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Wildfires ravage California

Thirteen die while 650 homes burn

The Associated Press

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. - Wildfires that have burned for days merged into walls of flame stretching across miles in parts of Southern California on Sunday, leaving 13 people dead, burning 650 homes and frustrating overmatched firefighters who worked relentlessly against fierce winds.

The state's largest fire, in eastern San Diego County, caused at least nine deaths, including two who died inside their car as they apparently tried to escape the flames, San Diego Sheriff Bill Kolender said.

"We were literally running through fire," said Lisa Pontes, 43, who escaped the fire with her family after the roar of flames woke them at 3:45 a.m. As they drove off, they saw a neighbor's mobile home explode.

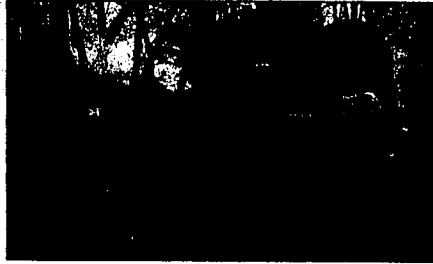
"It was grabbing wet towels. Fire was at our feet," Pontes said. "It was blazing over our heads and burning everywhere."

A total of ten major fires burned in



SOURCE: Associated Press

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Angel Castillo attempts to fight a wild fire as it consumes his family's guest house Sunday near Santa Paula, Calif.

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A WAY TO BREATHE EASIER?



Dr. Gregory Kadlec, of Asthma and Allergy of Idaho, shows a chart of the human respiratory system at his office in Twin Falls. Kadlec is participating in a four-month national study on an experimental asthma drug.

Local patients can take part in study on medication

About asthma

- Asthma is a disease that affects the lungs and is the most common long-term disease of children.
- Always are the paths that carry air to the lungs. As the air moves through the lungs, the airways become smaller, like branches of a tree. During an asthma attack, the sides of the airways in the lungs become inflamed and swollen. Muscles around the airways tighten, and less air passes in and out of the lungs. Excess mucus forms in the airways, clogging them even more. The attack, also called an episode, can include coughing, chest tightness, wheezing and trouble breathing.
- In 2001, 20.3 million Americans had asthma, and 12 million had had an asthma attack in the previous year. If a person has a parent with asthma, he or she is three to six times more likely to develop asthma than is a person who does not have a parent with asthma.
- Environmental exposures, such as air pollution, mold, cockroach allergen, pet fur, house dust mites and environmental tobacco smoke, can trigger asthma attacks. Strenuous physical exercise in adverse weather conditions can trigger attacks in some people.

- A health-care provider trying to diagnose asthma will ask a patient questions about coughing, especially coughing at night, and whether breathing problems are worse after physical activity or during a particular time of year. Providers also ask about other symptoms, such as chest tightness, wheezing and colds that last more than 10 days.
- Testing of lung function, called spirometry, is another way to diagnose asthma. A spirometer is a piece of equipment that measures the largest amount of air a person can exhale after taking a deep breath.
- Asthma can be controlled with medicine and by avoiding environmental triggers.
- Medicines for asthma is different for each person. It can be inhaled or taken as a pill and comes in two types - quick-relief and long-term control. Quick-relief medicines control the symptoms of an asthma attack. Long-term control medicines help people have fewer and milder attacks, but don't help them if they're having an attack. Asthma medicines can have side effects, but most are mild and go away on their own.

Source: Centers for Disease Control

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Local doctors are starting a new study that will help people breathe a little easier.

Twin Falls is among close to 80 cities across the United States chosen to participate in a 29-week clinical research study to investigate if an experimental medication is safe and effective for the treatment of asthma.

Local adults between the ages of 18 and 70 are being recruited to participate in the study on a new experimental asthma treatment. According to the Centers for Disease Control, 20.3 million Americans had asthma in 2001, and 12 million had had an asthma attack in the previous year. More than 4,000 people die from asthma nationwide each year.

Dr. Gregory Kadlec and nurse practitioner Drew Simmons of Asthma and Allergy of Idaho are coordinating the Twin Falls study. Kadlec said there's certainly no shortage of asthma patients in Twin Falls.

"It's the main part of what we do," said Kadlec, who has been an asthma and allergy specialist for 26 years. "Seven to 8 percent of Americans have asthma, so it's extremely common."

In an asthma attack, the airways in the lungs become blocked. As the air moves through the lungs, the airways become smaller like branches of a tree. During an asthma attack, the sides of the airways in the lungs become inflamed and swollen. Muscles around the airways tighten, and less air passes in and out of the lungs. Excess mucus forms in the airways, clogging them even more.

Because of the common occurrence of asthma attacks, the disease has a substantial societal and economic impact, according to a news release from Pegasus, the company conducting the study for a major pharmaceutical company. Asthma-related health care costs are estimated at \$14 billion annually, the news release said.

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Attack drives Americans from hotel

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq - The U.S. occupation authority retreated from its headquarters Sunday after Iraqi insurgents, using a "science project" of a rocket launcher, attacked the heavily guarded hotel with a missile barrage that killed an American colonel, wounded 18 other people and sent the visiting deputy defense secretary scurrying for safety.

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looking but unhurt Pentagon deputy said the strike against the Al Rasheed Hotel, from nearly point-blank range, "will not deter us from completing our mission" in Iraq.

"We'll have to get the security situation under control," Secretary of State Colin Powell told NBC's "Meet the Press."

The Bush administration knew postwar security would be a challenge, but "we didn't expect it would be quite this intense this long," he said.

The assault was likely planned over at least the past two months, a top U.S. commander said, as the insurgents

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A U.S. soldier patrols near Baghdad's Al Rasheed Hotel after eight rocketeers struck the hotel early Sunday.

Fed may leave rates unchanged

Economy perks up, but Greenspan doesn't want to scare investors

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A long time coming, the U.S. economy finally appears to be perking up. Growth over the summer sizzled. Even the downtrodden labor market is showing signs of life.

Just don't tell Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues, who meet Tuesday to decide whether to change interest rates.

The central bank is widely expected to turn a blind eye to all the good news. The Policy-makers do not want to spook jittery bond investors into thinking the faster growth will lead the Fed to start raising interest rates.

Economists predict no change in the benchmark federal funds rate, now at 1 percent, a 45-year low. They also expect Fed officials to continue to indicate it will be some time before they begin to consider raising rates.

"Clearly, the Fed is not going to be talking about hiking interest rates anytime soon," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo in Minneapolis. "The Fed doesn't want to do anything dramatic that would shock the markets."

Normally, stronger economic growth would cause the Fed to think about nudging rates higher to make sure that increased demand for goods and services did not cause inflation to rise.

Many economists believe the economy raced ahead at an annual rate of 6 percent or better in the July-September quarter. If confirmed when the government releases the data on Thursday, that would be the fastest growth in the gross domestic product since late 1999.

Another sign of strength is the Fed's latest survey of business conditions. It found that virtually every region of the country enjoying stronger growth.

Even the job market is on the upswing. Since early 2001, 2.7 million have lost their jobs during the recession and weak recovery.

Alan Greenspan

TWIN FALLS FORECAST
 Today: Mostly sunny and windy. Highs near 67.
 Tonight: Windy with patchy clouds developing. Lows near 41.
 Tomorrow: Windy with increasing afternoon clouds. Highs near 65.

Tonight: Windy with patchy clouds developing. Lows near 41.
 Tomorrow: Windy with increasing afternoon clouds. Highs near 65.

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 Tomorrow: More sunny and windy weather. Highs in the 60s.

Tomorrow: More sunny and windy weather. Highs in the 60s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.
 Sunny and windy through Tuesday. Becoming cloudy and cold Wednesday through Friday. Periods of rain and snow developing late in the week.

BOISE
 Mild, sunny, windy and dry through Tuesday. Turning colder Wednesday through Friday with periods of rain and possibly snow developing.

NORTHERN UTAH
 Mostly sunny and dry through Wednesday. Turning colder with increasing clouds expected towards week end.

Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 70 at Boise Low: 19 at Stanley
 Weather key: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, m-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, in-Intermittent, sh-showers/rain, sn-snow, fl-flooding, w-wind, mt-mist/fog

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Low 39	Low 39	Low 39	Low 39	Low 39	Low 39

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Temperature Precipitation Humidity Barometric Pressure Sunrise and Sunset Pollen Count

MOON PHASES

Nov. 1 First Qr. Nov. 9 Full Moon. Nov. 17 Last Qr. Nov. 25 New Moon.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Today Moonrise: 11:32 AM Moonset: 7:29 PM

U.V. INDEX
 Tuesday: Moderate-High

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday
Boise	62-74	63-71	49-54
Idaho Falls	55-67	56-64	42-48
Rupert	60-72	61-69	47-52

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday
Atlanta	67-74	61-62	50-58
Boston	40-48	42-45	35-38
Chicago	55-65	58-62	48-52

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday
Athens	73-83	77-81	78-81
Bangkok	80-90	83-93	84-94
Buenos Aires	67-77	68-78	68-78

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP

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CANADIAN FORECAST

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Edmonton	43-53	41-51
Halifax	48-58	46-56

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Iraq

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 put together the improvised rocket launcher and figured out how to wheel it into the park just across the street from the hotel.

The effect of the 6:10 a.m. volley of rockets was dramatic. U.S. officials and officers fled from the Al Rasheed, some still in pajamas or shorts to a nearby convention center. The concrete western face of the 18-story building was pockmarked with a hail of shrapnel and more blast holes, and windows shattered in at least two dozen rooms.

The modern, 462-room Al-Rasheed, housing civilian officials of the U.S.-led Coalition Provisional Authority and U.S. military personnel, is a symbol of the occupation. The assault highlighted the vulnerability of even heavily guarded U.S. facilities in Iraq, where American forces sustain an average of 20 lower-profile attacks daily, and where Wolfowitz came to assess ways to defeat the stubborn 6-month-old insurgency.

More than 15 hours after the rocket fire and after U.S. security officials flooded the neighborhood, two explosions went off in the same downtown area. An Iraqi policeman said an assailant fired a rocket-propelled grenade at a U.S. convoy next to the al-Mansour Hotel, about a mile away from the Al Rasheed. There were no casualties, he said.

A day earlier, a rocket-propelled grenade forced down a U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopter north of Baghdad, the 4th Infantry Division commander said. The incident occurred just hours after Wolfowitz left that area on the second day of his three-day visit. One soldier was injured.

The U.S. command said the wounded included seven American civilians, four U.S. military personnel and five non-U.S. civilians working for the coalition. Two Iraqi security guards also were hurt. The command did not immediately identify the dead American, but Wolfowitz said he was a U.S. colonel.

A senior FBI official said the bureau, the Defense Department, the State Department and Iraqi police were all involved in the investigation. Wolfowitz and his aides were very close to the area of the hotel that was struck, but there was no indication the attack was directed at Wolfowitz, Pentagon said.

Brig. Gen. Martin Dempsey of the 1st Armored Division said he believed the insurgents timed the attack with the lifting this weekend of an overnight curfew in Baghdad and the reopening of a major city bridge.

"Any time we demonstrate a return to normalcy, there are those who will push back at that," said Dempsey, who is responsible for security in Baghdad.

Iraqi police said the attacker or attackers boldly drove a white Chevrolet pickup to the edge of the city's main Zawra Park and Zoo, just 400 yards southwest of the hotel, towing what looked like a portable, two-wheeled generator.

A police commander said on condition of anonymity that when security guards approached, the assailants drove off, but rockets within the blue trailer apparently had been set to fire via a timer and automatically ignited. Bashing toward the hotel, a clear shot loomed just over the treetops.

"When he saw us, he fled," guard Jabbar Tarek said of the driver. The guards weren't armed, Tarek said, or "I would have fired on him."

Fire

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 Southern California, one large cluster in the San Diego area and another about 100 miles north near San Bernardino. By Sunday night, the fires had blackened 254,000 acres.

Fire also forced the evacuation of a Federal Aviation Administration control center in San Diego, disrupting air travel across the nation. Some airlines canceled flights into the region.

The biggest, at 100,000 acres, started Saturday near the mountain town of Julian when a lost hunter set off a signal fire, authorities said. The hunter was detained and may face charges.

Among those killed were one person whose body was found in a motor home, and three in other vehicles, county sheriff's spokeswoman Susan Kausus said. Three were killed while trying to escape on foot and two were dead on arrival at local hospitals.

About 260 homes were destroyed, San Diego police said.

Another fire near San Diego that started Sunday killed two people and destroyed 36 homes while burning 3,000 acres, Lora Lowes of the California Department of Forestry said. It also prompted evacuations in northern Escondido.

The flames drew much of their strength from the fierce Santa Ana winds, whose gusts of up to 70 mph moved the fires along.

Around the congested suburbs of San Bernardino, a city of about 200,000, a 50-mile east of Los Angeles, one flank of a 50,000-acre fire burned through four towns while the other flank destroyed more than 300 homes.

Study

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 Kadleck said people can develop asthma at any time in life, but frequently it's an inherited disease.

Is asthma something that never goes away?

Kadleck said long-term studies following symptoms up to 30 years have shown people disappear for some patients. Children's asthma treated early can help prevent asthma-related problems.

"The good part is there are some wonderful medications nowadays," Kadleck said. "We rarely put people in the hospital anymore. We can now normalize someone's asthma if we catch them early before there are permanent changes in the lungs."

Kadleck and Simmons will begin following their first volunteer today. Those interested in participating in the local study should call Debraus toll-free at 1-866-404-4447 or see the Web site at www.GoAsthma.com. If they qualify, they will be referred to Kadleck and Simmons.

About the study

- Volunteers in medical research studies help in the possible development of medical therapies that may offer better treatments and even cures for life-threatening and chronic diseases.
- A medical research study is a carefully designed trial that is done with volunteers who receive investigational treatments under supervision by physicians and other research professionals to try to determine the safety and efficacy of a drug.
- Sometimes volunteers in one study group will receive an investigational treatment or study drug, while other volunteers receive a placebo or a treatment already available. A placebo is a sugar pill that looks like the study medication but has no medical effect. Whether volunteers receive the placebo or the investigational drug, the level of care they receive is the same.
- One volunteer is enrolled in a study, they may receive study-related physical examinations and their medical histories will be reviewed.
- It is important that volunteers take all the medication as prescribed, use the home spirometer (breathing test), complete the daily asthma diary and keep all the scheduled visits.
- Volunteers have the right to leave the study at any time.
- After the study is completed, all the information is collected and analyzed to help determine the study drug's safety, efficacy and side effects. Medical advisers and specialists from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration closely review this data before considering any new investigational drug for approval.
- For more information on the clinical research study, call toll-free at 866-404-4447 or see the Web site at www.GoAsthma.com.
- Source: www.GoAsthma.com



Above, a Los Angeles City Fire Department helicopter drops water behind houses in Simi Valley, Calif., Sunday. A firebreak, backfires, and the helicopter saved the homes. Below, a home near San Diego burns.

watched his house burn, the county coroner said.

The 30-mile fire in the San Bernardino area was formed when two smaller fires merged, covering the region with thick smoke and ash.

Other fires on the outskirts of Los Angeles County merged to create a 80,000-acre fire that threatened 2,000 homes in four communities and closed four highways, sealing off access to two mountain towns, fire spokeswoman Michele Alcorn said.

Firefighters, including 25 strike teams and 125 engines, tried to make a stand at Crestline in the San Bernardino National Forest, according to U.S. Forest Service fire information officer Stanton Flores. But

hours later, Flores said homes there were burning as well.

Firefighters were spread thinly around threatened communities, focusing on saving what homes they could. Winds prevented the air tanker drops of retardant and use of backfires that are key tactics of fire containment.

The area is vulnerable because drought is an infestation of bark beetles have left millions of dead trees.

"If the fire starts to crown, raving from one tree to the next, it will be an extreme situation," Flores said.

Brandy DeBarre, 21, stayed at her Crestline home until the electricity went out and the smoke started to thicken.

"I got our animals. I got insurance papers. I didn't want to be up there if the town was going to burn down," she said.

Hours later, she was having second thoughts as she realized how much she had left behind. "I should have gotten more out, and I didn't."

Three looters who tried to take advantage of the San Bernardino evacuation were arrested, police said.

