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$750 court costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; attend court alcohol school; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; comply with recommendations of alcohol evaluation; Magistrate Judge Howard Snyder.

Mik Lee Christiansen, 46, 659 Eastland Drive S., Twin Falls, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$750 court costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; attend court alcohol school; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; prosecutor, William R. Holtzclaw; Magistrate Judge Howard Snyder.

Misdemeanor dismissals

Carmen Elaine Miller, 39, 353 Elder Ave. W., Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Felony sentences

Laci Dawn Burkhardt, 19, 108 Sunset Circle, Buhl, possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine; pleaded guilty; four years' penitentiary, two years' determinate; 90 days' detention; 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Department of Corrections; \$1,000 fine with \$500 suspended; \$38.50 court costs; \$200 restitution; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Robert J. Connell, 19, Space No. 2, Stockden, Idaho City, possession of a stolen vehicle; pleaded guilty; five years' penitentiary, two years' determinate, two years' indeterminate; judge retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Department of Corrections; \$1,000 fine with \$500 suspended; \$38.50 court costs; \$200 restitution; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Marcus W. Heck, 31, 250 W. 145 S., Jerome; possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; two years' probation; \$1,000 fine with \$500 suspended; \$38.50 court costs; \$200 restitution; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Jerome; possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; two years' probation; \$1,000 fine with \$500 suspended; \$38.50 court costs; \$200 restitution; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Felony dismissals

Deidre Wayne Brown, 30, 460 Elm, Castleford, possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine; dismissed by prosecutor; plea negotiations in progress; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Jason Ernesto Hernandez Perez, 26, 300 N. 4700 E., Murroughs, enhanced use of a deadly weapon; dismissed by prosecutor; plea negotiations in progress; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Juvenile arraignments

Sara Stevens, 16, 1995 Palatine Road E., Twin Falls; one count grand theft and one count petit theft; sentencing hearing June 10; Magistrate Judge John V. Borren.

Misdemeanor sentences

Cynthia Gail Houston, 23, 259 Pleasant Road, No. 66, Twin Falls, driving without privileges; amended to fail to purchase/unlawful driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 10 suspended; 10 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; Magistrate Judge Howard Snyder.

Robert R. Cranner, 23, 28 Rutte Drive, U.S. Highway 93, Jerome, littering; pleaded guilty; \$400 fine with \$300 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months' probation; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; eight months' sheriff's work detail; Magistrate Judge Howard Snyder.

David Duane Ross, 21, 429 N. 14th, Buhl, driving without privileges without owners consent; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 30 suspended.

Cherylann E. Geiger, 8, 22 Holly Lane, Twin Falls; battery; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing June 12; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borren.

Rory J. Winkler, 16, 2436 E. 4300 N., Piler; possession of a controlled substance, marijuana; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing June 12; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borren.

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Civil filings

The city of Twin Falls, a municipal corporation vs. Lawrence M. Vancil Jr. and Linda J. Vancil, husband and wife. Seeking judgment against the defendants finding them in violation of Twin Falls City Code and ordering them to cut the tall grass and/or weeds on their property and remove all junked and nonoperating motor vehicles and motor vehicle parts from their property; preliminary injunction enjoining defendants from storing junked and nonoperating motor vehicles and motor vehicle parts on their property; attorney's fees costs. Plaintiff alleges that the defendants are in violation of Twin Falls City Code by allowing their property to become overrun with weeds and junked vehicles.

Tina VanLeeuwen and Kirk VanLeeuwen, husband and wife, married and on behalf of the minor child, Quintin VanLeeuwen vs. Christopher Fry and Sallie Fry, husband and wife. Seeking judgment against the plaintiff for special damages including past economic loss, incidental and consequential damages, amounts to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff state that they filed defendant, Sallie Fry, to prevent their child while they were at work. Plaintiff alleges that defendant Christopher Fry violently and severely ill and otherwise abused the child and defendant Sallie Fry left the child in his care.

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Free workshops aim at helping families

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS—South Central Community Action Partnership is offering free, one-hour courses to help families.

The Partnership for Parents Program has scheduled a number of workshops in June at different locations around the Magic Valley. Area businesses will donate door prizes and Spanish translation will be provided at all meetings. For transportation and child-care information, call Julie at 733-9351, Ext. 3003.

Here is a rundown of what the program has scheduled:

• Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., West End Head Start Center, 230 N. 11th, Buhl — The Buhl Fire Department will present information on how to compile home emergency supply kits. The Twin Falls County Extension Office will present information on safe summer food handling.

• Monday, June 9, 6:30 p.m., Cassia Head Start Center, 800 E. 16th St., Burley — Participants will learn how to prepare their

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Blaine County grads achieve honors

By Karen Bonnick
Times-Herald correspondent

HAILEY — If Wood River High School graduates had any doubts about their future, they had only to look to the podium Friday night for reassurance.

Valedictorian Monique Lloyd was a virtual cheerleader cloaked in graduation robes as she spelled out the bright future she saw for her classmates.

"In 10 years I'm going to wake up in the morning and turn on the TV and watch Kyle Riser and Kelsea Bellantyne on the Today Show," said Lloyd, who plans to study pre-medicine at Denver University. "I pour Wheaties into my bowl and notice Kellen and Joni Chatterton on the cover. I go to my closet and pull out a pair of jeans designed by Erin Northrop. In the afternoon I stop in at Barrett Tabler's art gallery and buy a piece of art work for my new house. Then I watch Pia Shivdasani give her State of the Union address on TV.

"We have the opportunity to achieve anything right now!"

Counselor Donna Sipe handed out Kleenex and two parents held out big "SH" signs as the 148 seniors — the 28th and last class to graduate in the present building — filed into the gymnasium.

In addition to being that building's last class, you also are perhaps the best class Wood River has ever seen in terms of achievement. Principal Graham Hume told them.

Four seniors in addition to Lloyd had perfect grade point averages — Maureen Murphy,



Wood River High School valedictorian and class speaker Monique Lloyd makes a few last-minute adjustments before graduation ceremonies last week.

Whitney Richards, Pia Shivdasani and Michael Sinnott. And another handful had one "B" on their report cards — a track record that could have earned them valedictorian honors in another class.

What's more, the students achieved some remarkable things.

Shivdasani, for instance, was one of 150 young Americans named a Presidential Scholar. She also scored a perfect 800 on the English portion of her SATs.

Sinnott scored a perfect 800 on the math portion of his SATs, in addition to being a nationally ranked cross-country rider. Like Lloyd, French and German teacher Jean Bohl couldn't hide his pride and expectancy as he looked out over the students he had taught for four years.

"I am virtually challenged but tonight I see in front of me a presidential scholar, students heading to the toughest colleges, star athletes, musicians and artists, future professionals," he said.

"Do not set a time limit on your dreams," he added, describing how he finally achieved his dream of leaving France and living in the United States.

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Castleford graduates rake in college credits

By Sandra Wisacaver
Times-Herald correspondent

CASTLEFORD — Twenty-four graduates here picked up \$399,726 in scholarships and 341 college credits with their diplomas at last week.

Many of the graduates, armed with college credits earned at Castleford High through the College of Southern Idaho, will be able to enroll in advanced studies at colleges and universities this fall. Danielle Hoogland topped the list with 50 college credits, followed by Rebecca Dahl with 48.

These students have earned it and definitely deserve it," Principal Andy Wiseman said at Friday's commencement. "I know they will use it well."

Cheers and applause welcomed the Class of 2003 as graduates entered the gym. They had chosen as their motto, "Our goal is to influence history instead of merely observing it."

Keynote speaker Geianne Choate challenged the graduates to "continue to be a powerful force in another's life. Be a role model, set an example and be authentically at your best. Everything you need for success is in each of you, if you have the courage to harness it."

Choate donned a hard hat "to protect intelligence, thoughts and mind from doubt and scrutiny" and a flask jacket "to bounce off criticism and ridicule."

"This armor will provide you security in protecting your authentic self. Your inner strength, along with this external armor, will provide you security," she said.

Valedictorian Zane Wyatt related the importance of every experience, whether positive or negative.

"I have been able to use all the little things in my life, even negative ones, to improve my sense of who I am," he urged classmates to share with the world the values given to them by their families, peers and neighbors.

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School Board member David Smith presented special awards to two staff members. Connie Kinyon was honored as the certified staff member of the year and Diane Brown was the classified staff honoree.

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Utah students will remain in Cassia schools

By Shari Chaney
Times-Herald writer

YOST, Utah — An elementary school is just 17 miles from Yost, but it's in Idaho.

So a long-standing agreement between Cassia County School District and Box Elder School District has allowed students from along the Utah border to attend school in Cassia County.

Currently, Superintendent Mike Chesley said, Cassia County School District is paid \$131,597 for 22 Utah students.

And agreement will continue at least for the next school year.

"We're on for another year," parent Angie Spencer said.

Due to an education budget crunch in Utah, school districts were taking a look at ways to cut costs. Pulling Utah students in Idaho schools back to Utah was one option, Spencer said.

Spencer and other parents had concerns with that idea and talked to Box Elder School Board officials in February. Some members of the board didn't even know where Yost was, Spencer said, or why this exchange system between Idaho and Utah worked. Once education officials looked into all the options, they decided the current system is best for everyone.

For the Cassia County School District, 22 less students means a greater decline in an already declining enrollment, which means less money coming in.

Parents had two main concerns of their own with the proposed plan — distance and community ties.

Almo Elementary is 17 miles



Raft River Elementary School student Kasey Kempton, 11, talks to her grandfather and bus driver, Larry Kempton, before getting on the bus back to Yost, Utah. A total of 22 students came from Utah into Cassia County to attend school this year.

from Yost. The closest Utah school is Park Valley, some 50 miles from Yost, Spencer said. Currently parents drive their children to school in Almo or Malta, a roughly 25-minute drive one way. The bus ride to Park Valley would have been two and a half hours one way.

A second concern was which community families are already tied to, Spencer said. Families go to church and participate in community activities in Almo and Malta, not Park Valley. If a student is sick at school, it makes sense to pick them up in Almo or Malta on the way to the doctor in Burley, not to drive to Utah and pick them up, then head back to Burley.

The two school systems offer different opportunities also, Spencer said. Kindergarten classes are offered all day in the Cassia district, instead of half-days; sports start in junior high, not high school; and students can be home with their families more.

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Veteran will be buried with his Pearl Harbor shipmates

FORT DODGE, Iowa (AP) — Russell Lott always considered himself lucky to have escaped from the USS Arizona when it was bombed at Pearl Harbor. Now, in death, he is returning to the ship.

Lott was 83 when he died May 22. His cremated remains will be placed next to the ship by Navy divers in a ceremony later this month. The Navy's Blue Angels precision flying team will honor Lott with a flyover during the ceremony.

Lott received permission for the burial at sea in 1976.

He was 21 when the Japanese attacked. In a series of newspaper interviews over the years, Lott described the moments before and after the attack.

"It was about 8 a.m. and we were standing on deck waiting for the morning colors when we heard the alarm," Lott said in 1976. "It all happened so fast."

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had no problem identifying them. We could see the big red Rising Sun markings and they were coming right down the chute at us."

After the Arizona sank, Lott pulled himself across a lifeline and swam to the repair ship USS Vestal.

He said he suffered burns on one arm and his chest. He also suffered from a foot wound. His injuries were never officially recorded so he did not get the Purple Heart. But in 1993, it was presented to him by Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa.

Lott served in the Navy throughout World War II. He then returned to Fort Dodge where he worked for Georgia-Pacific, a building supplies manufacturer, for 35 years. But the events of Dec. 7, 1941, were always on his mind.

"He talked about it quite a bit," said Max Schmeling, 85, of Johnston, Iowa, also a Pearl Harbor veteran. "That was on his mind all the time. He just lived Pearl Harbor."

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Angry anglers protest early chinook salmon season closure

AHSAHKA, Idaho (AP) — Fishermen are up in arms in north-central Idaho over the state's decision last Monday to shut down the general chinook salmon season just a week after raising the season limit.

Quenton Cook, who owns Cook's Sporting Goods in Orofino, blasted the Fish and Game Commission's decision to close the season bag limit from 10 to 20 chinook on the main Clearwater River three weeks into the season and then close it so quickly.

"It just don't make sense to us," Cook said. "If they raise the limit, there has to be a lot of fish, that was the impression everybody got."

The commission agreed to a season on the main Clearwater at the urging of area communities looking for an economic boost from sport fishing.

Ed Schriever, the Fish and Game Department's regional fisheries manager, conceded that raising the statewide season limit on hatchery fish sent the wrong message to anglers on the Clearwater. Officials made the decision because of higher than expected spring chinook returns on the Salmon and Little Salmon rivers and the anticipation of the season

for summer chinook on the South Fork of the Salmon River.

The spring run on the Clearwater River was not as strong as expected so that once sportsmen caught their allocation, the season was shut down, Schriever said.

The number of hatchery chinook returned to area rivers and not needed for spawning at hatcheries are split evenly between sport anglers and the Nes Perce Tribe.

"There are those people that argue with the basis for an even split between sport fishing and tribal fishing," Schriever said.

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Agency probes possible West Nile Virus case in Washington

KENNEWICK, Wash. (AP) — The state Health Department said Friday it was investigating the first suspected case of West Nile virus in a human in Washington.

A Franklin County man became ill in mid-May and is now recovering. His identity was not released.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is running tests that would confirm whether this is the first case of the mosquito-borne disease in the state. Those results will take about two weeks. Preliminary state tests indicate it is West Nile.

Dead birds are usually the first sign that the virus has arrived in an area. State and local health departments are testing dead birds.

"We've been waiting for West Nile virus in our state for some time, and we're not surprised to have a suspected human case," said state Health Officer Dr. Maxine Hayes. "This is a reminder that mosquito season is here and we should all take precautions to avoid mosquito bites."

and lining of the brain.

Although the virus can have serious effects, Benton-Franklin County Health Officer Dr. Larry Jecha said most people who are infected with the virus only have symptoms such as headache, fever and body aches.

State officials know the disease had reached the state last year when it was detected in two people and two horses, said Dr. Jo Hoffman, a Department of Health epidemiologist.

West Nile virus can be spread from birds to humans by some mosquitoes, including some of the more than 30 species found in Washington.

The nation's first human case of the virus was diagnosed in New York City in 1959. Since then, it has spread westward, killing 29 Americans and causing illness in 4,156 others, according to the CDC.

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Suspected militia leader pleads guilty

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — A Kalispell man accused of leading a group that planned to assassinate Flathead County officials pleaded guilty Friday to federal firearms charges.

David Burgert, 39, admitted possessing a machine gun and being a felon in possession of a firearm under a plea agreement that requires him to continue cooperating with investigators and prosecutors.

On each count Burgert faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine and three years of supervised release.

U.S. District Judge Donald Molloy set sentencing for Sept. 10.

One provision of the plea agreement is that prosecutors would recommend a reduced sentence if Burgert provides "substantial assistance in the prosecution of other individuals."

No mention was made at Friday's hearing about Burgert's alleged connection with the militia group known as Project 7. Flathead County authorities last year said they had uncovered a plot showing the group had amassed an arsenal and was planning to kill judges, prosecutors and police.

They said they also believed Burgert was the leader of Project 7, a name derived from Flathead County vehicle license plates, which begin with that number.

They said at the time that Burgert's girlfriend had used her job as a cleaning woman at the Whitefish Police Department to gather information about officers and their families.

U.S. Attorney Bill Mercer declined to say whether an investigation into Burgert's alleged ties continues or if arrests are likely.

Idaho man will not serve additional time

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — A 25-year-old Idaho man will serve no additional jail time for his conviction in a racially charged attack on a black teenager.

Jeremy R. Whitten, of Boise, was sentenced Thursday in Clark County Superior Court to 365 days in jail for misdemeanor assault. But he received credit for five days already served in the Clark County Jail, and the balance of 360 days was suspended. He was placed on a year's probation.

Of four men convicted in the Jan. 25 assault on a 17-year-old,

Whitten received the lightest sentence after striking a deal with prosecutors to testify against his friends.

Whitten entered an Alford plea, meaning he did not admit guilt but acknowledged there was sufficient evidence for a conviction. He had been scheduled to go to trial Monday.

Whitten said he and friends Matthew R. Schmoeyer, Carl D. Wolff, Brandon Webb and Joseph Clark had gathered at an apartment complex before heading to an underground, white-supremacist rock concert near Hillsboro, Ore.

The men began arguing with Jesse Goodmonson, then beat him in an attack that prosecutors said was racially motivated. Goodmonson has fully recovered and from his injuries.

Webb, 26, and Wolff, 30, were convicted of felony counts of malicious harassment. Judge Robert Harris sentenced Webb, who had a criminal record, to one year in prison, and Wolff to 180 days in jail.

Schmoeyer, 32, pleaded guilty to malicious harassment. Harris gave him 150 days in jail. Clark was acquitted.

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Starting with the first pay period of June, dairy producers are encouraged to pay out June's monthly bonuses in \$2 bills. Since the \$2 bills are a bit of a rarity, every time one slips across a counter or into a wallet it will serve as a reminder as to where those dollars originated from.

So with warmer days just around the bend, what better way to start your summer-time fun than by tipping a frosty cold glass of milk and saying "Thank You" to the local dairy industry that keeps Idahoans working and playing. Drink up and enjoy!

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Tax hike doesn't dispel money troubles

BOISE (AP) — Idaho's cigarette tax more than doubled on Sunday, but it is unlikely to be the final piece of a plan officials hoped would resolve the state's worst budget crisis in two decades.

The 29-cent hike to 57 cents a pack was the last major bill passed during the recording, often contentious session and won approval only after the Kempthorne administration reported another dramatic shortfall in April tax collections.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne had hoped that the \$23.5 million expected from the higher tax, along with about \$151 million the penny increase in the sales tax raises in a year, would provide

enough extra cash to avoid drastic cuts in essential state services and programs during the coming two years.

Both taxes are scheduled to return to the lower rates in mid-2005. By then the governor and lawmakers expect the economy will have regained its strength and be generating sufficient tax revenue at the lower rates to maintain critical state operations.

But the tax system's performance in April even worse than the administration thought, four weeks ago, has all but erased that hope. It now appears state revenue will increase less than 2 percent for the current budget year, and some experts believe the

growth rate for next year will be less than 3 percent.

The current budget, even after some spending cuts, anticipated revenue growth at nearly 4 percent to stay in the black. And the budget lawmakers put together for the new fiscal year that begins July 1 anticipated more than 4 percent growth.

The projected \$35 million deficit on June 30 will likely be handled by simply delaying a payment to schools until after July 1, when the new budget year begins. But that will only add to the deficit for the coming year, possibly pushing it over \$100 million depending on the performance of the tax system.

The governor has indicated he will decide late this summer whether to recall lawmakers into a special session to deal with the "economic problems." The administration will revise its revenue estimate in late August.

Offering a stopgap solution for at least part of the red ink is \$85 million in federal aid. There are no strings on how the state uses \$50 million. The rest has to be spent on the Medicaid health care program for the poor.

Requiring taxpayers who are not subject to paycheck withholding to file quarterly estimated tax payments could also generate an \$80 million windfall to help bail the state out.

Police will analyze container of 'trinkets'

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — A plastic container of material found in the area where a 19-month toddler died was believed to be her grandmother's. The container had been turned over by the child's father to police for analysis.

But Idaho Falls Police Lt. Ken Brown said on Saturday there is no indication that what he described as trinkets inside the container found by Adam Bishop are related to the disappearance, and presumed death, of Acacia Bishop.

"He saw a psychic, and the psychic told him where it was at," Brown said.

He did not elaborate on the kind of material in the container, saying only that it has been stored in the department's evidence locker and will be analyzed by forensic experts on Monday.

Bishop, who along with child's mother Casey Lodmell has said he believes his daughter is still alive, contacted The Associated Press earlier Saturday to disclose the existence of the container.

"We found clues or information that we've given to the police that the police missed," Bishop said.

He later refused to discuss the discovery further.

"Right now you have to wait until Monday," Bishop said. "I'm waiting on the police."

Searchers in boats continued to ply the Snake River below the area where the child's grandmother, Kelley Jean Lodmell, told police she jumped in with the child in an attempted suicide-murder. Lodmell saved herself and notified authorities that the child was in the water, initiating a search that was in its sixth day.

Divers were pulled out of the water on Friday but were on standby in case the surface search turned up evidence of the child's whereabouts. Based on the grandmother's statements and evidence found in her car

and motel room, investigators believe the child drowned.

Kelley Lodmell, 38, who has a history of mental illness, has been charged with first-degree murder and kidnapping and was being held in the Bonneville County Jail pending a June 10 preliminary hearing. The prosecutor has not ruled out seeking the death penalty if she is convicted.

Lodmell allegedly kidnapped the child from the Salt Lake County home of her great-grandparents, who were baby-sitting while her parents were at a wedding rehearsal dinner. Police issued a nationwide Amber Alert for Acacia early Monday.

Lodmell was arrested later that day in Idaho Falls. Officials said they do not know why she brought the child to Idaho Falls.

Rollback suspect admits tax violations

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A northern Idaho man accused of rolling back odometers on high-end vehicles imported from Canada for sale in Washington and Idaho has pleaded guilty to tax violations in Washington state.

Milton "Mitch" Friedley III faces up to 10 years in prison and \$200,000 in fines on each of the three charges of filing false tax returns and failing to remit more than \$52,000 in Washington state taxes collected on the sale of 46 of the imported cars.

Investigators say he sold another 76 in Idaho, mostly trucks and sport utility vehicles.

Friedley, 56, of Hayden Lake, will be sentenced Oct. 6 on the Washington charges. Authorities indicated a plea bargain Friedley struck with prosecutors could result in minimal time behind bars.

He is scheduled to be tried in U.S. District Court in September for the alleged mileage alteration scheme that authorities said involved rolling back odometers 30,000 to 50,000 U.S. miles as they were being converted from kilometers.

Also named by federal investigators in the scheme were Ronald and Nicole Simpson, owners of Georgetown Holdings in Cranbrook, their employees Michael and Janice Cosand of Spokane, and Richard and DeeAnn Shaffer, then-owners of Valley Cars and RVs in Spokane, Wash.

Kempthorne speaks to high school grads

TROY (AP) — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on Saturday congratulated the last 13 students who are graduating from the old Troy High School.

A new school will open next year following voters' approval of a \$4 million levy to build it using a financing plan Kempthorne helped create in 2000. The state will pay the interest on the levy, about \$2 million.

"You are 13 great examples of what's right with education in Idaho," Kempthorne told the graduates, according to a prepared statement released Saturday by his office.

Troy High School was built in 1905 with square nails, which, Kempthorne said, are sturdier than the modern round, wire nail. Kempthorne presented each graduate with a square nail as a symbol of their school and its history and to remind the students of their roots.

DON'T LOOK BEHIND YOU



Jeff Boltrivis and his son Spencer, 2, crouch under the rear of jet engines as the cannon on an A-10 Warthog looms behind them during the MidSouth Chanty air show at the Millington Municipal Airport near Memphis, Tenn., Saturday afternoon.

Official: Rousting immigrants isn't priority

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah's top immigration official says a newly created agency in the Department of Homeland Security won't focus on workplace roundups of undocumented immigrants.

Steve Branch, head of the state's office of the federal Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, said that his agency could go out every day and find illegal workers, but "it's not our priority."

Even if an employer is found to have workers with fraudulent documents, Branch said, a raid is not necessarily imminent.

"We're not going to go pick up those workers. We're not going to detain them or even put them in proceedings," Branch said during a Homeland Security outreach meeting Friday at the Salt Lake City main library.

Instead, the employer will be told to release those workers.

"The employer is in compliance (with federal law) by releasing them," he said.

Branch said that the immigration and customs bureau could never round up the estimated 75,000 illegal immigrants living in Utah. Yet he often hears allegations that his agents are plotting raids.

The agency's highest priorities, Branch said, are fighting terrorism and promoting national security.

The agency's approach "is a dramatic turnaround from the way it's been," said Tony Yapias, director of the Utah Office of Hispanic Affairs. "It makes sense."

On Dec. 11, 2001, 271 workers at Salt Lake International Airport were arrested or fired after a federal investigation dubbed "Operation Safe Travel" revealed they had lied to get their jobs and badges.

Constitution panel discards redistricting

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah Constitutional Revision Commission has turned away a proposal to create an independent redistricting committee, but remains open to setting redistricting criteria.

The commission, consisting of judges, lawyers and a handful of legislators, will consider a survey of redistricting guidelines from 41 for ideas on how to change the way Utah sets legislative and congressional voting district boundaries.

During its meeting Friday the commission leaned toward making demographics and geography main factors to be considered in drawing new boundaries.

The issue has been at the front

of the state's political debate since the lines were redrawn in 2001, when Republican control of the process led to complaints about gerrymandering in order to eliminate or consolidate seats held by Democrats.

Many Democratic legislators have pushed a plan to create an independent redistricting committee, arguing that a process controlled by the overwhelmingly dominant Republicans is unfair.

On Feb. 19 of this year, 107 workers at Champion Safe in Provo were detained during a sweep. Most of them were deported, leaving families in shambles.

At Friday's meeting, Utah Public Safety Commissioner Robert Flowers said state troopers patrolling the highways aren't going to act as immigration police because it's not their job to enforce federal immigration law.

"Don't put a failed national policy on me," Flowers said. "What we have, I believe, is an immigration policy that's not effective right now. And we have a work force (of immigrants) that's really needed in this country."

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Boise 'ladies' club provides support

The 111-year-old Boise-based Columbian Club continues its mission with a cabin renovation

BOISE (AP) — Before there was a library in Boise, there was the Columbian Club's traveling library. Before there was parkland close enough for most Boise residents to walk to, there was the Columbian Club's mission to add green space to town.

In fact, almost everything that's good in the city came out of the 111-year-old women's civic organization, said Jeff Neberman, city historic preservation planner and Boise State University history professor.

The Historic Preservation Commission recently honored the group for its efforts to restore the O'Farrell Cabin, Boise's oldest house.

Charles Hummel, a well-known architect and history buff, had been trying to fix the crumbling cabin for years, but the project seemed stalled.

Then the Columbian Club approached him about it, and they began working together along with the Boise Parks and Recreation Department to secure funding for the \$46,000 restoration.

"The project was going nowhere," Hummel said. "They came along and got the project jump-started."

The O'Farrell Cabin is only the latest in a long list of club projects that dates back to 1892 when Idaho Gov. N.B. Wiley called for women in Boise to help out with Idaho's submission to the Chicago World's Fair.

The women that stepped forward furnished the ladies' gallery of the home that Idaho shipped to the fair in 18 box cars. Idaho won an award for having the most "indigenous building," and the Columbian Club, as that group of women decided to call themselves, began more than 100 years of bettering Boise.

Ruth Pipal has been part of the process since 1939.

"I won't tell you my age, but I will tell you I'm the oldest active member in the club in 10 Western

states," Pipal said.

That's saying a lot. Boise's Columbian Club has members in their late 80s and 90s.

Pipal joined the club shortly after coming to Boise. Pipal and her husband moved here from South Dakota for a new job. As the couple drove to Boise, they saw with heavy hearts a barren desert devoid of South Dakota's greenery. When they got within five miles of Boise, Pipal's husband threatened to quit his job.

