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Bill to split court gets hearing

House subcommittee will take a look at Simpson's measure

By Julia Fazio
Times-News writer



Rep. Mike Simpson

TWIN FALLS—The controversial decision to strike the words "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance might have revitalized legislation to break up the federal 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The U.S. House Judiciary Committee's courts subcommittee will hold a hearing Tuesday in Washington, D.C., on Rep. Mike Simpson's bill to reorganize the massive 9th Circuit Court.

Simpson, R-Idaho, introduced a bill three

years ago to split the court, but it was a sleeper until the 9th Circuit ruled in June 2002 that the reference to God made it unconstitutional to recite the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools. The U.S. Supreme Court recently agreed to hear the case based upon the technicality that the man who originally sued California school district on the issue doesn't have legal standing.

Simpson reintroduced the bill in March. The 9th Circuit includes California, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Hawaii, Alaska, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. Simpson's

plan is to split off California, Arizona and Nevada, which would remain the 9th Circuit, and establish a 12th Circuit that would include the other entities.

"This is an issue that has interested Mike because of the overload of cases and because it's too burdensome," spokeswoman Luci Willis said.

In addition, Simpson has said the court, which is located in San Francisco, has been dominated by California for 40 years.

"The function of a circuit court is to be a regional court," Willis said. "But when you have a state like California, which really has very little in common with Idaho, that defeats the idea of a regional court."

Simpson said a 1996 study showed that on average 25 out of 26 of the 9th Circuit's decisions, usually considered liberal by Idaho standards, are overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The 9th Circuit is the nation's largest cir-

cuit court, with 50 million people living in nine states the size of western Europe. It serves 15 million people more than the next-size circuit court. Census projections indicate it will grow another 75 million in the next 25 years.

Willis acknowledged though Idaho doesn't necessarily have much in common with Hawaii, Guam or the Marianas Islands, those three places have a lot in common with one another.

"Obviously we can't have 20 courts with two states each," she said.

The hearing is being held to address the subject of creating more judges for both the 9th Circuit and a 12th Circuit Court, if Congress approves it. The witnesses include three 9th Circuit chief judges, including Mary M. Schroeder, Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain and Alex Kozinski. In addition, Arthur Hollman of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law will participate.

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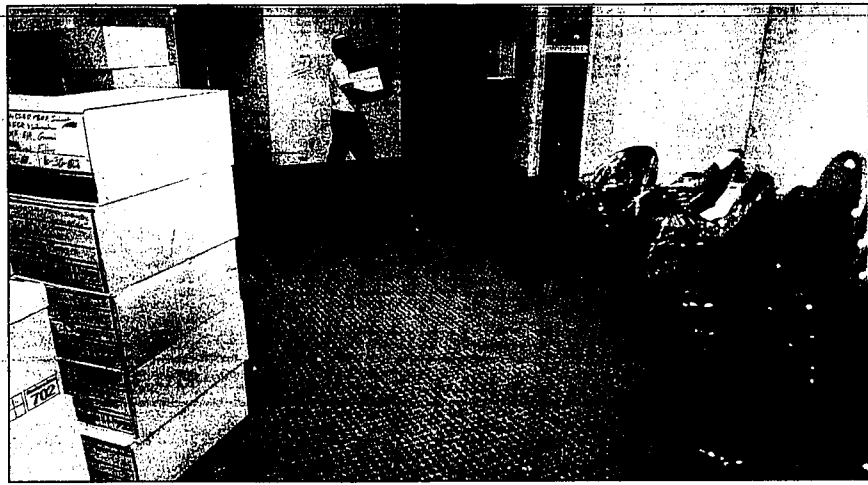
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A NEW PLACE TO LIVE



Korey Flivacoat of the Twin Falls Work Center carries supplies into the South Central Community Action Partnership's new building on South Washington Street on Friday. The new, 12,000-square-foot headquarters is much larger and more spacious than the agency's previous home - and is under one roof instead of four.

Community action agency moves

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Oh, the smell of new wood and fresh paint. Belongings still sat in boxes on the newly carpeted floor, waiting to be moved into their assigned places. Friday was moving day for the South Central Community Action Partnership.

"Isn't it gorgeous?" said Leanne Trappen, the agency's community service director.

The agency's new, 12,000-square-foot facility on South Washington Street is quite a move up from the four century-old buildings it used to inhabit just up the street. The old buildings were dilapidated. The paint was peeling off the walls, and areas of the floor with missing tiles had been patched up with cardboard and duct tape.

Opening the doors -

The South Central Community Action Partnership will open the doors to its new facility at 550 Washington St. S. at 1 p.m. today. The agency will hold an open house and ribbon cutting from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 6. The community is invited to attend and celebrate the agency's move into its new home.

About the agency
There are more than 900 community action agencies in the United States, and six are in Idaho. The South Central Community Action Partnership assists low-income residents in Twin

Falls, Jerome, Lincoln, Gooding, Camas, Cassia, Minidoka and Blaine counties and has satellite offices in Jerome and Burley. The agency has anywhere from 29 to 36 employees, including case managers, data entry clerks, office clerks and work crews. The agency provides food, fuel and nutrition programs.

The agency has a number of programs to help people who are struggling to make ends meet. If the agency can't help, it can refer people to other agencies that can.

To learn more: Call 733-9351. Source: South Central Community Action Partnership

individuals, 3,400 families, 800 elderly people, 1,200 disabled people and 4,600 children through its community services program alone. That's not counting how many people were helped through the agency's weatherization, commodity, fuel and food and nutrition programs.

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"It was falling down around our ears," Trappen said.

The agency had run out of room years ago. People were tripping over children as they came

through the front door. Trappen said.

In the new facility, children will have plenty of room to play while their parents get help with things

such as food, shelter, clothing, utilities, medicine and other basic needs. And all the agency's programs - which include the

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Helicopter fights winds; injured climbers wait, pray

By Sharon Cohen
Associated Press writer

GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. - Late-afternoon shadows were growing on the Teton when Laurence Perry scanned the towering rock walls.

The helicopter pilot had already completed a test flight to check whether he could hover at 13,000 feet - the altitude where the climbers had been hit by lightning a few hours earlier.

Next up was "short-hauling" rangers soaring through the skies, suspended by two finger-thin strands of 100-foot nylon rope attached beneath the helicopter.

The chopper's engine revved in a staging area called the Lower Saddle, elevation 11,600 feet,

The story so far

Courage of Friction Pitch

A group of mountain climbers has been struck by lightning in the Teton. Some badly injured, they have called for help. Ranger-rescuers have been mobilized and a helicopter has scouted their scattered locations.

with Perry in the cockpit and ranger Kenny Jackson in back, as his spotter. No one knows these mountains better than Jackson, co-author of a Teton climbing guide.

Leo Larson, a seasoned ranger

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Helicopter pilot Laurence Perry stands beside his equipment at the Lupine Meadows Rescue Cache Aug. 5 in Grand Teton National Park, Wyo.

Hospitals buy scarce drugs at high price

The Washington Post

The faxes, e-mails and phone calls come in every morning to hospitals across the country, touting hard-to-find medications that small wholesalers have ready for sale - at dramatically marked-up prices.

Medications in short supply from major wholesalers are pitched on those sales calls, confounding and enraging many hospital pharmacists said. When hospitals must use substitutes for their usual drugs, "it affects the quality of patient care in a huge way," said Rita Shane, pharmacy director for the vast Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

The small wholesalers offer everything from wadholers drugs to combat infections and nausea to lifesaving drugs for managing premature births and spinal injuries. The drugs are listed at double or triple the usual price, dozens of solicitations obtained by The Washington Post show.

"It's a vile business practice," said Alyce Holmes, pharmacy director for the 101-bed Beetsy Johnson Regional Hospital in Dunn, N.C.

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Docs: Pain pill abuse can hurt hearing

Knight Ridder News Service

DETROIT - Rush Limbaugh's entry into a rehabilitation program for addiction to prescription painkillers underscores an important message to the millions of Americans who take the drugs: Chronic abuse may cause hearing loss.

The link between hearing loss and high doses of painkillers like Vicodin, Lorcet and OxyContin is not yet well-known in medicine.

Until now, the drugs have not been included in medical references to medicines associated with hearing loss. But Limbaugh's public admission two weeks ago prompted warnings to people to report hearing loss quickly to their doctors if they are abusing the drugs. Quick action may prevent further hearing loss, experts say. Limbaugh's hearing loss has made national headlines for the past two years.

"The message is not out there with doctors, pharmacists or lay

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'SAINT OF THE GUTTER'



An unidentified boy from a slum pays homage to Mother Teresa, portrait left, at a prayer meeting in Ahmadabad, India, Sunday, the day that she was beatified by Pope John Paul.

Ambush kills two U.S. soldiers

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Deadly ambush teams struck U.S. Army targets from west to north in the arc of resistance around Baghdad, and the interim Iraqi leader called Sunday for an immediate mobilization of the old Iraqi army to help the harried Americans. The United States would speed the process of relieving the burden on its troops" by recalling the disbanded Iraqi military, said Iyad Allawi, current president of the Iraqi Governing Council. The idea got a cool reception, however, from Baghdad's U.S.-led occupation authorities. Attackers killed two U.S. soldiers in a clash outside the northern city of Kirkuk late Saturday, and others blasted a broken-down convoy in the western flashpoint city of Fallujah, setting off spectacular explosions from an ammunition truck. In the attack, an American mounted patrol was ambushed by rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire at 10:45 p.m. Saturday, said Maj. Josslyn Aberle, 4th Infantry Division spokesman. In addition to the two killed, a third American was wounded, Aberle reported.

Bush offers guarantee in N. Korea nuclear talks BANGKOK - President Bush said Sunday that he is willing to commit to a written guarantee not to attack North Korea in exchange for steps by the country toward abandoning its nuclear weapons programs. Bush's aides said he wants to have a proposal ready for North Korea to consider by year's end, when administration officials hope to restart the six-nation nuclear talks with North Korea that began halting in August. The new approach constitutes a change for a White House that had resisted offering security guarantees that North Korea might consider a concession. North Korea has openly pursued nuclear weapons despite agreeing to freeze its programs in 1994 in a deal with the Clinton administration. Some U.S. officials con-

World in brief tend the country already possesses one or two nuclear weapons. Bush ruled out the idea of a formal nonaggression treaty, which North Korea has insisted must be part of an agreement involving nuclear concessions. "We will not have a treaty," Bush said during a photo session with Thailand's prime minister, Thaksin Shinawatra. "That's off the table."

Militant suspect confesses to plotting terror attacks AMMAN, Jordan - A suspected Islamic militant confessed Sunday to being part of a conspiracy to attack Americans in Jordan, as well as the U.S. Embassy and Jordanian buses where the plotters believed U.S. troops were stationed.

Zuhair Shdeifat, 26, told the military court where he and nine other Jordanian militants are on trial that the plotters stockpiled grenades and rockets and raised funds last year "to defend Jordan's soil."

Shdeifat did not elaborate, but said another of the defendants, Amer Sarraj, 34, had wanted "us to carry out jihad (holy war) in Jordan by attacking American military bases in Jordan." Unlike the other nine defendants, Shdeifat has pleaded guilty to conspiring to carry out terrorist attacks and possessing arms and explosives with the intent of using them illegally. The offenses are punishable by death. It was unclear whether the military prosecution would seek a lighter sentence for Shdeifat for pleading guilty. Shdeifat was arrested Jan. 27, but freed eight days later in an apparent deal to turn him into a prosecution witness.

Three Saudi men charged in the plot remain at large. Palestinian attack kills three Israeli soldiers JERUSALEM - Suspected Palestinian gunmen ambushed a group of Israeli soldiers on a foot patrol near a Palestinian village.

in the West Bank on Sunday night, killing three troops and injuring a fourth, according to Israeli military officials. The Israeli soldiers were walking along a dirt road in a desert area between the Palestinian village of Ein Yabrud and the Jewish settlement of Ofra about 11 miles north of Jerusalem when three gunmen leaped from behind a low stone wall, spraying bullets across the backs of the troops, officials said. "The fourth soldier managed to jump into one of the bushes and survive," a military spokesman said. "After firing, the terrorists got into their car and escaped."

The 6:45 p.m. attack on the Israeli soldiers continued the renewed surge of violence in Israel and the Palestinian territories since a cease-fire by militant groups and a U.S.-backed peace proposal collapsed two months ago. - compiled from wire reports

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Rapid heartbeat puts Blair in hospital

LONDON (AP) - British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who has been under increasing political pressure because of the war in Iraq, was hospitalized Sunday with heart palpitations, his office said. Doctors restored Blair's normal heartbeat with electrical stimulation and he was feeling "fine" at home.

Blair, 50, was taken to London's Hammersmith hospital, treated and released after five hours, his office said. The prime minister was feeling "fine" after returning home, his office at No. 10 Downing Street said in a statement.

"This was completely successful. He was in hospital for four to five hours and is now back at Number 10. The hospital says this is a relatively common condition and is easily treated," it said.

"He has suffered no damage and he is fine. There is no reason why this should reoccur. They have advised him to rest for 24 hours."

Blair was expected to return to work full-time Tuesday, his office said. He will not make a planned statement to the House of Commons on Monday about a European summit he attended last week.

Blair was spending the weekend at Chequers, the official rural retreat for prime ministers, when he became ill. He initially was taken to a local hospital, but then went to Hammersmith, which has a specialist coronary-care unit.

"There it was established he had an irregular heartbeat and a cardioversion was administered to regulate it," Blair's office said.

Scare up some fun Find out where to have a devilishly good time on Fright Night Friday in The Times-News

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AROUND THE VALLEY

T.F. library board seeks nominees

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Public Library Board of Trustees is seeking nominees to fill the seat that will be vacated by current board member Debbie Park when her term expires in December.

The City Council will appoint a new trustee to serve a term of office from Jan. 1, 2004, through Dec. 31, 2004.

Interested candidates can call Arlan Call, library director, at 733-2964, or City Manager Tom Courtney at 735-7271. Formal letters of application can be delivered to the library at 201 Fourth St. E. through Nov. 30.

Forest Service plans burn for Kale Creek

KETCHUM - U.S. Forest Service fire managers will conduct a prescribed fire in the Kale Creek area of the Little Wood River drainage, possibly beginning today.

The burn area is just west of the Mormon Hill trailhead about 19 air miles southeast of Ketchum. The burn had been planned for the end of September. But weather and fuel conditions were marginal and fire crews had been dispatched to other areas, so fire managers postponed the burn until this month.

Burning will begin today, conditions permitting. The area will be closed to the public for up to three days. Smoke within the project area might be present for the next few weeks or until the area receives significant precipitation, the Forest Service said.

About 900 acres within a 3,000-acre area will be burned in an effort to improve elk habitat and reduce wildfire risk. The project is a joint effort between the Forest Service and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Conservation league holds informational meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Conservation League will hold an informational meeting Wednesday on its campaign to achieve wilderness designation for the Boulder-White Cloud and Pioneer mountains.

The meeting and slide show begin at 7 p.m. in room 105 of the Shields Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

The presentation by ICL representative Kathryn Goldman is cosponsored by the Prairie Falcon Chapter of the Audubon Society and the Loosa Idaho Native Plant Society.

Office of Aging offers workshop for caregivers

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Office of Aging and Adult Services will conduct a three-hour workshop titled "Communicating Effectively with Health Care Professionals" for people caring for sick or disabled family members or friends.

The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 15 at the CSI Office of Aging annex at 998 Washington St. N.

"Family members are an important part of the health care team for persons with disabilities, whether that person is a special needs child, a spouse with a serious illness or a frail older relative," said Page Geske, public information officer for the Office of Aging and Adult Services. "This workshop gives family members the insights and the tools they need to function as an effective member of the health care team."

The fee for the workshop, which will include refreshments, is \$10 and advance registration is required. A limited amount of free respite care will be provided courtesy of Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation. For more information or to register, call Geske at 736-2122.

CSI board hears updates on construction

TWIN FALLS - College of Southern Idaho board members will hear updates on college construction projects and dual-credit classes during the board's regular meeting today at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting is in Room 256 of the Taylor Building and is open to the public.

Covers a hearing completion of a new student union building, and work is under way on expansion of the college's Fine Arts Building.

Also on today's agenda are a presentation on student senate goals; updated sexual harassment policies; and a report from President Jerry Meyerhoffer.

- compiled from staff reports

Burley band marches to the beat of success

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The trophy says second place, but the Burley Bobcat marching band was just points away from being No. 1.

Band instructor Steve Floyd said the band was 15 points - out of a total of 100 points possible - from a first-place finish at the Treasure Valley Festival of the Bands in Caldwell.

"We were very close to first," he said.

With the second-place trophy, the marching band season is off to a good start. The band showed off its moves at Friday's homecoming football game and has two more

competitions this fall - in Salt Lake City Nov. 1 and Auburn, Wash., on Nov. 8.

A marching band mixes the elements of concert band and pep band, said junior drum major Megann Nelson. Members don't just sit and play music, other skills are necessary.

The fact the marching band is a student-led group adds to its appeal, said senior drum major Katherine Moses. Students try out during their freshman year for the sophomore drum major spot and can then continue on through their senior year.

Band is synonymous with Sousa, and Sousa is synonymous with marching, Floyd said. If a band

doesn't march, it's like a math teacher who doesn't teach long division.

The band program in Burley includes marching, pep band, jazz ensemble and concert band. In the concert band, members play pop music, classic concert band music and Christmas music.

"I feel like you cheat the kids if you don't teach all of it," Floyd said.

