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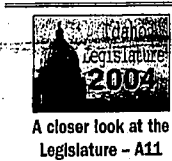
Joe Chapman, a fish hatchery manager at Hagerman State Fish Hatchery, removes a crowd screen from a raceway after a fish transfer Thursday. Chapman and his employees have not received a pay raise since 2001.

State worker pay hikes top Legislature's list

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE—The last couple of years for state worker Joe Chapman have been frustrating as he has watched his pay check shrink largely as a result of escalating health insurance costs.

The last time Chapman, who has been the manager of a state fish hatchery near Hagerman for the past six years, saw an increase in pay was a 1 percent hike in 2001, which was just enough to cover the increase in his health insurance premium.



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"The last time we got an increase, the health insurance premium ate most of it, but I wound up making less because I was in a higher tax bracket," Chapman said.

Since then, Chapman's wages and those of most of the other 18,500 state employees have been frozen. And the increase in health insurance premiums has been in the double digits.

The reason? For the first time in its history, Idaho actually saw a reduction in state revenues in 2002. To maintain ongoing programs, the governor reduced appropriations to agencies, and during the 2002 legislative session, lawmakers emptied every savings account they could find. Then, still unable to cover all the bills, the 2003 Legislature argued for a

record 118 days before ending the session after raising the sales tax one penny for two years.

Lawmakers also raised the cigarette tax and the state liquor tax. When the 2004 Legislature convenes at noon Monday, the main question facing them is whether or not state workers will get a pay increase beginning July 1. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne will give his recommendation Monday evening.

"It is forefront on his mind," said Brian Whitlock, the governor's chief of staff. "He's well aware of what state workers have been

Town where mad cow lived rallies

The Associated Press

MABTON, Wash.—As the government began a week-long round of cattle-killing in this town, hundreds of residents crammed into a school gymnasium Saturday to show their support for the beef industry.

About 350 people attended a rally that featured booths offering literature about mad cow disease and T-shirts encouraging people to eat beef. Many more stopped by for free food; organizers gave away ribs, hot dogs and more than 1,000 hamburgers.

"I'm more afraid of someone at a restaurant not washing their hands than I'm worried about this," said 75-year-old Frances Sommer, the rally with her older brother, Clarence.

Mabton, in south-central Washington, is home to the Sunny Dene ranch, where a Holstein with mad cow disease lived before it was slaughtered Dec. 9. Post-mortem tests on the cow, which was born in Canada, revealed it had the disease, prompting dozens of nations to ban U.S. beef until its safety could be ensured.

Steve Erickson, president of the Washington Cattlemen's Association, flipped burgers at the rally and defended his industry.



Rep. Doc Hastings, R-Wash., gives a thumbs up to the taste of his hamburger at the Cattleman's Rally Saturday at Mabton High School in Mabton, Wash.

"There are many obstacles you can't always control, but we feel we have a nutritious, healthy product, and what we're fighting is emotional perception," Erickson said. "The American beef supply is the safest in the world."

Also Saturday, nine cows arrived at a slaughterhouse in the eastern Washington town of Wilbur—the first of 129 from the Sunny Dene ranch being killed because they are believed to have

come from the same farm in Alberta, Canada, as the diseased Holstein.

Nine more cows were to be killed Monday, followed by 20 a day through the week, USDA spokesman Nolan Lemon said. Dead cattle that test negative for mad cow disease will be buried in a landfill, officials said. If some are found to have the disease, those carcasses will be incinerated or destroyed with acid.

Report says Pentagon auditors altered files

WASHINGTON (AP)—Pentagon auditors spent 1,139 hours altering their own files in order to pass an internal review, say investigators who found that the accounting sleuths engaged in just the kind of wasteful activity they are supposed to expose.

When the auditors in the New York City office learned well in advance which files a review team would check, they spent the equivalent of more than 47 days doctoring the papers and updating records from several audits, the Defense Department's inspector general concluded. Administrative staff, audit supervisors and other employees also participated in the scheme.

The fabrication at the Defense Contract Audit Agency "certainly violates the spirit and intent" of government auditing standards and rules on ethical conduct, according to the inspector general's report obtained by The Associated Press.

The fabrication was discovered in 2003, but the report on it was not disclosed until Tuesday.

The defense agency, which audits government contracts, is the same one that recently reported that Vice President Dick Cheney's

former company, Halliburton, may have overcharged the Army as much as \$61 million for gasoline in Iraq.

The audit agency ran up some charges of its own when the auditors worked on altering the records.

The task of rewriting the files was so daunting that auditors came in from other offices to help make the changes, costing taxpayers more than \$1,600 in travel expenses.

The watchdog "is supposed to be the agency for defense contracts," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, a constant critic of government waste. "Altering audit work papers could undermine the accuracy of the Pentagon's cost reports. Falsifying official reports is a crime, and those involved must be held accountable."

To stop any fabrications in the future, the review teams only give 48 hours advance notice of the files they want to inspect. The advance time under the old policy was much longer.

Discipline was proposed for the manager who directed the alterations, but was never imposed because the official reviewed, the report said.

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7 days, 7 reasons to read

Awake and fit
A group of women gets up early to pump iron—and they'd like some company.

Monday



Smaller size
FrogPads gets up into the limelight.

Tuesday

Potlucky
The Lutherans publish a cookbook.

Wednesday



Staying safe
What to do when winter's wrath foils your outdoors experience.

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Want 'Proof?'
The Friends of CSI Players offer David Auburn's drama "Proof."

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Hockey and God
A Jerome church will soon have a hockey ministry—and you can play, too.

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Do college entrance exams still matter much?

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Summit focuses on terror, migration

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — Leaders from throughout the Americas will try to map out a common vision Monday on how to make the region safer, balancing concerns about security against alarm over increasingly aggressive U.S. measures to meet terror threats.



Workers install fences near the site of the Special Summit of the Americas on Saturday in Monterrey, Mexico. Security has been heightened for the special session of the summit which begins Monday.

But Latin American leaders excited about President Bush's proposal to allow their citizens to work in the United States may be hesitant to openly confront his policies during the two-day summit in this northern Mexico city.

Bush and most other leaders are scheduled to arrive Monday for private meetings before the formal start of the Special Summit of the Americas.

The Organization of American States, which includes all 35 nations in the hemisphere except Cuba, held its last summit in Quebec in April 2001 and had scheduled the next for 2005 in Argentina. But last year, Canada called for an interim meeting to deal with the regional repercussions of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"They thought that by bringing all of the heads of state together they could reframe the counterterrorism issues in a manner that would more effectively achieve hemispheric goals in free trade and democracy," said Robert Pastor, director of the center for North American Studies at American University in Washington.

Bush said this past week that one way to alleviate terror concerns would be to allow millions of migrants to work legally in the United States for at least three years and at the same time to crack down on illegal workers.

Latin American leaders responded with cautious optimism. "It is a demonstration of collaboration, which we appreciate,"

Mexican President Vicente Fox said Thursday. But he added: "We're going for more." Foreign Secretary Luis Ernesto Derbez indicated Mexico would lobby the U.S. Congress to pass Bush's plan.

Regardless of how it plays out, the mere idea of an immigration agreement provides a big political boost to both Bush and Fox.

For Bush, it will create an opportunity to improve relations with other nations in the region — a stance that could help his efforts to court Hispanic voters for the November elections.

A potential accord on migrant workers and the summit on Mexican soil could be a boon to Fox, who is trying to shake off the lame-duck status many have accorded him halfway through his six-year term. Under Mexican law, he can't run for re-election.

The Sept. 11 attacks had pushed aside negotiations on a migration accord, and relations between the United States and Mexico became strained after Fox's government refused to back the Iraq war.

Bush, Mexico's Fox will try to make amends

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — President Bush's Texas ranch is only a day's drive from America's southern border, yet he and Mexican President Vicente Fox have been worlds apart the past two years on issues such as the war in Iraq and immigration.



President George Bush Proposed new immigration policy



President Vicente Fox of Mexico Will meet with Bush at summit

The two leaders have a chance to stitch up rips in their relationship Monday the first day of the Summit of the Americas in Monterrey, Mexico. It comes less than a week after Bush announced a new proposal to give illegal immigrants who have jobs in the United States temporary legal status — a move that was not only a nod to Fox, but to Hispanic voters in this year's election.

"It will be interesting to see if the summit is overtaken by the pomp and circumstance surrounding the recently announced immigration proposal and the bilateral meeting between Bush and Fox," said Armand Feuerherd, director of the Mexico project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "That would play well among Hispanics from the standpoint of Bush's presidential politics, but would detract from the policy importance of the region."

Leaders from 34 nations are to attend the summit, including Canada's new Prime Minister Paul Martin. Meeting Bush face-to-face for the first time, Martin is expected to discuss Iraq, Afghanistan, mad cow disease — the first U.S. case of mad cow disease — reported in the United States, a milk cow born in Canada and a long-standing softwood lumber dispute.

Last year, the United States imposed stiff duties on softwood imports from four Canadian provinces after accusing Canada of subsidizing the industry.

Canada appeared poised Friday to reject an American proposal to end the trade battle. Bush faces criticism as well from nations in Latin America, a region that refused to fall in line behind Bush and other countries that went to war in Iraq. Some Latin American nations are backing a hemispheric trade agreement because they don't think it's fair, and are pushing for improved conditions for immigrant workers.

Over two days of talks, Bush also is expected to encounter complaints from across Latin America about everything from

new fingerprinting rules for foreign visitors to American criticism of interaction with Cuba. Strains are occurring with Venezuela because of its close ties with Cuba's Fidel Castro and what the Bush administration sees as Venezuelan efforts to

stoke anti-American sentiment elsewhere in the region.

"It is beyond me to understand why anybody who believes in democracy or wants people to believe that they believe in democracy would want to have anything, in that regard, to do

with Fidel Castro, because that's the one truly undemocratic regime in the region," National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice said Friday.

On another front, Rice said Bush would prod Argentina to take the difficult steps required by a debt refinancing plan with the International Monetary Fund to bolster the country's badly slumping economy.

First on Bush's agenda at the summit is his meeting Monday with Fox.

Their relationship has soured over several issues. Last year, Mexico wouldn't use its U.N. Security Council seat to support the eventual U.S. invasion of Iraq. In August 2002, Fox canceled a visit to Bush's ranch to protest the Texas execution of police killer Jewell Suarez Medina. Fox also was irritated when Bush put aside immigration reforms after the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

FDA head: States don't need imported drugs

WASHINGTON (AP) — States can cut their drug costs without turning to imports from Canada, says the head of the Food and Drug Administration, and states that defy the ban on importing pharmaceuticals might face legal action.

FDA Commissioner Mark McClellan said Friday his agency is working with state governments to increase the use of less-expensive generic drugs and to find other ways to cut costs, such as using the states' buying power to negotiate lower prices from drug companies.

City governments in Springfield, Mass., and Montgomery, Ala., have begun buying drugs from Canada, and several states are studying the idea.

The FDA contends that it can't guarantee the safety of imported drugs and has been working to discourage the imports. Importing medicine from abroad for resale is illegal.

"Our first preference is to try to work directly with the cities and

states," McClellan said. But, he added, "I'm definitely not ruling out legal action if necessary to assure safety."

Price controls in Canada mean prescription drugs can cost considerably less than in the United States, and many Americans have crossed the border to buy the products for years.

In the last year cross-border drug sales have boomed through Internet and mail-order operations as well. The FDA argues that it can't even guarantee that drugs ordered from Canada come from there and not a third country.

So far, the FDA has targeted suppliers, winning a court's backing to shut down one company, Rx Direct Inc. Another major supplier shut its offices in the United States and moved to Canada.

Montgomery has let city employees and retirees buy prescription drugs from Canada for about a year, which has saved an estimated \$400,000 to \$500,000, Mayor Bobby Bright said Friday.

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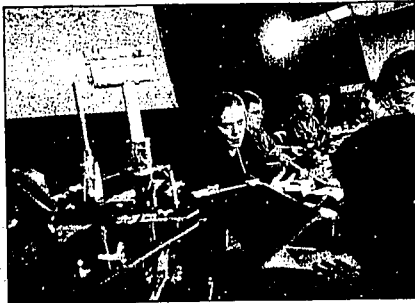
Mars rover gets set to leave lander

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA's Spirit rover has fully unfolded itself and stretched up to its full 4-foot, 9-inch height, making it ready to drive off the lander that delivered it to Mars, the space agency said Saturday.

The rover could reach the martian surface as early as Wednesday morning.

"It now stands at full height and all six wheels are in their final position," mission manager Jennifer Truesper said during a news conference at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

The unfolding was one of the most complex deployments ever performed by a robotic spacecraft, mechanical systems engineer Chris Voorhes said. NASA had to fold up the rover to make it fit inside the lander, which opened up like a four-petal flower.



Mars Rover mission manager Jennifer Truesper, left, and other mission scientists talk with reporters Saturday at a news conference at Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

Even though it remains on its lander, 16 inches above the martian surface, Spirit already has found traces of minerals that have been an ancient lake at the landing site.

That geologic observation could support theories that liquid water persisted on the surface of the planet during Mars' ancient past and provided an environment conducive to life.

Top-ranking U.S. general visits China

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. military ties with China have been slow to recover from the forced landing of a Navy spy plane on a Chinese island more than two years ago.

But the prospect of closer military relations as well as Washington's push to get North Korea to abandon its nuclear program are among the chief reasons for a trip to Asia by the top U.S. general.

Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is scheduled to leave for a tour that will take him to Japan, Mongolia, China and Australia.

Myers' predecessor, Army Gen. John Shalikashvili, visited China in May 1997. No other Joint Chiefs chairman has gone to China since the early 1980s.

China is wary of U.S. intentions in Asia and the Pacific, most notably regarding Taiwan, the island that split from the mainland after the communist revolution in October 1949.

China insists Taiwan must reunite and periodically threatens to do it by force if necessary. The United States officially holds to a one-China policy but is pledged to ensure that Taiwan can defend itself.

"Myers' trip comes at a good time in U.S.-China relations," but also at a time of substantial risk of a "confrontation" over Taiwan's ambitions for independence, said Ashton Carter, who was assistant secretary of defense for international security during the Clinton administration.

Taiwan's president, Chen Shui-bian, has declared that he intends to hold a referendum on the island will have an referendum March 20 — a day Chen seeks reelection — on whether China should stop planting hundreds of missiles at Taiwan.

Beijing believes self-ruled Taiwan is part of China and fears the Taiwan electorate might vote to reject this sacred belief and chose a permanent split.

For China, even referenda on mundane issues threaten to lead the island to an independence vote, which Beijing has threatened to stop by force.

To the chagrin of conservatives in Congress, the administration has criticized the referendum plan.

Bush's Pentagon has been highly skeptical of the value of military cooperation with China.

Relations sank to new lows in April 2001, when Chinese fighter pilot Wang Wei flew his jet too close to the U.S. reconnaissance EP-3E that it had been shadowing over international waters off China's Hainan island.

The two planes collided. Wang's plane plunged into the South China Sea and he became a national hero. The Navy plane had to make an unauthorized emergency landing on Hainan. The Chinese military kept the 24-member crew in custody for 11 days.

At that point, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld ended military contacts with China. Relations have improved only gradually since.

Unlike his two most immediate predecessors at the Pentagon, he did meet his counterpart, Gen. Cao Ganchuan, in Washington in October.

Before Myers, the highest-ranking U.S. military officer to visit Taiwan under Bush has been Adm. Thomas Fargo, commander of U.S. Pacific Command. In a speech at Shanghai's Fudan University in December 2002, Fargo said it was important to promote "a genuine exchange of thought" and consistency in the relationship.

Critics say Bush ignores previous attempts to ease immigration laws

The Associated Press

As critics begin scrutinizing President Bush's proposal to grant legal status to millions of undocumented workers, some are worried the administration will fail to learn from two previous experiments, one during World War II and the other in 1986.

Bush's plan is a modern-day rewrite of the 1986 U.S. guest worker program that "tore families apart and stripped laborers of their earnings and their future," the Congressional Hispanic Caucus said after the president proposed his idea Wednesday.

Rep. Tom Lucretio, an advocate of stricter immigration enforcement, accused Bush of "totally ignoring the nation's experience with the ill-fated 1986 amnesty program," which granted legal status to almost 3 million undocumented immigrants.

That program "only encouraged a new wave of illegal immigration," said Tancredi, R-Colo. Bush's plan would create a temporary worker program for undocumented immigrants already in the United States and for people in other countries who have been offered permanent residence or citizenship.

Immigration experts and critics on both sides of the political spectrum caution that policy-makers should heed some of the past program's failings by building in strong worker protections and enforcing the law when it comes to employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants.

The braceros program — named after "bracero," the Spanish word for arm — was the first of the two earlier efforts. Under an agreement between the United States and Mexico, as many as 5 million temporary workers crossed the border to fill a labor shortage caused by the Second World War, said Oscar Martinez, a history professor at the University of Arizona.

But the braceros, who worked mostly in agriculture, didn't have many of the same rights as Americans.



Financial analyst Cynthia Alvarez works from her office Friday in San Francisco. Alvarez successfully applied for amnesty under a 1986 program that allowed 3 million undocumented immigrants to apply for legal status.

Americans. "Braceros were at the mercy of the employers," Martinez said. "There was limited government oversight and there were lots of abuses."

Many workers lived in overcrowded camps, and were denied medical assistance and the right to organize, advocates say. Some braceros are still engaged in a legal battle with the U.S. and Mexican governments, seeking money that was set aside in savings funds to be paid to them once they returned to Mexico.

Rep. Ciro Rodriguez, chairman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, said lawmakers should remember what happened. "If you want to establish any kind of guest worker program, we've got to make sure that we treat people with dignity," by ensuring "they be given the same wages, the same benefits that anyone else would get doing the same kind of work."

Bush said in his proposal that temporary workers should enjoy the same rights as American workers.

The braceros program, had any success, some say — encouraging illegal immigration. The number of people caught entering the country illegally increased tenfold from 1964, when the braceros program ended, to 1976, according to a recent report by the National Foundation for American Policy.

prove the lake theory. The carbonate dust also could have formed by reactions with the tiny amounts of water vapor found in the martian atmosphere.

"We've got a bunch of ideas and we don't know which one is right yet," said Steven Squyres of Cornell University, the mission's main scientist. A previous NASA spacecraft detected carbonates from orbit.

Spirit also was measuring the temperature and makeup of the rocks and soil around it with its thermal emission spectrometer. The instrument sees infrared radiation — heat — emitted by objects, including rocks and soil.

Variations in the radiation indicate differences in mineralogical composition. That's crucial information for scientists eager to learn what sort of rocks lie strewn around Spirit and which of them are most worth analyzing.

Photographs taken by Spirit of its surroundings have also been trickling in, deputy project scientist Albert Haldemann said.

The \$820 million Mars Exploration Rover project includes a second, identical rover, named Opportunity, which is scheduled to land on Jan. 24.

Gay-rights groups see hope in split

NEW YORK (AP) — Intrigued by divisions within conservative ranks, gay-rights strategists are trying to portray a proposed constitutional ban on same-sex marriage as a radical step that true conservatives should oppose.

The Human Rights Campaign, a national gay rights group, is targeting conservatives with a radio and print ad campaign starting Monday, in 10 areas, including Omaha, Neb.; Indianapolis; Tampa, Fla.; Milwaukee; Las Vegas; and Philadelphia.

"Be conservative with the Constitution," the ads say. "Don't amend it."

Disagreements among conservatives have emerged in recent months over the proposed Federal Marriage Amendment, which would stipulate that marriage is only between a man and woman.

Some want the measure toughened so it would bar same-sex civil unions and domestic partnerships as well as gay marriages. Other conservatives, including several prominent columnists and politicians, say the Constitution is the wrong place to address contentious social problems and contend the measure would infringe on states' rights.

The critics include former U.S. Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., who called the amendment "irresponsible, intrusive, and unconstitutional."

Tony Perkins, president of the pro-amendment Family Research Council, said he respected some of the criticism. However, he said the amendment was the only effective option now, as the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court has ruled the state cannot deny marriage rights to same-sex couples.

"It's no longer a theoretical discussion about 'What ifs?'" Perkins said in a telephone interview. "It's a public policy crisis."

President Bush addressed the issue during an interview with ABC News last month, but his comments confused and dismayed many conservative activists.

On the one hand, Bush said, "If necessary, I will support a constitutional amendment which would honor marriage between a man and a woman, codify that."

However, in what some conservatives perceived as an endorsement of civil unions, Bush added, "The position of this administration is that whatever legal arrangements people want to make, they're allowed to make, so long as it's embraced by the state or at the state-level."

Among the conservative leaders disappointed by that remark was Gary Bauer, president of American Values. "His unfortunate statement undermines pro-family conservatives around the country who are working in state legislatures to prevent such 'fake marriages' from being forced on the American people," Bauer said in a statement.

As introduced in Congress, the Federal Marriage Amendment was designed to ban gay marriage but leave open the possibility that state lawmakers approve civil unions or domestic partnerships, extending some marriage-like rights to same-sex couples.

Plane diverts to Dulles Airport over unruly passenger's demands

CHANTILLY, Va. (AP) — An American Airlines commuter flight was diverted Saturday after a passenger demanded a note to the crew — pending to be taken to Australia, the FBI said. The plane landed safely at Washington's Dulles International Airport and the passenger was in FBI custody.

The FBI said there was no indication that the incident involving Flight 4959, operated by American Eagle and carrying 19 passengers and a crew of five, was terrorism-related.

The passenger whose identity was not released, was being questioned by the FBI. No charges were immediately filed.

"It was nothing other than the unreasonable demands of an unruly passenger," said Debbie Weierman, spokeswoman for the FBI's Washington field office.

The flight left New York's LaGuardia Airport at 10:57 a.m. bound for Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, which is 33 miles away.

The FBI detained the passenger after questioning the 23 other people on the flight, said Terry Hamilton, spokeswoman for the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

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New moonshine gels with tourists

FRENCHBURG, Ky. (AP) — Anna Childers doesn't look like the typical moonshiner.

But, then, she isn't making the typical moonshine.

The mother of four is adding a special touch to the potent corn whiskey to make what she calls moonshine jelly, a product that is quickly snatched from gift shop shelves at tourist hotspots across Kentucky.

"Oh, yes, it's popular," she said, holding a small jar that goes for about \$2 per half pint. "People buy it up about as quickly as we can make it."

Childers, manager of Barton's Fine Foods in Frenchburg, is taking advantage of what some have described as a moonshine craze sweeping through Appalachia again, this time fueled in large part by tourists intrigued by the homemade liquor's mystique.

Tourism officials say many urban visitors to Appalachia tend to equate moonshiners with moonshine, which has pushed the price of the black-market elixir to \$20 to \$30 a quart. Some believe the demand has grown because communities suffering from job losses in the coal industry have begun to concentrate on tourism.

Larry Webster, an eastern Kentucky attorney who helps organize the annual Hillbilly Days Festival in Pikeville, said many tourists ask locals where they can find moonshine. And often, he said, locals can point them in the right direction.

"They're looking for the essence of hillbilly culture," Webster said. "And there's nothing that more symbolically captures that essence than moonshine liquor."

Some, against the best advice of local authorities, drink the stuff. Others take it back in Mason jars as a keepsake, occasionally unceremoniously lifting to impress friends with a whiff of fumes.

"The golden age of moonshine is now," Webster said. "The government has quit hunting it. They took their manpower and started using it on firearms and explosives, deciding it was a waste of time to search through the hills for stills. As a result, you can get better moonshine now than you



Bryan Alphin, president of Southern Dream Foods in Louisville, Ky., talks about moonshine jelly, Dec. 22 at Barton's Fine Foods facility in Frenchburg, Ky. Alphin said his company distributes about 25,000 jars of the jelly each year. Most of it is sold in gift shops at state parks and airports.

could during the Depression."

But Lawrence County Sheriff Garrett Roberts said the whiskey can be dangerous, even lethal, if not made correctly. Last month, an anonymous tipster reported a relative drank some of the moonshine and got sick.

Moonshine whiskey's popularity isn't limited to rural communities. An Emory University study found that nearly 9 percent of 581 emergency care center patients surveyed at an Atlanta hospital had consumed moonshine in the past five years.

The researchers, assisted by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, analyzed 100 moonshine samples and found 10 percent of them contained high enough levels of lead to make drinkers sick.

Despite the dangers, the mystique remains. Like Barton's Fine Foods, companies across the South now offer moonshine jelly, which they say is both legal to sell and safe to eat. Bryan Alphin, president of Southern Dream Foods in

Louisville, said the corn whiskey evaporates in the jelly making process. His company distributes about 25,000 jars of the jelly each year — most sold in gift shops at state parks and airports.

Dale Quillen, a Nashville, Tenn., attorney who once worked as a state revenue agent, said very little homemade whiskey is being made now, though.

"There's always been a trickle of it," said Quillen, 78. "There's

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— Dale Quillen, former revenue agent

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Childers and her mother, Emma Agee, work side by side, making their moonshine jelly in a spotless, 55-gallon cooker in a building on the outskirts of Frenchburg, 50 miles east of Lexington. They add store-bought corn liquor, the legal kind, to a boiling mixture of pineapples, water and sugar.

"We don't wear the bib overalls, the flannel shirts, the boots, like old-time moonshiners," Agee said. "But after we make a batch of this jelly, we smell like them. The odor really gets in your clothes."

City council cuts plan for \$10 shaving permit

ZILWAUKEE, Mich. (AP) — Zilwaukee's men can shave at will. The Zilwaukee City Council has voted to make beard-growing a voluntary way to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the town just north of Saginaw.

Some council members had proposed a proclamation that would have required more than 650 men from the city and Zilwaukee Township to grow beards as part of the anniversary celebration — or buy a \$10 shaving permit.

The proclamation would have mirrored one that was passed for Zilwaukee's centennial in 1954 — except then the permit cost \$3. But now the shaving permit is optional.

"We can't emphasize enough that this is a fun thing," Councilman Eugene Jolin Jr. said. "We don't want anyone to get mad or move out of town."

Dorey said he still has for \$3 his grandfather bought for a permit during the centennial celebration 50 years ago.

"I wouldn't take \$300 for it now," Dorey said.

"Years from now, my grandchildren can look back and say, 'Look, Grandpa had to buy a permit to shave.'"

The celebrations are set for June and, besides a beard-growing contest, are to include amusement rides, a dance, a parade and car and boat shows.

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Man makes snow for fiancée

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Stan Cooper had a cold surprise for his fiancée. It wasn't ice for her ring finger, but snow on her lawn.

Jackie Shelton woke up Wednesday to find her front yard covered in snow. Cooper had rigged up a homemade snow machine to create the winter wonderland.

He used an air compressor and pressure washer, and tested the prototype at the Oak Ridge

National Laboratory, where he works.

Cooper says he proposed to Shelton on Christmas Day and gave her a ring. But he couldn't give her a white Christmas.

In order to produce his snowy surprise, Cooper had to wait until the temperature dropped this week.

Shelton, who loves snow, says: "I first she thought her fiancé had lost his mind. But she added, 'He's so sweet.'"

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A self-taught painter and sculptor, Lehrman has been involved with art in one way or another since childhood. Like I.B. Perrine, Lehrman originally came from Indiana. His more recent works have focused on Western themes. Limited edition reproductions of Lehrman's latest paintings, known as giclees, are available on artist canvas highlighted with oil paint.

The Lehrman exhibit at Magic Valley Bank will feature never before seen artwork. Among the featured artwork are two sizeable watercolors of Twin Falls Main Street. First hand drawn from a Clarence Bisbee photo of Main Street and then painted with watercolors, Lehrman's artistry brings 1910 Main Street alive with vivid detail. Also featured is a dramatic oil painting of wolves overlooking a ravine titled "Party of Two." A miniature brass reproduction of the full size I.B. Perrine statue will also be displayed. According to the soft spoken Lehrman, "This is the best work I have done to date."

Lehrman will be at Magic Valley Bank all day Wednesday, January 14, to answer questions about his work and sign limited edition prints. There will be a registration and drawing that day only for one of these prized limited edition prints.

The Lehrman exhibit will be in the lobby of the main branch of Magic Valley Bank in the heart of downtown at the corner of Shoshone and Main Avenue W. The exhibit runs from Monday, January 12 through Friday, February 6. Hours are Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.

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Dean accepted gifts from special interests

WASHINGTON (AP) - Just months before he signed a state tax break for insurers in 1993, then-Vermont Gov. Howard Dean met with executives from two companies that might benefit.

Dean received a gift from the companies' lobbyist, followed by more than \$60,000 in donations over the next two years to one of Dean's own charity funds.

The relationship between Dean and the nontraditional insurance industry is detailed in a series of letters obtained by The Associated Press in which both sides discussed official state business and private financial matters in the same correspondence.

"We greatly appreciate the flexibility your administration and its predecessors have promoted in the regulation of insurance companies," one of the companies wrote Dean in 1995. A few sentences later, the company announced it was donating money to his charity.

"In addition to a contribution—in 1994, I am pleased to inform you that we have just forwarded a second contribution in the amount of \$25,000 to assist with the project's important work."

Tax records the campaign volunteered to the AP also show that as governor, Dean took more than \$1,000 in personal pay from four special interests to give speeches, much of it from a drug company involved in a major sexual harassment case.

Dean's speech fees and charitable donations were permitted under Vermont law and did not have to be disclosed at the time.

Dean's campaign said Friday it was "laughable" to suggest that the donations and gift from the insurers or the speaking fees had any impact on his decisions as governor. "Anyone who knows Howard Dean knows he's a straight-shooter who calls them as he sees them and nothing, aside from his interest in the best public policy, ever influenced his decisions as governor," spokesman Jay Carson said.

But an ethics expert said the revelations risk tarnishing Dean's self-portrait as a political outsider.

"This is the same kind of thing that goes on in Washington, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day," said Charles Lewis, head of the Center for Public Integrity. "It's not something you would expect the reformer, outsider candidate would have in his background."

Many of Dean's former gubernatorial colleagues, including his successor in Vermont, said they don't accept special-interest speaking fees to avoid appearances or because of legal prohibitions.

Vermont Republican Gov. James Douglas, Dean's successor, hasn't accepted any honoraria in his first year and believes it "unlikely that he would accept an honoraria to speak on a subject clearly related to his duties as governor," spokesman Jason Gibbs said.

Dean's ethics checks and pledges totaling at least \$62,500 to Dean's Vermont Computer Project, an initiative the governor created to donate equipment to schools, came from captive insurance and reinsurance companies, nontraditional insurers that provide health care coverage to companies in tax-ferentially ways.

The money was delivered to Dean and his aides in the mid-1990s by a lobbyist for the insurers. In one letter on his official stationery, Dean wrote lobbyist John L. Primmer to tell him about the status of a state tax break for the industry and to simultaneously thank him for a personal gift.

"Both of these bills have the potential to help further opportunities in this area and bring high quality, economically beneficial jobs to Vermont," Dean wrote on April 27, 1993, to Primmer, whose clients included a coalition for reinsurers and the Vermont Captive Insurance Association.

"Thanks for the gift and your support. Please be in touch with further questions or comments," the then-governor added.



Democratic presidential hopeful former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean addresses the crowd during a town meeting at Concord High School, in Concord, N.H., Friday. Dean criticized a variety of President Bush's policies during the event.

Dean acknowledges Clark as chief rival, singles him out for criticism

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) - Howard Dean has acknowledged Wesley Clark's momentum in the Democratic presidential race and singled him out as a chief rival for the nomination.

Clark is not expected to overcome Dean in the first two key nominating contests—Clark is not competing in Iowa and is trailing Dean by double-digits in New Hampshire polls. But Clark could be a strong contender when the race moves to other parts of the country.

A CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll last week put Clark, a retired Army general, in a statistical tie nationally with Dean, a former Vermont governor, when the margin of error was taken into account. And Clark is the only Democratic candidate to come close to Dean's fund-raising in the last quarter—more than \$14 million for Dean and more than \$10 million for Clark, according to their campaigns.

"We think General Clark does have a little momentum here and I think that's understandable," Dean told reporters Friday while campaigning in New Hampshire. "He has not been for the most part in the fray of all the attacks

that have gone on. But we don't find that our support, our core support, is eroding."

Dean has mentioned Clark in his pitch encouraging potential endorses to sign on before the Iowa caucuses, according to sources who spoke to The Associated Press on a condition of anonymity. Two people who have heard Dean make his case said he expresses concern that if he loses Iowa and Clark gets second in New Hampshire, Clark could win the nomination.

Dean has received some key endorsements recently that put him in a stronger position leading into Iowa's Jan. 19 caucuses. Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin signed on Friday, three days after former presidential candidate Bill Bradley. Vice President Al Gore endorsed Dean last month.

Dean is in an even stronger position to win New Hampshire's Jan. 27 primary, according to the polls. But with Clark moving into second place in recent surveys, Dean singled him out Friday for criticism at town hall meetings in Rochester and Concord.

MoveOn.org becomes anti-Bush powerhouse

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) - Chances are, Democratic Party consultants won't take credit for the hard-hitting anti-Bush ad to air on network TV this month. That honor will likely go to MoveOn.org, an online group that has become too potent for establishment politicians to ignore.

Years before Howard Dean's use of the Internet dazzled analysts and propelled him to the front of the 2004 Democratic presidential field, MoveOn paved the way, evolving in six short years from something of a cybergeek forum to arguably the largest and most forceful voice in digital-era politics. Its members' angry opposition to President Bush's policies has coalesced into a force that includes a political action committee and fund-raising organization that has pledged to spend millions on anti-Bush TV ads.

In its latest campaign, MoveOn invited people to create their own anti-Bush ads. More than 1,500 entries were submitted, and hundreds of thousands of wired MoveOn members voted for the most effective. The 15 most popular will be judged Monday in New York, and the winning ad will air the same week President Bush gives his State of the Union address.

MoveOn was founded by Wes Boyd and Joan Blades, computer entrepreneurs who also created the flying toaster computer screen



President Bush 2.3 million members whose energy has been channeled into advocacy and millions of dollars for anti-Bush ads - much of it coming in very small donations from people who never gave to politicians before.

"It's been a magic injection of courage and backbone for the Democratic party in many ways," said Democratic consultant Jenny Backus. "We've been overwhelmed by talk radio and Republicans' ability to stir up their base, and MoveOn has really stepped into that void."

With six paid staffers and Boyd and Blades serving as full-time volunteers, MoveOn has applied some of the same Silicon Valley strategies that turned eBay and Google into powerhouses.

The site is organized in ways traditional political consultants might not stomach: "Any member can propose priorities and strategies to which others can respond, and the most-supported ideas rise to the top."

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Report: Police doubt blood was chauffeur's

No DNA test was run on sample authorities used to conclude drunk driving caused death



Princess Diana was the victim of a conspiracy, however, variously pointing to the royal family and intelligence agencies.

LONDON (AP) — British police have doubts about the authenticity of the blood sample that led French investigators to conclude drunk driving caused the car crash that killed Princess Diana, a newspaper reported Saturday.

The Times of London reported that senior officers were concerned that no DNA test was conducted to prove the blood sample belonged to Henri Paul, chauffeur of the car that crashed in a Paris underpass on Aug. 31, 1997.

Princess Diana, her boyfriend Dodi Fayed and Paul were all killed in the crash which a French court ruled in 2002 was an accident caused by Paul's speeding and being under the influence of alcohol.