Then they rounded the bend and saw the trees along the Boise River.

They decided to stay, and Pipal became active in projects to benefit Boise.

"We were involved in everything in the city," Pipal said of the women's civic club. "It was the social thing to do in the city."

Pipal served as president of the club in 1950. She recalls hosting big dinners for the club's members and spouses. She remembers talking with local officials to add an auditorium to Boise when there were only 21 such buildings across the country.

Pipal also has seen the club's membership dwindle to next to nothing.

"It's a fate that many civic organizations have been party to in the past 30 years."

"Two things happened to these organizations," Neberman said. "One is women went into the workplace."

And much of the work traditionally taken on by civic groups such as parks and libraries — has transferred to local and state governments.

"There's also been a general decline in civic duty and the belief you need to give back to society," Neberman said.

At one point there were more than 60 women's clubs in Boise. Now the Columbian Club is one of a handful.

"This club is really a dinosaur," Neberman said. "It's the last remnant of a different time, and I dare say a better time."

Nebberman calls the turn of the

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— Jeff Neberman, BSU history professor



Ruth Pipal, the oldest active member of the Columbian Club, shares stories and memories recently outside the O'Farrell Cabin in Boise, Idaho. The 111-year-old civic organization continues to be active in preserving Boise's history.

previous century the golden age of civic organizations.

"With the turn of the century, there's this spirit of progress, a great deal of optimism and the

belief that we could build a better society and a better civilization," Neberman said.

And for women who didn't hold professional positions, such serv-

ice organizations provided a rare outlet to use their business savvy and simply to get out of their homes.

Early on, in 1899, the

Columbian Club channeled its energy into a traveling library that eventually became the Idaho State Library. A few years later, the women of the Columbian Club served as the liaison between Andrew Carnegie and the city until Boise's first public library was built in 1905 at 815 W. Washington.

"They were a considerable force in involving women in the arts and the civic life of the city," said Hummel, whose mother was part of the club for 40 years.

The club hopes to continue being a force for positive change by staying true to its early traditions to promote literacy and preserving the past.

Carole Clark, a former president of the club, is hoping to capitalize on a renewed interest in the club to boost membership and get more projects off the ground.

Clark joined seven years ago because she remembered her grandmother praising the club and wished she could be a member.

Today, the club's projects range from biggies, such as restoring the O'Farrell Cabin, to smaller efforts such as donating used eyeglasses. "We do a lot of good work," said Judi Koch, the club's current president. "These are really nice people. They love Boise, and they care about the city."

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Montanans tussle over fate of Western museum

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — In a state, 26-room country home in central Montana, a trove of antiques from 19th century Europe, priceless Western artwork and American Indian artifacts are at the center of a battle of wills.

On one side is the legacy of two wealthy heiresses who hoped to share their collection with their rural, less-traveled neighbors. Their efforts culminated in the 1996 opening of the Charles M. Bair Family Museum outside Martinsdale, a dot on the map in the middle of nowhere where Alberta Bair lived many of her 97 years before her death in 1993.

On the other, trustees who have since closed the museum, at least for this tourist season, because of financial trouble. Visits to the house fell to 4,357 last year — 14,710 came in 1996 — while operating costs have continued to rise.

Local residents, scrambling to keep the much-needed draw to their rural ranching towns from closing indefinitely, are looking for answers from tightlipped trustees.

"If we fight and lose, shame on them for closing a treasure," said Jamie Doggett, a Meagher County commissioner.

"But if we don't fight and lose," Doggett said, "shame on us for not trying."

Many local leaders see the house not only as a dependable tourist draw that helps fill area restaurants and shops, but also as a unique piece of history.

"I don't want to make it sound like a battle, but it is a battle," said Peter Marshall, who runs the Crazy Mountain Inn at Martinsdale, which he says relies heavily on museum traffic.

The collection, he said, "is unique. It was put together by Montanans for Montanans. And to lose it would be criminal."

The Bair family's roots run deep in Montana. Its philanthropic fingerprint is left at hospitals and a theater, among other places.

Charles M. Bair came to the state in 1883 as a conductor on the Northern Pacific Railroad. He made his fortune in the Alaska Gold Rush and invested in oil, mining and real estate interests.

At one time, he also had one of the world's largest sheep ranches, with about 300,000 animals.

Bair counted among his friends artists like renowned Western painter J. Russell, Indian leader Chief Plenty Coups and U.S. presidents.

He had two daughters: Marguerite, who married, and Alberta. The sisters took pride in the family home and filled it with an eclectic mix of art and antiques, making 20 trips to Europe to hunt and buy new pieces.

Among the touches: a crystal chandelier in the living room and paintings by Russell and J.K. Ralston, according to Lee Rostad, who wrote a booklet on the house and family history.

"She wanted everything to remain just as it was," Rostad said.

Officials in charge of the trust and the M. Bair Family Museum at Great Falls, which is contracted to operate and manage the Bair museum, declined to discuss the dispute in detail.

But Jim Roscoe, chairman of the board of directors of the Charles M. Bair Family Museum Trust, said the board believes it is doing what it needs to do — and in accordance with Alberta Bair's wishes.

In a recent op-ed piece, Roscoe said the issue came down to financial responsibility and that Bair gave trustees "full discretion" to do as they saw fit once the museum was open a mandatory five years.

Coming Monday

The time has arrived for a promising crop of basketball stars at Twin Falls.

SPORTS

INSIDE

Local sports C2
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Sports Editor: Kevin Hall, 735-3239 (Hours: 2-11 p.m.)

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Section C

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“How much longer can Señor Lunchpail keep this up?”

—Charles Bricker, in the South Florida Sun-Sentinel, about Frenchman Albert Costa, who won his third five-set match Saturday at the French Open, bringing his total time on court to 11 hours and 56 minutes

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Indianapolis Motor Speedway is not in Indianapolis. Where is it?
...answer below

IN BRIEF

Gooding native wins SPU athletic award

SEATTLE — Track and cross country runner Nathaniel Castle of Gooding was a co-reipient of the Clifford McGraith 101 Scholar Athlete Award during the Seattle Pacific University athletic awards banquet May 27.

Castle is an art major with a 3.70 grade-point average. He shared the award with fellow senior Stacie Lukkes of Kent, Wash. SPU women's basketball player Kerie Hughes was voted Athlete of the Year.

Vandal boosters hold golf tourney in Burley

BURLEY — The Magic Valley Vandal Boosters are holding an inaugural Vandal Memorial Scramble golf tournament on Friday at the Burley Golf Course. The cost is \$75 per person, which covers golf, carts and dinner. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with tee times beginning at 1 p.m. Idaho athletic director Mike Bohn will play in the 18-hole event, with all proceeds going to the Vandal Scholarship Fund. Sign up at Burley at (208) 435-7777, Henry at (208) 377-6787 or Gary at (208) 734-7444.

Group seeds golfers for ISDB fund-raiser

GOODING — Jackpot Golf course in Nevada will host an inaugural golf tournament on Saturday to benefit the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind.

Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. with golf starting at 1:30 p.m. with a shotgun start. Format is a four-person scramble over 18 holes.

Discounted rooms will be available at Capt'n Petes Resort and Casino by calling 1-800-821-1103 and mention the ISDB golf tournament.

(Cost is \$60 per person for the tournament and registration is limited to the first 80 players. Call for golf course or ISDB for more information.)

Deadline nears to enter Westfield junior golf event

EAGLE — Entries will be accepted through Tuesday, June 10 to play in the 2003 Westfield Junior PGA Rocky Mountain Championship on June 19-20 at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

The tournament is open to all boys and girls up to age 18. The tournament will be divided by age with classes for 12- and 13-15 and 16-17.

Golfers in the two older divisions are eligible to compete at the Westfield Junior PGA Championship July 16-19 at Westfield Group Country Club in Twin Falls, Idaho.

For more information, call 735-3239.

By KATHERINE HALL

Clemens preps for No. 300

Last 300-game winner was Nolan Ryan 13 years ago

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Roger Clemens will soon join a club that may not admit any more members. Clemens will make his second attempt at career win No. 300 against the Detroit Tigers on Sunday, a milestone just 20

have reached and none have since 1990.

Former All-Star pitcher Jack Morris, who has 254 career wins and three World Series rings, will not be surprised if the 300 club is stuck at 21 with No. 22 of the New York Yankees.

"It's a milestone in today's game that is an incredible feat," said Morris, who pitched from 1977-94. "I'm glad there might be a chance. Greg Maddux, maybe. After those guys, we might not see it again."

"I questioned five years ago if anybody would reach 300 when Roger had a sore arm and some baseball people thought he might be done. Then his arm came back to life, he got on a good team and he's pitching as well as he ever has. It's truly remarkable."

Clemens, who won his 299th game on May 21 against Boston, is looking to become the first pitcher to win 300 games since Nolan Ryan did it 13 years ago. He failed in his first bid for his 300th win on

Monday at home against Boston.

"A couple years ago, it became more of a goal," Clemens acknowledged.

Clemens (299-154) has won 66 percent of his games 20-year career with the Boston, Toronto and the Yankees.

Lefty Grove (.680) and Christy Mathewson (.665) are the only pitchers with 300 wins and a better winning percentage than Clemens. Both pitched in the early 1900s.

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Yankees pitcher Roger Clemens fires to the plate against the Boston Red Sox on Monday in New York.

Ducks goose Devils



The puck sits in the net behind New Jersey Devils goaltender Martin Brodeur as Anaheim Mighty Ducks Rob Niedermayer celebrates a goal by teammate Ruslan Salei during overtime in Game 3 Stanley Cup Finals Saturday in Anaheim, Calif. The Ducks beat the Devils 3-2.

Anaheim captures its first playoff game this series

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Martin Brodeur showed he's not perfect, but the Anaheim Mighty Ducks still are in playoff overtime — and that's why they're still alive in the Stanley Cup Finals.

Ruslan Salei scored off Adam Oates' facemask win at 6:59 into overtime and the Mighty Ducks, taking advantage of one of the biggest misplays of Brodeur's career, beat the New Jersey Devils 3-2 in Game 3 Saturday night.

Oates fed the puck off the facemask to Salei at the top of the slot, and Brodeur barely reacted to his one-cimer as the Mighty Ducks

Stanley Cup Finals

Anaheim vs. New Jersey
N.J. leads series 2-1
Game 4: Monday, 8 p.m. (ABC, Ch. 3)

improved to 6-0 in playoff overtime. The Devils are 2-2.

It was essentially a must-win game for the Ducks, who played with the desperation expected of a team that trailed 2-0 in the series and almost certainly would have had no chance to raise the cup had it lost.

Ducks' coach Mike Babcock joked that Salei is one of his hardest shooters, if not the most accurate.

"He can really shoot the puck. We always tell him shoot the puck on net once in a while," Babcock said. "He bangs the puck off the glass with the best of them."

Salei said the facemask win was so clean, "You've got to shoot. So far, it's the biggest goal I've ever scored. We had to win this game. We had to get some momentum going. Now maybe it will go seven games, or six."

Salei's goal was his second of the playoffs.

Game 4 will be Monday night, when the Devils can either take a commanding 3-1 lead or the Mighty Ducks will tie a series they

seemed out of following two dominating Devils wins in New Jersey.

Overtime playoff wins have largely been responsible for Anaheim's remarkable playoff run, which began with three consecutive series-opening overtime victories.

Goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere has been unbeatable in overtime, with an NHL-record overtime scoreless streak of 166 minutes, 4 seconds. He broke Patrick Roy's record of 162:56 early in the overtime.

Giguere turned aside 29 of 31 shots by far his best game of the finals.

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Costa masters another five-set win

Hewitt bows out; top women breeze

The Associated Press

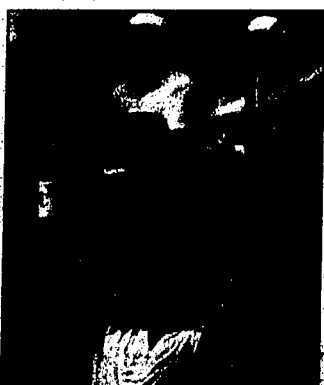
PARIS — More than 4.5 hours into his third five-set victory at the French Open, Albert Costa leaned over the net, head down, tongue hanging. The defending champion

appeared to be peering into a wall, searching for drops of sweat.

At the other end of Roland Garros, top-ranked Lleyton Hewitt screamed at himself, trying to get back into a groove as a big lead slipped away in his own marathon.

There's a special skill to grinding out long matches on clay, one that Costa suddenly has acquired. Hewitt still lacks it, and the winner doesn't need to need.

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Spain's Albert Costa reacts

after defeating Ecuador's Nicolas Pietrangeli in the third round of the French Open tennis tournament at Roland Garros stadium in Paris Saturday. Costa won 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4. Read highlights of the tournament on page C-7.

Chad Wallin repeats as half-marathon champ

By Joe Palasley
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — His time might be a tad slower than last year, but two-time half marathon champion Chad Wallin still blew past the rest of the competition at the Western Days Half Marathon and Fun Run/Half Marathon.

Wallin completed the 13-mile course in 1 hour, 15 minutes, well ahead of Fritz Wunderlich, also of Twin Falls, who took second overall with a time of 1:25:29. Rick Greenwald took third with a time of 1:25:53 followed by Drew Michener of Eden (1:27:25) and Jeff Ealey of Halley (1:31:31).

The half-marathon course started in Old Towne, later following the new trail along the Snake River Canyon before turning onto Blue Lake Boulevard to follow the parade route down Sheahone Street, ending near Woody's

Western Days

Sports Bar and Grill.

"The course seemed a little harder," Wallin said.

The Minidoka University junior holds school records in both the half-marathon and marathon with times of 1:09:31 and 2:39:06, respectively. The marathon time was good for 13th at the NAIA national meet held recently.

Saturday's race was mostly for fun. Wallin was one of about 175 participants that included extras from as far away as Florida and New Jersey, and ages ranging from senior citizens to 4-year-olds.

"I was thinking about it a couple weeks ago that if I was here, I'd do it," Wallin said.

Holly Fleming of Twin Falls won the women's overall race with a time of 2:15:00.

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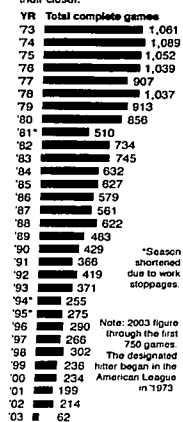
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Micro-managing cuts complete games

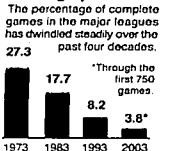
By Hal Bock
Associated Press writer

Not finishing what they started

Starting pitchers just don't go nine innings the way they used to. The modern trend is for teams to let the bullpen for the setup man and finish up with their closer.



Coming up short



SOURCE: Elias Sports Bureau AP

Two months into the baseball season, the complete game has all but disappeared, devoured by pitch counts and relief specialists, packed away among baseball's relics from another time.

Nine innings never seemed like such a burden on previous generations of pitchers, who routinely finished what they started. But in those days, there was no pitching coach rocking back and forth with the dugout, pecking at his stopwatch, whispering in the manager's ear.

With lights-out closer John Smoltz in the Atlanta bullpen, Leo Mazzone and Bobby Cox seem unimpressed with complete games and the Braves, equipped with the best record in baseball, had none through the first 54 games.

It was not always that way. Warren Spahn started 665 games and completed 382 of them, the most by any left-hander in history. He led the National League nine times, seven in a row, the last one in 1963 when he had 22 of them at age 42.

That's almost three times as many complete games as the eight Randy Johnson had in 35 starts when he led the majors last year.

Robbin Roberts led the majors in complete games a record five straight years from 1952-56 with 140 in 191 starts for Philadelphia in that span. For his career, Roberts finished 305 of 609 games started.

Times change. So does baseball. "It's a different game now than it was 20 years ago," New York Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "It's a game of specialization now. You have your starter, your setup man, your closer, and you structure the game that way. Our pitching changes are basically pitch-count things, and if a guy is really low, we'll let him finish."

Torre's Yankees had only nine complete games last season and, even with a suspect bullpen, just two in the first 54 games this year.

Thirty years ago, when the designated hitter was introduced, 27.3 percent of starts were complete games, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. That dropped to 17.7 in 1983, 8.2 in 1993 and has been below 5 percent every year since 1999. It was at 3.8 through the first 750 games - 57 complete of a potential 1,500 - this season.

Tampa Bay manager Lou Piniella has witnessed the change.

"When I was playing, we didn't have pitch counts," he said. "The starting pitcher went until the hitters told his manager that it was time to get him out of there."

"Back then, you were just starting to have closers, but now you've got a long guy and a middle guy and a middle-setup guy and a setup guy and a closer. That's why most teams are carrying 12 pitchers."

Piniella said the trend begins in the minor leagues where arms are bailed to make sure they don't get burned out. "You get these big bonus babies and they want to protect them until they get to the big leagues, so you end up with 90- to 100-pitch pitchers all through the minors," he said. "They never develop a second wind, and they never learn how to get guys out for a fourth time."

"It used to be that you had to figure out different ways to get guys out as the game went on, because you were pacing yourself and you had to be ready to face them four times. You would use different pitches in the middle innings in order to have something left at the end. Now they just go full out right from the start, and they are done after 90 or 100 pitches."

Roberts said his secret was in his mechanics - the shadowy quality that often determines a pitcher's success or failure.

"I could keep my stuff because of my delivery," he said. "My delivery made the difference. I used my whole body and I didn't strain anything. A good compact delivery could give you 125 pitches a game."

By comparison, in his first pass at his 300th win, Roger Clemens accumulated 133 pitches in less than six innings. The next night, Al Leiter needed 136 to get through six.

Roberts was accustomed to completing what he started even before he got to the majors. "I always pitched the whole game in college and in the minors," he said. "I didn't get knocked out a lot. I usually came out for a pinch hitter."

In those days, most relievers were broken-down starters, sent to the bullpen to finish their careers. The Phillies, however, had one of baseball's best closers in Jim Konstanty, who saved 22 games in 1950 when the White Sox won the National League pennant.

Roberts said "When I pitched, it was usually a day of rest for him."



Milwaukee Braves' hurler Warren Spahn runs back to the mound early in a World Series game in this Oct. 5, 1958 file photo, at New York's Yankee Stadium. Spahn started 665 games and completed 382 of them, the most by any left-hander in history.

Major League Baseball

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AMERICAN LEAGUE										
East Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Int	0-0
New York	25	18	.581	-	1-1	13-5	19-8	13-5	0-0	0-0
Boston	23	20	.537	1.5	1-1	13-5	19-8	13-5	0-0	0-0
Toronto	22	21	.512	2.0	1-1	13-5	19-8	13-5	0-0	0-0
Baltimore	21	22	.489	2.5	1-1	13-5	19-8	13-5	0-0	0-0
Tampa Bay	19	24	.442	4.0	1-1	13-5	19-8	13-5	0-0	0-0
Central Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Int	0-0
Minnesota	25	18	.581	-	1-1	13-5	19-8	13-5	0-0	0-0
Kansas City	23	20	.537	1.5	1-1	13-5	19-8	13-5	0-0	0-0
Chicago	22	21	.512	2.0	1-1	13-5	19-8	13-5	0-0	0-0
St. Louis	21	22	.489	2.5	1-1	13-5	19-8	13-5	0-0	0-0
Cleveland	19	24	.442	4.0	1-1	13-5	19-8	13-5	0-0	0-0
West Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Int	0-0
Seattle	25	18	.581	-	1-1	13-5	19-8	13-5	0-0	0-0
Oakland	23	20	.537	1.5	1-1	13-5	19-8	13-5	0-0	0-0
Anaheim	22	21	.512	2.0	1-1	13-5	19-8	13-5	0-0	0-0
Texas	21	22	.489	2.5	1-1	13-5	19-8	13-5	0-0	0-0

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Atlanta	25	18	.581	-	1-1	13-5	19-8	13-5	0-0	0-0
Florida	23	20	.537	1.5	1-1	13-5	19-8	13-5	0-0	0-0
Philadelphia	22	21	.512	2.0	1-1	13-5	19-8	13-5	0-0	0-0
New York	21	22	.489	2.5	1-1	13-5	19-8	13-5	0-0	0-0
Central Division										
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Chicago	25	18	.581	-	1-1	13-5	19-8	13-5	0-0	0-0
Houston	23	20	.537	1.5	1-1	13-5	19-8	13-5	0-0	0-0
Cincinnati	22	21	.512	2.0	1-1	13-5	19-8	13-5	0-0	0-0
Pittsburgh	21	22	.489	2.5	1-1	13-5	19-8	13-5	0-0	0-0
Milwaukee	19	24	.442	4.0	1-1	13-5	19-8	13-5	0-0	0-0
West Division										
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Int	0-0
San Francisco	25	18	.581	-	1-1	13-5	19-8	13-5	0-0	0-0
Los Angeles	23	20	.537	1.5	1-1	13-5	19-8	13-5	0-0	0-0
Colorado	22	21	.512	2.0	1-1	13-5	19-8	13-5	0-0	0-0
Arizona	21	22	.489	2.5	1-1	13-5	19-8	13-5	0-0	0-0
San Diego	19	24	.442	4.0	1-1	13-5	19-8	13-5	0-0	0-0

Final game was a win.

Edgar, Ichiro homer as Mariners win fifth straight

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Edgar Martinez and Ichiro Suzuki hit solo home runs, leading Ryan Franklin and the Seattle Mariners over the Minnesota Twins for their fifth straight victory.

Franklin (4-3) gave up two runs and seven hits in seven innings. Kazuhiro Sasaki pitched the ninth for his ninth save in 13 chances.

Suzuki homered, doubled, singled and scored twice as the Mariners won for the 12th time in 15 games.

Martinez's home run came in the fifth inning off Rick Reed (3-6) and made it 4-0. Suzuki homered in the seventh for a 5-1 lead.

Reed, who entered the game with a 1-2 career ERA, against Seattle, allowed nine hits and five earned runs over seven innings.

Athletics 7, Royals 6

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Eric Byrnes hit a three-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning off Kansas City closer Mike MacDougal, boosting the Oakland Athletics over the error-plagued Royals 7-6 Saturday.

Shortstop Angel Berroa, whose fielding error had allowed an unearned run earlier in the game, fumbled a potential double-play grounder with one out in the ninth and the Royals ahead 5-4.

Byrnes extended his hitting streak to 21 games when he connected against MacDougal (1-3) for a 7-5 lead. MacDougal has blown four of 16 save chances.

At shortstop Miguel Tejada made a diving catch on Ken Harvey's liner up the middle for the final out with runners on first and third. Tejada also hit a three-run homer.

Jim Meixner (1-0) pitched one inning of hitless relief for the Athletics.



Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki watches his seventh-inning home run to right off Twins pitcher Rick Reed on Saturday in Minneapolis.

Casey Fossum (4-4) allowed a career-high nine runs on nine hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Tigers 4, Yankees 2

DETROIT - Dmitri Young hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the seventh inning to lead the Detroit Tigers over the New York Yankees.

The loss was New York's second in its last 11 games against the Tigers and ended its three-game winning streak.

Adam Bernero (4-6) ended his team-record 17-start, winless streak, allowing two runs on three hits and a walk in seven innings. He matched a career high with seven strikeouts in his first win since beating Montreal on June 10, 2002.

Franklin German pitched the ninth for his third save.

San Francisco 7-5 faced the Tigers for the first time since

five times over 15 scoreless innings, Sammy Sosa hit an RBI single in the bottom of the 16th to give the Chicago Cubs a 1-0 win over the Houston Astros on Saturday.

Pitchers ruled a blustery, 48-degree day at Wrigley Field, with the Cubs setting a team record by striking out 23 times.

Sosa had been 0-for-6 and was getting bored before his one-out single off Ricky Stone (4-1) won it.

Sosa has struck out eight times in 11 at-bats since coming off the disabled list Friday.

Todd Wellemeyer (1-0) got his first major league win with two innings of relief.

Mets 4, Braves 2

NEW YORK - Jae Seo pitched into the ninth inning to win for the first time in more than six weeks and Taroishi Shinjo hit a two-run double to lead New York over Atlanta.

On a rainy day at Shea Stadium, the Mets had their former ace Mike Hampton (2-3) in constant trouble. New York put the leadoff man on base in each of the first five innings and had a runner in scoring position in each of those frames.

Pirates 4, Cardinals 3

ST. LOUIS - Kenny Lofton went 0-for-5 and ended his 26-game hitting streak, but Pittsburgh defeated St. Louis and previously unbeaten Woody Williams.

The Pirates have won five of six including the first two games of the three-game series. The Cardinals fell to 2-4 on a 13-game homestand, their longest of the season.

Williams (7-1) failed in his bid to become the NL's first eight-game winner, allowing four runs, two earned - in eight innings. He lost for the first time in 15 starts since Aug. 29, 2002 at Cincinnati, although his ERA remained at an NL-leading 2.19.

Marlins 3, Reds 2

MIAMI - Dontrelle Willis pitched seven strong innings and hit his first major league home run, leading Florida over Atlanta in Cincinnati.

Willis (3-1) allowed one run and five hits while striking out eight.

Willis also came through at the plate, delivering a solo home run off Danny Gait (3-4) to snap a 1-1 tie in the fifth.

The Marlins snapped a two-game losing skid and have won seven of nine. The Reds have lost seven of nine.

National League

Cubs 2, Astros 0, 16 innings

CELESTIAL - After striking out

Duncan-Martin matchup key to NBA title

By Chris Sheridan
Associated Press writer

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan doesn't expect to see a lot of crazy double-doubles from the New Jersey Nets.

Instead, he expects mostly man-to-man coverage from a player — Kevin Martin — who has Duncan's respect as one of the best defensive big men in the NBA.

"Martin is right up there with them. He's got quick feet, his hands are active," Duncan said Saturday. "It's hard to be one guy (who defends him best), he would be right up there with them."

The Duncan-Martin matchup will be one of the keys to the NBA Finals, which begin Wednesday night. Martin is the Nets' best rebounder and second-leading scorer, but it's his defense that makes him such a special player.

Martin was able to shut down Boston's Antoine Walker in the second round when New Jersey swept the Celtics, and he more than neutralized Detroit's Ben Wallace in the Eastern Conference Finals.

Duncan said he has already reviewed the tapes of New Jersey's two regular-season games against the Spurs, which the teams split.

He said the Nets often sent a second defender only halfway over toward him when he received the ball off an entry pass, placing weakside defenders in the passing lanes to try to come up with steals.

"He's really becoming quite the master at understanding how he's being played," said Spurs coach Gregg Popovich, who expects Martin to be physical with Duncan and try to move him as far away from the basket as possible.

Popovich also predicted that Martin will keep Duncan guessing by playing in front of him, next to him or behind him on different possessions.

The Spurs had another day off Saturday but planned to resume practicing Sunday morning. The Nets, meanwhile, were back on the court in East Rutherford, N.J., trying to stay sharp during their 10-day layoff between games.

Coach Byron Scott said the Spurs present a different type of challenge than the Nets' previous postseason opponents.

"Milwaukee was a perimeter team and so was Boston. Detroit's inside game was what guys, smaller guys we could match up with. Right now, we have to match up against a guy who is going to have an inch or two on everybody who guards him, and they spread the floor out pretty well," Scott said.