Marching band also provides organization and order, something students are interested in these days, Floyd said. Being in the marching band means a student learns discipline, responsibility

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T.F. prepares for new survey of citizens

By Rebecca Massey
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Public input can have a direct and lasting effect on the quality of life in a city.

Two years ago, Twin Falls residents received surveys via written surveys over what they viewed as a dangerous traffic situation.

In conjunction with other agencies, the City Council took action, and the rate of accidents was reduced 12 percent over a two-year period.

The city is again soliciting feedback from the community. Based on randomly selected addresses from water bills, the city will soon mail out surveys to residents. Twin Falls residents who don't receive survey forms in the mail can pick them up at City Hall.

The City Council is scheduled to review the survey questions during its regular meeting today. Surveys must be returned by Nov. 7.

In its 15th year, the survey helps city planners get a feel for what matters most to residents.

Questions cover police services, airport issues, information access and parks and recreation, among others.

"We've had really good success with the surveys," Councilman Trip Craig said. "We send out in the vicinity of 4,000 and get 3,000 or 4,000 back. That's a pretty good return rate."

Once the City Council receives the completed forms, it graphs the data and makes bar graphs from the information.

Meeting tonight
The Twin Falls City Council will meet at 6 p.m. today in the new council chamber at 201 Third Ave. E. next to City Hall.

"If the people of Twin Falls don't think a department is doing well, and we thought they were doing fine, we put more effort in that direction," Craig said.

Some topics get increased attention informally, while others become part of the city's strategic plan.

Issues such as the purchase of Auger Falls and city employee evaluations were brought up during strategic planning sessions, Craig said.

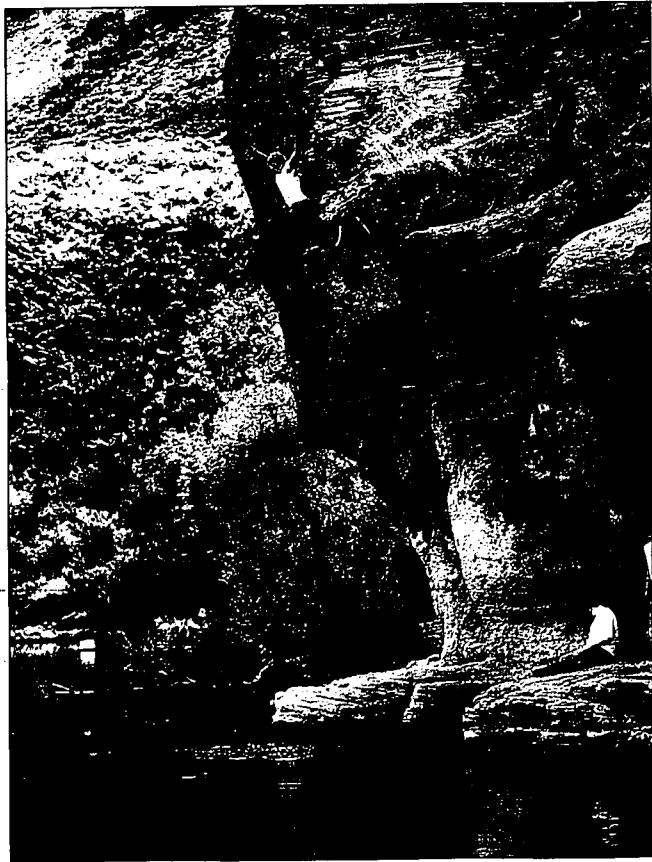
After residents raised concerns over traffic in the last survey, the city identified the top 10 accident areas in town, put in left-hand turn lights and stepped up patrol in those areas to make people more aware of their actions.

This summer the city received word from the state that accidents were reduced by 12 percent.

Other items on today's City Council agenda include:

- An award presentation to the Blue Lakes Rotary Club.
- A presentation by the YMCA on the city swimming pool for 2002-03.
- Consideration of bids for the installation of left-turn signals at eight intersections.
- Review of proposed rezoning for property south of Snake River Canyon rim above westerly part of city-owned Auger Falls.

HIGH-FLYING FUN



Enjoying the 80-degree weather Saturday, 16-year-old Tyler Marshall of Jerome jumps off a cliff on the Snake River while friends look on.

Speakers share ideas at education seminar

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Snake River Association for the Education of Young Children will bring several experts to its annual fall conference, "Expanding Your Horizons," on Saturday.

Child-care providers, early-childhood educators and parents are urged to attend.

Conference sessions scheduled for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday include "How Do Your Children Grow?" "How Bills Become Laws" and a personal growth session called "Expanding Your Horizons."

Here are the presenters:

- Bev Bos, director of the Roseville Community Preschool in Roseville, Calif., is well-known nationally and internationally as a presenter of child-care information. She maintains her schedule of teaching three days a week in addition to her lecturing and travel demands. Bos' approach includes creative art, music, lan-

Child-care providers, early-childhood educators and parents are urged to attend.

guage, self-esteem and natural socialization. She has been featured on ABC's 20/20 program and has produced several books and videotapes.

- Michael Leeman, also of Roseville, Calif., is a musician, illustrator and publisher of music and books for children and early childhood educators. He often co-presents with Bos. Leeman has produced many recordings and videos of music and storytelling for families with small children.
- Kathy Pavetic has a master's degree in adult education and is a registered nurse and licensed social worker. She serves on the Governor's Task Force for Early Childhood and has lectured

extensively on Head Start, infant and toddler development, and health and personal development issues.

The conference opens with a family concert featuring Leeman and Bos at 7 p.m. Friday at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets are \$2 and are available at Crowley's Soda Fountain and General Store and Kurt's Hallmark and Pharmacy, both in Twin Falls; Savor Drug in Buhl; and Arlene's Flowers in Jerome. The public is invited.

Cost for the conference is \$70 for Snake River Association for the Education of Young Children members and \$85 for nonmembers. Groups of 25 or more can receive a \$10-per-person discount. One college credit is available for an additional \$49.50, plus reading materials and assignments.

For more information or to register, contact Tiffany Eden at 735-6857 or at teden@csi.edu.

CSI symposium focuses on U.S., U.N. political roles

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho's annual Snake River Symposium, sponsored by CSI's honors program, begins this month.

This year's discussion has been planned to give students and the public an opportunity to discuss the role of the United Nations and America's role in world politics, said Jamie Shetter, honors program coordinator.

The theme, "World at the Crossroads: A Dialogue of United Nations Perspectives," includes a series of three weekly discussions and concludes with a Pulitzer Prize-winning keynote speaker.

The three weekly sessions will be held at 1 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 30 through Nov. 13, in Rooms 117-118 of the Shields Building at CSI.

On Oct. 30, members of CSI's award-winning student and debate team will debate the United Nations' role.

On Nov. 6, members of Idaho's congressional delegation will discuss their perspectives of America's United Nations role in a session titled "Idealism or Realism."

On Nov. 13, a culturally diverse panel will discuss issues facing their native countries in a session called "America: Friend or Foe." The panel will consist of nine CSI instructors and students.

The concluding session will be at 7 p.m. Nov. 20 in the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium. The keynote speaker will be Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Albert Scardino with a presentation called "If Only We Could See Ourselves." Scardino is a nationally renowned journalist, New York Times columnist and former president of the George Gazette Publishing Co. Scardino's appearance will be in CSI's Fine Arts Auditorium.

All events are free, and the public is encouraged to attend. Educators who wish to take classes to any of the events are encouraged to contact Shetter at 732-6812 or jshetter@csi.edu to ensure adequate seating.

Two vie for Castleford seat

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD - Two firemen have filed petitions for an opening on the Castleford Rural Fire District Commission.

Bob Bulky and Ben Medina are seeking election to the seat currently held by subdistrict No. 3 commissioner Jerry McCormick, who has opted not to seek another four-year term.

Bulky, 41, has 20 years of experience as a volunteer firefighter. He and his brother, Mike, farm 900 acres in the Castleford area and recently have started a dairy replacement heifer operation.

"It's not as easy now to just drop everything and go fight a fire, but I want to keep my involvement," Bulky said. "I want to work on the business end of the fire district. As a fireman and taxpayer, I am interested in providing good fire coverage for our patrons and getting the best buy for the buck for our taxpayers."

Medina, 21, has been a volunteer firefighter for 18 months. He is employed as an electrician, working on irrigation pivots for The Sprinkler Shop in Jerome.

"We have a good department at Castleford, but I think we need more training," Medina said. "I think the same type of classes as full-time firefighters in larger cities and we need to be just as well trained. Better training and better equipment means better service to the community."

Commissioners are paid \$50 per

"I am interested in providing good fire coverage for our patrons and getting the best buy for the buck for our taxpayers."

"- Bob Bulky, candidate for Castleford fire district seat

"Better training and better equipment means better service to the community."

"- Ben Medina, candidate for Castleford fire district seat

month for attending the fire commission meeting.

Subdistrict No. 3 consists of the portion of the fire district located south of 3500 North, excluding a two square mile section located between 3500 and 3600 North and 800 and 1000 East. A fire district office, located at J&D Enterprises.

The election will be held between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4 at the Castleford Methodist Fellowship Hall, 315 Elm, in conjunction with the Castleford city elections.

SERVICES

Kathy Mabey Gardner of Rupert, served at 10 a.m. today at the Rupert 3rd Ward LDS Chapel, 526 S.E. St.; second service at 2 p.m. today at the Bancroft LDS Chapel in Bancroft; interment will follow at the Bancroft Cemetery, viewing one hour before the service at the Rupert 3rd Ward Chapel (Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel).

Barbara Mae Hubbard of Rupert, graveside service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel and from 10:30-11 a.m. Tuesday at the mortuary.

Rozie Lee Henderson daughter of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the mortuary.

Rock Creek Community Church, interment will follow at the Buhl Cemetery (White Mortuary and Cemetery, Twin Falls).

Leah Bezz Abem of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Jerome Bible Baptist Church, 152 Second Ave. E., Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary, Jerome).

Ira C. Campbell of Twin Falls, service at 10:30 a.m. today at the Twin Falls 6th Ward LDS Chapel, 857 Harrison St.; interment will follow at 3:30 p.m. today at the Preston Cemetery in Preston; friends may call from 9:30-10:15 a.m. today at the church (White Mortuary).

Blaine Kelly-Frazier of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 6 p.m. today at The Ballroom, 205 Shoshone St., Twin Falls; those attending the service are asked to dress casually in Brnoons attire (White Mortuary).

DEATH NOTICES

Bernice H. Booth BURLLEY Bernice H. Booth, 85, died Sunday, Oct. 19, 2003, at her home. The funeral is pending and will be announced by -Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Frank Orth, Sr. WENDEL Frank Orth, Sr., 85, a Wendell resident, died Sunday, Oct. 19, 2003, at St.

Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. The funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

John Paul Kraft TWIN FALLS John Paul Kraft, 74, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Oct. 18, 2003, at Curry Retirement Estates. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

OBITUARIES

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Edith Irene Laats - Twin Falls

Edith Irene Laats, age 75, of Twin Falls, Idaho, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2003. She was born May 3, 1928, in Budapest, Hungary, the daughter of Dennis and Irene Csiby Eperjesy. She married Edward Laats on May 3, 1947, at Hofkasten, Australia. They later moved to Boston, Mass., where their two sons were born. She learned English, worked, and became active in the War Brides Organization. They later moved to Boise, where their daughter was born. She was active in St. John's Parish and numerous social organizations.



She also loved being active in her various bridge groups and traveling the world with her husband. Edith is survived by her husband, Edward Laats of Twin Falls; twin brother, Dennis Eperjesy of Montreal, Canada; two children, Stephen and Marie Laats of Beaverton, Ore., and Cynthia and Jeffrey Harmon of Twin Falls; nine grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Edith is preceded in death by her parents and one son, Thomas Laats.

After moving to Twin Falls in 1971, Edith became a very active member of St. Edward's Parish. During the years she lived in Boise and Twin Falls, she served as the president of the Council of Catholic Women and chairman of the Social Club. She also taught religious education. Since its inception, Edith has had a devotional hour in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel and has been involved in various prayer and

faith-sharing groups. She also held a special place in her heart for St. Edward's School and the education it provided for three of her grandchildren. In addition to her strong faith, Edith always had time for her family, from watching her sons play tennis to her daughter's piano recitals. Later on she enjoyed attending her nine grandchildren's numerous activities.

John Gilbert Rust - Twin Falls

John Gilbert Rust, 64, of Twin Falls, passed away Oct. 18, 2003, at his home. He was born June 11, 1939, in Buhl, Idaho, the son of Arlie Roscoe Rust and Flora Hannebaum Rust. John grew up and attended school in Castleford. He loved woodworking, hunting and fishing. He was an avid outdoorsman, gardener and cook. He retired from Cactus Pete's Casino in 2001. John is survived by his children, Kelly Rust of Twin Falls, Douglas Rust of Coeur d'Alene, and Kim (Brett) Shropshire of Twin Falls. He is also survived by three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, one sister, Joyce Seeley of Ashton, and a special friend Sherry Rust of Twin Falls. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers. Funeral services will be held at



11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2003, at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 South Lincoln, Jerome, with Pastor Garud Nielsen, officiating.

A visitation will be held for family and friends one hour prior to the services. Interment to follow in the West End Cemetery, Buhl, Idaho.

Barbara Mae Hubbard - Rupert

Barbara Mae Hubbard, a 72-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Oct. 17, 2003, at her home in Rupert. Barbara was born Dec. 12, 1930, in Oakley, Idaho, the daughter of Horton and Eva Mabey. She was one of ten children. She married Earl Phelps Hubbard Feb. 28, 1953, in Rupert. Their marriage was later solemnized at the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. Barbara was the natural mother to seven children. Her door was always open to those in need, especially children. She helped to take care of many children for intervals of time throughout her life, as well as those she gave birth to. She had a wonderful mother and father, who set the example she followed. Solid and stoic she supported her husband and their family. She was an avid reader, closing books over television any time. She loved clothing for her children in her youth and did mostly crocheting in later years. She loved horses and the out-



door cook and homemaker; she made her house a home. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She had a strong belief in her faith, which supported her throughout her life. Barbara is survived by her children, Carol Winn Gonzales of Rupert, Judy Fulton of Caldwell, Idaho; DyAnn Jones of Paul, Eva Hawks of Burley; Edwin Hubbard of Milton, Farnsworth, Ore.; Earl Hubbard of Burley; and Andrew Hubbard of Rupert, as well as 25 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and nine siblings. She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl, her parents and one grandson. Graveside services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2003, at the Rupert Cemetery with Larry Lee Hansen officiating. Friends may call Monday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, and from 10 to 10:30 a.m. at the mortuary on Tuesday.

ON THE AGENDA

Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hailey. Blaine School Board, 7:30 p.m., school library, 601 E. Highway 30. College of Southern Idaho board, 5:30 p.m., Room 256, Taylor Administration Building, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls. Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W. Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hailey. Hansen School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 550 Main. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln. Ketchum City Council, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N. Minidoka County School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 633 Fremont, Rupert. Richfield School Board, 7:30 p.m., high school, 555 N. Tiger Drive. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

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Wednesday Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 941 18th St. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N. Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 201 Main Ave. W. Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 157 W. Main.

Thursday Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Friday Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

CSI TODAY

Tuesday CSI Athletic Boosters Club luncheon, noon, Taylor 277. Students with Disabilities Support Group, 3:15 p.m., Shields 112. CSI Music Department vocal workshop, 4 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. CSI Student Senate meeting, 4 p.m., Shields 104. CSI board monthly meeting, 5:30 p.m., Taylor 256. Idaho Native Plant Society monthly chapter meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor 276. CSI Boxing Club, 9 p.m., CSI education building, physical room.

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Wednesday Renaissance Club weekly meeting, 12:50 p.m., Shields 105. CSI Ski Club weekly meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 104. CSI Golden Eagle volleyball against Albertson College, 7 p.m., gym. Baptist Camp Ministries "Salt and Light" weekly fellowship meeting, 7 p.m., Shields 113. "Anthems of Ghoulis Delight," 7 and 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Friday CSI Boxing Club, 6 a.m., physical education building, physical room. Midwest Twin Falls Regional Corridor Study committee work session, noon to 5 p.m., Taylor 277. CSI Hosteurs Club fall banquet, 5 p.m., Desert 121/13. Snake River Association for the Education of Young Children family concert, 6:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. CSI Golden Eagle volleyball against Snow College, 7 p.m., gym. Huggie Bears Narcotics Anonymous weekly meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113. "Anthems of Ghoulis Delight," 7 and 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. CSI Theater Department production of "Blithe Spirit," 8 p.m., Fine Arts 119 (\$6 general admission, \$4 students and seniors).

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Jury rules against pilot in harassment case

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A federal jury rejected claims made by a former SkyWest pilot that she was unfairly disciplined by the airline and harassed by another pilot who exposed himself to her. Jurors found the airline did not create a hostile work environment or retaliate against Paula Manjarrez. They also denied her Friday that no sexual harassment had occurred and decided her request for back pay and punitive damages. In her lawsuit against SkyWest, Manjarrez claimed she was unfairly demoted from captain to co-pilot after flying a tail-damaged plane from Omaha, Neb., to

Salt Lake City in 2001. She said her first officer had inspected the aircraft after a brief hail storm and told her that dents on the outside had been there previously. Later it was determined the damage was much more severe. Manjarrez also claimed in her lawsuit that a pilot she was flying with exposed himself to her in the cockpit and asked her to perform a sex act. Defense attorneys acknowledged that the pilot had urinated into a bottle in the cockpit, but said Manjarrez had laughed about how he couldn't wait to relieve himself.