A police spokesman said Saturday the force had no comment on the Times report.

French police inspector Jean-Claude Mules, who played a central role in the investigation, told The Times there was no mistake

about the blood sample. "We are very serious people and no errors are allowed," he was quoted as saying.

Many people continue to believe that Diana was the victim of a conspiracy, however, variously pointing to the royal family and intelligence agencies.

British coroner Michael Burgess, who opened an inquest into the deaths of the princess and Fayed this week, has asked London's Metropolitan Police to investigate whether there is any evidence the deaths were not the result of a "straightforward road traffic accident."

The Times said there were "high-level concerns" that Paul's blood could have been mixed up with another sample in a laboratory or the mortuary where his body was taken.

It said the sample tested contained extremely high levels of carbon monoxide that could have rendered Paul incapable of driving.

Health team searches restaurant

BEIJING (AP) — World Health Organization experts — on Saturday searched a restaurant where China's second suspected SARS patient works, while authorities neared the end of a campaign to slaughter thousands of civet cats to wipe out possible sources of the disease.

The restaurant in the southern city of Guangzhou "served some exotic animal dishes, including civets," WHO spokesman Roy Wadwa said.

The WHO team looked at dining rooms and kitchens in the two-story facility but hadn't figured out how the 20-year-old waitress might have been exposed to the virus, Wadwa said. He said the team, which arrived in Guangzhou on Friday, also planned to visit the wildlife market that supplied the restaurant.

Authorities in Guangdong province, where Guangzhou is the capital, issued an order Monday for civets — a local delicacy — and similar animals to be seized from markets and slaughtered after tests suggested a link with China's first SARS case of the season.



Health workers examine a civet cat during procedures to kill the animals which were linked with the SARS virus in Guangzhou, Southern China, Tuesday.

They set a Saturday deadline and said anyone caught hiding civets after that could be fined up to \$12,000. Government teams have been drowning, electrocuting and incinerating the animals by the thousands.

"The civet cats have basically all been slaughtered," said an

official of the Guangzhou Anti-SARS Office. He would give only his surname, Liu. "We now are preventing civet cats from entering from other provinces."

Guangdong was believed to be the source of the original outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome, which started in

November 2002 and killed 774 people worldwide and sickened more than 8,000 before it was brought under control in July.

The province also was the site of China's first case of this season — a 32-year-old television producer who was hospitalized on Dec. 20.

He left a Guangzhou hospital on Thursday after he was pronounced recovered.

On Friday, the WHO asked China for more information about the waitress. The agency suggested doing more tests on her and sending "a full set of samples" to a Chinese national laboratory in Beijing and a WHO-affiliated lab abroad.

The waitress was hospitalized in isolation on Saturday, but "she's doing relatively well," Wadwa said.

Scientists say the virus might have begun in wild animals, then jumped to humans.

"What we're mostly interested in are the possibilities of animal-to-animal and then animal-to-human exposure, person-to-person exposure," team leader Robert Breiman said Friday.

Moscow monastery wants bells back from Harvard

MOSCOW (AP) — The Danilov Monastery's original 17th century bells ended up at Harvard University 73 years ago — spared destruction from a state atheism campaign. Now the monks are hoping to get them back.

The 18 bells stopped ringing in Russia after dictator Josef Stalin shut the monastery in 1930 and turned it into a camp for orphans as part of his campaign against religion. At but three of its monks were later executed.

The bells, however, were saved from being melted down when American industrialist Charles R. Crane bought and then donated them to Harvard in Cambridge, Mass.

Soon after the monastery was restored to the faithful in 1983, the monks began to petition Harvard but had no success. The bell tower over the monastery's St. Simon of the Stylites church, razed during Soviet times, has been rebuilt and life has returned to the monastery.

At a meeting with monastery representatives at Harvard last month, university officials agreed to finance a study of the feasibility and costs of removing and replacing the bronze bells.

During the visit, the monastery's chief bell ringer, Hierodeacon Roman Ogrzyk, got his first chance to ring the bells, the oldest of which was cast in 1622.

"Ringing them made a great impression on me, especially as during their pealing I understood that these were the very same bells that our forefathers, our brothers, had rung, that they are witnesses to the history of our monastery," he said.

The Danilov Monastery, named for its 13th century founder



Father Roman rings a large bell in the Danilov Monastery in Moscow, Tuesday.

Prince Danil of Moscow, does not dispute Harvard's legal ownership of the bells.

The monks express gratitude to the institution for providing a safe haven for them during Stalin's repression of the dominant Russian Orthodox Church.

The dictator had thousands of bells from churches and monasteries across the Soviet Union smelted. Churches that were not torn down were used as breweries, factories, secret police facilities and for other purposes.

Restrictions on religion were relaxed in the late 1980s and relations have vastly improved between the government and the church since the 1991 Soviet collapse.

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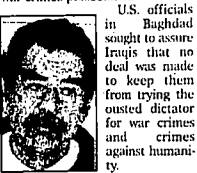
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Iraqis express surprise over Saddam's POW designation

BAHAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Iraqi officials expressed fears Saturday that a Pentagon decision to declare Saddam Hussein a prisoner of war will prevent them from putting the ousted dictator on trial.



Saddam Hussein Iraq will have a "substantial leadership role" when the former Saddam faces justice, said Dan Senor, a spokesman for the U.S.-led occupation authority.

"There is no need for concern by anybody because the ultimate designation (of Saddam's status) will be determined down the road," Senor told a news conference Saturday.

On Friday, a Pentagon spokesman, Maj. Michael Shavers, said the Defense Department's top civilian lawyers have determined that Saddam - held in U.S. custody and under CIA interrogation since his capture last month - is a prisoner of war because of his status as former commander in chief of Iraq's military.

POW status under the Geneva Conventions grants Saddam certain rights, including access to visits by the International Committee of the Red Cross and freedom from "coercion" of any kind during interrogations.

In Geneva, Jan Piper, a spokesman for the international Red Cross, said handing Saddam over to the Iraqis for trial would not conflict with the 1949 Geneva Conventions on the conduct of warfare, as long as he is granted due process.

It is up to the United States, as Iraq's occupier, to determine how Saddam is to be tried, Piper told The Associated Press.

"The status means that he's recognized as a formal combatant and therefore cannot be accused for having waged war," Piper said. But Piper he added that

Saddam's prisoner-of-war status "does not give him immunity from accusations of crimes against humanity."

Piper said that national courts have the power to try people who break international war crimes conventions. "It's supposed to be part of national law, and one would expect the national law to apply at the end of the conflict."

The Geneva Conventions say that a POW can only be tried by the same courts as a member of the detaining country's military would be tried - a military court, or a civilian court as the law

allows. The conventions make no specific mention of war crimes or crime against humanity.

Saddam's capture brought a sense of relief to many Iraqis who suffered under his 23 years of iron-fisted rule. No Red Cross representatives have yet seen Saddam, whom the United States says is held in a safe location. Iraqi officials say he is being held in the Baghdad area.

The United States has said it plans to hand Saddam over to the Iraqis for trial. But that is not expected to happen before sovereignty is handed back to an Iraqi

government by July 1, the date designated for the formal end of the U.S.-led occupation.

Saddam's POW designation raised concerns among many Iraqis that it would keep him out of an Iraqi court - and made some suspicious that the Americans want it that way.

"I am surprised by this decision," said Dara Nor al-Din, a former appeals court judge and member of Iraq's U.S.-appointed Governing Council. "We still consider Saddam a criminal, and he will be tried on this basis. This new move will be discussed thor-

oughly in the Governing Council."

Another council member, Mahmoud Orhan, said the United States had no right to make such a decision. "The Iraqi people want Saddam to be tried for his crimes in accordance with the Iraqi law. Iraqis want to know the parties which helped Saddam to commit those crimes and to possess weapons of mass destruction," he said.

Iraq's justice minister, Hashim Abdul-Rahman, called the Pentagon comments "mere views" and insisted that Iraqis

themselves would determine Saddam's fate.

"The only thing I do know is that Iraqi bodies will decide Saddam's status," Abdul-Rahman said. "We will determine his legal status when the Iraqi authorities take over this issue."

Senor sought to play down the significance of the Pentagon comments.

"It is a confirmation of what the United States government has said all along and that Saddam Hussein will be treated under the Geneva Conventions until determined otherwise," he said.

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British soldiers clash with protesters

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — British soldiers and Iraqi police clashed Saturday with armed, stone-throwing protesters in southeastern Iraq, killing one person. At least one was killed as he tried to throw a grenade at soldiers, the British military said.

In Baghdad, a senior U.S. military officer acknowledged for the first time that a U.S. Army medevac helicopter that crashed last week near Fallujah, killing all nine soldiers aboard, was probably shot down.

And north of the capital, the U.S. military said it was investigating allegations that soldiers killed four Iraqi civilians who tried to pass a convoy this month in Tikrit, Saddam Hussein's hometown.

In the clash with British soldiers, the trouble started in Anarah, 200 miles southeast of Baghdad, when hundreds of Iraqis angry over a lack of jobs gathered in front of the office of the U.S.-led coalition to demand work.

As the protesters grew agitated, shots rang out from the crowd, a British military spokeswoman said, speaking on customary condition of anonymity. At the same time, she said, troops "received reports of small explosions in the crowd."

Iraqi police, believing they were under attack, opened fire into the crowd but did not hit anyone, she said. But witnesses said the police killed some of the protesters.

British soldiers moved in with armored vehicles to support the police, and protesters hurled at least three explosive devices at them, she said.



U.S. Army soldiers secure the area after a military supply truck accidentally crashed into another in Baghdad's suburb of Taji, Saturday.

One man "who was in the process of throwing a device" was shot dead by the soldiers, the spokeswoman said. The crowd dispersed but later some of them returned and lobbed two explosive devices at the armored cars. Soldiers shot one of the attackers and apparently wounded him, she added. Three other devices were thrown at the soldiers before tensions eased.

Six people were killed and at least 11 wounded, according to Dr. Saad Hamoud of the Al-Zahravi Surgical Hospital. The British said they had reports of five deaths and one injury. There were no

casualties among police or soldiers.

In Baghdad, U.S. Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt told reporters that "preliminary reports indicate" that the Black Hawk medevac helicopter that crashed Thursday south of Fallujah was probably "brought down by ground fire."

Iraqi witnesses said they saw a missile strike the second of two medevac helicopters as they flew over an area known for resistance against the U.S.-led occupation.

The nine soldiers killed brought to 494 the number of American service members who have died since the Iraq war

began March 20.

Elsewhere, Danish soldiers uncovered a cache of mortar shells Saturday in southern Iraq and preliminary tests are underway to determine whether they contain chemical agents, U.S. officials said.

The 30 to 40 120mm mortar shells, which may have been left over from the Iran-Iraq War, were found buried in the desert south of Baghdad and were wrapped in plastic bags and some were leaking a mysterious fluid — leading officials to suspect chemical weapons, according to the U.S. command.

Ex-official: Bush planned Iraq invasion before 9-11

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — Former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill contends the United States began laying the groundwork for an invasion of Iraq just days after President Bush took office in January 2001 — more than two years before the start of the U.S.-led war that ousted Saddam Hussein.

"From the very beginning, there was a conviction that Saddam Hussein was a bad person and that he needed to go," O'Neill told CBS' "60 Minutes" in an interview to be aired Sunday night.



Paul O'Neill

The official American government stance on Iraq, dating to the Clinton administration, was that the United States sought to oust Saddam.

But O'Neill, who was fired by Bush in December 2002, said he had doubts about the asserted war's pre-emptive nature of the war planning.

"For me, the notion of pre-emption, that the U.S. has the unilateral right to do whatever we decide to do, is a really huge leap," according to an excerpt of the interview that CBS released Saturday.

The administration has not found evidence that the Iraqi leader was involved in the Sept. 11 attacks but officials have said they had to consider the possibility that Saddam could have undertaken an even larger scale strike against the

United States. White House spokesman Scott McClellan would not confirm or deny that the White House began Iraq war planning early in Bush's term. But, he said, Saddam "was a threat to peace and stability before a September 11th, and even more of a threat after September 11."

"It appears that the world according to Mr. O'Neill is more about trying to justify his own opinions than looking at the reality of the results we are achieving on behalf of the American people," McClellan said in Texas, where the president is staying at his ranch.

O'Neill's interview was part of his effort to promote a new book about the first half of Bush's term, "The Price of Loyalty," for which O'Neill was a primary source.

The administration began sending signals about a possible confrontation with Iraq even before Sept. 11, 2001.

In July 2001, after an Iraq surface-to-air missile was fired at an American surveillance plane, Bush's national security adviser put Saddam on notice that the United States intended a more resolute military policy toward Iraq.

"Saddam Hussein is on the radar screen for the administration," Condoleezza Rice said at the time.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said in December 2001, after the terrorist attacks in Washington and New York, that "with respect to what is sometimes characterized as taking out Saddam, I never saw a plan that was going to take him out."

Iraq's sectarian politics pose danger to unity

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Handpicking Iraq's interim leadership to reflect its ethnic and religious makeup seemed like the right thing to do six months ago. But communal tensions are on the rise, deepening the country's ethnic and religious fault lines and casting doubt on prospects for installing a peacefully elected government next year.

While Iraqis revel in their newfound freedoms to speak, worship, publish and broadcast as they please, their future as a unified state is being tested by rivalries among Sunni Muslims, Shiites and Kurds jockeying for power after the overthrow of Saddam Hussein.

Clashed together by colonial Britain less than a century ago, Iraq has struggled for years with ethnic and religious rivalries. The prospect of national dismemberment may seem remote, but that possibility has been enough for Saudi Arabia, Syria and Turkey to warn publicly against steps which might lead to the division of this nation of 25 million.

Clashes between majority Shiites and minority Sunnis are not uncommon. On Dec. 9, a Sunni mosque was bombed in Baghdad,



A vehicle burns near a Shiite mosque after a bomb exploded outside the mosque in Baqouba, Iraq, in this image taken from television Friday.

killing three people. On Friday, a car bomb killed five people outside a Shiite mosque in Baqouba, a mixed Sunni-Shiite city in a mostly Sunni region.

Attacks on the offices of Kurdish political parties also are increasing, as is squabbling among members of the Governing Council — the Iraqi interim administration of 13 Shiites, five Sunni Arabs, five Kurds, one ethnic Turk and one Christian — over whether to adopt a federal system in which

the Kurds would retain the substantial self-rule they have enjoyed in their northern provinces since the end of the 1991 Gulf War.

Iraqi politicians routinely explain away their differences as part of the country's newfound democracy and assure Iraqis that only dialogue, rather than violence, would be used to settle differences.

They accuse hard-liners and the media, especially Arab satellite

news channels such as Al-Jazeera, of fomenting strife.

"There is no such thing as a 'representative' of Sunni Arabs," said Samir Shakir Mahmutod, a Sunni, when asked about his role on the Governing Council.

"I consider myself an Iraqi citizen first ... and I try to serve Iraqis, all Iraqis — Sunnis, Shiites, Arabs, Kurds and others," he said in a newspaper interview this week.

But for Sunnis, the prospect of minority status in a future, Shiite-dominated government is unsettling, given their long ascendancy under the British and then under Saddam.

Many Sunnis accuse the Americans of fanning sectarianism as part of a divide-and-rule policy. They complain that the Americans are paying excessive attention to the views of senior Shiite clerics on the political process, which is designed to hand over sovereignty to Iraqis by July 1 and put a democratically elected government in place by the end of 2005.

On the other hand, when it comes to resisting Kurdish autonomy demands, Sunni and Shiite Arabs on the council are united.

U.S., Turkey reach agreement on use of base to rotate troops

The Washington Post

Turkish and U.S. authorities have agreed on terms for the United States to use a large air base in Turkey for ferrying thousands of U.S. troops and equipment into and out of Iraq over the next few months, officials said Friday.

A detailed accord for use of Incirlik Air Base in southern Turkey was negotiated in recent weeks, ahead of the start this month of what U.S. military officials have described as the most complex U.S. troop rotation since World War II, the officials said.

The deal reflects an improvement in U.S.-Turkish ties that were badly frayed before the invasion of Iraq, when Turkey refused to allow U.S. forces to use Turkish territory as a staging ground.

Cargo ships loaded with equipment for the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division waited for weeks off the coast of Turkey before word in March refuting entry. The ships then traveled to Kuwait and unloaded there.

In autumn, in a move intended to help mend relations with the

United States, Turkey's parliament approved a plan to send about 10,000 Turkish peacekeepers to Iraq. But the mission was unpopular with many Turks and drew sharp objection in Iraq from members of the U.S.-appointed Governing Council. Turkey's governing Justice and Development Party subsequently decided not to dispatch the troops.

Although Turkey has had cordial relations with Iraq in recent years, 400 years of occupation by the Turkish Ottoman Empire, which lasted until the end of World War I, still rankles some Iraqis. Turkey, in turn, has fought a 15-year war with rebels belonging to its Kurdish minority and is wary of Kurdish enclaves in northern Iraq, an area populated largely by ethnic Kurds.

The Incirlik base is very familiar to the U.S. Air Force, which stationed dozens of warplanes there in the decade before the war, flying patrols over northern Iraq in defiance of an UN ban on flights of Iraqi military jets. Since the end of major hostilities in Iraq in the spring, U.S. and British aircraft that had been involved in those patrols have been removed.

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Palestinian leaders reassert right to declare state

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinian leaders on Saturday reasserted the right to unilaterally declare an independent state in the absence of a peace deal with Israel, responding to Israel's own threats of one-sided action.

The post-alone declarations reflect both sides' frustrations with more than three years of fighting and stalled peace talks. The PLO Executive Committee, headed by the Palestinian's key leader, Yasser Arafat, met Monday night to discuss the ongoing conflict with Israel and reiterated the right to declare a state in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Arab parts of Jerusalem — lands that Israel took control of in the 1967 Mideast war.

The Palestinians' oath to statehood has come under question amid warnings by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon that he could give up on peace talks and draw a boundary that would leave the Palestinians with much less land than they seek.

Sharon recently outlined a plan under which he would withdraw forces from parts of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, dismantle some Jewish settlements along the way and draw his own boundary



Palestinian youths prepare to throw rocks at a passing Israeli tank during clashes in Batata refugee camp, in the West Bank town of Nablus, Saturday.

between Israel and the Palestinians if peace talks remain stalled.

On Saturday, Saleh Rafat, a member of the PLO committee, said Israel's actions will not prevent the Palestinians from declaring "an independent Palestinian state within the 1967 border." But

there are no immediate plans to declare a state, Rafat said.

Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat also emphasized that a "two-state solution is the option of the Palestinian leadership."

From exile in Tunis, the Palestinian National Council declared an independent state in

the West Bank and Gaza in 1988 — a move that was never recognized internationally.

In 1999, Yasser Arafat threatened to declare a state again, but backed down after then-Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he would annex parts of the West Bank in response. Now, the Palestinians face threats from Israel that they could be left with far less territory than they've sought for a future state.

Some Israeli officials believe the Palestinians, possibly even Arafat, are seeking a new strategy: waiting for demographics to resolve the conflict. Experts have predicted the Palestinians will outnumber Jews in the coming decades.

About 3.5 million Palestinians live in the West Bank and Gaza, in addition to 1.2 million Arab citizens of Israel. About 5.5 million Jews live in Israel.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Thursday, Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia said if peace talks fail and Sharon follows through with his "disengagement" plan, the Palestinians would push for a single binational state of Arabs and Jews.

Such a scenario would spell disaster for Israel's Jewish character, because the Palestinians' higher birthrate would soon put Arabs in the majority.

Israel would then face a choice between giving Palestinians the right to vote or becoming a minority-ruled country like apartheid South Africa.

A decade of peace talks in the 1990s always aimed for a two-state solution, and the latest peace plan — the U.S.-backed "road map" — calls for a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza by 2005.

Eliminating the two-state solution from dialogue could lead to greater Mideast political turmoil.

Palestinian political analyst Ali Jerbawi said Qureia's remarks on a binational state and fresh statements on the unilateral declaration of a separate, independent country reflect growing frustrations over stalled steps toward statehood.

Adding to the anxiety are continuing Israeli military operations and Israel's construction of a massive barrier that dips into Palestinian lands in the West Bank. Israel says the barrier is meant to stop Palestinian attackers.

U.S. claims no credit for India-Pakistan peace moves

NEW DELHI (AP) — The United States is claiming no credit for the recent moves by Indian and Pakistani leaders toward resumed peace talks, but it wants to encourage them, an American diplomat said Saturday.

Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf agreed on Monday — during their first meeting in 2 1/2 years — to resume talks on the issues that have divided their countries for five decades, including the fractions dispute over control of divided Kashmir.

"We didn't do it," U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage said in an interview on New Delhi Television. "If we have been helpful, it's because we were able to talk to both sides at moments of high tension," Armitage said.

He attributed the breakthrough in two years of stalemated Indian-Pakistani relations to "the courage of Indians and Pakistanis."

Responding to a question about whether Washington had been a "facilitator" of the progress, Armitage said, "That gives us too much credit."

Armitage also said that the level of militants crossing from Pakistan-controlled Kashmir into the Indian portion of the Himalayan enclave was significantly lower, beyond the seasonal drop in guerrilla activity caused by heavy snowfall.

He said the United States believes Musharraf's promises that he will not allow Pakistani territory to be used for terrorism or violence.

A major obstacle to progress toward peace talks has been India's insistence that Pakistan stop Islamic militants from crossing the frontier to stage attacks on civilians and security forces in the Indian portion of Kashmir. India says Pakistan has trained, funded, and armed the guerrillas over the past 14 years in an insurgency that has cost 65,000 lives.

Pakistan denies that it gave material aid to the guerrillas, but said it supported their fight to wrest control of the largest portion of Kashmir from India. Musharraf has called them "freedom fighters."

Armitage said he did not believe that the Pakistani government was responsible for all cross-border attacks by the militants.



Children from Kenya's oldest and largest AIDS orphanage the Nyumbani home, wait at the Nairobi High court Wednesday as the Nyumbani home sought a court order to force state schools to admit children infected with HIV.

Law lets HIV-positive children attend public schools in Kenya

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — A group of children infected with the virus that causes AIDS can attend public schools under a new agreement between the Ministry of Education and the country's largest and oldest orphanage for HIV-positive children.

Primary schools will admit the 72 children from the Nyumbani home, the country's largest and oldest orphanage for children infected with HIV, under an agreement reached Thursday, a day after High Court Judge Markwa Koome ordered the two sides to work out a resolution to the dispute.

"The successful conclusion of this matter is a resounding victory for life, liberty and justice over prejudice, stigma, fear," said Ababu Namwamba, an attorney for the orphanage.

Kenya has hundreds of thousands of children who are HIV-positive, but most live with their families and are able to attend school because they don't have the stigma of living at an AIDS orphanage.

Five Nairobi primary schools had refused to admit the children

from Nyumbani when the school year began on Monday because they are HIV-positive, said the Rev. Angelo D'Agostino, a Roman Catholic priest from Providence, R.I., who runs the Nyumbani home.

"Once they (the schools) find the child is from Nyumbani, they find some sort of excuse like they're too full, they don't have any room or whatever, so that's where we have the problem," D'Agostino said on Tuesday.

The orphanage filed a lawsuit, arguing that the schools were violating the Kenyan law that guarantees free primary education for all children in the country, and the judge agreed.

The promise of free primary education was one of the key pledges of an opposition alliance that won historic elections in December 2002. Since taking office, President Mwai Kibaki's government has cited the provision of free primary schooling as one of its main successes.

Kibaki has also pledged to lead the battle against AIDS, a disease that he said kills 400 people a day in the East African nation.

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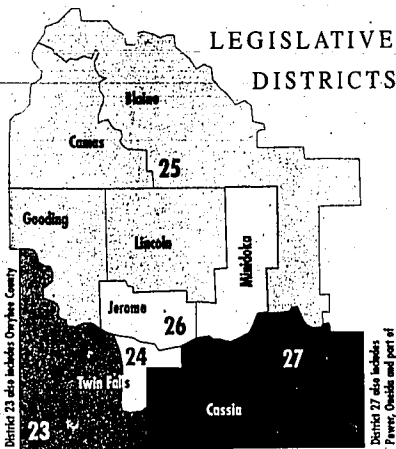
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SOME OF THE BIG ISSUES

Taxes
Here's a breakdown of issues local lawmakers are saying will be of particular interest to them during this session:

- **What's at stake:** Taking an extra \$160 million per year from taxpayers to pay for ongoing government programs through June 30, 2005; increasing taxes on beer and wine; and putting a sales tax on services.
- **Who's affected:** The public.

Public education
There's a small movement afoot to take off a year early the 1-cent sales tax lawmakers agreed to at the end of last year's record 118-day session. Most lawmakers are predicting the idea won't get much traction. But also, some legislators have not given up on the concept of taxing some services and elevating taxes on beer and wine, which have not been raised in more than 30 years. Legislation to tax services won't likely come together during the 2004 session, but it might be studied.

Agriculture
Whether the Idaho Standards Achievement Test will be a high-stakes exit exam for students graduating from high school in 2006 will be decided by lawmakers. It has been approved by the Idaho State Board of Education. But at least one house of the

Water
Legislature also has to approve it. There is some resistance building among lawmakers to do that because many educators throughout the state, including Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard, say the test simply isn't proven yet, nor is it fair.

Water
In addition, at the end of last year's session lawmakers approved five bills to put a cap on public school spending. Though most predict those caps will stay in place, some lawmakers say they are willing to consider advice from educators on how to tweak the language on those spending bills.

Water
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Water
A reauthorization of 427,000 cubic feet of Upper Snake River water annually to flush salmon is scheduled for the session. That's how much water the state agreed to take from water users in years past for the recovery of salmon. But more than likely that won't happen during the regular session, or until there has been a ruling from the Idaho Supreme Court or an agreement with the Nez Perce Tribe, Idaho Power Co., the state, irrigation districts and

Water
Water for aquaculture, water for salmon recovery.
 • **Who's affected:** Everyone in southern Idaho.

Water
A reauthorization of 427,000 cubic feet of Upper Snake River water annually to flush salmon is scheduled for the session. That's how much water the state agreed to take from water users in years past for the recovery of salmon. But more than likely that won't happen during the regular session, or until there has been a ruling from the Idaho Supreme Court or an agreement with the Nez Perce Tribe, Idaho Power Co., the state, irrigation districts and

Miscellaneous
What's at stake: Freedom of speech rights, marriage.
 • **Who's affected:** The public.

Miscellaneous
During an election year, which 2004 is, legislators are more likely to take up

Miscellaneous
causes that will give them name recognition, seasoned lawmakers say. Having succeeded in blocking federal money to Planned Parenthood of Idaho by the end of last summer, the bloc of conservative lawmakers in support of that last session are advocating legislation to allow a monument of the Ten Commandments at the Statehouse. In addition, there are hints the same group might try to make sure gay marriage never becomes legal in Idaho.

HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

- 1. Introducing a bill**
 A bill may be introduced by a member, a group of members or a standing committee. After the 20th day of the session in the House and the 12th day in the Senate, bills may be introduced only by committee. After the 35th day bills may be introduced only by certain committees — in the House, State Affairs, Appropriations, Education, Revenue and Taxation, and Ways and Means committees; in the Senate, State Affairs, Finance, and Judiciary and Rules.
- 2. Printing a bill**
 Before a bill is assigned a number, it is sent to the appropriate committee for initial review. Bill sponsors present their case for the need to debate the legislation. The committee votes whether or not to "print" the bill.
- 3. Committee consideration**
 After the bill is printed, it is referred back to the appropriate committee, which conducts a study of all information that can help it determine the scope and effect of the proposed law. Studies may include research, hearings, expert testimony, and statements of interested parties. The committee, by a simple majority vote, can send the bill to the floor with a recommendation to pass it, not to pass it (bills are seldom released from committee with this recommendation); sent it to the floor to be amended; withdraw it with the privilege of introducing another bill; refer it to another standing committee; or release it without a recommendation. Many bills are not reported out by committees, and die in committee.
- 4. Floor approval**
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- 5. Governor's signature**
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Survey shows little support for extending sales tax to services

BOISE (AP) — Idaho residents apparently don't mind last year's 20 percent hike in the sales tax, but they overwhelmingly don't want it extended to include services — even if the overall sales tax is lowered to balance the load.

The sentiment was revealed Friday as part of Boise State University's annual Public Policy Survey.

"In these survey results, I think you find a fairly satisfied electorate," said Boise State political science professor Jim Weatherby.

According to the data, 64 percent of the more than 500 people who responded to the survey said the amount of sales tax they pay in Idaho is "about right."

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne hailed the results as proof that his administration's move to increase state revenues last year was the right thing to do.

"It's an affirmation of the course we started last year," Kempthorne remarked after the results of the survey were released Friday.

But Dolores Crow, leader of the Republican opposition to the tax increase last year, questioned the validity of the survey itself.

"I can go out and get a survey where 95 percent of the people say repeal it. It all depends on who you ask," said Crow, who chairs the House Tax Committee and has said she will not seek office next year.

Last May, the Legislature's Democrats joined moderate Republicans and Kempthorne to raise the state sales from a nickel to six cents per dollar.

Kempthorne and his allies won the battle, but only after a bitter standoff with Republican conservatives that pushed lawmakers

into their longest session in history.

The results released Friday indicate there will be little if any political price to pay for the tax hike.

On the Boise State survey, Kempthorne earned an "A" or "B" grade for his performance over the past year from 46 percent of the respondents.

And despite the length of the session, 71 percent gave the Legislature an overall "B" or "C" rating.

Although most people were not unhappy paying the current 6 percent sales tax, 77 percent of the respondents said they would oppose extending the sales tax to include service and labor transactions. Even if the overall tax rate was reduced to compensate for the inclusion of service and labor transactions, 71 percent would remain opposed.

Local property taxes remained the least tasteful tax to Idaho residents,

with 31 percent saying it was the least fair of all taxes paid, including federal taxes and social security.

Other interesting items included:

- Education remained the single most important problem facing Idaho today, identified by 25 percent of the respondents, followed by the economy and jobs, which were 13 percent each; the environment, growth management and water.
- Education was also identified by 63 percent of the people as the funding area that should be the state's top priority, trailed by economic development with 21 percent and the environment with 7 percent.
- Social issues, taxes and health care were each identified by only 3 percent of the respondents as the most important issue facing the state.



Idaho State Capitol Building

EDITORIAL

Lawmakers face brighter outlook for '04 session

Idahoans and their elected leaders can pat themselves on the back for getting through one of the toughest budget years in a generation.

Last year, lawmakers took 118 days, a new legislative record for longevity, to push through \$190 million in new

following steps: Pay raises - Idaho state workers have gone three years without pay increases, and this probably is the year to fix that. The 6.8 percent increase recommended by the state personnel director may be a bit much, but workers do deserve some compensation for their patience. A one-time bonus plan could be the solution.

Our view: Idaho legislators won't need to tinker much with the state budget in the 2004 session.

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

sales and cigarette taxes. Now, legislators want to keep the state on track when they convene Monday in Boise - and without an encore marathon.

New figures appear to show Idaho's economy heading into recovery, but not as rapidly as many would hope. Legislators will need to be cautious and keep an eye on economic data as the session moves forward. But, judging by the state's current tax surplus of just over \$30 million, we're on the right road.

The biggest topic during the session will probably be how the state should deal with the looming sunset of the 1 percent sales tax increase.

Some legislators argue the 1 percent increase should go away, as planned, in July 2005. Others, including House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, are hinting that next year's sunset may need to be stretched out. Other discussions will include the possibility of taxing consumer services.

But this year will be too early to solve those issues entirely. This session will see controlled spending and hold-the-line appropriations for most items.

It also means no tax cuts. Tax cuts are always a good idea when they put money back in the pockets of Idaho workers. But Idaho voters have decided the level of government they currently have is just about what they want. They resent enormous government growth, but they don't want crucial services cut to the bone, either.

To keep the state on sound footing, expect Idaho legislators to tread carefully and take the

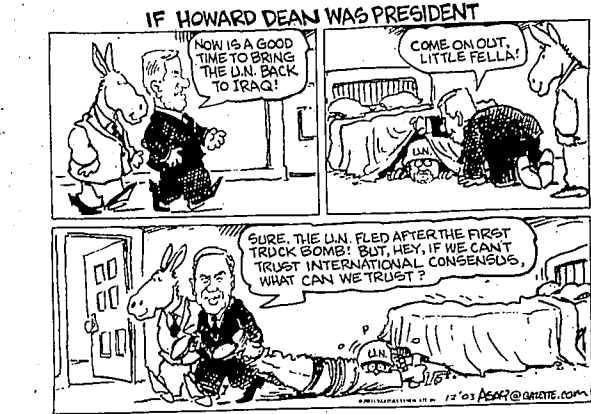
reduction, those products should be tapped first.

State budget writers should also consider soda pop and cable TV as two other discretionary spending items that could be taxed. Small amounts could raise significant dollars.

The Bedke plan - Oakley Rep. Scott Bedke's plan to control problematic areas of education spending will save the state \$115 million over five years. It caps the state's property-tax-replacement costs, school busing costs and pay structures that give automatic raises to educators. Many in the education establishment resent these measures, but there's no doubt they are helping the state's budget weather a rough economy. They should be left in place.

Rainy-day savings - Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, has indicated she would like to put \$30 million of tax surpluses back into reserve accounts. The same thing could be done with \$50 million of the \$80 million in federal aid given to Idaho last summer. Again, a good idea from the sharp eye of one Idaho's true legislative leaders.

Those are just a few areas to work on. But given the Legislature's goal of adjourning by the middle of March, it may be more than enough.



U.S. foreign policy needs greater muscle, more allies

JAMES M. KLURFELD

There has got to be a better way. Somewhere between the soft-headed do-goodness of some Democrats and the arrogant unilateralism of some Republicans, there ought to be a third way to conduct this country's foreign policy.

Call it muscular multi-lateralism if you like.

Last Sunday, Newsday published an editorial that criticized what we called the radical foreign policy of the Bush administration. Radical in the sense that the administration seems to have rejected more than 50 years of foreign policy based on alliances, international norms and arms control.

That editorial elicited a bunch of letters accusing it of the same old dovish tendencies that have undercut the Democrats' credibility on national security issues. But the editorial specifically did not endorse a Democratic alternative - in large measure because it isn't clear that the Democrats have a coherent alternative. They criticize President Bush for implementing a unilateral, pre-emptive, regime-changing foreign policy. But they don't say what they would do in his place.

Indeed, many Democrats supported regime change in Iraq but then wavered in the effort that was the inevitable result of the war. And we also received plenty of letters blaming the editorial page for supporting the war in Iraq. It's true that when you try to

walk down the middle of the road, you get hit from both sides. So be it. But I continue to believe that pre- or post-Sept. 11, 2001, the United States needs a muscular foreign policy - that is, one that recognizes the importance of using force in a nasty, brutal world, but also recognizes that when we do use force it's in our vital self interest to use it in conjunction with our allies.

Foreign policy analyst Richard Haass, former director of policy planning at the State Department, says it's difficult, if not impossible, for the United States to implement an activist foreign policy without support from allies. Haass, now the president of the Council on Foreign Relations, has begun to articulate an alternative view to the administration's unilateralism since leaving the government last summer. He says the administration did not do everything it could to build a consensus in favor of regime change and that has hampered the effort to rebuild Iraq now.