Duncan, speaking on a conference call, noted that the Spurs' previous three opponents provided perfect preparation for the Nets and their style of play.

The Phoenix Suns were similar because of their scrappiness and the fact that their offense revolved around a point guard, Stephen Marbury. The Lakers ran a system — the triangle offense — that is similar to New Jersey's offense, and the Dallas Mavericks employed a half-court system that in some ways resembles what the Nets will try to do.

"I don't know if we could have had three better series to get us ready for New Jersey," Duncan said.

One of the other key matchups will be at point guard, where the Nets' Jason Kidd is matched against 21-year-old Tony Parker.

Popovich said there will be



San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan, right, shoots the ball over Dallas Mavericks defender Walt Williams during the first quarter of Game 6 of the Western Conference finals in Dallas on Thursday.

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— Tim Duncan, San Antonio Spurs

times when he will use small forward Bruce Bowen as the primary

defender on Kidd, which would likely lead to Parker defending shooting guard Kerry Kittles and Stephen Jackson being matched against small forward Richard Jefferson.

"Bruce has guarded (point guard, shooting guards and small forwards) in every series we've played. My biggest problem is I can only put him on one guy at a time," Popovich said. "Initially, I'd imagine we'd start out pretty conventionally, though."

Scott said he would not be surprised if the Spurs used Bowen on Kidd, and he said he hasn't made up his mind yet if Kidd will guard Parker or if Kittles will get that call.

He also said he might switch Martin off Duncan defensively if Martin picks up a foul in the first three minutes of a game.

Scott told the Nets to take a day off Sunday, then report back Monday ready to practice and then fly to Texas.

Martin said he will spend part of that downtime studying videotape of Duncan.

"I'll watch tapes of the playoffs to see what people did. But I know what he wants to do, man. I watch basketball all the time," Martin said.

"My coaching staff has done a great job preparing me. It's going to be a challenge, but I'm up for it."

POSITION-BY-POSITION BREAKDOWN OF THE NBA FINALS

A position-by-position look at the matchups in the NBA Finals between the San Antonio Spurs and New Jersey Nets:

CENTER: David Robinson vs. Jason Collins. Robinson, playing the final games of his 14-year NBA career, is no longer the offensive and defensive force he once was. Averaging only 6.8 points and 6.4 rebounds, he will likely play fewer minutes than reserve Malik Rose. Collins, a second-year player from Stanford, is averaging similar numbers: 6.8 points and 6.9 rebounds. He is shooting only 37 percent from the field. **EDGE: Even.**

POWER FORWARD: Tim Duncan vs. Kenyon Martin. The two-time MVP vs. one of the league's best one-on-one defenders. Nets coach Byron Scott said he might pull Martin off Duncan if Martin picks up early fouls, which would be to the Spurs' benefit. Duncan is the better scorer, but Martin is quicker and thrives off Jason Kidd's passing. Duncan's size should give him an advantage on the boards. **EDGE: Spurs.**

SMALL FORWARD: Richard Jefferson vs. Bruce Bowen. One of the key matchups in the series for the Nets, who have the superior offensive player. Jefferson is averaging 14.4 points in the playoffs, making him New Jersey's third-leading scorer. Bowen is the Spurs' best defender and loves shooting the 3-pointer from either corner. Bowen could eventually get the defensive assignment on Kidd. **EDGE: Nets.**

SHOOTING GUARD: Stephen Jackson vs. Kerry Kittles. A pair of streaky players who were once teammates in New Jersey. Jackson can hurt the Nets if he's left open at the 3-point line if Duncan is double-teamed, while Kittles is most dangerous when the Nets get

into the open court and run. The Spurs need more from Jackson than the Nets do from Kittles. **EDGE: Spurs.**

POINT GUARD: Tony Parker vs. Jason Kidd. A 21-year-old budding star vs. the NBA's best playmaker. There has been speculation all season that San Antonio will try to sign Kidd as a free agent over the summer, and this series will help the Spurs determine whether Parker will run the team for the foreseeable future. If the Nets need a clutch shot, they almost always go to Kidd. **EDGE: Nets.**

COACH: Gregg Popovich vs. Byron Scott. Two outspoken men unafraid to say what they think — even if it upsets their own players or opponents. Neither coach is comfortable going with more than eight players in his rotation. Popovich has more postseason coaching experience. **EDGE: Spurs.**

KEY RESERVES: Malik Rose, Manu Ginobili, Speedy Claxton vs. Aaron Williams, Lucious Harris, Rodney Rogers. The Spurs get almost 10 points per game from both Rose and Ginobili, who will likely both be on the court in the fourth quarters of close games. Williams will play a key role against Duncan if Martin gets into foul trouble, while Harris and Rogers give New Jersey a pair of 3-point shooters off the bench. **EDGE: Spurs.**

SECRET WEAPONS: Steve Kerr vs. Dikembe Mutombo. Kerr provided a steadying influence and went 4-for-4 from 3-point range in the Spurs' Game 6 clincher vs. Dallas. Mutombo has appeared in only four playoff games, but could be called upon to defend Duncan if Martin and Williams — both of whom give up a couple inches to Duncan — are ineffective or foul-prone. **EDGE: Even.**

— Chris Sheridan

Improving frontcourt tops Mavs' offseason to-do list

DALLAS (AP) — The way things kept going their way, the Dallas Mavericks were starting to think they might be a team of destiny. Maybe coach Don Nelson would get the NBA title for the first time in his 25 seasons, and take the Mavs there for their first time. Then reality hit.

A horrendous collapse in the fourth quarter of Game 6 of the Western Conference Finals Thursday night ended those dreams. Dallas led by 13 points with under 11 minutes left, then saw the San Antonio Spurs go on a 23-0 run to win the game and the series.

"This was supposed to be our year," Dallas' Michael Finley said. "Everything was set up for us to go to the NBA Finals. Last year, we were supposed to win it. Next year, we might have the same opportunity, but it won't be as easy."

On Friday, an exhausted but relatively upbeat Nelson began looking ahead to next season.

The top priority is settling his status. Is he staying on as coach and general manager or becoming only the GM? His coaching contract expired this season and owner Mark Cuban hasn't committed to an extension.

Cuban softened his stance in recent days and said in an e-mail Friday that it's up to Nelson whether he wants to keep coaching. Nelson was heading to his off-season home in Maui Saturday for about two weeks to think about what he wants to do.

"I've told Nellie during the season that I want him back and I told him again this morning," Cuban wrote. "He'd be a great job this year and has earned some R&R time. When he gets back from Hawaii, we will sit down and take care of things."

Nelson didn't tell reporters about such an offer, saying instead that Cuban also needed a chance to step away and decide what he wants to do.

Players know who they want: Nellie.

"I think everyone in this locker room loves playing for him," point guard Steve Nash said. "He's made us better every year. We want to win a championship for him."

While in Maui, Nelson will take time to savor what he called the best season of his coaching career.

Brown, 62, had two years left in his contract that paid him \$6 million per season in Philadelphia.

franchise history. The Spurs also had 60 and won the Midwest Division on a tiebreaker.

It worked out fine, though, because Dallas' postseason path ended with the Los Angeles Lakers. Then the Mavericks got lucky in the first round because of injuries to Portland's Scottie Pippen and Derek Anderson. Although the Mavs nearly blew a 3-0 lead, they won it in seven games.

Next up was Sacramento. The Kings lost Chris Webber to an injury in Game 2 and Dallas went on to win the series, again in seven games.

In their second-ever conference finals, the Mavericks beat Tim Duncan and the Spurs in the opener, then lost the next three. The Mavs lost the fall short on rebounder Dirk Nowitzki to a knee injury. Then they trailed by 19 points in Game 5, only to rally for the win.

And with their big lead in the final quarter Thursday night, Dallas seemed headed to a third straight Game 7.

"We got lucky with some injuries and I was thinking, 'You know, maybe this is the year,'" Nelson said. "I think if we could've gotten to the finals, we could've won the whole thing."

For the Mavericks to make another championship run, they must improve the frontcourt. Nelson said he wants better athletes and better rebounders.

But how? While Dallas won't be able to sign players on a free agency, all it can afford is the \$5.5 million exception and the \$1 million veteran minimum — unless Nelson and Cuban decide to break up their under-the-radar duo. Alonzo Mourning are ideal candidates. But Malone is chasing the career scoring record and might not get enough shots on the Mavericks. Mourning is a health risk. Both also could go elsewhere for more money or better chances of winning their first title.

Juwan Howard, a former Mavericks, could be another option.

"It's an attractive situation for a lot of people," Nelson said. "People like coming to Dallas and we have a great team. We've got a great owner and we're a first-class organization."

"But the bottom line is dollars. They're going to probably go where the most dollars are and the best deal. So we've got to work to do."

CAPSULE LOOK AT THE NBA FINALS

SAN ANTONIO SPURS (60-22, 12-6) vs. NEW JERSEY NETS (49-33, 12-2)

Starters: — Spurs: C David Robinson (8.3 pts, 6.4 reb), F Tim Duncan (24.3 pts, 14.8 reb, 5.3 ast), F Bruce Bowen (8.1 pts, 2.8 reb), G Stephen Jackson (13.6 pts, 4.1 reb), G Tony Parker (13.6 pts, 3.3 reb), Nets: C Jason Collins (6.8 pts, 6.9 reb), F Kenyon Martin (20.7 pts, 9.1 reb), F Richard Jefferson (14.4 pts, 6.3 reb), G Kerry Kittles (10.0 pts, 1.1 reb). **Key reserves:** — Spurs: F Malik Rose (24.1 pts, 9.8 reb, 8.4 reb), G Manu Ginobili (27.4 pts, 9.7 reb, 3.8 reb), Nets: F Aaron Williams (19.2 pts, 6.9 reb, 4.7 reb), G Lucious Harris (22.1 pts, 8.3 reb), F Rodney Rogers (19.7 pts, 7.6 reb, 3.3 reb).

Season series: Tied 1-1, each team winning at home. San Antonio won 92-78 on March 6 as Parker (21 pts, 10 in the fourth quarter) outplayed Kidd (44-for-49). Duncan had 21 points and 21 rebounds, and Ginobili had 18 points, seven assists and five steals. New Jersey won 91-82 on Nov. 13, with Harris scoring 12 points in the fourth quarter to break open a close game. Jefferson scored 27, and Kidd had 18 points, eight rebounds, eight assists and eight turnovers.

Storylines: A take-up series despite Nets. San Antonio being favored, one that should be determined in large part by New Jersey's ability to get out in the open court and run the fast break.

San Antonio is seeking its second NBA championship; the Nets haven't won a title since they were in the ABA.

Key matchup 1: Duncan vs. Martin. The Nets will occasionally send a second defender to help, but Martin will try to handle him one-on-one most of the time. Duncan was a matchup nightmare for the Suns, Lakers and Mavericks in the first three rounds, and Martin caused all sorts of problems for the Bucks, Celtics and Pistons.

Key matchup 2: Parker vs. Kidd. The edge in talent and experience goes to Kidd, but Parker has lots of confidence for a 21-year-old and has played some of his best games when

provided with extra motivation. With the Spurs possibly targeting Kidd as a free agent this summer, Parker will have it: He could be playing for his job.

Weaknesses: The Spurs are a poor free throw-shooting team and have been prone to blowing big leads — especially in fourth quarters. The Nets still have a size disadvantage that will give San Antonio more opportunities for second-chance points.

Little-known fact: The last time these teams met in the playoffs was Game 7 of the ABA semifinals on April 24, 1976. The next day, Duncan was born.

Prediction: Nets in 7.

Firing

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When Dumars said, "This is not a fun day at all," Carlisle quipped: "It's all right. You can't have fun with it."

Shaw resigned as coach of the Philadelphia 76ers on Monday after six seasons. The 56-year-old released him from a contractual clause that prohibited him from coaching another NBA team if he left Philadelphia permanently.

Counting Detroit, there are eight NBA coaching vacancies.

When asked about Brown, Dumars said, "We'll be talking to him," adding that he has heard Brown's name linked to openings in Houston, Cleveland and Washington.

Brown did not return two messages left by The AP at his home.

Carlisle, in his first head coaching job, helped turn Detroit from a lottery team into the top-seeded squad in the East this season. He was honored as NBA Coach of the Year for the 2001-02 season.

He led the Pistons to a 100-64 regular-season record and a 12-15 postseason mark over two years.

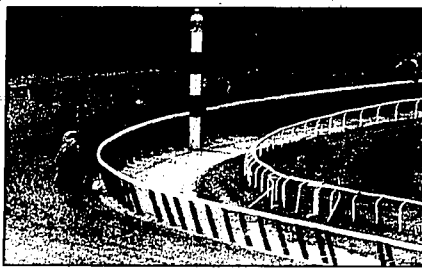
The Pistons' season ended when they were swept by New Jersey in the conference finals. Carlisle's coaching was publicly criticized during the first round when Detroit fell behind 3-1 against Orlando. But he turned to Littlewood, Thibault, Price and McInnes.

Okur to generate more offense and help the Pistons advance. "You can get into a conversation about what may or not be fair, or what can be excited about being at the peak of your career," Carlisle said. "I'll look back and remember the good things and the things that were accomplished by a group that no one thought had a chance."

Carlisle was hired as Detroit's coach on May 25, 2001, after the team fired George Irvine following a 32-50 season.

Brown, 62, had two years left in his contract that paid him \$6 million per season in Philadelphia.

SPORTS



Jockey Ron Turcotte, aboard Secretariat, turns for a look at the field many lengths behind in this June 9, 1973 photo as they make the final turn on his way to winning the Belmont Stakes and the Triple Crown. Thirty years ago, a big red horse won the Belmont Stakes by a whopping 31 lengths and became racing's ninth Triple Crown winner.

When 'Big Red' wore racing's Triple Crown

By Beth Harris
Associated Press writer

Nearly 30 years ago, a horse nicknamed "Big Red" captured the public's imagination and became a cultural icon.

Secretariat made history with an incredible performance in the 1973 Belmont Stakes that was so dominating, it's hard to imagine a human equivalent.

The colt became a household name and a welcome distraction for a country reeling by the Vietnam War. He was beloved by the skeptical denizens of the racing world and by children who wrote him fan letters.

Secretariat made the covers of Time and Newsweek in the same week. He joined the same talent agency as Elvis Presley and Sophia Loren. He was in demand for appearances on television and in Las Vegas.

He finished fourth in voting for The Associated Press male athlete of the year.

Horse racing had gone 25 years without a Triple Crown winner until Secretariat — too long for most Americans to have remembered Citation sweeping the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont in 1948.

Then came Big Red, whose eye-catching victories in the Derby and Preakness built anticipation for the Belmont to a feverish pitch.

"People had begun to feel it was never going to happen," said Penny Cheney, who owned the horse. "The pressure to produce a Triple Crown winner was intense."

It still is. Another chestnut, this one a New York-bred gelding owned by a group of high school buddies, will try to win the Belmont on June 7. If Funny Cide succeeds, he would become the 12th Triple Crown winner and first since Affirmed accomplished the feat 25 years ago.

"I really think Funny Cide is going to win the Triple Crown," said Ron Turcotte, Secretariat's jockey.

Following his Derby victory, Funny Cide ran away from the field in the Preakness and won by a record 9.75 lengths.

"The thrilling thing about Funny Cide is how he turned on the afterburners in the stretch, and it reminded me of a big red Ferrari I used to know," Cheney said.

Secretariat became the first horse in the Derby to break 2 minutes with a time of 1:59.25. In the Preakness, he made perhaps his most sensational move when he went from last to first on the first turn.

As easily as I won the Preakness, I won't let Affirmed Turcotte recalled. "I hardly rode him."

For three interminable weeks until the Belmont, speculation was rampant about what Secretariat would do in the 1.5-mile race. There was talk of a record time and a big winning margin. There also was much apprehension because it had been so long since a horse had won the Triple Crown.

"Coming up to the Belmont, he was lighter on his feet and he was training even better," Turcotte said. "I thought he was just maturing and he was going to run a better race. The pressure wasn't that great on me."

The media swarmed Secretariat's barn at Belmont Park. Cheney, then known as Penny Tweedy, was a hit because of her enthusiasm and humor. Trainer Lucien Laurin alternated work and interviews, enjoying his greatest fame at 60.

Each of Secretariat's workouts became an event. Turcotte stopped to let camera clicks, and the sound always pricked Secretariat's ears as though he

knew he was the star of the show.

Through it all, Secretariat kept his cool. He trained brilliantly up to the Belmont, making Lucien and Turcotte unusually confident. Lauren predicted Secretariat would win by 10 lengths.

With an estimated 30 million watching on TV and 67,605 at the track, Secretariat entered the paddock on the muggy afternoon of June 9, 1973, to applause from people lined 20-deep.

Only four other horses, including Sham, runner-up in both the Derby and Preakness, ran against Secretariat.

The red colt broke sharply from the gate, vying for the lead with Sham, ridden by Laffit Pincay Jr. Turcotte positioned Secretariat along the rail, with Sham on his right. They raced the opening quarter in a speedy 23.5 seconds.

Under orders to challenge for the lead, Pincay kept after Sham despite setting the pace was too fast, Sham gained a narrow lead on the first turn. But Secretariat poked his nose in front entering the backstretch.

At that point, it looked like a two-horse race. Both jockeys refused to give an inch as their mounts raced through a half-mile in 45.1 seconds, fastest in Belmont Stakes history.

Onlookers wondered what Turcotte was thinking, going that fast.

"The main concern of a rider going through the Belmont is riding his own horse, not trying to ride the other people's horses and not trying to worry about other people's horses," Turcotte said.

The crowd was in an uproar as Secretariat began pulling away when the race was half by. At that point, he was 2.5 lengths ahead of Sham, but what startled many was his time of 1:09.45, good enough to win most sprints but believed to be more too fast for a horse running 1.5 miles.

With the sound of Sham's hoofbeats fading, Secretariat opened eye-widening margins. At the end of a mile in 1:34.15, he was seven lengths ahead.

Announcer Chick Anderson's voice rose above the deafening crowd: "Secretariat is blazing a new record, moving like a tremendous machine!"

Many of those in the crowd aware of the fractions were concerned that the machine might burn out of steam, including Lauren.

But Secretariat showed no sign of weakening as he put the other horses farther behind him. His lead became 14 lengths, then 18. His only competition was the clock, and that was taking a beating.

Secretariat's time for 1.25 miles was 1:59, two-fifths of a second faster than his winning Derby time.

As the colt turned for home 23 lengths ahead, Turcotte looked over his arm to see where everybody was. By now the crowd was in a frenzy, whooping and hollering, with strangers hugging each other. Secretariat charged home to win by a whopping 31 lengths in a world record 3:01.4.

The margin bettered Count Fleet's old record of 25 lengths in 1943. Secretariat's time remains the second best clockings of Easy Goer in 1989 and A.P. Indy in 1992.

Cheney and Turcotte are the only remaining members of the group that surrounded Secretariat, who died in 1989. Lauren died in 2000, groom Eddie Sweat died in 1998.

Cheney will be rooting for Funny Cide to give America a long-awaited Triple Crown sweep. "It certainly is time in my mind and in the fans' minds," she said. "Funny Cide is a great candidate. I hope he smashes the field on Belmont day."

Trainers say gelding is looking good to take the Triple Crown

NEW YORK (AP) — A safety pin derailed Spectacular Bid.

Fatigue wiped out Alysheba and Silver Charm.

An early move ended Real Quiet's race.

Injury stopped Charismatic.

A stumble at the start was War Emblem's downfall.

Who knows what awaits Funny Cide when he attempts to win the Triple Crown on June 7 in the Belmont Stakes? When it comes to trying to sweep the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont, so much has gone wrong for so many horses that only 11 3-year-olds have done it.

Sixteen others won the first two legs but, for one reason or another, came up short in the 1.5-mile Belmont, the longest and most grueling race of all.

"You need a great horse and good racing luck all the way," said Steve Cauthen, who rode the last Triple Crown winner, Affirmed, in 1978. "You can't have any setbacks."

Funny Cide might just be that horse. A week away from his attempt to win the Belmont and the first Triple Crown champion in a quarter-century, the chestnut gelding is healthy, hungry and ready to run on his home track for his upstate owners, Sachigo Stables.

"If he's the same as he was going into the Derby and Preakness, nothing can beat him," said Robin Smullen, Funny Cide's assistant trainer and exercise rider. "But everything has to continue to fall into place."

So far, so good for Funny Cide, the first gelding and first New York bred to go for the Triple Crown.

Unlike most Triple Crown contenders — even some of the winners — Funny Cide has shown no signs of wear and tear from the punishing grind of going in three

Close, but no cigar

Only 11 horses have won the Triple Crown and none since Affirmed in 1978. Funny Cide can accomplish the feat with a victory in the Belmont Stakes. Horses have won both the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness but lost at the Belmont Stakes.

YEAR	HORSE	FINISH AT BELMONT
1948	Pensive	2nd
1958	Tim Tam	2nd
1961	Carry Back	7th
1964	Northern Dancer	3rd
1968	Kaual King	4th
1968	Forward Pass	2nd
1969	Majestic Prince	2nd
1971	Canoneiro II	4th
1979	Spectacular Bid	3rd
1981	Pleasant Colony	3rd
1987	Alysheba	4th
1989	Sunday Silence	2nd
1997	Silver Charm	2nd
1998	Real Quiet	2nd
1999	Charismatic	3rd
2002	War Emblem	8th

Note: Bargo King (1932) and Bold Venture (1936) won the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness but did not start the Belmont Stakes.

SOURCES: New York Racing Association, Associated Press

aces at three tracks at varying distances over five weeks.

With a quarter-mile to go in the 78th Belmont, Cauthen said Affirmed felt "fatigued," and in the winner's circle, "he was exhausted." Trainer Bob Baffert, a three-time Belmont loser with a Triple Crown at stake, said Silver Charm was sluggish before the Belmont and "out of gas" when beaten by a head by Touch Gold in '97.

Since his second-place finish behind Empire Maker in the Wood Memorial on April 12,

Affirmed vs. Alydar — remembering the greatest rivalry

By Richard Rosenblatt
Associated Press writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Their names are linked in racing lore forever: Affirmed and Alydar. Never the other way around.

Affirmed first, Alydar second. But just barely, like the results of the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes. Affirmed by 1.5 lengths, by a neck, by a head.

The instant Affirmed crossed the finish line in the 1978 Belmont to become racing's 11th — and last — Triple Crown winner, the series became a classic.

"I knew then it was a great moment for racing," said winning jockey Steve Cauthen. "And it still is."

Rivalries have always been a part of horse racing, from Seabiscuit vs. War Admiral to Easy Goer vs. Sunday Silence. But rarely had the sport witnessed such a prolonged struggle between two determined colts that came down to so many narrow decisions.

"When those two got together it was electric," recalled John Veitch, Alydar's trainer. "You always knew they were going to put on a show, and from the first time they met until the last, they did. People remember it, and they always will, because it's never been duplicated."

Affirmed and Alydar met 10 times in 14 months, from June 15, 1977, through Aug. 19, 1978. Affirmed won seven races, Alydar three, including one through disqualification in their final meeting in the Travers at Saratoga.

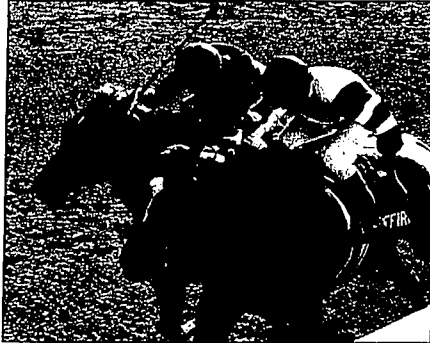
Five times, the winning margin was a half-length or less — and Affirmed prevailed in all the close finishes. When the rivalry ended, the distance covered was 9,916 miles, with Affirmed coming out about 4.5 lengths ahead, or approximately 38 feet.

"Alydar will always be a champion to me," said John Velazquez, Alydar's jockey. "He couldn't get past Affirmed, but he never stopped trying. He was the best horse I ever rode."

The late Len Barren, trainer of Affirmed, once said: "Any other year, Alydar would have won the Triple Crown, no doubt. He was a great horse. But he just happened to come along in the same year as Affirmed."

The rumblings began in summer 1977, when the two striking chestnut colts first met on the racetrack. Affirmed, a sleek, gold-haired son of Exclusive Native bred in Florida by Lou Wolfson's Harbor View Farm, won the first meeting, the Youthful Stakes, in which Alydar finished fifth.

"I would be the only time the loser would finish worse than second," the two met five more times as



Affirmed on the inside, Steve Cauthen up, wins the Belmont Stakes and the Triple Crown, ahead of Alydar, Jorge Velazquez up, in Elmont, N.Y., in this June 10, 1978 photo.

2-year-olds, with Affirmed winning the Hopeful, Laurel Futurity and Belmont Futurity, and Alydar the Great American and the Champagne. Affirmed, trained by the robustian Barren, who had conditioned Bold Forbes to win the 1976 Derby, was voted champion 2-year-old and repaired to California to prepare for the Kentucky Derby.

Alydar, a striking, reddish-gold son of Raise a Native, headed to Florida under the tutelage of the young John Veitch, the son of Hall of Famer Sly Veitch.

It was six months before the two would meet again.

"Here we were," recalled Cauthen. "Alydar, the Calumet, blue-blooded, good-looking, superstar, red-coated, with muscular shoulders and two white leg markings, as he carried Velazquez and the devil red-end-blue silks into post No. 10. Affirmed, a gleamed gold-sleeved and redier, went into post No. 2 with Harbor View's pink, white and black silks."

Whether it was a clod of dirt that struck him in the eye, or he had returned with a swollen eye — or a miscalculation — by Velazquez, Alydar quickly dropped back, trailing Raymond Earl and then Seattle Slew, who were then 10 lengths as he sat pink in the field of 11. Cauthen, however, kept the

number Affirmed close up, even allowing Belvedere to come up and pass him with 440 yards to go, then rousing the colt to take command at the top of the stretch, drawing clear. Alydar, with the crowd of 131,000 screaming in anticipation, made a belated run to finish 1 1/2 lengths behind.

"I knew Alydar would be coming, but his rule was far too late to beat Affirmed," said Cauthen, who crossed the finish line in 2:01 1/5, then the fifth-fastest Derby.

Then, it got really close. Two weeks later in the Preakness, Affirmed was the favorite, but the Alydar camp wasn't conceding anything. Veitch made no secret that he wanted Alydar closer to the post in the Preakness, a race run at a track with tight turns that favors horses with tactical speed.

Although he trailed early, Alydar was just a neck behind the front-running Affirmed at the eighth pole. Saddled to saddlecloth, they battled through the stretch but neither gave way. When the finish line came up, they were still separated by only a neck, with Affirmed winning 1:54 2/5.

"Alydar was breathing down our neck at the top of the stretch, but I knew I had a lot of horse left," Cauthen said.

Now it was 62, Affirmed. But this time, more than just a rivalry was at stake. Affirmed was on the brink of winning the Triple Crown, a feat accomplished with seeming ease the year before by Seattle Slew, and four years before by Secretariat, considered by many to be the greatest racehorse of all time.