Gov. Gray Davis, who visited the San Bernardino area on Friday, returned Sunday to announce he was extending the state of emergency to Los Angeles and San Diego counties.

"This is a terrible situation," Davis said. "These are the worst fires that we've faced in California in 10 years."

Davis' administration also gave an emergency briefing to Gov.-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger.

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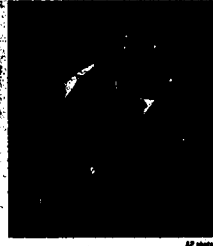
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NATION

Democrats argue over Iraq

Candidates debate war, tax policy

JEFFERSON CITY (AP) — Democratic presidential candidates eagerly attacked President Bush's postwar policy in Iraq Sunday night, accusing him of failing to protect the troops, seek international help or level with the American people.



Democrats including Sen. Joe Lieberman, of Connecticut, right, and U.S. Rep. Richard Gephardt, of Missouri, prepare prior to Sunday's debate in Detroit.

"Like father like son, four years and this president is done," said Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri, vowing the hope of all nine presidential hopefuls sharing a debate stage.

"We cannot afford to play Bush's game with the lives of American troops," added Al Sharpton in remarks that drew shouts of the loudest applause of the night.

On other issues in the fifth debate in seven weeks:

• Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina attacked Attorney General John Ashcroft for "abusing the discretion" he was given in anti-terrorism legislation known as the Patriot Act. "The liberties and freedoms we're supposed to be fighting for are in danger every single day this administration is in office," he said.

Retired Gen. Wesley Clark, a newcomer to the race who runs well in national surveys, drew fire several times, his main antagonist being Sen. Joe Lieberman.

Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean of Vermont, leading by double-digit margins in polling in New Hampshire, the nation's first primary state, did battle with Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry as well as Rep. Dennis Kucinich.

Town saw change in wife after husband disappeared

DEFIANCE, Iowa (AP) — Townspeople knew about Scott Shanahan's temper, that he was often moody and was anti-social. Some people said they saw the bruises that his wife, Dixie, tried to hide.



Dixie Shanahan

But authorities say Dixie Shanahan, 36, kept her biggest secret for the 14 months that followed her husband's August 2002 disappearance. This past week, Scott Shanahan's skeletal remains were found in a spare bedroom in their house. An autopsy showed he had been shot in the head.

Neighbors had already noticed a change in her.

"She was free — like a weight had been lifted off her shoulders, but soon returned," said Mary Schmitz, Schmitz and her son, Doug, said that they never saw Dixie Shanahan with bruises but that there were rumors that abuse was

comment on the case.

In July, nearly a year after Dixie Shanahan had reported her husband missing, she told sheriff's Deputy John Kelly that he had left her and moved to the nearby town of Atlantic.

Neighbors had already noticed a change in her.

"She was free — like a weight had been lifted off her shoulders, but soon returned," said Mary Schmitz, Schmitz and her son, Doug, said that they never saw Dixie Shanahan with bruises but that there were rumors that abuse was

common in the household.

"I can see what she went through, and he got what he deserved if what they say is true," Mary Schmitz said.

Court records show that on several occasions Scott Shanahan beat his wife, leaving her bloody and bruised.

In October 2000, a friend of Dixie Shanahan's told deputies that he had dragged her to the basement, tied her hands with a coat hanger and told her he could leave her there for weeks and "no one would know the difference," court records show. She went to a women's shelter in Texas, near relatives, but soon returned.

Resident Mickey Kloefer said people knew of the abuse. "But you didn't want to intrude in their business," Kloefer said.

Convicted murderers are found hiding inside prison

JEFFERSON CITY (AP) — Two convicted murderers who disappeared after allegedly beating another inmate to death at a prison ice plant were found Sunday, still inside the Missouri State Penitentiary.

Inmates Christopher Sims and Shannon Phillips were discovered in the same building where they are believed to have killed convicted murderer Toby Viles four days earlier, corrections department spokesman John

Rougere said. He said both men surrendered without a struggle. Hundreds of prison officials had been combing the penitentiary and its grounds since the men disappeared Wednesday.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Wendell hosts candidates forum

WENDELL - The Greater Wendell Area Gem Community Team is hosting a "meet the candidates" forum from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council chambers at the new Wendell City Hall.

The event is open to the public. Incumbent Don Bunn and new candidates Marina Barr, Jason Houser, Frank Rost and Hlene Coleman Rounsefell will be attending. Attorney Paul Kroeger will be mediating the event.

"The board of the Gem Team felt it was important to allow the community to hear the views and platforms of each of the candidates," Gem Team President Chris Jackson said. "City Council members are extremely important in the growth and stability of our community."

"Each candidate will be given five minutes to speak, then after all the candidates have presented their platforms, it will be open to a question and answer time," Jackson said. "This isn't a debate, it's just a time for the public to get to know those that want to serve the community as a City Council person."

Refreshments will be served. The election is set for Nov. 4 with the new City Hall at 300 Main St., across from the City Park, as the polling place.

The top two candidates will fill the open positions of incumbent Don Bunn and outgoing Fred McCloud, who chose not to run for another term.

Burley, Sun Valley receive fire grants

BOISE - Burley and Sun Valley firefighters were awarded funds under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program this week.

Burley Fire/North Cassia Rural received \$176,098 and the Sun Valley Fire Department received \$90,000.

Both groups will use their grants to improve fire operations and firefighter safety.

The grants are part of \$750 million allocated by Congress to the program.

This 19th round of awards came to nearly \$21 million and went to about 156 under-funded fire agencies around the country.

The program will supply one-year grants until September 2004. The program is administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate.

Noted psychotherapist offers workshop in T.F.

TWIN FALLS - One of the most influential psychotherapists in North America, as voted on by clinicians in a survey reported in *American Psychologist*, will present a workshop in Twin Falls on cognitive-behavioral treatment and the accompanying case conceptualization model.

Donald Meichenbaum, Ph.D., is the author of "Cognitive Behavior Modification: An Integrative Approach," which is considered a classic in the field of psychotherapy, according to a news release from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Meichenbaum will provide a brief overview of cognitive-behavioral treatment and teach participants how to apply the concept to treatment of individuals, particularly in a rural community.

The techniques can be employed in treating anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, interpersonal aggression and substance abuse, the news release said.

The workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 19 at the Radio Rondevo, 241 Main Ave.

The cost is \$65 for pre-registration and \$75 at the door, if space is still available.

Continuing education credits are available for nurses, social workers, counselors and marriage and family therapists, psychologists and physicians.

To learn more about the workshop or to register, call Canyon View at 734-6760.

Compiled from staff reports

T.F. looks to renew pool pact

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Anticipating utility rate increases, the city expects to spend \$157,500 this year to help the YMCA operate the city swimming pool.

That's an increase of about \$30,000 from the past fiscal year, but it's still much less than the \$250,000 subsidy the city had to provide when it ran the pool by itself.

The City Council is scheduled today to consider renewing its agreement with the YMCA, a one-year partnership city officials say

Meeting today

The Twin Falls City Council meets today at 5 p.m. in council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E. The meeting is open to the public.

has increased use of the pool while reducing the cost to the city.

"It's a win for the city," Finance Director Gary Evans said. "It's a double win because the Y has been able to get better utilization out of the facility."

As part of the agreement, the city agrees to pay the YMCA

\$50,000 for the 2003-04 fiscal year in non-personnel operating expenses. That's the same amount as last year, Evans said.

In addition, the city agrees to pay for utilities, including electricity and natural gas. Evans said those expenses totaled close to \$80,000 during the past year. Expecting rate increases by both Intermountain Gas Co. and Idaho Power Co., the city has budgeted \$107,000 for this year.

One additional expense for the city last year was an agreement to spend up to \$32,000 for new pool toys. Evans said not all of that

money has yet been spent, and there's no additional money budgeted for that purpose this year.

The YMCA is responsible for setting pool fees and keeps that money. It also covers personnel costs.

YMCA Aquatics Director John Twiss told the council last week that in the year since the YMCA took over management of the city pool, attendance has risen 65 percent. Revenue is up 43 percent, and operational expenses have been lowered 27 percent.

Also today, Council members are scheduled to hear reports on

remodeling of the city communications center and a study to determine whether new technology can reduce the cost of removing arsenic from city drinking water.

In addition, the council will review a proposed rezoning from agricultural to rural residential for 45 acres south of the Snake River Canyon rim between the future 2500 East and 2575 East roads. The request was made by Charles Mathews.

And the Yo Yo Cafe at 1703 Addison Ave. E. is seeking permission to provide hay rides during December.

A PLACE TO PLAY



COBY MYERS/The Times-News

Mike Esparza, left, whose son, Popplewell Elementary School third-grader Mikey, has been skateboarding for two years, is helping work toward getting the planning and funding needed to build a skate park at McClusky Park, background, in Buhl.

Buhl rallies to build skate park

By Erica Littlefield
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - There will soon be new hot spots in Buhl: a skate park. Its arrival won't come a moment too soon for many city residents - especially young people.

"We skate at the schools and the banks, and we always get in trouble," Buhl Middle School student Mitchell Christie said. "A skate park in Buhl would be great."

"We need a safe place for kids to go and skate. It's not safe for kids to be skating around businesses because there are so many cars and pedestrians," Mayor Barbara Gietzen said.

The city of Buhl is teaming up with organizations and businesses such as the West End Men's Association and Con Paulos Chevrolet-Pontiac-GMC to build a safe, fun place where the children

Want to help?

To find out how you can help build a skate park in Buhl, call Mayor Barbara Gietzen at 543-5831 or Jim Lunte at 543-6592.

of Buhl and the surrounding area can skate, rollerblade and skateboard.

The project - slated to take place at McClusky Park - is still in its preliminary stages. The first meeting of the West End Men's Association's skate park steering committee is next week, and the group is beginning to work with designers, architects and construction companies on a design and construction timeline for the park. Construction should begin in 2004 and be completed in time for Buhl's centennial celebration in 2006.

The idea for a skate park began several years ago when Buhl stu-

dents approached Gietzen with the idea of building a skate park. At the time there wasn't enough money for the project.

"Ever since that time, building a skate park has been one of my goals as mayor," Gietzen said.

Funding a project like a skate park - estimated to cost \$100,000 - is a big obstacle. The city has a \$40,000 nest egg set aside for the park and has plans for raising the rest of the money. Grant writing is the first half of the fund-raising process. The city is applying for an Idaho land and water grant and a Tony Hawk Foundation grant to help defray the cost of the park.

The city is also working with the West End Men's Association and Con Paulos to raise money. Gietzen is collaborating with Buhl residents Jim Lunte and Steve Keatz and the West End Men's Association on fund-raising. The association is glad to support this

project, said Jim Lunte, steering committee chairman.

"It fills a gap in our community," he said.

Con Paulos is also aiding in raising money for the park. To contribute to the cause, Con Paulos will donate \$100 to the skate park fund for every car or truck sold to a Buhl resident.

"Con wanted to get involved in the community in some meaningful way," said Mike Esparza, credit express manager for Con Paulos and Buhl resident.

Esparza is not only involved in the park through Con Paulos, but as a parent as well. His son, Mikey, likes to skateboard, but Esparza said it's difficult to find places for him to skateboard safely.

"This skate park is a needed thing. I tried to take Michael skateboarding the other day, and there's just no place to do it," Esparza said.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday:

Twin Falls - The Idaho National Guard Readiness Group will sponsor a haunted house at the Twin Falls armory from 7-10 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday and from 7-11 p.m. on Friday. Admission: \$4.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children 12 and under; a discount will be given if visitors bring a canned food item (children under 10 must be accompanied by adults). Proceeds will benefit the Salvation Army and the Idaho National Guard Family Readiness Group. The armory is located on the College of Southern Idaho campus, at 1069 Frontier Road.

Tuesday and Friday:

Twin Falls - The Faulkner

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Buhl theater group presents murder mystery, evening eating

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - The Buhl Arts Council is collaborating with the West End Theatre Group to present a dinner production of "Murder at Cafe Noir" on Friday and Saturday at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl.

The show starts at 7 p.m. each night. Dinner will be served during the performance.

The "mystery bag" dinner production is a two-act play by David Landau and directed by David A. Blaszkiewicz.

The play is a comic tribute to Bogart movies of the 1940s and

If you go...

Reservations are required for the dinner theater production of "Murder at Cafe Noir" and can be obtained by calling Nelly at the Eighth Street Center, 543-2888. Tickets are \$15 per person.

takes place on an island in the Caribbean.

The characters are of questionable integrity, as they are all on the island to avoid the law or hide from something or somebody.

Madam Tureaux, portrayed

by Courtney Kendall, is the cafe manager; Rick Archer is a private detective played by Dallas Thom; Sheila Wonderly is a lady of the night portrayed by Bonnie Berks; Antonia Cairo is a black-market smuggler played by Susan Bousquet; Marie LaRue, daughter of a voodoo priestess who sells fortunes and spells, is played by Nicole Pearson; Simon Guterman, a sleazy lawyer, is portrayed by Jack Southwick; and Thursty, a two-bit gun runner, Vongider, a Dutch blacksmith, and Rigfield, a British cop, are all brought to life by Bill Woodfin.



The cast of "Murder at Cafe Noir": front, Nicole Pearson; back, from left, Dallas Thom, Bonnie Berks, Jack Southwick, Susan Bousquet, Courtney Kendall and Bill Woodfin.

Car plows into family members

Six-year-old boy dies

MAGNA, Utah (AP) — A 6-year-old boy was killed and three other family members injured when a car plowed into them as they were walking to a McDonald's.

The fatal accident happened only a month after two children were killed in similar circumstances in another Salt Lake City suburb.

Darius Smith, who was called Buddha by his family, was pronounced dead at the scene of the late Saturday accident, Salt Lake County Sheriff's Deputy Peggy Faulkner said.

His father, Earl Smith, and two siblings also were injured.

Earl Smith was in fair condition Sunday at LDS Hospital.

Debi Smith, 11, and Autumn Smith, 9, were both listed in stable condition at Primary Children's Hospital.

Smith and his children were walking to the restaurant when a car veered off the road, went up onto the sidewalk and hit all four.

The driver, Tony Lee Jacques, 19, was arrested on charges of automobile homicide; three counts of DUI injury and driving on a denied driver's license, Faulkner said.

Faulkner said officers suspect Jacques was under the influence of alcohol.

Blood was drawn and sent to a lab, but a blood-alcohol content level was not immediately, she said.

The test also would indicate whether other drugs were present in his system, she said.

Jacques, who was jailed on a marijuana possession count in December, is being held without bail on the homicide charge, she said.

Two children were killed and another seriously injured Sept. 18 in a similar accident in Taylorsville.

Jorge Almeida-Robles, 9, and his sister, Yanina J. Robles, 4, were killed when a car left the road and struck them as they played in their driveway. Their brother, Christopher Robles, 6, is slowly recovering from his injuries.

Michael Joseph Whitton, 19, was charged with automobile homicide and other felonies for that accident. Court documents allege he had drugs and alcohol in his system.

Firefighter van crash followed earlier complaints about alcohol

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — State officials are concerned about "drunk and disorderly" incidents involving crews from First Strike Environmental for more than a year before a fatal van crash killed eight firefighters, according to a published report.

One state forestry official warned in an internal e-mail that the problems were so pervasive that the company needed an "attitude adjustment." The Oregonian reported Sunday.

The questions about the company's performance, including an instance in which three employees fell asleep on a fire line during dangerous midday conditions, prompted brief suspensions of two crews in August.

State forestry officials acknowledge that they took no special steps to keep an eye on First Strike during this year's fire season, and some reports on the company reflected positive evaluations of crews.

Eight firefighters died in a fiery

head-on collision with a tractor-trailer on a blind curve on U.S. 20 near Vale on Aug. 24, and tests determined driver Mark Ransdell's blood alcohol was above the legal limit.

Don Morris, Oregon Department of Forestry contract services manager, whose father owns First Strike, has twice been convicted of driving under the influence of intoxicants, records show.