This is not an altruistic argument. It's based on a realistic assessment of U.S. strengths and weaknesses. For all its military and economic power, the United States is not strong enough to police the world by itself. It doesn't have the economic resources to do nation building and the

American people don't have the patience to sustain these efforts by themselves. The tough, hard, unglamorous work of building alliances - and all the compromises that go with the effort - is essential to protecting our vital interests.

The other part of this equation, however, is a willingness to use force when necessary. Whether it's fair or not, the Democrats have a legacy of being uncomfortable with using force going back to the trauma of the Vietnam War. And the message that Democratic front-runner Howard Dean is sending doesn't help this impression. Dean says he was against using force to oust Saddam Hussein but in favor of using it to stop former Serb leader Slobodan Milosevic from committing genocide in Kosovo.

But, as some have pointed out, that means Dean and his supporters would be using force only when U.S. vital interests are not at stake, as they surely were not in Kosovo, and not when they arguably were in Iraq.

Dividing the different camps into hawks and doves is simplistic. Haass and others, including Democrats, need to work together to create a larger middle ground for a policy of muscular multi-lateralism. Rather than dividing the country on how to defend itself, there might be a way to rebuild that long-lost bipartisan consensus.

James Klurfeld is editor of Newsday's editorial pages.

LETTERS

Use of sick cows is more than unappetizing

There is danger in apathy. I find it terribly disturbing to think that sick, diseased animals are butchered and used for human consumption. We speak such a to-do about the flu spread, and then risk a true pandemic by spreading what we know about through tainted meat. Dairy cows don't fall because of old age. When they are sick or go down it is because of a disease and not necessarily BSE. Lest we forget, diseases kill humans too. Who can say when a human-animal connection for a disease might be generated from such folly that would kill thousands of people? There are thousands of animals each year that go down from sickness. Downer cattle is a deceitful title for these animals. These sick, diseased animals are run through a slaughter house, put into the food chain and then some of them might be tested for disease. Why would I want to eat meat that is tainted with such cases? Would there be a willingness to label the meat with the disease that caused the animal to be sick?

Isn't it odd that our elected government officials can become involved in so many things they shouldn't be concerned with and care less what kind of food we are served? I feel more than confident that they don't eat meat from diseased animals. They tell me that in a suspected mad cow incidence they strip the spinal column from the animal. How do they do this? They have a saw that cuts down the backbone. When I do this with my saw, it drags whatever is in the path through all the meat it goes through. I am not naive enough to believe that all of this is cleaned up or that all meat is inspected with the few inspectors we have.

I find little sympathy for those who are crying about financial harm and knew this was happening. I have heard many supposed leaders saying they will continue to believe that they will not be sickened or downer meat? I would guess not.

I am disappointed that people would have so little concern for those who depend on them. I am sorry for those who think so highly of money and power that they would so deceive their fellow man.

ERNEST RAMEY
Rupert

America suffers from greed in the White House

I am a proud Democrat and I will attempt to tell you why. Reagan tried to do a national debt and Mr. Bush seems to be going for broke! Loading the future generations with this type of albatross seems both unfair and greedy, especially when the vast majority of our money is given to the very rich.

Our Constitution declares everyone is to be equal under the law. Wal-Mart has required its employees to clock out and then continue work for up to two hours. Time that should be over, time isn't even paid regular time. Absolutely illegal. Most of their pay scale is under poverty level, but they do show their employees how to file for governmental assistance. Our taxes at work. But you do have to admit that Sam's a good family man - all six of his children are worth \$10 billion or more so the sweat and sacrifices of his employees has not been for naught.

Enron and its chief executive officer, Kenny Boy, are another example of aribile injustice. Thousands of employees urged to buy stock while the company tanked. Losing their money in stock market losses and IRAs, facing retirement, too old to find another good job. Of course, Kenny Boy did not know about this - he was only paid \$150 million the year his company went down the tube. How can you expect anyone making that kind of chicken feed to be responsible for running a corporation? Of course being a gift buddy of Mr. Bush couldn't have anything to do with no charges being filed.

Living wage contracts in Iraq without bids is certainly not good management. Hey, what's a buddy for if he can't do you a favor? But not with my money. Unfortunately there is more.

MATT SMITH
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LETTER

Tolerance for immorality doesn't fit with marriage

I do not understand how a group of individuals in this country can say that they deserve the right to be married when engaging in a same-sex relationship and how they deserve to receive benefits for their partners when it is clear by law of this country and by the word of God to be legally and morally wrong. It is an abomination of not only our spiritual but moral fiber in this country that you are willing to act as heathens and not fear the wrath of God and the judgment by the people in this country. For every action you take toward the left of morality, there will be a reaction - disease, death and a legion of weekwilled individuals that do not have the fortitude to offend people's feelings when judging them by their actions that they take in life; we have become too politically correct in this country.

I, for one, am a person who is judging. I am tired of seeing, hearing and putting up with the actions of a minority that has infested our everyday lives. By using groups like the American Civil Liberties Union that want

nothing more than to destroy the walls of morality in this country, you have spread your propaganda into our government and our schools. Where do we cross the line? We allow homosexuality to be taught in our schools, but we are taught that about God is not allowed. I ask you again, where do we draw the line? They have infiltrated Hollywood through movies and television to persuade us to believe that this way of life is natural. This is an unnatural act between two people that are not man and woman. How do you raise children with morals and values when you practice a life opposite to those principles?

Like other Americans, I will fight to keep you from being allowed the right of marriage. If that makes me a racist or a bigot, then so be it. I will not allow you to destroy what the bond of marriage stands for between a man and a woman. I will not let you brainwash our children into believing that this life you lead is natural. By choosing this lifestyle, you will be judged; but more importantly, by choosing this life, you are saying that God is fallible!

JEFF ABRAM
Twin Falls

'No child' law keeps reaping benefits

DON SOIFER

The federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) enters its terrible twos this week, and already the tantrums'ns begun.

Signed by President Bush in January 2002, this massive education reform has resulted in much criticism from entrenched teachers unions, enemies of the Bush administration, and even some skeptical conservatives. But NCLB has also brought about a number of benefits around the nation, and to providing parents with well-informed choices about their children's education.

Recent headlines have often gone to the law's loud detractors, ignoring the soft thrum of states and school districts shifting their machineries toward standards-based education and academic progress. To some extent this is understandable: Change has happened slowly, and many of the most promising success stories are still in the early stages of implementation.

It is an unfortunate fact, however, that most education bureaucracies are not accustomed to being held accountable for the academic improvement of their students. So it's not surprising that they complain like stubborn children being forced to eat their peas. But their new responsibilities, however distasteful at first, will benefit them in the end. While he is certainly not the law's only critic, few have protested louder than Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, currently the frontrunner for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

In recent months, Dean has branded the NCLB law "a draconian takeover of local and state control," blasting its reliance on standardized test scores and call-

ing its accountability measures burdensome and inflexible. But this simply isn't true.

Under NCLB, states - not the federal government - set their own academic standards and define adequate levels of student progress. As an example of these varied standards, States also have a great deal of latitude in establishing their education-reform plans, including the timetables with which they are implemented.

Although states retain considerable control, they are required to make annual progress toward academic goals for all categories of students. Families in underperforming districts - where the local public school fails to improve student-performance levels over a period of years - are given unprecedented new options to seek alternatives. Such options are not about dismantling public education. They are about giving all parents equal opportunities to be informed and empowered consumers.

A recent example of how NCLB's new system has worked so far is the way states have responded to the law's provisions for the nation's 5 million English learners. "It is important to note that Florida, like every other state in the nation, had previously not assessed reading, writing and comprehension [for English learners] progress toward fluency in grades K-3," said one recent NCLB document the state submitted to the federal Department of Education. This remarkable observation indicates just how valuable the law has become to this crucial segment of

our nation's schoolchildren.

Under NCLB, states are responsible for keeping academic standards high. Gov. Dean has argued that this burden of responsibility will lead "schools to dumb down tests so they can show 'progress.' However, if state officials attempt to dumb down standards to continue to register progress, they will be held accountable by parents, voters and anyone else with a stake in their schools' success.

Dean and other critics of NCLB have been quick to brand the law unfair for local schools. But, in fact, it offers new local flexibility options that reform-minded school districts are only beginning to benefit from.

Recently, Seattle became the first district in the nation to enroll in NCLB's Local Flexibility pilot program. "Local Flex" allows school officials to combine several categories of federal funding and redirect spending to local priorities - at their discretion.

In turn, participating school districts must show that the funds are being used to increase academic achievement. While NCLB allows 80 school districts nationally to enroll, Seattle so far remains the sole participant.

It is not surprising that NCLB has proven controversial, as parents, educators and elected officials alike are confronted with the notion that their schools might not measure up. Such "growing pains" may cause temporary discomfort. But in the long-term, No Child Left Behind will greatly benefit America's schoolchildren.

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Optimism abounds in Hawkeye State

DES MOINES, Iowa — Teresa Heinz Kerry was speaking the simple truth when she remarked here the other day, "Iowa gets better as you meet more and more of its people."



DAVID S. BRODER

The wife of Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry was addressing a luncheon of perhaps 300 women interested in Kerry's candidacy in next Monday's Iowa caucuses, and the remark could have been categorized as pandering. But the famously outspoken woman philanthropist was, as usual, giving voice to a deeper personal conviction.

She had not seen the caucus process before, she said, adding — in a tone that bordered on resignation — that it had been hard for her to accept that so many of those she met "might not caucus for my husband. You might go away with fear and disappointment that they might be right" in choosing to support someone else, she said. "But you leave with hope."

Why? "Because of the dignity with which they treat the process," Heinz Kerry said. "What is most lethal in our country now is the cynicism" toward politics and politicians that she said she finds almost everywhere. That cynicism is blessedly absent among the caucus-goers in Iowa.

True, they are a self-selected, small sample of the population. In 2000, only 61,000 attended the Democratic caucuses to choose between Al Gore and Bill Bradley. Some expect that number to double this year, but even if it does, it would still be less than a quarter of the 572,000 registered Democrats in Iowa. Coming back to Iowa after a long absence, I was struck, as I have been before, by the extraordinarily conscientious way that those few souls approach what they see as their serious responsibility in starting the process that leads, a year later, to the inauguration of a president. They sort and weigh personal attributes and policy positions, then do it again, before finally deciding which hopeful they will stand up to support. I thought about Ivan Weber, a Des Moines lawyer I had met earlier that day. Many of his friends were supporting Howard Dean, he told me, but he had ruled out the former Vermont governor. Why? "It bothers me that he says he is for open government, but he closes up the records of his own administration. I think, too, he's got that small-state psychology of thinking what works well there will work well everywhere. The country is not like Vermont."

He had listened to five of the nine candidates in person — some of them more than once. He had a particularly favorable impression of two — Kerry and Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, the man he had come back to see again when I met him. Kerry, he said, "has a wonderful background but somehow, he seems almost too smooth." And, like Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri, Kerry has been in Washington a long time. "As Edwards says," Weber soliloquized, more to himself than to me, "if you've been in Washington for 20 years, as they have, aren't you part of the problem?" Gradually, methodically, he seemed to be talking himself into an Edwards vote.

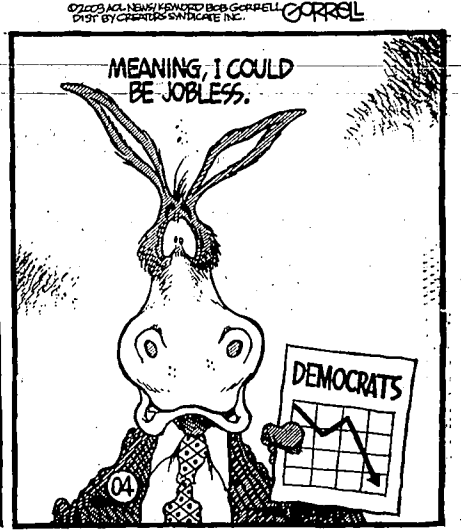
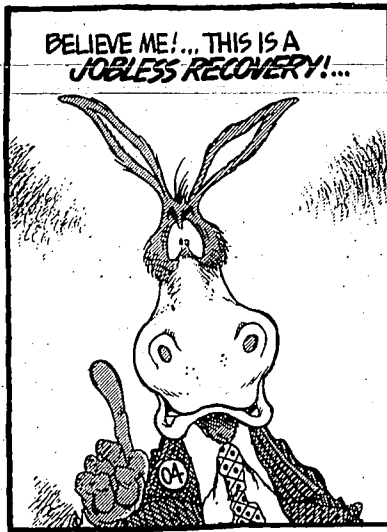
Of course, others are much more instinctual, even impulsive, in their choices. Sally Trovati, a self-described "super-volunteer" in dozens of civic causes, recalled how she first heard Howard Dean being interviewed on a Sunday morning TV show while cooking bacon in her kitchen. "I heard the voice before I started listening to the words, and I said to myself, 'This guy sounds real.' Then I started listening to what he was saying, and I said, 'Holy moley, he is for real!' And I didn't even agree with him — he was talking about guns and I want to get rid of them. But he explained his position that each state should decide for itself, and he didn't try to hide it."

Later, in a face-to-face conversation, she pressed Dean to agree that corpora-

tions should treat stock options as expenses on their books, and once again, he differed with her, explaining that he had learned that options were vital for start-up ventures in such places as Silicon Valley. It was another "holy moley" moment. "I haven't felt this way about a candidate or a cause in 35 years," Trovati exclaimed.

Thirty-five years? I asked. "Yes," she said. "Since SDS," referring to the Students for a Democratic Society, the New Left campus organization of the 1960s. Teresa Heinz Kerry is right. These people are so straightforward, so uncynical, they are irresistible. It's a great place to start the process.

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Dems may be too cool for the room

Republicans may control the White House and Congress. They may be right or wrong about tax cuts and preemptive military strikes. They may be moral or self-righteous or bumptious or bold.

One thing Republicans are not: Cool.

PETER SAVONNIK

This is why the GOP, for now, is headed toward victory in November. Beyond the obvious — all the retiring southern Democratic senators, the Republicans' money edge and the new prescription-drug Medicare benefit — coolness has much to do with it. Unlike Democrats — who are as cool as anyone gets in Washington, a town not known for hep cats — Republicans have cornered the market on uncoolness.

Consider fund-raisers: Democratic fund-raisers in Washington often take place in nightclubs filled with black people or Jewish comedians. People eat cool, ethnic foods such as pastrami sandwiches or Thai chicken wraps. Sometimes a movie star shows up to talk about AIDS, battered women or Tibet.

Going to Republican events is like watching infomercials on a Saturday night. You suspect there's value in showing up — money is raised, connections are forged — but you also know this is the least cool place in the city. Nothing scandalous happens. People speak earnestly about home schooling and privatizing Social Security.

The coolness differential is also

evident in the types of scandals that bedevil Republican and Democratic presidents. Richard Nixon got in trouble because he covered up a burglary. That's not cool. Bill Clinton was impeached because he had oral sex in the Oval Office — the height of radical chic.

This is a problem for Democrats. It's not about semantics; it is about deep-seeded chasms separating right and left. Coolness is the province of elites. These elites, defined less by money or genealogy and more by taste or disposition, live in Democratic strongholds like Manhattan and Los Angeles. Everywhere between the Hudson and the Hollywood sign is uncool.

Republicans revel in their uncoolness. They intuit that most Americans have a love-hate relationship with hipsters. Sure, they say, most people want to dress like you, look like you, sleep with the people you sleep with, but they can smell your disdain for all things bourgeois: SUVs, white picket fences, flags, monogamy, organized religion.

Not only is Ms. Pelosi a woman and attractive; she also comes from San Francisco, which is too serious to be maximally cool but is much cooler than, say, southern Maryland.

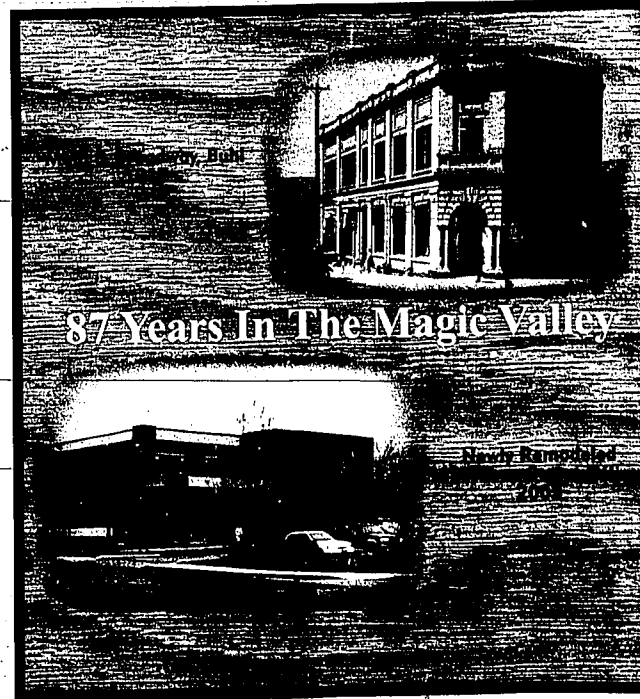
That's where Steny Hoyer, the number two Democrat in the House, comes from. Mr. Hoyer, who challenged Ms. Pelosi for the leadership post, is like most House members, too complicated to be compartmentalized. He has the look and feel of an old-time Democrat. But he's also supported abortion rights and free trade.

Still, Mr. Hoyer will never be as cool as Ms. Pelosi: He's a man, he's white and he has a moderate voting record. Coolness is never moderate. Coolness always denotes something radical.

Most voters aren't radical. What they know, or feel, is their lives are not hipster lives. They may suffer from the same angst or ennui that fuels the rebellion against the staid — the genesis of coolness — but their suffering is contained. They don't write novels about their battle with heroin or make documentaries about gun control.

Who can say if Republicans consciously portray themselves as uncool? What seems incontrovertible is the Cool Elect are unhelpful guideposts for winning elections. Their politics may focus-group well in times of peace and prosperity, in an era of insecurity, voters could care less about the cognoscenti. Democrats ought to consider this heading into 2004.

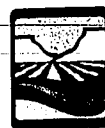
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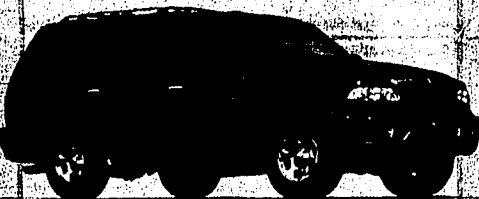
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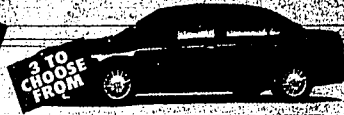
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Who told you the holidays are over?

There are many crucibles of character, but none more telling, I think, than how long after New Year's Day that you leave your Christmas tree up.

My tree is still standing, I'm proud to say, attesting that I am thoughtful, deliberate and unlikely to make snap judgments, such as when the quantity of pine needles on the carpet exceeds those still attached to the noble fir.

The decorations are off and the lights have been removed, but I'm thinking this particular conifer's time has not yet passed.

It's still an ornamental conversation piece, and more importantly, doing a fine job of covering up a stain on the rug that I would otherwise be obliged to have removed.

And for those who scoff at my long-lasting Christmas spirit, I hasten to point out at Christ was probably born nowhere near the holidays.

The best historical evidence is that he arrived in the spring, so with any luck at all — along with a home humidifier and a quantity of Superglue — my tree should still be intact when the real Christmas gets here along about Easter time.

I eschewed the mad rush to undecorate when all about me joined in, and any day now — in fact, just as soon as I finish writing my Christmas cards — I'll wrap up my shopping.

There will be no line at all at UPS when it comes time to ship my gifts, and Eric — my 22-year-old son who lives in Seattle — will be the only resident of his apartment building to receive a Valentine's Day fruitcake.

This free-form holiday spirit of mine is working out so well that I'm thinking of doing Christmas all year long.

Frankly, it's saving me a bundle. I went to Kmart last week and bought up its remaining supply of Martha Stewart wrapping paper for about a dollar and a quarter. And next week I'm going to King's for tinsel and whatever quantities of figgy pudding they still may have on the shelves.

When you shop for Christmas gear in January and February, retailers are overjoyed to see you. In fact, with a little haggling, I think I can get somebody from Target to come over and put up my outdoor Christmas lights as soon as I get around to taking them down.

Now could I see a show of hands of everyone who will have Christmas wrapped up — lock, stock and mistletoe — by the Fourth of July? Gee, I seem to be alone.

And there are yet more frontiers of all-Christmas, all-the-time to be conquered: As soon as I can figure out how, I'm gonna go buy one of those living Christmas trees and plant it in my living room.

There are a few small problems, admittedly. I have listened to Andy Williams' 1962 recording of "Happy Holidays" so often that I've memorized the chord changes, and if I ever meet a member of the Ray Conniff Singers, I shall strangle him or her with my bare hands for subjecting me to "The Little Drummer Boy" around the clock.

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season
Upper Snake Basin	113%	55%
Salmon Falls	129%	59%
Salmon	106%	49%
Oakley	128%	58%
Big Wood	115%	52%
Little Wood	133%	60%
Henry Fork/Teton	131%	62%
Big Lost	122%	55%
Little Lost	100%	47%

As of Jan. 10

A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average. The indicator at the bottom for the six areas snow average, which peaks in spring.

Six face counterfeit charges

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

BURLEY — A variety of counterfeit-related charges were filed Friday afternoon in magistrate court in Minidoka County against six people accused of making and passing fake money in the last several months.

Minidoka County Prosecuting Attorney Jason Walker filed charges against Brent "Woody" Ashby, Wally Schultz, Trevor Paoli, Tammy McGuffin Paoli, Kathy Easton and Steven Easton.

Walker has asked the judge to apply the persistent violator enhancement allowed by state

law against Schultz, Ashby and Trevor Paoli because each man has at least one previous felony conviction in Idaho.

The complaints and affidavits claim that the crimes occurred between Oct. 1 and Dec. 29 last year and that all six conspired with one another, and possibly more people, to manufacture fake money and then use those fake bills to buy methamphetamine and to buy items at area businesses.

The complaints state that fake money included ones, fives, 10s, 20s, 50s and 100s.

Rupert Police Department Detective Eric Snarr pieced together the counterfeiting

operation based on interviews with some of the defendants.

According to Snarr's affidavit, Steven Easton told Snarr that the Paolis and the Eastons made counterfeit money at Ashby's home in rural Heyburn, using a computer, scanner and printer. At least some of the bills were sprayed with hair spray, Kathy Easton told Snarr. And they used a brass polisher to "wear" the bills and make them appear used.

The Eastons had some of these fake bills, which had been left at their Rupert home by the Paolis, Steven Easton told Snarr in the affidavit. The Paolis stayed with the Eastons for

about a week in December, according to the affidavit.

Kathy Easton told Snarr that the Paolis and the Eastons were "doing crystal methamphetamine together" on Dec. 22 and a woman came to the Eastons' house wanting her computer scanner back.

Trevor Paoli tried to buy meth from that woman on that day, Kathy Easton told Snarr, but the woman said the counterfeit money he'd used before to buy drugs wasn't good enough any more and she needed "real cash because the drug suppliers in Idaho Falls and Blackfoot were mad."

Kathy Easton said Ashby

came to her house on Dec. 14 when the Eastons and Paolis were there and they all got "high" and bought a pizza using a counterfeit \$50 bill.

Once Snarr heard that information, he contacted Ashby's probation officer and police officers went to Ashby's house. Probation Officer Kim Spevak told Ashby she'd been told he was making counterfeit money and using drugs, the affidavit states.

Ashby "confessed to using methamphetamine and admitted that he (and the Paolis) had been involved in manufacturing counterfeit bills. Ashby said

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TRAINING DAY



Walking through the frozen landscape north of Gooding, Idaho National Guard Spc. Matt Averill participates in training exercises with the mortar platoon of Idaho's 2nd Battalion of the 116th Cavalry of the Army National Guard Saturday morning.

Soldiers brave cold during urban tactics training near Gooding



By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

GOODING — Dressed in camouflage cold-weather fatigues and armed with M-16 military rifles, the mortar platoon of Idaho's 2nd Battalion of the 116th Cavalry of the Army National Guard was ready to engage in heavy combat early Saturday morning — on the "mean streets" of Gooding.

The National Guard had planned for the platoon to conduct an urban military tactics training exercise on Gooding's Main Street at 7 a.m., but changed plans after receiving several complaints from concerned local residents, National Guard officials said.

"There was concern with some civilians and how

they might react to the Guard's presence in the town," said Master Sgt. Charles Butterfield, who was observing Saturday's exercises.

The change in plans, which moved the platoon to the property surrounding the Idaho National Guard Armory north of Gooding, didn't bother the men awaiting their training orders just before dawn. They were more concerned with conducting exercises — which included an eight-mile road march — in 25-degree temperatures and frigid east winds.

"It's a lot different than the weather we'd face in the desert right now," said Spc. Jason Whitworth, rubbing his gloved hands together. "But the tactics we practice are the same."

The exercises conducted Saturday were designed to prepare the guardsmen for combat situations in which



Left, a soldier moves up toward his target while Pfc. William Bonner loads another clip into his M-16 rifle during the training.

Far left, Spc. Justin Crawford peeks over a mound of gravel and snow during simulated tactical maneuvers.

the platoon would be under heavy enemy fire. As a mortar platoon, the division "fires the big guns" in armed combat, Butterfield said.

There are no plans for the 2nd Battalion of the 116th Cavalry to be deployed overseas anytime soon, but Butterfield — who has served in the Idaho National Guard for 22 years — said the platoon will be ready if and when that time comes.

"We have no notification of any type of overseas assignment right now," he said. "But that's what you train for — the opportunity to go when you're needed."

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Cassia County pressures owners to clean yards

Officials identify properties that have run afoul

By Rose Marie Parsons
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Beauty may be in the eye of the beholder, but junk is clearly defined in the Cassia County junkyard and zoning ordinances.

Last month county commissioners revisited 10 sites that had run afoul of the ordinances.

Owners had been sent letters in June outlining what needed to occur in order for the properties to come into compliance with county rules. Commissioners were satisfied with the progress made at only one site.

County Administrator Kerry McMurray said Wednesday most of the other property owners have been referred to Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus for possible prosecution. The maximum penalty for violation of the junkyard ordinance is six months in jail and a \$300 fine for each day the property is out of compliance.

The ordinances define junk as

"old or scrap copper, brass, rope, rags, batteries, paper, trash, rubber, debris, waste, junk, dismantled or wrecked automobiles or their parts, iron, steel or other ferrous or nonferrous material."

The ordinances define a junkyard as "any premises or place of business which is maintained, operated, or used for storing, keeping, buying, or selling junk, or for the maintenance or operation of an automobile graveyard. Any premises having more than two inoperable and unregistered vehicles, or in the case of agricultural vehicles, vehicles which have not been registered for a period exceeding two years

unless its owner qualifies as an automobile collector."

Collectible automobiles must be sheltered in covered buildings, according to the ordinances.

A license to operate a junkyard must be renewed at the beginning of each calendar year. McMurray said some junkyards were grandfathered in when the junkyard ordinance was approved in 1994. The current rules do not apply to those facilities as long as the yard doesn't grow larger. If a junkyard expands, it must conform to the new standards. Those standards include a fence that con-

ceals the junk.

The junk and junkyards at the 10 locations the commissioners visited in December were brought to their attention by citizen complaints and by observations made by the county building inspector.

While the commissioners drove from site to site, Commissioner Clay Handy spotted several more properties that he asked McMurray to put on a follow-up list.

Commission Chairman Dennis Crane said the county should pursue another 10 or so junkyard violators, including those spotted during the December tour.

MAGIC VALLEY WEST

Southern Utah officials discuss haze options

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — Some southern Utah residents are worried about the hazy mornings that could be growing along with the area's population.

companies in the area to discuss haze and smog that can blanket the area's early mornings.

plume of fine dust being emitted from the gypsum plant across the Arizona state line and the increasing number of automobiles operating in the city are the biggest offenders to clean air, he said.

Dust pollution related to construction is also an area of concern. McArthur complimented various excavation and gravel pit operations for their efforts in trying to keep the dust down and started a discussion on how the city and companies could work together to solve the problem.

SERVICES

Frances (Mary) Skeele Truxton Earl of Jerome, Mass at 9:30 a.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Jerome; interment of ashes will occur in the spring in the Truxton Cemetery, N.Y.

Wendell, funeral at 10 a.m. Monday at Demaray's Wendell Chapel; burial at the Wendell Cemetery; family and friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time Monday at the chapel.

time at the church; burial will follow the service at 3:30 p.m. at the Marion Cemetery near Oakley (Henderson-Cornelison Funeral Home, Pocatello).

burial will follow at the Mountain View Cemetery in Fairfield (Demaray Gooding Chapel).

Veronica Ann Madalena of Wendell, rosary at 7 p.m. today at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhl; Mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. Monday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church; interment at 3 p.m. Monday at the Wendell Cemetery (Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl).

Ruth Sugden Chaffee of Portland, Ore., memorial reception at 11 a.m. Monday in the Ivy Room at the Grove Hotel in Boise (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Dorothy Grace Hollifield Carlson of Hansen, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; viewing from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Marsha Lamerle Landolt of Seattle, Wash., funeral and memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Gooding United Methodist Church; cremation in Seattle, Wash. (Demaray Gooding Chapel).

Helen Lanore Lancaster of

Leona Marie Rasmussen of Pocatello, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Highland LDS 6th Ward, 2000 S. Fairway Drive, Pocatello; family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until service

Robert Alan Busch of Seattle and Gooding, funeral and memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Gooding United Methodist Church; viewing will be one hour before the service at the church;

Terance Martin Hagemann of Portland, Ore., and Eden, graveside service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Eden (Burns Mortuary, Hermiston, Ore.).

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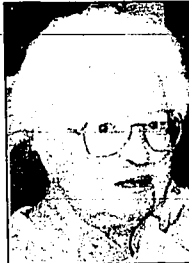
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Willa Gertrude Adams - Burley

Willa Gertrude Adams, 78, of Burley, died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004, at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.



She was born Oct. 22, 1925, in Sego, Utah, the daughter of John and Bertrude Burdick Brace. She received her education and graduated from high school in Valley City, Utah. She married George Ansel Adams on Aug. 27, 1945, in Twin Falls, Idaho.



Kyle Adams, who died in 1979; a granddaughter, Kiki Adams; her brother, Ross Brace; and three sisters, Maxine Peterson, Larain Diamond and Lorna Powers. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 12, 2004, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, with Bishop Jack M. Hunsaker officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home.

Willa was an outstanding hostess. She enjoyed people and had the talent of making everyone feel welcome and comfortable. She was an avid reader and while living in Salt Lake City, she was a member of a Pinochle Club.

Victor 'Vic' Martin Cenarrusa - Richfield

Victor Martin Cenarrusa passed away Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, at the residence of his son, Michael Cenarrusa, in Richfield.



He entered into active service with the U.S. Army 49th Fighter Group on Jan. 2, 1945, at Ft. Douglas, Utah, as an airplane and engine mechanic. He received multiple decorations during his time of duty, including Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, Army Occupational Medal (Japan), Victory Medal, Good Conductor Medal and an ASR Lapel Pin. He completed his service at Ft. Lewis, Wash., as a CPL on Nov. 30, 1946. The Legion in Richfield was the first post in Idaho; his mother was instrumental in establishing this post due to her son's service. He married Ida Fern Hensley on Feb. 21, 1953, in Elko, Nev. They resided in Richfield until

watch basketball. He was a quiet man who was very proud of his children and grandchildren.

Vic is survived by his four children, Tom (Marsha) Cenarrusa of Reno Nev., Cammen (Ben) Stevens of Gooding, Michael (Sue) Cenarrusa of Richfield and Kara (Ron) Frank of Milliken, Colo.; 12 grandchildren, Anisha Crane, Benny Cenarrusa, Joellann Cope, Jack, MacKenzie and Bailey Stevens, Dustin and Derek Frank, Lyndsee, Tyler, Keegan and Charli Cenarrusa; and one sister, Luella (Howard) DeWitt of Wendell. Vic was preceded in death by his wife, Fern Cenarrusa; his parents, Pete and Claudia Cenarrusa; brother, Donald Cenarrusa; and sister, Leona Crockett.

The family requests memorials are sent to the Gooding Basque Association, Box 517, Gooding, Idaho 83330, in lieu of flowers. The service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2004, at Demaray's Funeral Home in Gooding, Idaho.

Alfred W. Kuhn - Jerome

Alfred W. Kuhn, 91, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004, at his home.



He was born Feb. 29, 1912, at Neligh, Neb., the son of Jesse E. and Esther J. Pexton Kuhn, and was reared and educated in Nebraska.

In 1931, Alfred hitchhiked to Idaho and for sometime worked in the CCC program and then for Morrison Knudsen.

He married Lorraine Zellewager in 1937 and they later divorced. As a rancher and farmer, Alfred worked in various places in the Magic Valley prior to his retirement.

On March 20, 1959, he married Adeline Wallace McCammon at Elko. She preceded him in death in July of 2003.

Survivors include three sons, Duane of Gooding, Max of Hagerman and Jerry of Heyburn. Also surviving are his stepchildren, Judy Miller of Jerome, Harvey McCammon of Fairfield, Ervin McCammon of Washington, Kenny McCammon of Florida, Mike McCammon of Twin Falls and Pat McCammon of Declo.

There are 33 grandchildren; 58 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jack Kuhn, and stepchildren, Bob McCammon, Max McCammon and Barbara Ross.

The funeral for Alfred Kuhn will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2004, at the Hope Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Burial will follow at the Hagerman Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary.

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TWIN FALLS COUNTY COURTS

Driving under the influence sentencings

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

Ronald James Kinsey Jr., 40, 490 Heyburn Ave. W., Twin Falls; one count driving under the influence, second offense; amended to driving under the influence, first offense; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$78.50 court costs; 180 days in jail with 178 suspended, credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; attend court alcohol school; one count open container; dismissed by prosecutor; prosecutor William R. Hollifield; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

Brett Reese Fellman, 22, 51 S. 150 E., Marley, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$78.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for one day served; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; attend court alcohol school; comply with alcohol evaluation recommendations; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

Eric J. Torres, 30, 760 Carriage Lane, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, excessive; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$78.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 80 suspended, credit for three days served; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; 12 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol/drug testing; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; attend court alcohol school; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

Larry Macy Seebold, 49, 515 Center St. E., Kimberly; domestic battery; pleaded guilty; \$300 court costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 89 suspended, credit for one day served; 12 months probation; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; 32 hours sheriff's work detail; restitution to victim; prosecutor William R. Hollifield; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

Steven David Murock, 44, 364 Morningside, Twin Falls; one count driving without privileges; amended to fail to purchase/invalidate driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; \$75 public defender fee; three days in jail; probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; 32 hours sheriff's work detail; restitution to victim; prosecutor William R. Hollifield; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

Daniel Jeremiah White, 21, homeless, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; amended to fail to purchase/invalidate driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; \$75 public defender fee; three days in jail; probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; 32 hours sheriff's work detail; restitution to victim; prosecutor William R. Hollifield; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

Michael Galt Thurston, 51, 300 W. 10 S., Burley; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$78.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.