Even Tagg, a perfectionist who usually finds something amiss, proclaimed Funny Cide "soulful, healthy and happy" after the workout.

"It's just been a dream trip since the Wood Memorial," Tagg said. "His sitting up every night. He's training well, sleeping well, breezing well. He's right on track. Whether he'll run well we don't know. But I haven't seen any change in him since May 17."

Smullen has, and it's been for the better. "He's getting taller," Smullen said. "He may look leaner, but he's growing up. He's growing up, and he'll keep your weight on during this is hard to do. But he's doing it. Am I surprised? Yep."

Then again, fatigue, can show up again.

"It's the thing you have to worry about," Smullen said. "It's a rough road he's been on. He appears to be the same horse, but sometimes you won't know until the race itself. Everything can seem to be 100 percent and then they won't quite have what they had in the other races. Hopefully, he'll perform next Saturday like he can."

Jose Santos has been aboard all eight of Funny Cide's starts. He said the gelding has grown up quickly.

"In the Preakness, he was pretty smart the way he settled behind the leaders," Santos said. "By the time I asked him to go, he

was right there. In the winner's circle, with 300 people there and with flowers on his neck, he didn't even move."

"That's a horse with a lot of class. He goes to the track, does what he has to, and does it in good fashion."

Home track advantage is also in Funny Cide's favor. He lives at Belmont, trains on the track and is 3-4-3 in three. While many Triple Crown contenders arrived a few days before the race, Funny Cide was back in his barn about eight hours after winning the Preakness on May 17.

"He knows every corner of this race track and it's a big advantage," Santos said.

With a hometown horse also coming from a hometown crowd, and New York Racing Association officials are expecting a record turnout that could reach 125,000. There's a record 103,222 watching War Emblem skip the eighth horse to fall in a Triple Crown bid since Affirmed won in 1978.

While there's great anticipation that Funny Cide will end the 25-year drought and join the likes of Citation, Whirlaway, Secretariat and Seattle Slew as Triple Crown champions, there are other intangibles to consider. A fresh face in the field, for example.

Tako Dwyer never to the Triple Crown trail. Dwyer has won three of a row, including the Louis Star Derby. There's also Empire Maker, considered this year's Triple Crown threat before his Derby loss. The colt trained by Bob Baffert, said Cauthen, is "Preakness and should be well-rested for his chance to play spoiler."

If Funny Cide can win, he'll likely continue to race for the next few years.

"It's long overdue — racing fans have been waiting for a great horse to come along," Cauthen said. "The great thing about Funny Cide is he'll be around for a few years and the public will be able to enjoy him. I can't think of anything better than for him to pull this off."

The challenge for Affirmed was not only whether he belonged with racing greats such as Citation, War Admiral, Whirlaway and Count Fleet, but whether he could overcome his dogged rival to do so.

There was nothing like this in Belmont history. Five horses ran, but it was essentially a match race. With Affirmed on the lead inside, Velazquez moved Alydar up to compete on a level he had never seen, and the two remained locked together for seven furlongs, nose apart, as the crowd of 65,417 screamed encouragement.

"It was cat and mouse all the way down the backside," Cauthen said.

Finally, turning for home, it was Alydar who pedaled a neck in front for the first time in the Triple Crown.

"For the first time, I felt Affirmed getting fatigued," said Cauthen.

That was when the jockey uncorked what he calls, to this day, his "secret weapon."

Switching his whip to his left hand, Cauthen lashed Affirmed on his flank. Stung, the colt kicked into another gear, almost immediately regaining the lead just after announcer Chick Anderson yelped "Alydar's got a head in front!"

For the next 300 yards, exhausted, the two drew upon every ounce of energy and battled to the wire with Affirmed narrowly edging Alydar by a head.

"Six inches," said Cauthen. "Six inches," said Cauthen.

After three met races and almost four miles, it had come down to heart and a narrow, bright-eyed head, the one belonging to Affirmed.

"What made that race so spectacular is that it was the endgame of a long career," Velazquez said. "I satisfied everybody's appetite, except mine of course."

The two met once more, in the Travers at Saratoga, won by Affirmed's rider, Laffit Pincay Jr. But Alydar did not run, causing his rival to check sharply. Alydar was declared the winner after Affirmed was disqualified.

Placed second. Although, both raced at age 4, they never met again — Alydar finished his career with 14 starts, nine wins and 23 seconds.

Both are in racing's Hall of Fame. Alydar was inducted Nov. 15, 1990, after breaking a leg in a race. Affirmed died, Jan. 19, 2001, following months of health problems.

Perry cruises, Tiger stumbles at Memorial

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) — Another brutal Saturday at Muirfield — in Ohio, not Scotland — was too much for Tiger Woods.

But not for Kenny Perry. Despite cold, whipping wind and the toughest weekend conditions at Muirfield Village in almost 20 years, Perry made only one bogey in a round of 2-under 70 and led Lee Janzen by two shots going into the final round.

Perry, coming off a victory at Colonial with a record score, again ended a solid round with a birdie on the 18th. His approach ran up the ridge, then trickled down the slope to 8 feet.

He was at 13-under 203. Woods, meanwhile, struggled with his swing and the gusts up to 30 mph made it look even worse. He hit a tee shot out of bounds for triple bogey and played the front nine in 42. He had to play the final four holes in 2 under to shoot 76.

It was his worst round ever at Memorial, where he is the only three-time winner, and at times it was reminiscent of his 81 in the third round of the British Open last year at Muirfield.

He wound up 11 strokes out of the lead — just like at Muirfield last summer — and no chance to catch the golf's hottest player. Janzen had a 71 that left him at 11-under 202.

Late birdie binge lifts Sorenstam at Kellogg-Keebler

AURORA, Ill. — Angry with herself after three-putt bogeys on consecutive holes, Annika Sorenstam birdied the last five holes Saturday to take a two-stroke lead into the final round of the Kellogg-Keebler Classic. She finished with a 6-under 66, the second-best round of the cold and windy day, giving her a two-day score of 16-under 128. Mhairi McKay had nine birdies on her way to a 64 and is at 130.

Rosie Jones, who began the day tied with Sorenstam, shot a 71 and is five strokes off the lead.

Ahern holds six-shot lead at Music City Championship

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Jim Ahern shot a 9-under 63 to take a six-stroke lead after the second round of the Champions Tour's Music City Championship.



Kenny Perry, of Franklin, Ky., watches his tee shot on the par-5 fifth hole during the third round of the Memorial Tournament Saturday in Dublin, Ohio. Below, Tiger Woods reacts after hitting his approach shot into the water on the par-4 14th hole during the tournament.



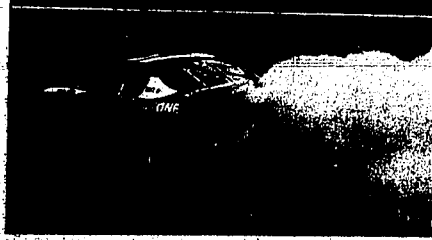
Champions Tour, if he had birdied the final three holes — all par-4s on the Springhouse Golf Club course. He finished with a bogey, his first of the tournament. A 62 would have tied the tournament record held by Dave Stockton (1994) and Isao Aoki (1998), but the 63 is a career best.

José María Canizares, whose son Alejandro won the individual NCAA golf championship as a freshman at Arizona State on Friday, was tied for second with Rodger Davis at 11 under. Canizares shot a 65, and Davis had a 66.

Poulter holds two-stroke lead at Wales Open

NEWPORT, Wales — England's Ian Poulter shot a 4-under 68 to take a two-stroke lead over Wales' Phillip Price into the final round of the Wales Open.

Poulter had a 16-under 200 total. Price also shot a 68. Sweden's Fredrik Jacobson, seeking his third victory of the season, was three strokes back after a 64.



Joe Nemechek does a burnout after winning the NASCAR Busch series race at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del., Saturday.

Nemechek capitalizes on Kenseth error to win

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Joe Nemechek took advantage of Matt Kenseth's late-race blunder Saturday and became the first driver in 17 years at Dover International Speedway to win a NASCAR Busch Series race from the pole.

Winston Cup points leader Kenseth dominated the race, but missed a shift on the 155th lap of the 160-lap MBNA 400. He was hit by Brian Vickers and tried to finish with rear bumper askew and left rear fender bent upward.

But Kenseth spun out on lap 179, giving fast-closing fellow Cup racer Nemechek the lead.

"That last run, I caught Matt and started to work him over," Nemechek said. "He broke loose and got sideways."

"I said, 'Whoa.' It was almost like Christmas."

Nemechek's task was made easier when the cars restarted the race-filled race in single file twice in the final 10 laps on The Monster Mile. The last came after Martin Truex Jr. spun, and the event was red-flagged.

But Scott Riggs was unable to close the gap in the final three laps under green, and his Ford finished

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nearly a half-second behind Nemechek's Chevrolet.

It was the 15th career Busch win and third this year for Nemechek, who hours earlier crashed his Cup car in practice. He will use a back-up car and move to the rear of the field Sunday in MBNA 400.

There were 10 lead changes among five drivers.

Vickers finished fifth, followed by Bobby Hamilton Jr. and points leader Todd Bodine. Casey Kahne, Mike Bliss and Ron Hornaday completed the top 10.

Force sets Funny Car record with 4.721-second run

JOLIET, Ill. — John Force set a national Funny Car record with a 4.721-second run to top qualifying for the 114th time in his career Saturday in the NHRA Route 66 Nationals.

Force had a top speed of 325.30 mph.

Tony Schumacher, Greg Anderson and Geno Scali also led their categories in the \$1.8 million event.

Schumacher led Top Fuel at 4.512 seconds and 326.16 mph. Anderson topped the Pro Stock competition in track record 6.761 at 203.58, and Scali led the Pro Stock Bikes at 7.139 and 186.36.

Sports in brief

terback Shane Matthews agreed to a one-year contract with the Cincinnati Bengals on Saturday.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed by the team, and Matthews' agent, Steve Mandell, also declined to comment on the contract.

"Shane is committed to winning and he is eager to be part of a winning franchise," Mandell said.

Bengals coach Marvin Lewis was formerly defensive coordinator with the Washington Redskins.

Matthews, a 10-year NFL veteran, spent last season with Washington.

Fullerton narrows coaching job to four candidates

FULLERTON, Calif. — Four candidates for the Cal State Fullerton coaching job will be interviewed on campus next week, the school announced Friday.

The Titans have been without a coach since Donny Daniels resigned April 18 to become an assistant at UCLA under new coach Ben Howland.

Florida Atlantic coach Sidney Green and former UCLA assistant Jim Sala will interview on Monday, and Fairleigh Dickinson coach Tom Green and Fresno State assistant Robert Burton will interview on Wednesday.

Compiled from wire reports

Harvard sinks Washington to win rowing title

CHERRY HILL, N.J. — Harvard beat Washington by nearly 4 seconds to win its first Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championship in the varsity heavyweight division Saturday.

The teams broke from the field quickly, advancing to open water after 700 meters and then battling it out for the rest of the 2,000 meters. Harvard won with a time of 5:43.4, with Washington coming in at 5:47.2.

Cornell, which won the last four championships, was third, followed by Wisconsin, Northeastern and Cornell.

Bengals agree to terms with quarterback Matthews

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Tennis

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A week ago, Costa's 10-year record didn't include a single comeback from a two-set deficit. Now he's done it twice: in the first round and against unseeded Nicolas Lapentti in the third, winning 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 Saturday.

Hewitt, meanwhile, dropped the last six games to No. 28 Tommy Robredo 4-6, 1-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.

"If I have to keep playing matches like this, I don't know how far I can go," Costa said. "I'm going to have to win one of these matches quickly."

A couple of his sets against Lapentti lasted longer than entire matches played Saturday by Venus Williams, Kim Clijsters and Jennifer Capriati, all past finalists. Each dropped only three games.

Lindsay Davenport, troubled by no injury and never fond of clay, won handily, too, on a day that seven of eight women's matches finished in straight sets. The quarterfinalists will be determined Sunday.

Costa gets Sunday off, and he needs it. He's been on court nearly 12 hours already, playing 148 games. His next foe, No. 32 Arnaud Clement, the last Frenchman in the field — waded through merely 81 and hasn't lost since.

At the French Open

Highlights from Day 6 of the French Open on Saturday.

Weather: Sunny with a high of 88 degrees.

Attendance: 31,100.

Men's Seeded Winners: No. 3 Juan Carlos Ferrero, No. 9 Albert Costa, No. 19 Fernando Gonzalez, No. 20 Felix Mantilla, No. 28 Tommy Robredo, No. 30 Jarkko Nieminen, No. 32 Arnaud Clement.

Men's Seeded Losers: No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt, No. 12 Speng, No. 25 Jim Courier, No. 26 Andre Agassi, No. 27 Andre Agassi, No. 28 Tommy Robredo, No. 30 Jarkko Nieminen, No. 32 Arnaud Clement.

Women's Seeded Winners: No. 2 Kim Clijsters, No. 3 Venus Williams, No. 6 Lindsay Davenport, No. 7 Jennifer Capriati, No. 15 Magdalena Malese, No. 22 Vera Zvonareva, No. 24 Conchita Martinez.

Women's Seeded Losers: No. 30 Paola Suarez.

trainers and both took bathroom breaks. After one, Lapentti returned to the court looking like he had taken a trip to the market, totting a can of soda, a bottle of water and a banana.

Costa got a neck rub in the second set, while Lapentti was hit by leg cramps and got his thighs massaged several times. By the fifth set, Lapentti, moved, as though walking barefoot on coals. So he camped out at the baseline, relying on heavily spun drop shots.

"I was beginning to think, 'Am I going to play for more than 4.5 hours and lose to a guy who can't even run?'" Costa said.

He birdied Lapentti's delay

tactics, which included stretching or slowly going over to grab water between points, and yelled at the chair umpire to curtail them.

Lapentti, ranked 58th, was warned for delay of game at 2-2 in the final set. When he sat down, he was told he couldn't ask for a timeout and would have to quit.

"I said, No, no, no. I want to keep playing. I just tried to hang in there, but it was too tough," said Lapentti, a Wimbledon quarterfinalist in 2002. "I didn't like the way he was trying to push the umpire to make me play quicker. I just don't think that's very nice from him, because he knew I was in pain."

Before the pain, Lapentti produced the shot of the tournament. Chasing a lob with his back to the net, he flicked his racket to hit the ball between his legs, producing a lob that floated over Costa and fell.

Lapentti actually won more points, 162 to 161.

The back of Costa's white shirt was freckled with specks of red clay by the end of what he called "a tremendous match."

"I never play a match like this. At the end, I couldn't move," he said. "It's a very special match, because I was fighting all the time and playing and trying and trying and trying."

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Economy grows at 1.9 percent rate

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy performed a little bit better in the first three months of 2003 than first thought, growing at an annual rate of 1.9 percent. But even with the improvement, the pace of economic growth was still lackluster.

The latest reading on gross domestic product for the January to March quarter shows the economy expanding slightly faster than the 1.6 percent growth rate estimated a month ago, the Commerce Department reported Thursday. The GDP is the broadest measure of the economy's health and measures the total value of goods and services produced within the United States.

One of the main reasons the first-quarter GDP reading was revised higher was because consumers — the main force keeping the economy going — opened their pocketbooks and wallets a bit wider than previously thought.

Still, the country was feeling the strains of war, and had bad weather in the first quarter, factors that weighed on an already lumbering economy, economists say.

In the last three months of 2002, economic growth clocked in at a mediocre annual rate of 1.4 percent.

Child tax credit checks to be mailed in summer

LOS ANGELES — For the second time in three years, millions of Americans will be getting a little something extra from Uncle Sam: mid-year tax refunds.

The refund checks, offsprings of the tax-cut plan signed Wednesday by President Bush, will go to about 25 million parents who claimed the child tax credit on 2002 returns. The checks, for as much as \$400 per eligible child, will be mailed in late July and early August.

Much like the refund in the summer of 2001, which were also a product of a Bush tax cut, checks will go first to those who filed returns by April 15.

Those who asked for filing extensions may also get refunds, but theirs won't be mailed until four to six weeks after their returns are processed.

State sues executives of defunct high-tech firm

IDAHO FALLS — A software company once heralded as eastern Idaho's ticket to the high-tech industry is now at the center of a \$3.6 million lawsuit filed earlier this month by the Idaho Department of Finance.

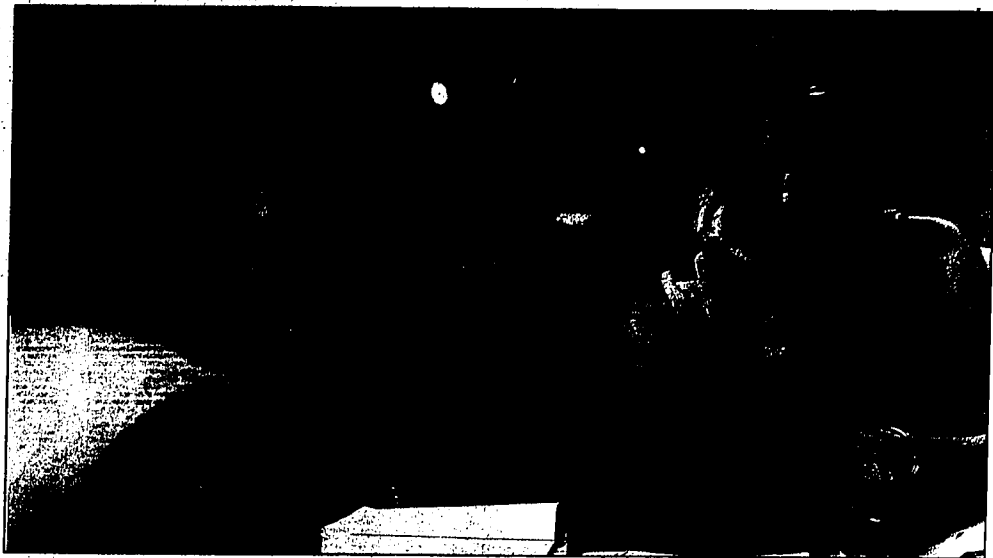
CollabWare, Corp. and two of its former officers, Barry L. Moyer of Allison Park, Pa., and William J. Inman of Idaho Falls, have been named as defendants in a civil-suits lawsuit filed in 7th District Court.

The state alleges that CollabWare sold securities that were not registered in Idaho and that Inman and Moyer were not licensed to sell securities in the state.

It also alleges they violated the anti-fraud provisions of the Idaho Securities Act. The lawsuit against CollabWare also alleges that 58 individual investors, most from eastern Idaho and Boise, lost \$3.6 million when the company collapsed.

Inman said Thursday he had heard nothing about the lawsuit and had not been served papers. He said he and Moyer were fired in January 2001 by Inman, who was chairman of the board.

Compiled from wire reports.



Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Manager Suzanne Just, right, goes over some possible changes to the membership packet with operations manager Marie Sharp at the chamber Friday.

The personal approach

Chambers of commerce set sights on new members

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — In mid-June, a different type of membership drive will be in full swing at the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

From the 16th through the 20th of the month, board members, ambassadors and staff will contact all 740 current members, asking for their help in the campaign to recruit new members.

The request for backup help from the membership is designed to get everyone associated with the chamber involved in the recruitment process.

"We'll be asking our members to think of people they know and we'll ask that person to make the initial call," said Membership Manager Suzanne Just.

And to ensure that new members not only join but keep an active affiliation with the chamber, "I'll be doing the personal follow-up part of the recruitment myself," said Just, who took the membership managing position in January.

The difference

According to Just, there is ample reason to belong to the chamber.

"We're the front door to a commu-

ty, and our marketing opportunities are phenomenal," she said.

While chamber recruiters will be touting the benefits of membership, the networking opportunities are considered the greatest advantage for successful business. Besides a monthly newsletter for people on the go, membership provides opportunities for business referrals.

Just also sees the chamber as a marketing tool and a legislative voice, as well.

The chamber has begun to hold orientation meetings for new members also, Just said. And the chamber's practice of holding smaller, more personal membership and staff meetings will continue. There will be four orientation meetings each year.

Membership is directly tied to the chamber's financial operations.

"It's our backbone," said Just.

While programs and projects designed by the chamber will garner some 10-15 percent of the total yearly income, 35 percent of funding comes in membership dues.

Following a decline in member numbers over the past few years, active participation on the part of everyone is being sought.

And this first-of-its-kind drive is already working.

When the Twin Falls chamber's 45 ambassadors and 18 board members heard about the planned drive, they decided to get a jump-start on the actual campaign. Through a verbal challenge, the two groups are seeing which one can cut-to the other in rounding up new members.

"This personal touch is making all the difference," Just said.

New faces, new funds

In the city to the west, the Buhl chamber is not calling its membership drive "special," but its personal approach seems to be working.

"Our membership has gone up about 10 percent over the past year," said Executive Director Ron Potts.

According to Potts, it is very important to keep abreast of new or potential businesses coming to the area and to make a personal visit to each one.

"We also go to people who have been in Buhl for a while — to share ways we can further expand our services," he said.

According to Potts, membership dues account for at least one half of the chamber's operating funds.

The Jerome Chamber of Commerce has also come up with a plan to attract new faces.

This year, gold, silver and bronze packets are being offered as incentives. According to Executive Director Elizabeth Thomas, they are a huge success.

The idea to offer the packets followed a noticeable decline during the previous two years, but for now, membership is on the rise.

Though the larger, corporate sponsorships account for more than half of the chamber's income, as in Twin Falls, membership dues are vital and account for 35 percent of the operating funds.

And while the wheels of chambers of commerce need the green stuff to turn, in the Mini-Cassia area, the structure is the people.

"Membership is the chamber," said Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Joan Asson, who personally calls on individuals and businesses within the area.

According to Asson, the chamber experienced a 23 percent decline in membership in 2002, but this year the group has gained 127 new members.

Membership fees bring about 48 percent of the chamber's funds to the table, Asson said.

Times-News correspondent Loretta Burkhardt can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3990.

Despite lower investment returns, retirees do better than expected

By Todd Meent
Knight-Ridder News Service

Retiree Mr. Donald Sparks figures his investments would carry him for seven or eight years if those assets were the only thing between him and a diet of pork and beans.

That is sobering decline from the 15-to-12-year cushion he estimated when he retired in late 2000.

But Sparks, 70, is not fretting. A lawyer by trade, he goes to his office every day, five days a week, looking for other secure investments. He says he is still working full time.

"If the market came back, I'd take a little break, but I'd be back to work," he says.

Sparks said. But he said his part-time job was a small price to live the life he wants and to help his children and grandchildren.

Back in 1999, it seemed as if U.S. workers could look forward to enjoying platinum years in retirement, upgraded from the golden kind by a roaring stock market.

But the angst quotient rose sharply after three years of falling stock prices. Retirees worry about outliving their resources. Workers wonder whether they will be able to retire at all, fearing that their savings have eroded to "2010" status.

For all the gloom, researchers



Dividend taxes are cut for now, but then what?

By Rachel Beck
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Now that the dividend-tax cuts have been watered down and set on a time clock, the question is whether they will still have their intended bite.

New federal legislation will reduce taxes on dividends, a big switch from the original push to eliminate dividend taxes completely. And the cuts aren't permanent — they "sun-set," as it's known in business lingo, after five and a half years.

All that may deter investors from doing the kind of buying of dividend payers that Washington policy-makers and

Wall Street strategists had hoped for from the tax breaks.

"If you are buying dividend-paying stocks, you are often buying for the long run, but this means there may be different rules in the long run," said David Wyes, chief economist at Standard & Poor's.

The reduction in dividend taxes is part of the new tax law signed Wednesday by President Bush, who had pressed for eliminating all dividend taxes but had to accept less.

Tax rates on dividends for the highest U.S. earners will fall to 15 percent, less than half the maximum 35 percent

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YOUR BUSINESS

CONTRIBUTIONS

Kraft Foods-Rupert, through the Kraft Foods Contributions Program, recently presented a \$500 grant to Helping Hands/Freeform Trails, a not-for-profit group dedicated to providing adaptive wilderness activities in the state of Idaho for people with varying abilities and/or special needs.

"We're proud to continue Kraft Foods' legacy of sharing our resources with the communities where we work and live," said Jennie Schow, chairman of the local Contributions Committee for Kraft Foods-Rupert. "Helping Hands/Freeform Trails creates opportunities for individuals with special or varying needs to experience the thrill and pleasure of outdoor activities. We're delighted to present this grant to help defray the costs of their annual wilderness campout, which offers adaptive activities such as horseback riding, wagon

rides, rodeo, dances and other special events in which attendees might otherwise not have the chance to participate."

Through the Kraft Contributions Program, Kraft Foods provides grants to local nonprofit organizations, primarily in the company focus areas of hunger, arts in education and healthy lifestyles.

Kraft Foods-Rupert produces Philadelphia Cream Cheese and Neufchatel Cream Cheese.

The Idaho Credit Union League recognized several Idaho credit unions at an awards luncheon May 22 for their fund-raising efforts for Credit Unions for Kids, an organization that raised funds for the Children's Miracle Network. Forty-two credit unions and credit union-related organizations participated in the campaign, raising nearly \$139,000 in the 2002 campaign season.

Canco Credit Union in Nampa received a trophy in the "Under \$5 Million in Assets" category for raising the most money per

credit union - \$616. Inkom Cement Employees Credit Union in Inkom was awarded a trophy for raising the most money per member - 83 cents each. The Cassia County Education Association Credit Union in Burley was recognized for raising 165 percent more than in the 2001 season.

Idaho United Credit Union in Boise received a trophy in the "\$5 to \$20 Million in Assets" category for raising the most money per credit union - \$7,056. Pine Tree Community Credit Union in Grangeville was awarded a trophy for raising the most money per credit union - \$2,08 each. Lewis-Clark Credit Union in Lewiston was recognized for raising 800 percent more than in the 2001 season.

Idaho Federal Credit Union in Boise was awarded two trophies in the "Over \$20 Million in Assets" category for raising the most money per credit union - \$329 each. Boise Telco Federal Credit Union in Boise was recognized for raising 307 percent

more than in the 2001 season. A trophy was also presented to the Southwest Chapter of Credit Unions for raising the most money per member in the Nampa-Caldwell area.

Money raised for the Children's Miracle Network in northern Idaho, \$25,666, benefits pediatric care at Deaconess Medical Center, Deer Park Hospital, Holy Family Hospital, Mount Carmel Hospital in Colville, Northwest Medical Air Ambulance, St. Joseph's Hospital in Chewelah, St. Luke's Rehabilitation Institute, Sacred Heart Medical Center and Valley Hospital & Medical Center.

Money raised in southwest Idaho, \$70,588, benefits St. Luke's Children's Hospital in northern Idaho, \$42,510, assists Primary Children's Regional Medical Center in Salt Lake City.

The Idaho Credit Union League represents the state's credit unions with assets of \$22 billion and 447,500 consumers-owners.

MILESTONES

KMVT begins beaming digital signals on Channel 16

TWIN FALLS - Local over-the-air television station KMVT beams a signal on digital Channel 16.

The transmitter and necessary equipment were installed recently on the station's property on Big Lakes Boulevard North and on Flat Top Butte north of Twin Falls. General Manager George Brown said this initial phase cost \$150,000.