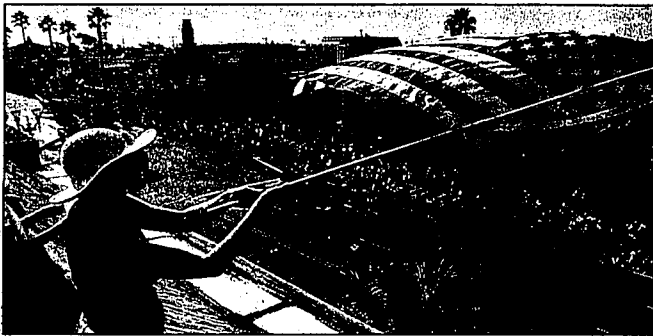
The crew's leader, Justin M. Krueger, whose father owns First Strike, has twice been convicted of driving under the influence of intoxicants, records show.

Leslie Habelter, a company spokeswoman, said First Strike owner Bob Krueger had been aware of his employees' criminal records but was "not just going to throw people away because they've made mistakes in their lives."

Until August, the company had operated for 17 years without a fatality because of proper training, support and supervision, she said.

Owner Bob Krueger said the drug and alcohol issues faced by his company were no different from those in the industry and society in general.

PRaise to the Troops



Caroline Dooley of Carlsbad, Calif., waves an American flag above Coast Highway in Oceanside, Calif., where Marines marched Saturday in the Defenders of Freedom Ticker Tape Parade. She and her family watched the parade from the vantage point of a rooftop.

Idaho synagogue yields century-old time capsule

BOISE (AP) — Members of the Ahavath Beth Israel synagogue got an unexpected surprise as crews worked to prepare the 108-year-old building for its two-mile move early Sunday morning.

Workers found a time capsule dating back to its 1895 construction.

The foot-long box — that carried a "Scudgers Licoice" label — contained a list of contributors to the synagogue's construction on Oct. 4, 1895, Idaho Daily Statesman article announcing the building's \$30,000 cost and other mementos including a collection of foreign coins dating as far back as 1840.

The list of contributors to the synagogue surprised many congregation members almost as much as finding the capsule.

The list included the names of such late 19th century businessmen as Chicago department store magnate Marshall Field and famed blue jeans manufacturer Levi Strauss and Co.

According to the document, Field donated \$50 while Levi Strauss donated \$25.

"My God, what a tremendous response to the Jewish community out here," longtime congregation member Bob Parenti said.

The synagogue's architect, Liz Edrich, said the donations might have been solicited by some of Boise's early Jewish entrepreneurs.

Stores owned by Jewish businessmen such as Nathan Falk may have asked companies they

did business with to make contributions, she said.

The foreign coins came from countries like Belgium, France, Germany and Japan.

Edrich said she and one seems to know why those particular coins were chosen. Parenti said he was disappointed that no American coins were deposited in the box.

The capsule also contained articles from American Hebrew newspapers and copies of legal documents establishing the synagogue's foundation.

The wooden box was discovered beneath the temple's door by Cayetano Zavala while he was removing sandstone blocks from the synagogue's foundation.

"When I saw the dates, I knew it was important," said Zavala, a landscaping company employee from Mountain Home. He spoke through a translator.

The synagogue was moved from its location at 11th and State streets to a site behind Morris Hill Cemetery.

To accomplish the move, crews had to hoist the 3,500 square-foot building off its foundation and strap it to a truck.

The actual move took eight hours at speeds up to 4 mph. The operation started around 11 p.m. Saturday night.

Synagogue leaders said the move cost the congregation about \$50,000 but will help expand religious, educational and administrative offices for the more than 200 families that make up Ahavath Beth Israel.

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SERVICES

Esther M. Kraus of Rupert, service at 10 a.m. today at the Paul Congregational Church, 121 N. Second W., burial will be at the Paul Cemetery; friends may call one hour before the funeral at the church (Fayne Mortuary, Burley).

Warren K. Mohrlang of Burley, memorial service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St., Burley; inurnment will be at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley.

Joseph G. Hackney of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Church of the Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home & Crematory, Twin Falls).

Wendell C. Gannon of Buhl, service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth, Buhl; committal service at the mortuary.

Cora Francis Pitts of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; interment will follow at the Filer Cemetery; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the mortuary.

DEATH NOTICES

Bernardo Garcia of Filer, funeral at 1 p.m. today at Church of the Immaculate Conception, 1629 Poplar, Buhl (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Mazine J. Blackmon of Jerome, service at 2 p.m. today at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; burial will follow at the Jerome Cemetery.

Henry Perez of Cali, Colombia, funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, 1515 California St., Gooding (Farnsworth Mortuary, Jerome).

Gabriella P. Bedolla Samuel P. Bedolla
RICHFIELD — Gabriella P. Bedolla, 17, and her younger brother, Samuel P. Bedolla, 14, both of Richfield, Idaho died Saturday, Oct. 25, 2003, in Twin Falls, as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Funeral services for Gabriella and Sam are pending. However, visitation for them will be held today from 4-7 p.m., Tuesday from 4-7 p.m., and Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. A full obituary and photos will appear at a later time.

Jeanette O. DeKleinbans
BUHL — Jeanette O. DeKleinbans, 90, of Buhl, died Sunday, Oct. 26, 2003, at Sonoma House in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Wilderness program loses license over teen's death

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An administrative law judge revoked the license of a wilderness therapy program over the death of a Texas boy to heat exhaustion in Utah's west desert last year.

Nephil, Utah-based Skyline Journey has until Friday to shut down and send 10 campers packing under the order. Owner Lee Wardle refused to say if Skyline Journey would appeal the decision to a state court.

The ruling affirms "his death means something," said Judith Pinson, of Drumright, Okla., the birth mother of Ian August, a 14-year-old Texas boy who was placed in program by his adoptive mother.

Skyline failed to describe the harsh environment of Utah's desert and physical demands on the teens when it asked a Texas doctor to sign off on enrollment for Ian August, who weighed 198 pounds on a 5-foot, 3-inch frame, according to Friday's ruling from Shelegh Harding, a Department of Human Service's administrative judge.

Skyline Journey failed to comply with "one of the most critical rules governing wilderness programs," wrote Harding, who determined that "Ian's doctor never had the opportunity to determine whether Ian's physical condition would make him an appropriate candidate for the types of activities Skyline Journey would

require him to do."

The boy set out with five other teens and three counselors on a 3-mile trek across the Sawtooth Mountain region in western Millard County on July 13, 2002, when a heat wave rolled across Utah. They had covered more than a mile over three hours when August refused to hike further, leaving him in the sun for an hour before he collapsed and stopped breathing, according to court records.

Counselors were unable to revive him and an autopsy determined he died of hyperthermia or heat exhaustion.

OBITUARY

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3278 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

George R. 'Bob' Butler - Boise



A private family service for Bob Butler, 80, of Boise, formerly of Hagerman and Emmett, who died Saturday at a Meridian hospital, will be held at the Porter Funeral Chapel in Emmett. Burial will follow at the Emmett Cemetery.

Bob was born on Oct. 14, 1923, at Iona, Idaho, to Willard and Lula Nelson Butler. He moved as a small child to Emmett where he was reared and educated. He joined the U.S. Navy and served his country during World War II. After he was honorably discharged from the Navy, he returned home to Emmett. Bob was employed by the Idaho Power Company. He married Fern Bernard on Aug. 8, 1946, in Boise.

They moved to Redmond, Ore., for a short time before moving to America Falls, Idaho. Three years later they moved to Swan Falls where Bob was a power plant operator for Idaho

his life.

Bob is survived by his wife, Fern, of Boise; three children and their spouses, Dan and Beady Butler of Boise, Lana and Nick Morgan of Ferndale, Wash., and Doug and Vickie Butler of Vancouver, Wash.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Boyd Butler of Sweet, Idaho, and Reuben Butler of Eagle, Idaho; three sisters, Orrie McHenry of Meridian, Betty Rademacher of Boise, and Margie Spencer of Emmett. There are numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials may be made to Stand For Children, 516 S.E. Morrison Suite, 206 Portland, OR 97214 or to American Cancer Society, 2676 S. Vista Ave., Boise, ID 83705.

He will be remembered as a very loving father, who always put his family first.

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“It would be nice if we could get from the hotel to the stadium this week without a personal foul.”

— Baylor football coach Guy Morris, on his penalty-prone team

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who are the only three coaches to take two different franchises to a Super Bowl?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

Jerome native loses in NHRA quarters

LAS VEGAS — Jerome native Dick Vander Meer lost in the quarterfinals late Saturday night in the Super Comp division at the NHRA AC Delco Nationals at The Strip at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

Vander Meer, who currently lives in Nampa, lost to Perry Sullivan of Richardson, Texas after driving the quarter-mile strip in 9.06 seconds at 173 m.p.h. Sullivan went the distance in 9.05 seconds at a speed of 174 m.p.h. Vander Meer, who usually reaches the semifinals, cracked the top 16 out of 145 entries. He took second last year.

CSI booster club lunch scheduled for today

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho booster club luncheon will be held at noon today in the Taylor Administration Building's Room 277 on 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.

Wrestling officials hold meeting tonight

TWIN FALLS — There will be a mandatory wrestling rules meeting for all area officials and coaches on Monday at 7 p.m. at Twin Falls High School. All junior high and high schools should have a representative to pick up state information packets and discuss the upcoming season. For more information, call Ed Peterson at 324-5619 or 324-9693.

Jerome men's hoops meeting is tonight

JEROME — Players interested in signing up to play in the Jerome Recreation District's men's basketball league should attend a league meeting on Monday at 6 p.m. at the district office. Fees, rosters, schedules and other information will be discussed.

Gooding cross country plans dinner fund-raiser

GOODING — The Gooding High cross country team will hold a spaghetti dinner fund-raiser at 6 p.m. Monday in the school's multi-use room. The cost is \$5 a person or \$20 for a family of five.

NFL moves Monday night game to Tempe

SAN DIEGO — The NFL moved Monday night's Chargers-Dolphins game from San Diego to Tempe, Ariz., because of wildfires in the San Diego area. Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said Sunday that the city of San Diego advised the league it could not play the game in Qualcomm Stadium.

Compiled from staff and wire reports
TRIVIA ANSWER: Bill Parcells, Dan Reeves and Dick Vermeil.

CSI starters emerge out of fall baseball

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The business end of the fall exhibition baseball season for The College of Southern Idaho is complete. The 2003-2004 Golden Eagles starting nine and the batting order for longtime head coach Jim "Skip" Walker was determined in the final two double-headers against the Treasure Valley Community College Chalkers. CSI won all four games played to conclude the fall season Saturday.

Golden Eagle strengths include depth, power hitting

Catcher and No. 6 batter Mitch Stachowky will start Game 1 of the upcoming spring season. He, second baseman Levi Shumway and right fielder Seaxi Van Elderen are the only sophomores from last year's team to garner starting jobs, thanks in large part to an influx of freshman talent this fall.

"We have more talent, which gives you higher expectations," Walker said. "The competition and wanting to get into the lineup will push (the starters and reserves). That may speed up the maturation process."

Freshman Jared Arehart is the starting third baseman, supplanting sophomore Zack Aakhus, who will also back up Stachowky behind the plate. Arehart will bat second.

No. 9 batter Hector Martinez of Puerto Rico is hurt now, but garnered the starting job at shortstop ahead of D.J. Edwards, who will also back up second baseman Shumway, the No. 8 batter.

The team has considerable more power in its lineup this season after hitting only one home run all last year. This fall, the power hitters have three or four times that number already.

Charlie Strandlund will back up Shumway as well and will be the designated hitter, batting third. Freshman Jeremy Thomas will start at first base and bat cleanup, supplanting last year's starter, Van Elderen, who moved to the right

field. Van Elderen will bat fifth. "I don't want to see either of them miss many at-bats," Walker said. "We've got to have all three bats (Strandlund, Thomas, Van Elderen) in the lineup. Van Elderen has come a long ways." Speedy Eric Cannon will start in center field and bat leadoff with No. 7 batter Tom Heninger in left. The outfield substitutes include Alexander Theodore and Taylor Wood. Theodore has struggled at the plate this fall. Sophomore pitchers Mitch Woolf, Brandon Christiansen and

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Singh surges to top

Vijay Singh's win puts him past Tiger on PGA money list

The Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Vijay Singh took all the drama from the Funai Classic at Disney and pushed it into the final two weeks of the season, winning with ease Sunday to surge past Tiger Woods on the money list.

Singh quickly broke out of a four-way tie and never let anyone get within two shots of him on the back nine. He finished with another long birdie putt for a 5-under-67 to win by four strokes over Woods, Stewart Cink and Scott Verplank.

He won \$720,000 for his fourth victory of the year, which left him poised to end Woods' four-year reign of the PGA Tour money title.

Singh, who finished at 23-under 265, now has a \$250,094 lead over Woods and a huge advantage by playing next week in the \$4.8 million Chrysler Championship in Tampa. Woods, who already has played eight fewer events, is skipping that tournament.

Woods is going after a record fifth straight money title, and he did well to make sure the gap wasn't worse.

Despite a bogey on the first hole, he shot 31 on the back nine at Magnolia for a 65 and wound up in a tie for second at 269.

Even so, Singh could clinch the money title by winning in Tampa, which would be worth \$864,000. Otherwise, the money title will be decided in Houston at the Tour Championship.

Pak ties for 10th place at Korean men's event

YONGIN, South Korea — Se Ri Pak finished in 10th place in a Korean tour event Sunday after becoming the first woman to make the two-round cut in a men's tournament in 58 years.

Pak closed with a 1-under-par 71 at the \$250,000 SBS Super tournament since Babe Zaharias did so in three PGA Tour events in 1945.

Pak became the first woman to make the 36-hole cut in a men's tournament since Babe Zaharias did so in three PGA Tour events in 1945.



Vijay Singh celebrates after sinking a birdie putt on Hole No. 18 and winning the Funai Classic Sunday at Walt Disney World Sunday in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Thorpe holds off Watson for Schwab Cup Championship

SONOMA, Calif. — Jim Thorpe won the crystal. Tom Watson claimed the Cup — and then he gave away his \$1 million prize.

Thorpe held off Watson for a three-stroke victory Sunday in the Charles Schwab Cup Championship. With a final-round 68, Thorpe finished 20 under to earn his seventh career title in

the Champions Tour's season-ending event.

Though Watson couldn't knock Thorpe from his wire-to-wire tournament lead, he held off Thorpe to win the tour money title by less than \$23,000. Watson also wrapped up an easy victory in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Watson announced his intention to donate the resulting \$1 million annuity to organizations

fighting amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. Bruce Edwards, Watson's caddy for 30 years, was diagnosed earlier this year with ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease.

Edwards, his speech slurred by the disease, smiled broadly as Watson accepted the Cup.

Thorpe finished at 20-under 268, and Watson was 17-under 271. Tom Kite shot a 5-under 67 Sunday to surge into third place at 273.

NFL WEEK 8.

Bengals upset Seahawks

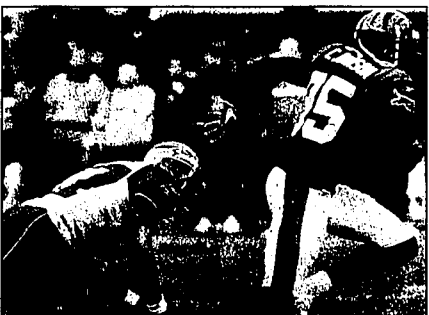
The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The Bengals didn't need Corey Dillon to pull off their biggest comeback under coach Marvin Lewis.

Jon Kitna threw a 53-yard pass to Chad Johnson for the go-ahead touchdown, and Cincinnati's defense came up with two tipped interceptions that preserved a 27-24 victory Sunday over the Seattle Seahawks.

The Bengals (3-4) have won back-to-back games for the first time in two years despite getting little or nothing from Dillon. Third-year back Rudi Johnson ran for 101 yards and a touchdown, the first Bengals running back other than Dillon to reach the 100-yard mark since Ki-Jana Carter in 1997.

Seattle (5-2) pulled off one late comeback after another behind



Cincinnati receiver Chad Johnson passes Seattle's Willie Williams on route to scoring the winning touchdown Sunday during the fourth quarter.

Desperate Giants knock off Vikings

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Vikings are perfect no more, thanks to the New York Giants — who always play their best when they're desperate.

Kerry Collins passed for 375 yards and two touchdowns Sunday to lead the Giants to a 29-17 victory over the Vikings — the NFL's last unbeaten team.