Jerry R. Jackson, 33, 8 S. 560 W., Burley; possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine with \$1,000 suspended; \$63.50 court costs;

Misdemeanor dismissals

Nathan P. Heck, 21, 133 Clear Creek Drive, Buhl; pedestrian under the influence of alcohol or drugs; dismissed by prosecutor; plea negotiations; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Brumback.

Felony sentencings

Gary Farmer, 33, Route 6 Box 871, Pocatello; operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol with one previous or a felony conviction within last 10 years; pleaded guilty; five years penitentiary, five years indeterminate; \$1,000 fine with \$1,000 suspended; driving privileges suspended for five years after release from imprisonment; \$1,600 public defender fee; District Judge G. Richard Bevan.

John Emma Lundin, 42, 295 Lois St., Twin Falls; grand theft; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; five years probation; \$1,000 fine with \$750 suspended; \$80 court costs; \$500 public defender fee; \$500 for costs of prosecution; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; must maintain employment or be enrolled in school; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; submit to alcohol/drug testing; 30 days discretionary jail time; \$40 per month probation fee; \$1,608.14 restitution; abide by terms of alcohol/drug testing; abuse evaluation; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; shall not maintain a checking account or credit card account; shall not incur any indebtedness greater than \$50 without the permission of probation officer; written apology to victims; obtain mental health evaluation; District Judge G. Richard Bevan.

Leann Galt, 30, 1014 S. Falls; grand theft by deception; pleaded guilty; five years penitentiary, three years indeterminate, two years indeterminate; suspended; five years probation; \$1,000 fine with \$500 suspended; \$88.50 court costs; \$350 public defender fee; \$350 for costs of prosecution; 45 days in jail; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; must maintain employment or be enrolled in school; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; submit to alcohol/drug testing; 30 days discretionary jail time; \$40 per month probation fee; \$400 public defender fee; abide by terms of alcohol/drug testing; abuse evaluation; 50 hours community service; establish a budget with probation officer; shall not incur any indebtedness greater than \$50 without the permission of probation officer; written apology to victims; obtain mental health evaluation; District Judge G. Richard Bevan.

Crystal Ann Alstrom, 32, 815 Walnut, Buhl; possession of a controlled substance; written apology to victim; District Judge G. Richard Bevan.

Trina A. Brown, 29; one count insufficient funds check fraud, dismissed, \$100 fine; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Joel Lopez Prieto, 45; battery, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Misdemeanor sentencings

Frank Aragon, 45; failure to carry hunting or fishing license on person; pleaded guilty, \$50 fine.

Jose Luis Dominguez, 21; one count assault with a dangerous weapon, one count driving without a license on person; probation, 365.50 court costs, two years probation, 365.50 in jail, 270 days suspended, 11 days credited; one count resisting officers, probation, 180 days in jail, 90 days suspended, 11 days credited; concurrent with count one; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Quentin L. Christensen, 43; failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Kasey J. Lynskey, 44; felony insufficient funds check fraud, amended to misdemeanor insufficient funds check fraud, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, one year probation; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

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Child support cases

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Greg A. Brown. Seeking establishment of paternity; 83 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$2,323 for costs of birth; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

Julia and Claude-Rasmussen vs. Kristin Beck. Seeking grandparent visitation rights other relief as the court deems just.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Joshua Tyler Bartlow. Seeking establishment of paternity; provide medical insurance; \$3,182 for costs of birth; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Darren J. Chernoff Sr. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$508 monthly support plus 67 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$330 support for a prior period; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Robert J. Burkhart. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$208 monthly support plus 61 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$208 support for a prior period; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Darrell J. Chernoff Sr. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$508 monthly support plus 67 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$330 support for a prior period; \$330 attorney's fees and costs.

Divorces filed

Sue Francis Gano vs. Roderick G. Gano.

Jeremy R. Engbaum vs. Anna-Maria Engbaum.

Lynda Fay DeCarum vs. Aaron Ladd DeCarum.

Michael and Layne Dumas vs. Gary Lee Dumas.

Richard Dean Halsey vs. Kay C. Halsey.

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Driving under the influence sentencings

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Commercial truck driving sentencings

Donald E. Jones, 55; one count failure to stop at checking station; pleaded guilty, \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Juvenile sentencings

Lloyd Briner, 14, 150 Quincy, Twin Falls; petit theft, pleaded guilty; 90 days discretionary jail time; \$40 per month probation fee; \$1,968.35 restitution; abide by terms of alcohol/drug testing; written apology to victim; District Judge G. Richard Bevan.

Jose A. Chapa, 21, 243 Borah Ave. W., Twin Falls; aggravated assault; pleaded guilty; five years penitentiary, two years indeterminate, three years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; \$1,000 fine with \$800 suspended; \$88.50 court costs; \$250 public defender fee; \$250 for costs of prosecution; complete GED; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; use maintain employment or be enrolled in school; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; submit to alcohol/drug testing; 90 days discretionary jail time; \$40 per month probation fee; \$1,345.22 restitution; abide by terms of alcohol/drug testing; abuse evaluation; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; must maintain employment or be enrolled in school; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; submit to alcohol/drug testing; 30 days discretionary jail time; \$40 per month probation fee; \$1,608.14 restitution; abide by terms of alcohol/drug testing; abuse evaluation; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; shall not maintain a checking account or credit card account; shall not incur any indebtedness greater than \$50 without the permission of probation officer; written apology to victims; obtain mental health evaluation; District Judge G. Richard Bevan.

Donna M. Thompson, 21, 1122 Washington St., No. 47, Twin Falls; one count grand theft, pleaded guilty, four years indeterminate, two and one half years indeterminate; one count possession of a controlled substance, three years indeterminate, one year probation, two years indeterminate; suspended; four years probation; \$88.50 court costs; \$500 public defender fee; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income; submit to alcohol/drug testing; 90 days discretionary jail time; \$225 restitution; 100 hours of community service; District Judge John C. Hohnhorst.

Krystal Cooley, 15, 315 Clear Lakes Ave., No. 20, Buhl; battery, public disturbance, amended to pretrial hearing Jan-16; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

David Warren, 16, 125 Bell St., Twin Falls; encouraging a child to be delinquent; amended to pretrial hearing Feb-5; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borstein.

Byron Wilkinson, 16, 400 Altair Drive, Twin Falls; two counts petit theft; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing Feb. 5; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borstein.

Leonardo Cruz, 12, 848 Eastland Drive S., Twin Falls; two counts battery and one count incurrable; pretrial hearing Feb. 5; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borstein.

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Mechanics say complex computers hurt business

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Independent mechanics say they should not have to crack cryptic computer codes just to work on new vehicles.

A placard at Hutchins' Auto and Truck Services reads: "Don't let the manufacturers force you to go back to the dealer for your repairs. Support the Right to Repair Act."

"People will come in and look at this," owner Wally Hutchins said. "The next thing they're asking is, 'Where do we sign?'"

Computer systems now run about everything in cars. Independents like Hutchins say car manufacturers are restricting them from some repairs by making it difficult to access the vehicles' multiple computer codes.

The result, they said, is more repair work for car dealerships and less choice for consumers.

"It's becoming much more of an issue as the cars get more sophisticated," said Sandy Bass-Cors with the Coalition for Auto Repair Equity. "It's like the generic drugs issue. We feel the consumer should have the complete choice of where, and by whom, their car is serviced."

The coalition supports federal legislation requiring car manufacturers to disclose information needed to diagnose, service and repair vehicles. It would appoint the Federal Trade Commission to oversee disseminating the data and allow the car manufacturers to set fees for the information.

Hutchins has gathered about 40 signatures from customers who support the legislation. They will be sent off to U.S. Rep. Butch Otter, R-Idaho, who sits on the House Energy subcommittee expected to hear the bill this spring.

New cars usually get taken to dealerships for servicing, Hutchins said. But when the warranties run out, customers often turn to shops like his, seeking competitive rates on parts and labor.

Hutchins said he spends up to \$20,000 annually on new software, training and equipment to keep up with new advances. Occasionally, he runs across car computer systems he cannot access.

Auto manufacturers, meanwhile, say the legislation is unnecessary. Since 2002, the industry has been working to make the information available online, said Charles Territo, spokesman for the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers.

"For the most part, it's working very well," Territo said. "It's there for the independent repair shops, it's there for the weekend mechanic. It's there for anyone who needs it."

The fees for accessing the information start at a low \$25, he said.

"It isn't any cheaper for us," said Eve Knudtsen, dealer for Knudtsen Chevrolet in Post Falls. Dealerships also spend an enormous amount on staying current with the new computer systems in cars, she said. As an example, Knudtsen Chevrolet will spend about \$2,000 on new tools to service the 2004 Malibu Sedan.

Heavy snows help Idaho reservoirs

LEWISTON (AP) - Summer streamflows in the Panhandle and Salmon River should be average following heavy snowfalls in the mountains a couple weeks, the U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service predicts.

But, even with the frequent storms, the creeks in some southern Idaho basins will likely not be up to par.

The three to four years of drought in the state have left reservoirs, springs, wetlands and water tables low and soils dry, said Ron Abramovich, snow supply specialist for the agency.

The water year began October and ends April at midnight. Storms during December kept the Clearwater and Panhandle basins on track for an average winter, and they have helped the southern tier.

The snowpack in the Clearwater Basin is at about 109 percent of normal and in the Panhandle it's at average. The Salmon drainage is 106 percent, up from 70 percent early last month.

The storm patterns changed in late December, Abramovich said. They are now coming across central and southern Idaho at a greater frequency. Other basins in the southern part of the state have made similar leaps in snowpacks.

The Payette and Boise drainages are in the 120 percent range. The desert basins have soared, with the Owyhee River snowpack 151 percent of average. The all-important Snake River reservoirs is 113 percent.

The drought has left the reservoirs low and soils dry, Abramovich said when snow melts this spring, much of the water will go to recharging the ground and not as much will make it all the way down rivers.

The streamflow forecast at Idaho Power Co.'s Hells Canyon hydroelectric dams calls for just 68 percent of average. Low-water years mean the utility must resort to expensive coal-fired power plants and regional energy purchases to get by.

"Sometimes, you need two good water years in a row to stumme the system," Abramovich said. "The past two weeks, we have been on the wet track, so I hope it continues most of the rest of the winter."

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CASSIA COUNTY COURTS

BURLEY - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Cassia County included:

Misdemeanor dismissals

Matt J. Jones, no age available; failure to hunt or fishing license on person; dismissed.

Christy A. Stokes, 32; insufficient funds check fraud, dismissed, \$100 fine; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Christopher L. Huck, 24; insufficient funds check fraud, amended to public disturbance, dismissed, \$100 fine; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Larry D. Olson, no age available; exceeding maximum speed limit, amended to public disturbance, dismissed, \$106 forfeiture; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Wesley Hill Watterson, 35; insufficient funds check fraud, amended to public disturbance, dismissed, \$100 fine; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Robert Harris, 55; insufficient funds check fraud, amended to public distur-

ance, dismissed, \$100 fine; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Trina A. Brown, 29; one count insufficient funds check fraud, dismissed, \$100 fine; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Joel Lopez Prieto, 45; battery, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Misdemeanor sentencings

Frank Aragon, 45; failure to carry hunting or fishing license on person; pleaded guilty, \$50 fine.

Jose Luis Dominguez, 21; one count assault with a dangerous weapon, one count driving without a license on person; probation, 365.50 court costs, two years probation, 365.50 in jail, 270 days suspended, 11 days credited; one count resisting officers, probation, 180 days in jail, 90 days suspended, 11 days credited; concurrent with count one; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

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SCHOOL LUNCHES

Passengers on the flight deck of the U.S.S. Midway aircraft carrier wave to a Navy helicopter Saturday as the ship is towed by a tugboat to its final resting place, a pier at the edge of downtown San Diego, where it will be kept as part of the San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum.



Jackpot wants more say in co-op

By Sam Feltman Times-News correspondent

JACKPOT, Nev. — Leaders here want their residents to have more say in the policies of the Raft River Rural Electric Co-op.

Darrell Jack, a Jackpot Advisory Board member and owner of the Four Jacks Casino, said during the past week's regular meeting Thursday that he wants a seat on the co-op's board of directors.

"You need to have a say in the policy," said Jack, noting that he has lots of concerns about Jackpot's electricity.

Raft River Rural Electric board member Jack's service area from Idaho Power three years ago. The Malta-based cooperative is owned by its users, each of whom are allowed to vote in board elections. The catch, however, is that Jackpot users have to go to Malta to vote — or fax a request asking for an absentee ballot.

Jack said there are two openings for the Jackpot area. Jack and Gene Frank, another Jackpot resident, are running for those two seats.

He emphasized during the Advisory Board meeting that it's important to elect Jackpot residents to be a voice for the community.

To make it easier for members of the community to vote, Jack announced that any electricity subscriber may contact Dixie Choate at the municipal building or the Four Jacks Casino, where

Other business conducted by the Advisory Board included:

• **Shooting range** — Eiko County Public Works Supervisor Len Foresburg reported that he has talked to Bureau of Land Management personnel about buying 57 acres that was once an old landfill site under a recreation and public use agreement. The property could be the site of the proposed new shooting range.

"Personally I like the BLM being responsible for our old landfill, but with that kind of use there should be no problem," Foresburg said.

• **Master plans** — Foresburg also reported that the Jackpot water master plan is in place now that the engineering study is complete. He said the plan calls for another well and one million additional gallons of storage capacity. The airport master plan also is complete, Foresburg said. That means Jackpot will be ready to go to bid in April with construction starting in the summer. The improvements to the airport will include additional layers of asphalt to accommodate larger aircraft that are up to 29 seats, a return taxi-

way, and more tie downs.

• **Bum trailer** — Assistant Fire Chief Shelly Hester said the fire department is applying for a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant for a bum trailer. She said this would be used for live fire training and would be a great tool and incentive for the firemen. The grant will cover up to 55 percent of the \$65,285 cost. The rest would have to come from the fire department's budget. Said Chief Veri Jarvis: "It's a long shot."

• **New processor** — The Eiko County commissioners approved \$3,000 for the purchase of a reconditioned processor for the X-ray machine at the Jackpot Clinic. Teresa Jarvio had asked for funding for the processor at the Advisory Board's December meeting.

• **Tourism director** — The Advisory Board approved Dee Smith as interim tourism director. The 32-year Jackpot resident originally turned down the job following Diane Choate's resignation but changed her mind after several people asked her to take on the task.

fax machines will be made available to request the needed absentee ballot.

The election will be held Saturday, Feb. 28. Kim Smith, Raft River Rural Electric's operations manager, said absentee ballot requests should be sent to Heber Carpenter at (208) 645-2211.

Ed Youngman, owner of the

West Star Resort, told the Advisory Board once again that a street light should be installed on Poker Street. "It is a safety factor and something needs to be done," he said.

Smith said the Raft River co-op had some programs available so that the cost does not have to all be up front. The cost for this light will be around \$5,000.

Workshop helps caregivers get support

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — People caring for a sick or disabled family member or friend need all the support they can get.

Page Geske, a communications specialist, will present a three-hour workshop Jan. 24 titled "Communicating Effectively with Healthcare Professionals."

"Family members are an important part of the health care team for persons with disabilities — whether that person is a special needs child, a spouse with a serious illness or a frail older relative," said Geske, who

will facilitate the upcoming workshop. "This workshop gives family members the insights and the tools they need to function as an effective member of the health care team, along with the physicians, nurses, social workers and others who may be involved."

It will be the third class Geske has offered in the Magic Valley. She said the first two classes had an excellent response.

"There is an incredible need in this community to better equip caregivers for the tasks that are being called to do on a daily basis," Geske said. "I have had the privilege of train-

ing several certified family home caregivers and they have spoken highly of the material that has been created by the National Family Healthcare Association."

Geske has a bachelor's degree in communication studies from Virginia Tech and 16 years of experience in the communications field. Last August, she completed the national certification through the NFCA in Denver to teach the course. She currently works as the public information officer and contracts manager for the Area Office on Aging and Adult Services at the College of Southern Idaho.

Counterfeit

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The Eastons, Schultz and another woman were also involved in the counterfeit operation, the affidavit states.

Ashby said they'd printed "several thousands of dollars" of money. The fake money was used to buy drugs. Some was used to buy things at gas stations and some was run through charge machines at car washes and Laundromats, Ashby told Snarr.

Trevor Paoli said that Schultz used most of the counterfeit money to buy drugs from the "Mexican Mafia."

Ashby told Snarr the Paolis left Minidoka County on Dec. 29 to go to Boise to get rid of the counterfeit money, before they went to Cheban, Wash.

An ex-girlfriend of Trevor Paoli was reported to have tried to use a counterfeit bill to buy something at the Rupert Mavrik on Dec. 16, according to police reports.

The Paolis were arrested Jan. 4 in Boise. At the time of his arrest, Trevor Paoli identified himself as Richard Paoli, who is his brother.

Ashby told Snarr that Paoli and Ashby created a fake identification card for Trevor Paoli, using Richard Paoli's information.

Under questioning by Boise police officers, the Paolis admit-

Here's a look at the charges against each person

- **Woody Ashby, 37**
 - Conspiracy to commit forgery
 - Conspiracy to possess counterfeit apparatus
 - Forgery
- **Wally Schultz, 42**
 - Conspiracy to commit forgery
 - Conspiracy to possess counterfeit apparatus
- **Kathy Easton, 42**
 - Conspiracy to commit forgery
 - Conspiracy to possess counterfeit apparatus

- **Steven Easton, 44**
 - Conspiracy to commit forgery
 - Conspiracy to possess counterfeit apparatus
- **Tammy Paoli, 39**
 - Conspiracy to commit forgery
 - Conspiracy to possess counterfeit apparatus
 - Possession of counterfeit apparatus
- **Trevor Paoli, 28**
 - Conspiracy to commit forgery
 - Conspiracy to possess counterfeit apparatus
 - Forgery
 - Possession of counterfeit apparatus

ted they'd participated in the counterfeiting operation, the affidavit states. Trevor Paoli was found to possess a counterfeit \$20 bill at that time, and fake identification cards with information about Richard Paoli, along with Richard Paoli's origi-

nal birth certificate and driver's license.

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AGAPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL AND CHILD CARE CENTER
Milk or juice served daily.
Monday: Burritos
Tuesday: Fish sticks
Wednesday: Dinosaur nuggets
Thursday: Biscuits with sausage gravy
Friday: No School

BUHL SCHOOL
Breakfast Menu
Milk served daily. Choice of fruit or juice every day.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Doughnuts
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: French toast
Friday: No School
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served every day.
Monday: Bean and cheese roll ups
Tuesday: Tuna fish sandwich
Wednesday: Sweet and sour chicken
Thursday: Chicken pretzels
Friday: No school

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL
Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served daily.
Monday: Doughnuts
Tuesday: Biscuits
Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls
Thursday: Scrambled eggs
Friday: No school
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served daily.
Monday: Chili
Tuesday: Taco salad
Wednesday: Baked potato bar
Thursday: Deli sandwich
Friday: No school

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL
Milk served daily.
Monday: Fish nuggets
Tuesday: Turkey gravy over noodles
Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese
Thursday: Ham sandwich
Friday: Chili buns

FILER SCHOOL
Monday: Hamburger
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Corn dog
Thursday: Cooks choice
Friday: Enchiladas

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Breakfast Menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: Quesadilla
Thursday: Oatmeal
Friday: Long Johns
Lunch Menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken patty
Tuesday: Corn dogs
Wednesday: Enchilada
Thursday: Chicken and noodles
Friday: Chili

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL
Choice of milk every day.
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Peanut butter and jelly
Wednesday: Baked potato bar
Thursday: Taco salad
Friday: Pepperoni pizza

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Milk served daily.
Monday: Nachos
Tuesday: Pizza pockets
Wednesday: Hamburger
Thursday: Roast turkey
Friday: French dip

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL
Milk served daily.
Monday: Nachos
Tuesday: Pizza pockets
Wednesday: Cheese burger
Thursday: Caribbean wrap
Friday: French dip

MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Fresh fruit and milk served daily.
Monday: No lunch
Tuesday: No lunch
Wednesday: No lunch
Thursday: Grilled cheese sandwich
Friday: Scrambled eggs

Training
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Butterfield said cold weather and snowy conditions like Saturday can actually serve as an advantage for National Guard training.

"The cold kind of slows you down a little bit," Butterfield said. "But the weather makes you realize you can't get distracted by cold or heat. It makes you focus on the maneuvers at hand."

Capt. Corey Dahlquist, who serves as the Guard's local public affairs officer, agreed.

"The worse the weather, the better the training," Dahlquist said.

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
Choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Hot Italian sub sandwich
Thursday: Baked chicken
Friday: Ham and cheese sandwich
Milk served daily.
Monday: Rib-B-Q sandwich
Tuesday: Turkey gravy and potatoes
Wednesday: Beef stew
Thursday: Baked potato bar
Friday: Hamburgers

MURTAUGH SCHOOL
Milk served daily.
Monday: Rib-B-Q sandwich
Tuesday: Turkey gravy and potatoes
Wednesday: Beef stew
Thursday: Baked potato bar
Friday: Hamburgers

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH
Breakfast menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Oatmeal
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Breakfast sandwich
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Malibu chicken sandwich, Rib-B-Q sandwich or salad bar
Tuesday: Chicken and cheese quesadilla
Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich or soup and sandwich bar
Thursday: Hot ham and cheese sandwich, turkey sub sandwich or potato bar
Friday: Soft shell tacos, corn dog or salad bar

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: Chili fritos
Wednesday: Chef salad
Thursday: Macaroni and cheese
Friday: Hot dog

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY
Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Oatmeal
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Breakfast sandwich
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Monday: Double crust pepperoni pizza
Tuesday: Chili
Wednesday: Hamburger deluxe
Thursday: Ravioli
Friday: Corn dogs

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
Lunch is served daily.
Breakfast: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies every day.
Monday: Malibu chicken sandwich, salad bar or deli sandwich
Tuesday: Pig-in-a-blanket, coyote grill bar or deli sandwich
Wednesday: Cheese burger, taco bar or deli sandwich
Thursday: Grilled chicken and bacon wrap, deli sandwich or coyote grill bar
Friday: Pizza, deli sandwich or potato bar

VALLEY SCHOOLS
Breakfast is served daily.
Monday: Crisp Burrito
Tuesday: Chicken burger
Wednesday: Chicken chunks
Thursday: Spaghetti
Friday: Chili

BLISS SCHOOL
Milk served daily.
Monday: Ham and potato
Tuesday: Stromboli
Wednesday: Nachos
Thursday: Chicken burger
Friday: Lasagna

DIETRICH SCHOOLS
Monday: Shepherd's pie
Tuesday: Sub sandwich
Wednesday: Turkey noodles
Thursday: Nachos
Friday: Cheese bake

Procrastination
Continued from B1
For six weeks now, I single-handedly have the power to purge Magic Valley stores of all bad Christmas music, simply by cleaning out the bargain bins in January and February.

So on balance, I'm feeling vastly superior to all you slaves to the calendar, and all because I can tolerate having an explosively flammable dead evergreen in my living room longer than you can.

And because, whenever I watch "A Charlie Brown Christmas" I can't see a thing wrong with the

Salad bar, fruit and milk served daily.
Monday: Shepherds pie
Tuesday: Sub sandwich
Wednesday: Turkey noodles
Thursday: Nachos
Friday: Cheese bake

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Monday: Hamburger
Tuesday: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Chili
Friday: Potato soup

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HAGERMAN SCHOOLS
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Tuesday: Burrito
Wednesday: Turkey sandwich
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IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND
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Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy or jelly
Thursday: Cinnamon toast and yogurt
Friday: Egg and cheese omelet.
Lunch menu
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Tuesday: Avulanche chicken
Wednesday: French pizza bread
Thursday: Hot dog or roast pork sandwich
Friday: Tuna sandwich or chicken fajita

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Breakfast
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Tuesday: French toast
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Pancakes
Friday: Cereal
Lunch
Monday: Tuna sandwich
Tuesday: Hard shell taco
Wednesday: Pig-in-a-blanket
Thursday: Bean burrito
Friday: Hoagie sandwich

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS
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Monday: Burrito
Tuesday: Roast turkey and gravy
Wednesday: Ham potatoes au gratin
Thursday: Sloppy Joe
Friday: No school

WENDELL SCHOOLS
Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Burrito
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Hot dog
Friday: Soft taco

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scraggly tree he brings home. A lesser man would have bought an artificial Christmas tree by now and be sleeping soundly at night, but that's for Unitarians. My roots are deepwater Baptist, and we don't take shortcuts.

So have yourself a merry little Groundhog's Day. I'll hang a star for you from the highest bough, if there still is one.

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THE SHOW GOES ON

Mad cow scare doesn't deter stock production

DENVER (AP) - One of the nation's biggest and most prestigious livestock shows is kicking off under the shadow of the mad cow scare, but ranchers see opportunity in adversity: They want to use the event to dispel fears about the brain-wasting disease.

The National Western Stock Show opened its 98th edition Saturday in an enormous production. About 15,000 animals from at least 40 states will be shown over 16 days to visitors from around the world.

Organizers say spirits are high, with crowds expected to rival last year's 641,000 visitors - just the right forum to educate the public about mad cow disease and the safety of the U.S. food system.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to bring together a lot of people who have been significantly impacted by the identification of the one - Holstein - cow-up-in-Washington state," stock show President Pat Grant said.

There will be a session to discuss the disease and efforts to track cattle from birth to the slaughterhouse, a significant issue as authorities try to reconstruct the life history of the infected Washington cow.

Authorities also will electronically monitor mandatory certificates proving participating animals are disease-free.

The annual event will feature livestock exhibits and sales, horse shows and the nation's fourth largest rodeo in terms of prize money - \$520,000 this year. The show generates an estimated \$80 million for the Denver-area economy.

Mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, is blamed on contaminated feed. The disease is a concern because humans can develop variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease from eating beef products contaminated with tissue from the brain, spinal cord or small intestine of infected cows. Meats and tissues in the source of meats, steaks and other beef cuts.

The country's first known case



Kim Walter from Stephenville, Texas, hangs Western belts on a rack Monday in preparation for the National Western Stock Show in Denver. The mad cow scare and dropping cattle prices come as the National Western Stock Show launches its 98th edition.

of mad cow disease was diagnosed Dec. 23 in a cow imported to the United States from Canada, whose beef industry suffered after the discovery of an infected cow in May.

Grant said the mad cow scare will have no impact on the show, noting that crowds are expected to be at least as large as last year's event. Early ticket sales for various events show interest remains high, he said.

The public understands that unlike foot-and-mouth disease, a concern in 2002 after an outbreak in Europe, mad cow disease isn't contagious, Grant said.

Rancher John Lockie of Billings, Mont., said he expects good participation.

"People from this part of the world are going right for it and planning on taking their cattle down," said Lockie, executive director of R-CALF USA United Stock Growers of America. The trade group planned its national convention in Denver to coincide with the stock show.

John Stened, president of the Denver-based Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, expects participants from around the world.



Participants warm up their horses Monday for the National Western Stock Show Pre-Denver Quarterhorse Show in Denver.

"The stock show is the best time for agriculture to put its best foot forward," he said.

Because of a U.S. ban on Canadian cattle, Canadian ranchers will be unable to exhibit livestock at the show, although they

are expected to attend and participate in purchases.

Only about 100 of the several thousand cattle at the show typically come from Canada, livestock manager James Goodrich said.

Fewer lambs, meanwhile, are surviving to adulthood to bolster the herd's population, which was cut 40-60 percent by the outbreak.

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Witness says Utah man died while aiding guide

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The Utah architect killed during an ambush in a Guatemalan jungle was trying to help a tour guide when he was shot in the chest.

Brett Richards of Ogden, Utah, died en route to a hospital. He was with a group of 13 tourists from Salt Lake City and Ogden when the bus was halted by the attackers.

"Brett Richards got up and tried to help. And they shot him," said a teary Patty Allen, moments after stepping off a return flight Friday in Salt Lake City.

"He was trying to help (tour guide) Joseph Allen. They shot him through the window."

The tourists were en route to Mayan ruins and the town of Tapachula, Mexico, when the bus was run off the road by assailants who shot the bus driver in his right ankle when he tried to drive back onto the road.

As the tour guide pleaded with the armed men, one of the attackers struck him in the face with the butt of a gun.

Richards stood up and stepped forward, then was quickly shot in the chest, witnesses say.

While many of the passengers returned home Friday, Richards' immediate family remained in Guatemala. They expected to return with Richards' body this weekend.

Sickness lingers in sheep

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) - A highhorn sheep herd nearly wiped out by pneumonia three years ago is still suffering setbacks from the outbreak, state Game and Fish biologists say.

Biologists found no signs of pneumonia in 10 sheep tested recently as part of an ongoing effort to monitor the Jackson herd's health. However, pneumonia was found in the system of a ewe hit by a car last month, Game and Fish biologist Doug Brimeyer said.

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Tacoma earns top spot as nation's most stressed-out city

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) - More nerve-racking than New York, more vexing than Vegas, this port city of 195,000 is a new survey's pick for the nation's most stressed-out big city.

In a survey based on divorces, suicide rates and other factors, Tacoma topped the list of stressful cities - followed by Miami, New Orleans, Las Vegas, New York City and Portland, Ore.

"Basically there wasn't one thing that stood out," said Bert Sperling, CEO of Fast Forward,

Inc., which produces the BestPlaces - Web site, which released the survey Friday. "It's clearly in Tacoma much of the time, and the suicide and property crime rates are high," the Web site states. "On a brighter note, Tacomans can feel safe from bodily harm thanks to the low violent crime rate."

Tacoma's unemployment rate, which was 7.7 percent last fall when the data was collected, was well above the survey's average rate of 5.8 percent. The city's

divorce rate was also high, with 12.4 percent of adults divorced.

Sperling offered some consolation for Tacomans: "You were just the worst out of the 100 biggest cities. There are a lot of stressful places that are more stressful."

The survey evaluated 331 cities' performance in nine "stress index" categories: unemployment rate, divorce rate, commute time, violent crime, property crime, suicide rate, alcohol consumption, self-reported "poor mental health" and cloudy days.

Tying for the least stressful cities were the tri-city areas Albany-Schenectady-Troy in New York and Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle in Pennsylvania.

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Casinos use detective firm to nab cheaters

Security clamps down on card counters

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Moments after Kevin Lewis sat down at a high stakes blackjack table inside an Atlantic City casino last summer, the pit boss got the word: Lewis was a card counter.

Soon after, Lewis bolted.

"It was obvious that somewhere and somehow I had been made," said the 30-year-old Lewis, once part of an infamous team of Massachusetts Institute of Technology students who won millions of dollars at blackjack in the 1990s by keeping track of the aces and face cards played.

How security pegged Lewis so quickly was no mystery. The casino, like others across the country and around the world, relies on Griffin Investigations, a detective agency that supplies an extensive list of suspected cheaters and highly skilled gamblers called advantage players.

Griffin's files include thousands of names and mug shots and can be accessed online, using sophisticated facial recognition software. When casinos want to target a player, surveillance cameras relay the person's image back to a computer that compares the photo with Griffin's files. Minutes later, a casino will have its answer.

"Griffin's efficacy is legendary. I always feared it," said Lewis, who uses a pseudonym to hide his identity because he still plays blackjack.

The exploits of Lewis and five other MIT students' exploits were chronicled in the book "Bringing Down the House" by Ben Mezrich.

The book "claims" that somebody sold a list of the students to Griffin, effectively ending their card-counting days. Today all their faces are in the Griffin system.

Off-praised and mud-smeared, Griffin also has critics who claim the detective agency is prone to errors and smeared people without proof.

"It is an incredible compilation peppered with mistakes and falsehoods based on some of the grossest hearsay," said lawyer Bob Neresesian of Las Vegas. Two of his clients are suing Griffin after they were arrested for cheating based on information in the Las Vegas company's database.

Griffin Investigations was founded in 1967 by Beverly S. Griffin and her husband at the time, Robert R. Griffin. In the beginning, it hunted small-time casino crooks and relied on shoe-leather detective work, not high-tech gadgets to expose people. Griffin investigators collected intelligence on gamblers who tossed loaded dice, rigged slot machines and marked playing cards. These were cheaters who broke the law.

Card counters, while not welcome in casinos, operate within the law. They don't influence the game's natural outcome; they just calculate the probability of cards yet to be played.

"They are not using a device," said Keith Copher, enforcement chief for the Nevada Gaming Control Board. "They are using their head. If they use some sort of instrument to track cards that would be illegal."

But Beverly Griffin likens card counters to competing corporations that threaten the financial health of casinos.

"They scout. They have people to count. They have people bring the money and place the bets. They are bankrolled," she said.

"Little is known about Griffin Investigations; other than clients, only state gambling regulators are allowed to see its files. Beverly Griffin declined to say how much her service costs or how many people it employs.

However, in a recent deposition, Griffin manager Gordon Adams said the company had six employees and more than 100 clients. The agency obtains its information from the casinos, among other sources, Adams said.

Armed with Griffin's database, security experts at casinos scrutinize players at table games or slot machines, looking for matches in the system. People are listed in the company's database for a variety of activities or crimes, such as impersonating casino employees, card bending, stealing chips, coins and purses from gamblers.

"It's very effective in protecting our casino," said Margaret Brooks, director of surveillance at the Bellagio hotel-casino. "We would be missing a lot without it."

Casinos don't react automatically because someone is listed in the Griffin database.

"We make our own determination," she said. Casinos are allowed to ban advantage players and may have them arrested for trespassing if they return.

Some people nabbed by Griffin have fought back, including

Michael Russo and James Grosjean, who were winning big at a Caesars Palace poker table in April 2000. The pair had pocketed \$18,000 thanks to a wealthy dealer who was exposing his cards.

Security guards and state Gaming Control Board agents stepped in and arrested the pair for cheating. The charges were later dropped.

Both men sued Griffin, claiming his database contains false information that led to their arrests. Court records indicate Griffin listed Russo as part of "a team of 21 cheaters" and Grosjean "working with card bender on 3-card poker."

"We feel that they defamed them," Neresesian said. "They have no proof to back up the allegations."

Anthony Curtis, a professional card counter plying his talent on the Discovery Channel, said the problem with Griffin is that it lumps cheaters and counters together.

"I've seen myself in the Griffin where they've got me listed as an accomplice with people I don't know. It's ridiculous," said Curtis, also the editor of Las Vegas Advisor, a consumer newsletter tracking casino promotions and gambling trends.

Beverly Griffin has heard the complaints, and thinks there are plenty of card counters who would love to see her out of business.

"I know. It's ridiculous," said Curtis, also the editor of Las Vegas Advisor, a consumer newsletter tracking casino promotions and gambling trends.

"We provide information to casinos," she said. "We don't have anything to be ashamed of."

Dozens of deer drown in Idaho reservoir

BOISE (AP) — At least 85 deer and elk have drowned in the last week after breaking through the ice covering Lucky Peak Reservoir, wildlife managers said.

Jerry Scholten, a regional biologist for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, is trying to find a way to keep the animals off the ice. He was planning to use firecracker-type noisemakers to scare nearly 80 additional deer away from the reservoir.

"They are my animals, and I worry about them," he said.