Jeff Pearce, KMVT chief engineer, said KMVT-DT is transmitting with 1,620 watts of power. "As the rest of the country progresses from analog to digital television, KMVT-DT's power will be increased," Pearce said. He said that for the best television reception, whether analog or digital, an outdoor antenna should be used and aimed at Flat Top Butte. To ensure the best reception possible, make sure the antenna is capable of receiving VHF Channel 11 or Digital Channel 16.

Transmitting from KMVT's analog transmitter site on Flat Top Butte in Jerome County, excellent quality signals should be received by the Shoshone, Elletts, Amsterdam and the Interstate 80-State Highway 25 junction in eastern Jerome County.

At this time, KMVT's digital television transmissions are the same as the analog signal of Channel 11. The future of digital television will have options like high-definition television transmissions of wide-screen feature-length motion pictures in Dolby stereo surround sound, CBS network programs in HDTV and stereo surround sound or possibly even multiple TV signals to choose from rather than an HDTV signal.

KMVT welcomes signal reports from viewers who opt to watch KMVT-DT. For more information, call 733-1100, Ext. 3013, for George Brown or Ext. 3049 for Jeff Pearce.

Beauty center opens Monday in Burley

BURLEY - Belle Beauty Center will open Monday at 2207 Overland Ave.

The business is owned and operated by Le Huynh and offers beauty services for face and body, including skin care and pedicure, body treatments, permanent makeup, microdermabrasion and non-surgical facelift and body toning. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, with off-hours available by appointment. Appointments can be made by calling 678-1219.

Idaho Credit Union League honors volunteer

BOISE - At its 67th Annual Meeting held recently in Boise, the Idaho Credit Union League honored Cheryl Wallace, a credit union volunteer from Latah Federal Credit Union in Moscow, by naming her "2002 Credit Union Volunteer of the Year."

Named "2002 Credit Union Professional of the Year" was Brian Osberg, president and CEO of the Idaho Credit Union in Pocatello.

Mike Clements, vice president of lending at East Idaho Credit Union in Idaho Falls, has been re-elected chairman of the Idaho Credit Union League.

Other elected table officers include Vice Chairman Joan Erickson, president and CEO of Lewis-Clark Credit Union in Lewiston and Secretary-Treasurer Brian Osberg.

Glenda Hart, president and chief executive officer of Latah Federal Credit Union in Moscow, has been elected chairman of League Services Inc., a subsidiary of the Idaho Credit Union League. Other elected table officers were Vice Chairman Brad Swartzentruber, president and chief executive officer of Nazarene Financial Credit Union in Nampa, and Secretary-Treasurer Joyce Henry, president and chief executive officer of Coeur d'Alene Teachers' Credit Union in Coeur d'Alene.

CAREER MOVES

Elizabeth Stevenson

RUPERT - Elizabeth Stevenson is a new nail technician at Robert's Hair Salon, 429 F St.

Stevenson's regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and off-hours are available by appointment.

She specializes in all types of hand and nail care and offers such services as acrylic and fiberglass nails, manicures,

pedicures and hot paraffin wax treatments. To make an appointment, call 436-5156. Originally from Filer, Stevenson now lives in Hazelton with her husband and two children.



Elizabeth Stevenson

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Workers in 20s aren't too young to be planning retirement

Knight Ridder News Service

At the height of the technology boom in 1999, Jessica Lontz was earning \$150,000 in salary and commissions as a recruiter for the Philadelphia area's tech sector.

She was 23 then, and her income allowed her to eat out five nights a week and take frequent ski vacations. Saving for retirement, however, was not high on her list of priorities.

"I was great at throwing money down the drain," said Lontz, a Philadelphia resident who is now 27 and making a third of what she earned in 1999.

"In retrospect, I should have saved a ton more than I did. It's almost comical now that I look back at it."

In terms of saving for retirement, Lontz is typical of workers in their 20s. According to a Fidelity Investments report published in 2000, less than half of workers in their 20s participated in their company's retirement savings plan. For those in their 30s, the participation rate increased to 64 percent.

For many young workers, it is difficult to think about building a nest egg that cannot be tapped for 40 years. Others say they do not earn enough to save, or that expenses such as student loans can wipe up any extra cash.

"What happens for the single, young professional is that they are generating salary to cover expenses, and they are not looking to investing seriously until a time when they might have missed out on long-term benefits," said Michelle Smith, spokeswoman for the Mutual Fund Education Alliance, an association for the no-load-fund industry.

With fewer companies offering traditional pension plans and the future solvency of the Social Security program very much in question, experts say younger workers need to take retirement planning into their own hands and start saving as soon as they can.

"The longer it takes for you to get started, the less you'll wind up with in retirement income," said Jack Vandorhei, an expert on 401(k) plans and a professor at Temple University's Fox School of Business and Management.

This is because earnings on money invested annually in a

tax-deferred account are compounded. For example, if a 25-year-old starts saving \$1,000 a year for 40 years in an account with an average annual return of 8 percent, he could have about \$214,000 by age 65, according to Vanguard Group Inc., the mutual-fund giant in Malvern, Pa.

Waiting until age 35 to start saving \$1,000 annually, the same person would have amassed about \$100,000 by 65 - less than half what he could have had if he had started saving five years earlier, Vanguard said.

"Whatever people have put aside today - even if it's not a whole lot of money - it will be 60 years from now," said Vanguard principal Catherine Gordon.

The logic behind the dividend tax cuts is to spur investors to buy dividend-paying stocks, which will give them frequent returns that could be plumped back into the stock market or used for personal spending. Companies, in turn, would see higher stock valuations, which could spur them to spend again. And that is supposed to help the economy.

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on ordinary income that they now have to pay. Low-income taxpayers will pay 5 percent through 2007 and then none at all in 2008.

But all tax brackets will see the return of current rates the following year. So come 2008, investors in the highest income bracket might be back to paying 35 percent on their dividends.

It's that sunset provision that is raising all sorts of questions. The logic behind the dividend tax cuts is to spur investors to buy dividend-paying stocks, which will give them frequent returns that could be plumped back into the stock market or used for personal spending. Companies, in turn, would see higher stock valuations, which could spur them to spend again. And that is supposed to help the economy.

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Come five years from now, maybe the bloated federal deficit or condition of the economy and stock market won't permit continued tax reductions. Or there's the chance that the president or Congress won't favor continuing the cuts.

The new tax package didn't pass with overwhelming support. In fact, Vice President Dick Cheney had to break a tie in the Senate, after the bill to Bush on a 51-50 vote. It passed through the House by a 231-200 margin.

With so many unknowns, stock strategists are saying it is tricky to determine the potential effect on the overall stock market. Will investors rush out to buy dividend-paying stocks? Will more companies start offering dividends?

So far, there hasn't been much excitement. There was little reaction on Wall Street last week after the Senate passed the bill and it went to Bush.

"Congress is trying to have it both ways - telling the accountants that the cuts won't be extended while hoping the market expects them to be," Wynn said in a recent report. "Neither side is likely to be convinced."

Five years may sound far off. But is it? That's what investors have to decide.

Retirees

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and pundits say Americans are coping with fixed retirement plans. Some are even thriving as the bond market prospered at the expense of stocks.

The 401(k) plan may be down, but it is not out, they say. Academics say the 401(k) pension accounts will bounce back from the bear market.

Meanwhile, the demographic trends that threaten the Social Security system also carry the germ of its cure. People are living longer, healthier lives, which means they need more resources to cover additional years of retirement. But increased longevity also means they can stay productive longer.

"Just because people reach 65 doesn't mean they're dead," said Donald Nicholson, a Wilmington, Del., financial planner who advises Sparks.

To be sure, the numbers are daunting. The three-year slide in stocks vaporized \$1.8 trillion, or 23 percent, of individual and institutional retirement assets.

Facing huge leaps in funding requirements, corporations are backing away from traditional pension plans featuring guaranteed monthly payments.

And when Social Security begins mailing out more money each month in benefit checks than it collects in payroll taxes - about 14 years from now if nothing changes - the resulting fiscal crisis will unfold with breathtaking speed, economists say.

"We haven't had a national policy for retirement," said Olivia Mitchell, a professor at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and director of the Pension Research Council. "In one sense, the

chickens are coming home to roost."

Despite all these obstacles, individual retirement savers are building an adequate cushion, said Jack Vandorhei, a Temple University economics professor and a fellow at the Washington-based Employee Benefits Research Institute.

"Employees by and large don't have a clue as to whether they're prepared for retirement," he said. "They do have a tendency to be on track anyway, whether it is through dumb luck or paternalistic employers."

What critics miss is that the 401(k) revolution has another 30 years to run, Vandorhei said. Typically, workers can expect to save over as many as 50 years - a span long enough to smoothen out even the deepest bear market since World War II.

Drawing on his annual surveys of 1 million retirement accounts, Vandorhei recently projected how likely it is workers of various ages and incomes would be able to continue their lifestyle in retirement.

The typical worker in his or her 30s, whose wages fall in the bottom quartile, is likely to replace 103 percent of his or her paycheck in retirement through a combination of savings and Social Security. Vandorhei said.

For the richest quarter of American workers, income replacement would be 85 percent. Both scenarios assume that workers save religiously and that the investment returns are equivalent to historical averages.

Even typical older workers did better in Vandorhei's modeling than the Dow Jones industrial

average would suggest. A bottom-quarter earner's 401(k) plan plus Social Security is likely to replace 72 percent of final income at retirement, between 2005 and 2009, while a top earner's plan plus Social Security replaces 61 percent.

Surprised by these findings, Vandorhei recalculated his retirement scenario using the worst period in his investment return data, which was the 50 years between 1929 and 1978. Income-replacement rates for the workers in their 30s slipped to 92 percent for the lowest earners and 72 percent for the highest.

The study, prepared with Sarah Holden of the Investment Company Institute, suggests that 401(k) savers "will be at least as well off as previous generations," Vandorhei said.

But these preparations are entirely voluntary, said Norman Zein, a law professor at the University of Alabama. The onus is on workers to invest wisely, and to leave the money alone.

"In today's world, if you want to save for retirement, you need to and if you don't, there is very little that forces you to behave responsibly," said Stein, a trustee of the U.S. Labor Department's pension regulatory arm.

The laissez-faire approach continues in retirement, he said, "when you are given a big sum of money and a gold watch and you say, 'OK, you're on your own now.'"

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Whistle blower

Manufacturer prides itself on custom designs

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Most people watch football for the touchdown passes or dramatic goal line stands. Then there's Ray Glesse, who likes to see the refs blow their whistles.

Glesse owns American Whistle Corp., the only major U.S. manufacturer of metal whistles.

"My friends and my wife laugh at me because I'm the only one who zooms in on the whistle," Glesse said. "I can't even pass a police officer on the street without looking."

Glesse bought the privately held company, then called Colsoff Manufacturing Co., 15 years ago after working as a sales manager for a trucking firm and dabbling in real estate. Colsoff Manufacturing, whose owner had become ill, was struggling at the time.

"We thought it was a unique market and we thought we had identified why the business had deteriorated," Glesse said.

First, Glesse tackled what he said was the company's biggest problem, marketing. "We approached a variety of new markets that hadn't been approached before," such as retail stores, he said. Previously, the company's biggest market was sporting goods distributors.

The change in strategy worked. "Our first order was for 5,000 whistles," Glesse said.

Under Glesse's watch, the company has grown from producing about 70,000 whistles the first year to about 1 million annually. Its competition mainly comes from manufacturers in foreign countries including Japan, Taiwan, China and England.

American Whistle produces traditional metal whistles, which retail for \$2 to \$4, and it also makes custom designs for the cost of manufacturing a die and a minimum of 240 whistles. A die costs \$350, but lasts for several million whistles, Glesse said.

Glesse renamed the company because he wanted people to identify with the fact that the whistles were made in America. He is the company's president and chief executive officer and his wife, Diane Serraglio, is vice president. There are nine other employees.

American Whistle has landed some high-profile accounts, including Wal-Mart Stores Inc., which Glesse calls the company's biggest customer. He declined to provide sales figures, but credits the discount retailer's agreement to buy whistles in 1990 with bringing in much-needed regular business for his firm.

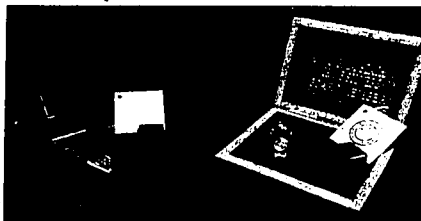
The company also creates the NFL commemorative gold-plated whistles for the officiating crew at the Super Bowl each year. Since the league doesn't have an official whistle, referees must use whistles they purchase themselves, said Mike Perdre, the league's director of officiating.

American Whistle has provided the Super Bowl whistle for nearly a decade. Each whistle has the Super Bowl logo and the referee's initials.

"That, quite frankly, is one of the mementos that most of the guys cherish more than any of the other things," said NFL official Bill Carroll, who was the head referee during the last



American Whistle workers Samantha Love, front, and Penny Sullivan, back, assemble whistles April 28 at the company's Columbus, Ohio, plant. American Whistle touts itself as the United States' only manufacturer of metal whistles.



Jennifer Blackburn of American Whistle Corporation displays two special order boxed set whistles April 28 in Columbus, Ohio.

Super Bowl. "The whistle is not only a piece of our official equipment, it symbolizes control on the field."

The Los Angeles Police Department uses the company's custom whistles in its community safety program. Officer Tanya Hanamakai said people can't get enough of the metal whistles, which are stamped with the department's badge.

"They love it," Hanamakai said. "They think it's something totally special and it is. It's not like anything else the LAPD has."

The whistles start as coiled ribbons of brass that are fed into a press that cuts two pieces: a top piece that looks like a square with Mickey Mouse ears attached

and a rectangle for the bottom. The pieces are bent by machine before going into a custom designed soldering machine.

A single worker sits at the machine, slides the top and bottom pieces of the whistles together and drops them on a conveyor that feeds several rotating spindles. As the spindles turn, pieces are added to the whistles and they are soldered together before being dumped into a hopper.

A piece of synthetic cork is then pushed by machine into the hollow of the whistle. The cork is not actually needed to produce sound, Glesse said. Instead, it changes the pitch and modulation of the whistle.

After the whistles are put

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together, they are put into a large hopper with pieces of plastic that are specially designed to smooth metal. The hopper vibrates for several hours, smoothing and polishing.

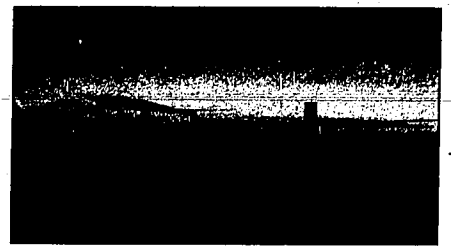
For custom whistles, a 39-ton press stamps logos into the brass, ensuring that the image will not rub off or fade.

Glesse even made 230 whistles for his daughter's wedding; each whistle was stamped with a heart and the bride and groom's names.

Glesse said everyone found their whistles at their place settings at the same time.

"They went from this to this, in an instant," Glesse said, pantomiming blowing a whistle and then covering his ears.

"It was loud."



A change in Idaho's water rental pool will make more water available for irrigation.

Water rental pool changes

free up additional water

IDAHO FALLS — A change approved by the Committee of Nine this week should help ensure water is available for rent from the rental pool.

In the new global rental pool, a price will be set for water. Groundwater pumps — who need to rent water for mitigation efforts — or traditional surface-water users, who have rented water to make up for shortfalls that are willing to pay the fee will be allocated water.

Ron Carlson, watermaster for Water District 1, said the base price is \$3 per acre-foot of water, which includes administrative cost. That price is multiplied by a factor that is determined by the Nov. 1 carryover in the reservoirs and the April 1 water forecast. The multiplier for the 2003 season is 2, which means anyone renting water from the global rental pool will pay \$6 an acre-foot for water.

"This provides water for us to lease with sidebars," Carlson said.

Because the price is determined by supply and storage, the price will increase during water short years and the amount of water people are willing to rent should decrease.

"We want to provide water as cheaply as possible but not dramatically change our carryover," Carlson said. "That's the tightrope we're on."

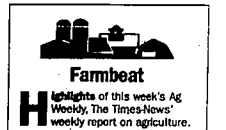
Farmers sue Farm Bureau; court hearing set for June 3

COEUR D'ALENE — A group of north Idaho grass growers is suing their insurance company for misleading farmers and the public.

This suit arises from a decision made by Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance to take the courts to determine whether the smoke-related claims are covered by the liability insurance policies. The half dozen farmers named in that suit have filed suit against the directors of both the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation and Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance.

Mike Schleppe, a former Kootenai County president for Farm Bureau and one of the farmers involved in the suit, said farmers tried to work out an agreement with Farm Bureau so that Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance would continue to provide liability coverage to these farmers. When an agreement could not be reached, the farmers went ahead with their suit.

Basically, the farmers believe that Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance should provide liability insurance because the farmers are following sound agricultural practices; practices that the Farm Bureau Federation has endorsed in a policy statement. Schleppe believes both Farm Bureau and



Farmbeat
Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

the insurance company have been extremely deceptive to farmers throughout the state "by making us believe we had coverage when we don't."

Workshops give ranchers insight to range conditions

JEROME — While ranchers face reduced allotments and looming litigation spurred by environmentalists, water is the bottom line in the grazing picture this season.

Ron Abramovich, NRCS water supply specialist, detailed that picture producers already know too well — water is not plentiful.

Abramovich was one of several speakers at one of several regional informational workshops organized by Idaho Senators Larry Craig and Mike Crapo, held in Idaho this month to update ranchers about current range conditions. In the Magic Valley, public lands grazing forum took place Tuesday at the Jerome City Council chambers.

Data from the U.S. Drought Monitor, showed southeastern Idaho still experiencing "exceptional drought."

Even though spring rains raised precipitation levels to near normal for the season it is not enough to replenish desired soil depth moisture or restore underground aquifer to a healthy level, Abramovich said.

Mexico cancels emergency phytosanitary requirements

MEXICO CITY — A wave of political pressure from the United States appears to have prompted Mexican officials to cancel so-called emergency phytosanitary regulations, which had essentially barred foreign-grown beans from entering the country for months.

Reports from within Mexico say beans are already crossing the border, but industry sources say trade issues are still not resolved.

"We are pleased that Mexico has rescinded the phytosanitary regulations that have been in place since early April," said Amy Philpott, director of international marketing for the National Dry Bean Council in Washington, D.C.

"However, new regulations have been put in their place."

The new order, however, "is one that we can ship under," Philpott said Thursday.

What to look for when shopping for a credit card

By Amy Baldwin
Associated Press writer

Q: I'm thinking of shopping around for a new credit card. Where do I begin? What factors should I consider?

A: The main thing you need to do is to figure out what kind of credit card user you are, which comes down to whether you carry a balance or pay your bill in full each month.

If you carry a balance, you'll want to look for a card with a low monthly interest rate. If you faithfully pay the balance each month, then you should look for cards with perks you'd enjoy, such as frequent flier miles or cash back on purchases.

You might want to have one of each — one for balances you pay and one for bigger expenses or costly, unforeseen expenditures, such as major car repairs. Credit counselors, who warn consumers against taking on too much debt, generally say it is acceptable to have up to three major credit cards.

If you're looking for a card that offers perks, consider that there

might be an annual fee and weigh that against the value of the rewards you anticipate getting. These cards often have higher interest rates as well.

"These cards are for people who do not carry a balance because they are going to have a higher rate," said Greg McBride, senior financial strategist at Bankrate.com.

The average annual interest rate, called APR, on credit cards is about 13.27 percent, down from a peak of 17.36 percent in December 2000, McBride said.

It's also important to keep in mind that reward card holders sometimes have to pay annual fees. Evaluate the annual fee in

terms of your usage. If you won't use the card too much, look for a card without a fee, because you are not going to earn enough (rewards) to offset the fee," McBride said.

If you want a low-rate card, pay attention to the terms of that rate. McBride said. Find out the answers to these questions: How long is the low rate good for? Is it a special, introductory rate used to attract new users? Does the rate apply only to balance transfers, or is it good for future purchases?

If the rate applies only to transferred balances and there's a higher one for new purchases — and you use the card for both — there's a good chance the payments you make will be applied to the lower rate, McBride said.

These cards often have higher interest rates as well.

After the whistles are put

That means you could pay higher interest charges than you expected.

"You can end up trading high-rate debt for high-rate debt," he said.

With any card, remember to read the fine print. "The smaller the print, the more important the information," McBride said. And, remember, terms change. So, whenever you get an update to your credit card agreement, it is important to zero in on what is changing."

For help online, you might want to check out Cardweb.com, which each month compiles lists of cards by type — low-rate, no annual fee, reward cards, etc. The site also has a calculator you can use to figure out how long it will take off to pay off credit card debt, depending on the balance and the interest rate.

Bankrate.com also features stories and advice on credit cards.

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Air France retires Concorde fleet

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NEW YORK (AP) — Playboys and potentates accustomed to arriving in New York before they left Paris will soon have to settle for ordinary, subsonic travel.

Air France is retiring its fleet of Concorde — its last flight was Friday — and British Airways will follow suit in October, ending for the foreseeable future the era of champagne and caviar at Mach 2.

Unless Virgin Atlantic chief Richard Branson succeeds in his bid to take over British Airways' Concorde — which few consider likely — the 12 existing Concorde will be dispersed to museums.

"We want to let the Concorde retire in grace and dignity," said British Airways spokesman John Lampl. "It's just costing us more to run, and from a business point of view the decision was made to end Concorde now."

The idea of a supersonic passenger plane gained momentum in the 1950s, after Chuck Yeager's 1947 blast through the sound barrier. Manufacturers in Britain, France, the Soviet Union and the United States all worked on designs.

In 1968, the Concorde's first prototype rolled out at Toulouse, France. It lifted off 13 months later, three months after the Soviet version made its first flight.

The Concorde began regular service in 1976. With a cruising speed of 1,350 mph, it crosses the Atlantic in about three hours; because of the time change, west-bound passengers arrive an hour before they left.

The Concorde's imminent demise is cause for mourning on Web sites where passengers post breathless accounts of their flights on the famed "silver bird."

But others will celebrate the last days of the needle-nosed jet, which is louder and less fuel efficient than any other plane currently flying.

An unrestricted one-way ticket on the Concorde costs \$6,000, but special deals including half-Concorde round trips can make



Onlookers wave as the last Air France commercial flight to New York takes off from Paris Roissy airport Friday. Air France and British Airways, the only carriers to operate the aircraft, are both retiring their Concorde fleets. The last British Airways flights are scheduled for later in the year.

supersonic travel more affordable.

Growing up, Eric Seiden thought the Concorde "was just something cool" but assumed it was out of his reach. Then in 1994, Seiden, who lives in Miami and works for a distributor of screws, nuts and bolts, was unexpectedly upgraded from business class to Concorde on Air France.

"It's as close as you can get to outer space," said Seiden, who has his own Concorde Web site. "You can actually see the huge curvature of the Earth."

Seiden's fellow passengers included newlyweds Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley canoodling in the back of the plane.

The marriage did not appear to be a publicity stunt, Seiden noted. "They were really in love."

Although the Concorde's regular passengers include many celebrities, the majority are time-is-money businessmen. And most are men: According to British Airways, 80 percent of its Concorde passengers are male,

and the average age is 43.

At 19, Fraser Davidson drew stars when he flew the Concorde last September. Davidson, a student at the University of Southampton in England, received a Concorde ticket as a high school graduation gift from his father.

"You're at 60,000 feet," he said. "You're kind of unique and you feel part of a special club."

Ross Frisbie, a recent graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business, flew the Concorde last summer and described it as "part amusement park ride, part broom closet and part five-star restaurant."

"The actual physical space is quite cramped," he said. "There's barely enough room for a tall person to stand."

Frisbie said he noticed Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York, on his outbound flight; no one bothered her.

Both Air France and British Airways suspended service on the Concorde after a July 25, 2000 Air

France crash that killed 113. The planes were revamped to address safety concerns, and service resumed in November 2001.

But with the economy faltering, the luxury jet has been taking off less than half full.

The Concorde has always had detractors as well as fans. It is not bound by regulations requiring modern jets to muffle their engines, so even though the sonic boom occurs over water, the Concorde is louder than anything else that flies.

"It's a noisy, gas-guzzling piece of equipment," said Peter Wakeham, director of the Noise Abatement Society in Brighton, England. "We are happy to see it go."

U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner, a Democrat whose district includes neighborhoods near Kennedy Airport, said his constituents would celebrate the Concorde's last flight.

"It is literally loud enough that last summer we had an incident when it made car alarms go off," Weiner said.

Mortgage rates hit a record low — again

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rates on 30-year mortgages have dropped to a new low, the eighth time this year that has happened.

Average interest on a fixed-rate 30-year mortgage fell to 5.31 percent last week, the third week in a row this benchmark mortgage hit a record weekly low, Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, reported Thursday in its nationwide survey.

Last week's 5.31 percent had been the previous low in figures going back to 1971. Records that reach back earlier indicate the rate is the lowest in more than four decades, economists said.

Low mortgage rates propelled home sales to record levels last year. And this year is shaping up to be the second-best for sales of both existing homes and new ones, economists said.

The housing market is one of the few bright spots of the lackluster economy.

"Low rates combined with the uptick in consumer confidence are strong indications that the housing market will continue to prosper into the summer months," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

For 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates remained unchanged at 4.73 percent this week, the lowest since Freddie Mac began tracking them in 1991.

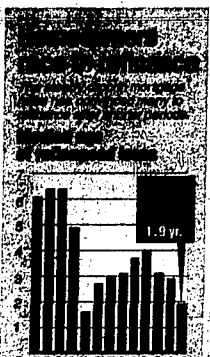
Rates for one-year adjustable mortgages, however, nudged up this week to 3.63 percent from 3.61 percent.

Low mortgage rates also pushed mortgage refinancing to a record level last year, something that has played a key role in supporting consumer spending. Consumers used the money saved on their monthly mortgage payments to make other purchases.

The Mortgage Bankers Association of America reported that refinancing accounted for 77.4 percent of all mortgage applications filed last week, up from 76 percent.

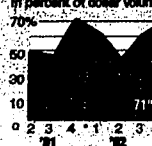
This week's mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. Each loan type carried an average fee of 0.6 point this week.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6.76 percent, 15-year mortgages were 6.22 percent and one-year adjustable mortgages stood at 4.76 percent.

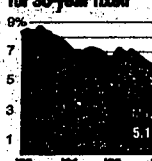


Mortgage financing refinancing

In percent of dollar volume



Mortgage rates for 30-year fixed



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Get rich quick? It's not too likely

By Judy Rose
Knight Ridder News Service

As dreams of stock market wealth lie in tatters, the hot new hustle being pushed to investors has suddenly become real estate.

Real estate investor groups have been swamped with fledgling house buyers who pay money to hear speakers explain "hard money," "flipping" and "REOs." More on those later.

Meanwhile, new books are pouring into stores and on the Web, telling you how to use real estate to get rich quick.

The word "secrets" is in many of these book titles; so is the word "millionaire." Seems a lot of millionaires want to tell you their secrets — usually in paperback for \$15-\$20.