Tiki Barber had a touchdown and 122 total yards for New York (3-4), which ended a three-game losing streak and has never dropped four in a row in coach Jim Fassel's seven seasons.

Randy Moss had 125 yards receiving for Minnesota (6-1), but Daunte Culpepper threw his first two interceptions of the year — and the first one was costly.

Barber's 2-yard TD run gave New York a 22-17 lead with 5:29 remaining, and Culpepper was picked off by Frank Walker on the next play from scrimmage. Walker returned it 16 yards to the Vikings' 17, and De Hilliard got his second touchdown reception three plays later to put the game out of reach.

Hilliard had nine catches for 100 yards, Amari Roemer three for 95 and Jeremy Shockey three for 81.

The Vikings' improved defense was squarely behind the 6-0 start, but the Giants have always had success moving the ball against them — most notably in a 41-0 defeat in the NFC championship game in January 2001.

The Giants outgained Minnesota 274 yards to 185 in the first half.

Keeping the team together
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Marlins won't repeat mistake

The Associated Press

MIAMI — They beat Barry Bonds, then confounded the Chicago Cubs, and by the end of the World Series, the New York Yankees couldn't even score against them.

Break up the Marlins? Not this time.

The dismantling ordered by Wayne Huizenga after they won the 1997 World Series nearly doomed baseball in South Florida, and current owner Jeffrey Loria knows better than to repeat the mistake.

Keeping intact the team that finished off the Yankees in the World Series on Saturday may be impossible, but many of the Marlins' emerging stars will likely be back in 2004.

"I think Jeffrey has made a sound commitment that he wants to continue with competitive, winning ballclubs here," said manager Jack McKeen, who is almost certain to be back for another season at age 73. "I think we'll have a winning team here next year."

First, the Marlins will be honored for their astounding achievement with parades Tuesday in Miami and Fort Lauderdale. The celebration is expected to draw tens of thousands of revelers, a reflection of the team's accomplishments.

Momentous enough were the postseason victories over the San Francisco Giants, Cubs and Yankees. But the Marlins also returned it all South Florida, luring back fans long bitter about the 1997 dismantling.

Unlike 1997, there are no allegations that Florida bought its title. Outspent 3-to-1 by the Yankees, the Marlins showed — as Anaheim did last year — that it's possible to win with a modest payroll. The Marlins will likely remain around their current \$54 million in 2004, which means some difficult decisions this off-season for general manager Larry Beinfest.

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Sunday's NFL leaders

Passing

Maric Bulger, Rams went 22-for-37 for 375 yards to lead St. Louis past Pittsburgh.

Kerry Collins, Giants threw for 375 yards and two touchdowns on 23-for-39 passing to beat undefeated Minnesota.

Rushing

Rudol Johnson, Bengals rushed for 101 yards and a score on 27 carries.

Stephen Davis, Panthers ran for 178 yards and two touchdowns, including a 33-yarder in overtime.

Receiving

Isaac Holt, Rams caught seven passes for 174 yards.

De Hilliard, Giants hauled in four catches for 100 yards and two touchdowns.



Baltimore's Peter Bouliare sacks Denver quarterback Danny Kanell during the second quarter Sunday.

American Conference standings

East										
New England	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	FC	NYC	NE	Div.	
New England	6	2	0	.750	154	129	4-0-0	4-0-0	2-1-0	
Miami	4	2	0	.667	118	77	1-4-0	3-0-0	2-1-0	
Buffalo	4	4	0	.500	143	148	3-1-0	1-3-0	1-1-0	
N.Y. Jets	2	5	0	.286	111	118	1-3-0	2-2-0	0-3-0	
South										
Indianapolis	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	FA	Hou	AFC	NFC	Div.
Indianapolis	6	1	0	.857	208	126	3-1-0	3-0-0	4-0-0	2-1-0
Tennessee	6	2	0	.750	224	167	3-0-0	3-0-0	4-2-0	2-0-0
Houston	2	5	0	.286	121	200	1-2-0	1-2-0	0-4-0	1-4-0
Jacksonville	1	6	0	.143	127	184	1-3-0	0-3-0	1-5-0	0-3-0
North										
Baltimore	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	FA	Hou	AFC	NFC	Div.
Baltimore	4	3	0	.571	160	132	2-1-0	2-2-0	3-3-0	1-0-0
Cleveland	3	4	0	.429	138	156	2-2-0	1-2-0	2-4-0	1-1-0
Cincinnati	3	5	0	.375	115	130	1-3-0	2-0-0	2-4-0	1-2-0
Pittsburgh	2	5	0	.286	132	179	1-3-0	1-2-0	2-4-0	0-1-0
West										
Kansas City	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	FA	Hou	AFC	NFC	Div.
Kansas City	8	0	0	1.000	246	130	4-0-0	4-0-0	7-0-0	1-0-0
Denver	5	3	0	.625	184	141	3-0-0	2-3-0	4-2-0	1-1-0
Oakland	2	5	0	.286	124	151	1-1-0	2-1-0	2-4-0	1-2-0
San Diego	1	5	0	.167	115	169	0-2-0	1-3-0	1-5-0	0-0-0

National Conference standings

East										
Dallas	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	FA	Hou	AFC	NFC	Div.
Dallas	5	2	0	.714	177	116	3-1-0	3-1-0	4-1-0	1-0-0
Philadelphia	4	3	0	.571	119	130	2-1-0	2-1-0	3-2-0	2-1-0
N.Y. Giants	3	4	0	.429	134	140	1-3-0	2-1-0	3-2-0	0-1-0
Washington	3	4	0	.429	135	174	2-2-0	1-2-0	1-4-0	0-1-0
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New Orleans	3	3	0	.500	172	191	2-2-0	1-3-0	2-4-0	1-0-0
Arizona	1	6	0	.143	114	123	0-4-0	1-3-0	1-6-0	0-1-0
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Green Bay	3	4	0	.429	203	166	2-2-0	1-2-0	3-3-0	1-1-0
Chicago	3	5	0	.375	172	182	2-2-0	1-3-0	2-4-0	0-1-0
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San Louis	2	5	0	.286	172	162	1-2-0	1-2-0	4-2-0	1-1-0
San Francisco	2	5	0	.286	94	193	2-2-0	0-3-0	2-4-0	0-1-0

Ravens rip Broncos, 26-6

BALTIMORE (AP) — Ray Lewis rambled 37 yards with a key interception in the fourth quarter, and Jamal Lewis topped 100 yards rushing for a sixth straight game.

Buccaners 16, Cowboys 0
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Panthers 23, Saints 0
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Titans 30, Jaguars 17
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Mineshaft will win by a landslide

BARCADA, CALIF. (AP) — Neil Howard was in Kentucky on Thursday, and he was watching the 4-year-old colt Mineshaft win the \$4-million Classic Derby at Santa Anita.

Even before the gates sprung open for the \$4-million Classic Derby, the trainer of the retired Mineshaft said he was turned to his wife and told her, "Maybe we got lucky here because of the way things worked out."

Things turned out pleasantly. Mineshaft may have beaten American richest races, but there should be no doubt the 4-year-old colt deserves to be voted Horse of the Year.

Pleasantly Perfect's upset in Sunday's Classic all but ended

the 1997 Derby of the Year. A.P. Indy won seven of nine races — the Pimlico Special, Suburban Handicap and Woodward Stakes among them — and won \$2,209,685 this year.

Of course, there should be any question whether Mineshaft is a deserving champion. Yet there probably will be. The biggest is why was Mineshaft really retired? Howard said Mineshaft had been ailing with an unkle chip for weeks, but complications set in after the Jockey Club Cup.

The injury revelation, though,

came less than a week after owner William B. Farish stood in the circle at Belmont Park and said he wasn't intent on shipping Mineshaft out West, and that the local competition might just have an edge racing on home ground.

"I would applaud everyone who ran and who we could have been there," Howard said. "But we wouldn't have been exercising right horse sense and management if we had run out there."

Racing is not the only part of the industry. With Mineshaft standing for a stud fee of \$100,000 at Farish's farm, it's easy to see why even the slightest hint of any problem could lead to a

SPORTS IN BRIEF

NASCAR race postponed until Monday.
HAMPTON, Ga. — Rain forced postponement of the Bass Pro Shops MRNA 500 Winston Cup race Sunday after just 39 of the scheduled 325 laps at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Racing will resume at 9 a.m. MST Monday.

NASCAR officials, looking ahead to next week's race at Phoenix, tried to wait for the bad weather to pass, but finally were forced to call off the vigil when heavy rain began falling again five hours after the racing was halted.

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Tracy wins CART title as rookie takes race.
SUNFERS, Fla. — Danica Patrick, the first female driver to compete in the IndyCar Series, won the season-opening GSCOELDEN, Austria — Bode Miller began his bid to become the World Cup overall champion Sunday by winning the season-opening giant slalom.

Miller, who aims to dethrone champion Stephan Eberharter, enjoyed a big victory margin of 1.12 seconds. The American covered the steep and twisting course in a combined time of 2:10.70, followed by French countryman Joel Chénal in 2:10.76. Austrian star Hermann Maier finished 16th.

Coria wins Swiss Indoors as Nalbandian withdraws.
BASEL, Switzerland — Guillermo Coria won the Swiss Indoors on Sunday when defending champion David Nalbandian withdrew because of an all-Argentine final because of an inflamed left wrist.

Clijsters back at No. 1 after win in Luxembourg
LUXEMBOURG — Kim Clijsters won her third straight Seti Open title with a 6-2, 7-5 victory over Chanda Rubin and will return to the No. 1 ranking Monday.

TO BASEBALL

Potential Free Agents

NEW YORK (AP) — The following players are expected to be eligible for free agency. Double check with your favorite team's website for the most current information. (A) = Agent; (F) = Free Agent; (R) = Restricted Free Agent; (U) = Unrestricted Free Agent; (W) = Waiver Agent; (Y) = Yearly Agent.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

ALBANY, N.Y. — Tim Lincecum, Seattle Mariners, 1 year, \$1.5 million; Jason Schmidt, Chicago White Sox, 1 year, \$1.5 million; Jason Schmidt, Chicago White Sox, 1 year, \$1.5 million; Jason Schmidt, Chicago White Sox, 1 year, \$1.5 million.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA, A.R. — Carlos Garcia, 1 year, \$1.5 million; Carlos Garcia, 1 year, \$1.5 million; Carlos Garcia, 1 year, \$1.5 million; Carlos Garcia, 1 year, \$1.5 million.

SCORES AND STATS

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HOCKEY

NHL

Atlantic Division

Florida Panthers 1-0-0-0
Washington Capitals 1-0-0-0
Carolina Hurricanes 1-0-0-0
Philadelphia Flyers 1-0-0-0
Pittsburgh Penguins 1-0-0-0

Metropolitan Division

New York Rangers 1-0-0-0
New Jersey Devils 1-0-0-0
Carolina Hurricanes 1-0-0-0
Philadelphia Flyers 1-0-0-0
Pittsburgh Penguins 1-0-0-0

HOCKEY

NHL

Central Division

St. Louis Blues 1-0-0-0
Chicago Blackhawks 1-0-0-0
Minnesota Wild 1-0-0-0
Colorado Avalanche 1-0-0-0
Dallas Stars 1-0-0-0

Northwest Division

Vancouver Canucks 1-0-0-0
Edmonton Oilers 1-0-0-0
Calgary Flames 1-0-0-0
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NHL

Eastern Division

Montreal Canadiens 1-0-0-0
Buffalo Sabres 1-0-0-0
Washington Capitals 1-0-0-0
Carolina Hurricanes 1-0-0-0
Philadelphia Flyers 1-0-0-0

Western Division

San Jose Sharks 1-0-0-0
Ottawa Senators 1-0-0-0
Edmonton Oilers 1-0-0-0
Calgary Flames 1-0-0-0
St. Louis Blues 1-0-0-0

BASKETBALL

NBA

Atlantic Division

Boston Celtics 1-0-0-0
New York Knicks 1-0-0-0
Philadelphia 76ers 1-0-0-0
Washington Wizards 1-0-0-0
Charlotte Bobcats 1-0-0-0

Central Division

Chicago Bulls 1-0-0-0
Indiana Pacers 1-0-0-0
Atlanta Hawks 1-0-0-0
Orlando Magic 1-0-0-0
Washington Wizards 1-0-0-0

BASKETBALL

NBA

Southwest Division

San Antonio Spurs 1-0-0-0
Dallas Mavericks 1-0-0-0
Phoenix Suns 1-0-0-0
Utah Jazz 1-0-0-0
Los Angeles Lakers 1-0-0-0

Northwest Division

Portland Trail Blazers 1-0-0-0
Denver Nuggets 1-0-0-0
Minnesota Timberwolves 1-0-0-0
San Jose Sharks 1-0-0-0
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BASKETBALL

NBA

Pacific Division

Golden State Warriors 1-0-0-0
Los Angeles Lakers 1-0-0-0
Phoenix Suns 1-0-0-0
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would raise the payroll to more than \$80 million. Instead, the Marlins may lose catcher Ivan Rodriguez, second baseman J. P. Castellino and closer Ugo Urbina, all of whom will become free agents.

A long list of players eligible for arbitration includes Lowell, first baseman Derrek Lee, right fielder Juan Encarnacion and starting pitcher Brad Penny, who won two

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OTHER VIEWS

It's a good idea, but let's get this ISAT thing right

Idaho State Journal

First, the good things about ISAT, the standardized test that is being devised to measure the progress of Idaho students.

ISAT is a new test of achievement based on state and federal standards that measures proficiency and growth in mathematics, reading and language usage - all areas where quite a few high school graduates are woefully weak.

It really will enable students, teachers and parents to find out if things aren't going well in the classroom. The ISAT will not be timed, students will work at a computer, and results will be immediately available. Thus it will be easier to identify kids who need help in some areas - and see that they get it.

The ISAT program will involve parents to a greater extent.

ISAT will measure a student's achievement in separate segments. If, for example, the kids do well in reading and language, but lag in math, they will not have to be tested again in the first two subjects, and can focus on their weak area.

Tests that are given from the second through the ninth grades prepare the student for the ISAT in the 10th grade, and are adaptive. That means if a child answers a question correctly, the questions become harder. And if a student answers incorrectly, the questions become easier.

At the high school level, if a

student masters the ISAT in the 10th grade, it's over, as far as that test is concerned. If he or she flunks the first time, there will be another opportunity later.

For students with special needs, for whom English may be a second language or who may have a disability, there will be an option to getting a diploma without passing ISAT. That would be at the discretion of the local board, and would not be automatic.

And the bad things: There aren't many. One obstacle, which should not be impossible to overcome, is that teachers, parents and administrators need more instruction in how to read and interpret students' test scores. That's almost job one.

And it won't be easy for every teacher to wax enthusiastic about ISAT - especially those who have been successful in their own teaching methods in the past, and who feel they may be spending too much time doing testing at the expense of discussion and creativity. There is a fair amount of anxiety out there among instructors.

It's especially important that the ISAT process be fair to students, staffs and their schools - and that budgeting reflect that. There is not much time remaining for the State Board of Education to formulate and adopt the plan before the Idaho Legislature is asked to give its stamp of approval. This is a good idea, but let's get it right.

Their view: This guest editorial from the Pocatello Idaho State Journal says the ISAT program has more pluses than negatives for Idaho students. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Marriage needs support - not more strain

For all the damage the institution of marriage has suffered during the sexual revolution, its recognized significance as the fundamental social unit remains intact. If nothing else, this one conviction at least remains: that marriage should be strengthened. It remains our achievable ideal and the reason President Bush proclaimed last week as "Marriage Protection Week."

WILLIAM J. BENNETT

Yet the state of marriage today is fragile. Battered by divorce, eroded by rising rates of cohabitation and shaken by infidelity, marriage is imperiled by a proposal to redefine it. This challenge has been advanced by gay activists in the culture and the courts.

Although we are the most open, tolerant, forgiving and embracing of people, it is important that the movement toward gay marriage be resisted. It would in no way strengthen marriage to redefine it by embracing gay marriage.

Marriage is rooted in the pro-creation of life. To be human implies purpose; human beings are set apart from the rest of the material world, even from other animate beings, by that purpose. By way of contrast, the essence of a tree prevents no moral limitations for the foxes we may develop for it. But the nature of humans does limit how we may treat them: This we have affirmed from the Declaration of Independence to today's human rights movement. It is why we should not clone humans, why we do not experiment on human subjects and why we oppose sexual subjugation.