Mike Boyd, who lives in the Robie Creek area, said he was disturbed by the sight of the dead animals in the water. Boyd met Scholten and heard about his efforts Friday morning.

Boyd said he respected Scholten's efforts.

"I have to commend him for that," Boyd said. "These are just too awesome of an animal to see

them drowned and die like that."

The deer and elk fell through the ice while attempting to cross the lake to escape higher, heavier snows and find food in the lower elevations south toward Boise, Scholten said.

Deer near Dietrich face a different danger. Seventeen deer were hit and killed Thursday night by a train east of Dietrich, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game reported. The kill came just four days after 58 deer were killed on the same railroad tracks.

Fish and Game Regional Conservation Educator Kelton Hatch said the agency is contacting Union Pacific Railroad officials to see if snow can be bladed away from the tracks to offer migrating big game an alternate traveling route.

The deer seek refuge on the tracks from deep snow, he said.

Pend Oreille trout estimates come in lower than expected

SANDPOINT (AP) — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game wants a "better handle" on how many lake trout are swimming around in Lake Pend Oreille.

While preliminary population estimates of the large trout are not as high as anticipated, it may still allow sportsmen to harvest them to help protect the landlocked kokanee salmon there.

Prior population estimates have proven to be inaccurate, and Fish and Game is seeking better numbers.

The live-trap-netting program began in October as part of a plan to restore the kokanee population.

Kokanee numbers in the lake have been dwindling since a 1997 flood washed many downstream. The kokanee are being eaten by predator fish, including lake trout, at a faster rate than the small population of salmon can sustain.

A kokanee crash would be bad for all the species.

Now, fishermen hired by the department are catching and marking trout in nets designed not to harm them. When the department has marked enough lake trout to get a good population estimate, it may authorize harvesting them.

ICY HOT



Troy, N.Y., firefighters check each of the homes which were destroyed in an overnight fire, Saturday in Lansingburgh, N.Y. All of the individually owned row houses were destroyed in the fire, leaving 10 families homeless. No one was seriously injured in the blaze, which was fought on the coldest night of the winter.

Journalists refuse to name sources

The Washington Post

Five journalists have defied a federal judge's order and refused to disclose the names of confidential sources who provided information about former nuclear weapons scientist Wen Ho Lee, the reporters' representatives said Friday.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson on Oct. 9 ordered the journalists at the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Associated Press and Cable News Network to reveal who in the government may have disclosed derogatory information to them about Lee, who was a chief suspect in an espionage case.

Lee has sued the Energy Department and the FBI to recover damages for alleged harm to his reputation caused by leaks of confidential information from the espionage investigation.

In recent depositions before Lee's attorney, the reporters declined to reveal their sources, citing the need to ensure the free flow of information to the public. The journalists include Bob Drogin of the Los Angeles Times, H. Josef Hebert of the Associated Press, Jeff Gheib and James Risen of the New York Times, and Pierre Thomas, a former CNN reporter who now works for ABC News.

Brian Sun, an attorney for Lee, said Friday that the next step would be for Lee to again seek relief from the judge, possibly by requesting that Jackson find the reporters in contempt of court.

"We think we have more than adequately demonstrated that we are entitled to this information under the Supreme Court case law, and Judge Jackson agreed with our position," Sun said.

The gavel comes down

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Funding rises for PBS, but not for 'Theatre'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The flow of corporate money to PBS has increased after a three-year dry spell, but a sponsor has yet to be found for "Masterpiece Theatre," the public television network's president said Saturday.

PBS has committed to funding the venerable drama series for two years in the absence of a sponsor. President Pat Mitchell told a meeting of the Television Critics Association.

Exxon Mobil Corp., which had given "Masterpiece Theatre" \$300 million over 35 years as sole sponsor, will end its association with the program after this spring.

"I have no answer on why we haven't been able to attract an underwriter to replace Exxon Mobil, except for the obvious answer it's a pretty high price tag," Mitchell said.

"We are all concerned and unhappy about it," she said, vowing the series will continue for the next two years "no matter what."

Upcoming "Masterpiece Theatre" programs include "Prime Suspect VI: The Last Witness," starring Helen Mirren, and "Forsyte Saga II."

Asked how PBS would pay for future shows in the costly series, Mitchell did not have an immediate answer.

"Masterpiece Theatre" executive producer Rebecca Eaton has said the series needs \$7 million a year. Last year, she blamed an ailing economy for the series' inability to woo a new sponsor.

In the past year, PBS has obtained 11 new major underwriting commitments from corporations, among them Coca-Cola, Mitchell said. She called it an

endorsement of the value of PBS in a changing and crowded TV world.

Companies see PBS as "a trusted brand in a cluttered landscape and a way to be associated with a positive message that's not designed to make money" and that targets a broad audience, Mitchell said.

It's vital for PBS, which relies on public contributions for 80 percent of its funding, to decrease its dependency on station-pledge drives and expand other sources of revenue, she said.

She cited a \$200 million bequest from the late and McDonald's heiress Joan Kroc to National Public Radio as an indication of how effectively NPR is cultivating philanthropic contributions and as an example for PBS to follow.

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Passing the time

After October wildfires, two survivors begin long recovery

By Elliot Spagat
Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO - They spend their days in bed on the fifth floor of the University of California, San Diego Medical Center.

Allyson Roach, 20, has endured 13 skin grafts, amputation of all fingers and near-daily suctioning of her lungs as she recovers from burns that covered 85 percent of her body in Southern California's October firestorms. Her 16-year-old sister, Ashleigh, died trying to flee the flames.

Rudy Reyes - burned over 65 percent of his body - can barely move his arms and legs and an operation last week to graft skin from his stomach to his right hand increased his use of painkillers. The 26-year-old barely escaped the blaze, forced to run to safety after his car wouldn't start. The rest of his family was unharmed.

Both patients are expected to survive but will need months - if not years - to fully recover.

"The pain is always there. It's just a matter of dealing with it," Reyes said. "You've got to say, 'I'm not going to stay here. I'm not going to recover. I'm going to get out of bed and get out of this situation.'"

The firestorms claimed 23 lives, leveled 4,800 homes and other buildings and charred more than 750,000 acres.

Reyes and Roach are the only two wildfire patients left at the San Diego hospital, which treated 23 patients during the first three days of the fires, eight of them in critical condition. None died.

Roach will spend 23 hours a day for one year in a "very hot, not very comfortable" neoprene-like suit to prevent scarring, said her mother, Lori Roach, 43, a trauma nurse. The suit will cover her face, arms and legs.

Her recovery is expected to take two years, with physical therapy as often as five times a week.

Allyson, an aspiring nurse, was in a coma until mid-November and bandaged from head to toe until about two weeks ago, when her face was unscathed.

Rudy Reyes, 26, holds up his badly burned hand to show Dr. Daniel Lozano his mobility at the University of California, San Diego Medical Center burn unit. Reyes was burned during the California wildfires last fall.

ered. As she battles pneumonia and infection, the only visitors allowed are her parents, who were unharmed in the fires, and her 22-year-old brother, Jason, who suffered minor burns.

She cannot speak yet, relying on a tracheotomy to breathe, and communicates by pointing to letters on a large alphabet chart. Her parents recently asked what colors she wanted in her room at the family's temporary home in Escondido, a north San Diego suburb, and she mouthed blue and green.

Her bed has been tilted at a 75-degree angle to the floor, but she is not yet strong enough to stand up straight.

"At times I can tell she's a little sad," her mother said. "We talk about her cat, anything to occupy her mind. We're trying to keep her mind outside that hospital and keep her focused on home and the future."

Allyson knows her home was destroyed and remembers the escape, though it's unclear if she knows her younger sister died. Allyson hasn't asked about Ashleigh. Her parents haven't brought it up, choosing to wait until she regains her voice.

As her mother tells it, Allyson fled the fast-moving Paradise fire around 8:30 a.m. Oct. 26 in a car driven by a friend, Navy corpsman Steven Lovett. Amid blinding smoke, the car veered off a slope in front of the 4,140-square-foot home in Valley Center, north of San Diego. Her parents drove through the smoke without seeing her.

Jason, her brother, was driving behind and picked up Allyson but didn't see Lovett, who was later rescued by a neighbor. The smoke in front of him caused him to slam into it. The air bags of his Mustang inflated and the steering wheel locked.

Jason freed Allyson from the car, which had bounced into a burning pepper tree, but was unable to rescue Ashleigh from the back seat. They ran several



Lori Roach shows two newly framed photos of her daughters, Allyson and Ashleigh, at her home in Escondido, Calif. Allyson Roach, 20, has endured 13 skin grafts, amputation of all fingers and near-daily suctioning of her lungs as she recovers from burns that covered 85 percent of her body in Southern California's October firestorms. Her 16-year-old sister, Ashleigh, died trying to flee the flames. In the portrait at left, Ashleigh is on the left, Allyson is to the right.

hundred feet to a fire truck.

Reyes, a weightlifting buff, also has a harrowing tale and vivid memories of what happened when the Cedar fire struck his house in Lakeside, east of San Diego, at about 3 a.m. on Oct. 26.

He lived alone in a one-bedroom house on the family's 2.5-acre parcel, moving into the separate quarters two years ago to gain a measure of independence from his family. The main five-bedroom house was occupied by his mother, a brother, a stepbrother and two family friends.

Rudy's 36-year-old sister, Rosa Carrillo was the first to leave when the fire approached, fleeing in her sports utility vehicle with her three children, ages 15, 10 and 18 months. Rudy's mother drove off in her Ford truck, expecting her sons would be right behind.

"My brother was so worried about his house, he didn't want to leave," said Fernando Reyes, his 23-year-old brother, who visits the hospital nearly every day. "He told me to go and said he'd follow. He was more worried about me and my mom getting out in time than he was about himself."

His family had already evacuated when he hopped into his Toyota car. It wouldn't start.

"I had no options because no one was left in the house, so I had to make a run for the road," Rudy remembers. "I just covered my face with my hands and started running down the road and screaming."

He recalls a neighbor driving him to rescue workers, who gave him shots that put him to sleep. He didn't wake up for about six weeks.

Rudy spends his days watching

television and movies from his hospital bed. His mother, Eliana Lorta, visits after her eight-hour shift as a convenience-store clerk ends at 11:30 a.m., feeding him ice cubes at his bedside.

Doctors moved him out of the intensive care unit a few days before Christmas and told him he may go home later this month.

"My son is back to being my son again," Lorta said. "I can recognize him again."

Dr. Daniel Lozano, the burn center's clinical director, is surprised there weren't more injuries from

the October wildfires, suggesting to him that evacuation warnings were largely successful.

A 76-year-old man - once considered a grave danger because of his age - recently went home. So did Novato Fire Department Capt. Doug McDonald, whose colleague, 38-year-old Steven Rucker, was the only firefighter to die during the blazes. Two other Novato firefighters suffered minor injuries as the team tried to save a house Oct. 29 near Wynola, a mountain community east of San Diego.

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Worker finds wildfire's 15th victim

SAN DIEGO (AP) - An unidentified man found in a drainage ditch has been confirmed as the 15th victim of the largest wildfire in California history, the San Diego County medical examiner's office said.

The victim was discovered Nov. 26 by a Caltrans worker in an area east of Interstate 15 in San Diego County believed to be an encampment.

He is believed to be a middle-age Hispanic man. Investigators used pathology, radiology, anthropology and dental tests to determine that the man was alive at the start of the Cedar fire based on the condition of his charred skeletal remains.

Based on remnants of his clothing, Dr. Glenn Wagner, the county's medical examiner, said the man was probably a transient.

The Cedar fire, which burned 273,000 acres, was the biggest of the destructive and deadly blazes that swept across Southern California in October. Altogether, the firestorms claimed 23 lives, leveled 4,800 homes and other buildings and charred more than 750,000 acres.

The Oakland Hills fire of 1991 killed 25 people, making it the state's deadliest wildfire.

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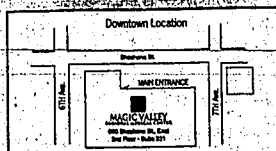
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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

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They all offered me cheese. It was great.

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-Arizona Cardinals receiver Nathan Poole, who received a key to the City of Green Bay and free playoff tickets to last week's game at Lambeau Field, Poole's touchdown catch with no time left defeated Minnesota, giving the Packers a playoff berth.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
Who was the last Cincinnati Red to lead the National League in batting?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

Pomerelle will hold slope style contest

ALBION - The Pomerelle Mountain Resort will host a slope style competition Saturday, Jan. 17. Competition is open to all ages, with trophies and medallions given to the top three places in each division. Registration is 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. the day of the event with competition starting at noon. All entries must pay a \$5 entry fee and a \$5 bib deposit. A Pomerelle release waiver signed by all competitors under 18 years of age.

Wavers can be found at local sports stores, Pomerelle Mountain, or on-line at www.pomerelle-mtn.com. For more information, please call 673-5599.

CSI will hold boxing workshop Jan. 31

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho's community education center will hold a five-hour boxing workshop from 5-10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31 in the Expo Building on campus. The cost is \$25.

Students will receive boxing instruction in offensive and defensive techniques, rules, ring procedures, medical requirements and conditioning. Boxing equipment for the class is provided.

Instructor Shawn Davis is the CSI rodeo head coach and has spearheaded the annual smoker since its inception.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

Cal Ripken meeting will be held on Monday

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Cal Ripken Baseball League is holding a meeting from 6-8 p.m. Monday at the Harmon Park Recreation Building for parents and prospective players.

Also, players ages 9-12 can register for the upcoming 2004 season. The cost is \$50 (scholarships available) and a copy of the player's birth certificate must be provided.

Call Scott Bardlett at 733-6973 for more information.

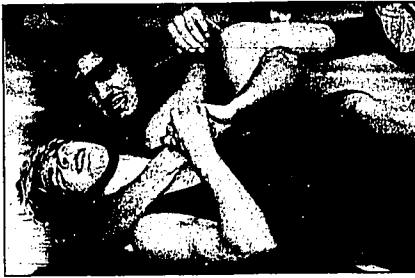
Twin Falls offers adult coed indoor soccer

TWIN FALLS - The City of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Dept. will offer an adult indoor coed soccer program starting Jan. 19 through Feb. 25 with games Mondays and Wednesdays. The cost is \$18 inside city limits and \$28 outside.

Players must be 16 years or older to play. Register at 136 Maxwell Avenue or call 736-2265 for more information.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:
Pete Rose, with a .338 average in 1973.



Undeclared Minico grappler Gene Hammond, top, beats Paul Gentry of Emmett 7-3 during the 103-pound championship match at the Buhl Wrestling Invitational Saturday.

Minico finishes strong at Buhl Invitational

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

BUHL - Led by lightweight Gene Hammond's first-place finish at 103 pounds, the Minico Spartan wrestlers took sixth place in the 30th annual Buhl Invitational held Friday through Saturday. Hammond defeated Emmett's Paul Gentry in the championship match with a 7-3 decision to run his season record

to a perfect 10 wins, zero losses. "I just gave it all I had and hoped I'd come out top," Hammond said.

Fellow Spartans Kevin Killoy and Kurt Anderson took third place in the 112 and 140 weight classes, respectively, while 145-pounder Kacey Johnson took fourth at 145. For Spartan coach Brad Cooper, the high finish in the 23-team field is an early success. "We'd like to do better," but

we're still young" said Cooper. "We're still getting more physical and getting better every week." The 115-point, sixth-place finish was the highest of any area team, as Wood River, Jerome, Kimberly, Declo, Gooding, and Buhl finished in order, 10th through 15th. Filer, Twin Falls, Burley, Wendell, and Glens Ferry rounded out the local participants.

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Jerome sweeps Bruins

Tigers defense stifles Twin Falls

By John Derr
Times-News writer

JEROME - The Bruins weren't going to let Jerome beat them inside. No problem - the Tigers did it from downtown.

In front of a packed house, Jerome connected on six shots from beyond the arc - four by Tiger senior Whitney Clark - keeping a perfect record with a 46-28 victory over Twin Falls Saturday night in the annual cross-river rivalry game.

The first time these two teams met Twin Falls dominated the first half, building a 17-point lead.

The Tigers came on strong after the break and pulled away down the stretch behind Clark's free throws for the victory.

Saturday, Jerome grabbed the early lead and never let go. "With all the emotion and them being our rivals, we didn't want to lose to them at home our senior year," said Clark, who finished with a game high 21 points. "This builds our confidence. They are the best team we will face."

The Bruins (9-4, 5-2) kept Jerome off guard early, switching defenses and applying full court pressure, but turnovers and missed shots kept them off the board - Jerome (13-0, 3-0) didn't do much better, getting just an early 3-pointer from Clark. Vanessa West got free inside late in the period as the Tigers led 5-1 after one.

Elisa Hope completed an old-fashioned three-point play and the lead was 8-1 early in the second.

Finally the Bruins would score from the field as Jayme Edwards hit a jumper from the free throw line at the 6:17 mark of the second quarter. Heidi Reitsma scored for the Bruins and Tara Davis chipped in a bucket for Jerome in a low scoring first half, 16-7 Jerome.

Twin Falls went 2 of 18 while the Tigers weren't much better connecting on just 6 of 17. Add to that a combined 19 turnovers and it was a tough first half.

Twin Falls came out firing to start the third period. Amy Bratvold nailed the three-pointer and Reitsma added another jumper as Twin Falls cut the



Jerome senior guard Mallory Mosvory calls a play while driving against the Twin Falls defense on Saturday.

deficit to four, 16-12. Clark responded with another three-pointer and a pair of free throws. A 3-pointer by senior post Vanessa West from the top of the key and the lead was 10.

"It wasn't the plan, it was just what they gave us," said West, who finished with nine points.

Again the Bruins rallied, with Reitsma and Bratvold knocking down jumpers, cutting the lead to 24-20. Twin Falls would get no closer.

Clark and Krista Kulm connected from beyond the arc and the lead was back to nine heading into the final period - Clark started the fourth with another 3-pointer as Jerome went on an 8-0

run to put the game away. The Bruins went dry again, going 5 1/2 minutes before scoring in the fourth period.

It has been a common theme in the four Bruin losses and something the team spent nearly 30 minutes talking about in the lockerroom after the game.

"We were tight and got caught up in the emotion. That is something we have to work through," said Twin Falls coach Joe Shepard. "We need to learn to be more focused when the game is close."

Twin Falls finished the game connecting on just 12 of 41 shots and finished with 18 turnovers. Jerome coach Michelle Skyles

was pleased with her team's performance.

"Tonight we performed well and deserved to win," said Skyles. "We were patient in the first half and made some adjustments at halftime they helped."

In the junior varsity game, Twin Falls avenged their only loss of the season, 36-28.

Jerome All-Time Totals

Points	11,158-28
Rebounds	8,115-18-28
Assists	1,115-18-28
Steals	1,115-18-28
Blocks	1,115-18-28
Turnovers	1,115-18-28
Field Goals	1,115-18-28
Free Throws	1,115-18-28
Three Pointers	1,115-18-28
Minutes	1,115-18-28
Technical Fouls	1,115-18-28

Carolina wins overtime thriller

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS - Nothing comes easy for the Carolina Panthers - not even their biggest victory.

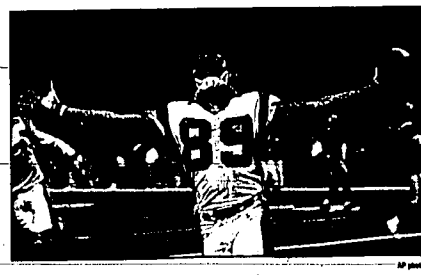
After blowing an 11-point lead in the final 2:39,

NFL the Panthers beat the St. Louis Rams 29-23 in double overtime

Saturday on Steve Smith's 63-yard touchdown reception.

In one of the wildest, most thrilling finishes in NFL history, Carolina advanced to the NFC championship game against either Philadelphia or Green Bay.

But the Panthers, in the playoffs for only the second time, made it fourth game that featured momentum swings with just about every possession in the last 30 minutes. Of course, Carolina has won 10 of



Panthers wide receiver Steve Smith exults after catching the winning touchdown pass on the first play of the second overtime period against the St. Louis Rams in an NFC playoff game in St. Louis Saturday. The Panthers beat the Rams, 29-23.

its 13 games decided by six points or fewer this season. After St. Louis rallied to tie the Please see PANTHERS, Page C2

New England edges Titans, 17-14

The Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. - The New England Patriots can handle the cold and snow. They have Adam Vinatieri.

The hero of the snowy "Tuck Rule" game and the 2002 Super Bowl kicked a 46-yard field goal with 4:06 left Saturday night to give New England a 17-14 victory over the Tennessee Titans and send the Patriots back to the AFC title game.

B-b-b-barely. Riding a 12-game winning streak and an 8-0 record at home, New England fought off temperatures that dipped to 2 degrees with a wind chill of 17 below - to knock out the Titans. The Patriots

will play the winner of Sunday's game between Kansas City and Indianapolis for the AFC title and the right to play in the Super Bowl.

Tennessee failed in its attempt to reach a second consecutive conference championship game.

Tom Brady hit Troy Brown with a 4-yard completion on a fourth-and-3 from the Tennessee 33. Vinatieri, who missed a 44-yarder in the same direction in the first quarter, came on four plays later and pushed the stiffened ball through the dense cold air and sneaked it over the crossbar.

Steve McNair marched Tennessee to the New England 33 before an intentional ground-

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SPORTS

Heimkes lights it up against Wendell

The Times-News

FILER - Lindsay Heimkes scored a career-high 28 points while hauling down 11 rebounds while leading past Wendell 63-55 Saturday night in a nonconference girls' basketball win.

Wendell used a box-and-one defense to contain Wildcates leading scorer Jennica Meacham to 11 points.

"We had other players step up and do the box, too," said Filer coach Kim Remus.

The Filer defense took control of the contest in the third quarter, outscoring Wendell 21-6 to give Filer an 18-point edge heading into the fourth.

Hailie Kelsey scored 19 points, including five 3-pointers, four in the first half. Remus credited Brittany Prigmore's defensive efforts in holding Kelsey to one trifecta in the second half.

Lacy Miller added 13 for Filer (7-1), which hosts Kimberly Tuesday.

Local sports

Boxscore 101

Here's how to read the Times-News' basketball boxscores Example: Player 5 13 12

The (5) refers to the number of baskets made by the player while the (13) is the number of free throws made. The (12) is the number of free throws attempted. The (12) refers to points scored by the player, including baskets and free throws. The number of baskets includes both 2-pointers and 3-pointers.

In this example, 5(10) plus one free throw equals 11 points, showing that the player had one 3-point in the game, 4(2) pointers + 1(3) pointer (6-3) = 11. Add the one free throw (1+1) = 12 points. The team totals are the combined stat of all the individuals.

Rockland 35, Raft River 26

ROCKLAND - Rockland outscored Raft River 17-10 in the fourth quarter on its way to a 35-26 win over the Trojans in Rockland Saturday.

Britney Ralphs and Jill Taysom scored 14 and 13 points respectively for Rockland.

Britney Harrington scored 14 for Raft River. "They got a couple of steals and broke away on us late," Raft River coach Jeremy Kallus said.

Raft River (5-8, 4-5) visits Hansen Tuesday.

Boys basketball

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out and finally get the lead."

Kimberly (5-3, 2-0 SCIC) hosts Declo Tuesday.

JJ Shawver scored 19 while Darin Musser overcame foul trouble to add 11 for the Bulldogs. Tony Pereria scored 24 to pace Shoshone.

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Wendell Defenseman sets new Montreal points record

The Times-News

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"The hustle plays kind of saved us," said CSI head coach Randy Rogers. "We're playing our seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth players out there and they played with lots of energy and heart and gave us a chance to win."

SLLC's Joni Bonham made a 3-pointer along the left baseline with 1:01 remaining to narrow the gap. But CSI made just enough free throws (3-of-6) the rest of the way to seal it.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Buhl volleyball club registration is Tuesday

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Wild card entrant wins Qatar title

DOHA, Qatar - Wild card Nicolas Escude of France won the Qatar Open - his first tournament in six months - by defeating Ivan Ljubicic of Croatia 6-3, 7-6 (4) Saturday. Escude did not drop a set in his four matches in winning his fourth career title. His previous triumph was Wimbledon, where he injured his hip in the second round. "I did not play for the last six months due to a hip injury and now this title. It is unbelievable," said Escude, who won \$142,000 from the \$1 million prize. Ljubicic, who beat Tim Henman in the semifinals, and Escude will travel to Australia and New Zealand in preparation for the Australian Open, which starts Jan. 19.

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Basketball

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Blake, who teamed with Serena Williams to win the tournament last year, and Davenport dominated mixed doubles before a capacity crowd of 8,500.

Davenport, a former Australian Open champion, had 12 aces and beat Hantuchova in 51 minutes. It was Blake's first singles loss in the tournament this year. Slovakia advanced to the final when Australia, which finished first in its group, withdrew because of Alicia Molik's foot injury. Belgium, also in Slovakia's group, pulled out Wednesday because of a similar injury to Kim Kliesjer.

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No wonder times have been tough.

"Every season has to have its roller-coaster ride," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "It's just part of going through the campaign. The adversity builds character in the team."

"Sometimes, you almost have to instill it if things go too well."

Jackson hasn't had to instill anything in this instance. The Lakers began the season with four potential Hall of Famers — Karl Malone, Shaquille O'Neal, Kobe Bryant and Gary Payton — and were heavy favorites to win their fourth NBA championship in five years.

They won 18 of their first 21 games, and were in the midst of raising their record to 20-5 on Dec. 21 when Malone sprained a ligament in his right knee.

Then, on Jan. 2, O'Neal left with a strained right calf in the second quarter of what turned out to be a 111-109 loss at Seattle.

Neither has played since, and both will miss at least one more game.

In addition, Rick Fox hasn't played since undergoing surgery on his left foot eight months ago. He figures to start when fully healthy, which the Lakers hope will be soon.

"Until they're back and playing as well as they can play, we're going to hold our breath," Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak said of the injured players. "The rest of the guys are going to have to forget about them for the time being."

That's a tall order considering the abilities of those who are out.

Instead of starting Malone, Fox and O'Neal up front, the Lakers have been going with Devean George, Slava Medvedenko and 38-year-old Horace Grant.

"When you get used to playing a certain style of basketball, the void that's left behind, not having those two studs back there really changes the physicality of a team," Jackson said, referring to Malone and O'Neal. "We become soft or weak, and weak-minded as a result."

"That was certainly the case in recent games at Minnesota and Denver. The Timberwolves beat the Lakers 106-90 and the Nuggets embarrassed them 113-91."

That extended the Lakers' overall losing streak to four games and their road losing streak to six.

The Lakers (22-11) rebounded Friday night by beating visiting Atlanta 113-67, but that's no great achievement considering the Hawks (10-27) are one of the NBA's weakest teams.

"We can't allow one win, even a big win like that, to be too satisfying for us," Jackson said. "It won't do us any more good to keep this win in mind than if it were a loss."

Still, it was a much-needed victory — only the second in eight games. Malone was injured and the first since O'Neal went out.

Defense has been the main problem recently — no surprise considering the inside presence of Malone and O'Neal.

Defense isn't the strong point for George, Medvedenko or Grant, who is playing out of position at center.

O'Neal believes the root of his injury is his right big toe, which has bothered him for years. He had surgery on the toe in September 2002. He said the pain is causing him to walk or run with his right foot pointed outward instead of straight ahead, putting pressure on his calf.

Jackson hopes both O'Neal and Malone will be able to play by late this week.

Recovering from off-season surgery on his shoulder and knee and under the spotlight of a sexual assault charge, Bryant hasn't



From left, Los Angeles Lakers forward Kobe Bryant, guard Gary Payton and forward Jamal Sampson sit dejectedly on the bench as time runs out in the Lakers' 113-91 loss to the Nuggets in Denver on Wednesday. The loss was the fourth in a row for the Lakers. The Lakers rebounded on Friday with a win over Atlanta.

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Neither has the 35-year-old Payton, who has expressed anger on a few occasions, most recently after the loss at Minnesota. "I didn't sign up for this. This is bull. I'm talking about everything," he said.

After cooling off, Payton added: "We still gotta play. I guess everything needs to get better. I can't

pinpoint anything. There are a lot of guys who are frustrated right now."

Jackson said the Lakers aren't a real emotional team, and that's OK with him.

"I don't like drama queens out there playing basketball, personally," he said. "There still has to be passion." That's been lacking lately.

MERCEDES GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Appleby regains control at Kapalua

KAPALUA, Hawaii (AP) — Stuart Appleby has been around long enough to realize that most tournaments come down to a putting contest. That certainly was the case Saturday in the Mercedes Championships.

Appleby made as many putts as Vijay Singh missed, and walked off the 18th hole with a 7-under 66 and a two-stroke lead over the big Fijian going into the final round.

A few groups behind them, Tiger Woods played his best golf of the week only to miss enough crucial putts to finish seven shots out of the lead — a deficit he has never overcome in the final round on the PGA Tour.

"It's so tight at the top, that it's the only thing that will make someone run away with the tournament," Appleby said. "Sometimes, it's the only thing that can cost someone a tournament."

Neither was the case at Kapalua, because there's still one round to play.

But everything is going Appleby's way.

The Aussie needed only two holes to regain the lead, and it only got better from there. Appleby made all the putts that mattered, from his 55-foot birdie on No. 7 to his 10-footer for par on No. 17.

"Everyone says they're tricky, and I guess they are," Appleby said of the greens. "But if you can just roll a couple of in, you can get on a roll."

Appleby, who was at 20-under 199, has made 25 birdies against only five bogeys over three rounds in the tough Kona wind blowing off the Maui coastline.

Singh is playing just as well, and he's hitting the ball even better. But he missed several chances from the 10-foot range, at times even closer than that.

One of the few he converted came on the 18th hole from a feet and a half that gave him a 4-under 69 and left him within range of winning the first event of the season.

"I'm playing well," Singh said. "I just need that putter to get hot like it did yesterday."

Retief Goosen, playing with Woods, had only one 24-putt and matched the best score of the week with a 9-under 64, leaving him five shots out of the lead.

Darren Clarke holed out on the 17th fairway with an 8-iron for eagle, then narrowly missed an eagle putt on the final hole. He shot a 69 and was another stroke back at 14-under 205.

Woods, who missed the Mercedes Championships last year while recovering from knee surgery, finally avoided the big mistakes — despite two three-putts — in a round of 65 that put him seven shots behind Appleby.

"I need to shoot 62 or 63 and have a little help," Woods said.

Good luck.

If there was a moment that captured the third round, it came on the 17th hole.

Appleby left himself a 10-footer for par, while Singh was only 15 feet away for birdie. It looked like it would be a two-shot swing that would create a tie, but Appleby drained another — and Singh wasted another opportunity.

Both made par.

Singh finished Friday's round with seven straight birdies and was primed for another big day when he hit his approach 12 feet below the cup on the difficult first hole. But the Aussie rolled in his 15-footer for birdie, and Singh missed a 5.

The crowd that followed Woods was hopeful of seeing a great round get their wish.

Only it was Goosen who delivered.

Stanford rolls past No. 3 Arizona, 82-72

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Josh Childress scored 19 points and led five Stanford players in double figures, and the fourth-ranked Cardinal remained unbeaten with a dominating 82-72 victory over No. 3 Arizona on Saturday.

Stanford (13-0, 4-0 Pac-10) led by 20 points with 4:02 to play. Only a late 24-14 run prevented it from being the worst home loss for the Wildcats in coach Luke Olson's 21 seasons in Tucson.

The Cardinal won at McKale Center for the fourth straight year. No other team has won more than twice at Arizona.

The home team hasn't won in the last seven games of the series between the two Pac-10 powers. The Wildcats (10-2, 2-1) have a

four-game winning streak at Stanford.

Matt Lottich added 17 points for the Cardinal, while Rob Little scored 13 and Chris Clemens scored 12. Justin Davis had 10 points and 10 rebounds for the winners, whose size and depth overpowered the quicker Wildcats.

Freshman Mustafa Shakur scored a career-high 20 points for Arizona, but 14 came in the final run. Andre Iguodala had 15 points and 11 rebounds, while Channing Frye scored 12 but was just 4-for-13 from the field and grabbed only four rebounds. Salim Stoudmire scored 11 points on 4-of-11 shooting, including 1-1 from 3-point range.

Arizona shot 36 percent for the game, 19 percent (6-for-31) in the first half, and finished 4-for-21 on 3-pointers. The Wildcats were 0-for-10 on the line.

The worst loss in Olson's era was 61-49 to Tennessee on Dec. 23, 1983, in his first season in Tucson, and for most of the evening, it looked as if this would easily exceed that margin.

Stanford never trailed after Hernandez's 3-pointer made it 53-30.

No. 5 Wake Forest 78, Clemson 63

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Freshman Chris Smith scored a career-high 21 points and Eric Williams added 21 to help No. 5 Wake Forest hold off several challenges from Clemson before pulling away for a 78-63 victory on Saturday.

The Deacon Deacons (11-0, 2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) had to buckle down late in the game to preserve their 24th consecutive home victory.



Jamaal Levy added 12 points and Trent Strickland scored 10 for Wake Forest.

Yerzon Huggins led Clemson (7-6, 2-2) with 17 points, while Chris Christie scored 16 and Sharrod Ford had 10.

No. 10 Louisville 85, South Florida 40

TAMPA, Fla. — Taguan Dean scored 16 points and Francisco Garcia added 15 Saturday to pace a balanced attack that led No. 10 Louisville to its 11th straight victory, 85-40 over South Florida.

Larry O'Bannon had 14 points and Luke Whitehead finished with 11 for the Cardinals (11-1, 2-0).

No. 14 Florida 95, Tennessee 57

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Matt Walsh scored 20 points and No. 14 Florida jumped on Tennessee early Saturday for a 95-57 victory, the Gators' biggest win in the 77-year history of the series.

Tennessee (9-2, 1-1 Southeastern Conference) was coming off an impressive, 24-point win over Georgia earlier this week, but the Volunteers couldn't handle Florida's full-court pressure. They committed 20 turnovers.

David Lee had 17 points and Anthony Robinson finished with 15 on 6-for-8 shooting. The SEC's leading scorer, Wade, had 12 points, 3-for-13 for 12 points.

No. 15 Pittsburgh 84, Miami 80, 2 OT

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Carl Krauser scored 19 points, including a buzzer-beating basket at the end of regulation, and No. 15 Pittsburgh remained unbeaten by defeating Miami 84-80 in double overtime Saturday.

Trailing 64-62, Pitt took the ball the length of the court in the final 4 seconds of regulation. Following a timeout, Krauser caught the inbound pass in the backcourt, dribbled around one defender and between two others and made a layup as time expired.

His steal and two free throws in the final minute of the second overtime helped seal the win.

Miami (10-5, 0-1) lost despite two clutch baskets by Guillermo Diaz, who scored with 4 seconds left in regulation and again on a 3-pointer with 2.8 seconds left in the first overtime.

Chris Taft had 17 points and nine rebounds for Pitt and Jaron Brown added 16 points and nine rebounds.

No. 21 Wisconsin 77, Michigan St. 64

MADISON, Wis. — Devin Harris scored 14 of his 21 points in the second half and No. 21 Wisconsin won its 22nd straight home game, a 77-64 victory over Michigan State on Saturday.