ACT college entrance test, 7:30 a.m. to noon, Shields classrooms. Internal Revenue Service Tax-Aide volunteer tax preparation training, all day, Evergreen C93. Snake River Association for the Education of Young Children fall conference, all day, Taylor 276/277. United Church of God international weekly meeting, 10 a.m., Aspen 145. WSKV Radio Station of the Stars with live sky tour, 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. "The Cowboy Astronomer," 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. "Anthems of Ghoulis Delight," 7 and 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. CSI Golden Eagle volleyball against Dixie State College, 7 p.m., gym. CSI Theater Department production of "Blithe Spirit," 8 p.m., Fine Arts 119 (\$6 general admission, \$4 students and seniors).

Sunday

Church on the Rock weekly services, 11 a.m., Shields 114.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTS QUOTE

Hey, Cubs, thanks for reminding me why Harry Caray drank so much.

John Sallee on "The Best Damn Sports Show Period."

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school volleyball 1A Northside Conference Tournament at ISDB No. 15 Camas County vs. No. 4 Carey, 3 p.m. No. 6 Comm. School vs. No. 3 Dietrich, 4:15 p.m. No. 7 Bliss vs. No. 2 Richfield, 5:30 p.m. No. 1 Shoshone vs. Camas-Carey, winner, TBA. Comm. School-Dietrich winner vs. Bliss-Richfield winner, TBA. 1A Southside Conference Tournament at Hansen HS MVJ Christian vs. Raft River, 6 p.m., loser out. Hagerman vs. Hansen, 7 p.m., loser out. Castleford vs. MVC-Raft River winner, 8 p.m., loser out. High school boys soccer 5A Region III Four-Five-Six Tournament Twin Falls at Skyline, 4:30 p.m. Pocatello or Highland at Idaho Falls, 4:30 p.m. 4A District Four-Five Tournament Century at Jerome, 4:30 p.m. or TBA. 3A District Four Tournament Wendell at Wood River, 4:30 p.m. Bliss at Community School, at Sagawallow, 4:30 p.m. High school girls soccer 5A Region III Four-Five-Six Tournament Twin Falls at Highland, 4:30 p.m. Idaho Falls at Skyline, 4:30 p.m. 4A District Four-Five Tournament Burley vs. Jerome, time and location TBA.

IN BRIEF

Hamblin misses cut at Club Pro tourney

OLYMPIA, Wash. - Twin Falls Municipal pro Mike Hamblin fired a 3-over 74 Sunday at the rain-delayed Club Pro Championship at Indian Summer Golf and Country Club in Olympia, Wash. Hamblin, 74 on Saturday gave him a two-day total of 148, two strokes over the cut, Hamblin said. "I'm sure I missed the cut," Hamblin said. "It didn't put very well this week." Jimmie Blair leads going into the final round Monday with a 5-under 137.

Longtime UI sports announcer will retire

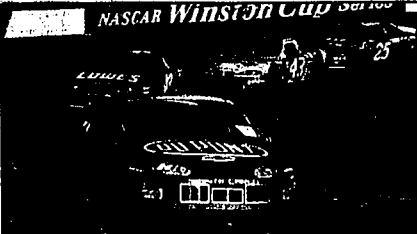
MOSCOW - After more than 500 football games and 1,000 basketball games, University of Idaho's longtime play-by-play radio announcer Bob Curtis announced he would step down. Curtis, 78, made his decision public during the halftime broadcast of Saturday's Idaho-Middle Tennessee football game. Though his retirement from basketball is effective now, Curtis said he will not stop announcing football until the end of the 2004 season. The first Vandals game that Curtis announced was played in 1946 against then-Washington State-College - now Washington State University. Curtis became the Vandals' full-time announcer in 1957. Saturday marked his 524th consecutive Idaho football game. The streak was unbroken even when Curtis underwent hip replacement surgery in 2001. He also broke two ribs and a collarbone last year but still announced the game with his arm in a sling. Tom Morris, who serves as a football analyst, will take over the men's play-by-play from Curtis. Compiled from staff and wire reports

Jeff Gordon completes Martinsville sweep

MARTINSVILLE, Va. - Jeff Gordon overpowered the rest of the field Sunday, completing a season sweep of the two NASCAR Winston Cup races at Martinsville Speedway. The victory in the caution-filled Subway 500 was the 63rd win of Gordon's career but only his second of the season. The four-time series champion led 313 of the 500 laps on the half-mile oval. "This baby just needed to be out front in clean air and it was a rocketship," Gordon said. "It's awesome to be back in Victory Lane." Jimmie Johnson, Gordon's pro-

tege and Hendrick Motorsports teammate, started 26th and lost more ground when he spun out early in the race, but came back to finish second. It was a typical short track race, with plenty of bumping and banging that produced 15 caution flags and a record 117 laps run under yellow. As he did in his victory here in April, Gordon started from the pole, dominated early, struggled for a while, then came back even stronger. Gordon, who now owns five vic-

tories at Martinsville, led the final 205 laps, easily pulling away on each of a series of restarts and staying out of trouble on the narrow track. After a terrible July and August during which he had only two finishes better than 19th in a nine-race stretch, Gordon came into Sunday's race with five consecutive fifth-place finishes. Johnson tailed Gordon's No. 24 Chevrolet across the finish line by 1.036-seconds - about 5 car-lengths. Tony Stewart, coming off a victory eight days earlier in Charlotte, finished third, just ahead of Dale Earnhardt Jr., who appeared to have the second best car through most of the race.



Jeff Gordon wins the NASCAR race at Martinsville Speedway Sunday.

2003 WORLD SERIES

Yankees SWAT Marlins

By Ben Walker Associated Press writer

NEW YORK - The Face of October showed up and shut down the Florida Marlins, silencing all their talk about wreaking havoc in this World Series. With his cap pulled down low and shadowing his dark eyes, Andy Pettitte pitched neatly into the ninth inning and drew the New York Yankees even with a 6-1 win in Game 2 Sunday night. Pitching on three days' rest, Pettitte got a little pregame encouragement from Roger Clemens.

"He said, 'This is what we worked all year for. You got to go out strong like a horse tonight,'" Pettitte said. He came out strong, all right, and his teammates came out slugging, a take-that response to a Marlins' ten intent on using its speed to cause trouble.

Hideki Matsui delivered the big hit the Yankee Stadium crowd was waiting for, a three-run homer in the first inning on a 3-0 count. Stumping Alfonso Soriano later added a two-run drive. Those shots seemed to revive a Yankees team that looked sluggish in losing the opener 3-2. And they were plenty for Pettitte, who tied John Smoltz's postseason record of 13 victories.

"We talked about it all along. Pitching is going to win this Series," Marlins manager Jack McKeon said.

Pettitte nearly recorded his first postseason shutout in 29 starts. Third baseman Aaron Boone's second error of the game, a two-out misplay in the ninth, set up Derrek Lee's RBI single.

At that point, manager Joe Torre pulled Pettitte, who waved his cap as he got a standing ovation from the 55,750 fans chanting his name.

Pettitte gave up six hits, struck out seven, walked one and did not permit a runner past second base until the last inning. Jose Contreras relieved and got the final out.

"I was missing a little bit, kind of fighting myself a little bit, trying to figure out what kind of game I wanted to pitch on three days' rest," Pettitte said of the first inning.

Pettitte is a familiar if not frightening figure on the mound, and once again his timing was impeccable.

The Yankees also lost the open-



Florida pitcher Rick Helling holds his head as New York's Nick Johnson scores on Alfonso Soriano's fourth inning home run Sunday. At the plate are Marlins catcher Ivan Rodriguez and plate umpire Larry Young.

ers in their playoff series against Minnesota and Boston this year before Pettitte won Game 2.

"For people to say 'There is no pressure' or 'This guy doesn't feel pressure,' I don't believe it," Torre said. "It's a matter of how you handle it."

Now, the Series shifts to Pro Player Stadium for Game 3 on Tuesday night. Marlins ace Josh Beckett will start against Mike Mussina. Pettitte improved to 13-7 lifetime in the postseason, and

never let the Marlins threaten. Catcher Jorge Posada threw out Luis Castillo trying to steal in the first inning, and the Yankees got a lucky break when a ball that deflected off Miguel Cabrera's leg was called fair and turned into a double play.

Matsui became the first Japanese player to homer in a World Series, getting the green light on the 3-0 count and hitting a no-doubt drive over the wall in center field. The crowd kept cheering until he came out for a curtain call.

out with three hits for the Yankees. He may not get to play again for a bit, as the Yankees will lose the designated hitter at Miami, with Jason Giambi likely to move back to first base.

Not that the Yankees needed much help to beat Mark Redman on this night. Pettitte's deep start also allowed New York to give closer Mariano Rivera another day of rest. Nick Johnson helped

N. Illinois deserves BCS attention

NEW YORK - When the first Bowl Championship Series standings are released Monday, it will be much more interesting to look at the bottom than the top.

Oklahoma will be No. 1 and the winner of the Miami-Virginia Tech game on Nov. 3 will also have a clear shot into the Sugar Bowl for the national title.

The big question is where the other two undefeated teams will be and whether they can play in a major bowl.

JOSH DUBOW Associated Press

Northern Illinois is expected to be No. 10 in the first BCS standings, while TCU will be lucky to make the top 15, according to BCS expert Jerry Palm.

"In December, if we're able to win all our ballgames then we'll have something to talk about," TCU coach Gary Patterson said Sunday. "If we're able to pull it off, then we'll have an argument."

The BCS was set up by college football's six biggest conferences before the 1998 season to determine a national champion without a playoff system, instead using polls, computer rankings, schedule strength, losses and bonus points to determine the teams that play for the title.

Oklahoma, Miami and Virginia Tech figure to be the top three teams, according to Palm, and are the leading contenders right now for the Sugar Bowl.

While the system never was supposed to do anything other than determine the top two teams to play in a national championship game heading into the bowls, there has been a lot of focus this year on how teams are picked for the other three bowls.

Teams from outside the Pac-10, Big 12, SEC, ACC, Big East and Big Ten have been on a public relations push to improve access to bowls that pay out about \$13 million a team.

Right now, a team has to be in the top six to guarantee a bid and

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NFL WEEK SEVEN

Vikings remain unbeaten

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS - After opening the season with five wins against weak opponents, the Minnesota Vikings looked at Sunday's game against the Denver Broncos as a credibility test. Well, they sure passed.

Daunte Culpepper threw for 277 yards in his return at quarterback the defense knocked Steve Bœurlein out of the game, and the Vikings beat Denver 28-20 Sunday.

Randy Moss had 10 receptions for 151 yards, and his lateral to Moe Williams on the final play of the first half led to a 59-yard score for the Vikings (6-0).

Minnesota's first five opponents came against teams with a com-



Minnesota linebacker Henri Crockett smacks Denver's Shannon Sharpe to the turf after a short gain during the fourth quarter Sunday.

Titans tear up punchless Panthers

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - The Carolina Panthers let their perfect start to the season quickly slip away against the Tennessee Titans.

The Titans converted four fumbles into scores, while Steve McNair threw for one touchdown and ran for another, and Tennessee handed Carolina its first loss, 37-17 Sunday.

Keith Bullock scored on a 35-yard fumble recovery, Gary Anderson kicked field goals of 52, 34 and 40 yards, and Tennessee (5-2) got another TD with a 50-yard pass from Billy Volek to Eddie Berlin on a fake punt.

It all added up to a lopsided loss for the Panthers (5-1), who found themselves in an early hole and playing to a chorus of boos before halftime.

The game also exposed many of Carolina's weaknesses.

The Panthers' vaunted defense struggled to stop the pass, allowing McNair to go 12-of-22 for 190 yards, including a 22-yard touchdown pass to Drew Bennett. It also had difficulty containing a mobile quarterback: McNair scrambled for 30 yards, with a 7-yard touchdown run in the first quarter.

Also glaringly evident is that when Carolina's running game doesn't work, the Panthers have little to fall back on.

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SPORTS

Sunday's NFL leaders

Passing Aaron Brooks, Saints threw for 352 yards on 23-of-30 pass...

Rushing LaDainian Tomlinson, Chargers ran for 200 yards on 26 carries...

Receiving Randy Moss, Vikings hauled in 10 catches for 151 yards...



American Conference standings

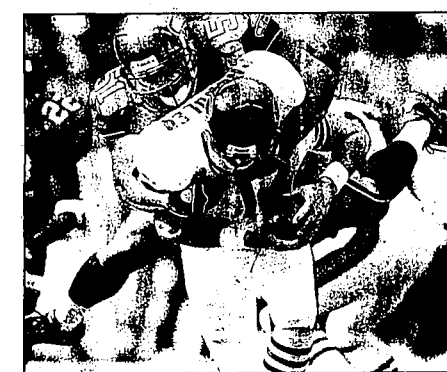
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National Conference standings

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Seahawks smother Bears

SEATTLE (AP) - Shaun Alexander's 25-yard touchdown run with 58 seconds left...



Seattle's Anthony Simmons sacks Chicago Bears quarterback Chris Chandler...

Eagles 14, Giants 10 EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - Brian Westbrook scored on an 84-yard punt return...

Chargers 26, Browns 20 CLEVELAND - LaDainian Tomlinson ran for 200 yards and a touchdown...

Cowboys 38, Lions 7 DETROIT - Terry Glenn caught three first-half touchdown passes...

49ers 24, Buccaneers 7 SAN FRANCISCO - Terrell Owens made a 75-yard scoring romp through Tampa Bay's defense...

Rams 34, Packers 24 ST. LOUIS - Marc Bulger threw three touchdown passes, and Isaac Bruce became the 18th player in NFL history to top 10,000 yards receiving...

Patriots 19, Dolphins 13 OT MIAMI - Tom Brady hit Troy Brown on an 82-yard scoring play in overtime...

Bengals 34, Ravens 26 CINCINNATI - Baltimore rookie QB Kyle Boller fumbled twice and threw an interception...

Saints 45, Falcons 17 ATLANTA - Aaron Brooks threw for 352 yards and three touchdowns...

Jets 19, Texans 14 HOUSTON - Vinny Testaverde led New York (2-4) on a long drive in the waning minutes...

Redskins 7, Bills 24 ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. - Travis Henry ran for a career-high 167 yards and scored twice...

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SUNDAY'S SUMMARIES

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the season finale. The previous year, TCU started 7-0 and reached the top 10 before a 27-24 loss to San Jose State. In 1998, Tulane went undefeated but could only play in the Liberty Bowl because it was ranked 11th in the BCS standings...

Bowling Green on Saturday and at Toledo on Nov. 15. If the Huskies win those games, they'll also have the MAC title game to contend with. Conference USA doesn't help TCU much either, so the Horned Frogs will probably need lots of help from the pollsters to move up in the BCS standings. They also have to get past home games with Louisville and Cincinnati and a trip to Southern Mississippi. Northern Illinois has looked much more impressive than TCU so far in its season. The Horned Frogs beat UAB by only three points. History says both teams won't remain undefeated. But if they do, the Huskies should get the BCS bid.

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Vikings

Continued from A7 bined record of 8-20 entering Sunday. The Broncos, whose only other top game by a point against unbeaten Kansas City, provided the Vikings' toughest challenge to date. Denver (5-2) nearly rallied behind third-string quarterback Danny Kanell, who went 12-of-18 for 104 yards and a touchdown in place of the injured Brewster. "Danny did a good job. If he did a great job, we would've won,"

wide receiver Rod Smith said. Clinton Portis ran 25 times for 117 yards and a touchdown in addition to three catches for 43 yards for the Broncos, who trailed 28-7 midway through the third quarter. ...Beuerlein, playing in place of injured starter Jake Plummer, completed nine of 19 passes for 119 yards and three interceptions before leaving in the third quarter with a dislocated finger on his throwing hand. He was sacked five times.

Onterio Smith ran for a score, and Lance Johnson returned an interception for a touchdown for the Broncos, which leads the league with 16 interceptions. Brian Russell has an NFL-high six. Jason Elam's second 46-yard field goal cut the lead to 28-13 early in the fourth quarter. Kanell threw a 34-yard touchdown pass to Mike Anderson to make it 28-20 with 6:45 left after an interception call on Denver Walker in the end zone gave the Broncos first-and-goal at 2-40.

Els wins record fifth Match Play

VIRGINIA WATER, England (AP) — Tiger Woods swept his way through the first round Sunday, defeating Thomas Bjorn 4 and 3.

The South African was three holes ahead after the first 18 and led 2-1 through the second 18 on the West Course at Wentworth despite a late hole-in-one by Bjorn.

Els won \$1.67 million and joined Gary Player and Seve Ballesteros as five-time winners. Els, the European money tie winner with two events left, also won the event from 1994-96 and last season.

Bjorn made his ace with a 4-iron on the 17th hole, the 32nd overall, and was awarded a

Golf

\$2.000 car for the shot.

The Dane raised his arms in response to the applause and gestured to Els to match his shot. But the hole in one postponed the inevitable, with Bjorn four holes down with four to play.

Maryuwa wins third PGA stop at Greensboro

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Shigeaki Maryuwa won his third PGA Tour event in as many years, shooting a 6-under 67 in the Chrysler Classic of Greensboro to beat Brad Flannigan by five shots.

The 54-year-old Japanese golfer started the day at 17 under and leading Ruyon by three.