Just as human nature has inherent purpose, so does human sexuality. There is a natural sexual order, a proper order for love - an "ordo amorum," as St. Augustine put it. We are made male and female, and these immutable characteristics define proper sexual behavior. Because this proper sexual behavior quite commonly results in childbearing, these characteristics also define the appropriate relationship for sexual behavior: marriage.

In marriage alone do men, women and children find the relationship that balances their sometimes mutual, sometimes competing, needs.



"Marriage is our attempt to reconcile and harmonize the erotic, social, sexual and financial needs of men and women with the needs of their partner and their children," says Maggie Gallagher, co-author of "The Case for Marriage."

The parameters of proper sexual behavior are not arbitrary, nor are they intended to evolve. If we depart from the natural order of sexuality and the proper behavior and relationships that ensue from it, we are left with no guiding principle but the prevailing mood of the age. We are currently on the cusp of doing just that. We must decide whether we will continue to reinforce the natural sexual order in our laws or whether we will let them cave in to arbitrary preference.

As the proponents of gay marriage are quick to point out, promiscuity, adultery, cohabitation, divorce and out-of-wedlock births have severely damaged the institution of marriage. But this is not an argument for the redefinition of marriage. That the family is struggling today is not because of a design flaw. The problem is our failure to live up to the design.

When our behavior does not live up to the standard, we have two choices: We can change our behavior or change the standard.

The homosexual movement would change the standard. This

is a conflict of ideals. The homosexual movement cannot tolerate the persistence of mores that define marriage as the union of one man and one woman, the marriage relationship as the proper context of sexual expression and the family as the unit formed around that nucleus.

To normalize homosexuality requires us to deny that man linked to woman is both natural and ideal - that it is the purpose of our human sexuality - and to affirm the aberrant view that sexuality is an arbitrary construct and choice.

The homosexual vanguard proposes to replace sexual identity - that inescapable fact of nature that we are created male and female - with sexual behavior as a fundamental organizing principle of society. And if sexual behavior is the determinant, then appetite is the guiding principle.

Without respect for sexual identity, sexual partners become nothing more than interchangeable parts, rather than complementary on the basis of nature. And if behavior and appetite are the only determinants of sexual conduct, what is the argument against polygamy, incest or any other imaginable sexual relationship?

For our custom and law, the implications of such a fundamental change are profound, but

nowhere more than for marriage. The last decades have sobered us about the consequences of the sexual revolution, which replaced the traditional marriage ethic with a code that has sought to free both marriage and human sexuality from restraint and commitment.

Faced with this, we must redouble our efforts to make our behavior meet the traditional standard. And that standard does not call for the redefinition of marriage or the reconfiguration of family, and in no way translates into an argument for gay marriage.

What we now call a traditional family remains the safest place to raise children, the soundest investment in children's economic and emotional futures and the strongest safety net in our modern world. The evidence is overwhelming that no household arrangement can compare with an intact family. Conversely, the absence of such support will prove a lifelong deficit.

Marriage between one man and one woman is the ideal that we must continue to uphold in our law and our culture. What is broken should be restored, not redefined or destroyed.

William Bennett is a former secretary of education and the author of "The Broken Hearth: Reversing the Moral Collapse of the American Family."

Democrats earn their soft-on-defense stereotype

PETER A. BROWN

Americans might elect a president they might not trust alone with their daughter or whose intellect they question, but not a commander-in-chief who makes them feel insecure.

You'd think, given the political history, Democrats would have learned the lesson from George McGovern and Walter Mondale.

But the opposition of most of their presidential candidates to approving the postwar-Iraq cleanup funding indicates that Democrats didn't major in history. There's a reason why the party's symbol is the donkey, known for stubbornness and stupidity.

Bill Clinton was elected in 1992 and resisted in the despite a widespread perception that he had an alley cat's morals and had ducked the draft. But that was when national security was not a front-runner issue.

Millions of Americans were also skeptical about President Bush's intellectual capabilities in 2000, but they didn't worry about trusting him with the nuclear football. As Clinton himself has advised his party, no Democrat can win if viewed in middle America, not in Cambridge coffee bars, as squeamish about flexing U.S. muscle when the issue is on the public's mind. No matter Democrats' excuse,

the votes against postwar funding provide more evidence that they neither understand nor care, how skeptical voters are about trusting them with the national defense.

The Democratic candidates can't seriously believe that explaining their votes as an effort to force Bush to raise taxes on the wealthy, or to give the United Nations the control of the postwar effort, convinces anyone that their motives are pure.

Instead of providing funding to U.S. troops putting their lives at risk in Iraq daily, the candidates are pandering to the loony left that controls the party's presidential-nomination machinery. The voters in these primaries allowed McGovern in 1972 and Mondale in 1984 to earn the opportunity to lose 49 states in the November elections.

It would be irresponsible for the United States not to finish the job in Iraq, not just because it would sacrifice the opportunity to reform the Middle East but because of the signal it would send to terrorists fighting our troops in Iraq. Ironically, Sens. Kerry of Massachusetts and Edwards of

North Carolina, along with Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut and Rep. Bernard Gephardt of Missouri, backed the party's dovish view last year and backed Bush on the war.

But, as the primaries near, among Democratic candidates, only Lieberman and Gephardt backed Bush's \$87 billion request, although three-quarters of the party's U.S. senators and roughly 40 percent of its House members did so.

Unfortunately, because he is a decent man too imbued with common sense to survive the Democratic primaries, Lieberman's odds of winning the nomination are only slightly better than mine.

Gephardt has a chance, but his vote will clearly hurt him with Democratic primary voters, many of whom equate Iraq with Vietnam.

Former Vermont Gov. Dean, former Gen. Clark, Edwards and Kerry all have demonstrated what can be only described as remarkable political flexibility.

They could at least give Dean credit if he'd suck it up. He was a vocal opponent of the war before it began. But in September, he acknowledged there was "no choice" but to approve the postwar funding because doing other-

wise would endanger the troops. He then realized how badly backing the funding played with primary voters and decided that there was a choice after all, deciding that because Bush wouldn't raise taxes on the wealthy Dean should oppose the funding.

Please explain to me what trig fairness has to do with national security.

Kerry, whose every step since kindergarten seems calculated for political impact, also offered some mumble jumble about taxes, as did Edwards.

The prize for political expediency, however, goes to Clark. He not only has waffled about whether he would have supported the war in the first place (no one cared what he thought last year when he was an armchair general) but now says that how he would vote on postwar funding isn't relevant.

"In running for president, not for Congress," he responded in one of the most inept attempts to duck a question in political history.

The next time a Democrat wishes about being unfairly labeled as soft on defense, tell him or her that this stereotype exists for a well-deserved reason.

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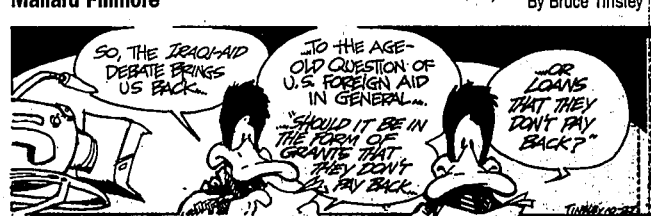
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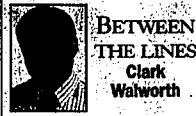
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By Bruce Tinsley

Writers love to read what readers write

Subscribers send us checks, and we're grateful. Some of them attach comments - and we're grateful for those, too. A reader in Filer sent us a comment: "When I first subscribed, I felt it was very expensive, but now Lesee the excellent quality and that you cover the news from many other towns."



BETWEEN THE LINES
Clark Walworth

USA Today
A man in Filer writes, "Refute those damn environmentalists who are against everything!" Our editorial board is working on that, sir.

Comments come in many forms. An envelope stuffed with clippings arrived recently with no return address - just, "A Disgruntled Subscriber"

Every clipping was a correction snipped from Page A2. The guy must have saved them up for months. A note inside said, "This should but won't tell you something."

I guess this reader thinks corrections are a sign of sloppiness. He's wrong. Corrections are a sign of honesty.

Reporters and editors are human. So are the community members who give us information. Despite the best efforts of earnest journalists and well-meaning news sources, mistakes get into print. Never trust a newspaper that

doesn't print corrections. Speaking of corrections, here's one now. A Twin Falls man sent an e-mail to Fox News, with a copy to me, complaining of "sleaze" in *The Times-News*.

It seems a recent headline said First Lady Laura Bush had accused American children of laziness.

In reality, she merely had said kids needed less TV and more reading.

The e-mail's sender says we owe the first lady an apology. All right.

Mrs. Bush, if you're reading this, we apologize. And, for what it's worth, I agree with you. Kids should read more. Preferably newspapers.

Managing Editor Clark Walworth regularly discusses the news business in "Between the Lines." To offer a comment or to suggest a topic, e-mail him at clarkw@magicvalley.com, or call 735-3255.

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Another subscriber offered a scalding inquiry: "Why not just use '1/2' rather than '.5'?" Do you say "point five" when you mean "one-half"? Heck no!

Good point. I checked, and I learned our news font lacks fractions. When national news stories stream into our computer from the wire services, all the fractions automatically convert to decimals.

I have to agree with the subscriber. The decimals look dumb. We'll look for a solution.

A comment from Jerome: "I enjoy seeing local sports and

done with our government, our country? I think they'd be pretty appalled at what our country has come to."

JULIE PRATT
Twin Falls

Maughan will serve Twin Falls with proven leadership

On Nov. 4, Twin Falls voters will elect four City Council members. People of our city will be well-served if Dennis Maughan is one of the four. As a former Twin Falls County commissioner, Dennis has proven leadership abilities and a reputation as an effective problem-solver.

Those of you who know Dennis know him to be a people person. He cares, he listens, he's willing to entertain new approaches, new thoughts. He's optimistic about the future. His career path has prepared him for the job. Many of you remember those days when Dennis was a service manager for Roy Raymond Ford. Good experience in problem solving.

These are challenging times and times of great opportunity for growing cities such as ours. Who can predict the issues that will surface and require our leaders to make tough decisions in a timely manner? By electing leaders whose values and track record we trust, we increase the probability that good decisions will be made.

If elected, Dennis Maughan has indicated he will be proactive rather than reactive. Planning for growth and encouraging business development while containing the cost of government is no easy task. He doesn't promise miracles, only his best.

As chairman of the South Central Idaho Recreation and Tourism Development Association, Dennis has an inside track on promoting Twin Falls and the surrounding area. His involvement in the community is real.

Please exercise your privilege and vote on Nov. 4. I hope you will join me in voting for Dennis Maughan.

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Forest Service ignores its own advice on grazing

The Sawtooth National Forest recently released its final Environmental Impact Statement on the Upper and Lower East Fork Cattle Allotment in the Boulder-White Clouds area. It's an allotment I know well from when I worked on the Challis National Forest.

The Forest Service accurately noted that ongoing livestock production is degrading many public resources from endangered species to recreational quality. Its "no grazing" alternative accurately documented that eliminating livestock grazing from this area would provide the greatest relief to the multiple livestock-induced impacts on the allotment. Riparian areas would heal. Bighorn would prosper without competition for food. Wolves will not be slaughtered. Endangered salmon, steelhead and bull trout spawning habitat would improve.

The spread of weeds would be slowed. Native pollinators would benefit. Water pollution would be reduced. Conflicts with recreationists would be avoided.

Yet predictably, the Forest Service did not choose the "no grazing" alternative, even though its own document admits this would maximize restoration of these lands. Instead, the agency has chosen an alternative - while reducing or mitigating livestock impacts - still falls short of eliminating them entirely.

Furthermore, the Forest Service alternative, in order to work well, relies on intensive monitoring and effective enforcement of livestock grazing regulations - something that they have never been able to do in the past and something that I predict they will not do in the future. And the Forest Service's preferred alternative will cost taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars to implement as well - all to maintain the archaic lifestyle of a few chosen people.

The Forest Service has made a compelling case that termination of livestock grazing would more rapidly achieve objectives and goals than continuing to pander to the livestock industry. It's a

shame the agency doesn't have the backbone to do what is best for our collective heritage.

GEORGE WUERHTINER
Richmond, Vt.

Defend the Pledge and what it stands for

I was watching the news recently and was astonished to find that someone is trying to remove the words "one nation under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance. So I did some research to find out how those words came to be and this is what I found:

The last change in the Pledge of Allegiance occurred on June 14 (Flag Day), 1954, when President Dwight D. Eisenhower approved adding the words "under God." As he authorized this change, he said: "In this way, we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way, we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war." This was the last change made to the Pledge of Allegiance. The 23 words what had been initially penned for a Columbus Day celebration now comprised a 31-word profession of loyalty and devotion to not only a flag but to a way of life - the American ideal.

So I ask you then, why take our American ideal away just like prayer in school was taken away? This country was founded upon God. If this guy or anyone else does not believe in a higher being, then simply don't say those words because there are more people in the country who do believe in a higher supreme being than who don't, yet we just sit on our hands and watch as everything this country was built on is torn apart and rewritten and we follow it blindly.

It's high time we stood up and fought for what is good and right in this country and to leave the governing laws in the Constitution the way they were written. What do you think our founding fathers would say if they could see this what we have

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The fine art of bashing those piñatas

What weapons of mass destruction? Were they a real threat? Did they, in fact, exist? If so, will they ever be found?

Bears me.

Now that I've cleared that up, I'd like to devote what little space I have left to the issue of piñata safety.

A piñata is a festive party item, usually shaped like a classic fairy-tale character such as Spider-Man. It is used to traumatize children at birthday parties. This has become very popular: As the parent of a 3-year-old, I attend approximately 84 birthday parties per weekend, and every one has a piñata, as well as this festive (and) a clown.



In fact, it was a clown at a recent party who got me thinking about piñata safety. She was an older clown, who had been clowning professionally for 20 years, which is a long time - maybe too long - to be spending every week, and wearing comical pants and a scratchy wig, endlessly twisting balloons into shapes for children who, over the years, have become harder to please, who are no longer satisfied with your classic balloon dog or balloon sword, no, these kids today, they want balloon versions of every licensed character that comes along - they want Nemo, they want Lilo, they want Stitch for godsakes, and when you try to warn them - when you say "Don't take the balloon outside! You'll pop it!" - they never listen, they go outside and ... pop, now, they're crying, and they want you, to make Spider-Man, and an art that's nearly much how this clown sounded. "Grumpy the Clown" is how I thought of her. Her technique for creating a magical mood for the children was to periodically bark things like, "Be careful on these chairs! You'll fall over backward and crack your head!"

So anyway, I was with my daughter, who was waiting, a tad apprehensively, for Grumpy the Clown to paint her face, and some duds were trying to hang the piñata - a Buzz Lightyear model - from a nearby tree. Buzz was smiling brightly, not realizing that children would soon be beating him with a stick. That's what children do, with piñatas. I've seen them whack savagely on Bob the Builder, Dora the Explorer, Barney, even Minnie Mouse. It's very disturbing (except when it's Barney).

So the thing is, the children become increasingly violent, become piñatas - ask any parent - are almost impossible to break open. For some reason, they are built to withstand a nuclear attack. We should get the piñata manufacturers to make cars; nobody would ever be hurt in an accident again.

But getting back to the party: Grumpy the Clown, painting a butterfly on a child's cheek, was regarding the first birthday party where she clowned professionally, two decades earlier.

"They had a piñata," she recalled, "and it fell down and hit the birthday boy and gave him a big cut over his eye. There was blood everywhere. We were singing 'Happy Birthday' and he was on his way to the emergency room."

This is why many parents go for the modern "safety" piñatas.

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Eat out on Atkins?

Share your story

Thousands of Americans are trying the low-carb Atkins diet, which can be a problem when you're dining out.

If you're an Atkins adherent and you figured how to dine out without busting your diet, give us a tip.

The Times-News is preparing a survey on dining out with Atkins and would like to talk with readers on the diet.

Call Steve Crump at 735-3223 or e-mail him at scrumpp@magicalvalley.com.

How to save face every morning

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - He probably knows more about shaving than anyone else in the Magic Valley, but even Ivan Rood doesn't practice his craft professionally much anymore.