Boo Wade had a career-high 15 points and reserve Zach Morley added 13 for the Badgers (11-2, 0-0 Big Ten).

Chris Hill and Kelvin Torbert each scored 13 points for Michigan State (5-7, 0-1).

No. 22 Mississippi St. 80, Arkansas 62

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Lawrence Roberts had his way with Arkansas in the paint, getting 29 points and 11 rebounds to keep No. 22 Mississippi State unbeaten with an 80-62 victory Saturday.

Billy Pharis scored 18 points to lead Arkansas (8-5, 0-2). Shane Power came off the bench to add 14 points for the Bulldogs.

No. 24 Purdue 58, No. 19 Illinois 54

CHICAGO, Ill. — David Tague scored 15 points, including three of his team's four 3-pointers, as No. 24 Purdue snapped No. 19 Illinois' six-game winning streak with a 58-54 victory Saturday.

Purdue's 11-2 second-half run made the difference for the Boilermakers (11-4, 1-1 Big Ten), who handed Illinois (10-3, 1-1) their first home loss in 24 games.

Matt Keifer scored 12 points and Brandon McKnight had 11 for Purdue. James Augustine scored 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, his eighth career double-double, for Illinois.

Tulsa 58, Boise State 57

TULSA, Okla. — Freshman Charles Ramsdell flipped in an offensive rebound with 3.5 seconds remaining to help Tulsa snap a four-game losing streak with a 58-57 victory over Boise State Saturday.

With TU down by one, Ramsdell missed a jumper and Jaris Glenn wrestled the rebound away from two Boise State players. Glenn forced up a follow shot that banged hard off the backboard to Ramsdell for the follow.

Boise State's Bryan DeFares missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

DeFares had given Boise State a 53-47 lead with a 3-pointer with 4:37 to play.

Tulsa cut it to 57-56 on a follow shot by Price, then got a chance to win when DeFares, an 80 percent free throw shooter, missed the front end of a one-and-one with 2.8 seconds left.

Parker had 22 points and Price had 16 points and nine rebounds for Tulsa (5-8, 1-3 Western Athletic Conference).

Aaron Haynes and Booker Nabors had 15 points each and Jason Ellis had 11 rebounds for Boise State (9-4, 1-2 WAC).

U.S. FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS



Michelle Kwan reacts as her scores are announced after the Ladies Free Skate event at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships Saturday in Atlanta. This is Kwan's eighth U.S. title, she sets the record with seven straight.

Kwan wins U.S. title

ATLANTA (AP) — The rivals come and go, and so do the years. The only constant is Michelle Kwan and her brilliance on the ice.

The "old lady" of figure skating taught her latest challengers a thing or two Saturday night, winning her eighth national title and seventh in a row with style, grace and determination that no one can match.

And she did it with a pile of perfect 6.0s. Seven of them for artistry as she swept the nine-judge panel. She has 35 perfect marks in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, but they still leave her speechless.

When the marks flashed on the scoreboard, her mouth dropped open and she buried her face in coach Rafael Arutunian's shoulder as the audience roared.

Bouncing back from a horrifying fall a year ago, Johnny Weir scored his first title in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships with a flawless performance Saturday, beating three-time winner Michael Weiss.

Only one of the sport's great women, Maribel Vinson, has more U.S. championships, than Kwan with nine. Kwan also owns five world championship crowns, tying Carol Heiss Jenkins for the most by an American woman.

"I don't know what to say. I just don't know," Kwan said. "I've not swallowed the whole evening in quite yet."

When she does, she will be as dazzled as the adoring crowd. Kwan won her first national title in 1996 at the tender age of 15. Eight years later, she remains the gold standard in a sport where champions come and go as quickly as the fashions of those quirky costumes.

Though short program winner Sasha Cohen left Kwan an opening after botching two jumps, Kwan didn't need it. She was more

than good enough to win on her own. Cohen was second. Jennifer Kirk was third.

At 23, Kwan put on a performance that stands up athletically to any of the mighty myths. Though she doesn't have the triple-triplet combination, what she does is superior in every matter.

Her jumps were as sure and strong at the end of her four-minute program as they were in the beginning. The quickness of her jumps, their flow, their landings — everything was so perfect it could be sold as an instructional video.

But it's her presence on the ice that's simply magical. When she finished her last jump, a triple Lutz, and began her footwork, it was as if the arena got a job of electricity.

When Kwan finished, she threw her head and arms back, and punched her fists into the stands. As she began raising down on the ice, and her eyes filled with tears.

For Cohen, it was another lost opportunity. She has all the makings of a superstar, with superior athletic ability and the grace and elegance of a ballerina. But her mind has never been as strong as her body, and she has a nasty habit of faltering when it matters most.

She was elegant, including a lovely scratch spin with one arm bent above her head.

She skated with a caution she rarely has, as if she was skating not to lose rather than to win. And when you don't attack a program, it usually winds up coming after you. On her triple toe loop, a jump that's normally automatic for her, she looked as if she spun off the ice instead of jumping.

Just like at the top, she fell over.

That left the door open for Kwan, and she proceeded to kick it down.

Sportswriter Hal Bock turns in his pen and retires

SUNDAY SPECIAL:
FORTY YEARS OF MEMORIES



Editor's note: Associated Press sportswriter Hal Bock retires with this final Sunday Special, a look back at the highlights and lowlights he's witnessed in 40 years in the business.

By Hal Bock
Associated Press writer

"It ends so quickly, before you know it really. It ends here at the close of one year and the start of another, a rather appropriate place to finish up.

It is done 40 years or so after it began, an adventure of remarkable proportions: a journey that snaked its way through exotic venues, places I never imagined visiting, watching and writing about events I never imagined seeing.

It ends with sights and sounds you don't forget, signposts in your mind, pit stops on the journey.

- Reggie Jackson hitting three home runs in a World Series game, each on the first pitch, each farther than the one before.
- Jim Craig, Mike Eruzione and a team of college hockey

players beating the mighty Soviet Red Army hockey team and going on to win the Olympic gold medal at Lake Placid.

• Outmanned Villanova outsmarting Georgetown to win the NCAA tournament and sending the beloved coach Rollie Massimino running around the court, two years after North Carolina State and Jim Valvano did the same thing to Houston.

• The splash of color and sound that is the Indianapolis 500, and watching Rick Mears and Gordon Johncock drive the brickyard at breakneck speeds and finish the race almost side by side.

• Terry Bradshaw shepherding the Pittsburgh Steelers to four Super Bowl titles and then Joe Montana doing the same thing for the San Francisco 49ers.

• Roberto Duran walking away from Sugar Ray Leonard, disgusted with either himself or his opponent—he never said which—and announcing, "No mas."

• Muhammad Ali, fighting for the last time in a makeshift ring on a soccer field in the Bahamas, dressing in a trailer, a sad ending

for the man who called himself "The Greatest."

• Debbie Armstrong claiming a surprising skiing gold medal for the United States on the side of a mountain in Yugoslavia while I wandered how I was going to get back down to write the story.

• Locked in the Montreal Forum after a Stanley Cup game and using some high school French to have a night guard open a freight entrance so I could get back to St. Catherine Street.

• Calling in an urgent story on the first baseball free agent draft from the ladies powder room at Manhattan's posh Plaza Hotel because that was the only phone available and in this business, you do what you have to do.

• Watching the roller-coaster career of Pete Rose deteriorate from Charlie Hustle to just plain hustle. Rose lied to me and a lot

of others in an assortment of venues over 14 years about betting on baseball. He looked me in the eye and never blinked. Now I'm the guy who is blinking.

This odyssey began with 20 major league baseball teams, 14 NFL teams, eight more in the AFL, six NHL teams and nine NBA teams. Then, along came the USFL and the WFL, the ABA and the WHA, creating franchise multiplication, not always such a good thing.

One night, a television talking head was reporting the scores and dutifully announced "...and in the NHL, Carolina 4, Tampa Bay 2."

My wife, the psychologist, who has put up with plenty during this odyssey, looked up rather startled and said, "Carolina has a hockey team?"

"Phoenix, too," I replied.

I didn't even mention Nashville or San Jose.

So much of the time was spent outside closed doors, waiting for the proprietors to decide the direction of their sports and their leagues.

They shut down baseball for two months in 1981 with what I thought was the strike to end all strikes. It turned out to be nothing more than a warmup for the conflagration of 1994 when the

intramural bluster of players and owners canceled the World Series.

There have been football strikes, hockey and basketball lockouts and there will be more before they're done. The fact of the matter, though, is that when the adventure began, the top salary in sports was \$100,000 a year. Now that's tip money for the capitalists who play the games.

If that sounds like a revolution, it's nothing compared to the way news gets transmitted. In the beginning, there were portable typewriters and Western Union operators. Now the typewriters have turned into computers and the teletype operators have been replaced by the mysteries of Microsoft and Netscape.

This has become a business for young people and I no longer fit that description. So I am moving on, planning to teach a little, write a little, watch some games, and hang out with my grandson, deciding whether to go for some ice cream or to visit the merry-go-round.

Thanks for the memories.

Rose broke
baseball
taboo

Once there was honor, or at least nothing wrong, with baseball players and managers betting on their own teams to win.

Hall of Fame players and managers did it and so did owners. Pete Rose just did it in the wrong century and with the worst possible people—professional gamblers. Rose's bets with them alone probably would have gotten him thrown out of the National League of the 19th century.

Prohibitions against players betting on games existed in the first competitive era, the 1860s, and in the first big league, the 1871-72 National Association, though that didn't stop gamblers from setting up shop at ballparks.

In the early 1870s, the Philadelphia Phillies papers were very strong in their coverage of the local Athletics, and they didn't say the games were thrown," baseball historian Howard W. Rosenberg said. "But they found the gamblers were hurting attendance of higher-class fans. Women felt offended by the anti-social behavior."

Tim Murrane, who played for the Athletics from 1873 to 1875, recalled the baseball betting pools in Philadelphia. "Just outside the grounds was a clubhouse where pools were sold before the games, and it was no uncommon thing to see players in uniform putting down a few bets before they started for the ball field," Murrane wrote as a reporter for the Boston Globe in 1900.

The National League, which started in 1876, stopped the open gambling but couldn't prevent baseball's first big scandal. In the league's second season, four players on the Louisville Grays were expelled for conspiring to throw the championship after leading the league with eight weeks left in the season.

That episode, Rosenberg said, led to new wording in the NL constitution in 1878 saying clubs could be expelled for failing to dismiss any player found guilty of "offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball, or of being interested in any pool or wager thereon."

Individual teams often had their own rules that barred association with gambling in public or private.

Yet there was no concern about players or managers betting on themselves to win, so long as they stayed away from the bookies.

"There were bets among rival managers, rival owners, rival players," Rosenberg said. "A lot of the betting on how teams would do during the season."

Rosenberg's spring 2004 book "Cap Anson 2" cites newspaper reports of 162 regular-season bets by players, managers and club officials from 1882 to 1900.

Fellow Hall of Famer Mike "King" Kelly, who in 1882 apparently made the earliest allowed bet by a National League player, is the book's main focus.

Those reported bets—some for suits or hats, some for considerable amounts of money at the time—were probably just a fraction of the actual number of wagers made, Rosenberg said.

Anson, Chicago's longtime captain-manager and baseball's all-time hits leader, from the 1890s into the 1910s, was involved in 57 of the reported bets. Halfway through the 1895 season, Anson made various bets totaling about \$3,000, about \$60,000 today. He bet frequently by the following year, too, with stakes ranging from the equivalent today of a \$100 hat to at least \$6,000 in cash.

"Because Anson was seen as so honest, besides being a huge gate attraction, he was able to bet readily on the regular season," Rosenberg said. "His betting prowess, on all types of sport, especially his own billiards play, likely contributed to his bankruptcy in 1910."

Betting on one's team seems to have declined in the first two decades of the 20th century. The 1876-1900 wall between players and gamblers may have been less strictly observed, possibly "as gamblers became more respectable, and facilitated the fix of the 1919 World Series by the Chicago White Sox, orchestrated by gambler Arnold Rothstein."

Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis threw eight of the "Black Sox" out of baseball for life, including the immensely talented "Shoeless" Joe Jackson.

Baseball has lived with the fear of gambling since 1919 and every player who walks into a clubhouse senses the rule plainly before him. It is, essentially, the game's 11th Commandment: Thou shalt not bet on baseball.

In Rose's case, his bets on his team to win or on the outcome of other games would have been tolerated and even celebrated a century earlier. If he ever bet against his team—and there is no evidence that he did—he would have violated baseball's rules from the beginning.

Yet by any standards, Rose broke a cardinal rule.

"Once you start associating with professional gamblers," Rosenberg said, "that's really a taboo—one that existed in the 19th century even when betting on your own team to win was OK. He probably would have been expelled even then."

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Eyeing
GOLD

Palestinian teenager trains in frigid, makeshift pool for Olympics

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JERUSALEM — Teeth chattering and lips blue from the cold, 17-year-old Palestinian Raad Aweisat took a deep breath and dove back into the chilly three-lane swimming pool for a few more laps.

Huge nylon sheets surround the pool on all sides, creating a makeshift natatorium and keeping in the minimal heat, but the room has no ventilation, and the smell of chlorine soaked the hall.

"It's not perfect, but it's made an Olympian of my son," said Aweisat's mother, Amal.

Aweisat is training for the Aug. 13-29 Athens Olympics, where he plans to compete in the 100-meter butterfly. He will be the first Palestinian swimmer to represent his people at the Olympics.

Palestinians gained International Olympic Committee recognition in 1993 after the Israeli-Palestinian peace accords. A Palestinian team competed at their first Olympics in Atlanta in 1996.

The thought of representing Palestine in the Olympics is enough motivation for Aweisat to dive into cold water in the middle of winter. Winning a medal, however, is another matter.

"I have no illusions," said Aweisat. "But I have hope. And besides, this is only one step along the ladder to success."

The qualifying speed for the Olympic 100-meter butterfly event is 58 seconds. Aweisat, with limited financial resources, a primitive swimming pool and only three hours of training a day, finished the 100 in 58.95 seconds during the Palestinian national swimming competition in August.

Nevertheless, Aweisat will be at the Olympics, said Ibrahim Tawil, head of the Palestinian Swimming Federation.

Palestine, not yet a state, its people

locked in a bloody conflict with the Israelis, has sent only a few athletes to the Olympics. Aweisat's father introduced him to swimming at age 4. Two years later, Aweisat was not just a swimmer but training to become a competitor.

By age 10, he was winning all the local Palestinian competitions, collecting dozens of medals and trophies that adorn the family's living room.

At 14, Aweisat was traveling throughout the Middle East, and then to Europe and Asia, to compete in international competitions.

They asked that the location of the pool be kept a secret, because it has no building permit from the Israelis, who control this area.

With a corrugated tin roof and no temperature control, the swimming conditions are hardly optimal, Tawil said.

Aweisat used to practice at the YMCA on the Jewish side of Jerusalem. But after Palestinian-Israeli violence broke out more than three years ago, the YMCA told Aweisat to either join the Israeli Swimming Federation, or find somewhere else to swim, according to his father.

So the Aweisats and the Palestinian Swimming Federation extended a 17-meter village pool to a 25-meter pool, more proper for Olympic training.

"I can't afford to keep it warm all the time," said Hisham Aweisat, father of four, and a cardiology technician at a Jerusalem hospital with a \$1,000 monthly salary. "I'm already deeply in debt. This is the best I can do for my son."

Aweisat says other swimmers are often impressed when they find out about his conditions and minimal resources.

"It makes me feel proud," Aweisat said with an innocent smile. "As the saying goes, the rewards are that much sweeter when there are so many obstacles in the way."



Palestinian swimmer Raad Aweisat trains in a swimming pool in east Jerusalem Thursday. Aweisat, 17, is training for the 2004 summer Olympics in Athens, Greece, and plans to compete in the 100 meter Butterfly event, being the first Palestinian to represent his people in an Olympic swimming event.



Brian Boucher

hours that's unmatched by any 5.5 moderners NHL goalie.

The Phoenix Coyotes backup knows it can't last much longer. "You've got to be prepared that it's going to end at some point," Boucher said after breaking a 55-year-old record in a 2-1 victory over Minnesota on Friday night. Boucher's five consecutive shutouts and

325 minutes, 45 seconds, word of scoreless ice time have both surpassed records set by Montreal's Bill Durnum in 1949.

The NHL's modern era began in the 1943-1944 season, when the center red line was added. Alex Connell owns the overall record of six straight shutouts in 1927-28, when forward passing was not permitted in the attacking zone.

Boucher is still a backup to Sean Burke, but coach Bob Francis said Boucher will start Sunday when Atlanta visits.

"Wild coach Jacques Lemaire has seen a lot of records set, but something like this? 'Just never ever thought of that,' Lemaire said.

So if a veteran of more than 3.5 decades as a coach, player and consultant can't

om a goalie getting five straight shutouts, what does that say about Boucher?

"It says that the team was hot and the goalie was lucky," Lemaire said, breaking into laughter. "You've got to be lucky. Come on! Not saying that he's not good... The kid is good, he'll be good, all that. But there are other goalies that proved themselves that they're better than he is prior to this season. And they haven't done it."

Sure enough, Patrick Roy, Dominik Hasek, Martin Brodeur—none of them can say they shut out their opponents for this long.

"Sometimes bounces go your way, but at some point you have to say he's unbelievable right now," said captain Shane Doan. "After two games, you say he's playing pretty well. After three, it's like,

"Whew, you don't see this very often. After four, you're like, 'Holy smokes, when was the last time this happened?'"

"Five? I don't know what to say."

Boucher's mask, fittingly, is painted to look like a brick wall.

"The puck doesn't look bigger, but I'm seeing it real well right now," Boucher said.

"I'm reading the play well and that's the most important thing. When you can read the play and the options, like a 3-on-2 and stuff like that, it makes the job a lot easier. "It's just an unbelievable ride right now. The great thing is that it's a team game and the whole team is enjoying it, not just myself. The team has taken so much pride in playing defense and doing the right thing with the puck and as a result, we go five straight wins and we had a 4-0 road trip."

Kissing Lady Luck: Phoenix Coyotes' Boucher looks to extend NHL shutout record to six

SPORTS

BSU's Dinwiddie receives MVP honor at Shrine game

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — UNLV's Larry Croom scored two touchdowns, and UCLA linebacker Brandon Chillar returned an interception 56 yards for a score in the West's 28-7 victory in the East-West Shrine game on Saturday.

Boise State's Ryan Dinwiddie, the most efficient passer in NCAA history, passed for 109 yards and a touchdown. He was named the outstanding offensive player in the 79th edition of the annual all-star game featuring top college seniors from across the nation.

The West cruised to an easy victory in a convivial atmosphere, with each of its three quarterbacks leading one scoring drive — and the West even got a contribution from the most inspirational player on the charity game's rosters.

San Jose State's Neil Parry, who returned to football this season after part of his leg was amputated three years ago, was a co-captain of the West team. Parry played on special teams — and he made his first tackle since his comeback, bringing down Arkansas' Lawrence Richardson on a kickoff return in the second quarter.

Croom, who rushed for 932 yards for the Rebels this season despite battling injuries, had two 1-yard scoring runs while playing for his UNLV coach, John Robinson.

Pittsburgh's Walt Harris coached the East. His quarterback, Rod Rutherford, scored the team's only TD on a 1-yard keeper in the second quarter.

Aside from the family members and friends

of the players, the most interested spectators in the crowd of 25,602 at SBC Park were the dozens of NFL scouts and personnel officials evaluating the talent.

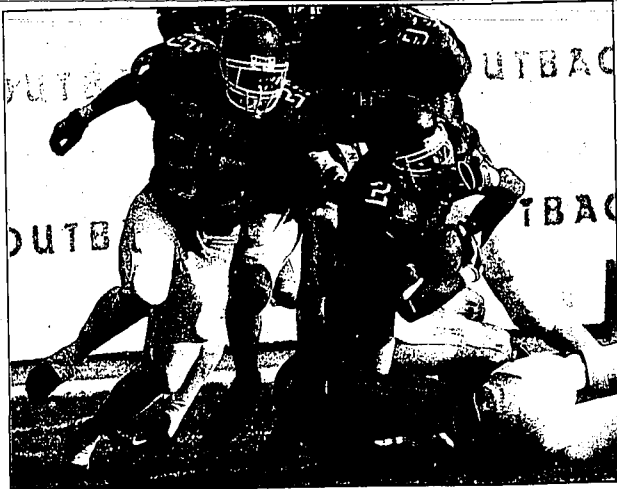
During pregame introductions, the players ran onto the field between two columns of cloths waving balloons. On the sidelines, the players traded helmet stickers and shouted catchphrases to filmmakers capturing their exuberance for EA Sports' next college football video game.

And though the game had a laid-back atmosphere with no blitzing or kick blocking allowed, the players take it seriously. Tennessee defensive back Rashad Baker leveled Fresno State receiver Bernard Berrian with a vicious hit on the West's opening drive, and several other emphatic tackles followed.

After Ohio State quarterback Craig Krenzell fumbled on the East's opening drive, Croom scored on a 1-yard run. Washington linebacker Greg Carothers returned an interception to the East 12 midway through the second quarter, and Croom scored again on a 1-yard sweep. Dinwiddie threw a 1-yard TD pass to Berrian 2:12 before halftime.

The West wrapped up the victory when Chillar picked off a pass by Tennessee quarterback Casey Clausen and returned it up the sideline for the only score of the second half. Chillar was named the outstanding defensive player.

The proceeds from the game benefit the Shriners Hospitals across North America.



San Jose State's Neil Parry, bottom, tackles Arkansas' Lawrence Richardson on a kick return in the second quarter of the East West Shrine Game in San Francisco, Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004. Parry returned to San Jose State this season, three years after part of his leg was amputated. Utah's Dave Revill (25) and Hampton's Isaac Hilton (93) close in on the play.

NFL's top two passers square off in playoffs

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — If playoff experience counts most, Indianapolis might beat Kansas City handily Sunday.

The Chiefs (13-3) haven't won a postseason game in 10 years — for the Colts (13-4), it's been seven days.

Recent momentum might also favor the Colts, who've won four of their last five, including a 41-10 destruction of Denver last week in a wild-card match.

Kansas City started 9-0 but is only 3-3 in its last six games, and took last week off with a bye. However, the Chiefs' most recent losses were blowouts to Denver and Minnesota. Each scored 45 points against a suspect defense whose confidence might be shaken if Peyton Manning and the talented Colts hit a couple of quick TDs.

The Chiefs are supremely confident, however, that they'll own one advantage in deciding which team will play in next week's AFC title game.

It will come dressed in red, barbequed and noisy, and noisy. It's not just a coincidence the Chiefs have won 13 straight in Arrowhead Stadium, where about 80,000 red-clad fans will tailgate all morning and then squeeze into their seats ready to yell and scream and disrupt the Colts in every way they can.

They probably eat their scrambled eggs dyed red and drink red beer," Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil said. "They are Kansas City Chiefs passionate fans. They add a dimension of intensity to how our guys play at home, and it's noisy. They just add a level of enthusiasm. I think it's a huge advantage."

Much is made of Kansas City's 30th-ranked run defense giving up a whopping 146.5 yards per game. But the average field has been barely over 100 yards on the ground.

"I don't know what it is, but we do seem to be at our best at home," cornerback Eric Warfield said. "They're out there yelling and cheering for us. The noise is unbelievable. We feed off their energy."

The Colts, however, have the AFC's best record at 7-1. And although it was eight years ago — a generation in football terms — their last playoff road win was in Arrowhead Stadium.

But aren't dome teams supposed to struggle on the road, particularly in the postseason?

"I don't think so," said Manning, who threw five touchdown passes against the Broncos in one of the finest games of his career. "That's for me, that's always been the formula. Always been good on the road as well this year. It still comes down to whether you're playing well, whether it's on the road or at home."

The Chiefs' scoring differential at home was almost 19 points a game. It's been almost a decade since Vermeil worries his players might subconsciously rely too much on the crowd disrupting their foe.

"I told the squad, home-field advantage is only a home-field

Philly strives for the elusive Super Bowl trip

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles are defying football clichés by winning two games at a time rather than one.

"I think no one really says it but everyone knows. We've been here before," offensive tackle Tra Thomas said as the Eagles, who have lost the last two NFC championship games, prepared to play Green Bay on Sunday in a second-round playoff game.

"It's not a big celebration for us to make it to the playoffs and be division champions so we're just going to keep pushing and we have a major goal in mind," Thomas added. "I don't think anyone is going to settle until we reach it."

The goal, of course, is the Super Bowl, two games away. In the past two seasons, the Eagles got by their first game, but lost the second — one at St. Louis, then last season at home to Tampa Bay.

Green Bay comes first this season.

Neither the Eagles nor Packers had an easy journey to this game, their first postseason meeting since Philadelphia beat Vince Lombardi's team 17-13 for the 1960 NFL title.

Philadelphia started 0-2 and was 2-3 as Donovan McNabb, bothered by a thumb injury, got off to a horrible start that was compounded by the flurry over Rush Limbaugh's public criticism. Then the Eagles ran off nine straight wins and gained a first-round bye and home-field advantage throughout the playoffs with a 12-4 record.

The Packers were 4-5 after losing 17-14 at home to the Eagles on Nov. 10 in a Monday-night contest in which the winning score came on a 6-yard TD pass from McNabb to Todd Pinkston with 27 seconds left.

Then they won six of seven, including their last four games, but still needed a last-minute miracle touchdown by Arizona to knock Minnesota out of the playoffs and put them in. Then they beat Seattle in overtime last week on an interception return by for-

NFC Divisional Playoff Game
TV: 3 p.m., FOX

mer Eagle Al Harris. One theory is that the Packers (11-6) have something more than luck and skill working for them because of the death of Brett Favre's father, Irvin, three weeks ago. Are they "a team of destiny" because of it, or simply a team that started playing it's best at the most important time?

Try the latter. Favre, playing with a splint on his thumb, fumbled three times in the rain during the first Eagles game and Ahmad Green fumbled twice. Neither has dropped the

ball since — Green in 219 touches as he finished with 1,883 yards rushing, second in the league to Baltimore's Jamal Lewis.

But fumbles remain on the collective mind of the Packers. "I have to be more conscious of taking care of the ball, especially when you have a broken thumb and spint on your hand," Favre says.

The Eagles' advantage would seem to be home field. Teams with byes are 43-9 in the second round since 1990, the first season there were six playoff teams from each conference. But three of Philly's four losses this season came at their new home at Lincoln Financial Field, which doesn't seem to terrify visitors the way crumbling Veterans Stadium did. "I like playing in places like

that," says center Mike Flanagan of the Packers, who were 5-3 at home and 5-3 on the road this season. "If you can take the fans out of the game, it's a little bit of satisfaction, but ultimately, it's played between the hushes. It's those guys in those jerseys and those pads across from us, those are the ones we've got to worry about."

Both teams enter this game relatively healthy. Favre's thumb has improved and the Eagles may have their secondary intact for one of the few times this season if cornerback Troy Vincent's hip problems allow him to play.

But Philadelphia will be without two important players: Linebacker Carlos Emmons and Brian Westbrook, their all-purpose running back.

Two games further, not one.

AFC Divisional Playoff Game
TV: 11 a.m., CBS

advantage if you make it one," Vermeil said.

In Tony Dungy's two years as head coach, the Colts are an impressive 12-5 away from their dome. But in the one playoff road game, they lost 43-0 to the Jets last year.

"We've got to go to Kansas City and expect the same type of environment that Denver ran into in Indianapolis," Dungy said. "We're playing on the road, so that's going to be a little different. The thing we do have is some veteran guys on offense and some good veteran leadership on our team, and we don't really have any phobia about going on the road."

The offenses are almost exactly even. With Trent Green throwing for 4,039 yards and Priest Holmes rushing for 1,420 yards and an NFL record 27 touchdowns, the Chiefs scored more than 30 points a game to lead the league.

Manning, with 4,267 yards, was the only quarterback to have more yards passing than Green. Edgerin James rushed for 1,229 yards and 11 touchdowns, and it added up to a 28-point average for the Colts.

The scoring defense is nearly even. Kansas City allowed 20.8 points per game and Indianapolis 21 — both more than any other 2003 playoff team.

"In the playoffs, you see all kinds of crazy games," Manning said. "Certainly, I think people are going to talk about the two offenses, because we put up a lot of points. I think it's going to come down to just whoever executes the best. What you hope for is your offense and defense feed off each other and both phases are playing well at the same time."



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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Chamber leaders slate meeting, banquet

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce outgoing President Janet Neel and President-elect Bob Seastrom are inviting chamber members to the organization's 83rd Annual Meeting Banquet.

It's set for Thursday at the Turf Club, with cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner served at 7 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person. Seating is limited.

To order tickets, call 733-3974 or send a fax to 733-9216.

Center offers professional development classes

TWIN FALLS - Change is constant in today's work environment: new policies, new management and new laws; downsizing, mergers and layoffs; new equipment, new technologies and new job descriptions. Employees often feel stress, frustration and fear as a reaction, say organizers of an upcoming class.

The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering "WorkSmart: Navigating Change" to help employees handle transitions in the workplace.

Participants will begin by identifying their learning styles to determine how they affect their reactions to change. Then they will practice techniques to apply that knowledge to solve problems and make decisions. They will also develop skills to improve adaptability and enhance their learning styles so that change is welcomed, not feared, organizers said.

The \$82.50 training program is available for one credit. Scholarships are available through the Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho. "WorkSmart: Navigating Change" is scheduled for 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 20 through Feb. 3. Register by Friday. For information, call 732-6680 or 1-800-680-0274, ext. 6680.

Idaho Worksl board plans Tuesday meeting in T.F.

TWIN FALLS - The South Central Idaho Worksl Board will meet at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Magic Valley Job Service office, 771 N. College Road.

The agenda includes introduction by Roy Prescott; a youth council report from Alex Castaneda; program year 2004-05 planning for the Workforce Investment Act, new member nomination and an eligible training provider application for Top Gun Academy Driving School, all by Candy McElfresh; training opportunities for businesses available through the ACT Center at the College of Southern Idaho, by Rebecca Sommer; an employer survey presentation by Greg Rogers, labor economist for the Idaho Department of Labor; discussion of south-central Idaho work force issues by Prescott; and other business.

The public is welcome.

Occupational health workshop set for Burley

BURLEY - The South Central Idaho Human Resource/Safety eighth annual occupational health workshop will be held Tuesday and Wednesday.

The free workshop is for individuals involved in private business, safety officers, workers' compensation administrators and human resource administrators.

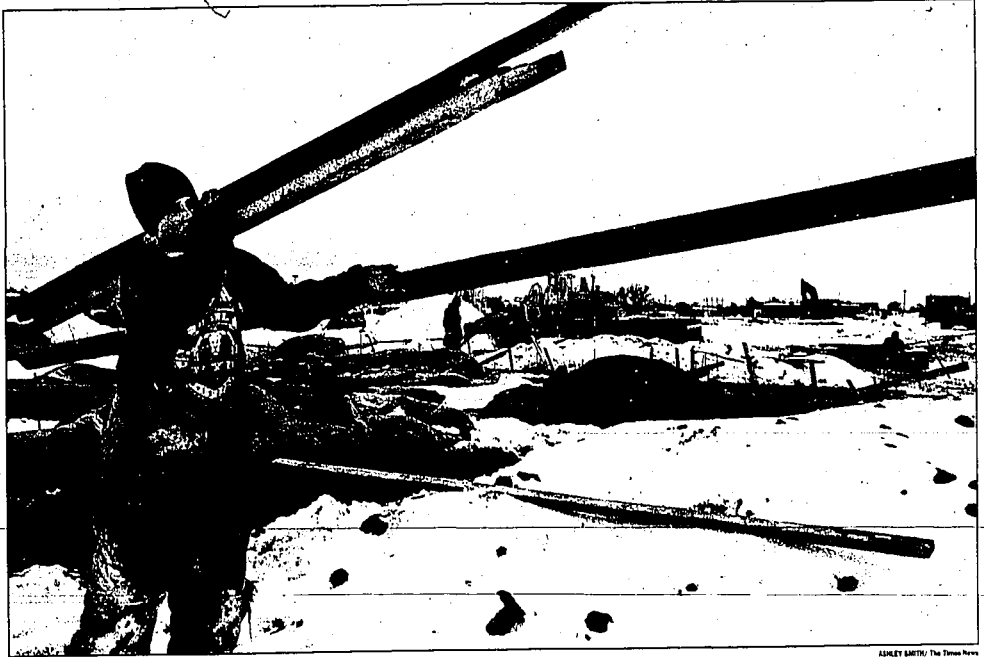
Tuesday, the workshop will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Best Western Burley Inn, 800 N. Overland Ave. in Burley. The agenda includes presentations by the Idaho State Police; Moffitt, Thomas Law Firm; Givens-Pursley LLP; the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry; and OSHA.

Wednesday, the workshop begins at 8 a.m. at College of Southern Idaho's Mini-Cassia Center, 1600 Parks Ave. in Burley. Safety direct meetings with films and pamphlets on subjects including blood borne pathogens, machine guarding, hazard communication, fall protection, ergonomics and more. First aid and cardiopulmonary classes are available for \$45 for books and supplies.

For information, call Brenda Bailey, office manager of Personnel Plus Inc., at 678-4040 or 431-4040, or over by Personnel Plus at 735 Overland Ave. in Burley.

Compiled from staff reports

Blizzard of business



Dawn Coxberry, a concrete finisher for ELS Concrete and Excavating Inc., uses 2-by-8's to set forms to pour a concrete floor in Twin Falls Thursday. The first phase of Rivercrest Apartment Community is a \$7 million construction project in the Westpark area.

T.F. annual construction values rise 43 percent

By Virginia S. Hutchins
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - This record could be hard to top. An explosion in new commercial projects and a thriving residential sector propelled the city's construction industry to its biggest year ever: \$71.51 million in combined construction values.

That's a stunning 43 percent year-over-year increase. "Twin Falls' construction values for combined types started their upward journey in 2000 but, until last year, had stayed in the most modest range of 5-13 percent annual increases. The city in 2000 had seen its first annual rise in values since 1994's big spurt of commercial building on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

So what made 2003 so hot? For the third consecutive year, home building set a new record in 2003 and gave local economy watchers cause for celebration. Last year's 400 building permits issued for new single-family homes citywide bested the previous record of 344 in 2002.

But unlike 2002, that trend in 2003 went hand in hand with a hearty advance in commercial and apartment construction, led by such projects as: Twin Springs' \$2 million apartment expansion. A \$2 million Sportsman's Warehouse store. Carriage Lane Apartments' \$2 million expansion. The Albertsons grocery store's \$2 million new home. Bethel Temple's \$1 million building project. A new \$2-million

The December report			
Estimated values for construction that received permits from Twin Falls city in December and during the year:			
Type	Dec. '03	Dec. '02	Dec. '01
New single-family homes:	\$2,362,820	\$2,567,823	\$1,249,119
New multifamily units:	\$5,872,491	0	0
New commercial projects:	\$441,459	\$110,820	0
Commercial alterations/additions:	\$262,000	\$267,200	\$30,000
Total (including such things as mobile homes, residential alterations/additions and signs):	\$9,356,973	\$3,263,539	\$1,483,881
Full-year 2003 Full-year 2002 Full-year 2001			
New single-family homes:	\$38,023,121	\$33,057,961	\$23,077,234
New multifamily units:	\$9,654,021	\$1,507,645	\$3,303,060
New commercial projects:	\$15,592,244	\$6,225,926	\$7,770,206
Commercial alterations/additions:	\$4,514,896	\$5,545,756	\$7,266,777
Total (including such things as mobile homes, residential alterations/additions and signs):	\$71,514,886	\$49,938,789	\$44,220,469

Source: City building department

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Hampton Inn & Suites. And the first \$6 million chunk of the new Rivercrest Apartment Community.