The basic premise is good. Almost all homeowners who buy, improve and sell pay a while make money on their houses.

Can you extend this past your own home? Probably yes, but add salt to tales of quick, easy riches.

And don't leap into convoluted deals promoted under headings like: "How I made \$30,000 in 45 minutes." Some of this advice should carry the warning: Kids, don't try this at home.

Saltshaker in hand, here are samples from the current crop of get-rich-in-real-estate books.

"Financing Secrets of a Millionaire Real Estate Investor" by William Bronchick (\$18.95, Dearborn): OK, they're not secrets, but the book has good explanations of the many kinds of financing that invertebrate real estate investors can use. It's a book for those already on their way.

"Real Estate Loopholes: Secrets of Successful Real Estate Investing" by Garrett Sutton and Diane Kennedy (\$16.95, Warner Business Books): These authors of the "Rich Dad Poor Dad" series talk about opening loopholes in the tax law and closing loopholes in personal liability. Yes, even rich folks know legal cracks the rest of us don't. Not a book for beginners.

"Investing in Real Estate," fourth edition, by Andrew McLean and Gary Eldred (\$19.95, Wiley): The 2003 version of this solid, fact-packed book (aureously free of the phony personal stories that pad many real estate books. It's closer to a textbook. Not for the

casual reader.

"Flipping Properties: Generate Instant Cash Profits in Real Estate" by William Bronchick and Robert Dahlstrom (\$18.95, Dearborn): Buy a junker. Fix it up. Sell it for huge profits. So-called flipping seems to grip the imagination of many investors today. But it can be a lot tougher than flip books make it sound.

"Buy, Rent and Sell: How to Profit by Investing in Real Estate" by Robert Irwin and Richard Jorgensen (\$14.95, McGraw Hill): The formula's old and solid as a recipe for bread. Buy a house wisely. Rent it and make payments until tax liability goes down and the price goes up. Sell.

What's the meaning of those insider words at the top of the story? Here are definitions and some pointers.

Flipping: Buying a run-down house, fixing it up fast and selling it for a profit without ever renting it. Be sure there'll be enough profit to pay for your trouble and risk. Move fast. Every month you own the house it costs you interest,

taxes and insurance. Also know that the fast turnaround means your profit isn't eligible for capital gains tax (20 percent), but is subject to the much higher self-employed income tax, which typically is 43 percent.

Hard money: The expensive short-term loans often used in real estate investing. This is a risky loan, usually from a private party, on a deal a bank would not finance. Around metro Detroit, hard money typically requires 5 points (a 5 percent flat fee) plus 15 percent interest. The investor needs to get out of this loan fast or it will eat all the profits.

REOs: Real estate owned by banks — in other words, foreclosed houses. With foreclosures on the rise, REOs show up a lot today in the regular real estate multilists. To find them, you'd use a real estate agent. But they're rarely the windfall for buyers that legend says they are. Now that even bad credit home owners can borrow near the value of their house, the debt on an REO house is often close to its market price.



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Costs cause drop in drug testing

Some question screenings' benefit to bottom line

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They are the staples of a modern-day job search: a polished resume, glowing references and a clean urine sample.

Without fulfilling that last criteria for a satisfactory drug screen, applicants at many U.S. companies can forget about employment.

In the almost two decades since the federal government launched its "drug-free workplace" promotion, tests for illicit drugs have become standard for thousands of employers. The tests have been credited with everything from higher productivity to decreased "worker" compensation claims. Tests are given to 25 million people annually, with an additional 25 million workers subject to screening.

But as thousands of displaced workers hunt for new jobs in the current economic slump and hiring has slowed, the \$737 million drug-testing industry's expansion in workplaces has slowed accordingly.

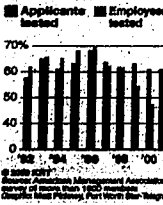
And some employers are also less willing to spend money for drug testing if they do not believe that it contributes to the bottom line.

Growth of the drug testing industry, which averaged more than 12.5 percent annually during the 1990s, has tapered off to only about 1 percent a year.

Laboratories also struggle to provide accurate testing results despite "counterproducts" — the array of additives, cleansers and gizmos, readily available on the Internet, that employees can uti-

Drug testing

Use of drug testing on workers and job applicants, according to an American Management Association survey



ize to circumvent a positive drug test. Critics question whether businesses reap tangible benefits from the urine-in-a-cup routine.

Workplace drug tests — primarily of job applicants, but also of existing employees, in some cases — took off during the "just say no" era of the 1980s, with heavy promotion by the federal government. They typically detect opiates, cocaine derivatives, barbiturates, methamphetamines and marijuana, revealing drug use from several days or perhaps even months earlier.

Sixty-one percent of companies now screen job applicants, and 50 percent test their existing employees, according to the American Management Association's most recent survey in 2001. That is down from the 1996 peak, when 68 percent of employers screened candidates.

Meldron Young, the association's human resources practice consultant, said drug tests remain a standard element of most employers' hiring procedures.

But the weak economy has prompted businesses to review spending, and some have eliminated drug screens for employees whose duties do not pose safety risks.

"They probably won't waste their money trying to do it," Young said. "You have people that are moving into the upper echelons of corporate America now that kind of take the stance that if it's not affecting the person's performance, it's not an issue."

Joseph Halligan, chief executive of Haltom City, Texas-based PharmChem, linked the downturn in testing, at least in part, to the current hiring slump.

"If you think about the amount of hiring being done at the moment, needless to say, that segment of the business is down," Halligan said.

Although the notion that drug users make for bad employees has a common-sense appeal, Young said companies generally have not quantified the before-and-after results of their anti-drug campaigns.

Without evidence of drug testing's advantages to their own operations, some managers are less willing than they used to be to spend roughly \$30 apiece to test applicants and employees, he said.

"Employers right now are so in survival mode, they are not doing it," Young said. "It doesn't contribute to the bottom line right now."

That outlook troubles Becky Vance, executive director of Drug Free Business Houston.

"In leaner economies, corporations tend to cut back a little bit," she said. "It's scary when you think about what that might cost. You can't afford not to do it, really."

Vance's organization encourages Texas companies to test all job applicants and to randomly screen employees. Drug users are

less able to function at work, she says, and they take more days off and have higher health-care bills. Allen St. Pierre, executive director of the NORML Foundation, a research organization that supports marijuana legalization, has a different perspective.

He believes that employers have good reason to be concerned about workers who are high on the job. But urine tests are far more likely to nab employees who use drugs at a Saturday night party than those who are impaired during work hours, he said.

And he believes that drug-testing policies are aimed more at morality than productivity.

"It's certainly not about public safety. And it can't be about building a better relationship between employees," he said. "This is about trying to find out if somebody is breaking the law and then holding them accountable for it."

Advocates of workplace drug testing cite a number of bottom-line benefits to employers who ferret out drug users. But opponents cite their own statistics to argue to businesses that drug screens are a waste of money.

According to the American Council for Drug Education, substance abusers, when compared to non-abusers, are:

- Ten times more likely to miss work.
- 3.6 times more likely to be involved in on-the-job accidents.
- Five times more likely to file a workers compensation claim.
- 33 percent less productive.

Responsible for health care costs that are three times as high. Some opponents of blanket testing question the accuracy of that data, and they note that many of those abusers are consuming alcohol — not marijuana or any other illegal drug.

Teens use jobs to buy necessities.

The Associated Press

Hourly jobs during the summer are more than just a way for young people to earn cash for fun. Many of the respondents in a recent survey said they need the income for basic necessities.

Among those ages 22-24, the top reason for needing a summer job — cited by 43 percent — was to pay for living expenses.

Among respondents in the 16-18 age group, 25 percent said their

summer jobs would help with college savings, 23 percent said they wanted to buy a car, and 15 percent said they needed the money for living expenses.

Only those 15 and younger said their jobs are mainly for recreational pursuits — music, movies and eating out.

The nonscientific polling was done earlier this month by SnagAJob.com Inc., a job-search site for hourly jobs, based in Richmond, Va.

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Weak dollar drops Europe tourist numbers

ROME (AP) — Almost outnumbering their counterparts, three waiters with no one to wait on leaned languidly in their starched white jackets against a table piled high with melons, pineapples and other fruit in the dining room of one of Rome's most famous haunts for Americans.

These days the Americans have vanished, leaving the staff forlorn at Original Alfredo restaurant and many other businesses across Europe, which had grown accustomed to big-spending U.S. tourists.

A nose-diving dollar, fears of being terrorist targets and the anti-American sentiment that resounded across Europe during the Iraq war are combining to keep U.S. citizens away.

Fears of SARS, a potentially deadly respiratory illness, also gets some blame, but since Europe has largely escaped the disease, the weaker dollar seems a more likely culprit.

It took 92 cents in late May 2002 to buy a euro. A year later it takes nearly \$1.20, and Western Europe is rarely cheap, even when the dollar is strong.

"Foreign tourism has seen a big drop," said Andreas Balakakis, a Greek representative of the American Society of Travel Agents.

He singled out the war, which was widely opposed by the public in much of Western Europe, for hitting U.S. bookings hardest, with cruise business particularly affected.

"Certainly, Americans have a very marked sense of security," said Natascha Kompatski, a spokeswoman for Berlin's tourist office, which said arrivals of American tourists were down 22 percent in March compared to March 2002.

Besides the effects of the war, Kompatski said, there is "fear of terrorism in general, fear of flying in general, and, of course, the euro factor."

An Associated Press poll taken May 14-18 found most Americans didn't plan to let terrorism or the economy cancel vacation plans, though fewer would take planes.

One in 20 planned to cancel vacations, but only 27 percent said they would travel by plane, down a third from a year earlier, according to the poll — conducted for the AP by ICN/International Communications Research of Media, Pa.

The drop in tourism to Europe isn't easy to categorize. Kompatski noted, for example, that tourist arrivals from Spain, which uses the euro, were also down 22 percent, while visitors increased strongly from Italy and France.

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Firm helps troops sleep easier

Idaho company manufactures poles for U.S. military

SALMON (AP) — Brian Edsell and Jim Barker roll and inspect wooden dowsel after wooden dowsel, carefully checking for flaws.

These are no ordinary sticks. They are destined to be used as cot poles for the U.S. Army.

Servicemen and women will drape mosquito netting over the poles, protecting themselves from diseases such as malaria and West Nile virus while they are deployed.

Likewise, these are no ordinary workers. The two are participants in Salmon River Industries, a non-

profit organization that helps disabled and disadvantaged people become more self-reliant.

Since last fall, Salmon River Industries in Salmon has varnished and sealed nearly 300,000 cot poles after winning the contract from the U.S. Army. The crews are thrilled with the thought that they are supporting American troops overseas in a very meaningful way, said Patri Edsell, Salmon River Industries director.

Maybe it helps that it's payday, but the participants clearly love what they are doing. The quality-control crews inspect the work of the varnishers, placing any less-than-perfect poles in the blemish box to be redone.

"We wouldn't be doing our jobs if we sent them poles with problems or crooked ones," Edsell

said. In fact, government contracting officers have remarked on the impeccable workmanship Salmon River Industries produces, Burke said.

A subsidiary of Development Workshop Inc. in Idaho Falls, Salmon River Industries has assembled pocket-size survival kits, commemorative Lewis and Clark supply chests, and finished tent poles. Soon, participants will be putting together lamps for the Blue Dot Lamp Company.

Aside from contract revenue, Salmon River Industries serves its approximately 20 participants with federal and state Medicaid reimbursement funds, grant money and donations.

Burke said the value of programs such as hers is starting to

be more universally accepted because there is less cost to society when disabled workers are employed.

One of the workers, Lee Scouten, who recently moved to Salmon from a group home in Mackay, said he feels good about earning a paycheck. Even better, at 61, he's learning to read.

After three months at Salmon River Industries, he said he's making good progress. He is going to state in the Special Olympics walking event, and he cooked meatloaf and baked potatoes for his friends in the company kitchen this week.

The director mirrors her participants' job satisfaction. "This is honestly the best job I've ever had," Burke said. "It's the most rewarding work I've ever had the opportunity to do."

Financial planner suggests ways to help kids understand money

The Associated Press

Are your kids' continual demands for video games and new clothes taking a toll on your nerves and finances?

They've not yet grasped the value of money, and you can help them do so by including them in your family's vacation planning, according to Susan Hirshman, a financial planner with JP Morgan Fleming Asset Management. She offers a number of suggestions:

Ask them to research ticket prices before the trip. See if they

can track down any bargain online, or with advance-purchase rules in mind.

Give them a budget for vacation clothes.

Review your itinerary with the kids, and the associated costs, so they can help develop the spending budget.

If your children have cameras and take their own photos, remind them to include film and processing costs in the budget — chances are they forget those costs.

On the trip each evening, tally up the costs so far. (The kids may be surprised.)

Concerns arise over natural gas supplies

NEW YORK (AP) — Although natural gas is primarily a winter fuel, the industry is getting an unusually high level of attention as summer rolls around because supplies are tight and prices are soaring.

This is traditionally the period when demand tapers off and the industry is able to replenish inventories with cheap fuel. But this year, industry and government officials are worrying that supplies might still be inadequate by the time the next home-heating season begins.

At the very least, the fuel being injected into underground storage facilities these days is unseasonably expensive, a cost utilities are likely to pass along to homeowners, industry officials said.

As with most issues confronting the energy business, this one intersects with environmental policy. Natural gas executives have for years complained that their ability to meet the nation's demand is impaired by regulatory red tape and a lack of access to federal lands, especially in the Rockies. Under the circumstances, industry officials believe that argument will now carry more weight in Congress.

The rumblings about the root causes of the current shortfall — dwindling domestic production coupled with a cold winter in natural gas consuming regions — reached a wider audience this week when Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan raised them before Congress.

Natural gas fears raise prices

The cost of natural gas is on the rise after a nearly two-year slump due to concerns that stocks will be insufficient in meeting this winter's demand.

Price of natural gas, per 1,000 cubic feet

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SOURCE: Energy Information Agency

Greenspan described the difficulty the natural gas industry is having as a "very serious problem" that could have negative consequences for the rest of the U.S. economy, particularly the manufacturing sector, which relies on natural gas to generate power.

"Working gas in storage is presently at extremely low levels," Greenspan testified, "and the normal seasonal rebuilding of these inventories seems to be behind the schedule..."

Natural gas in storage May 16, 2003

May 16, range, 1998-2002

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Number of female doctors changes medical profession

Knight Ridder News Service

As a first-year medical student, Deborah Newcomb is unusual in a couple of ways:

No. 1: She's 40.

No. 2: She's already an accomplished professional, having directed the Northern Ohio Cello Choir before deciding on a rather massive career switch.

But she is not unusual because she's a woman seeking to become a doctor. More than half her classmates at the University of Miami School of Medicine — 80 of 147 — are female.

In fact, across the nation, that's the trend: Growing numbers of women are entering medical school.

Today, 25 percent of doctors are women, up from 7.6 percent in 1970. By 2010, women are expected to form 33 percent of the profession.

Many patients and health-care experts are happy to see the change, especially since scientific studies have repeatedly found that female physicians tend to spend more time with patients, listen more and show more empathy than their male colleagues, particularly if the patients are members of minority groups.

As with other professional women, female doctors earn far less than their male counterparts. But that appears to be changing, as the health-care industry continues to understand that many patients prefer female doctors.

According to some polls, however, earning big bucks appears to be less important to female doctors, who are also likelier to advocate radical changes in health care.

A survey of members of the American Medical Women's Association showed that 90 percent favored universal health coverage, something that's anathema to most members of the male-dominated American Medical Association.

The fact is that women are already transforming the practice

of medicine. For one thing, because many become mothers during their professional years, they often choose not to work the brutally long hours that males in the industry have traditionally worked.

"It really has been an amazing thing," said Leo B. Twigg, medical director of the University of Miami's Institute for Women's Health. "They have a uterus and have kids and many want flexible working patterns. Live it difference."

None of these trends mattered to Newcomb, who had a master's degree in music and was teaching at the University of Akron when her sister was diagnosed with cancer. Newcomb went through the experience with her.

"The first doctor was very cryptic," she recalled. "He seemed cold, chauvinistic, very sarcastic. The second one answered all our questions, was patient and nice, a great surgeon."

Both doctors were male. The experience helped Newcomb realize how crucial a caring physician can be. She started thinking about becoming a doctor.

In Akron, she took basic science courses that she had skipped during her music education. She liked them and did well. When she sent out applications, seven medical schools accepted her.

She is not doing this, she said, for the money.

"I'll be paid pretty good," she conceded, "but, with the student loans and all the sacrifice including seven years of training, that's not the reason you do it. I don't expect to be wealthy, by any means."

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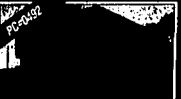
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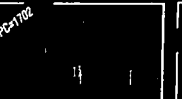
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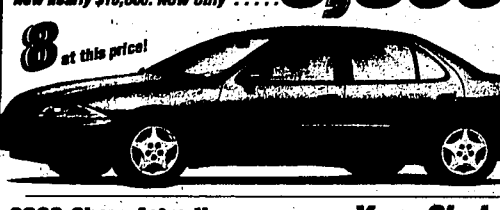


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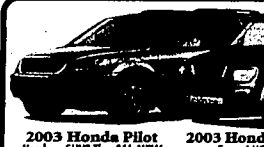
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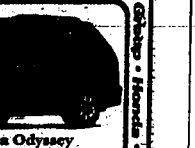
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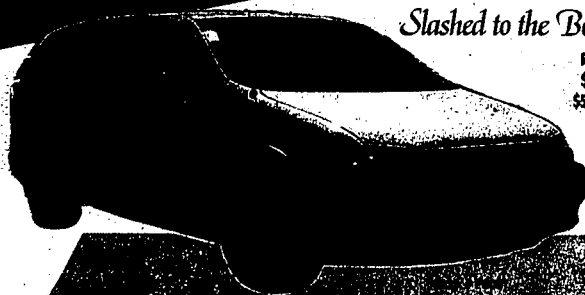
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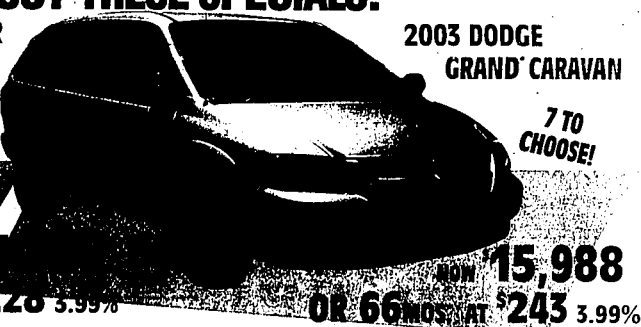
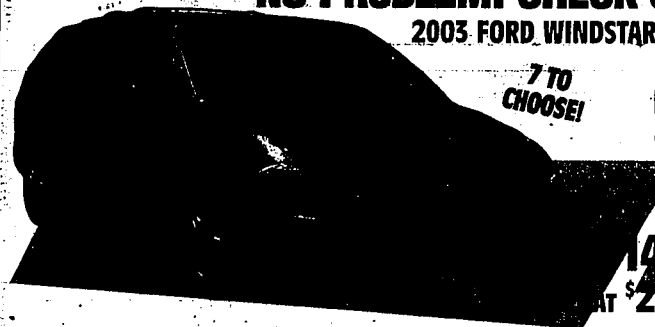
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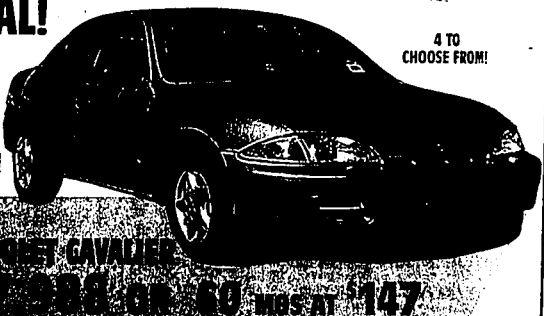
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Section E

College isn't about learning; it's about lines

Editor's note: Denise Turner is off
this week. Here is a column of hers
from July 30, 1995.

"Welcome to the university," the letter began. It was a letter to my daughter, from Boise State University. But it could have been a letter to any incoming freshman at any school anywhere. It looked just like the letter I got almost 30 years ago.

"You think you have it made now, don't you?" I said to my daughter, with one of those all-knowing, mom-type smirks on my face. "You may have spent months filling out forms, but you haven't gotten to the hard part yet. You are just about to be introduced to THE LINES."

Memories of my own college days at Southern Illinois University are mostly memories of lines. I think my fellow freshmen and I had been standing in lines for about a week when someone finally took pity on us and invited us to a watermelon feed at the president's home. We

spent the evening standing in more lines, waiting for the watermelons.

This time around, at my daughter's college registration, I expected much the same. I was not disappointed.

"You need to go to the financial aid office on the top floor of the building on the north-east corner of the campus that doesn't have a sign on it before you come here," the first student worker told us.

"Did you mail in your green response sheet?" someone asked us when we got there.

I began shuffling through the 15 packets we had received in the mail the week before.

"No, not the turquoise packet. It's the green sheet in the magenta packet."

I was already mumbling under my breath: "Is this a financial aid office or an interior decorating business?"

When I found the green sheet, my daughter and I were chastised for still having it.

But I wasn't about to roll over and play dead.

"It says right here to return the green response sheet only if you are accepting something other than scholarships," I said, explaining that we were only accepting the scholarships, not the loans. "It even has a reminder notice on the outside of the packet that says, 'If all you are accepting is scholarships, you do not need to return the green form.'"

The student worker glanced at the packet.

"Just fill out the green response form, please," she said.

In the next line, we were sent to a building that is still under construction to deliver a student work application. At the end of another line, we were given a bill for tuition and sent to stand in another line to sign it.

It reminded me of a joke that comedian Joan Rivers once told: You go into a bank and they want to know your background and your mother's maiden name. I'm giving them my money. I want to know the bank president's mother's maiden name.

By the end of registration day at BSU, my daughter and I looked like those little computer game characters who run through mazes all day.

"Let's just go home and come back another time, Mom," my first-born said to me once.

"Are you kidding?" I bellowed.

"We're paying big bucks to stand in these lines."

Besides, that's the part of college that prepares people for the real world. This is not about math or science or cultural awareness. It's about making it through college without learning any of that. But you can't get through college without learning how to stand in lines.

"Let's talk about the facts of life," I said to my child. "Like the other line always moves faster, and the one course you must take to graduate will not be offered during your last semester."

And freshmen who have doubts about the importance of college lines should remember how easy life is going to be for them someday.

Supermarket lines will be no problem for them. They will be able to get to the express lane. "You don't stand in a line - but I want to college."

There will be able to stand there and read National Enquirer headlines.

Denise Turner is a columnist for THE TIMES-NEWS.

Summer and Smoke

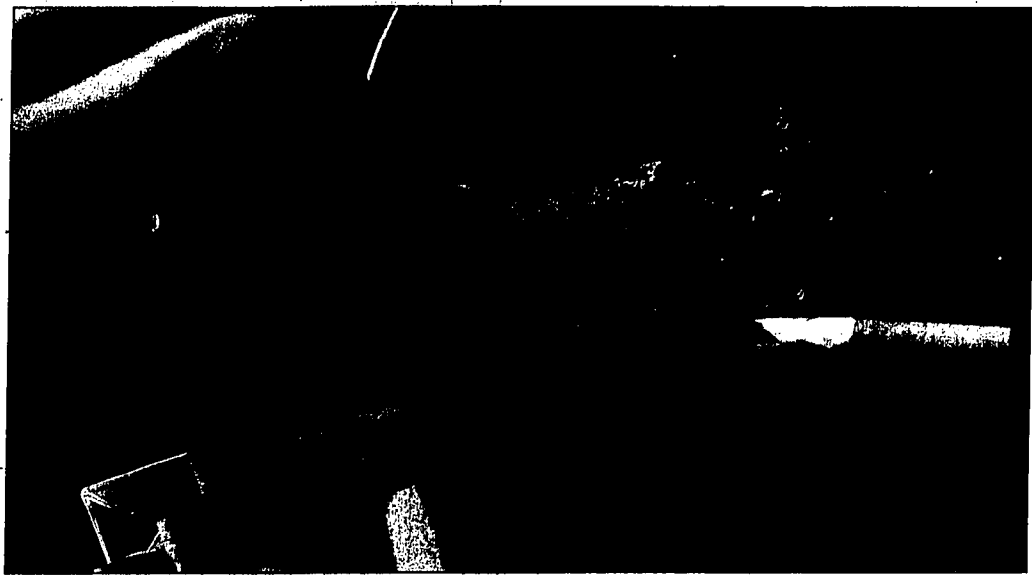


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M.V. smokers fume over cigarette tax hike

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

FILER—The summer of his discontent starts today for Steve Shatten.

A carton of cigarettes will cost him at least \$3 more, and he's already paying \$24 a carton "when I can find a sale."

"I don't object to paying my fair share," said Shatten, a 46-year-old employee of Seneca Foods in Buhl. "I do object to being singled out."

"We're 24 percent of the population, and we're addicted to tobacco," he said. "We're the first place the politicians are going to turn."

State Rep. Bert Stevenson, a Rupert Republican and the only south-central Idaho House member to vote against the two-year, 29-cent-per-pack increase last month, agrees.

"We don't grow tobacco in Idaho," he said.

The Legislature approved the increase, which more than doubled the Idaho's cigarette tax to 59 cents a pack, to help balance a critically strained state budget, although the \$23.5 million it will raise falls far short of the cash Gov. Dirk Kempthorne believes will be needed to

Cigarettes

Until today, tax collections in Idaho were based on a rate of 1.4 cents per cigarette, or 26 cents a pack.

A nickel of that went to the Public School Income Fund and another nickel to County Avenue Probation services. Of the remaining 15 cents, 43 percent went to the Permanent Building Fund, 2 percent to the Central Tumor Registry Fund, 2.5 percent to the Cancer Control Fund and the rest to the state's general fund.

In Fiscal Year 2002, Idaho's cigarette tax raised \$23.4 million, \$8 million of which went to the general fund.

The last time the rate was changed was 1994.

Beer

The state collects \$4.65 per 31-gallon barrel,

The anatomy of sin taxes

or its equivalent.

Twenty percent of that money goes to the Alcoholism Treatment Fund, 33 percent to the Permanent Building Fund and the remaining 47 percent to the state's general fund.

In Fiscal Year 2002, Idaho's beer tax raised \$4 million, \$1.9 million of which went to the state's general fund.

The last time the rate was changed was 1961.

Wine

Idaho assesses a tax of 45 cents per gallon of wine.

Of that total, 12 percent goes to the Alcoholism Treatment Fund, 5 percent to the Idaho Grape Growers and Wine Producers Commission, and the remaining 83 percent to the state's general fund.

In Fiscal Year 2002, the state collected \$2.3 million in wine taxes, with \$1.9 million going to the general fund. The rate was last changed in 1971.

Liquor

There's a 15 percent surcharge on the retail price of liquor sold by the State Liquor Dispensary.

That raised \$20.3 million in Fiscal Year 2001, \$4.9 million of which went to the state's general fund. Of the rest, \$1.2 million went to the Alcoholism Treatment Fund, \$300,000 to the Community College Fund, \$650,000 to the Cooperative Welfare Fund, \$1.2 million to the public schools and the largest amount—\$12 million—to cities and counties.