"I'd bet I don't do a shave a month," said Rood, proprietor of the Matador Barber Shop in downtown Twin Falls.

Most barbers nowadays limit their shaving to the face in mirror - there are simply more profitable ways to spend their time at work, and a good shave can't be rushed. What was once an art has degenerated into a chore on an industrial scale.

"There's a constant battle for market share going on between Schick and Gillette, and each is trying to out-technicalize the other," said Ray Dupont, who sells shaving supplies.

"It's not rocket science," Dupont told the Philadelphia Inquirer. "You don't shave with a system, you shave with a blade, and men have been doing it for centuries."

The owner of ClassiShaving.com, an online retailer based in Palm Springs, Calif., Dupont has been shaving with a straight razor for 30 years. Often handed down from father to son, straight razors were what everyone used before Gillette wood consumers with the convenience of his disposable blades.

Uyvert, who imports his shaving wares from France and Germany, said he's part of a growing movement to resuscitate the straight razor. On the Yahoo chat group straightrazorplace, 680 members have posted more than 10,000 messages on shaving technique and the correct honing and stropping methods to keep the razors sharp.

But can the straight razor deliver what all men, apparently, yearn for more than anything else - namely, a really, really close shave?

"You will never see a barber giving a shave with a safety razor," Dupont said. "They use a straight razor because they want you working out of that shop with the best possible shave."

And, it goes without saying, "Every guy cuts himself shaving or has razor burn at one time or another," said Dr. Alan Olmstead, a Twin Falls dermatologist. "But most men manage to shave without doing much harm to their faces. Matter of fact, it



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Quest for a closer shave

- **Stone Age:** Sharpened flintblade razors edge out the earlier Neanderthal method of hair removal: seashells as buzzers.
- **3,000 B.C.:** Egyptians obsess over hair removal, seeing a clean-shaven face as a sign of good breeding. They use razors, depilatory creams and pumice stones.
- **330 B.C.:** Emulating the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans shave heads and beards during reign of Alexander the Great.
- **A.D. 4300s:** In England, barbers provide not only shaving services but surgery and dentistry.
- **1500:** Aztec Indians shave with razors made from the volcanic glass obsidian.
- **1600s:** Safety blades eye market in Sheffield, England.
- **1700s:** French barber Jean-Jacques Perret writes an advice book on shaving and proposes a "safety razor."
- **1901:** Traveling salesman King Camp Gillette develops first double-edge safety razor with disposable blades. By '55, he's a millionaire.
- **1918:** A marketing exec with Wilkinson Sword Co. campaigns to convince women that underarm hair is unhygienic and unfermish. He succeeds brilliantly.
- **1920:** Col. Jacob Schick introduces the first electric shaver. It flops.
- **1960s:** Disposable plastic razors that can't be sharpened or replaced hit the market.
- **1974:** Gillette markets a twin-blade razor.
- **1991:** Gillette introduces the Mach3 triple-blade shaver after spending a reported \$750 million to develop it.

Source: The Philadelphia Inquirer

The shaving arms race

For most of the last century, the story of shaving has mainly been about one man, one blade.

The man was a shrewd traveling salesman named King Camp Gillette, who turned shavers into a lucrative consumer market in 1901 when he invented the safety razor with disposable blades.

The single blade ruled until 1971, when the Gillette Co. brought out the twin-blade razor - followed five years ago by the three-blade razor, the Mach3.

In the latest act of escalation, taking millions of dollars in development and years of research, Gillette archival Schick last week introduced a four-blade - (four - razor aptly named the Quattro).

And in a retaliatory strike, Gillette is rolling out a new version of the Mach3 - the Mach3 Turbo Champion in brilliant red, a color that will be familiar to any balding middle-aged man who has shopped for a convertible.

At stake in all this is market share in the global \$7.8 billion "wet-shave" business, nearly three-quarters of which is owned by Gillette.

With the Quattro, Schick is making a bold stroke to capture the most desirable type of shaver - the "grooming-involved" man.

You know who you are. The "grooming-involved" man doesn't balk at shelling out \$8.99 for a razor, plus another \$8.99 for a four-count refill as often as necessary.

Schick's Quattro, predictably billed as "the most technologically advanced razor for men," joins a panoply of high-tech "shaving systems" with

names befitting fighter jets and Formula 1 race cars, names of machines fit to pilot across a rugged face: The M7, the Xtreme, the Mach3 Turbo G-Force.

They have "lubricated elastomer" handles and "knurled strips" with Vit E and Aloe. They promise Revolutionary New Shaving Technology and The World's Closest Shave!

But four blades? Is this a gimmick? Aren't three enough? Unfortunately, they are not, said Dave VerNooy, Schick vice president of research, development and engineering.

He said the company studied magnified videotapes of men shaving with existing razors and discovered that - horror - "even with three blades going over the face, hairs were being missed."

To solve that, VerNooy said, the Quattro added a shaving edge that is part of a "synchronized dynamic blade pack" wrapped with wires to aid "shaving force distribution." Who knows? Gillette, which spent a reported \$750 million to develop the Mach3 and \$300 million to market it, is in a bit of a lather over the Quattro. Its Mach3 line alone accounts for \$2 billion in annual sales, and is the most-stolen retail item in the United States. If not the item, Gillette's three-blade razor for women, the Venus, is also a top seller.

Clearly hoping to hold up the launch, Gillette filed a patent infringement lawsuit last month, claiming the Quattro steals the Mach3's "progressive blade geometry." A federal court hearing is scheduled for November.

Source: The Philadelphia Inquirer

might help. I see a fair number of pre-cancerous moles on the

upper lips of women, but hardly ever on the upper lips of men."

That said, shaving is still an uneasy balance between groom-

Drugstore aisles are packed with beauty product bargains

Knight Ridder News Service

Beyonce wears L'Oréal. Faith Hill and Queen Latifah love Cover Girl. Eva Mendes and Halle Berry are Revlon beauties, while Mandy Moore keeps it Neutrogena.

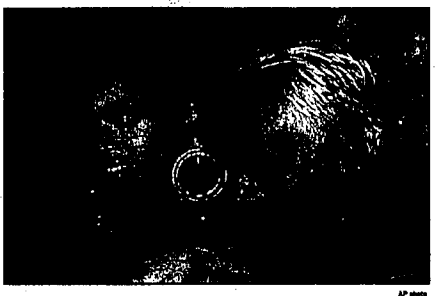
So, with some of Hollywood's hottest honies endorsing stuff that can be found in the local drugstore, when are folks going to realize that Eckerd, Walgreens, Target and Wal-Mart is where "the beauty's at?"

You don't have to spend hundreds of dollars at a makeup counter to get that chic, got-it-together look.

Just because you're paying 5 bucks for makeup doesn't mean you are skimping on the quality," says Tai Beauchamp, a beauty director for Seventeen magazine.

"Many of the mass brands are a lot more sophisticated than people think and they have more money to put into research and product development."

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Nobody knows what fashion designer Giorgio Armani, at right at a social event in London earlier this month, uses on his face, but Beyonce Knowles, at left, wears L'Oréal, which sells 228 different cosmetics products for less than \$10.

When drugstore shopping ...

- Test the makeup samples.
- Patch test skin-care products to see if your skin reacts.
- Check to see if the brand you are buying is putting money into both scientific and cosmetic research.
- Check shampoo to make sure it has enough hydrating quaterns, and if you wash your hair daily, make sure it's a daily shampoo.
- Ask about the return policy.

Source: Kansas City Star

Cosmetics company wants only good news from testers

DEAR PAULA: I enjoy reading your column. Your comments about the limitations and lack of scientific procedure for cosmetic company testing of their products always piques my interest. I have a personal story to share.

During the early 1990s, I was hired by a cosmetics company as a cosmetic tester. There were a lot of ladies in my area of New York who did this for a little extra money. The company would give us samples of various new products to use and then we had to come in to be checked by a dermatologist for "results." Of course, each time we came in we were also asked for our personal evaluation and filled out a form about how much we liked the product. We were paid a sum of about \$25 or so per test, with the final compensation being tied to the number of times we had to come in during the testing period.

Anyway, what I only understood later was that if you wanted to be called back to participate in other testing you were supposed to rave about the product. Silly me I thought that they were looking for an honest evaluation in an effort to improve the product.

In fact, I sometimes found the products I tested too perfumed and some creams made my eyes sting. After honestly reporting my



negative reaction a few times too many, I was simply not being called to do more tests.

That's when I realized that one of the ways companies get to say how wonderful their products are is by dropping anyone from the tester's pan who had a complaint. If you wanted to keep getting free cosmetics and being paid for using them, you'd better say you love it and leave it at that. So much for scientific studies!

DEAR MAXINE: Your story is fascinating. Thank you for letting us in on a part of the cosmetic business always sounds better than it actually ends up being.

Paula Begoun is the author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me (6th edition)" (Beginning Press, \$27.95). Write to her at 13075 Gateway Drive, Suite 160, Seattle, Wash. 98168 or check out her Web site: www.cosmeticscop.com

HEALTH & FASHION

Breast Cancer Support Group will meet tonight at 7

Breast Cancer Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. tonight in the reception area of the St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute, Twin Falls Cancer Center, 656 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The ongoing group is open to breast cancer survivors or patients (male or female) and their families and friends.

For more information, call Lydia Gilman at 737-2979 or Mary Howard at 734-1766.

Heart Advantage

To help increase awareness and identify risk in both men and women in South Central Idaho, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center has launched a "Heart Advantage" initiative.

As part of the ongoing support of this initiative, the medical center will host a new "Healthy Advantage" support group each month. The group is designed to offer support to people wanting to make healthy lifestyle changes in exercise, diet, weight loss and heart health. Each month's session will consist of an activity, education and discussion.

The "Healthy Advantage" support group will meet the last Tuesday of each month beginning Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. in Magic Valley Regional's Downtown Campus lower level conference room, 660 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

To learn more about this group, call 737-2102.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Tuesday through Nov. 25, 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 process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the newborn including breast and bottle feeding, and a tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

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

Barry

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which has a trapezoid with strings hanging down. The children grab the strings, and on the count of three, they all give a yank, and when they do, nothing happens! Because this type of piñata is also virtually impregnable, The Piñata Security Task Force has seen to that.

So a parent has to step in yank the trapezoid open, releasing a cascade of candy and cheesy toys. This is when things get really violent, as the children - who own literally billions of much nicer toys - dive to the ground and engage in a desperate, life-or-death struggle for items that they will immediately lose.

This struggle is especially brutal for the smaller children, because there's always one unusually large male child - a child under contract to the Pittsburgh Steelers - who winds up with most of the loot. If you ask me, this is just plain wrong, and something needs to be done about it, just as soon as we get this situation squared away in Iraq.

To do for you

'Baby and Me'

Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer Baby and Me classes from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic will be "Early Learning."

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years. The class is free. For more information, call 324-7262.

Healthy lifestyle support

The Healthy Advantage Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the lower level conference room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The group will discuss how to maintain a healthy lifestyle and prevent weight gain, heart disease and other chronic conditions.

CPR for babies

Infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The program is offered as part of the prepared childbirth course. New parents, grandparents and children are encouraged to attend to learn about infant CPR, choking, child safety and prevention of injury.

The class is free and preregistration is not required. For more information, call 737-2900.

Refresher course

Childbirth refresher course will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class is for those who have previously taken childbirth classes. Childbirth preparation and procedures will be reviewed, and

will include a tour of the Women's and Infant Center. Cost is \$20. Preregistration is required, call 737-2900.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Nov. 4 through Dec. 9, at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The second class of the series will be a refresher course for mothers who have previously taken the childbirth classes.

The sessions, taught by a registered nurse, emphasize preparation for labor and birth, changes during pregnancy and newborn care. Participants are asked to bring two pillows and a blanket to each class.

The classes are free for those who will be delivering at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. To register, call 324-4301.

Diabetes and diet

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will offer a special community education series on diabetes with information about healthy diet planning. The Healthy Diabetes Plate method is a practical approach to taking control of diabetes. Participants will learn how to change what they eat and how they eat it. The Idaho Plate Method is a way to visually teach people who have diabetes about the types of foods they should consume. This special education session is sponsored in part by the University of Idaho Extension Office.

This four-week session will be held on Tuesday evenings, Nov. 4, 11, 18, and 25, from 6:30-9 p.m. at Magic Valley Regional's doctors' meeting room, located off the cafeteria in the basement at 650 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Participants should plan to attend all four classes. Cost for the series of sessions is \$20 per person or \$25 per couple and pre-registration is required. To learn more about this class or to sign up to attend, call 737-2102.

One of the most influential psy-

chiatrists in North America, as voted on by clinicians in a survey reported in the American Psychologist, will present a workshop in Twin Falls on cognitive-behavioral treatment and the accompanying Case Conceptualization Model.

Donald Meichenbaum, Ph.D., is the author of "Cognitive Behavior Modification: An Integrative Approach," which is considered a classic in the field of psychotherapy.

At this special workshop, Meichenbaum will provide a brief overview of cognitive-behavioral treatment and teach participants how to apply the concept to treatment of individuals, particularly in a rural community. The techniques can be employed in treating anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, interpersonal aggression and substance abuse.

The workshop will be held Nov. 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Radio Roundabout, 241 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Cost is \$65 for pre-registration and \$75 at the door, if space is still available. Continuing Education credits are available for nurses, social workers, counselors and marriage and

family therapists, psychologists and physicians. To learn more about this session or to register, call Canyon View at 734-6760.

About conflict

Join Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for an information seminar on family conflict resolution and learn ways to minimize family conflict in a function-

al and healthy manner. This community education offering is sponsored by Canyon View Psychiatry and Addiction Services of Magic Valley Regional.

It will be held Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. in the KMTV Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call Canyon View at 734-6760.

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(Panel consisted of Tai Beauchamp, a beauty director at Seventeen magazine; Nani Meade, senior stylist at Bijin Salon and Day Spa in Prairie Village, Kan.; Janette Smith, nail stylist at Oliver's Hair Salon in Overland Park, Kan.; Kansas City, Mo., artist Poregrine Honig; Kansas City Chiefs Cheerleaders Annie and Shanna (Chiefs' cheerleaders aren't allowed to disclose their last name); Tasha Houston, hair stylist at Mane on Main in Kansas City. Recommendations also taken from Essence, Marie Claire, Seventeen, CosmoGirl and Jane.)

Source: Kansas City Star

Attitude

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In addition, many cosmetic trends start in the drugstore, she says.

"In my opinion, some of the best beauty, skin-care and hair-care products are at the drugstore," says Beauchamp, who favors Nivea, Neutrogena, Eucorin and Garnier Fructis.

Plenty of people believe in beauty bargains.

"You don't necessarily have to

go to a salon or beauty supply store to find quality nail polish," says Janette Smith, a nail stylist at Oliver's Hair Salon in Overland Park, Kan.

Sally Hansen and Revlon are grade-A polishes, Smith says.

Nani Meade, senior stylist at Bijin Salon and Day Spa in Prairie Village, Kan., says that everyone is going to cut corners here and there.

For her, those corners include

Cetaphil cleanser, Neutrogena face wash and Jergens Soft Shimmer Skin Radiance Moisturizer (\$5-\$7).

But one of the corners many people don't cut or won't admit to cutting seems to be in the hair-care aisle.

"A lot of the over-the-counter products cause buildup," says Meade, who doesn't use or recommend hair-care products from the drugstore.

Older women increasingly find they must work to make ends meet

The Washington Post

ARCHDALE, N.C.—Four in the morning at Hardee's. "I'm wide awake and ready to go," says 58-year-old Patsy Sechrest.

She is in the back of the Hardee's on Main Street, digesting a breakfast of Benicar, Demader, hydrocodone and Premarin, washed down with a little milk. Ninety minutes before the restaurant's opening, the pills are doing their work. Her back doesn't hurt. Her feet aren't swollen. Her allergies are under control, her blood pressure is steady, and her heart is beating smoothly under a work shirt that covers her chest scars and, for the moment, still smells of detergent.

The working life: This is the life of Patsy Sechrest, wife of 38 years, mother of two grown children and consumer of 10 prescriptions a day, who once thought she'd be retired by now, or at least counting down the days. But in the current economy, more older women are living like Sechrest, for whom the counting of days is how many she has worked in a row.