Thanks to the latter, December contributed nicely to the city's year-over-year growth.

Twin Falls' construction values in December shot up 188 percent from the year-earlier total. The city last month issued building permits for projects totaling an estimated \$9.36 million.

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Recent numbers at a glance

How Twin Falls' total construction values in the past six months stacked up against the same months a year earlier:

- Dec. '03 up 188 percent ▲
- Nov. '03 down 50 percent ▼
- Oct. '03 up 87 percent ▲
- Sept. '03 down 2 percent ▼
- Aug. '03 up 75 percent ▲
- July '03 up 125 percent ▲

Apartments, offices, store lead December activity

By Virginia S. Hutchins
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Credit plentiful planned apartments for the year-end spike in Twin Falls construction.

A Utah-based residential developer started work on the first phase of Rivercrest Apartment Community, boosting December permit values by \$6.27 million. (The phase's final piece wasn't permitted until early January, adding another \$690,000 to 2004 values.)

The development, on eight or 10 acres, is roughly at the center of the Westpark area of Twin Falls. Westpark is taking shape with a mix of residential, professional and commercial projects. Bach Corp. of West Jordan, Utah, will erect the Rivercrest units in two phases - the first with 132 apartments, and the second with 36 to 48, said Greg Rindlisbacher, senior vice president of Bach. Among the first will be 12 apartments which Bach dubs "executive units" with such niceties as microwaves, fireplaces and extra-large tubs in the master bathrooms.

Rindlisbacher said the development will have amenities for residents, including detached garages, a swimming pool, a hot tub, a 24-hour fitness center, a basketball court, a children's playground, a billiards room and a meeting room.

Rivercrest's 12-unit apartment building valued at \$693,051 was permitted Jan. 2, so it doesn't show up in the 2003 tally.

Other commercial highlights from December's permit list:

Office space available
 A new construction project at 1411 Falls Ave. E., No. 9, will add 4,930 square feet to Twin Falls' professional office inventory. Please see PROJECTS, Page D2

Each hopes to finish the clubhouse and the first rentable building by May or June, start leasing in early summer and complete first-phase construction in late fall, Rindlisbacher said. The timeline for phase two depends on Rivercrest's success in attracting occupants.

The estimated \$6.27 million in construction on Rivercrest Drive comes from 10 building permits issued last month: a 4,686-square-foot, \$265,450 clubhouse, two 31,728-square-foot, 24-unit apartment buildings valued at \$1,321,208 each; three 26,541-square-foot, 24-unit apartment buildings valued at \$1,076,692 each; three 1,842-square-foot, \$31,682 garages; and one 1,947-square-foot, \$33,488 garage.

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Construction on new T.F. Albertsons won't begin until 2005

By Virginia S. Hutchins
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Don't expect to shop for groceries this year in Albertsons Inc.'s huge planned replacement store.

The Boise-based retail chain plans to start the bidding process in December 2004 and launch construction in 2005 on its new Blue Lakes Boulevard North grocery store, regional spokeswoman Danielle Killpack said Thursday. Plans call for the new 52,417-square-foot store to replace the

existing 35,000-square-foot Twin Falls Albertsons close to the same spot. But the entrance would face Blue Lakes instead of Addison Avenue.

Much has happened to clear the way for construction: The Twin Falls-City Council in 1998 approved the sweeping development proposal for the new store and an Albertsons-operated gas station fronting Blue Lakes. Nearby duplexes have been moved off the site. The Mongolian House vacated its former restaurant space. The

Episcopal Church - of - the Ascension relocated elsewhere in town.

Last year, City Hall on July 3 issued a building permit to Albertsons for the new store, estimating the construction value at \$2.13 million.

But that business investment, apparently, is on hold.

A local store manager last week declined to comment for this story. Killpack declined to say whether the 2005 construction schedule represents a delay from the company's earlier plan,

and wouldn't comment on reasons for the schedule.

The 6-month building permit recently expired - without ever leaving the city building department.

"It's never been picked up or paid for," building official Marianne Barker said last week. Albertsons paid a deposit on its building permit application, but not the balance of the fee.

"We don't have very many permits that sit here like that," she said. For a Twin Falls building per-

mit to remain valid, construction must commence within 180 days of permit issuance, Barker said. But it's the building department's policy to grant the first six-month extension to anyone who requests it.

"Certainly if I heard from (Albertsons), I'd give them a six-month extension. We frequently do that for customers," she said. Technically, the grocery chain should have requested the permit extension within the first 180

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YOUR BUSINESS

Top 25: What corporate America was reading in December 2003

Knight Ridder News Service

800-CEO-READ, a leading direct supplier of book-based resources, issues a monthly list of best-selling business books based on purchases by its corporate customers nationwide. Here are the Top 25 from December's list, plus descriptions of the Top 10.

1. "Career Warfare: 10 Rules for Building a Successful Personal Brand and Fighting to Keep It," by David F. D'Alessandro, Michele Owens, McGraw-Hill
2. "Winning with the Dow's Losers: Beat the Market with Underdog Stocks," by Charles B. Carlson, HarperBusiness
3. "Dogs Don't Bite When a Growl Will Do: What Your Dog Can Teach You About Living a Happy Life," by Matt Weinstein, Luke Barber, Perigee
4. "When Generations Collide," by Lynne Lancaster, David Gosselin, HarperBusiness
5. "Trading Up," by Michael Silverstein, Neil Fiske, Portfolio
6. "The Spin Selling Fieldbook," by Neil Rackham, McGraw-Hill
7. "Guts: Companies that Blow the Doors of Business-as-usual," by Jack Freiberg, Kevin Freiberg, Currency
8. "Authentic Leadership," by Bill George, Jossey-Bass
9. "The Old Girls' Network," by Sharon Whiteley, Connie Duckworth, Kathy Elliott, Perseus
10. "Play to Your Strengths," by Haig Nabantian, Richard Guzzo, Dave Kleffer, Jay Doherty, McGraw-Hill
11. "Brands That Rock: What Business Leaders Can Learn from the World of Rock and Roll," by Roger Blackwell, Tina Stephan, John Wiley & Sons
12. "Meaningful Marketing," by Doug Hall, Sergio Zymann, Jeffrey Stamp, Butterfly

13. "Adventure Capitalist," by Jim Rogers, Random House
14. "American Sull" by F. Paul Peck, John Wiley & Sons
15. "Purple Cow," by Seth Godin, Portfolio
16. "Love Is the Killer App: How to Win Business and Influence Friends," by Tim Sanders, Three Rivers Press
17. "Becoming a Category of One," by Joe Calloway, John Wiley & Sons
18. "How to Become an Employer of Choice," by Roger E. Herman & Joyce L. Gioia, Oak Hill Publishing
19. "Control Your Destiny or Someone Else Will," Revised Edition, by Noel M. Tichy & Stratford HarperBusiness
20. "Impending Crisis," by Roger Herman, Tom Olivo & Joyce Gioia, Oakhill Press
21. "The Alchemy of Finance," by John Wiley & Sons
22. "Bang! Getting Your Message Heard in a Noisy World," by Linda Kaplan Thaler, Robin Koval, Della Marshall, Currency
23. "Leadership Presence," by Beth Linda Hippen, Kathy Lubar, the Ariel Group, Gotham Books
24. "On the Ball," by David M. Carter, Darren Rowell, Financial Times Prentice Hall
25. "Customer-Centric Selling," by Michael T. Bosworth, John R. Holland, Michael Bosworth, John Holland, McGraw-Hill

Here's what the top 10 are about:

1. "Career Warfare: 10 Rules for Building a Successful Personal Brand and Fighting to Keep It": Ultimate insider and best-selling author tells how he learned the unwritten rules of corporate ladder-climbing and offers concrete advice on building a reputation that commands respect.

"It will be a higher-end-looking building," Hughes said.

Stuff for a buck

A Chesapeake, Va.-based chain of discount variety stores plans to open its first Magic Valley store in early March. Dollar Tree Stores Inc. is leasing the Lynwood Shopping Center space vacated last summer when Lynwood Market trimmed its inventory and moved next door.

"Everything in the store is a dollar or less," Dollar Tree spokesman Adam Bergman said recently. The chain's offerings include party, gift, seasonal, food, health and beauty items.

The shopping center's property manager, Hammack Management Inc., had sought a national tenant to fill the 24,619-square-foot store at 1147 Filer Ave. E. The December building permit shows an estimated \$150,000 value for remodeling to suit the space to Dollar Tree's purposes.

The Twin Falls store will employ 25 to 30 people, Bergman estimated. Of those, only the managers and one of the assistant managers will work full time.

Dollar Tree's arrival brings a national player to the local everything-for-a-dollar market.

The Virginia company boasts annual sales of over \$2 billion and 2,511 stores, all corporate-operated. Eight of them are in Idaho: three in Boise and one each in Meridian, Idaho Falls, Chubbuck, Coeur d'Alene and Post Falls.

Elsewhere in town

Other notable commercial projects receiving permits in December:

- Progressive Insurance's tenant-improvement remodeling at 430 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Suite C, a \$500 project.
- American Family Insurance's \$20,000 interior remodeling at 1111 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Suite D. The Madison, Wis., company's insurance office will be the first occupant of that Centre Pointe Plaza space.
- Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's second-floor remodeling of the Women's Wellness Center at the hospital's 66th Shoshone St. facility. It's a \$15,000 project.

Construction values on building permits are estimated.

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Construction

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"Now that our ground's frozen, it'll probably be later in the spring that we get that all shelled up," said Tony Hughes, general manager for Nelson Co., partial owner in the development.

Nelson & Co., a general contractor working primarily in home construction, will move from its leased office on Eastland Drive to occupy part of the new Falls Avenue office building. It will lease the rest to tenants — perhaps professionals in real estate, accounting or law, Hughes said. Developers so far had no specific leads on potential tenants.

Nelson & Co. — now employing four people — recently expanded its operations and will move to its new office that's under construction at the growth. Hughes expects the Falls Avenue office to be ready for occupancy by about April.

The December building permit lists a \$191,414 value for construction of the 5,110-square-foot shell. That includes 180 square feet of covered entries. But it does not include the interior work necessary to suit the spaces to Nelson & Co. and other occupants.

Plans call for plentiful cultured stone and synthetic stucco on the structure's exterior.

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The historical view

Total construction values and permit numbers for Twin Falls city (January-December totals for all types)

Year	Value (\$ million)	Permit Numbers
1994	\$55.09 million	815
1995	\$50.65 million	741
1996	\$48.28 million	742
1997	\$46.57 million	776
1998	\$39.26 million	740
1999	\$38.66 million	717
2000	\$40.49 million	652
2001	\$44.22 million	732
2002	\$49.84 million	806
2003	\$71.51 million	840

Source: City Economic Development Director Dave McAlindin

Albertsons

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labor disputes sap its profits. "I don't know why else ... they would renege," Young said.

Albertsons in December reported a 51 percent decline in third-quarter profits as a strike by Southern California grocery workers siphoned revenue and eroded profits.

The food and drug retailer said net income totaled \$92 million, or 25 cents per share of common stock, on revenue of \$8.8 billion for the three months through Oct. 30. That compared with year-earlier profits of \$188 million, or 47 cents a share, on sales of \$8.66 billion.

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MILESTONES

Main Street Peddlers moves one door down

TWIN FALLS — Main Street Peddlers moved one door to the west — from 153 Main Ave. E. to 149 Main Ave. E. A back door and free parking on Second Avenue are still available.

Main Street Peddlers is an art and craft gallery with a number of local artisans represented in the shop.

Bank plans to open loan production office in Ketchum

KETCHUM — Jack W. Gustavel, chairman, president and chief executive of Idaho Independent Bank, said IIB plans to open a loan production office in Ketchum.

IIB will offer a full line of loan products, including commercial, construction, residential real estate and consumer loans. Greg Lovell was appointed vice president and manager of the loan production office, scheduled to open early in 2004.

"We are excited to be doing business in the Sun Valley area, and are particularly pleased to have hired Greg because of his local ties to the community and extensive experience," Gustavel said.

Lovell has over 22 years of experience in the financial and banking industry. Prior to joining IIB, he was founder and president of a community bank in the Ketchum area. Lovell has a bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University and is a graduate of the Pacific Coast Banking School. IIB, an Idaho state-chartered commercial bank, operates branches in Coeur d'Alene, Hayden Lake, Boise, Meridian, Nampa, Caldwell and Mountain Home.

Association helps Carriage Lane Apartments expand

TWIN FALLS — The Carriage Lane Apartments on the east side of Twin Falls recently added 36 apartments, bringing the development to a total of 78 units.

The Housing Co., a nonprofit organization formed by the Idaho Housing and Finance Association in 1990, oversees and manages the Carriage Lane development.

Wells Fargo Northwest NA is the chief financial partner, with IHFA providing the construction funding and the permanent loan. IHFA also administered federal HOME funds as part of the project.

"The Carriage Lane development has been very successful, with high occupancy in the 42 original apartment homes over the last two years. There has been consistent demand for vacated apartments," said The Housing Co.'s Chief Operating Officer and Vice President Laura Shaffer.

The Housing Co. provides rental housing options for Idaho families and senior citizens. It serves as the management company for 22 affordable properties throughout Idaho, with a mission to help residents achieve individual and family housing goals through affordable rents and desirable living conditions.

For information about The Housing Co., visit thehousingcompany.org online or IHFA's "Nonprofit Partners" link at www.ihfa.org/nonprofit.html.

Fitzgerald brothers receive Glanbia honor

TWIN FALLS — The Fitzgerald brothers of Lincoln County, owners and operators of 4-Bros. Dairy No. 2, received Glanbia's highest honor, the 2003 Quality Patron of the Year Award.

The dairy will receive two tickets for an all-expense paid trip to Ireland, home of Glanbia's global headquarters.

"We've always taken the extra steps necessary to ensure that we've produced the highest quality milk possible, but this year we were able to make some adjustments that streamlined our operation and obviously those adjustments paid off," Andrew Fitzgerald said.

The Fitzgerald family business started in Washington where the brothers' parents owned and operated a small dairy north of Seattle. In 1981, the family moved to Shoshone, where they continued the family farm. As the boys returned from college, they invested in the dairy, eventually buying it from their parents.

"Winning the Patron of the Year Award takes 12 months of paying close attention to all facets of the operation — from herd health to milking procedures to the milk

cooling system — Glanbia said.

"We know that if Glanbia expects to produce high-quality cheese and why products, then we need to start with high quality ingredients," said Glanbia Executive Vice President Jeff Williams.

To be considered for the Patron of the Year Award, the dairy had to consistently produce milk with bacterial counts of 10,000 or fewer milligrams per liter and somatic cell counts of 250,000 or fewer milligrams per liter, get an average score of 90 or better on all Idaho Department of Agriculture inspections, and achieve quality bonuses in 22 out of 24 pay periods during the year.

The Quality Patron of the Year award rotates each year between small, medium and large dairies. The 4-Bros. Dairy No. 2 is in the large category.

Glanbia 2003 Quality Awards were given to other producers who met the same criteria: 4-Bros. Dairy No. 1, Shoshone; Abernathy Dairy, Gooding; Avelar Dairy, Buhl; Baar Dairy, Jerome; Ballard Dairy, Gooding; Beckley Dairy, Dietrich; Bertao Dairy, Twin Falls; Blom Dairy, Jerome; Bokma Dairy No. 2, Hagerman; Box Canyon Dairy No. 1 and 3, Wendell; C Bar M Dairy, Jerome; Cardoza Dairy, Buhl; Chisham Dairy, Wendell; Clarkson Dairy, Gooding; De Kruff Dairy, Buhl; Deeds Dairy, Richfield; Fairview Dairy No. 1, Buhl; Franco Dairy, Jerome; Goodsell Dairy, Emmett; Gorzeman Dairy No. 2, Gooding; Heritage Farm, Buhl; Hill Brandsma Dairy, Wendell; Holland Dairy, Gooding; Howard Farms, Fruitland; Jack Pater Dairy, Buhl; JM Nunes Dairy, Wendell; Johnson Dairy, Gooding; Johnston Dairy, Richfield; Kennison Dairy, Buhl; Lezami Dairy, Richfield; Manuel Faria Dairy, Hollister; Molyneux Dairy, Carey; Northside Dairy No. 3 and 4, Jerome; Olsen Dairy, Carey; Phelps Dairy, Homedale; Pocket Ranch Dairy, Gooding; Rafter S Dairy, Richfield; Ricketts Dairy, No. 1 and 2, Wendell; Robinson & Sorenson Dairy, Richfield; Sem Astle Dairy, Dietrich; St-Ellen Dairy No. 2, Jerome; St-Ellen Farms, Jerome; Stolzfus Dairy, Buhl; Sunrise Dairy, Wendell; T&F Dairy, Wendell; T3 Dairy, Jerome; UR Farms, Jerome; and Valencia Dairy, Jerome.

CAREER MOVES

Marc Messenger

TWIN FALLS — Former Twin Falls resident Marc Drew Messenger was appointed plant manager of the Cricket Mountain facility of Graymont Western US Inc. near Delta, Utah. He was the plant's resident engineer since 1997 and assistant plant manager the past two years.

Messenger graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1984 and the University of Idaho in 1989 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He is the son of Dennis and Mary Messenger of Twin Falls. He and his wife, the former JoEllen Malina, and their two daughters live in Delta. JoEllen is the daughter of Joe and Janice Malina of Twin Falls.

Graymont is a privately owned industrial chemical manufacturing company in production and supply of lime and calcium products.

Bank employees

TWIN FALLS — Shannan Mirkin accepted a position with Farmers National Bank as a loan officer in the company's Twin Falls-Shoshone Street office.

After growing up on a Gooding-area dairy and graduating from Gooding High School in 1979, she earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Idaho. Mirkin then taught agriculture in the Shoshone and Filer school districts. She worked eight years for First Security Bank and two years as an ag consultant for Wells Fargo Bank.

Mirkin and her husband, Jon,

have a daughter and operate a dairy and farm in Jerome.

• Craig Lickley accepted a loan officer position with Farmers National Bank in the Shoshone Street office.

Lickley's agricultural background comes from working with his parents, Lonnie and Stefanie, on their farm and feedlot in Jerome County. Lickley graduated from Jerome High School in 1995. At the U of I, he earned a degree in ag science in 2002. His studies took him to France, in international business.

He lives in Twin Falls with his wife, Joie.

• Sarah Schorzman accepted a loan officer position with Farmers National Bank in the Wendell office.

Schorzman grew up on a farm in Sublett. Her parents are John and Kate Schorzman. She graduated from Raft River High School in 1999.

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Chamber leaders

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce announced its new officers for the coming year.

They are President Bob Seestrom, President-elect/Treasurer Todd Wadsworth, Vice President Jeff Duggan, Vice President Dave Maestas, Assistant Treasurer Mary Shaw and Past President Janet Nelson.

The chamber's other board members are Tony Brand, Cindy Collins, Wiley Dobbs, John Gibson, Jack Jardine, John Kee, Con Paulos and Dave Snelson.

Seestrom announced the formation of five new committees for the coming year. Dan Olmsted will chair the new local news committee. Kevin Dane will chair the new small-business awards committee that will concentrate on SBA Awards for outstanding small businesses; meetings will begin in February.

The chamber did not announce leaders for the other three new committees: special events, which will make plans to start at least one more special event in 2004, such as one based on BASE jumping or marathon running; education, which will emphasize work-force training; and multicultural, which will aim to give businesses from other cultures a better opportunity to succeed.

People interested in being involved in any of the new committees may call the chamber at 733-3974.

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Cattlemen charge insider trading

OKANOGAN, Wash. — Cattlemen industry leaders fuming over plummeting cattle futures prices are calling for U.S. Department of Agriculture to investigate the possibility of alleged insider trading involving large packers, feeders and cattle traders.

At issue is a change in trading rules enacted by the Chicago Mercantile Exchange to do away with a \$1.50 per hundredweight daily limit on the amount cattle futures can drop before trading is suspended. They are also questioning a 17-day delay in the USDA's announcement that a Holstein dairy cow from Mabton, Wash., diagnosed with bovine spongiform encephalopathy was actually imported from Canada.

It turns out the cow from the Mabton dairy diagnosed with BSE was born on a farm in Alberta, Canada in April of 1997 and was more than 6 years old. That's two years before the Canadian government in 1999 banned ruminant livestock feed and milk replacement products.

Water official urges aquifer management

JEROME — To save the water shortages spring users in southern Idaho are facing, water managers should view the aquifer more like a reservoir.

Just like good snow years refill the reservoirs, water users need to find ways to recharge the aquifer system in high water years. Jeff Martin told conservation district supervisors and legislators from Jerome, Twin Falls, Minidoka and Cassia counties during their annual legislative luncheon on Jan. 7.

Martin, who is the hydrographer for the North Snake Ground Water District, said there is no quick way to fill the deficit spring users are experiencing.

"The best we can do is to implement some resource-management plan," he said.

Even if managers make the right decisions now, it may take decades before springs completely recover.

The springs between Kimberly



Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman speaks to reporters during a news conference Dec. 30 in Washington. Handling of the BSE-infected cow incident in Washington state in December has some cattlemen accusing officials at the U.S. Department of Agriculture of tipping off packers, feeders and cattle buyers and intentionally withholding critical information from the industry and the public.



and King Hill reached an historic peak of about 6,700 cubic-feet-per-second in 1950, about the time that irrigators began drilling deep wells and irrigating land that had previously been dryland.

At the same time, irrigators were developing ground water, canal companies across southern and eastern Idaho began lining canals and piping ditches to conserve surface water. The canal companies also quit running water year-round through the canal systems. Those actions

reduced the amount of incidental recharge to the aquifer, Martin said. The aquaculture industry also had a period of rapid development between the mid-1960s and the late 1970s.

When the springs were flowing at 6,700 cfs, approximately 5 million acre-feet of water was discharged annually to the Snake River. Between drought, water-conservation practices

Price uncertainty
CONCERN FALLS — Some area cattle ranchers feel the aftermath of the mad cow disease discovery could be minimized if the media keeps it in perspective.

"As long as the media doesn't blow it out of proportion, we'll make it through it," said Lynn Humphreys, who raises purebred Black Angus breeding stock near Post Falls. "It's important to stick

to the facts and not speculate." Humphreys said he hopes the public realizes the disease was found in a Holstein, a dairy breed of cattle, not a beef breed, which is primarily used at the dinner table.

The parts of the Holstein most likely to carry infection are the brain, spinal cord and lower intestine.

"The last time I checked, our cattle doesn't condone eating those burgers," Humphreys said.

"Once this gets sorted out, I honestly believe they'll find out, I don't think we need to be cautious to make sure this is handled through the proper channels, but I don't think there is anything to panic about."

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ple, would be given lessons in diet and exercise, a weight scale, perhaps an insulin pump for more accurate drug injections and periodic blood tests for sugar levels.

So far, data indicate that disease management provides improvement in the health of the chronically ill, but it's not clear whether the programs save money.

Return to managed care

Put all these concepts together, and they mean a strongly managed-care program, but experts hope there's a difference.

In the old health maintenance organizations, "people would get sick and desperate, and anybody who stood in their way was Darth Vader, Public Enemy No. 1," said Mistein. "All the things that helped the plan save money were completely out of view of the consumer."

"Everything's happening now is healthcare consumerism, where everybody's out in the open. Instead of an evil nurse at an HMO, consumers get to make their own choices — and pay for them."

Most experts add one caveat to this idea of a new managed care: It won't work unless something is done about the 43 million uninsured Americans, who tend to skip primary care and end up with expensive visits to emergency rooms and hospitals.

The latest estimate, from the Institute of Medicine, is that the uninsured cost the healthcare system — and ultimately its paying consumers — \$99 billion nationwide annually.

"It's a disgrace we're not doing something about the uninsured," said Carlos Saladrinas, a Miami businessman who spent considerable time examining the nation's health problems. "I'm not making an argument for socialized medicine, but we need to form a national high-risk pool for those with chronic diseases and those that can't get insurance elsewhere."

Various groups have come up with proposals of mingling private and public dollars to provide basic care for the uninsured, just as private health plans and public programs like Medicare and Medicaid are trying to control costs now.

Experts know that if this private-public effort fails, the only solution would seem to be a national public insurance.

The rest of the industrialized world already does this in one form or another, making sure virtually everyone has health insurance and keeping firm price controls to contain costs.

Business owners think about retaining workers

By Joyce M. Rosenberg
 Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — With the job market showing signs of strength, small business owners need to start thinking about their relationships with employees and whether they need some improvement.

Human resources consultants note that workers tend to look for jobs in the early part of the year, and the growing economy at the start of 2004 is likely to encourage more employees to seek new positions. Business owners who don't want to lose staffers need to assess how satisfied their workers are.

"They need to really take the temperature of their people, to sit down and have a face-to-face," said Leigh Branham, owner of Keeping The People Inc., an Overland Park, Kan., human resources consulting firm. "Ask how things are going, how do you feel about being here?"

And this is the time to let workers know that they're valued. "Make people feel welcomed, honored, respected," said Gayle Weibley, an executive vice president at Right Management Consultants Inc. in Philadelphia.

Of course, paying attention to relationships with workers isn't something to be done only in January and February. Employee retention should always be a priority because it's a key part of being in business.

But with 2004 just days old, bosses have a chance to ask workers about what they'll like to do in the coming year, and to let them know what opportunities might be available to them.

"A lot of times managing may not think about things coming under the pike that might be opportunities for people," Branham said. "But if they (workers) knew about them, it might be exciting for them."

Business owners can make the mistake of focusing on their star employees. Branham said they should also consider the needs of workers that he called "the steady, solid citizens."

"They often get overlooked. If you lose them, then you realize, we don't have anybody here who can do this," he said.

Weibley said employers should also consider the entire culture of their workplace and determine if

it makes workers more likely to stay. The goal is "a place where they really feel good about working," she said.

She said owners should aim at creating a sense of camaraderie in their companies. That will benefit the business in the long run.

"You're building not only an economic advantage and a psychological advantage, you're building a productivity advantage," Weibley said.

It takes some awareness of employees' needs — individual and collective — but not much money to accomplish. Bringing in breakfast once a month and celebrating weddings and birthdays are all ways to help build a positive culture.

A little appreciation can go a long way. Weibley said she makes a point of saying good night to the people who work for her, and to thank them for things they've done during the day.

She also recommends company owners hand out the paycheck, with an accompanying thank-you note. A suggestion from Weibley is to be flexible about time off. For example, give a staffer an afternoon away from the office to take his or her children to the zoo. Co-workers, knowing that they'll have the same opportunity in the future, won't mind covering for colleagues, she said.

Both Weibley and Branham urged owners to communicate more with employees, letting them know what's going on with the business.

"Spend a lot of time talking about what's going on with the business, helping them to feel included," Weibley said. "Listen to their points of view ... and solicit diverse points of view so people don't feel disrespected."

The point of all of this is to make workers feel more of a connection with the company where they work — a connection that will make it less likely that they'll want to leave.

Branham said he's found that "the real reasons why people leave have more to do with push than pull" — employers don't do enough to keep their employees, and they don't do things that make them want to leave. It's true that another employer can lure a worker away with enough money and/or opportunities, but leaving is harder for employees to do if they are happy.

Prescription for lower health-care costs

By John Dorschner
 Knight Ridder News Service

In the early and mid-1990s, strong managed-care plans, guarded by stern gatekeepers, did a good job of keeping healthcare costs down. Patients hated the restrictions. They yelled at their bosses, and companies all over America switched to less restrictive policies.

The upshot: In the past three years, health costs have soared four times faster than workers' earnings, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. America is already paying twice as much per capita as other industrialized countries, and it's a particular problem in South Florida, where studies show higher health costs are high, in both private insurance and Medicare, than practically anywhere else in the nation.

"We're in a deep crisis now," said Brian Klepper of the Center for Practical Health Reform.

The huge, looming question is how to do about it. Klepper and many other experts have no shortage of solutions.

They involve doctors providing care defined by national standards of best practices, case managers shepherding the most expensive cases, and decisions-making, more intelligent and paying penalties if they don't.

It also means putting limits on who gets the ever-increasing, ever-more-expensive devices and high-tech treatments.

"Yes, that means rationing," said Henry Aaron, a healthcare expert with The Brookings Institute. "That's the one thing that elected officials are unwilling to utter in the secret that dare not speak its name," that health rationing is now in that category."

Put all these ideas together, and it means that America is headed back toward strongly managed-care systems, though experts hope that this time they develop a plan that doesn't make so many people angry.

There could be plenty of costs to cut. About 30 percent of health expenditures are completely wasted, according to studies by researchers and the Midwest Business Group on Health.

Will providers and consumers accept that? Maybe not.

As Brian Keckley, chief executive of Baptist Health South Florida, said: "We all want the very best healthcare, and we want someone else to pay for it."

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Because 20 percent of patients account for up to 80 percent of healthcare costs, insurers in recent years have been pushing disease management, which usually means assigning a case manager — often a nurse — to coordinate a patient's care among various specialist physicians. A diabetic, for exam-

US Airways may sell shuttle, hub, report says

By Ted Reed
 Knight Ridder News Service

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Stymied in its efforts to cut costs through new concessions from its unions, US Airways is considering selling selected assets to raise money.

An asset sale is a preferred course, but not the intended one, said David Bronner, chief executive of the Retirement Systems of Alabama, which has controlling interest in the airline.

"My purpose is not to be Carl and anybody else's pillager," said Bronner in an interview, referring to an investor known for buying companies and selling off the most valuable assets.

"I want to keep everybody employed," Bronner said. "But if where, (an asset sale) is an alternative."

The New York Times reported Thursday that US Airways is considering selling assets including its shuttle, which serves Boston, Washington and New York; gates at New York La Guardia, Boston Logan and Washington National airports; its regional operation under a hub — either Charlotte, Philadelphia or Pittsburgh.

The newspaper said investment banker Morgan Stanley has been retained to gauge interest and find potential buyers. Bronner declined to comment specifically on the report or the assets it named. US Airways also declined to comment. Analysts said most of those US Airways assets have little value and seem unlikely to attract buyers.

The principal exceptions include the shuttle and other assets operated with Logan, where US Airways has 17 gates; La Guardia, where it has 20 gates; and National, where it has 14. At the latter two airports, US Airways also has "slots," or assigned takeoff and landing times.

Such assets have value because the airports are congested and

access is limited. That's not the case in Charlotte, where the airport itself controls 39 gates that are used by airlines but not leased to anyone. Some could be made available for another airline without any need to negotiate with US Airways.

US Airways' principal assets in Charlotte are its long-term leases for airport property, primarily 36 gates. US Airways' principal airport lease, signed in 1992, runs through 2016. Aviation Director Jerry Orr said it's tough to estimate how much a lease sale would raise.

"First, you would have to find someone who thought there was value in it," he said. Like most established hub carriers, US Airways has been in a financial swoon since 2001. Shacked by high fixed costs, these "legacy carriers" have seen profits dry up as passengers increasingly eschew the high fares they once paid for midweek business travel.

Instead, the rapid expansion of low-cost carriers has provided travelers with low fares throughout the week.

Arlington, Va.-based US Airways has lost \$4.5 billion since 2001. It spent eight months in bankruptcy protection before emerging last year with \$1.9 billion in annual cost savings.

Despite the cuts, US Airways lost \$90 million in the third quarter, when most airlines made money. On May 9, its problems will worsen when low-fare king Southwest Airlines — begins operating — in Philadelphia, US Airways' most profitable hub.

Chief Executive David Siegel has been routing a recovery plan that involves more cost-cutting. But that has angered union workers, who have already given up \$1 billion in wages and benefits during two rounds of cost-cutting. Siegel said Tuesday that he had wanted to unveil his recovery plan to employees in a series of road shows, but was delaying the effort because of union resistance.

MONEY

A BETTER BED

Boomers splurge on ones that give better night's sleep

NEW YORK (AP) — Don and Edna Kaplan are usually frugal people. They're careful shoppers who keep an eye out for bargains. But they didn't hesitate to plunk down \$6,000 for a luxurious, hand-crafted mattress from Sweden when they started having trouble sleeping.

Their decision to treat themselves to a bed from a fast-growing mattress purveyor to the royal Swedish court, reflects a broader trend. Americans, particularly baby boomers with aching backs, are increasingly willing to pay a premium for a bed that will give them a good night's sleep.

"I know the price seems ridiculous," said Edna Kaplan, 55, a public relations executive in Marblehead, Mass. "We don't normally spend money like that. But we just decided to do it, and we're so glad we did. I love it so much, I look forward to getting in it every night."

She credits the mattress, a queen-size cloud of horsehair, cotton, flax and pure new wool designed to limit the transfer of movement, with easing her 56-year-old husband's back pain and helping her sleep through the night.

Sleep experts say the average person needs between seven and nine hours of rest a night, but most Americans get only six or seven. Some workaholic baby boomers — people born between 1946 and 1964 — sleep even less. And while there is a general belief that older adults require less rest than younger people, research has shown that's simply not true, said Marcia Stein, spokeswoman for the National Sleep Foundation, an independent nonprofit group.

"We know that a third of Americans are walking around so sleepy, it impacts their performance in their daily activities," Stein said.

So every year, more people decide to invest in higher-end



Edna Kaplan is reflected in the mirror in her bedroom Wednesday in Marblehead, Mass., as she relaxes on a hand-crafted bed mattress from Sweden. Kaplan and her husband didn't hesitate to plunk down \$6,000 for a luxurious hand-crafted mattress when they started having trouble sleeping.

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The average mattress costs about \$600, but sales of beds that cost \$1,000 or more are on the rise. Higher-end beds made up 17.3 percent of all U.S. mattress sales in 2002, up from 13.5 percent in 2000, according to the Better Sleep Council, a nonprofit sleep education group funded by mattress-makers. Queen-size mattresses remain the best sellers, but king-size beds are gaining in popularity as higher quality bedding becomes even more important because your body is changing," said Nancy Blatt, the council's executive director. "People tend to gain weight, they develop aches and pains, so what you're looking for in a mattress changes, too."

At Stearns & Foster, the luxury brand of mattress maker Sealy Inc., annual sales went from about \$35 million in 1994 to \$250 million in 2003, said Jim Ross, vice president of marketing. Affluent,

health-conscious baby boomers have driven the trend, he said.

"There is a new luxury customer out there, and they are willing to spend as much money as they can afford on the items that are important to them," Ross said. "The boomer mentality is, 'I've worked hard and I don't want to compromise.'"

That was just how Greg Godek felt when he and his wife decided to trade their queen-sized mattress for a super-plush California king bed following the birth of their son, Godek, 48, a publishing consultant and author of self-help books, said they both felt it was time to get the bed they'd always wanted.