Maryuwa closed out playing partner Ruyon with an up-and-down birdie from the sand on the par-5, 15th hole, grabbing a four-stroke lead with four holes left at Ravenox Oaks Country Club.

Maryuwa, who was 5 under Sunday, also had rounds of 65, 64 and 70 for a 22 under total, coming within one shot of the tournament record of 265, set by Jesper Parnevik in 1999.

Ruyon shot a 69 and has gone 73 tournaments since winning the 1997 Sony Open. This was his fifth runner-up finish in that time.

Matz Gogel was third after a 68.

Sadler wins third Champions Tour stop

SAN ANTONIO — Craig Sadler won his third Champions Tour event of the year, shooting a 4 under 67 for a four-stroke victory over Bob Gilder at the \$1.5 million SBC Championship.

Sadler finished at 15 under, and his four-stroke margin was the largest in tournament history. He also won the Ford Senior Players Championship and the Greater Hickory Classic in July.

Sadler won the F.C. Open on the PGA Tour Golf Club a 2-under 69 in the final round to finish at 11 under.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

CSI Eagles boosters meet at noon today

TWIN FALLS — This school year's first College of Southern Idaho booster club luncheon will be held at noon Monday in the Taylor Administration Building on the campus.

Fans and boosters are welcome to attend. Coaches will be on hand to discuss their teams. An athlete will be on hand as well.

Fans and boosters can go through the food line in the cafeteria, buy their food and bring it to Room 277.

Local fitness center holds arm wrestling tourney

TWIN FALLS — An inaugural arm wrestling tournament will be held Oct. 25 at Twin Falls Fitness Center. The event is open to anyone ages 6 to adult, and is sanctioned by the American Arm Sports Association.

Cost is \$10 for youths aged 6-18 and \$15 for adults. Weigh-ins run from noon to 2 p.m. with the tournament to follow. The event is part of the Twin Falls Fitness Center's sixth anniversary. It is located at 1881 Pole Line East.

teams in Division I-A were No. 12 Northern Illinois and No. 15 WCU. The Hawks were led by fellow Mid-American Conference school at Bowling Green, which debuted at No. 23.

It was the first time in 30 years the MAC had two teams in the top 25 as the season started. Ohio was 17th and Kent State was 19th on Nov. 5, 1973.

Ferrero wins ATP Madrid Masters

MADRID, Spain — Juan Carlos Ferrero won the Madrid Masters on Sunday with a 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 victory over Nicolas Pietrangeli and overtook Andy Roddick for first in the ATP's list of Champions Race with three weeks left.

Ferrero, the French Open champion and U.S. Open runner-up, has four titles this season. He will lead Spain in the Davis Cup final next month in Australia.

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Manute Bol raises money with new jersey career

ANDERSON, Ind. — Manute Bol never even got a NBA jersey played his brief career as a player.

Bol suited up in jersey gear — special riding suit and white pants with a 48-inch inseam — and weighed in with the rest of the riders Saturday night at Hoosier Park, a thoroughbred track near Indianapolis.

Bol hopes to raise money for victims of the 1991 fire in his native Sudan. Money for his foundation was collected during the race through auctions and souvenir sales.

Bol participated in the pack-and-ride activities and received an honorary license from the Indiana Horse Racing Commission.

Since leaving the NBA, Bol has raised funds with the Indianapolis office of the Central Hockey League and through a bout with William "The Refrigerator" Perry on Fox's Celebrity Boxing.

Late Saturday Girls Soccer

CATELEY 7, Burley 0

FOCATELLO — No. 1 seed Century downed Burley 7-0 in the final regular season game for both teams.

"I've lost a lot of respect for the Century team, that's how up they are," said Burley coach Shane Ogden.

Ogden said the emotion of homecoming, with four players in the royal court later that night, played a big factor in a late-season outburst.

Burley's Lindsay Ayre was banged up late in the game Saturday and may play today against Jerome in the Great Basin Conference district tournament. The location and time were to be decided this morning.

The winner plays at Century Wednesday.

Late Friday Burley 15, Jerome 14

BURLEY — A bad snap foiled Jerome's go-ahead field goal attempt midway through the fourth quarter and the Burley Bobcats held on for a 15-14 Great Basin Conference win Friday night.

Burley (1-6) was celebrating its homecoming and the defense came up huge.

Wes Hadden opened the scoring with a 72-yard interception return for a touchdown with two minutes left in the first quarter.

Burley took a 15-0 lead on a Hadden 5-yard TD run in the second quarter. That drive was set up by a Bobcats defensive stand on fourth and 1 at the Burley 45.

The defense played great and kept us in it," said Bobcats head coach Scott Palin. "They did what we needed them to do. The kids really deserve (the win)."

Jerome answered with two scores by Casey Shreveveldt in 12 seconds to threaten in the second half.

Jake Martin ran for 61 yards on 19 carries while quarterback Cade Jones threw for 157 yards on 9-of-23 passing. Anthony Curiel hauled in four tosses for 101 yards. Burley travels to Hillcrest 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Florida State and Washington State were tied for fourth, followed by Ohio State, LSU and Purdue.

The USA Today/ESPN coaches poll had the same top three teams as the AP.

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

Postseason Baseball

All NLMT
 NL East: Yankees 1, Braves 0
 NL West: Dodgers 1, Giants 0
 NL Central: Cardinals 1, Cubs 0
 NL South: Marlins 1, Mets 0

World Series
 Yankees 1, Braves 0
 Yankees 2, Braves 0
 Yankees 3, Braves 0
 Yankees 4, Braves 0

National League
 San Francisco 2, Florida 0
 Florida 3, New York 1
 Florida 3, San Francisco 1
 Florida 3, San Francisco 1

American League
 Oakland 2, Detroit 0
 Oakland 2, Detroit 0
 Oakland 3, Detroit 1
 Oakland 3, Detroit 0

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
 American League
 Oakland 3, Detroit 0
 Oakland 4, Detroit 0
 Oakland 5, Detroit 0

National League
 San Francisco 2, Florida 0
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WORLD SERIES (FD)
 Yankees 1, Braves 0
 Yankees 2, Braves 0
 Yankees 3, Braves 0
 Yankees 4, Braves 0

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 Yankees 1, Braves 0
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WHAT'S ON T.V.

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 Chiefs at Raiders, ABC, 7 p.m.

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OTHER VIEWS

Supreme Court must tread carefully in Pledge decision

The Washington Post

The Supreme Court decided this week to review a lower court's ruling in California that struck down recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools. The pledge case gives the justices a high-profile, hot-button issue to spice up the court's term. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit ruled that children should not be required to recite the pledge because it contains the words "under God." The Supreme Court is likely to reverse that decision; the real question may be how it does so. There's a danger that, in upholding recitation of the pledge, the court could rule too broadly and thus unnecessarily lower the barriers between religion and public life.

The 9th Circuit judges can be criticized for going out of their way to issue a provocative, substantive ruling in a case in which the plaintiff, a father who did not have custody of his child, may not have had standing to sue. They created controversy where little existed. And they brushed aside the fact that references to God, or to a Creator, have been part of American life since the nation's founding. The Constitution itself makes a passing reference to God (and how could that be unconstitutional?), as do the Declaration of Independence, the nation's currency, the national anthem and the national motto. A deity is embedded in the national holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas. Clearly, the constitutional prohibition against establishing religion does not require an extirpation of God from public life.

But for all the ridicule that the 9th Circuit judges provoked, it's true that requiring children to acknowledge God in public schools is different from allowing a deity to be invoked on coins. School is a coercive environment, and children are impressionable. There's a reason the Supreme Court has approved prayer in legislatures but not in classrooms. While the pledge seems essentially different to many Americans from prayer in schools, articulating that difference is not easy. So it is critical that the court find a way to rule narrowly. The easiest way out, and maybe the healthiest outcome for the country, would be to reverse the case on jurisdictional grounds, giving the questions as to the plaintiff's standing. Barring that, the court would have to formalize what has been an undercurrent of its establishment clause jurisprudence for several decades: that some publicly sponsored religious activity is sufficiently generic and minimal as to fall beneath constitutional radar. The key to affirming the pledge and other such ritualized invocations without disrupting the larger relationship between church and state is for the court to focus on the nondevotional, patriotic context in which the words appear. The pledge, after all, is not a pervasively religious invocation but a statement of loyalty with a single reference to divinity of precisely the type that occurs in the key documents of the country's founding. The court should be careful not to do more.

Give 'The Fan' a break

Chicago Tribune

There he was, the man who had "heartbreak" be known in Cubs lore as The Fan (perhaps with an expletive inserted), caught on national television doing what fans always do: reaching for a foul ball as a souvenir.

The Cubs were cruising 3-0 against a seemingly lifeless Florida Marlins team, ace pitcher Mark Prior only five outs from baseball history. The Cubs curse — not that it really exists — was about to be lifted; the team soon would be World Series-bound. Then, a foul ball that Cubs outfielder Moises Alou seemed about ready to catch was deflected by The Fan.

The game deteriorated into a degrading loss. The Fan was hustled out of Wrigley Field, not because he had broken any laws, but because officials feared for his safety. They had good reason. For several minutes, he was pelted with programs, beer cups, and insults. As he walked amid security personnel, he looked scared.

The next morning, The Fan, Steven Bartman, was the talk of the town, an object of scorn and ridicule. Even the governor was calling his attempt to catch the ball "stupid." Bartman, 26, is a

huge Cubs fan and a youth baseball coach. No doubt he's still scared. He didn't go to work at a consulting firm in the suburbs on Wednesday because of the incident.

In the heat of the loss, it was natural that fans' bitterness would spill onto him. Now it's time for cooler heads. He did what fans instinctively do when a ball heads their way: On Wednesday, he stepped forward and issued an apology.

Would Alou have caught the ball? Maybe. Did it make a difference in the game? That can be argued. But here's a fact as undeniable as the ivy: The Fan most assuredly did not lose that game. He didn't give up eight runs in that inning, nor did he make a disastrous error on a potential double-play ball, as the Cubs shortstop did.

Sure, it's easy to blame a scapegoat. But The Fan doesn't deserve it. Heck, even Alou knows that. "At the time, I was real upset," he said Tuesday night. "But I kind of feel bad for the guy now because every fan in every ballpark, their first reaction is to want a souvenir. Nobody's going to think about the outcome of the game."

Alou is right. Give The Fan a break.

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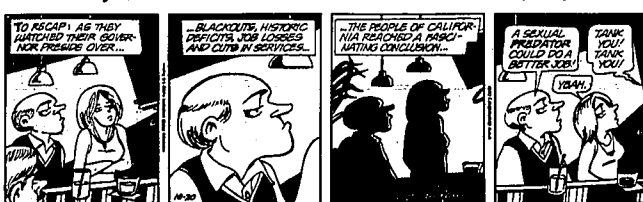
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Mom and dad still matter

ALVIN WILLIAMS

Since we continue to hold parents responsible for shaping the characters of our future leaders, it is important to understand the challenges parents face.

There has been much talk lately about what and who has the greatest influence on our children. Some point to the Internet. Others identify celebrities, teachers, television and movies. According to a new poll, however, the answer lies closer to home: Most respondents believe parents still have the greatest influence on the character and future success of our children.

Black America's Political Action Committee's national survey of black registered voters placed parents at the top of the pyramid, ahead of athletes, performing artists, politicians, clergy and everyone else. In addition, 61 percent of the respondents said parents bear the most responsibility for seeing that their children are properly educated.

The fact that parents rank so high among blacks really should come as no surprise. That's the way it's always been. My parents provided the encouragement, love and stern discipline that helped shape my character. The same can be said by countless other black baby boomers raised in the 1950s and '60s in traditional two-parent families.

In some ways it was earlier back then, before reality TV, explicit videos, the coast-to-coast drug culture and the sexual revolution. Seven days a week, 365 days a year, today's children are bombarded with images, ideas and information that clash with the notions of wrong and right being taught by their parents.

Today's children will leave their homes in the morning and will likely be assaulted by the latest "gangsta" rap song before they reach the bus stop. When they

arrive at school, they'll be exposed to profanity and pressured by their peers to do things they shouldn't.

After school, they will turn on their televisions and choose between afternoon "soaps," the "reality" talk shows, MTV, BET, and VH1 — all of which offer "choices" that clash with the values their parents are attempting to impart. And if that's not enough, there's always the Internet, which offers both the best and worst society has to offer.

In addition to "competing" with these influences, today's parents also face another challenge: the prospect of raising their children alone. According to U.S. Census data, nearly two-thirds of black households are led by single parents, usually a single mother.

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ents responsible for shaping the characters of our future leaders, it is important to understand the challenges parents face. And it is equally important to provide a prudent helping hand when we can.

For example, states need to make child support laws more stringent so single parents have the resources they need to raise their children. All too often this common "money squeeze" forces single parents to work multiple jobs, limiting the time they have to spend with their kids, making them more susceptible to destructive outside influences.

Employers have a role to play as well. In many cases, parents are torn between their duties at work and obligations at home.

Folities and practices such as "flextime," telecommuting and on-the-job daycare can ease this burden, enabling them to be both better parents and more productive workers.

When we support parents we enable them to devote the time and energy that is necessary to counteract the negative influences surrounding their children.

Although times have changed drastically since the days when the "nuclear family" was the norm, the influence of parents has not changed. It was crucial then and it's crucial today.

Sure, the Internet, athletes, music artists, movies and television send our kids mixed signals, if the net wrong messages altogether. But mom and dad still matter most.

Alvin Williams is president and CEO of Black America's Political Action Committee.

LETTER

Local seniors are waiting for your friendship

With the holiday season approaching, consider giving of yourself your time. People in assisted living residences or nursing homes sit all day and wait for their loved ones to visit. Most of them wait in vain as no one comes, even as the days turn into weeks and the weeks into months and even years.

I say this because I do visit my grandmother, who is a resident in an assisted living residence. I go at least two times a week and I seldom ever see any other visitors. I have approached the staff of the residence about this issue, and they had to admit that most of their residents do not have visitors. I found that to be appalling.

I wondered as I left my grandmother, how could we as a people, a community or a nation justify helping so many others when we cannot seem to take care of the ones who cared for us? What does this say about our culture in this country? I have read that the cul-

tures in many other countries appreciate and value the wisdom and experience of their elders. I recalled the quote that Mahatma Gandhi stated, "A nation's culture resides in the hearts and soul of its people."

Gandhi responded when asked, "What can be done about the pain and sorrow that so many seem to have to experience or suffer in this life?" He said, "You must be the change that you wish to see in the world." The power of that statement should inspire us to go out and be just that. The help and healing begins and ends with us!

If you do not have a grandmother, grandfather, great-grandmother or great-grandfather, "adopt" one. Many residents have no family who live nearby or simply no one left in their family to visit them. They are truly at the mercy of strangers to take that on.

His holiness, the Dalai Lama was asked, "What religion do you follow?" His response was, "My religion is kindness." I am asking and hoping that those who have some time and kindness enough to share would go out and simply spend time with, touch and validate the seniors in your life, your neighborhood, your community. You, not your money or your life, are truly needed.

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Sometimes the news needle stings

Two funny cookies for news paper editors:

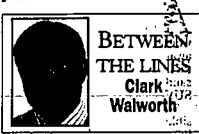
"News is whatever somebody doesn't want you to print."
"You didn't take this job in make friends, and it's working."
These cynical remarks came to mind last week when corporate headquarters phoned Leo Enterprises, our Iowa-based parent company is giving several of our staff members a President Award, the company's most prestigious internal honor.

Reporter Sandy Miller and a small "support team" will share the award for her January series on salaries at Maric Valley Regional Medical Center.

The announcement prompted mixed emotions. We're pleased to be recognized, of course. But we have to admit we've never read the hospital story make the honor bittersweet.

The story began more than two years ago, with what we thought was a routine request for public records. Twin Falls County owns the hospital, and state law says any Idahoan can look at public agency payroll records.

Like many newspapers, we can't more profit the news for public agency managers. So we asked for records on every hospital employee earning more than \$50,000 a year.



To our surprise, the request ignited an 18-month donnybrook. Hospital leaders contended the records law didn't apply. They said divulging salaries would hurt morale. At the end, the Idaho Supreme Court unanimously agreed the records were public. But the court fight was costly.

Our legal bills reached \$10,000. Already, the state of Idaho with the medical establishment worsened. And, though some community members offered private encouragement, almost no one was willing to take the public.

But we thought an important principle was at stake. People deserve to know how public institutions spend money.

The Idaho Supreme Court eventually endorsed that principle. It did the independent panel that chose us for the Lee prize.

This year's panel consisted of the executive director of the American Society of Newspaper Editors; the journalism dean at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and the editor of The News & Observer in Raleigh, N.C. They described our work as "courageous" and "courageous."

They noted, "By avoiding arrogance and taking care with fairness in both news stories and editorials, The Times-News offers a model for bringing the public along on public records battles."

I don't expect hospital leaders and employees to agree with those words. But I hope the hard feelings have subsided. I hope they understand we were just doing our jobs.

The morning we printed the final salary stories, I stopped at the hospital lab for my annual cholesterol test. A couple hospital employees had a newspaper, and were talking about the story. When one of them realized who she was, she discreetly slipped the paper to a doctor.

A few months later, as a technician prepared a needle to draw my blood, I thought, "This might hurt more than usual."

It didn't. The tech was smooth, professional and dispassionate. Just doing her job. I'll take that as a positive sign.

Managing Editor Clark Walworth recently discussed the story in "Between the Lines." To offer comment or to suggest a topic, e-mail him at clark@magivalley.com, or call 735-3255.