This day will be the fourth straight in a stretch that will go on for 13 in all. She often works 50 hours a week, earning \$8.50 an hour for awakening at 3 a.m. so she can be unlocking the Hardee's by 4. By 4:05, she is firing up the biscuit oven. By 4:30, she has the fry vats bubbling. By 5:15, she has the entire restaurant ready to go, and by 5:25 she has her headset clamped in place when, five minutes after the first customer rolls up to the drive-through window in search of a

sausage-and-egg on a bun.

"There you go, hon," she says, handing it to him, and the way she says this makes it sound as if there's nothing else she'd rather be doing at this hour, that she welcomes the back twinge that comes when she leans out the window, and the grease fumes already penetrating her shirt, and the mystery smell that turns out to be unemptied garbage left by some night-crew member, a teen-ager probably, bowed out of his mind with no concept of what it's like to be a woman nearing 60 who is opening a restaurant in the dark hours because she needs the money to live on.

Three years ago, before the recession officially began, 50.3 percent of women ages 55 to 64 were working full- or part-time. As of last month, according to figures released last month by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, that had risen to 54.1 percent, an

increase that becomes even more considerable when compared with every other sector of the workforce.

Every category declined except older women.



G. Adrian Dean, M.D.

Q. My uncle has a long history of mental illness and now that he is older he forgets to take his medication or simply refuses it. After a few days off his medication he is totally irrational and won't cooperate with my aunt or any of the family. Now he needs to be hospitalized, as he has in the past, but he won't go voluntarily. What can we do?

A. Fortunately for all of us, the mentally ill have their right to freedom protected like everyone else. The only way that freedom can be denied is for the individual to demonstrate to a police officer that he is suicidal, homicidal, or gravely disabled. To demonstrate poor judgement or "craziness" or to be annoying to family and friends is not sufficient for your uncle to be committed to a hospital against his will. These constraints can be very frustrating to the family who want to get him the help he desperately needs. Nonetheless, calling the police is all we can do presently to have someone committed against his will.

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Pre-diabetes

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is hosting an important program to offer information about preventing pre-diabetes and the eventual onset of more serious diabetic conditions.

To do for you

This free pre-diabetes class and risk-factor assessment will be held Nov. 18 from 6:30-9 p.m. in the hospital's downtown campus lower level conference room, 660 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls. Clinical nutrition specialists from

Magic Valley Regional will discuss risk factors, including a family history of diabetes, high blood pressure, overweight and racial breakdowns. People who had gestational diabetes or gave birth to a baby weighing more than nine pounds may also be at risk. Those with potential risk should plan to attend this special community presentation. Space is limited, so call 737-2102 to make a reservation.

Big Kids class

Big Kids Klub will meet from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday in the doctors' meeting room at Magic Valley

Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class is designed to help prepare siblings for the new baby. The class is free for a family with one child or \$10 per family with two or more children. To register, 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 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

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Yes. Don't hit the panic button. The best single piece of advice is never give away property just to avoid the state later making a Medicaid reimbursement claim against your estate. Here's why:

1. You may never need Medicaid assistance.
2. Human nature counsels us to hold on to a base of assets for survival and security.
3. Gifting followed by your need for nursing home services may trigger a period of Medicaid ineligibility.
4. Gifting appreciated property to family will probably later result in the imposition of a capital gains tax that could have been avoided had the property been inherited by family members.
5. The state can sue to set aside gifts made within three years of a Medicaid application.
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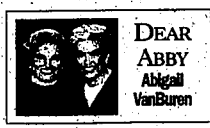
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Mom wants son out of house, on his own

DEAR ABBY: I am a single mother with two young daughters and a 21-year-old son, "Billy," who dropped out of high school during his senior year. When it happened, I was very upset. I told him if he wanted to continue to live at home, he would have to get a full-time job and pay rent. Billy didn't like that idea, so he went to live with his girlfriend and her parents, who didn't seem to care that he had no job.

About a year ago, Billy's girlfriend broke up with him. Since he had no place to go, I told him he could stay with me temporarily. He has been sleeping on my couch ever since. Billy says he can find a job. He says that all he can find, I'm tired of supporting him and I think he should be out on his own by now, but if I kick him out, he'll have nowhere to go. His father is not helping. Billy rarely sees him. I'm at my wit's end. Please tell me what I should do.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

- FED-UP MOM IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR MOM: Your son may have trouble finding full-time employment because he lacks a high school diploma. His first priority should be to contact his high school and find out how to get his GED. Then he must start studying again and pick up where he left off when he dropped out.

Isn't college material, he should consider going to a trade school and learning a marketable skill. The job market is difficult right now, so accept the fact that a part-time job and getting his equivalency diploma may be all Billy can manage for a while.

As long as your son is willing to work toward success, you should be willing to compromise. However, if he isn't willing to go to trade school or get a GED, he should get a full-time job. There are jobs at fast-food places, movie theaters, supermarkets, etc., that don't require skills and/or diplomas. At 21, your son is too old to be supported. Be prepared to be firm with him, because if you aren't, he may never learn to fly on his own.

DEAR ABBY: I need advice. I am a woman in my mid-30s, married more than 10 years, and the mother of two children. My husband, "Howard," is a good father and has an important job with a six-figure income. I don't have to work. I buy whatever I want and Howard doesn't mind.

My problem is, I don't think I'm

in love with Howard. He has an extremely low sex drive. We haven't been intimate in years. In fact, out of frustration, I moved out of the bedroom last year. I have tried talking to him about our problem to no avail. He refuses to go to counseling.

To complicate matters, three years ago I began an affair with a married man. Although he and his wife have children, they are divorcing. We want to be together, but I don't know if I can leave Howard. My lover earns less than half of what Howard makes, plus he will have to pay child support. I don't know if I can manage on his salary.

Please understand, I don't work because I don't want to put my kids in day care.

As I see it, I have three choices:

- (1) Continue the affair and hope nobody finds out.
- (2) Leave Howard and hope my lover and I can make it on his small salary.
- (3) End the affair.

If we end the affair, I think one of us would have to move. We live in a small town and travel in the same social circles. This whole thing is driving me crazy. What should I do?

- FRUSTRATED IN FLORIDA

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ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): As the moon moves into your fellow fire sign of Sagittarius today, you're having itchy feet. You may be surprised that pertinent words become evident when enlisting someone's goodwill.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20): You're ready to stand your ground; nobody can rush you around. Someone has underestimated you and changes the tune.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): There's a window of opportunity to clear the air with someone special. Using avoidance tactics will not work.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Putting yourself out and making excuses for others isn't a good idea. Your own commitments are vital now and can't be ignored.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may feel you're being tested. This is because you're in line for more than you can imagine. Your skills and ability should leave you in no doubt what's in the offing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Some aspects of your life are tiresome, and getting rid of clutter is overdue. You should be able to rely on friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Talking about property or money is to be expected at present. It's the natural aftereffect of the new moon in your chart.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): With the sun and Venus in your sign, wishes are granted and good things come your way. Putting out the best, you're receiving much in return.

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The moon entering your sign today has you reflecting on past, present and future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The way you see things is not to everyone's liking or ways. Your feelings and how others affect you challenge your good nature.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Whatever affects us is in direct response to our actions. As we move through life, changes are constant. The ups and downs are part of the merry-go-round.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): The lotus opens and closes. Your enthusiasm and skill for a special project are justified.

Tell mom to take a hike

When a wife and her mother-in-law wage a war, what should the husband do? Don't say "Nothing." Little so heightens hostilities as a husband who does nothing in such a circumstance, according to one matrimonial counselor.

She says, "If a husband won't side with his wife in such a conflict, that wife had better get a new husband."

Owner of a weakening video rental store says one customer alone can pick out a movie to rent in about 10 minutes. Two people together need at least 10 minutes. Three people spend as much as 30 minutes, and as often as not go away without making up their minds.

Incidence of lung cancer deaths among people who live alone is double that of people who live with matrimonial mates, according to the medical record keepers.

Of aren't more places in the English-speaking world named after Christopher Columbus than after anybody else?

A. Except for Queen Victoria.

REVISTED
L.M. Boyd

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Scary Movie 3 (R) 7:15 - 9:30
Secondhand Lions (R) 7:00 - 9:15
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Quintuplets (R) 7:30 - 9:45
Secondhand Lions (R) 7:00 - 9:15
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Luther (R) 7:00 - 9:30
School of Rock (R) 7:15 - 9:45
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Good Bye (R) 7:00 - 9:20
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... HIM

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ARE YOU GOING TO LUNCH?
LUNCH ALREADY?

SHEESH! I BARELY HAD TIME TO COME LATE TO WORK, EAT BREAKFAST, USE THE PLUMBING AND READ THE PAPER.

YOU TAKE YOUR NON-WORK SERIOUSLY.
I'M TRYING TO DEVELOP A SENSE OF URGENCY.

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OHAWOOO! I HEAR SOMETHING DOWNSTAIRS!

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HERE'S YOUR GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH.

THANKS, I LOVE GRILLED CHEESE.

I HOPE THERE'S A GLASS OF MILK COMING.

YEAH, JUST A MINUTE.

SEE? THIS IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE IT FALLS ALL THREE.

Garfield By Jim Davis

HAVE YOU HEARD THE STRANGE, GROWLY SOUNDS AROUND THIS HOUSE LATELY?

ARRRRROOOOOO

COULD WE DISCUSS THIS AFTER DINNER?

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

"WANT YOU SEE YOUR FLOWER GARDEN, WHILE YOU WERE AWAY, I GAVE YOUR ROSES A HAIRCUT!"

The Family Circus By Bill Keane

"Do I have to WRITE in a diary, or is it okay if I print?"

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MOA HIRE MY GIG FOR A GIG?

SHE DID?

I'M TRYING TO GET MY BOOK GROUP TO MEET AT SOMEONE ELSE'S HOUSE NEXT TIME?

Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

YOU DON'T NEED TO PLEASE ANYONE, PEEKABOO!

JUST LET GO AND BE YOURSELF!

THERE! FEEL BETTER NOW?

I'LL NEVER HOLD MY SHEDDING AGAIN!

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

SPOOK SAID TO TELL YOU THE ADDITION OF RAISINS TO HIS SWILL WAS A NICE TOUCH

SO THAT'S WHERE MY COLLECTION OF LADY BUGS WENT

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

RING! JEREMY! TELEPHONE!

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RING! JEREMY! TELEPHONE!

RING! JEREMY! TELEPHONE!

I WONDER IF WE COULD PROGRAM THIS THING TO SORT RINGS AND GREAT HOLLERING 'JEREMY! TELEPHONE!' INSTEAD?

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

MY! WHAT A LOVELY DAY TO SLEEP AND ENJOY A LEISURELY RAID ON SOME ENGLISH CASTLES!

WHY IS IT THAT AFTER I'VE BEEN HOME FOR A FEW DAYS, YOU START DROPPING HINTS?!

Luann By Greg Evans

HEY, BERN

HEY

WHERE'S ZANE?

AT HIS COLLEGE CLASS. HE'S STUDYING TO BE A VETERINARIAN, YOU KNOW

NO, I DIDN'T KNOW

OH, I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU

WE'VE KINDA BEEN DROPPING APART

HMM?

Booie Bailey By Mort Walker

I'VE STARTED A DIET AND I PROMISE NOT TO EAT WITH YOU TILL I LOSE 25 POUNDS

YEAH? WHY?

IT GIVES ME A GOAL... SOMETHING TO SHOOT FOR!

WILL YOU GIVE ME A COUPLE OF POUNDS? NOTICE?

Strange Brew By John Deering

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BOY, ARE YOU IN TROUBLE.

Non Sequitur By Wiley

WHAT'S YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME GONNA BE LUCKY?

LUL! WHAT'S HALLOWEEN?

IT'S A DAY WE GET TO CAST OFF OUR INHIBITIONS AND LET OUR IMAGINATIONS RUN WILD AND DRESS UP IN CREEPY COSTUMES!

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

UNTOLD LOVE STORIES

KARL MARX AND CHER

YOU FAILED TO SHARE, CHER!

STOP GIVING ME MARKS, MARX.

The Bom Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

CELERY AND COTTAGE CHEESE?

STARTING A NEW DIET, CH?

PLEASE! DR. PHIL SAYS I'M NOT ON A DIET, I'M ON A LIFESTYLE CHANGE!

Two Words, Candy

TWO WORDS, CANDY

SCHOOL DAYS

SHOSHONE SHINES



Photo courtesy of Shoshone High School

The Shoshone National Junior Honor Society inducted 17 students at a ceremony Sept. 18. The new members are Shane Camohan, Cody Christensen, Jared Fitzgerald, Lynn-Ann Gould, Shaynee Gullford, Rachele Hansen, Anya Ingram, Ian Ingram, Kayla Kenyon, Rosa Lopez, Alicia Lucas, Leslie Molynaux, Valerie Pantano, Jada Payman, Megan Porter, Joanna Ruiz and Kadden Wright. Faculty members selected the new inductees based on their achievement in scholarship, service, leadership, character and citizenship. Shoshone has been inducting junior high students into the honor society for 13 years. Chapter advisers are Linda Prescott and Michele Will. Refreshments were served after the ceremony and the Shoshone High School show choir entertained.

Burley, Minico start food drive

BURLEY - Students and fans from Burley and Minico are holding a "friendly" competition to see who can bring in the most canned goods.

The canned goods gathered are all donated to the Christmas Council, a group that helps Minicassia residents during the holidays.

Canned goods can be brought to three schools any time this week. There also will be drop-off sites for each school at the Burley versus Minico football game Friday, Oct. 31, at Burley. The game starts at 7:30 p.m. The school that gathers the most canned goods wins the traveling trophy to display for the year at their school.

Cassia schools hold parent teacher conferences

BURLEY - Cassia Joint School District No. 151 announces parent teacher conference times and dates.

Burley High School - 4 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, 7 to 9 a.m. Thursday
Burley Junior High School - 4 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, 7 to 9 a.m. Thursday
Cassia Education Center - 4 to

School news

7 p.m. Wednesday, 7 to 9 a.m. Thursday
Declo High School - 4 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, 7 to 9 a.m. Thursday
Declo Junior High School - 4 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, 7 to 9 a.m. Thursday
Raft River Junior and Senior High School - 4 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, 8 to 10 a.m. Thursday
Cassia Regional Technical Center - 4 to 9 p.m. Wednesday 7 to 9 a.m. Thursday
Albion Elementary School - 3:34 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday
Almo Elementary School - As per appointments made by teacher
Declo Elementary School - 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, 7 to 9 a.m. Thursday
Dworshak Elementary School - 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, 8 to 11 a.m. Thursday
Mountain View Elementary School - 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, 8

a.m. to noon Thursday
Newcomer Center - 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, 8 to 11 a.m. Thursday
Oakley Elementary School - 3:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, 7:30 to 10 a.m. Thursday
Raft River Elementary School - 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 to 11 a.m. Thursday
White Pine Intermediate School - 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 to 11 a.m. Thursday

Kimberly schools plan parent teacher conferences

KIMBERLY - Kimberly School District will hold parent teacher conferences from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 3 and Nov. 5 at each of these schools.

The elementary school will assign conference times.

For more information, call 423-4170, ext. 3308.

Dietrich School announces students of the month

DIETRICH - Dietrich School announced its students of the month for October.

Academics: Brandon Larson and Kelly Whitaker

Castleford gets funds for lights

Oct. 23 saw Castleford Superintendent Kelly Murphy receive a \$500 check from the Idaho Rural Council. These funds were donated to help pay for the installation of energy-efficient lights in the school cafeteria. The remainder of the light project is being provided by an Idaho Power Co. grant.



CASTLEFORD ROLL CALL
Andy Wiseman

Men's Club

This Castleford Men's Club donation to our students and community is consistent with other donations from the club: bus instruments, funding student travel to the National FFA Convention, and providing a \$600 scholarship for each graduate who successfully attends one semester of college and applies for the scholarship.

I would like to extend an invitation to attend several activities this week. They begin on Wednesday at 1:45 with the all-school music program, with the book fair to follow. On Thursday we will dismiss school at 1 p.m. so that we can host student-led conferences from 4 to 8 p.m. We will not have school on Friday so that the conferences can continue 8 a.m. to noon.