—Source: Idaho State Tax Commission

cover the revenue shortfall aggravated by plummeting tax receipts. The increase takes effect today.

Magic Valley smokers, already banned from lighting up in most public places, are convinced the taxman should have looked elsewhere.

"Lattes, Big Macs, Twinkies, Mars bars?" Richard Grigg of Glenns Ferry, a 38-year smoker, wrote in a letter to the editor of *The Times-News* in December. "Personally, I think anyone that goes to a gym should pay an additional 5 percent tax on their monthly membership fee."

Unlikely, but many smokers believe a tax on soda pop would have been a realistic—and fairer—alternative. A nickel-a-can surcharge on pop would raise \$34.2 million a year, according to the governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on the

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Pet owners mourn loss of animal loved ones

Knight-Ridder News Service

BLOXI Miss. — Mr. Bojangles grieved for 20 years after his dog "up and died." The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band tune is catchy, but that's not the only reason it has survived three decades.

Pet owners can relate to it. Whether a dog, a cat, a parrot or a ferret, animals have a way of becoming family and their loss is heart-wrenching. A giant void sits where that wagging, purring, squawking bit of unconditional love once filled your heart.

How a pet owner deals with the death is as important to mental and physical health as it is for being a human loved one.

"Miss Highway — there has never been a pet I loved so much as I did that dog," said Valerie Furst of Colliport, who lost her dog about six months ago to ill health. The dog, once on death row at a pound, had been Furst's companion for 10 years.

"She loved to run around the backhoe house so I buried her underneath it, with a statue of

St. Francis. I wanted to have her close."

Three days after Miss Highway was gone, Furst's son walked in with what has become the best grief mender:

a painting of Miss Highway. Her mouth smiles, her eyes are bright, and stars float around her.

"My son, Jason Cook, is an abstract painter," so this is not his usual work," Furst said.

"He was trying to work out some of his own grief, and that picture really captures Miss Highway's spirit. Every time I look at it, it



Miss Highway, who lost her dog about six months ago to ill health, is looking at a human loved one.

helps me get through it."

Psychologist Liz Wyszewski, who works in the Harrison County, Miss., school system, advises that an important step in the grieving process is to make a memorial, and for Furst that is the painting and the burial site with the statue of the saint known for his love of animals.

"Even though you may never get over the death of a beloved pet, the hope is that it will become a thread of your spirit."

—Source: Baltimore Sun

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Ask questions before signing kids up for camp

Etc...

With more than 12,000 summer camps operating across the country, choosing the right one can seem a daunting task. The American Camping Association recommends parents ask these questions when considering a camp for their child:

- What is the camper return rate? A high return rate usually suggests satisfaction.

- Who will serve as counselors? A high counselor return rate is also a good sign; be cautious if counselors are too young (80 percent should be 18 or older).

- What is the counselor-to-camper ratio? It should be at least 1-to-6 for campers age 6 to 8.

- What is a camp's philosophy? Some are competition-oriented, others geared toward learning. Try to match the philosophy to your child's personality.

- What are the camp's medical and safety accommodations?
- What is the camp director's educational background and experience?

- Arrange to visit the camp during a summer session — and be sure to bring along your prospective camper.

- Ask for names and phone numbers of camper families you might contact to get their impressions of the camp.

- What is the camp's transportation system? How often are its buses or vans inspected by qualified mechanics?
- Is the camp accredited by the ACA?

—Source: Baltimore Sun

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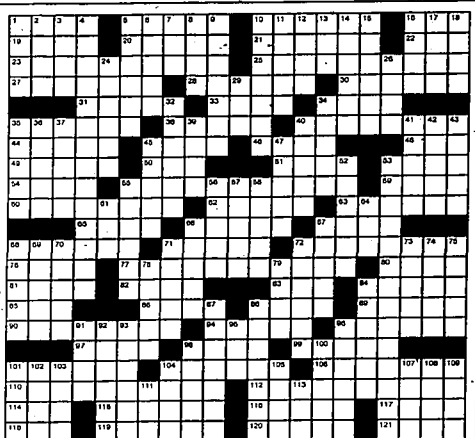
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THE Sunday Crossword

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Woman's boyfriend cheats her out of life

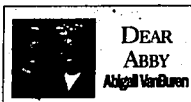
DEAR ABBY: I have been with my boyfriend for 18 months. He has cheated on me more times than I can count. I love him and want to make things work, but lately he hasn't wanted to spend any time with me. We'll meet somewhere and he'll ask me for money. When I give it to him, he leaves right away, and I won't see him again until he needs more. I feel obligated to give him the money because we have a child together.

I am only 20 and have my whole life ahead of me. I don't know whether to throw in the towel or hope for the best, and maybe things will change. I hate being alone. Deep down, I don't trust him and feel like he's using me.

—HURTING IN THE NORTHWEST
DEAR HURTING: That lack of trust is your survival instinct. Your young man is nobody's boyfriend. He is a serial cheater and a user.

I urge you to see a lawyer, and establish paternity, custody and financial support. If you don't, there is nothing lonelier than being in love all by yourself. Consider this: If you end this relationship, you'll have the possibility of meeting a man who is worthy of your love. So get going—and don't look back.

DEAR ABBY: Our grand-



daughter, "Beth," has been anorexic since she was 13. She is now 18 and doing much better. However, she's not completely over it.

Beth had to quit school in her junior year because of her eating disorder. Since then, she's put on weight and has made every effort to get back to the way she was before she developed anorexia.

Her granddad and I are proud of the fact that she just completed her GED (general equivalency diploma), and we'd like to host a graduation party for her but don't know if it's the right thing to do. Is it? We would appreciate a speedy reply.

—CARING GRANDPARENTS
DEAR CARING GRANDPARENTS: I see no reason not to have a party to celebrate your granddaughter's G.E.D. Ask her if she would like you to invite some of her old school friends. It is a symbol of your love and encouragement, and I'm sure she will appreciate it.

DEAR ABBY: I want to share with you and your readers some-

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thing I did for my parents a few years ago for Mother's Day and Father's Day. I made them both a "Thank you" card.

I purchased a small photo album for each of them, and on every page I pasted an index card. On each card I wrote down one special thing that my folks had done for me.

"Thank you for building our beloved cabin with your own hands on Sebago Lake."

"Thank you for making us homemade ice cream so often."

"Thank you for helping me understand how important family is."

Abby, both parents told me it was the best gift they had ever received.

—PATTY BUCK, FAIRMOUTH, MAINE

DEAR PATTY: I'm not surprised. A meaningful gift does not have to be expensive. The thought behind it is what makes it a priceless treasure.

Dear Abby is written by Jeanne Phillips.

Limit little kids' computer use

Were he alive today, Samuel Taylor Coleridge might well have written, "PCs, PCs in every class, and no child is made to think."

Psychologist Jane Healy is surely a voice crying in the wilderness, and like all such voices, she is likely to be heard when things have gone too far.

In "Failure to Connect" (Touchstone Books, \$14), Healy sets forth an unpopular argument: Young, pre-literate children should have no access to computers. Period.

Healy cites a good amount of credible evidence to the effect that interaction with computer games and learning programs distorts the normal course of brain development, actually preventing the brain from wiring itself properly.

This is not to say that children so exposed for significant periods of time will suffer loss of general intelligence (IQ), but they may suffer significant loss of ability in one or more discrete "intelligence" such as creativity and social skills, and gain little of enduring value in the process.

Healy recommends that children would be significantly better off to some degree with no computer use until age 7, and even then using conservatively. I think she's hedging her bets. After having looked at much of the same research, I say a child should not have significant access to electronic media until he/she is fully literate, meaning the child reads fairly fluently, and with comprehension, at a fifth-grade level and is at least 10.



PARENTING
John Rosemond

Unfortunately, about the only way today's parents can prevent their children from having access to computers before the fifth grade is to home-school. There are exceptions. The Calvert School in Baltimore adheres to the "no computers in the classroom until grade 5" principle. The accelerated performance of Calvert School students, drawn from across the socio-economic spectrum, more than affirms what Healy has found and the warning she issues.

Sadly, where computer-assisted instruction is concerned, today's schools bow to market pressures, not to development research. What parents want for their children (More computers! A computer for every child! Computers in the bathrooms), the children get.

I recently passed along Healy's warning to a parent who replied that he thought it was "extreme." Whereas he agreed that a computer should not be used as an electronic "baby-sitter," he could see no problem with his son, age 3.5, being "productive" on one. This father does not understand that not all productivity is equal, that the medium in which a child is being

productive makes all the difference.

Some media are appropriate for young children, and some are not. The pre-literate child needs to be working in "messy" media—fingerpaint, crayons, chalk, clay, paper mache, and the like.

By comparison, electronic media—computers, video games, television—are sterile, and sterile media do not support appropriate brain development in the young child.

The child so exposed may, at age 5, be a computer whiz, but be lacking in social skills as well as on tasks requiring imagination, creativity, and/or abstract thinking. His overall problem-solving skills will suffer accordingly.

As for "extreme" and the idea that anything is okay in moderation, I will simply point out that a moderate amount of something damaging is damaging. Today's parents seem to think that the earlier a child learns a skill, the better at the skill he will eventually be. They point to Tiger Woods as an example. But for every Tiger Woods there is an Ernie Banks. One of the greatest baseball players of all time, Banks did not pick up a bat or put on a glove until he was 18.

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Receipt, recipe: It's all the same

DEAR EDITOR: My best friend insists that "receipt" means the same thing as "recipe" and isn't just an error. She found a quote from Shakespeare using "receipt"; is she right?

T.M. LAM HAVEN, CONN.
DEAR T.M.: As silly as using "receipt" to mean "recipe" may sound to our modern ears, your friend is absolutely correct. In fact, there was a time when the only possible definition of "receipt" was "a set of instructions for making something from particular ingredients."

English speakers used "receipt" with that meaning from the 14th century to the recorded use of "recipe" as a reference to a medicinal preparation from Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, ca. 1386 to the 17th century when it began to turn up in its now more familiar sense of "a written statement saying that money or goods have been received." (It also developed senses of "receiptance" and "revenue office" before the 17th century, but these are now very rare.)

Interestingly, "receipt" predates "recipe," which first turned up in print in the 1500s, and which was also initially used to describe a formula for the preparation of medicine. Both words began to be applied to cooking instructions in the 18th century, after which "recipe" slowly became the preferred word, and "receipt" began to appear primarily in the context of "receiving something." However, "receipt" can still be substituted for "recipe," and it has been featured in the works of such important writers as

WORDWATCH
Merriam Webster

Charles Dickens, Mark Twain, and Louisa May Alcott (and Shakespeare, of course).

DEAR EDITOR: Recently on the news I heard a commentator say that a senator was handling an issue "with kid gloves." Every time I hear this expression, it makes me think of something a child wears in winter. Where does it come from?

—H.W. SAGINAW, MICH.
DEAR H.W.: Handling an issue with kid gloves may make you think of an accessory for a child's snowsuit (such as a controversial issue) "with kid gloves," of course, means to handle it with special consideration or in a careful, tactful, or sensitive manner.

Today, "kid-glove" can also serve as an adjective meaning "marked by extreme care or deference, as in referring to a nation's kid-glove approach to diplomacy."

DEAR EDITOR: My boss always says "from soup to nuts" to talk about doing something completely. Where did this phrase come from?

—L.K. SUNDERLAND, MASS.
DEAR L.K.: "From soup to nuts" is a phrase we've picked up from the heyday of the formal dinner-party animal of one hundred years ago would have told you, the first course served at table at an extremely formal dinner is soup, and the last is salted nuts. Emily Post, in her book "Etiquette" (1922), objected that "Under no circumstances would a private dinner, no matter how formal, consist of more than: 1. Hors d'oeuvre 2. Soup 3. Fish 4. Entree 5. Roast 6. Salad 7. Dessert 8. Coffee" but later conceded that extra entrees, various sweets, and little dishes of salted nuts were standard on the well-dressed table of yesterday.

"From soup to nuts" was first used around the turn of the 20th century, and it is listed in the Oxford English Dictionary as an American colloquialism. Though it may seem outmoded and antiquated, it is still used often today.

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Online resource offers tricks to help control allergies

Combined wire services

If someone in your family has asthma or allergies, a new online resource offers household cleaning tricks that may help control the suffering. A Web site sponsored by the non-profit Soap and Detergent Association features "Cleaning to Control

Family news you can use

Allergies and Asthma - It's All in the Family.

Just log on to <http://www.cleaning101.com> and you will receive free e-cards, games and other information geared toward children.

The organization is also sponsoring a "My Clean Home" art contest for kids in kindergarten through sixth grade.

The winning artwork will be displayed nationally, and winners will receive free certificates for a family night out.

Get more details on the Web site.

Catch Saturn before it's lost in sun's glare

This spring, Saturn's famous rings have been tipped at their widest angle, which only happens about every 14 1/2 years.

Although the maximum tilt is now past, Saturn is still showing off its rings nicely, but if you don't see it for yourself, you'd better hurry.

Look very low in the west-northwestern sky around 9 p.m. Saturn's visibility cycle of 378 days begins when the planet appears in the pre-dawn sky. It then slowly migrates to the evening sky, and is lost in twilight as earth swings around the sun. The cycle begins anew when Saturn once again emerges from morning twilight.

The current Saturn viewing cycle is presently drawing to a close. No longer can we view the planet in dark skies as we could just a few weeks ago. Soon, it won't be able to compete with sky glow. It won't be until August that the Sun has slid past Saturn's location, bringing the planet back into the morning sky.

During the sun's interruption, the rings' tilt will be decreasing, albeit slowly enough that the views of Saturn at year's end will not be significantly worse.



SKYWATCH
Chris Anderson

Actually, the rings' orientation isn't changing at all. It only looks that way because both Earth and Saturn are moving in their respective orbits, each with its own peculiar tilt.

A Saturnian astronomer would observe earth bobbing up and down like a merry-go-round once a year. At the Saturnian equinoxes, the planet's poles tilt toward or away from the sun, and the rings are presented edge on.

Near-sun observers (namely earthlings) get the best views at the Saturnian solstices (it's currently early winter for Saturn's northern hemisphere). From now until Saturn's northern hemisphere spring, when the rings will appear edge on, less and less spectacular views of the rings are to be had. After that, it won't be until around 2015 that we're treated to a similarly aesthetic view of Saturn's best feature.

Sky calendar

(through Saturday)

• Planets:
One hour before sunrise:
Mars; SSE, low
One hour after sunset:
Jupiter; W

• Moon:
Fuller Saturday, 2:28 p.m.
Very close to Jupiter-Wednesday night.

Next week: How to set up a garden sundial.

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Experts: Interest in work flexibility grows

The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — Work-life balance has always been an issue for working parents, especially mothers, who want more time with their kids but need or want to work outside the home.

But experts report renewed interest after Sept. 11 and, oddly, the dot-com explosion. During the dot-com era, so many people worked so hard and so long only to find it was mostly for naught, said Beth Herrild and Carolyn Harvey, work-life consultants.

Flexibility is also a growing concern not just for younger parents but for baby boomers with elder-care issues.

"It's bigger than people realize," said Jacqueline Foley, the Canadian author of the newly published "Flex Time: A Working Mother's Guide to Balancing Career and Family."

"There are so many creative work arrangements going on. A lot of women are doing it and a lot of women want to do it. It's not just a small subculture."

Harvey, who has two children, ages 6 and 4, works part time as a manager while Herrild, a mother of three, ages 2, 6 and 8, job-shares. After swapping work stories as friends and neighbors for years, they both left the corporate world and started consulting businesses. Quest for Balance.

"Work is so consuming and so demanding that many people feel there's no option between a 60-hour week and nothing," Harvey said.

Despite the poor economy, more companies reported offering alternative work schedules last year, according to the Society for Human Resource Management's annual survey. While flex time is the most popular — two-thirds of companies reported offering it — other family-friendly benefits also went up.

A third of companies surveyed permitted compressed work weeks in 2002, up from less than a quarter in 1998. A quarter allowed telecommuting in 1998; by last year, 41 percent said employees could telecommute at least part time. About 1 in 4 offered job sharing, the same as previous years.

"There's no benefit in cutting flex schedules," said Lydia Ford, president of the Ford Group, a human-resources consulting group in New York state. Since they don't cost much money, implementation, they don't have much to cut, she noted.

Given the expense of hiring and training new employees, some companies see flex time as a relatively inexpensive way to boost loyalty and reduce turnover. "Even if companies can't give stock options anymore, they can give work-life balance," Herrild said.

Seven out of 10 women with children under age 18 worked outside the home in 2001, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. A quarter of women in the work force worked part-time.

Few companies have specific rules on flexible schedules; most take the more general approach that if it's not feasible for the company, work unit and employee, then check with a supervisor, Ford said. "It's usually not cast in concrete that these positions can be flexible and these positions can't."



Parent Vicki Carter of Alton, Ill., hugs fourth-grade teacher Shonna Galtner on the last day of classes at St. Matthew's School. Work flexibility is a growing concern not just for parents like Carter but for baby boomers with elder-care issues.

Tips for making flex schedule work for you

Here are some ideas from experts on alternative work schedules.

- **Roll out the rug to buy a bigger house and bigger car to accommodate a new baby.** advises Linda Mason in "The Working Mother's Guide to Life." Talking on new financial responsibilities may narrow your options if you decide you want to work part time take a longer maternity leave or stay home full time.

- **When figuring out your ideal work schedule,** start with how much time you want your children to be in child care. "That's the gut issue," says Jacqueline Foley, author of "Flex Time: A Working Mother's Guide to Balancing Career and Family." With that goal in mind, try to find ways to make it fit with your work schedule and finances. "Don't factor in money at the beginning," she recommends. "Money is a dream killer."

- **Research companies at the start of your career** before you have kids. When Karen Galpeau Fowler interviewed at big law firms after graduating, she discovered most of the women partners either didn't have kids or had a live-in nanny.

- **Show you remain committed to work.** For example, Fowler has her work email forwarded to her home, gives clients her personal cell phone number so they can reach her even on her day off and stays active on office committees.

- **Find child care, even if you work from home.** "Don't kid yourself that

you can work while your child is playing on the floor with toys," said Ruth Braun, a home-based human-resources consultant. "It's just stressful."

- **If possible, designate space for a home office** in a quiet, away-from-everything spot where the kids can't see you and you can't hear them, Braun advised.

- **Emphasize the positives.** Jim Dehnlow, who works compressed workweeks, starts at 8 a.m. While that puts him in the office before clients in his time zone, he takes early calls from other time zones.

- **If you cut back hours, be clear on what pieces of your job you will be losing.** Otherwise, you may end up trying to do the same amount of work in fewer hours, which just adds stress. Similarly, watch for the "full-time creep," where you slowly add hours back but still get paid part-time.

- **Take advantage of seasonal fluctuations if that affects your job.** For example, a partner at an accounting firm worked out an arrangement where she worked fulltime for three months during audit season and three days a week the rest of the year.

- **When pitching an alternative work arrangement,** prepare a written proposal that outlines your schedule and responsibilities. Highlight the benefits to the company and address potential concerns. If a supervisor is skeptical about a flexible arrange-

ment, suggest a six-month trial period, Foley advises.

- **Be aware of financial drawbacks.** Flexible schedules may affect more than salary, possibly impacting insurance benefits, Social Security, retirement plans, promotions and raises. Most people find the positives outweigh the negatives, but "don't do it blindly," Harvey advises.

- **Communicate with your spouse on expectations.** Some women cut back work hours to spend more time with their children, only to find their husbands expect them now to do all the housework and cooking, Foley noted.

- **Expect schedules to change as children get older.** One mother who worked three full days a week when her children were young switched to five days a week but left at 2 p.m. so she was home when her kids got out of school.

- **Some related Web sites to check out:**

<http://www.bluesultmon.com/career/balance/>
<http://www.workoptions.com/>
<http://www.workfamily.com/>
<http://www.womenwork.com/>
<http://www.whm.com/>
<http://www.hbm.com/>
<http://www.flexiblework.com/home.asp>
<http://www.flexiblework.com/home.asp>

— Source: Seattle Times

Indeed, "your supervisor is a more critical factor than the company," Foley said. While certainly some companies and jobs are more conducive to alternative schedules, "almost any job can be flexible," she said. "I've seen jobs run the gamut, from small to big companies."

Alternative work schedules are better received at companies that value employee retention, Herrild and Harvey said. Employees with a good track record and valuable skills tend to negotiate more successfully.

Companies that "measure productivity not by what you accomplish but by how long your car stays in the parking lot" are generally less open to flexible schedules, they noted. Though the number of employees offering alternative schedules may be going up, those who take advantage of them

still face possible consequences. Few workers turn out their flexible arrangements, which can add to the impression that 9 to 5 is still the only option.

When Harvey worked part time, for example, she said she couldn't do a meeting on a particular day but not necessarily explain that it was because she wasn't in the office. "I tried to make it as invisible as I could outside my department," she said.

A 2003 survey by the Project for Attorney Retention found even attorneys who turned to corporate-law departments for shorter hours reported that part-timers faced stigma such as ineffectiveness for promotion, disproportionate reduction of bonuses, "dog" work assignments and loss of collegial respect.

Another study funded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation's

Program on Working Families found that working mothers who took advantage of flexible scheduling, telecommuting and part-time hours didn't get the same pay increases as moms who worked regular schedules.

"It's a misperception that women aren't as committed to their jobs," Foley said. "They still want to do a good job; they just want to work less."

Anecdotally, Herrild and Harvey's research found few men worked part-time or did job shares; rather, they worked compressed weeks, used flex time for travel or business or did contract work.

Even if policies exist, it's up to employees to take advantage of them, Foley said. "No one is going to say, 'Hey you look tired. You need to go to a three-day work week.'"

admit when you need help and then go get it.

During a typical acceptance thinking session, allow no barriers. Think of anything you want to have in your life, see, and feel yourself accepting it into your life. See yourself at ease with whatever the situation or accomplishment is. Accept a new house when the need arises. Accept a new vehicle. Accept a better job and a higher income. Accept everything you want.

Possibility and acceptance thinking will not necessarily make what you think about happen in your life. However, they will open you to new ideas. They will have you comfortable with the ideas as they come into your life. And, they will set in motion psychological processes that allow you to see solutions and grasp them earlier. Just like an Olympic athlete who often mentally rehearses as much as they physically practice, you will condition your mind to see and seize opportunity when it presents itself.

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Make your feelings known, Cancer

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

IF JUNE 1 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY — you possess a natural air of authority that has often given you a springboard to excel. You succeeded effortlessly with tasks undertaken by you or your younger years. Though privileged, you endured many injustices through circumstances beyond your control. You're a natural mystic and gifted writer. You'll succeed this year with the written word. Unexpected change and enlargement of your social circle come through travel.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Give thought to entering into some kind of business. Your creative talent could produce a product that appeals. Home matters highlighted.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): A family member proposes an idea that could be profitably translated into a moneymaking enterprise with capital. It could involve perfume, alcohol or cakes. There's fun and laughter tonight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Circumstances turn to your advantage. Sign along the dotted line only if you are absolutely sure you know it's what you want. The undoing could be costly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): No room for false pride. Get to the heart of the matter. Be definite, and make your feelings known. Capricorn plays a major role.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): People are charmed by your charisma. Your overflowing. In company, you're like a magnet. Don't break too many hearts! Be upfront as you might be misunderstood.

Smoke

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state budget. Taking bottled water at the same rate would add \$12 million to the state's coffers.

Stevenson says he could support such a levy.

"My biggest objection to raising the cigarette tax is the money wouldn't be going to pay for treating the consequences of smoking," he said.

Idaho's now 59-cent-per-pack tax ranks it in the middle among the states and in the West. Washington levies \$1.43 in tax for a pack of cigarettes; Oregon, \$1.28. But Montana assesses only 38 cents a pack and Nevada just 35 cents.

"I don't think the alternatives were given serious consideration," Shatten said.

They were, Stevenson says, but not into well-situated lobbying by the beer, wine and hospitality industries.

"They came to the Legislature

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You're in the limelight. You may have to make adjustments involving home matters or marital status. Time spent with charitable organizations lightens your heart.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get a commitment in writing, and define your terms. You'd like to know in which direction your love life is going as your ideal partner seems too important to hand over.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A day to your liking. Much is going your way — some of it all the way. Loving attention is rewarded. Places will play a mysterious part.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Other people's opinions concern you. You've reached certain conclusions. A spotlight is on marriage and legacies. Leo figures in a scenario. Read a helping hand.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You're at the threshold of another cycle. You have tendency to give in to your mood. Be careful, as this will not attract others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are under scrutiny. You learn the some of a painful division tonight. You receive practicals that relate to business, career and marriage.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Laugh and the world will laugh with you. You are in a positive space, and decisions made today have lasting effects. Keep envy at bay.

and told us there would be layoffs if I raised the beer or wine taxes," Stevenson said.

It's rarely been done in past. Idaho's \$4.65 per barrel beer tax is 42 years old. The wine tax, 45 cents a gallon, hasn't been raised since 1971.

A bloc of House conservatives, including Stevenson, resisted increasing any taxes beyond the penny bump in the sales tax but the budgetary shortfall that followed far-below-expected tax collections in April swung a majority to Kempthorne's plan.

"We're asking everybody to pay more (taxes) to balance the budget, but we're asking smokers to pay more than that," said Stevenson, who added that he hadn't heard from any disgruntled smokers since the tax increase was approved.

"Smokers aren't organized like some other groups in this state," Shatten said. "So they hit us first."

Pets

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life, not an interference," Vervaeke said. "You feel sadness at the loss, but you remember the good things. If people don't allow themselves to grieve, saying it's just an animal, that can impact on their grieving process and can show up later in other ways, possibly with depression or sickness."

Elaine and Al Lechner were both 130 pounds when Borzoi, died in 1990. Their grief has helped hundreds of other pet owners across the three coastal Mississippi counties, where there are no pet cemeteries and, at the time they needed one, no crematorium for pets.

When the Lechners moved to Mississippi in the 1980s, they sadly left behind the remains of other dogs they'd buried in their yard. They removed all signs of the graves so no one would dig up their pet. This year they wanted to be put to rest. They wanted to be put to rest again, but learned they had to drive to mid-Louisiana to do that.

Realizing that this area had a need for a pet crematorium, they opened one themselves two years later in Harrison County, even though they were retired and looking forward to a quiet life.

They and their son, David, work through veterinarians, picking up the animals at the vets' offices and returning the ashes in a tin, or some other form of urn if requested. They do this for \$150, a price that they have not changed

for the 10 years they've been doing it.

The Lechners also give the grieving pet owner a sympathy card. They know the pain all too well.

"We get such beautiful, obviously loving letters and sometimes we just have to sit down ourselves and deal with all the loss," said Mrs. Lechner. "We get them all, iguanas, dogs, cats, birds."

"I think they keep people healthy, too, and most people that I know of who don't have pets and don't like them don't seem like very happy people."

Sometimes pet ashes are buried and sometimes they are kept in the house in a place of honor. In South Mississippi, where yards are bigger and land not as developed, many opt to bury their pets, cremated or not, near their house. Burial is part of the grieving process.