LETTER

Times-News takes its shots unfairly at sheriff

Here we go again. I can just see *The Times-News* editor sitting down, saying to himself, "Well, there's not much news today, what shall we print? I know, let's turn to our favorite whipping boys, the sheriff's department and Twin Falls County. We haven't taken pot shots at them for awhile. We can put it on the front page so we can, hopefully, make the department look as inept and unmanaged as possible."

I, for one, am sick and tired of *The Times-News* and its cheap shots at Sheriff Tausley, his department and the county in general. I have yet to see an article that makes front-page news that highlights the hard work and dedication of the sheriff's department and county employees.

It seems to me that your paper does nothing but try to cause dissension and suspicion of the sheriff's office. Any logical, thinking person can see through this thin-

ly veiled attempt to "enlighten" the public on costs when, in truth, it is *The Times-News*'s own malice and distrust that is evident. Do you not think that Sheriff Tausley and his staff are not smart enough to know that the records are open to the public and the vehicles the county has are needed or they wouldn't be there?

I pose to you, this *Times-News* and your staff, this question: If it were your child that were dying or your loved one that were in an accident, would you not want the sheriff's office to have the vehicles necessary to respond to your emergency? I would guess that you would. Accountability of funds is important to all tax-paying citizens, but not when it is laced with such venom and obvious contempt as you show.

Next time, why don't you make a real change and try to show the sheriff's department and county in a positive light?

LARRY HARTLEY
Twin Falls

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SUV-bashers threaten economy

As economists and the government attempt to solve America's unemployment woes, the rest of us should be aware that there is an environmental movement that threatens thousands of American jobs — the anti-SUV movement.

The U.S. auto industry is responsible for creating and/or maintaining roughly 6.6 million jobs nationwide, more than 5 percent of all private sector jobs in the United States today. And, unless you haven't parked at your grocery store or driven on the highway in the last 10 years, you will not be surprised to find that light trucks (pickups, vans and SUVs) are one of the fastest-growing segments of that industry. They account for hundreds of thousands of direct manufacturing jobs in the United States, not to mention the thousands of supporting jobs.

Similarly, sales growth of this category has far surpassed that of passenger cars — today accounting for more than 25 percent of total new-vehicle sales. From kids and groceries to equipment and tools, Americans have chosen light trucks because they make transportation and transporting easier. With such remarkable growth, it's easy, then, to recognize that SUVs, vans and pickups contribute a great deal to the U.S. economy.

Yet American auto manufacturers and their customers find themselves under attack. Environmentalists relentlessly label them terrorists and un-American.

These attacks are doing little to preserve or improve the environment. Rather, they will put hard-working, middle-income men and women on the unemployment line and create new jobs and economic growth overseas.

Despite a 75 percent increase in fuel efficiency of SUVs, vans and pickups over the past 10 years, environmental groups continue to

PHIL KENT

try to remove these vehicles from the road. Interestingly, according to Air Improvement Resource Inc., removing SUVs from the road would do very little to improve the environment. In fact, if not one single SUV were sold in America over the next 10 years, emissions would drop only 0.2 percent.

So why has this become the cause celebre in Hollywood and among environmentalists? Good question. But the more important question should be if there is little environmental benefit, who stands to gain from removing American-made SUVs from the road?

Detroit's competitors are the likely suspects behind this thinly veiled "environmental" movement. Today, campaigns target the

"Big Three" and their American work force — despite similar fuel economy and emissions from Detroit's foreign competitors. In fact, it seems like every time you pick up the paper these days, environmentalists are attacking American-made vehicles while pitching foreign hybrid alternatives.

Detroit has always been a powerful engine for our economy and a dependable provider of jobs for tens of thousands of Americans. At a time when jobs can be hard to come by, environmentalists are making it their life's work to help foreign automakers at the expense of U.S. autoworkers. That's not pro-environment; it's just downright un-American.

Phil Kent is the author of "The Dark Side of Liberalism: Unchaining the Truth."

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Teton

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who cuts a distinctive figure at 6-feet-5 with a long blond ponytail, stood in front of the helicopter, the hauling rope laid out in an elongated "S" at his feet.

"Look up," Perry called over his microphone as the chopper hovered.

Larson secured the rope to his nylon harness.

"Hooked and ready," he replied. The chilly mountain air stung Larson's face. His clothes flapped as he whisked along at up to 50 miles an hour.

Perry watched the granite walls getting ever nearer. But as usual, the British-born pilot displayed confidence and cool.

His life has been the stuff of a Hemingway novel: diving for coral in the Mediterranean, piloting a helicopter to ferry oilmen through the deserts of Yemen and police into the jungles of New Guinea.

Perry has pulled people out of jams, too, when he was rescue pilot for Eco-Challenge, a race that attracts adventure athletes to remote corners of the world.

There's a motto in his business: "It's not OUR emergency."

It means don't rush; take one step at a time.

The chopper approached Friction Pitch, the smooth incline where the climbers had been struck.

Clouds were forming fast below. Perry was worried he'd lose sight of the ground, like a sloop in a white-out. He'd have no idea how close he was to the mountain.

A momentary break in the clouds gave him a glimpse of Rod Liberal, the lone dangling climber. Then he was obscured again.

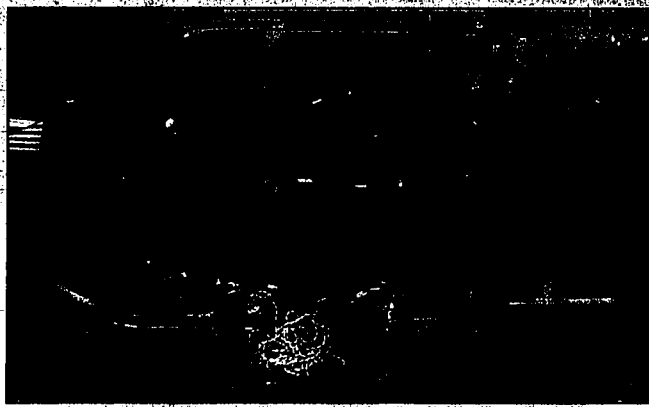
"Leo, we're going to have to abort," Jackson radioed to the ranger below. "This isn't going to work."

Perry lowered the lever that decreases the pitch on the blades and began a slow, spiraling descent.

At 5:36 p.m., ranger Jim Springer took off.

Fifteen minutes later, Jack McConnell followed.

McConnell is known as Jack Hammer or Hydraulic Jack, the



Teton Rangers, from left, Jim Springer, private pilot Rik Harmon, George Montopol, Chris Harder, Jack McConnell, Dan Burgette, Leo Larson and Craig Holm are shown at the Lupine Meadows Rescue Cache Aug. 5 in Grand Teton National Park, Wyo., with the equipment they used while conducting the rescue of six climbers struck by lightning.

guy with pistons for legs. He headed out, hauling a 40-pound backpack as he climbed the steep trail, past boulders and through gullies.

He soon caught Springer.

Eventually, about 50 rangers would participate in the rescue, along with two helicopters.

Around 6 p.m., Friction Pitch was visible again. Perry could go back up.

It was getting colder in the mountains and the climbers covered a shivering Clinton Summers, Erica's husband, with extra clothes. His left leg was bloody and purple from the lightning strike.

Now, Clinton just wanted to get down. His wife was gone, and he had to tell their two young children, 2 and 4, their mother would not be coming home.

It was Clinton who had told his friends to stop the CPR.

"We need to get help to Rod," he said. "We need to focus on the people down below."

At 6:09 p.m., Larson became the first ranger atop Friction Pitch.

Larson checked Erica, confirming no pulse. He took an inventory of the others' injuries to determine

who could climb down themselves. Six of the group of 13, eventually did.

Larson asked about Rod.

"Is he alive?" he said.

Yes, he groans, the others replied.

Soon, five more rescuers delivered by Perry joined the group crowding the ledge. They decided more help was needed for those injured below - one was bleeding badly.

Dan Burgette, head of the Jenny Lake rangers, started to rappel down about 200 feet to reach them. As he descended, he passed within 15 feet of where Rod was suspended.

"Hang in there," Burgette shouted. "People up above are setting up ropes."

This time, there was no response.

In the gathering gloom below, three climbers waited.

Reagan Lemke wedged his radio between his shoulder and cheekbone but was too weak to hit the talk button. He could hear transmissions from above: Erica was gone. And Rod was hanging. Quietly, Reagan said goodbye to

his two friends.

Then he prayed.

Reagan looked over a boulder to a ledge about 10 feet below. Justin Thomas and Jacob Bancroft were huddled shoulder to shoulder against a rock wall.

Jacob was dazed. He had a hard time remembering things. Justin was bloody from head to toe. Gashes exposed his shin bones.

Bob Thomas, Justin's father, had joined them by now. He had rappelled down and was trying to keep the climbers alert while waiting for the rangers.

At 6:46 p.m., rangers Jim Springer and Jack McConnell arrived from the Lower Saddle after an incredibly quick climb of less than an hour.

McConnell scrambled to set up anchors among the blood-stained rocks.

Springer began checking out the injured climbers and was soon helped by two more rangers who rappelled down from above: Burgette and Chris Harder.

The rescuers determined all three climbers could be taken off the mountain in evacuation suits - nylon vests with diaper-like bot-

tombs hooked to the helicopter's 100-foot rope.

At 7:24 p.m., Reagan was hooked in.

"Get ready for the best ride in the amusement park," McConnell told him.

Reagan whooped as he rose.

Bob Thomas, was next, then his son, Justin, who refused morphine, wanting to be clearheaded on the way down.

At 8:20 p.m., Jacob was ready. He asked Harder, one of the rangers, to shoot his picture before

he was lifted off.

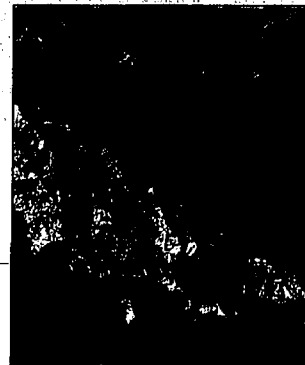
Jacob had a swollen, bloody lip but still managed a smile.

Night was closing in. The climbers at the top were descending - Clinton Summers would be evacuated by helicopter; his wife's body would be brought down later.

Other rangers were now focusing on Rod.

He was still dangling. And time was running out.

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Teton Ranger Craig Holm rappels down Friction Pitch during rescue operations to save a group of climbers hit by lightning July 28 at Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming.

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Taking a byte out of the vampire myth

Santa Claus, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Frosty the Snowperson are starting to appear in the store displays at the mall, and you know what that means!

It means it's almost Halloween. Halloween is that very special night when your children head out for a few hours of fun, while you stay home with a Buick-sized cache of miniature Snickers, listening for the doorbell. There it is! You open the door and Surprise! It's some neighborhood children, costumed as police officers! No, wait, those are real police officers, informing you that they have your children in custody. Something about a municipal sewage station and a grenade launcher. Ha ha!



HUMOR
Dave Barry

Those little pranksters! Yes, Halloween is a lot of fun for the older kids. But it can be a sooty time for the younger ones, who hear stories about ghosts, goblins, and Yoko Ono and can develop serious anxieties. That's why the president of the American Academy of Child Psychologists, Dr. Karl A. Fronkman, offers this Halloween advice for parents of young children:

"Sit the child down in a familiar, non-threatening place, such as the child's bedroom, and explain to the child that Halloween is 'just pretend,' and that there are no such things as witches, or ghosts, or werewolves, or vampires, or demon slime-eels of death that can ooze under your door at night and pore right through your eyeballs and suck out your brains like jelly HAHAAHAHAHAH."

I found vampires on the Internet, where they have a number of sites. An excellent one is the Vampire Church (<http://www.vampire-church.com/>) which is very serious, and which describes itself as "an online community where others may find and contact other real vampires." It offers a number of resources for the vampire community, including a section called (really) "Dark Fonts," where you can download computer fonts with names like "Bloody Stump."

Picture the scene: A dark night in Transylvania, a castle bedroom, a beautiful young woman in bed, sleeping, defenseless. The windows are open; the curtains flutter; a bat flies in. There's a swirl of fog, and the bat turns into Dracula! He approaches the bed. He leans over the sleeping girl, his glowing red eyes riveted on her slim, vulnerable neck. He leans toward her and whips out his laptop computer! He boots it up! (This takes 17 minutes, because Dracula has Windows XP.) Finally the woman, sensing an evil presence in the room, wakes up and to her horror finds herself face to face with the word "BOO" in Gothic Leaf, 18-point, boldface! AIEEEEE.

In all fairness, I should point out that the whole Dracula thing is a stereotype that is offensive to the vampire community. If you read the messages on the Vampire Church message board, you discover that vampires are a very sensitive group of people (or whatever). To be honest, I was disappointed by this attitude: I wanted to post a message that said: "Stop this self-pitying victim-group whining! Get out there and bite somebody!"

But apparently real vampires don't go around biting people. It's a stereotype! Some vampires, however, do drink blood, to judge from these messages, which I am not making up:

"I have recently lost my only donor. She is my girlfriend, but she moved back to the states -- I haven't fed in nearly 2 weeks and I'm weak and tiresome."

"I didn't know anyone like me until I met one of my co-workers. He told me that he is a blood

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Knitting

Allure of knit-and-purl attracts a younger crowd — and even some guys

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — Like most young working women, Jennifer Hamilton doesn't have much time to kill. But she still knits.

"It's part of my schedule, the time that I set aside to relax," said Hamilton, 24. "I've even figured out a way to knit and read at the same time."

Knitting, which has spent the last century becoming an increasingly contemplative craft of older Americans, has at last found a younger, hipper audience — and even a few guys.

According to the Craft Yarn Council of America, since 1998 there has been a 400 percent increase in the number of women under 35 who crochet and knit and a 13 percent increase among women 35-44, which are the prime child-rearing years. By contrast, the increase among women 55-64 has been 10 percent.

One out of three American women knows how to knit or crochet, according to the trade group. The number of women who knit or crochet increased from 34.7 million in 1994 to 38 million in 2000.

"It's a social thing for a lot of younger women," said Christy Pyles, who runs Sheep to Shawl, a Twin Falls knitting shop.

One of Pyles' customers, having captured a few hours a week to knit out of her schedule, stoutly resists pressure from friends and family to give it back.

"They can't make her feel guilty," Pyles said.

Part of the appeal of knitting is that the craft lends itself so well to multi-tasking — there's a lot you can do with both eyes on two needles and some yarn.

"I listen to music, watch TV — do things I enjoy while I knit," said Hamilton, who works with children's program at the Buhl Arts Council. "It's an activity you can put down and pick up again whenever you get a chance."

Hamilton's mother is a knitter, but Jennifer has only recently taken up the hobby in a big way.

"It's easy to get into," she said. "You start small, do projects that don't take a lot of time, and then move on to other things."

Hamilton purposely keeps her projects manageable — clothing for herself, for example, or knitted caps for the Boise homeless shelter.

"Someday I'll do afghans and cable-knit sweaters," she said. "But for now, I like things I can start and finish in a reasonable amount of time."

Knitting may be becoming more popular because it's a lot more visible: Two of the top instigators of this trend are girl-next-door actresses Julia Roberts and Sandra Bullock.

Roberts was busted several years ago when paparazzi snapped her making a buy in a yarn shop. Bullock is a regular customer at Suss Designs on Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills, buying yarn for her own projects. Both actresses are known to knit on the sets of their films while waiting for their scenes.



At 24, Jennifer Hamilton

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Freckles: A look that's f

The Washington Post

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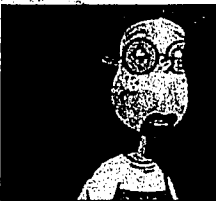
Now that there are skin bleachers and laser treatments and Retin-A and a race of newly porcelain-faced girls paying off large dermatology bills, it is somewhat disturbing to hear that this summer, Ross Burton, artistic director of Lancome cosmetics, is paying homage to the freckle.

The freckle, subject of countless sitcom plots, is now, he would have us believe, a herald for democracy.

"Freckles are a symbol of freedom," Burton says. Freedom from makeup, freedom from cover-ups, freedom to be yourself. The freckle is now beautiful, he says.

The August issue of tweeny-bopper magazine YM declared its affection in an article titled "We (heart) freckles!" Lucy Liu is bounding across movie theater screens again, with a bigger gun, a smaller bikini and a summer's worth of spots spattered prominently across her face. "What is more natural than a dusting of freckles?" asks the British beauty Web 'zine handbag.com, which refers to them as "angel kisses."

"The freckle is the new mole,"



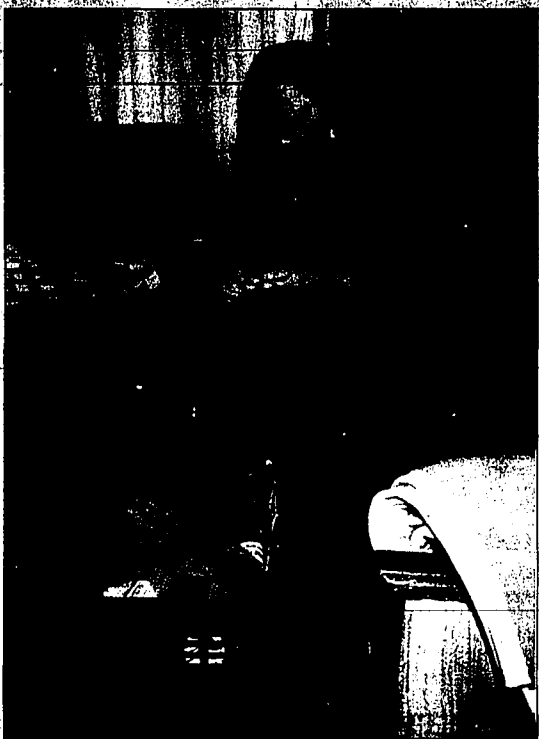
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says Kara Jesella, the beauty a health editor of Teen Vogue. Th are "fresh faced and American, which ties into wh going on politically."