The school board will provide free food both days and encourages parents to attend with their children.

The book fair will be available also on Thursday and Friday.

I would remind our students and parents there will be no school Nov. 3 and 4 because we have teacher in-service.

Gooding cross-country teams fare well

With a pounding heart and a racing mind I stand poised to launch myself forward to fight amongst the masses for the greatest reward. My muscles twitch with anxiety; the smell of anticipation ignites within me the flame of competition. All I hear is silence.



GOODING SCHOOL NEWS
Paul Sebastian

the battle will continue next week.

I never stop to gain my breath, never pause to gaze at the scenery, my goal is set on the ribbon stretched across my path. I am a cross-country runner. I placed amongst the top five. I am a great cross-country runner. I defeated everyone and stand alone at the top as number one; I am a Gooding cross-country runner.

The Gooding boys cross country team will be headed to state competition as the number one team in the girls state team will also be head-

ed to state with a great chance at coming out on top.

Coaches Kent Seifert and Jack Nelson have put in countless hours this season and many years into the program itself and will be eager to show off their team's talent at the state level. Both girls' and boys' teams took first in the District meet that was held last week. Congratulations students!

Gooding cross country will be holding a spaghetti dinner at 6 p.m. Oct. 27 at Gooding High School to raise money for the state competition. Tickets are \$5 for singles and \$20 for families of any size. If you are on a diet or can't make it, please send your donations to Gooding High School cross country, 1050 Seventh Ave. W.

Congratulations to the Gooding volleyball team for earning 1st seed in the state tournaments. State for cross country and volleyball will be Nov. 1

Spikers converged on Hansen school

On Oct. 18, 20 and 21 Hansen High School hosted the 2003 Magic Valley Conference high school volleyball tournament. During those three days, the student council had members that would run errands for each team and those who would bring in special hospitality treats. Hansen's cheerleaders were able to use the event to help pay for their uniforms by working concessions on that Saturday. Another aspect was the opportunity to meet and watch some of Idaho's best athletes.



HANSEN SCHOOL NEWS
Jessica Johnson

body president, could not be very involved due to a leg injury, people stepped up to do double-duty and made conference a success."

Jessica Thorpe, HHS volleyball player, said, "We didn't play very well against Castleford, but the team worked well together against Hagerman."

Another player, Hollie Brookshire said that she enjoyed the good food at the games, but didn't like the late nights. All things considered, though, HHS volleyball players have learned to come together and played hard. Every team that participated in

the tournament was able to hold their heads high as they went through five rounds of serves, set ups and spikes.

"Every team played their hearts out!" said Hansen senior Dan Long.

Thankfully there were no major injuries, only the stress from exciting and tiring games. In the end, Oakley took conference.

When students were asked if they would like to host conference another time in the future, most said it would take dedication from people involved; but overall, it was an awesome occasion and would be fun to have the opportunity to host again. HHS would like to thank every team that competed, give a big congratulations to Oakley and a general pat on the back to all the individuals who made volleyball conference a triumph.

Bruin school musicians perform

It's a busy week at Twin Falls High School.

There are going to be plenty of opportunities to get out and support our Bruins.

Our school orchestra kicks off the week with their first concert at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Roper Auditorium. Instructor Kevin Howard and the orchestra have been working hard every morning. I know, because you can hear them from my first period class.

Many economics students at TFSH have been hard at work for weeks preparing for the Region IV International Economic Summit that begins at 8:30 tomorrow in the gymnasium at CSI. Each group of students have been assigned a country that they must learn as much as they can about and be ready to present trade



BRUIN NEWS
Emily Jackson

issues, identify the other countries' flags and partake in international trade for scarce resources. The students will make trade alliances, table decorations, compete in costumes and much more.

Halloween is this coming Friday and for the TFSH students it means no school for us on this spooky holiday this year. It's also the last home game for our football players on Fallows. We're playing Idaho Hall at 7:30 p.m. We

also have boys and girls state soccer this weekend, as well as cross-country and swimming state tournaments.

Last but not least, don't forget girls go and grab your favorite guy before he gets snatched up for the first big dance at TFSH, which is of course Sadies Hawkins. The first big dance at TFSH is this coming Saturday, Nov. 1 and in Sadies Hawkins tradition it's a girl-ask-boy dance. Time until the dance is going fast ladies, so don't hesitate.

Everyone is going to be busy this week, so I'm sure the week will go by quickly with all the events and no school this Friday. Come and cheer for the Bruins, whether it be for music, sports, or anything else just let them know that the community supports them.

NEW BUHL OFFICERS



MARY LOU POTTS/The Times-News

The Buhl High School chapter of Business Professionals of America has elected officers for the school year. Heading up the group is, from left, President R.C. Sleson; Chris Ahn, parliamentarian; Jennifer Lyda, vice president; Tyler Mink, historian; and Anthony Avellar, regional vice president; back row: Jamie Nicholson, secretary; and Whitney Cammack, treasurer.

The members are selling Split Socks in various styles to boost the athletic teams and will use the money to send delegates to the state conference in March at Boise and the nationals in May in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Jerome freshmen put together winning squad

Congratulations to the freshman football team, which is the Magic Valley conference champion. The freshmen ended their season with six wins and only one loss, but were undefeated in the conference.

"They are a great group of kids, who love to compete," Coach Finn said.

Way to go, Tigers!

The purpose is to provide the students of JHS with people who are trained to listen and help with problems, and to help students recognize when a problem needs to be referred to a professional. Explained Kurt Bradley, the Peer Counseling faculty advisor:

The new Peer Counselors are: Cari Emerson, Sara Choate, Sarah Hall, Abbey Wheatley, Danielle Hill, Lyndal Mezes, Amanda Goddard, Chelsea Marlor, Julia Reynolds, Lorena Sanchez, Maria Garcia, Megan Lammers, Bethany Lott, Britany Rialt, Ryan Howell, Staci Hope, Margarita Ochoa, Lydia Costo, Bryce Morrison, Albert Villa, Wayne Thompson, Luis Trevino, Garrett DiGiallonardo, Matt Bos, Patrick ReCroft, Wade Suggden, Robbie



TIGER PRINTS
Kayla Earle

Cathedral Pines for training.

Last week's runners of the meet were Ben Jones, Camille Davis, Brigham Conrad Lee, and Taryn Daviss. Most improved runners were: Gunnar Cahall, Sarah Hall and Amanda Hall. Players of the game for football were: Nick D'Angelo, Zuniga, Rachel Woodell, Alicia German, Vanessa West, Jenni Bubak, Whitney Clark, Megan Parrish, Jenny Bingham and Justin Patten. Players of the game for soccer were: Nick D'Angelo, Sean Cioffa, Kris Mosley, Dillon Baker, Derek Jansson, John Cappi, Ryan Musgrave, McCain Gilbert, George Viera, Matt Bos, Mike Morris, Curtis Bell and Scott Blanc. The players of the game for soccer were: Jenny Dixon, Jackie Palmer, Jose Antonio Lopez, Jose Castillo, Sam Carrasco and Wayne Thompson.

A FRESH START

'Sunni Triangle' veterans try charm on desert areas

NUKHAYB, Iraq (AP) — In town after town, village after village throughout Iraq, American veterans announce their arrival in much the same way: they appoint mayors, set up town councils, refurbish schools and hand out toys.

One of the areas where it didn't work is in the so-called Sunni triangle around Baghdad, where Saddam Hussein loyalists have been most active.

Now U.S. veterans of such hotspots such as Fallujah are giving it another try. 225 miles southwest of Baghdad, in the vast, desolate desert of south-western Iraq.

It's too early to draw firm conclusions, but early evidence suggests that here at least the mixture of military might, generosity and democracy may still work.

"In Fallujah, no matter how much we helped, we were not liked," lamented Lt. Col. Christopher Hickey, commander of the 2nd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, which arrived in Iraq in April.

"My first goal here is to establish trust and confidence. I want to create people who will cooperate with us, not shoot at us."

Hickey, a 39-year-old Boston man, looks determined to make things work. His mission in it is twofold: to help the desert villages and keep out hostile intruders from neighboring Saudi Arabia.

"We know that there are crossings," said Capt. David Palazzo, 29, from Charlotte, N.C., who commands the squadron's Eagle Troop.

"We are here to find out whether it is terrorists or smugglers," he said.

Hickey led a team to the region in late September to learn its most pressing needs.

Accompanying him was Thamer Nayef al-Hathal, 29, a Baghdad University business graduate and U.S.-appointed mayor of Nukhayb and surrounding villages.

He gave the mayor \$50,000 and told him to spend it wisely," Hickey said at a former Iraqi air force base where Eagle Troop is headquartered. "He has spent them well and today I'll give him \$20,000."

A chart in his office displays photographs of the area's three top tribal sheiks; Mayor al-Hathal, one of the sheik's sons; and town councilors.

"We don't want to overwhelm the towns," said Hickey. "Here, we have a fresh start."

It's easy to see where the \$50,000 went.

Last week, workers were repairing a school in the nearby



Lt. Col. Christopher Hickey, of Boston, Mass., right, speaks with contractor Mohammed Shabat, left, during a visit to the school they are rebuilding at Kasra, near Nukhayb, in southwest Iraq, Wednesday.



Prospective Iraqi border guards look on as U.S. soldiers check off a list at the mayor's office Wednesday in Nukhayb, in southwest Iraq.

village of Kasra. There were new carpets, desks and coffee tables at the offices of the mayor and the police chief. The village school has clean water, new supplies, glass windows and its first coat of fresh paint in years.

Headmaster Ali Rashid said attendance has gone from 60 pupils to 135 since the school got its makeover. "We are very grateful for what they have done," Rashid said, as Hickey showed off the work done at the school by contractors and 30 U.S. soldiers.

A government with money to spend is a novelty in Iraq after nearly 13 years of wars and sanctions. Even the little money spent by Saddam's government on infrastructure didn't reach the poor, isolated villages of Nukhayb, Kasra and Habbariyah. So it's no surprise that the U.S. military represented a ray of hope to the area's 3,000 people.

Outside the mayor's office Wednesday, 50 men in traditional Arab robes anxiously waited to be interviewed by Hickey and his team for a 400-man force to

police 220 miles of Saudi border. Monthly salaries of up to \$180 would go far in this poor, sheep-herding community.

The men will be trained by the U.S. military and then in neighboring Jordan. The first battalion, armed with weapons, maps, and vehicles will be deployed in mid-January.

"We want the best for Iraq and this particular group of Americans is good to deal with," said Mayor al-Hathal.

On their way to Nukhayb in five Humvees, Dickey and his dozen men stopped at Kasra to check repairs on the school.

Waiting for him was contractor Mohammed Shabat.

"Tell him that he is supposed to get his money today," Hickey said to his interpreter. "You'll make a lot of kids happy," he added.

Shabat's reply was curt. "Inshallah (God willing), in addition to my own financial gain."

The two later chatted about their families. Shabat told Hickey he had three children, the youngest a 3-year-old girl.

"I have a 3-year-old girl too,"

said Hickey. "She is very bossy."

"You are probably spoiling her," Shabat told him with a smile.

Hickey later remarked on how unusually friendly the conversation was. Shabat, talking to a reporter afterward, was more circumspect. "I don't collaborate with the Americans. I just deal with them and that's different. I deal with them for my own interest and that of my country. But when they storm our homes to look for fighters and see our women in their bed gowns, we all feel humiliated. They don't understand this."

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Russians press on in mine rescue

NOVOSHEKHTINSK, Russia — More water flooded into a coal mine Sunday as rescuers labored to reach 13 miners they believe could still be alive after being trapped thousands of feet underground for a third day.

On Saturday, 33 trapped, exhausted miners were brought to the surface. But emergency workers were unable to locate the position of 13 others in the Zapadnaya mine in southern Russia.

"As far as we know, they are in a dry place with a temperature of 24 (75 degrees Fahrenheit)," said Viktor Kapkanschikov, head of the Emergency Situations Ministry's rescue operation, on Sunday.

But water was rising at such a rate that the mine could be completely flooded by midday Tuesday, he said.

The miners were working some 2,625 feet, or about a half-mile, down in the Zapadnaya mine Thursday when water from a subterranean lake leaked into a shaft above them, blocking their way to the surface, said Col. Viktor Shkareva, head of the regional emergency department.

Hamas says it's ready to renew peace talks

JERUSALEM — Hamas said Sunday it is ready to talk to the Palestinian prime minister about halting attacks on Israelis, even though the Islamic militant group participated in a deadly attack on a Jewish settlement in the Gaza Strip two days earlier.

Israel on Sunday retaliated for the attack on the Netzarim settlement, blowing up three uninhabited high-rise buildings the army says were used as lookouts by the assassins, one from Hamas and the other from the smaller Islamic Jihad group, who killed three Israeli soldiers at the isolated, heavily guarded settlement southwest of Gaza City.

More clashes were reported in Gaza, leaving at least one suspected Palestinian militant dead.

Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon told his Cabinet he would try to persuade European leaders not to support an unofficial peace proposal reached by Palestinian officials and Israeli opposition figures with Swiss backing.

Russia's richest tycoon spend first night in jail

MOSCOW — Billionaire oil tycoon Mikhail Khodorkovsky, jailed on charges of fraud, forgery and tax evasion, spent his first night in custody in a notoriously overcrowded jail, the Interfax news agency reported Sunday.

Khodorkovsky, who heads the country's largest oil company, Yukos, and is regarded as Russia's



A woman holds a candle during a public prayer for the rescue of the miners trapped deep underground at the Zapadnaya mine in Novoshekhinsk, southern Russia, Sunday.

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richest man, was taken into custody Saturday after special forces surrounded his private jet at an airport in Siberia.

He was taken to Moscow, interrogated and charged in a dramatic escalation of a probe of Yukos that the company and observers across the political spectrum say appears to be politically motivated.

Khodorkovsky has funded two liberal opposition parties. U.S. Ambassador Alexander Vershbow said Sunday that Washington "was disturbed by the escalation of tensions around Yukos" and concerned that "after these occurrences new doubts will arise among foreign companies that work in the Russian market and also among potential investors." Interfax reported.

Twin earthquakes hit northwestern China

BEIJING (AP) — The central government sent cold-weather tents, seismological teams and cash Sunday to an earthquake-prone patch of remote northwestern China where powerful twin tremors, minutes apart, killed nine people and leveled houses in their wake.

The first quake in rural Gansu province, which hit at 8:41 p.m. Saturday and measured magnitude 6.1, sent people scurrying into freezing temperatures. As some ventured back inside, the second tremor — almost as powerful at magnitude 5.8 — hit seven minutes later.

It was chaos. People were running out of their homes and into the night," a resident of Yonggu township told The Associated Press.

— compiled from wire reports

Charitable giving drops in 2002

WASHINGTON (AP) — Contributions to the largest charities fell in 2002 for the first time in a dozen years because of the troubled economy and uncertainty among donors, a survey finds. Donors to the 400 largest charities dropped 1.2 percent last year, to \$46.9 billion from \$47.5 billion in 2001, according to The Chronicle of Philanthropy's annual survey released Monday. During the previous five years, donations increased an average of 12 percent each year.

"This economic downturn has jostled so many twists and turns that donors aren't feeling very certain about the future, so they aren't as willing to give," editor Stacy Palmer said. "As donors are feeling more pinched, charities are feeling it, too."

She said the growing number of charities also contributes to the decline, as more organizations compete for donations. In response to the hard times, some charities are changing the way they raise funds, adding staff and sponsoring events to attract donors.

For the first time in a decade, the Salvation Army — with nearly \$1.4 billion in contributions — slipped from the top spot, the survey said.

A surge in giving prompted by the Sept. 11 attacks pushed the American Red Cross from ninth to No. 1 last year. With \$1.1 billion given to the Red Cross' Sept. 11 fund, the organization's donations totaled more than \$1.7 billion.

Charity officials have said their task in 2002 was complicated by many challenges: the waves of layoffs, the stock market plunge, the erosion of trust in some insti-

tutions, donor fatigue after the response to the attacks. Gifts to the top 400 charities accounted for nearly a fifth of the \$241 billion given to all U.S. charities last year. Nearly 90 percent of donations come from

individuals, Palmer said, with the rest from foundations and companies.

The survey's annual statistics, which cover private donations and not government contributions, are adjusted for inflation.

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