"Burying them yourself is a good crying session, a way of healing," said veterinarian Waddy LaBourgeois. "And later, you're not wondering where your pet is."

"Burying them is a good way for us to not to dispose of the animal, but to take it home for burial themselves, or to have it cremated first. Of those who want to keep the animal with them, I'd say about 30 percent of the pets are cremated and about 70 percent bury them right away."

"It's something about digging that hole, the tears running down, that helps."

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like "Woman turns to cat after eating pet food for 20 years. They would never have known that they had been fuming instead of calmly standing in line."

Fast-food restaurants will be easy for them, too. As will red lighters. The dog rooms will be a breeze. You even get to sit down and read magazines there.

And, if you ever want to get tickets to an Eagles concert —

Actually, I've been quite pleased with the way BSU handles its mix-ups during waiting lines. Especially after one letter my child received. It was an award notification letter, and it began, "This letter is not the easiest to read — we know!"

It went on to blame everything on computer problems.

Now that's my kind of college.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

Possibility and acceptance thinking: Try these exercises

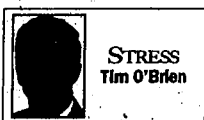
Possibility thinking you have probably heard that expression before. You sit and think of options and opportunities as they relate to an activity or idea.

Hopefully, you can allow yourself to think in broader, different ways than normal. This expands your view, and can significantly increase your available options for solving a problem or tackling a project.

Have you ever formally had "possibility thinking" sessions with yourself? They are a good idea. The more you use them, the better you get at it and the more innovative and creative you become. You can train yourself to think creatively by continuously changing the boundaries of what you allow yourself to consider.

If you have never tried possibility thinking, start this week. Schedule a 30-minute session with yourself. The first few sessions you have, do them in private. Just think from every angle, and then expand each of those ideas even further. Make this a regular habit and I believe you will see significant improvement to problem solving very quickly.

Now here is a new idea, "acceptance thinking." It is very different from possibility thinking. Here you sit and think of what you have and what you don't have and accept it. You look at your challenges, fears, concerns and opportunities. Acceptance thinking asks:



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Tim O'Brien

"Will you accept the new and better and different in your life when it becomes available? Will you allow yourself to feel worthy of the new position, the increased salary, the better health, the stronger relationships?"

Without acceptance, all the possibility thinking you can do is not use. Second, we prepare ourselves in advance to accept our goals and dreams when they occur.

If you uncover hesitation in acceptance of a particular idea, ask yourself "Why do I balk at this?" Write down your reasons, your rationale. Pass no judgment, simply write what your ideas and feelings are.

Have you ever formally had "possibility thinking" sessions with yourself? They are a good idea. The more often you have them the better you get at it and the more innovative and creative you become.

Often, on reviewing your fears or hesitations, you will find them associated with a particular event from the past. Many of these events revolve around times when we felt ridiculed, inadequate, or embarrassed. When you encounter these times, try to review those previous unpleasant experiences and release the associated emotion from long ago that hampered you. If you have extreme difficulty in this, or simply cannot release the emotions by yourself, seek professional help. It is a sign of intelligence and strength, not weakness, to

Eight-graders put together cards used to make a castle for a community during an eighth-grade retreat. The activity was one of many to help students work together and prepare for high school.



BETTY TAYLOR/The Times-News

Students prepare for high school, life with lessons

By Betty Taylor
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY — A recent retreat challenged students to learn about themselves, and investigate their world and their relationship to that world.

The eighth-grade class at Kimberly Middle School participated in the retreat with 15 high school juniors, one graduating senior and seven school staff members. The retreat centered on heroes, trust, values and respect.

"The junior class had participated in an earlier retreat, and volunteers surfaced from this retreat who wanted to be involved in the eighth-grade retreat," said Jan Hall, ninth-grade health teacher.

The retreat's purpose is to give juniors the opportunity to plan for a successful senior year, and become trainers for incoming ninth-graders, organizers say. The

belief is that students who participate will gain a greater understanding of themselves and develop a community of success.

The retreat also was intended to make the transition from eighth to ninth grade a little less scary for students.

"We rotate the kids around so that they don't start to group up with their friends. This way they are always with different kids all the time," Hall said.

One of the games called, Cross The Line, involved high school students asking eighth-graders questions dealing with different experiences. All students answering "yes" would step across the line. The purpose was to have the young people examine their values, belief and actions, and observe those of others.

"When you are in high school you grow," said Ashley Remaley. "You are going to need each other."

"This game helps you become

aware of how you treat others and lets you know you are not alone," Curtis Giles added.

Another activity was called Aces of Faces. Students held a card on their forehead and without looking at it, moved around the room trying to find the group they belonged to as designated by the card. One group was considered the most popular. Another was the outcasts and then, there was a middle group. As students wandered around they found their group by the way others treated them. The exercise was meant to create a caring school climate.

"When you are facing graduation in two weeks, popularity is not on the top of your priority list," said graduating senior Charles Kelly, of the activity.

"You will build friendships with people that you wouldn't even look at in junior high," high school student Casey Paulk said.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Crozier is among top 10 scholars at Boise State

Katherine Jo Crozier of Jerome was honored as a 2003 Boise State University Top Ten Scholar at an awards banquet.

The scholars are selected from among the top 10 percent of the graduating class, and chosen based on academic performance, recommendation from college deans, research activities and student club involvement.

Crozier, the daughter of Reed and

Colleen Crozier, graduated from Jerome High School in 1997. She graduated from Boise State in May with a bachelor's degree in bilingual/multicultural elementary education. She is a past president and social justice administrator for the St. Paul's Catholic Student Group, was named to the dean's list for four semesters, and is a recipient of the J&B Case and Frances Woods education scholarships for the 2002-03 school year. She plans to continue her education in bilingual education and theology.



Katherine Crozier

4-H Camp Association holds fund-raiser

JEROME — The Central Idaho 4-H Camp Association will hold a fund-raising dinner and auction at 6:30 p.m. June 7 in the blue building at the Jerome County Fairgrounds in Jerome.

The dinner will include beef tri-tip, pork rolled roasted, Dutch oven potatoes, salad, corn, beans, rolls, pie and ice cream.

Tickets are \$10 per person or \$35 for a family of up to five members. Children age 5 and under are free.

Donations are needed for the live and silent auction. All donation items should be delivered by June 6.

For more information, call Denise Halesley at 544-2355 or Darren Taber at 886-2830.

Burley High School class plans reunion

BURLEY — The Burley High School class of 1993 will hold its 10-year reunion on Aug. 16 in Burley.

The class is tracking down addresses for alumni. Those whose address has changed or know the address of other classmates are asked to forward them to Terra Anderson at stankorfoe@comcast.net or call her at (435) 753-2656, Brad Hess at

brad_hess@hotmail.com or (435) 770-4164, Jared Whipple at jrw@mac.com, Lisa Bowen at bowlens@comcast.net or (801) 897-8797 or Sarah Mai at amunib126@earthlink.net or (208) 922-5126.

Classmates are asked to mail or e-mail a current photo of themselves and their family to Brandon Larsen, 17 Aggie Village G, Logan, UT 84341 or sleep@mac.com.

Information on the reunion can also be found at www.classmates.com and www.burley-high1993.com.

College for Kids classes start at CSI

TWIN FALLS — The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho is taking registrations for College for Kids classes.

"Gardening for Kids" will be held from 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 10-19. The class is designed to teach simple gardening techniques to students going into grades one to four. Students will learn about plant parts and what they do, planting, soil mixing, watering and transplanting. Students should bring four packages of seeds for flowers or vegetables. The cost is \$30 plus \$5 paid to the instructor for supplies.

"Camp Crop-a-rot" will be held from 1-3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, June 9-25. Students in fifth and sixth grade will organize and preserve their photos in scrapbook album. The cost is \$45 plus \$35 paid to the instructor for materials.

"Science Snack Bar" will meet Monday through Thursday, June 9-12. Students will take part in a wide variety of hands-on science activities. Students going into third and fourth grade will meet from 8:30-10 a.m. and students going into grades kindergarten through second will meet from 10:11-10 a.m. The cost is \$40.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

Community Watch Group discusses court cases

TWIN FALLS — The Community Watch Group of Twin Falls will meet at 7 p.m. June 12 in the third floor conference room of the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N. in Twin Falls.

The guest speaker will be Nancy Howell of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office. Howell will speak about current law enforcement issues.

The group also will discuss upcoming court cases and subjects of interest in the county.

The Community Watch Group



American Heritage Academy holds its graduation recently. From left are, back: Joshua Harris, Brock Nelsens and Arland Baker; front: Megan Harris, Kira Anderson, Arla Harris, Jenny Harmon and Ingrid Hansen.

Photo courtesy of JAMAR NELSON

American Heritage graduates

BURLEY — "Be completely honest," Terry Warner admonished American Heritage graduates at their recent ceremony.

The graduation speaker also counseled graduates to be obedient to their parents, allow themselves to be touched by another's humanity, and allow time for "sacred spaces," such as prayer.

Warner complimented parents on their efforts to create and sustain the school, saying, "This school is an extension of your testimony," and what whatever sacrifices that are made.

American Heritage is a private school in Burley.

Warner is the author of the bestseller, "Bonds that Make us Free," and was recently appointed to head a museum on education in the LDS church at the new Smith Family Living Center at Brigham Young University in Ogden, Utah.

Alan Fluckiger, American Heritage administrator, said that graduation was like climbing a tall mountain.

"You pause and see how far you have come only to look up

and see that you have a long way to go to reach the peak," he said.

The audience sang "God Bless America" accompanied by Camille Orton, and directed by Desiree Harris. Megan Harris gave a scripture reading, and an invocation was given by Randy Harris. A patriotic medley was performed by Ingrid Hansen on the piano. Graduates Brock Nelsens, Arland Baker, Arla Harris, Jenny Harmon and Kira Anderson spoke.

Berkley Orton gave the benediction.

STORK REPORT

Magie Valley Regional Medical Center

Aurtoro — Adrian Allen Nevarez, son of Stephanie Marie Taylor of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, May 8, 2003.

Seth — Michael Sullivan, son of Janyce E. Tucker of Twin Falls, was born Friday, May 9, 2003.

Juan — Garcia, son of Monique Lorette Gonzales of Jerome, was born Friday, May 9, 2003.

Kristopher — Jon Anderson, son of Kristina Anderson of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, May 11, 2003.

Kaleena — Sage Wood, daughter of Tiana April and William Donald Wood of Twin Falls, was born Friday, May 16, 2003.

Aubrey — Annaliese Johansen, daughter of Tina LuRue and Kevin Larry Johansen of Twin Falls, was born Monday, May 19, 2003.

Maycie — Jo Winkle, daughter of Chelsey Michelle Winkle of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, May 20, 2003.

Zac — Gerald Doggett, son of Aimee Nicole and Cory Gerald Doggett of Kimbly, was born Thursday, May 22, 2003.

Colin — Hale Silene, son of Carrie Lyn Silene of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, May 22, 2003.

MacKayla — Sari Joy, daughter of Heather Marie and Steven Ray Joy II of Twin Falls, was born Friday, May 23, 2003.

Cody — Allen Naylor, son of

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Melissa Morgan The Times-News P.O. Box 540 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

Jamie — Lynn and William Ernest Naylor of Gooding, was born Friday, May 23, 2003.

Estiquero — Andres Duran, son of Genie and Ignacio Andres Duran of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, May 25, 2003.

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center

Elizabeth — Carabaz Cortez, daughter of Alma Carabaz Cortez and Adan Carabaz Sandoval of Gooding, was born Saturday, May 17, 2003.

Kayden — Michael Gooding, son of Michael and Bridgette Gooding of Twin Falls, was born Monday, May 19, 2003.

Azalee — Roxanne Alexia Robertson, daughter of Carey and Roxanne Robertson of Halton, was born Wednesday, May 21, 2003.

Miguel — Angel Garcia, son of Lux and Salvador Garcia of Jerome, was born Wednesday, May 21, 2003.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Kaelin — Barrett Dalzell, daughter of Ashley and Theodore Dalzell of Ketchum, was born Wednesday, May 14, 2003.

Eames — Enochessa Wierthorn, daughter of Kerry Samudlo and William Wierthorn of Halley, was born Friday, May 16, 2003.

Axel — Montgomery Hattrup, son of Claudia and Michael Hattrup of Ketchum, was born Monday, May 19, 2003.

Bailey — Grace Cole, daughter of Erin and Robert Cole of Halley, was born Monday, May 19, 2003.

Jason — Anthony Serrano, son of Miriam and Jose Serrano of Halley, was born Monday, May 19, 2003.

Madison — Rose Lovell, daughter of Jenny and Scott Lovell of Halley, was born Wednesday, May 21, 2003.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Cassia — Regional Medical Center will no longer be sending birth announcements to The Times-News. To have a birth announcement printed in the Stork Report, bring a copy of the child's birth certificate to The Times-News office in Burley or Twin Falls. Parents who bring in their child's birth certificate will receive one free issue of the newspaper.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The program is free, and will continue each Wednesday through July 2.

For more information, call the library at 543-6500.

Boys and Girls Club offers summer food program

TWIN FALLS — The Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley, 999 Frontier Road in Twin Falls, is participating in the summer food service program which provides free lunch and snacks to children.

The program will run from June 9 to Aug. 22. Lunch will be held at 11:30 a.m. and a snack will be served at 4 p.m.

For more information, call Jennifer Neel or Laura Baxter at 736-7011.

Job Service consultant assists veterans

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Gooding, 9-11 a.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month at Gooding City Hall.

Shoshone, 9-11 a.m. the second and fourth Wednesday at Lincoln County Courthouse.

Hayburn, 9-11 a.m. the third Monday at the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce.

Burley, 9-11 a.m. the fourth Friday at the National Guard Armory.

Moreno's services include job referrals, information on veteran education, training and other programs; vocational guidance and referrals to community-based organizations.

For more information, call 735-2500, ext. 3643 or visit Magic Valley Job Service, 771 North College Road in Twin Falls.

Red Cross offers CPR classes in Halley in June

HAILEY — The American Red Cross of Greater Idaho Sawtooth Branch will offer an infant and child cardiopulmonary resuscitation class from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 10 in Halley. The cost is \$35.

A first aid class will be offered from 8-9 p.m. June 23 in Bellevue at \$31.

For more information about costs, locations or to register, call Mindy Kirtland at 1-888-367-6321.

FAMILY LIFE

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
530 Shoshone St. W.
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
No menus were made available this week.

Activities
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St. Buhl
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.
Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Thursday. Lunch prices are \$3.50 and evening meals will be \$2.50. Sunday dinners are \$4. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Call the center by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the center, everyone is welcome.
No menus were made available this week.

Activities
Thrift shop open every day. Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Roseland Band plays from 8-11 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. Admission is \$4.

Flier Senior Haven
222 Main St. Flier
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.
Tuesday: Hot turkey sandwich
Thursday: Pork chops

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main N., Kimberly
Meals
Today: Sunday dinner, noon to 2 p.m., featuring roast pork (\$5 for seniors, \$3 for children under 12).
Monday: Cheesy tuna wrap, green beans, cole slaw, peas, cookies, coffee, milk and tea.
Wednesday: Liver and onions, potatoes, gravy, Mexican, tossed green salad, bread and butter, fruit dish, coffee, milk and tea.
Friday: Meatloaf, potatoes, gravy, broccoli, tossed green salad, bread and butter, Jell-O, coffee, milk and tea.

Activities
The thrift store is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday and from 14 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Tuesday
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Wednesday
Dominoes at 1 p.m.
Thursday
Crafts at 1 p.m.
Friday
Bingo at 11:55 a.m.
Pinchle at 1 p.m.

Camas Senior Center
127 E. Willow, Fairfield
Noon meals are served Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. meal days. The cost of the meal for non-seniors is \$3.50; children under 10 are \$2. The suggested donation for those 60 years of age and older is \$2.50. If you would like to visit the center for a meal, please call the center by 9 a.m.

Meals
Tuesday: Ham and beans, cornbread, tossed green salad, mixed fruit, cupcakes.
Wednesday: Meatballs in gravy with noodles, green beans, applesauce, rolls, cookies.
Friday: Turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, roll, fruit cobbler.

Activities
Monday
Art class at 11 a.m.
Board meeting, 7 p.m.
Tuesday
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Meals
Monday: Pork party with white sauce, potatoes, green beans, French bread, apple crisp.
Tuesday: Sweet and sour chicken, fried rice, stir-fried vegetables, plums, rolls.
Wednesday: Swiss steak, potato puff, glazed carrots, three-bean salad, French bread, cobbler.
Thursday: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetables, Jell-O, rolls, pumpkin cake.

Activities
Today
Bus to Jackpot leaves at 12:30 p.m.
Monday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Pinchle at 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Pool at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Fruit clinic at 10:30 a.m.
Bridge at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Shuffleboard at 6 p.m.
Thursday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Linda Norris speaks at 12:30 p.m.
TOPS at 4 p.m.
Pinchle at 7 p.m.
Friday
Quilt social at 9 a.m.
Bridge at 1 p.m.
Bowling at 1:30 p.m.
Bingo at 6 p.m.
Saturday
Breakfast, 7:30-10:30 a.m.
Card games

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.
No menus were made available this week.

Richfield Senior Center
No menus were made available this week.

Shoshone Senior Center
218 N. Radi St. W., Shoshone
Meals
Monday: Orange juice, turkey breast, beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade rolls, birthday cake, milk and coffee.
Tuesday: Orange juice, pepper steak, copper-penny carrots, steamed rice, stir-fried vegetables, homemade rolls, cinnamon rolls and applesauce, milk and coffee.
Wednesday: Orange juice, bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwiches, cucumbers, carrot sticks, french fries, banana cream pie, milk and coffee.
Thursday: Orange juice, hot dogs, macaroni salad, peach pie, milk and coffee.
Friday: Orange juice, spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed green salad, garlic sticks, frosted cake, milk and coffee.

Activities
Monday
Exercise at 9 a.m.
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
Quilting at 10 a.m.
Tuesday
Pinchle at 1 p.m.
Wednesday
Bingo at 7 p.m.; early bird at 6:30; snack bar opens at 6 p.m.
Thursday
Exercise at 9 a.m.
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
Arts and crafts at 10 a.m.
Friday
Pinchle at 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Citizens
203 Wilson, Eden
Open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Mondays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar

Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.
308 Shoshone Ave.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.
Meals
Monday: Pork party with white sauce, potatoes, green beans, French bread, apple crisp.
Tuesday: Sweet and sour chicken, fried rice, stir-fried vegetables, plums, rolls.
Wednesday: Swiss steak, potato puff, glazed carrots, three-bean salad, French bread, cobbler.
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Activities
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Bus to Jackpot leaves at 12:30 p.m.
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Bowling at 1:30 p.m.
Bingo at 6 p.m.
Saturday
Breakfast, 7:30-10:30 a.m.
Card games

Hagerman Valley Senior/Community Center
140 E. Lake, Hagerman
Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lunch is served at noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2. Coffee, tea, juice and bread served with all meals.
No menus were made available this week.

Activities
Thrift store open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Hatley
Meals are served at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Milk, juice, coffee and tea are served with all meals.
No menus were made available this week.

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center
702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals.
No menus were made available this week.

Center gift shop is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Blood pressure taken from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month. Quilting and pool table daily during center hours. Crafts every day. Home delivered meals are available Monday through Friday upon request. Volunteers are needed to do grocery shopping for shut-ins. Call Riddleys at 436-1200.

Activities
Monday
Quilting from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Pool from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Pinchle from 1-4 p.m.
Tuesday
Quilting from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Pool from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bingo from 1-2 p.m.
Wednesday
Quilting from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Pool from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Blood pressure checks, 10 a.m.-noon
Pinchle from 1-4 p.m.
Thursday
Quilting from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Pool from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
SEIBA Medicare supplemental insurance assistance from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call George Schwinderman at 436-9107.
Friday
Quilting from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Pool from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Pinchle from 1-4 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center
2421 Overland, Burley
No menus were made available this week.

ACE Bridal Registry
Kali Norman & David Mangan June 7th
Lindsay Lloyd & Cley Allen June 6th
Kimberly Cartwright & Traci Turner June 7th
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A. No, it's not true. There is no minimum Social Security payment. Your benefit is based on your earnings and the number of years you paid into Social Security. You probably were not paying into Social Security during all the years you worked as a police officer.

Social Security Q&A

This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For fast answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE BROWERS

HEYBURN - Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Brower of Heyburn will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2-5 p.m. at the Brower home, 491 S. 850 W., Heyburn.
Brower and Alice Elston were married June 3, 1953, in Payette. They have lived in the Minicassia area for 45 years.
The event is being hosted by their children, Chris Brower, Mark Brower and Mike Brower.



Alice and Doyle Brower
all of Heyburn.
The couple has 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



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THE DAISES

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Al Daise of Twin Falls and formerly of Buhl, will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday at Lincoln Court, 1310 Main St., Buhl. Your presence is the only gift they request.
Daise and Gladys Holden were married June 6, 1953, in Columbus, Ind.
The event is being hosted by their daughter, Mary Rebecca (Becky) Harshman.



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THE PETERSONS

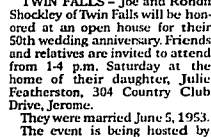
CASTLEFORD - John W. "Pat" and Eileen Peterson will be honored at an open house Monday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and family are invited to attend from 7-9 p.m. at the Clear Lake Country Club, north of Buhl. Peterson and Eileen Perry were married June 2, 1953, at the home of her parents, east of Haxelton.
Since their marriage, they have made their home in Castleford, where they farm, raise cattle and operate a trucking business. She taught for several years in the Castleford school system.
The event is hosted by their children, Steve Peterson of Twin Falls, Mavis Easterday and John



Pat and Eileen Peterson
Peterson, both of Buhl, and Janet Stern of Deerfield, Ill.
The couple has seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

THE SHOCKLEYS

TWIN FALLS - Joe and Rondii Shockley of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 1-4 p.m. Saturday at the home of their daughter, Julie Featherston, 304 Country Club Drive, Jerome.
They were married June 5, 1953. The event is being hosted by their children, Jim (Doris) Shockley of Nevada, Julie (Rick) Featherston of Jerome and Lu Shockley of Twin Falls. The couple has eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



Rondii and Joe Shockley

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FAMILY LIFE

Experts say no tan is healthy

While your child may look cute with summer freckles sprinkled across her nose, those spots - and tan lines - are actually red flags for sun damage.

"Think of your skin as a piece of meat. If you brown it, you're cooking it," says Ira Plotz, a professor of dermatology, in the latest issue of *Parents magazine*. It's still best to use sunscreen.

Family news you can use

and avoid the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when ultraviolet rays are most powerful. And teach your kids this rule of thumb: If you can't see your shadow (or if it's shorter than you are), head for the shade.

Pay to work?

Many parents struggle to decide whether Mom or Dad should stay home with the children. Financial experts with ABCNews.com say that if the second income is less than \$30,000 per year, it might make more sense for that parent to stay home. If you assume a federal income tax rate of 27 percent, \$8,100 of a \$30,000 paycheck will go to the federal government. Factor in expenses such as child care, work clothes, dry cleaning, restaurant meals, gas, parking and home repairs - not to mention state taxes, Medicare, FICA and other miscellaneous expenses - and your net income is minimal.

-Compiled from wire service reports

WEDDING



Lari and Randy Lambert

JARVIS-LAMBERT

TWIN FALLS - Lari Jarvis and Randy Lambert were married April 30 in the Cook Islands, South Pacific.

The bride is the daughter of Leanna Roberts of Idaho Falls and Charles Jarvis of Seaside, Calif.

Parents of the bridegroom are Marilyn Lambert of Twin Falls and Carl Lambert of Malta, Mont.

ENGAGEMENT



Katherine Holmes and Eric Williams

HOLMES-WILLIAMS

ATWATER, Calif. - Lester and Christy Holmes of Atwater, Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls, announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Lynn Holmes, to Eric Roylance Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delyn Williams and Patricia Ruttinger, all of Bakersfield, Calif.

Holmes is a graduate of Atwater High School and Merced Community College. She plans to attend Cal State University, Stanislaus to study education. She is employed at Sunscreen Co. in California.

Williams is a graduate of Modesto Community College in California and plans to study engineering at Cal State University, Stanislaus. He served an LDS mission in Argentina. He is employed at Olive Garden and Sunscreen Co. in California.

The wedding is planned for June 28 in the Oakland LDS Temple in Oakland, Calif. A reception will be held June 28 in Atwater and July 5 in Bakersfield.

ENGAGEMENTS



Michael Rinard and Jini Lancaster

LANCASTER-RINARD

TWIN FALLS - Don Lancaster and Karen Lancaster and Lee and Rosemary Lancaster, all of Twin Falls, announce the engagement of their daughter and granddaughter, Jini Dawn Lancaster, to Michael Eugene Rinard, son of Michael and Shella Rinard of Twin Falls and Pam Mallory of Boise.

Lancaster is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Cains Home Furnishings in Twin Falls.

Rinard attended Boise State University. He is employed at Franklin Building Supply in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for June 13 at the Rinard residence in Twin Falls. A reception will be held following the ceremony.

POULTON-LAWRENCE

KIMBERLY - Ross and Robyn Poulton of Kimberly announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Suzanne Poulton, to Jessy David Lawrence, son of Jerry and Robyn Lawrence of Kimberly.

Poulton is also the daughter of the late Nina Poulton. She is a graduate of Kimberly High School and is attending the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Kimberly Nurseries.

Lawrence is a graduate of Kimberly High School and is attending CSI. He is employed at H&M Distributing.

The wedding is planned for Saturday at The White House. A reception will be held from 7:30-9 p.m. following the ceremony at The White House.

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RUPERT - Craig and Debby Heiner of Rexburg announce the marriage of their daughter, Linsy Heiner, to Darin Jurgensmeier, son of Doc and Karen Jurgensmeier of Rupert.

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They will reside in Rexburg, while they finish their studies.

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Smiley is a graduate of Jackpot High School in Jackpot, Nev., and currently is attending the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Chili's in Twin Falls.

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June 14 at the College of Southern Idaho Rose Garden.

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Dille is a graduate of Kimberly High School. He served an LDS mission in Barcelona, Spain. He is employed at Double Eagle Inc. in Murtaugh.

The wedding is planned for Saturday in the Jordan River Temple in Utah. A reception will be held from 8-10 p.m. June 20 at the Funk residence.

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JEROME - Greg and Jill English of Salem, Ore., announce the engagement of their daughter, Beth Adrian English, to Michael James Amo, son of Greg and Lori Amo of Jerome.

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WEDDINGS

BRIGGS-WILSON

TWIN FALLS - Cherri Briggs, formerly of Twin Falls, and Richard Wilson of Aberdeen, Scotland, were married April 2 in the Kalahari Desert of Botswana, Southern Africa. The ceremony was held outdoors on a rise overlooking the Central Kalahari at sunset.

The bride is the daughter of June Briggs of Twin Falls and the late W.G. Briggs.

The bridegroom is the son of Shirley Wilson of London, England, and the late Nicolas Wilson.

The celebration was attended by guests from all over the globe and the United States. Sam Bushman performed a blessing, and the couple gave special traditional blessing to the couple.

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