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STEVE CRUMP/TIMES-NEWS

At 24, Jennifer Hamilton isn't your stereotypical knitter.

But it's not just these two celebs who are driving the trend to knit one, purl two. Cameron Diaz, Tyra Banks, Hilary Swank, Sarah Jessica Parker, Kelly Ripa and yes, even His Maleness His Ownself Russell Crowe, have been fingered as avid knitters. (See a "photo" of Crowe caught red-handed at www.chickknits.com/russell.shtml.) Yarns such as Opal, a speckled variegated-thread-that-when-knit-into-a-garment appears to create patterns of stripes or swirls, are popular among the young and the trendy. Pashmina cashmere, a light yarn that calls for a small needle, is another nouveau offering. These yarns aren't cheap. Stefanie Winland, national director of The Knitting Guild of America, points out that mohair is \$9 to \$12 a skein, and an average sweater calls for about 10 skeins - making it a \$100 project. And labor is not included.

But starting out can be much cheaper. "A set of needles is \$5 to \$20," Pyles said. "And you can spend from \$3.60 to \$6.00 for a skein of yarn." Hamilton prefers to work with better-quality yarns, and because she has carpal tunnel syndrome, larger needles. "Someday, maybe, I'll knit a pair of socks," she said. "But that calls for very small needles." Unlike earlier generations of knitters, Hamilton and her contemporaries tend to choose projects because they like them - not because Aunt Agnes needs an afghan for Christmas. "I think we'll see more young women getting into it," Pyles said. "But so far, not many men - at least not around here." "When they come in to get yarn, it's for tying flies." *The Fort Worth, Texas, Star-Telegram contributed to this report.*

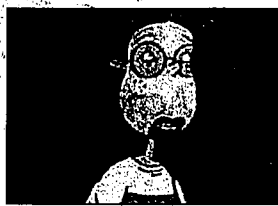
Resources for knitters - old and new

The new-fashioned way:
 In typical speed-forward fashion, many young knitters are turning to Web sites for information.
 • www.chickknits.com: This jumping site is charming and lucky by turns. See a picture of Russell Crowe minding his knitting - whoa baby, indeed - and get inspiration from the blog entries. Some of the knitting here is quite complicated (bobblins, no less), and some of it is straight-ahead entry-level stuff. Patterns are now being offered on the site with a simple payment system through Paypal. (Don't worry, your daughter can explain how it works.)
 • www.craftyuncle.com: This is the site of the Craft Yarn Council of America, an industry organization. The bulletin boards address questions from the sticky wickets of knitting, including gauge, right-handed instructions for left-handed people and working with multiple strands of yarn. There are links to groups that knit for charity as well as tips for finding other knitters in your area. The Learn to Knit page has solid instructions for beginners as well as some fairly witty free patterns for young knitters.
 • www.fiberartshop.com: Is the Web site for Common Threads, a California shop that offers doll-making supplies as well as a terrific assortment of yarn and other equipment for knitters. Particularly helpful are the instructions for beginning computer users - so even old hands at knitting can benefit from this site.

The old-fashioned way:
 If you'd rather have your knitting advice in a stationary format, there are plenty of books and magazines available for knitters from different ends of the demographic spectrum.
 • **Hollywood Knits** by Suss Cousins (Stewart, Tabori and Chang, \$27.50) is a just-published offering from the Rodeo Drive knitter to the stars. The book's cover photo is a sweater Cousins knitted for the Velma character in the movie *Scooby Doo*, and that pattern and 29 others are included in the book. Cousins's resume also includes many of the sweaters worn on *The Cosby Show*. Be warned - if you've got to inhale deeply to zip up your jeans, most of the patterns in this book are not for you.
 • **The Yarn Girls' Guide to Simple Knits** (Clarkson Potter, \$30) is written by Julie Carles and Jordana Jacobs, who left careers in the medical and legal fields to take over the Yarn Co., a landmark New York City yarn emporium. The patterns are mostly for the young - sexy tank tops and such - although the new friend of the afghan, slightly older knitter, the funnel neck sweater, is also included. Find the Yarn Girls' Web site at www.theyarnco.com.
 • **Better Homes and Gardens Knit It!** is one of the publishing house's new special-interest magazines. The 2002 issue, on newswatches through March, offers a lot of patterns for children, a technique article on cables, and a big spread on knitted and crocheted afghans. Although there are instructions for a felted purse and a fuzzy triangle knit from novelty yarn, most of these offerings skew to older knitters. *Source: Fort Worth Star-Telegram*

A look that's finally spot on

Attitude



Eliza Thomberry of 'The Wild Thomberrys' is the new queen of freckles.

women around America are painting freckles on. "Perhaps it is just a declaration of freedom from the increasingly impossible standards of female beauty - a weird kind of power-girl feminism," says Aniko Bodroghkozy, a professor of media studies at the University of Virginia. The result, in any event, has been a peculiar about-face in the long and spotty cultural history of 'cute-but-not-pretty.' Consider this: Women have been trying to get rid of freckles for thousands of years. Ancient Egyptians used oil of fenugreek to treat wrinkles and freckles, says Peter Lamas, makeup artist to the stars (including Audrey Hepburn, he says, and Grace Kelly, who always managed to appear ghostly-hued despite spending all that time on the French Riviera). European women used elder flowers to melt freckles off, he says, and women in ancient Greece used white lead paint, unwisely, in their efforts to cover them up. The opaque, chalky makeup of Japan's Kabuki theater reflects a cultural reverence for clear skin, says Elicke Schwab, director of global education for Bobbi Brown. *Please see ATTITUDE, Page B2*

Don't limit yourself to stitching a witch



SEWING
 Barbara Gash

Creative costuming for Halloween is always fun. "Sewing a costume guarantees that you'll have a one-of-a-kind ensemble for that special parade or masquerade party," says Stephanie Dell'Olio, president of the Home Sewing Association in New York. "Be different, be daring, be constructive. It's easier and definitely more fun than you imagined!" The major themes this year are the three Rs - retro, romantic and Renaissance. The retro look is fashionable now, anyway, so why not play out some fantasies on this occasion? Fancy yourself a flapper from the 20s, or do the stroll from the 50s. For a romantic costume, borrow a page from history. Get a partner to go along with the idea and think Antony and Cleopatra, Rhett and Scarlett, Bogey and Bacall, or any other twosome you can imagine. Do a little research to try-to-imitate-their-special style. The Renaissance theme is ideal for an individual, a couple or a whole family. "For her, make a gown in a jewel-tone satin with full blouson sleeves, and for him, sew up a handsome coordinating outfit

complete with tights," says Dell'Olio. "Junior members of the family can be pages or handmaidens." This is, of course, a more elaborate sewing project, but commercial patterns can help to achieve spectacular results. Other ideas for costumes are drawn from book and media heroes, such as Harry Potter, Charlie's Angels or Scooby-doo. Remember, you needn't be an expert seamstress for Halloween. Perfection isn't required, just an overall effort. Local stores have a wide array of fabrics and patterns at good prices. *Barbara Gash writes about sewing for the Detroit Free Press. Write to her at the Free Press, P.O. Box 828, Detroit, Mich. 48231, or send e-mail to barbagash@aol.com. Letters can not be answered personally.*

HEALTH & FASHION

Diabetes group will discuss cardiovascular disease at mee

The Diabetes Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the South Central District Health, 1020 Washington St. N., located on the College of Southern Idaho campus. Those attending the meeting should use the north entrance of the district health building.

Dr. Daniel Brown will lead a discussion about diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

The meeting is open to the public and there is no charge to attend.

For more information, call Carol Gandiaga at 733-5300 or Susie Beem at 734-5900, Ext. 246.

Parkinson's support

The Magic Valley Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the KMTV Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.

The speaker will be Jennifer Besch, occupational therapist at the Magic Valley Regional

To do for you

Medical Center: She will discuss the topic, "Range of Motion Exercise, Safety Issues and Assistive Devices." Members are asked to wear their name tags.

For more information, call Don Arrington at 733-8868 or Ray Clark at 324-5013.

Brothers Club meeting

The Magic Brothers Club will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Office on Aging annex, 998 Washington St. N., located on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

The club provides information and support for people who cope with asthma, emphysema and other chronic respiratory illnesses.

The speaker will be Dr. Robert S. Lobb with the Snake River Internal Medicine and Diseases of

the Lung. He will discuss the topic, "Winter Preparation Tips and Medical Reminders for Better Breathing."

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer Baby and Me classes from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic will be "Exercise with Baby and Me." The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years.

The class is free. For more information, call 324-7252.

Infant CPR

An infant CPR and child safety class will be offered from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

The class will include instructions on first-aid techniques to assist infants who are choking.

Cost is \$20. To register or for more information, call 677-6500.

Learn infant care

An infant care class will be offered from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in the board room at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

The class will include information on infant care, feeding and bathing.

Cost is \$20. To register or for more information, call 677-6500.

About breast-feeding

A breast-feeding class will be held from 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The class will include information on beginning breast-feeding, and will be taught by an international board-certified lactation consultant.

Participants are asked to bring

two pillows and a blanket to the class.

The class is free for those who will be delivering at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. For more information or to register, call 324-1122, Ext. 3361.

CPR class

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6-10 p.m. Thursday in the doctors' meeting room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class will include emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking for adults and infants. The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice.

Cost is \$25. Preregistration is required, call 737-2007.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will

be offered from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Thursday, beginning Tuesday through Nov. 20, in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class will include classroom instruction on wellness of the mother, labor and delivery, pain with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the postpartum mother and newborn, including breast-feeding and bottle-feeding, and a tour of the Women's and Prenatal Center.

Cost is \$50. Preregistration is required, call 737-2900.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83401. Deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

Dr. Phil's weight-loss philosophy takes psychological approach

The Washington Post

You'd have to have your head buried between the patties of a double bacon cheeseburger not to have heard about "The Ultimate Weight Solution." Written by psychologist and talk show host Dr. Phil M. McGraw, the book has climbed to the top of best-seller lists and been featured in Oprah's magazine and on the "Today" show and "Dateline NBC."

We thought it would be a good time to take a look at the program, which is likely to be the subject of continuing scrutiny among those who seek to control their weight and the professional nutrition community.

McGraw's book focuses largely on behavioral change and emotional eating, offering seven keys to success:



Dr. Phil McGraw plans presents weight-loss plan

- Right thinking.
- Healing feelings.
- No-fail environment.
- Mastery over eating impulse.
- High-response cost, high-yield nutrition.
- Intentional exercise.
- Circle of support.

– Dr. Phil's keys to dieting success

Right thinking. Also known as "personal truth," this is what McGraw says "is whatever it is about yourself and your weight problem that you have come to believe."

Healing feelings. Here McGraw addresses how to cope with emotional eating – the tendency to

overeat when you're feeling happy, sad, tired or stressed.

No-fail environment. McGraw says you should get your house, office and car your closet in order to support your efforts and minimize opportunities to snack,

overeat or binge. Throw out "fat-size" clothes and "re-engineer your environment for success," he urges.

Mastery over impulse eating. Learn why you overeat. It's "not only worthwhile, it is essential to

achieving permanent weight loss and control," he writes.

High-response cost, high-yield nutrition: No need to count calories, measure portions or memorize food lists. Focus "on choosing foods that produce and reinforce lasting weight loss and control," writes McGraw. He adds that "just about everyone can benefit from adding (dietary) supplements to their daily routine." He even offers a line of nutrition products and supplements, the Dr. Phil Shape Up! brand.

Intentional exercise. McGraw says many people are exercise-averse, so he offers a plan to "keep pounds at bay with a maximum-results workout strategy" that emphasizes walking and weight training.

Circle of support. Assemble a group of people in your life who will support, not subvert, your efforts, he says.

To publicize and demonstrate his program, McGraw has chosen 13 obese people who will follow his program on-air during the next 10 months.

Weight loss experts give the program high marks for addressing emotional eating. "He's talking

about large psychological concepts, which are terrific," says dietitian Lisa Dorfman, a spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association.

But the book skimps, experts say, on nutritional guidance. "Ultimately you need to deal with the ABCs of what to eat," Dorfman says. "The advice is good, but it needs to be taken to another step so that people know what to do once they check off these seven strategies."

McGraw's concepts are well-known behavioral interventions, which, when followed, "lead to about a 7 to 10 percent loss of body weight," says physician David Heber, chief of the Center for

Human Nutrition at the University of California, Los Angeles.

The structure he provides to on-air participants "will likely yield great in the short term, whether it's 10 weeks or 10 months," says James Hill, director of the Clinical Nutrition Research Unit at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver. "But you have to find how to do this for yourself."

That's because at the end of the 10-month television season, "the real job just starts," notes Judith S. Stern, vice president of the American Obesity Association. "Unless you develop something that is independent of Dr. Phil, this won't work for the long run."

Attitude

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Cosmetics, and a cultural disdain for freckles developed from hours spent working in rice paddies. On 19th-century Southern belles, Lamas says, freckles were "simply scandalous" for the same reason – they meant you were poor and spending time outside planting rice rather than inside in parlors.

Freckles, a.k.a. ephelides, are caused by the melanocortin-1 receptor – the major freckle gene, according to a study published in the 2001 issue of Human Molecular Genetics, conducted by doctors in the dermatology department at Leiden University in the Netherlands. With the rise of tanning culture – for men, in the 1920s with Douglas Fairbanks, and for women in the 1950s and early 1960s, with the beach blanket cycle of films with Amette Funicello and Frankie Avalon – they were an indication of a tan

gone wrong, says Jerry Hutchinson, a makeup artist from MAC Cosmetics in Washington.

And with the demise of tanning culture beginning in the 1990s, thanks to increased understanding of melanoma through studies like the one at Leiden University, freckling was like smoking, a harbinger of cancer.

On television and in movies, freckles have been "one of those signifiers, along with braces and glasses and underdeveloped female bodies, of unattractiveness," says Boothroyd, who focuses on American film history. They are adorable up until around age 10, on Little Orphan Annie, for example, but an indication of abnormality thereafter, she says.

Eliza Thornberry, for example, the bookish main character of the popular Nickelodeon cartoon and feature film "The Wild Thornberrys," is unattractiveness

personified: rail thin with big metal braces, glasses, red braids and a diamond of freckles on each cheek.

The Béav had freckles on "Leave It to Beaver," unlike his taller, cooler older brother, Wally. Dennis the Menace's Iovescik neighbor, the be-freckled Margaret Wade, was prissy, bossy and generally unlikable. Scandinavian super-heroine Pippi Longstocking had freckles, but she was gangly and awkward, and she carried her horse.

But there also was Katharine Hepburn, "a collection of fine bones held together by freckles," according to a 1938 profile in Time magazine.

Hepburn often had them hidden beneath pancake powder on these angular, alabaster cheeks, although she let them show in "The African Queen," when she played a spinster opposite Humphrey Bogart. Yet in authorized biography after commemorative photo book after countless newspaper tributes since her June 29 death, we've gotten a good look at her freckles in snapshots of her playing tennis through her eighties or caught,

unmade-up, with her head on Spencer Tracy's shoulder. Turns out, they only make her more the icon.

Magazines then weren't telling young people how attractive freckles were, and department store makeup artists weren't peddling tools for dusting them on. But there was a hint, Boothroyd says, that "freckles could be glamorous, simply because they were attached to Katharine Hepburn."

"Now that I am Saint Katharine, it is fashionable to say I am a beauty," Hepburn once said. "But when I was beginning, they thought I was a freak with a lot of freckles."

Barry

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drinker like me. And so we started talking about it. And now I don't feel alone."

Good for you, Mr. Rathert! No, seriously, it is not a laughing matter, this vicious stereotyping of the vampire community. So, parents, when you talk your small children about Halloween, remind them that

the world is full of many different kinds of people, and just because a person drinks human blood, that does not mean this person can be warded off with garlic. I mean, get real.

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Adolescents don't survive cancer as often as other age groups

Children, teens and young adults have less success than older age groups in surviving cancer. Why aren't we doing better? says Dr. Leonard Sender, medical director of the Cancer Institute at Children's Hospital of Orange County, Calif. "We should be trying to draw attention to this discrepancy, setting up clinics for adolescent and young adult cancer patients."

"We have these horrible diseases killing young adults. Why aren't we doing better?" says Dr. Leonard Sender, medical director of the Cancer Institute at Children's Hospital of Orange County, Calif. "We should be trying to draw attention to this discrepancy, setting up clinics for adolescent and young adult cancer patients."

The hospital's Cancer Institute recently joined the ranks of cancer centers focusing on this age group, launching a program to refer patients 15 to 30 into treatments that could improve their chances of beating the disease. Increasing the amount of research is at the core of plans to improve survival rates for teens and young adults. Because cancer is relatively rare in those younger than 20, Sender said, grouping young cancer patients at specialized hospitals and clinics could help doctors better understand how to treat them. Not only could they undergo the most promising chemotherapy, but the results could be collected and analyzed specifically for their age group.

Doctors also now think that many adolescents and young adults may have better outcomes with pediatric treatment guidelines rather than adult guidelines. Pediatric cancer centers have long enrolled children into clinical trials that test standard treatments with experimental treatments. Experts credit this aggressive practice with increasing the survival rate of cancer patients younger than 14.

Information recently gathered by Dr. Archie Bleyer, an adolescent and young adult cancer expert at M.D. Anderson Cancer



They aren't worms; they're a human cell's chromosome about to divide in this microscopic image from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. Fluorescent pink-eyes on both ends are telomeres, chromosomal caps made of repetitive DNA sequences that hold secrets to cancer.

Photo courtesy of UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas/Washington Post

Age groups and types of cancer

Cancer in adolescents and young adults is different from cancer in other age groups.

Most cancers that occur in children are so-called embryonal cancers, such as neuroblastoma, Wilms' tumor and retinoblastoma, which are uncommon in those older than 15. And adult cancers, such as lung, breast and colon, rarely occur in teens and young adults.

Teenagers and young adults experience higher rates of Hodgkin's dis-

ease, bone cancers and certain germ cell tumors (a cell involved in sexual reproduction), such as testicular cancer. Survival rates for a few types of cancers in teens and young adults have increased over the last three decades, including Hodgkin's disease, thyroid cancer and melanoma. However survival rates remain less than 60 percent for others, including Ewing's sarcoma and acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

Source: National Cancer Institute SEER Pediatric Monograph

Center in Houston, showed that teens and young adults are not usually enrolled in clinical trials and could be missing out on the best therapies.

"We didn't realize how far we'd fallen behind," says Bleyer. "We'd worked so hard to help the younger children, going back to

the '50s. And in the last 20 years we've been focusing on the adults. The fact that we didn't pay attention to the age group in between has led to some pretty dismal outcomes."

But the fact that adolescents and young adults generally don't live as long as other cancer

Mineral oil won't help eyelashes grow

DEAR PAULA: I need to know how I can condition my eyelashes and get them to grow fuller and thicker. Just as with the mascara that I apply daily, I would like my lashes to be full and thick again without the application of mascara. Is there anything I could use? I was told once from a beauty consultant at Essence magazine to use mineral oil on my eyelashes at night. Can you confirm this?

-SHERRY VIA E-MAIL
DEAR SHERRY: The product you are looking for doesn't exist. If it was possible to grow thicker,



COSMETICS Q&A
Paula Begoun

hair growth for that matter) has nothing to do with how moisturized the hair is. If anything, applying mineral oil to lashes will cause the mineral oil to get in the eye, creating a filmy, greasy mess. Not the best. Regrettably, there is nothing you can put on your lashes to help them grow.

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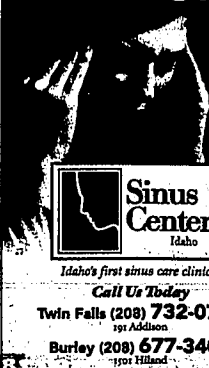
FILER - Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Theener of Filer will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Friday, Oct. 24, with family. Theener and Claire Walcott were married Oct. 24, 1943, at the Buhl Christian Church. They have lived in Filer since 1942. He farmed south of Filer until 1946. She taught school in Twin Falls and Filer, and also is a homemaker. She has been active in 4-H. They have three children, Ron



Claire and Ernest Theener
(Gwen) Theener of Roosevelt, Utah, Gerry (Sharon) Theener of Twin Falls and Mark (Cindy) Theener of Meridian. The couple has 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



SINUS OR HEADACHE?



Because the symptoms of sinus headaches sometimes mimic those of tension-type or migraine headaches, you may not know that you need to see a sinus specialist. Review the chart below. If you suffer from sinus headache symptoms, Sinus Center-Idaho can help!

Headache Symptom	Sinus Type	Tension Type	Migraine Type
Pain throughout the head		Yes	Yes
Pain or throbbing around eyes that is worse upon arising	No	No	No
Nasal discharge, post-nasal drip or throat irritation	No	No	No
Pain in upper teeth	No	No	No
Pain/pressure when leaning forward	No	No	No
Pain related to stress, hunger or fatigue	Yes	No	No
Nausea/vomiting or aversion to light and/or sound	No	Yes	Yes
Facial-pain or pressure	No	No	No

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For example, one recent study showed that teens and young adults with acute lymphoblastic leukemia who were on adult-based treatment plan had a five-year survival rate of 41 percent; similar patients in pediatric clinical trials had a 67 percent five-year survival rate.

Adolescent and young adult patients who are diagnosed with cancer should be referred to a specialized cancer center for that age group, Sender says. Some centers are abandoning the 21-or-older limit on enrollment in pediatric trials.

One recent study found that children treated for Hodgkin's disease are 75 times more likely to develop secondary cancer in adults. Doctors who specialize in adolescents and young adults - usually oncologists with expertise in both pediatric and adult cancer - already had recognized this problem, Sender says.

"We have been very aware of this issue for a long time," he says. "We have reduced radiation. We use a different chemotherapy that doesn't give us that type of secondary cancer. We follow these patients long-term."

Adolescent and young adult cancer centers don't have all the answers, Sender cautions, but at least they know which questions to ask. Among them: What causes cancers unique to this age group, and what doses of chemotherapy are best?

In addition to providing the most cutting-edge treatments, these centers can provide adolescents and young adults with psychosocial services that are critical to their quality of life and will help them comply with their therapy.



G. Adrian Dean, M.D.
Q-Dad is now 82 and he has suddenly started to talk almost constantly. We ask him to slow down and let someone else talk and he says he will and two seconds later he is talking again. Is this dementia and can he be slowed down a little so we can all enjoy him as we did in the past?

A. A sudden onset of talking rapidly or endlessly is probably not a sign of typical Major Depressive disorder or Bipolar Disorder, unless he has had these episodes in the past. It may be a part of Alzheimer's type dementia or the result of one or more small strokes. It may also be related to thyroid problems or side effects to medication which might have been changed recently. In any event, he will need an evaluation by his family physician and then possibly a referral to a specialist in the use of medications which can help your Dad to slow down and let others take their turns in a conversation, without sedating him.

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WORK-AROUNDS

QUESTION: I am the sole person authorized to act under a financial power of attorney (POA) given by my now demented aunt. My health is failing and a successor is needed. Any ideas?

While many POA's name an alternate(s), this one did not. It is the rare POA that specifically authorizes the POA agent to designate a successor.

A person with significant dementia has no legal capacity to designate an alternate or successor agent with POA authority. A court can designate a person to act as conservator of the incapacitated person's financial affairs, but this is more costly and less convenient than a POA arrangement.

Perhaps the most suitable work-around in this predicament is to have the POA agent use the POA to add another trustworthy person to the financial accounts of the incapacitated person, giving the new agent signatory authority to transact business on these accounts.

The lessons here are several: dime store POAs often fail to get the job done. A well-written POA can save dollars. The importance of selecting trustworthy POA agents cannot be overstated.

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Drinker's family needs treatment, too

DEAR ABBY: I read your column every day, and I disagree with the advice you gave the 13-year-old girl who signed herself "Angry Daughter/Sister in Kansas." You recommended that she contact her mother for tolerating her husband's abusive ranting. From years of professional experience, I predict that if the mother does leave her probably alcoholic husband, unless she gets treatment for herself and her co-dependence issues, she'll only pick another abusive addict she'll need to control. I have seen too many "sequential" relationships where the co-dependent spouse picked one addicted person after another - each more abusive than the last. That child needs her own support group. At 13, she can contact Alateen, where she will learn she is not responsible for "fixing" her parents.



DEAR ABBY: I was in a similar situation with three children. A friend suggested I go to Al-Anon. There I learned that alcoholism is a family disease, and that all members are affected by living with an alcoholic. When I got help, my children also got better, and my husband eventually went for help. He has been sober for 20 years, and we have a great relationship. We just celebrated 40 years of marriage, and we still attend the 12-step programs. They saved our marriage.

-THERAPIST IN BELLEFONTE, PA. DEAR THERAPIST: You have a point. Men culpa. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Whoa! You advised a 13-year-old to basically "solve" the crisis in her alcoholic family system. Regardless of when or if the alcoholic gets treatment, the entire family needs help to avoid lifelong behaviors that are not healthy. School counselors, community agencies and national hotlines can steer that young girl to family recovery programs. She can certainly let her mother know that she is hurting, and that she is taking action to find help for herself. Her mother may not be ready for that step, but will probably be tacitly supportive.

-GRATEFUL AL-ANON MEMBER IN PENNSYLVANIA DEAR GRATEFUL: Congratulations on your anniversary. Readers, the phone number for Alateen and Al-Anon should be listed in your local telephone directory. If it's not, the toll-free number in the United States and Canada is (888) 4AL-ANON (425-2666).

DEAR ABBY: I have fallen for a close male friend. We have been friends for about three years, but only recently have I revealed my feelings for him. Abby, it was a disaster.

He not only doesn't feel the same, but he said he never will. He assured me that our friendship is very important to him, however.

My friends tell me he is keeping me around "just in case," and that I can't be objective. Am I foolish to maintain the friendship, or do you think I should move on?

-SPURNED IN ARKANSAS DEAR SPURNED: He was being honest with you. That doesn't sound like a "user" to me. However, unrequited love is painful. Move on for now. It will give you time - and space - to heal. When you are less emotional about him, and less vulnerable, you can resume the friendship if you wish.

Gemini: Take care when giving advice to loved ones

IF OCTOBER 20 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you're easygoing and tolerant, though you can be moody at times. Travel is a hobby that you love to indulge. You're domesticated and probably like to cook. Building, architecture or planning is a field in which you excel. This is the end of a cycle with new beginnings and responsibilities next year. ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You like straight talk. Fussing/footing around is not your style. Jealousy makes you mad, but that is what you have to deal with today. Be true to yourself. TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): You're tired of playing a guessing game. Those who fancy you'll fall for meaningless comments soon find they're wrong. Venus, your ruler, has a surprise in store. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Offering advice to those close to you may cause a slugfest. Are you taking on board their opinions? You could learn a lot by listening. Being too forceful could set a trap. CANCER (June 21-July 22): You want what you consider a fair deal. You may have to go on talking for a long time. A friendly attitude goes a long way. With Mercury's help, you extricate yourself from a jinxed situation. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A very private and personal matter needs sorting out. Lunar forces are helping you to see a way forward out of a quandary. The flipside of a partner gets you in a sexual twist. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A conversation with someone in a health-related business or similar location makes for the start of a more adventurous phase. Mars

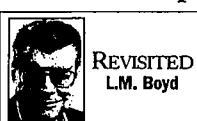
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gives added energy, and could fuel your impatience. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Friends and neighbors make you laugh. Your assurance and self-confidence get attention at work. You like the responsibility a new project brings. A broken friendship can be mended. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Loyalty is what you ask for from others. An offer has you of two minds. You have freedom to choose. Rebuilding a relationship could cost energy and time. Avoid the pitfalls. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You're in a daring mood, but the first step isn't easy. Your perseverance inspires others to join you. Likeminded people giving support gets the ball rolling. AQUARIUS is in the picture. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Do you know all the odds and exactly what is involved? Spelling out the pitfalls makes it easier to proceed. You're tempted to do all the talking, but for now try to listen. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): This is a good time to raise questions with people dear to you. Being inspired with words is the clue. Saying too much is folly, but you know how to be inventive. PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Loved ones or friends need help in being relieved of certain obligations. It's not easy for you, but your support makes for good feelings and better relationships. You'll gain on the roundabout. Q. What's the main reason many older couples decide to sleep in separate rooms? A. Snoring. Q. What's the world's largest piece of heavy machinery? A. "Big Muscle," the stripminer in the Appalachian coal fields, last heard. As broad as an interstate highway, that one. If a fish can't close its mouth, it will drown.

Coach: Women walk from the hip

"Women tend to walk from the hip, men from the knee." So says a coach of athletes male and female. "Beware of the woman who tries to take care of everybody." That's Item No. 46j in our Love and War man's file of Advice to Young Men in Search of Matrimonial Mates. "The universal caretaker," it reads, "tends to gather up the troubles of others, and hand them to her partner."

Scientists now say it takes the human body 21 days to adjust its behavior. Half that, I suppose, for misbehavior. Q. Can a homing pigeon over Nevada hear the Pacific? A. Evidently. Q. Can rollers send infrasonic mumbblings across much mileage, even as elephants and earthquakes. Lot of birds and beasts sense the rumblings. Seagulls over Salt Lake City hear the water to the west, it is believed. Whales may be panicked by the growling earth beneath the shaky shorelines. Q. What's the main reason many older couples decide to sleep in separate rooms? A. Snoring. Q. What's the world's largest piece of heavy machinery? A. "Big Muscle," the stripminer in the Appalachian coal fields, last heard. As broad as an interstate highway, that one. If a fish can't close its mouth, it will drown.



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World's first stolen car was a Peugeot - Beau-de-Zouave of France in June of 1896 took it back to the manufacturer's plant in Paris for repairs. A mechanic there made off with it.

Before the thermometer, a cook stuck a bare arm into the oven, and counted. If the arm had been pulled out before the count of eight, the oven was hot enough to bake bread.

Bluffing has been described as "piecing together what you know to cover up your ignorance." Claim is the best grades on multiple-choice tests are made by the best bluffers.

Those three cities worldwide tourists must visit, in order, are Paris, Rome and San Francisco, still. Top five in the United States, likewise in order, remain San Francisco, Seattle, San Diego, Boston and New Orleans. So report the travel experts.

No statistic suggests any animal in the wild ever dies of "old age."

The History Channel airs 'Attila' today

Tribune Media Services Today "Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story" - The martial arts legend overcomes racism and finds love during his swift rise to stardom. (TV14) AMERICAN MOVIE CLASSICS 6 p.m. "Attila" - A power-hungry general is freed from prison and sent to prevent an attack on Rome by the famous Hun and his warriors. (CC) (TVPG) THE HISTORY CHANNEL 6 p.m. "NFL Football" - From the Network Associates Coliseum in Oakland, Calif. (ABC) 7 p.m.

TV Best Bets

Wednesday "National Geographic" - The rites and ritual, vigils and holy places that define Hajj, the time when Muslims converge on Mecca to ask pardon for sins and renew spiritual commitment. (CC) (TVPG) PBS 7 p.m. "Beetlejuice" - Two recently deceased newlyweds hire a vulgar ghost to frighten an obnoxious family of new tenants out of their New England home. (CC) SCIENCE FICTION CHANNEL 7 p.m. "Karen Sisco" - Karen teams up with a marshy guest star Gary Cole) to hunt down three parolees on a crime spree, unaware that the lawman plans to mete out his own deadly brand of justice. (CC) (TVPG) ABC 9 p.m. Thursday "Scrubs" - As JD and Elliot begin training interns, Sean (guest star Scott Foley) shares some tips he picked up during his time at SeaWorld. Christopher Meloni also guest stars. (CC) (TV14) NBC 7:30 p.m.

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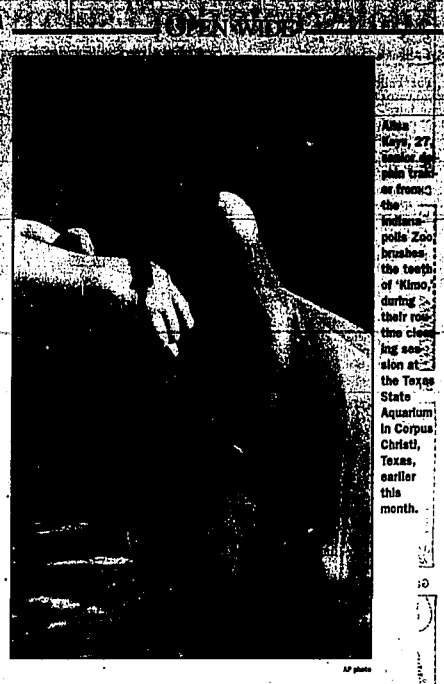
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COLORRECTAL CANCER

WHAT DOES THE COLON DO? The colon, or the large intestine, is at the end of the digestive system. Its primary function is to dehydrate (dry, package, and store the waste left over after food is digested and absorbed by the small intestine. The colon absorbs water and reduces the volume of waste that needs to be eliminated in the stool. COLORRECTAL CANCER Cancer of the colon and rectum - called colorectal cancer [CRC] - is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among men and women in the United States. However, if detected early, colorectal cancer can be cured. With simple preventive steps, you can greatly reduce your risk of developing the disease. Colorectal cancer develops from non-cancerous polyps called adenomatous polyps. A polyp is a grape-like growth on the inside wall of the colon or rectum. Polyps grow slowly over three to ten years. Most people do not develop polyps until after the age of 50. Some polyps become cancerous, others do not. In order to prevent colorectal cancer, it is important to get screened to find out if you have polyps, and have them removed if you do. Removal of polyps has been shown to prevent CRC. There are several inherited disorders that greatly increase your risk of CRC. However, they are very uncommon. Other factors that increase your risk of developing CRC are: A diet that is low in fiber and high in fat • A sedentary lifestyle A discussion of symptoms and types of screening tests available will appear in this article next week. To be continued...

DiBert By Charles M. Schulz

Panel 1: "HAS THE BOMB COME YET?" "YEAH, DO YOU WANT ME TO ASK MATH?"

Panel 2: "WELL, YES, HE'S COME YET!" "NO, THE STUPID SCHOOL BUS HASN'T COME YET!"

Panel 3: "NO MILK MEANT FOR YOUR CEREAL THIS MORNING, HUH?"

Snorkel N' Goorks By Lynn Johnston

Panel 1: "SNORKEL N' GOORKS!" "STAY AWAY FROM THE COVER!"

Panel 2: "SNORKEL N' GOORKS!"

Panel 3: "WHAUMPH!"

Panel 4: "SNORKEL N' GOORKS!"

DiBert By Scott Adams

Panel 1: "WHO'S TODAY'S GUEST CARTOONIST?" "AT GREAT EXPENSE, I'VE JUST HIRED NILDO DREIFUS AS A CONTRIBUTOR. HE WILL INCREASE OUR PRODUCTIVITY BY REPLYING TO LETTERS THAT WE'VE ACTUALLY WASTED!"

Panel 2: "WELL, NILDO, HOW DID YOU ACQUIRE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT'S B.L.T. (B.L.T. = BUSINESS LETTERS TO) FROM PSYCHOLOGY?" "ON THIS DATE, I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!"

Panel 3: "LET ME GUESS YOU'VE BEEN FIRED FOR WAITING?" "WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF CONSULTING!"

*ANSWER: GO TO DILBERT.COM

DiBert By Dean Young & Stan Drake

Panel 1: "LET'S SEE HOW WINGS USE MY GOVY SOCKS?"

Panel 2: "?"

Panel 3: "THAT WOULD BE THE SOCK AND I WISH HAVING A TUG-OF-WAR OVER!"

B.C. By Johnny Hart

Panel 1: "WELL, I'LL BE..."

Panel 2: "— SAY IT WITH ME: 'A FOOT BRIDGE.'" "A FOOT BRIDGE."

Pickles By Brian Crane

Panel 1: "THAT'S AN INTERESTING SOFA STICKER THAT DAD HAS."

Panel 2: "SOFA STICKER? WHAT'S A SOFA STICKER?"

Panel 3: "IT'S LIKE A BUMPER STICKER, BUT IT GOES ON BACK OF THE SOFA."

Panel 4: "WANTS MY CHANNEL SURFER? BOSS-LEVEL!"

Garfield By Jim Davis

Panel 1: "I WONDER IF I'D MISS YOU IF YOU WENT AWAY?"

Panel 2: "NICE TRY."

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

Panel 1: "WE'VE GOT BETTER-LOOKIN' ART ON OUR FRIDGE."

Panel 2: "I WANNA GET REAL FAT. COACH SAID OUR TEAM NEEDS A GOOD WIDE RECEIVER."

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

Panel 1: "I'M GIVING CHIP A DRIVING LESSON."

Panel 2: "IT MIGHT HELP HIS CONFIDENCE IF YOU SAT IN THE FRONT SEAT."

Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady

Panel 1: "CAN YOU CONTACT MY DEAR WIFE?" "SURE."

Panel 2: "THE LINE'S BUSY."

Panel 3: "THAT'S HER!"

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

Panel 1: "CAN YOU CONTACT MY DEAR WIFE?" "SURE."

Panel 2: "THE LINE'S BUSY."

Panel 3: "THAT'S HER!"

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

Panel 1: "SURRENDER YOUR CASTLE, AND I WILL TAKE OVER AS THE NEW OWNER!" "OKAY, BUT YOU'LL BE SORRY!"

Panel 2: "WHY?" "THE HEATING BILLS FOR THIS PLACE ARE AN URDER!"

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

Panel 1: "OOPS!"

Panel 2: "WHICH COPS? COPS, YOU MADE A MISTAKE, OR COPS, I'M GOING TO FIND OUT ABOUT IT?"

Panel 3: "EVERY COPS TO WHICH I AM ENTITLED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION!"

Panel 4: "THANKS FOR NOTICING."

Boo! Boo! By Mort Walker

Panel 1: "I GUESS I SHOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT MY PERSONAL APPEARANCE." "BUT WHAT?"

Panel 2: "SLIPCOVERS?" "GREG! MORT WALKER."

Luann By Greg Evans

Panel 1: "SO, HOW'S DICK DOIN'?" "OK, NURSING SOME BROKEN RIBS AND A FRACTURED TIBIA."

Panel 2: "GUESS HE'S OUT OF THE PICTURE FOR A WHILE." "MEANING?"

Panel 3: "ME? DON'T YOU MEAN 'YOU'?" "OR DO YOU REALLY MEAN 'US'?"

Panel 4: "WHAT? I DON'T KNOW! JEEZ! CAN'T I JUST MAKE SIMPLE CONVERSATION?" "NOT ANY MORE."

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

Panel 1: "PLEASE DEPOSIT \$4 FOR THE RETURN OF YOUR ATM CARD."

Panel 2: "A SURE SIGN YOU'RE GETTING OLD... MORE ICE BAGS IN YOUR FREEZER THAN FOOD!"

Strange Brew By John Deering

Panel 1: "MULTIPLE PERSONALITY DISORDER CLINIC."

Panel 2: "IT'S ILLEGAL FOR ME TO STAY HERE? WHO SAYS?" "WELL..." "DO HEAR AS I CAN FIGURE, IT'S BILL CLINTON'S FAULT."

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

Panel 1: "A SURE SIGN YOU'RE GETTING OLD... MORE ICE BAGS IN YOUR FREEZER THAN FOOD!"

SCHOOL DAYS

Teachers step up for healthy Huskies tradition

Hansen High School has many small-school qualities such as one-on-one time with teachers, the friendly environment, the capacity to be involved in more than one activity and the unique Husky traditions.

One of these traditions is a 10-minute time period between second- and third-hour classes. This break is called "Husky Break."

During Husky Break, students can buy from the school's concession stand. For the past five years, the snacks that were available were not necessarily the most healthy. Due to the efforts of Mrs. Romaley and Mrs. Newbury, our health and home economics teachers, more nutritional foods have been incorporated. Some of these foods include: milk products, fruit juices, bread and jam, and bread sticks.

Hansen has approximately 169 students enrolled in the Jr./Sr. High. Over the years, the enrollment has ranged between 160-180 students. The school has endured many physical changes, as well, from the old country schoolhouse to the new 1997 facility. However, a constant force keeps the school alive, and that is the community support.

Some of these individuals from the community serve on the

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school's five-member board. They strive to create a welcoming and highly academic place for each student in the school, and involve the community in school endeavors. In their next meeting they will decide a date for graduation, discuss the pathway between the high school and elementary, how to intergot test scores and how to go about forming a transportation co-op with Kimberly.

Because the Huskies are aiming for a better tomorrow, the faculty has allowed several college visits. Places like CSI, BSU, WYOtech, UofI, Linfield, and Professional Technical of the State Department of Education have been coming to our school campus to help students make more informed decisions about their future college life. Not only do these visits benefit seniors, they benefit juniors, sophomores and freshmen, too, since they are able to plan ahead and not have to wait until they are seniors to discover the place that will best suit their needs for advanced education.



Citizens of the Week at Big Valley Elementary School. Report given from left, back: Sagey, Ambert, Kyle, Honsinger, Rennie, Edwards, Jovani, Gonzalez and Krista, Maria Marquez, center: Anethi Glickstein, Brandi Helzer, Emily Searle, Oscar Gonzalez, Travis Halverson and Crystal Peterson; front: Samantha Drown, Paige Shiner, Jenna Abern, Nevin Krista Kulm and Erik Guzman.

Jerome High School has plenty of success stories

Last week was full of success stories at Jerome High School.

Early in the week, senior project proposals were given back to the seniors. Eighty-four percent of seniors turned in proposals, and 70 percent of these were approved. The senior project must be approved by a Senior Project Review Board, and of the 30 percent denied, the majority were not filled out completely. The deadline for completed proposals and the poster of commitment is Oct. 29.

So far, the senior projects have been generating good responses.

"I think the senior projects will be a good experience that will give us an opportunity to do things we never thought we could," said Venessa Macias.

The Jerome football team has been recognized by the HISAA Scholastic Award program. The team earned the Scholastic Team Award by having a cumulative team GPA of 3.08. Individual honors were given to Jed Seamons, Kris Mosely, Shane Humphries, Brett Hamilton, Derek Jansson, John Capps and Kaesey Child for having GPAs better than 3.75. Way to go, guys!

The Jerome STARS should be commended on a job well done. The presentation of Neil Simon's "Fools" last week was one of the best performances

TIGER PRINTS Kayla Earle

seen at JHS. The cast included Zach Lloyd, Tandra Fairbanks, Jamee Walker, Jenz Hansen, Adam Smith, Venessa Macias, Cheri Bright, Justine Potter, and Tasha O'Toole.

"They worked really hard, put in a lot of hours before school, at lunch, and on weekends," said director Michelle McFarlane. "They are really a great group. Congratulations to the cast and everyone who helped backstage."

The Athletic Tigers of the Month were Jose Castillo, Gabriel Castano, Luis Nolasco, Guillermo Mireles, Mallory Meservy, Silvia Miramontes, Karen Medina, Jenny Dixon, Sam Yau, Ted Tolman, Trey Tolman, Jeff Mortensen, Tara Davis, Ana Bartholomew, Sara Traugher, Karl Green, Camille Bingham, Clay Swan, Britt Thiesen, Patrick Fleming, Steven Kinchole, Whitney Clark, Jena Bubak, Lindsay Kulm, and Megan Parrish.

The Tiger Pride Winners were Clay Swan, Elisa Hope, Tara Davis, Krista Kulm, Whitney Clark, Costa Paulos, Kaeli Golay, Chad Clark, and Zach Lloyd.

JEROME ROYALTY



Jerome High School's homecoming royalty is Queen Krista Kulm and King Jared Miller.

SCHOOL NEWS

Burley HS announces citizens of the month

BURLEY - Burley High School announced that Camille Wells and Abram Jones were chosen Renaissance Citizens for the month of September.

The teacher who nominated Camille is always helpful and responsible and goes beyond what is expected. The teacher who nominated Abram said that he is a conscientious student and is good with students and faculty.

Renaissance Students for the week of Oct. 6-10 are Amy Larios and Alex Adams.

Stuart presents comical version of 'Sleepy Hollow'

TWIN FALLS - The Robert

Stuart Junior High School advanced drama class is presenting a comical version of the Kinship Hollow story

called, "Teabod" at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 27 in the Robert Stuart Cafetorium, 644 Casswell Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

The play is free, but donations will be accepted. The director is Maggie Forner. For more information, call the school at 733-4875.

Burley High School band, Stepperettes earn trophy

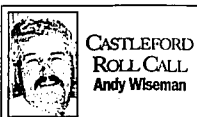
BURLEY - The Burley High School Bobcat Band and Stepperettes competed at the recent Treasure Valley Festival of Bands and returned home with the second place trophy in their division.

Castleford has successful Homecoming week

Congratulations to the 2003 Homecoming royalty: King Robert Comer/Queen Jessica Hill, Junior Prince Luis Hernandez/Junior Princess Laura Zavala - Sophomore Prince Michael Brubaker/Sophomore Princess Nancy Monge, Freshman Prince Eduardo Hernandez/Freshman Princess Anna Lopez.

Also, congratulations to the entire student body and staff on a fun and successful Homecoming week.

Music instructor Carolyn Kohnopp is busy preparing for the all-school music program to be held Oct. 29 at 1:45 in



CASTLEFORD ROLL CALL
Andy Wiseman

Cothern Memorial Gymnasium. Mrs. Kohnopp sang a patriotic medley will begin the program, followed by Halloween songs and dances presented by kindergarten through the fifth grade. The sixth grade and junior high bands will also perform. Sue Ambrose, Castleford

schools testing coordinator, says that our initial results from our ISAT testing looks promising. The teachers will be given results for each of their students next week, and these results will be shared with parents at the student-led conferences on Oct. 30 and 31.

The school board has also scheduled staff development days for Nov. 3 and 4. Dr. Reynolds will assist our staff about interpreting and using student data to drive instruction and increase student performance.

We are teaching some of the elementary classes according to

teacher expertise and interest areas this year. For example, Kent Dahl, our third-grade teacher, is teaching science to our first-, third-, and soon our fourth-grade students this year. Ruth Wells, our first-grade teacher, is teaching phonics and associated reading strategies to our first-, second- and third-grade students. We are excited to see the results from this teacher-initiated curriculum delivery approach. Jean Dudley, Castleford School librarian, would like all parents to take advantage of the school-wide book fair that will be held Oct. 29-31.

Gooding High School's 'I Hate Hamlet' delights fans

With a wonderful crew and an exquisite cast, Gooding High School's latest theatrical performance, "I Hate Hamlet," will be fondly remembered as one of the greatest. I laughed, I cheered, and I was left begging for more.

I had the wonderful opportunity to attend two of the three nights and found both performances to be absolutely delightful.

Nick Tiller became Andrew Rally, an insecure television

GOODING SCHOOL NEWS Paul Sebastian

actor who, after deciding to try theater, attempts to conquer the role of Hamlet. Dusty Hodge brought the role of John Barrymore to life by capturing the spirit of Shakespeare while wearing his stunning black tights.

The cast was comprised of remarkable young thespians including Melissa Bento, Laurel Moore, Melissa Myers and Jillian Legard. Morgan Bow contributed her efforts as the stage manager, and Chance McCloud orchestrated the wonderful lighting.

For those of you who missed the play, I strongly encourage you to attend a production before the year is over. Drama has been discussing a future production of "A Christmas Carol," and it

promises to be just as good as "I Hate Hamlet."

Upcoming events at GHS include volleyball districts against Kimberly on Oct. 23. Senior night, the final football game, will be against Wood River on Oct. 24. Also on Friday, volleyball will have a benefit dinner from 5 to 7 to raise funds for the state competition. I would like to invite everyone to come and support the Senators as the fall sports season comes to an end.

Community

A page for you and your neighbors.



Secretary of State Colin Powell, followed by National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, walks amid journalists, security agents, and White House aides as he navigates through the chaos of the presidential entourage to view the splendors of ancient Siam, Sunday. Powell and Rice are traveling with President Bush on a nine-day trip to Asia and Australia, including the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit, APEC, that begins on Monday.

U.N.-sponsored report: U.S. measures hinder Arab progress

The Washington Post

Progress in the Arab world is being hindered by the Bush administration's post-Sept. 11 tightening of visa restrictions and the U.S. government's treatment of terrorism suspects, a team of Arab intellectuals contended in a new report to be released Monday in Jordan.

Thirty percent fewer Arabs studied in the United States in 2002 than three years earlier, according to Arab Human Development Report, while some Arab governments defended draconian measures against opponents by pointing to the stern security measures imposed by

the Americans and other developed democracies.

"It's 30 percent. Many reformers saw these people as the future hope," Rima Khalaf Humaidi, director of the United Nations-sponsored report, said in an interview. "They were the ones who advocated reform. They were the ones who had a different vision."

The student numbers couldn't be independently verified Sunday.

The study, one of a U.N. Development Program series on obstacles to Arab development, comes as President Bush and his foreign policy staff pursue an ambitious project to push demo-

cratic change in the Islamic world. It follows an unfavorable assessment of U.S. public diplomacy efforts in Muslim countries by a White House-appointed committee.

The Bush administration contends that security threats posed by Islamic extremists and their political and economic backers justify the strict approach to visas for travel, study and work. Officials defend their counterterrorism record, including forceful interrogation and lengthy detention of terror suspects, as humane and warranted, although human rights groups and the Justice Department's inspector general have raised questions.

Long teachers' strike drives home hard lessons

Los Angeles Times

MARYSVILLE, Wash. — Fifth-grader Francesca Rubatino is only vaguely aware that the teacher strike in town set a record. At 48 days and counting, it's the longest ever in Washington state and the only teacher strike left in the country.

"These 11-year-old knows is that she's tired of doing nothing. She misses her friends, and she doesn't like getting scolded by her parents for doing things like ordering hip-hop jewelry from the Internet. "There's nothing else to do," she complains.

Her mother, Michele Rubatino, is tired of getting up every morning and thinking of things to keep her daughter, an only child, busy. She and her husband, Frank, tried to enter Francesca in another district but were turned down. Now the family is thinking of moving from this blue-collar burg 25 miles north of Seattle.

"It's just so mad," Michele Rubatino says.

The families of 11,200 students in the Marysville School District are in the same waiting game, wondering when the strike will end and life can return to normal.

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"It's an option. It's always an option," says Elaine Hanson, a high school math teacher and president of the teachers' union, the Marysville Education Association. "When the time comes, the teachers will decide whether we follow the court order or continue on."

School district spokeswoman Judy Parker said she was confident the teachers would honor the court's decision and that Marysville schools would soon "be open for business." Parker said 40 students have transferred to other districts since the strike began Sept. 2.

Gay bishop-elect says he's supposed to press on

MARYSVILLE, N.H. (AP) — The Episcopal Church's first openly gay bishop-elect said Sunday he agonizes over the turmoil he is causing but believes God wants him to go forward.

"This is one of the hardest things I'll ever do," the Rev. V. Gene Robinson told about 40 people during religious education hour at Grace Church. "I do have this sense I'm supposed to go forward, but I do feel that coming from God and not my own ego. But I don't know."

Robinson was elected by New Hampshire clergy and parishioners in June and confirmed by the national Episcopal Church in August.

He is scheduled to be consecrated as bishop of New Hampshire in two weeks. The election and confirmation

of Robinson outraged some conservative who threatened to divide the Episcopal Church in the United States and the worldwide Anglican Communion of which it is part.

As an emergency meeting in London last week, Anglican leaders warned that if Robinson is consecrated Nov. 2, "the future of the communion itself will be put in jeopardy."

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