"There are places in your life where you compromise and there are places where you shouldn't, and for us, this is one of them," said Godek, of San Diego. "You spend a third of your life in bed. Sleeping is just ... one of life's joys. So it's a bit of an indulgence, but we deserve it."

Boomers have always looked for ways to improve their lives, seeking out natural products, organic foods and holistic remedies; that might be part of the fascination with ever-more-luxurious bedding, said Mario Almonte, 43, an account manager in New York. Almonte's first major purchase as an adult was a waterbed, which he hated, and he's never stopped searching for the perfect mattress.

He's been fairly happy with his queen-size, which rests sans box spring on a platform bed, but it's almost 10 years old now and his wife has started to complain she's not getting a good night's sleep. So he's shopping again.

"Every now and then I see an ad for a new 'heavenly comfort' mattress using revolutionary new spring technology that conforms to every single nook and cranny of my body and helps me get the best sleep of my life," he said. "And I think, 'Maybe that's the one!'"

Are Enron's Lay and Skilling next?

Former execs may get their turn in the hot seat

By Rachel Beck Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — It has been more than two years since Enron's collapse, but investors in the once-thriving energy giant might finally get some payback for all their losses. And this has nothing to do with money.

It comes down to whether the time has finally come for Enron's former top executives Kenneth Lay and Jeffrey Skilling to find their way into the prosecutorial hot seat.

So far, they haven't been charged with a single count for their involvement in one of the nation's biggest cases of securities fraud — but that was before Enron's former finance chief Andrew Fastow started talking about a possible plea deal.

Should prosecutors get Fastow on their side, a new chapter in the Enron story could quickly begin — the one that Enron's battered investors have long been waiting for.

Remember Enron? Yes, it seems so long ago when this scandal hit, the first of many to rock corporate America. Since then, we've had so many more to mull — WorldCom, Tyco, Adelphia. The list goes on and on.

Enron imploded in late 2001, causing thousands of workers to lose their jobs and sending Enron's stock into a nose-dive. It was a stunning and shocking collapse. Almost overnight, it went from being one of the hottest, most-talked-about companies around, known for its innovation and money-making potential, to filing for bankruptcy court protection.

What makes the Enron case stick out is that prosecutors, at least so far, haven't been able to make a case against Lay or Skilling, even though they were ultimately responsible for running the company. Their biggest victory came last

Enron-related trials set for 2004

Two years into the Justice Department's investigation of what led to Enron Corp.'s 2001 collapse, 26 people have been charged. Here is a look at the five Enron-related trials

Loa Fastow, a one-time Enron executive and wife of former Enron finance chief Andrew Fastow — six charges of conspiracy and filing false tax forms.

month when Lay, after a long, drawn-out battle, finally agreed to surrender personal and corporate records to the Securities and Exchange Commission that could be used for criminal and civil investigations in the pursuit of charges against him and others.

Still, it's clear that it has been tough to build a paper trail leading up to either man. And with each month that passes, the likelihood of that happening seems to diminish.

That's why so much is riding on Fastow. As Enron whistleblower Sherron Watkins said Thursday, Fastow's knowledge of Enron's inner workings could crack open the case.

"Sometimes I liken Jeff Skilling to a Mafia boss who used particular words. He never said, 'Go back Joey.' He said, 'Go take care of Joey.' And now that there have been corporate problems, he tries to say that I just meant, send Joey on vacation."

"Andy's almost like the assassin who can now tell the government what his orders were or were not," Watkins told ABC's

Four former Merrill Lynch executives and two former Enron executives — conspiracy charges related to a deal in which a loan was disguised as a sale so Enron could appear to have met targeted earnings.

"Good Morning America." Fastow is accused of being the mastermind behind a complex web of schemes that hid Enron's debt, inflated profits and allowed him to skim millions of dollars for himself, his family and selected friends and colleagues. Prosecutors say he reaped an estimated \$30 million from the web of partnerships he set up.

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He faces 98 counts of conspiracy, fraud, money laundering, insider trading and other charges, which could give him as much as 40 years in prison should he be convicted of all charges and sentenced to the maximum penalties.

The big question is whether prosecutors can offer him a sweet enough deal that he will be willing to flip on his former bosses.

Seven former Enron Broadband executives — a 223-count indictment charge with fraud, insider trading, money laundering, conspiracy and others alleging conspiracies.

Progress on that front appears forthcoming, but it is still not coming easy.

Andrew Fastow has been negotiating an agreement that would send him to prison and force him to pay \$20 million. But that deal hinged on another deal, that of his wife Loa. She also worked for Enron and faces six counts of conspiracy and filing false tax forms for allegedly participating in some of her husband's deals.

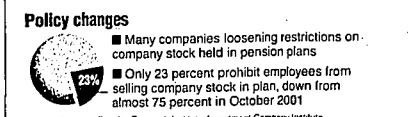
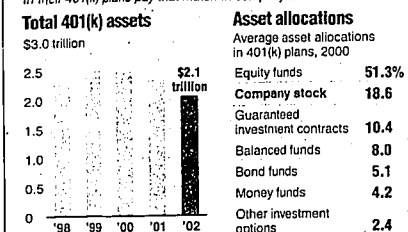
A federal judge on Thursday tentatively accepted a plea agreement that puts her in jail for five months — a fraction of the time he would serve but an arrangement that allows their two young sons to avoid going parentless for any length of time.

But by Friday afternoon it looked like the deal was off after a deadline passed for her to accept the judge's conditions for her guilty plea.

It's part of a little flurry of news in the Enron case this week. On Tuesday, Enron's roadmap for emerging from bankruptcy received a New York judge's initial blessing and now will be sent to creditors to accept or reject the plan that will pay them about one-fifth of the approximately \$66.4 billion they are owed in cash and stock.

Maybe things really are starting to change in the Enron story.

One-third of companies that offer matching contributions to employees in their 401(k) plans pay that match in company stock.



Source: Employee Benefits Research Institute, Investment Company Institute, U.S. Federal Reserve System, Association of Financial Professionals (A.F.P.) Graphic: The Philadelphia Inquirer © 2003 KRT

Firms change how they match pension funds

By Todd Mason Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — Class-action law firms are attacking a key underpinning of employee retirement accounts: company stock.

Inventing the specter of Enron Corp., the firms allege that employers push company stock on retirement savers, and hide material problems.

The lawsuits, while numbering in the dozens at the moment, promise to change how 401(k) plans work — for good or ill.

"Everyone is paying attention," said Robyn Credice, a senior consultant in Washington for benefits adviser Watson Wyatt Worldwide.

Recent surveys show corporations are less inclined to rely solely on company stock to make matching contributions, or to insist that savers hold those shares no matter what.

They are more inclined to teach retirement savers the danger of relying too heavily on a single asset, such as company stock.

They also are preparing for the worst. In a survey conducted last year by Temple University professor Jack VanDerhei, a majority of benefits administrators said they would expect to see 401(k) plans scaled back in the face of restrictive legislation or increased litigation.

"I'd virtually guarantee there will be some companies that find it less attractive" to offer retirement plans, VanDerhei said.

Profit-starved companies already are cutting back. El Paso Corp., Charles Schwab & Co. and Tectron Inc. suspended or trimmed matching contributions this year, joining a trend started by General Motors Corp. in 2001.

Even so, the Enron scandal looms larger than plan cutbacks. The U.S. Labor Department filed a class-action lawsuit filed last year on behalf of Enron employees who were taken in by the company's accounting schemes and lost millions of dollars in their pension plans.

Next time, the agency which regulates pensions, sued Enron itself, seeking recovery of 401(k) losses and sanctions against company officials. The Labor Department said it was looking at other companies for similar action.

"I'm thrilled that they filed the case," said Ron Kilgard, a partner in Phoenix for Keller Rohrback, the law firm representing Enron workers. "This is a conservative administration."

Seattle-based Keller Rohrback has 18 class-action suits alleging fraud in 401(k) plans and company stock, including one filed in February against Cigna Corp.

Cigna officials declined to comment on the litigation, but they said company stock did not figure prominently in its 401(k) plan.

Kilgard represented workers in a successful 1998 class-action suit filed in federal court in Philadelphia against plan outbacks. Solutions Inc. of Malvern.

Enron settled the case last year by allowing employees with two years or more of service to direct the company's match to any of the plan's investment choices. Before, Enron contributed stock until participants reached age 55.

Enron paid \$6.4 million in plaintiffs' legal fees to settle the case, according to court documents.

Enron workers did not receive cash. The order noted that a "truly large cash settlement" was not in the best interest of employees who held jobs at Enron and had 52 percent of their 401(k) plans tied up in Enron stock.

The dilemma illustrates the danger of building a retirement plan based on company stock. Employees put too much of their future at risk, financial planners say.

As a result of the Enron revelations, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a pension reform act in May that would limit restrictions on sales, or "lockups," to stock held three years or less or, alternatively, to stock held by employees with less than three years of seniority.

The bill also would relax "self-dealing" rules to allow the financial intermediaries that administer 401(k) accounts to give advice to plan participants.

Plan sponsors are dubious about rules governing sales, or diversification, said Lynn Dudley, general counsel of the American Benefits Council, a trade group representing major corporate employers.

"You could pass all of those rules about diversification, and it wouldn't have helped Enron employees," she said. "People there were told something that wasn't true."

Enron workers held 58 percent of their assets in Enron stock. Many workers loaded up on the stock because the investment was wildly successful — until the scandal broke in late 2001.

Temple's Vanderhei is skeptical of the proposed legislative changes as well.

"You're kidding" yourselves that, just because the restrictions are taken away, employees are going to shift that much," he said.

In 2000, stocks accounted for 19 percent of the assets held in the average 401(k) account, according to VanDerhei's work for the Employee Benefits Research Institute.

Workers do not perceive a crisis situation, said David Wray, president of Profit Sharing/401(k) Council — of America, Chicago. "Employees have not generalized from these few cases to their own companies," he said.

Their bosses have. When VanDerhei asked benefits administrators in an informal survey in early 2002 how their peers would respond to a successful class-action suit alleging that company stock had been foisted on employees, 53 percent said they would stop using stock in the plan, while 15 percent said they would reduce matches.

Asked how they would react to laws limiting lockup periods to 90 days, 17 percent said they would expect the use of company stock to be curtailed, while 20 percent said they would expect reduced matching contributions.

Companies use stock to make matching contributions because of attractive accounting and tax considerations. Academics also argue that using stock motivates workers to think like shareholders.

VanDerhei points to the contradiction of giving employees stock one minute and counseling them to sell it the next.

"I don't think employers will go out of their way to tell employees to dump the company stock."

New technology will help Wal-Mart efficiency

Retail giant insists that suppliers use tiny transmitters — at a cost

By Leslie Brooks Suzukamo Knight Ridder News Service

ST. PAUL, Minn. — HighJump Software of Eden Prairie, Minn., is high on RFID. It's not a drug. It's the acronym for "radio frequency identification," a technology that implants transmitters the size of grains of rice into things ranging from credit cards to razor blade packages to, well, occasionally, people.

Transmitters also can be put into the common shipping tag. The embedded tags allow retailers to know — with the wave of a scanner — the exact count of a particular product sitting in a warehouse or on a store shelf. And the supply can be tracked without the time-consuming, costly physical inventory using conventional bar code scanning.

That's where HighJump gets excited. The King Kong of retailing, Wal-Mart, has told its top 125 suppliers they must use RFID tags on all the pallets and cases they ship to Wal-Mart beginning in January 2005.

Consumer goods manufacturers who deal with Wal-Mart have to adjust their supply chain systems to accommodate RFID information, and they'll need to buy new software, printers and equipment from HighJump and other companies.

They could spend up to \$2 billion upgrading their systems to meet Wal-Mart's demands, according to AMR Research, a technology research firm.

HighJump and other companies in the unglamorous world of supply chain management also expect other large retailers will eventually follow Wal-Mart's lead, just as they did some 20 years ago when Wal-Mart required bar codes on products from its suppliers.

Given that the typical consumer goods manufacturer ships 50 million cases per year, they could spend \$13 million to \$23 million apiece complying with Wal-Mart's edict, AMR Research estimated.

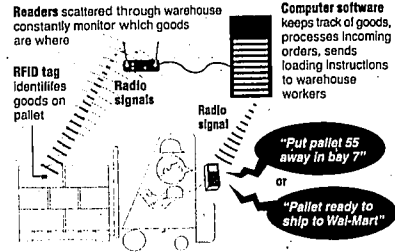
So HighJump has tweaked its existing software to perform with RFID tags as well as with the traditional bar codes.

HighJump also has new systems that can program and print RFID tags containing the tiny transmitters, which are made by Alien Technology in Morgan Hill, Calif.

Given this potential market, software companies like HighJump smell a payday coming. For HighJump, that payday came on Monday, when the company was bought out by another

Radio tags track inventory

Radio frequency identification (RFID) is a low-power radio technology that tracks goods in a warehouse and speeds their handling.



Radio receiver carried by warehouse worker is linked to computer Source: HighJump Software Graphic: David Steinlicht, St. Paul Pioneer Press © 2004 KRTT

Twin Cities-based firm, albeit one with a much higher visibility — Maplewood, Minn.-based 3M Co.

The estimated \$72 million acquisition isn't expected to affect HighJump's 184 employees, most of whom work in Eden Prairie. The firm will operate as HighJump Industrial, a 3M company.

A global industrial conglomerate, 3M already uses HighJump's software in several divisions. But its main goal in buying HighJump is growing that business, said 3M spokesman Stephen Sanchez.

HighJump's customers include paper towel maker Georgia Pacific and Bandai, home of the Power Rangers and Strawberry Shortcake dolls, but so far it has not sold any of its RFID products. They were introduced just last month, shortly after Wal-Mart outlined its requirements to top suppliers in a two-day meeting at corporate headquarters in Bentonville, Ark.

HighJump set up a booth at that meeting to talk to the 125 top suppliers who will have to comply with Wal-Mart's edict in 2005.

HighJump CEO and President Chris Heim said his company has spent three years studying the technology and "at least half a million" dollars developing it. HighJump is not alone; it faces competition from at least two major out-of-state companies.

But HighJump hopes to sell \$300 million in RFID-related software next year when Wal-Mart's top suppliers must ramp up to meet a relatively tight 2005 deadline. Potential customers include Golden Valley, Minn.-based General Mills, Mattel and Sony, Heim said.

Because it is privately held, HighJump won't reveal its finances, but its executives say Wal-Mart will spark a major shift in supply chain management — just as the adoption of bar codes did a generation ago.

"Now that they've done this,

we think the demand definitely will be there," Heim said of Wal-Mart's move.

So how could something so small shake up an entire industry?

RFID isn't new technology. It's essentially old-fashioned radio, using tiny transmitters that emit a signal carrying information programmed by a computer.

The advantage of tags over bar codes is they don't need to be eyeballed. Some tags are "active" and transmit on their own but others are so small they can't carry batteries — they activate only when hit by a scanner signal.

Their range is limited. Liquids — for example, laundry detergent — can interrupt a transmission, and even without barriers, the signal dies after about 15 feet or so.

They're also expensive: Most tags cost in the range of 40 to 50 cents each, though some analysts think the per-tag cost could drop to a dime because of volume generated by Wal-Mart's demand.

A cost of 10 to 50 cents may not sound like much, but it adds up. A study by A.T. Kearney, a Chicago management consulting firm, estimated that mid-tier grocery products manufacturers with annual sales of \$5 billion would have to spend more than \$33 million on tags costing 15 cents apiece.

By contrast, a high-volume over-the-counter drug manufacturer of the same size — which would ship fewer more expensive cases — would pay only \$2.2 million, the study concluded.

The technology isn't foolproof, either. A McKinsey Quarterly study this year noted a 2002 test found that only 78 percent of individually tagged pallets were accurately read, and even double-tagged pallets failed 3 percent of the time.

Wal-Mart thinks they're worth it, though.

One of the perennial challenges of retailing is having merchandise in the stock, said Wal-Mart

spokesman Tom Williams.

Run out of stuff — lose a sale. The difference for Wal-Mart between being 100 percent in stock and only 99 percent is \$1 billion in lost sales annually, Williams said. Wal-Mart reported \$19 billion in net sales for October alone.

So the more stuff Wal-Mart sells, the more stuff it will buy from those suppliers, he said.

He makes no apology for Wal-Mart's our-way-or-the-highway approach. "If they (the suppliers) feel we're pushing hard, we are," Williams said. "Because if we don't, somebody's going to get ahead of us."

"The reality of it is, it's the future. It's coming whether people want to get on board or stand still," he added.

This vision of the future isn't without its critics. Some privacy advocates worry that if retailers start implanting RFID on each product like today's bar codes, track and manufacturers could track purchases to consumer's homes, though RFID makers insist that use is impossible at this point. But earlier this year, Gillette had to pull back from testing RFID tags on some of its Mach 3 razors in Cambridge, Mass., after privacy advocates howled.

Suppliers might balk, too, because Wal-Mart wants them to eat their cost of adding RFID instead of passing it along. And while RFID makes possible generally accepted applications like Exxon-Mobile's SpeedPass gas station cards, it also has sparked bizarre publicity stunts by a few people volunteering to be "chipped" under-the-skin-for-identification.

Still, RFID is not alone in selling in HighJump. Supply chain software competitors like Atlanta-based Manhattan Associates are incorporating RFID capabilities into existing customers' software as well as selling new licenses for stand-alone programs.

Greg Gilbert, director of product management for Manhattan Associates, said Wal-Mart will start small. It may not be a \$2 billion market for RFID technology, but a market will develop.

"It's not Y2K, but it's definitely a great opportunity," he said.

Provia Software of Grand Rapids, Mich., which helped Gillette put the RFID tags on its Mach 3 razors, calls RFID "a very large opportunity" that could mean another 5 percent to 10 percent in sales, said marketing manager John Clark.

Some consumer product suppliers sell nearly a third or more of their goods through Wal-Mart, argued HighJump's Heim, "so it's a huge customer to kiss off."

"We do think we're in the early adoption phase," Heim said. "But when the 800-pound gorilla says this is what we're going to do, you have to pay attention."

In business, name and logo say it all

By Candace Goforth Knight Ridder News Service

AKRON, Ohio — If a company's name and logo are its fashion statement, a lot of businesses are parading around in plaid pants and loud ties. Small startups and established corporations alike struggle to get noticed. The challenge is to find the edge between catching a prospective customer's attention and looking like you're trying too hard — or not trying at all.

Marketing consultants insist it can be done, even by the most budget-challenged organizations, as long as you follow a few basic branding guidelines: Remember your audience, plan for the future and, in designing the logo, keep it simple.

"Most of the time in conversation, how people say things is almost as important as what they say," said Michael Houseman, president and creative director of the Akron advertising and design firm Trendesign LLC. "That holds true for marketing, too."

Often, entrepreneurs aren't prepared or willing to devote scarce resources to marketing. They figure something to get them started — say, something picked together on a PC — they can make a bigger investment later.

But by that time, Houseman said, the company already will have made its first impression. And there's a good chance it won't be a good one.

Still, cash-strapped businesses may not have the luxury of making a large investment right away. But even if they can't afford an expensive advertising campaign, they don't have to settle for something amateurish, Houseman said.

The secret to an inexpensive but effective logo is simplicity. "Nobody ever got in trouble speaking simply," Houseman said. "People get in trouble when they try to speak over their heads."

Using flowery typefaces and laboring to execute something really trying is generally not a very good idea. You want to project a professional image.

He encourages do-it-yourself designers to keep their personal taste out of the designing process as much as possible.

"If you love something, there's a real good possibility that someone out there really hates it," Houseman said. "Go to the middle of the road, and don't let the message get cluttered by the visuals."

Houseman said simplicity should be a guiding principal for anyone designing a logo — and that includes professionals.

"This is all about communication," he said. "It's not art."

Perhaps not. But it is a creative expression of a company's identity.

For that reason, a professional designer is often better equipped to help develop an image that speaks to an organization's target audience, said Bob Pika, president of the Advertising Federation of Greater Akron.

Tony Ciccarelli recently worked with Pika's advertising firm, All About Promotions, to create a logo for his new venture, Triad Mortgage Group LLC.

"This isn't something you throw together in 10 minutes," said Ciccarelli, who ran two other mortgage firms before launching Triad. "It's like naming your kid. It's something that will be with you forever."

That's all the more reason to

choose a name and logo that will retain its relevance even as the company evolves, said Jack DeLeo, president and CEO of Hitchcock Fleming and Associates.

He said organizations should avoid trendy graphics that might lose their appeal in 10 years.

A minimalist, straightforward approach might be best for logos, particularly the homemade variety.

But the process of naming a company calls for absolute freedom from restraint, said Daniel Altman, creative director for A Hundred Monkeys, a naming company based in Mill Valley, Calif.

Altman said the most effective names are the ones that reflect the personalities of the business and its people — even if they don't describe exactly what the company does.

Some marketing experts advise companies to play it safe and consider every possible negative connotation for a name before they choose it.

Altman comes from a different perspective. Too often, he said, naming processes become political, and companies end up with names that are sanitized, boring and meaningless.

A name has to be interesting, but certainly some degree of consideration is necessary.

Hitchcock Fleming & Associates' DeLeo warned that business owners should choose names that will cross borders if the organization ever has the good fortune to trade on the global market.

General Motors learned that lesson the hard way. In October, the automaker announced it would change the name of the future Buick model LaCrosse in Canada because the word "La" is a Quebec slang term for masturbation.

The reasons behind most name changes aren't that dramatic.

Sometimes, mature companies find their image simply less than they want for their business. In some cases, rebranding accommodates a company's shift in focus or products. In others, the market itself forces a change.

In October, Canton, Ohio-based Royal Estate Management Corp. announced it changed its name to REM Commercial and redesigned its logo.

For years, the company has been known by its initials. But, according to a statement from REM president Charles Webster, the official name change reflects that the company offers a range of services beyond just the real estate management referenced in the old name.

In other cases, companies change their image to differentiate themselves from the competition.

Carter Lumber, under pressure from the home-improvement behemoths Lowe's and Home Depot, altered its name and logo to appeal directly to its customers.

Working with DeLeo's Hitchcock Fleming and Associates, the Kent, Ohio company rebranded itself "The Yard," a reference to the phrase builders often use on the job site.

The term, used for any building materials store, is a throwback to the time when carpenters retrieved their wood from a lumber yard, DeLeo said.

"The yard," he said, "is what you go to get some lumber." DeLeo said. "(The name) 'The Yard' almost has more recognition now than Carter Lumber."

Canada will likely reject lumber deal with U.S.

TORONTO (AP) — Canada appeared poised Friday to reject an American proposal to end a long-standing softwood lumber dispute.

Canadian trade minister Jim Peterson plans to inform his U.S. counterparts Monday that the provincial governments will not sign-off on the deal, which had aimed to resolve a trade disagreement, his spokesman said.

Last year, the United States imposed stiff duties on softwood

imports from four Canadian provinces after accusing Canada of subsidizing the industry. Canada called the duties unwarranted and protested to the World Trade Organization and a NAFTA dispute panel.

In December, the U.S. Commerce Department proposed giving Canadian lumber duty-free access to 31.5 percent of the U.S. softwood market — down from about 34 percent currently — with stiff tariffs on shipments above that level.

The plan was met with skepticism, since the quota would be split among the provinces, and Eastern Canadian producers fear the proposed cap would disproportionately hurt them.

Canadian companies also have complained that they would get back only 52 percent of the money paid in duties averaging 27 percent imposed in May 2002, with the rest distributed among

American companies.

Ministerial spokesman Andre Lemay told The Associated Press that the provinces of Alberta and Quebec were especially unhappy.

"The best option would be a negotiated settlement. Until we get that the litigation will continue at the WTO and NAFTA," Lemay said.

In December, the World Trade Organization criticized the U.S. duties.

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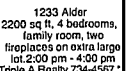
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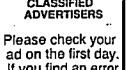
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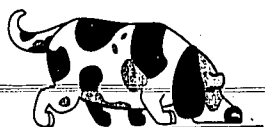
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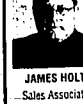

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 ● \$124,900 ● Shoshone ● MLS#108074 3 bedrooms, 2 baths Romy country home, view, wildlife Louisa Harris 280-0822 Realtor related	 ● \$124,900 ● Twin Falls ● MLS#108191 3 bedrooms, 2 baths Deck, hot tub, vaulted ceilings Call James ● 404-9337 or 423-6160	 ● \$128,900 ● Twin Falls ● MLS#108666 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths 1991 sq. ft. Master suite, family room Nora Kent 731-6332	 ● \$129,900 ● Twin Falls ● MLS#108985 4 bedrooms, 2 baths New home in NE area of Twin Falls Diana Droman 737-3916 or 420-1810	 ● \$129,900 ● Twin Falls ● MLS#108687 5 bedrooms, 2 baths 2,016 sq. ft. Close to Sawtooth Nora Kent 731-6332

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KIMBERLY-female roommate wanted to share home. \$300 mo. Includes bdrm., walk-in closet, meals, telephone wiring, distance, all utilities. Will share master bathroom. No alcohol/drugs. Call Teresa 208-423-0996.

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TWIN FALLS OLD TOWNE LODGE Clean & quiet room. Microwave & ref. HBO Laundry. No pets. \$110-\$125 weekly. 242 2nd Ave. W. 733-5630.

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HAGERMAN Commercial Office Space. Available Now! 600 square foot office space for rent in the Frost Landing Complex in Hagerman. Suitable for, but not limited to medical specialists or chiropractors. \$575 month, utilities included will be remitted to suite. 807-6272 Ask for Kent.

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Buhl, female roommate wanted for conservative, no smoking, no alcohol, no parties, smoking ok. Please call 543-9941.

ROOMATE wanted \$200/month + utilities company. 208-421-0064.

TWIN FALLS Close to CSI, furnished room, includes utilities, male students, no smoking, no parties. \$250. Call 208-733-8627.

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TWIN FALLS 156 Main Avenue. Now available @ \$1000/mo. Hallows Property Mgmt. 734-4334. twinfallsrentals.com

TWIN FALLS Location, Location Shoshone St., Falls Ave., Kimberly Rd. Various Sizes Hallows Property Mgmt. 734-4334. twinfallsrentals.com

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50 LEGALS

assigned to Cincinnatian Mortgage Company, via assignment recorded 2/18/2003; under instrument No. 2003-004250, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grants are named to comply with section 45-1102(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Defaulter for which this sale is to be made is the party to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 10/23/2002. The monthly payments for Principal, interest and Impounds (if applicable) is \$466.81, due per month from 6/28/2003, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust and Note is \$45,800.00. Accrued interest at the rate of 8.94% per annum from 5/28/2003. All delinquent amounts are now due together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and past due taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fee, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trustee to sell to satisfy said obligation. Dated: December 23, 2003 By: First American Title Insurance Company, as Successor Trustee By: Dana Lindor, Trustee. Suite Office ASAP#572879

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Your pass was reasonable — particularly since partner might reopen with a takeout double if you have managed to pass smoothly. However, if you do bid, the three-no-trump call looks more attractive than doubling since the most likely game is no-trump. Your diamond holding certainly looks attractive for that call.

Dear Mr. Wolff: When if ever is it sensible to overcall with a four-card suit, or must one always have a five-card or longer suit to overcall with?

ANSWER: I would happily bid two hearts with your hand. Even if your RHO has five hearts, you can deal with a bad split comfortably enough. When you pass, then it backs in with your RHO's suit, it is always natural. If you had a take-out hand or a two-suiter, you would surely have acted already, so the natural interpretation is all that is left.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I noticed an opponent with his convention card marked SPIT. He told me that stood for Suit Preference in Trumps. Is this a popular method of carding?

ANSWER: You normally do not need to signal attitude or length in trumps to partner. But you can use trump suit preference to help partner visualize the strength you hold in the plain suits. Accordingly, this method is fast becoming the norm at the expert level, though I would recommend it as an optional extra in your signaling, rather than as an essential.

Dear Mr. Wolff: When my partner passed and the next hand opened with a pre-empt of three diamonds, I held A-K-Q, J-10-2, K-B, A-Q-K-3 and had to guess whether to double, pass or bid three no-trump. I guessed to pass, and we missed a game. Was it clear to have bid on my hand, or was I unlucky?

Dear Mr. Wolff: I held a hand where I was unsure how to advance the auction. After my LHO opened one diamond, my partner bid two clubs, my RHO tried two diamonds, and I held A-Q-7-4, J, J-9-7-5-2, J-7, A-Q-3. What was I supposed to do now? I chose to raise clubs rather than bid a major. Was that out of line?

ANSWER: I agree that bidding either major looks wrong; the hearts are too weak, the spades too short. But I believe you should be able to double to show both unbid suits here. It is almost impossible to double the opponents for penalties these days, when they have bid and supported a suit!

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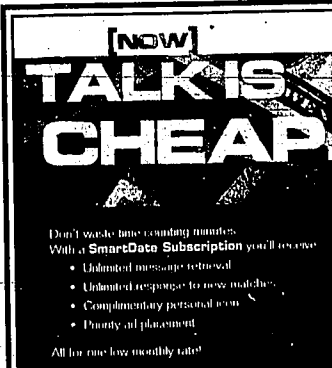
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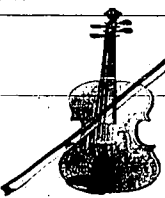
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Section E

Deals you just can't do without

I love to shop. I come by it honestly. I have a mother who once bought a supersized bargain pack of Randy Travis compact disks - and she doesn't even have a CD player.

"They sounded so good, and the young man who sold them to me was so nice," she told me. "And they were marked down!"

Sales clerks love my mother. Any day now, I expect to receive a shipment of stuff she bought for me at after-Christmas sales.

Through the years, Mom's gift-giving style has gone through stages. For a while, she would mail us Christmas presents and that made it impossible to keep the gifts a secret. So she would call and tell us what was in every package she had sent.

As time went by, she began to forget what she had bought. Not so much because she was getting older.

But rather, because she was buying the stuff too early. One year, she wrapped the presents so far in advance that, by the time December rolled around, most of the tape had fallen off the packages.

Those were the years when we would get surprise Christmas gifts from Mom, and she would wait to hear what she had gotten us.

This Christmas, Mom added a new twist to her gift-giving. She sent us all identical gift boxes, all wrapped in the same paper, with no name tags on any of them.

When I asked her about this, she said she sent cards with them and didn't have time to fool with tags.

"But the cards aren't attached to the presents," I told her. "So we don't know who is supposed to open what."

"Well," she replied, "you just open the one with the biggest and Steve can open the one with the sweatshirt and cologne and..."

We ended up playing musical boxes grab bag, and it was kind of fun.

At least it's Mom's type of fun. She opened all of the gifts we sent to her as soon as she received them, and then she wrapped them back up again to take to her sister's house so she could re-open them on Christmas morning.

Whatever else my mother may be, no one can say she's set in her ways.

Somehow, she keeps us all in line, and affects all of our lives with her buying practices - and her unwillingness to get rid of anything she has ever owned.

Denise Turner

The physics of slippery

Why Magic Valley is a treacherous place to drive in winter

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - He's a roads scholar, but the physics of winter driving baffle even Dave Jones occasionally.

"If I'm driving on surfaces that are slick, or might be slick, I test them when I first start out," said Jones, the Idaho Transportation Department's Boise-based highways maintenance chief - and perhaps the state's leading authority on slippery streets and roads.

"Sometimes I'm surprised at how long it takes me to come to a stop, but I always try to know that by the time I get on a highway."

Jones drives a fair percentage of the 14,000 miles of state highways every winter, and he sees his share of lousy bad-weather driving - much of it, he conjectures, simple ignorance of what happens when a heavy, fast-moving object tries to navigate an icy swath of concrete or asphalt.

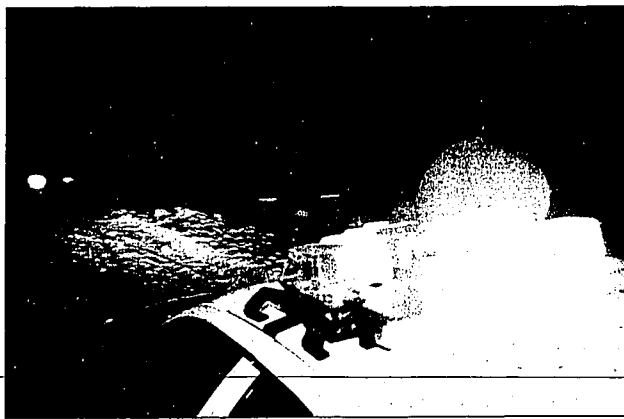
"On a highway in the winter-time, things are not always what they seem," Jones said. "And nowhere more so than in south-central Idaho, where the elevation soars from 3,000 to 10,000 feet. Weather conditions change fast during the winter months, and not all of the Magic and Wood River valleys' drivers know how to handle that."

For that reason, the Idaho Transportation Department's District 4 - which includes south-central Idaho - consistently ranks near the top statewide in the percentage of accidents that occur on snow, slush or ice. For the five-year period that ended on Dec. 31, 2002, 27 percent of all crashes on the Magic and Wood River valleys happened on slick roads; in Idaho as a whole during the same period, the percentage was 16 percent.

In Region 4, your chances of being killed in an accident on a slippery road were the highest in the state between 1998 and 2002, 12 percent of all road fatalities here happened under such conditions. Statewide, it was 9 percent.

For that, you can blame excessive speed - encouraged by the wide-open stretches of Interstate 84, U.S. Highway 93 and Idaho Highway 75.

"The root of most winter-driving accidents is speed," said Capt. Dave Neal, who commands the



Idaho State Police investigate an accident that involved an 18-wheel truck that slid off the road on U.S. Highway 93 near Shoshone Tuesday night.

The capital of slide

Year	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	5-year totals
Percent of crashes on snow, slush or ice in Magic/Wood River valleys	27	27	27	27	27	27
Fatal crashes	7%	12%	14%	17%	9%	12%
Fatalities	7%	13%	12%	16%	12%	12%
Injury crashes	10%	15%	13%	17%	15%	14%
Property damage only	12%	17%	20%	24%	20%	19%
Total crashes	11%	16%	17%	21%	18%	17%

Year	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	5-year-olds
% of crashes on snow, slush or ice in Idaho, 1998-2002	16	16	16	16	16	16
Fatal crashes	8%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
Fatalities	7%	10%	8%	9%	11%	9%
Injury crashes	10%	12%	13%	15%	13%	13%
Property damage only	14%	16%	19%	22%	18%	18%
Total crashes	13%	15%	17%	20%	16%	16%

- Source: Idaho Transportation Department

Idaho State Police in south-central Idaho.

Lots of locals drive SUVs with 4-wheel drive and snow tires, Neal observes, and believe that makes them invulnerable to snow and ice.

"It's as easy to get into an accident in an SUV during the winter as in any other kind of vehicle," he said.

Take an apparently ice-free stretch of highway on a clear winter's day.

"Say the thermometer says it's 38 degrees," Jones explained. "That's the air temperature. Depending on the time of day and other weather conditions, the surface temperature of the pavement may be much colder. That's when

you find black ice."

And when the ice is clearly visible?

"Sand on a highway will help you accelerate," Jones said. "It won't do a thing to help you stop."

The Idaho Transportation Department spreads a mixture of sand and salt on most of the state's highways - "except places like Island Park and Lolo Pass; it's just too open and cold and there's too much snow for salt to make much of a difference up there," Jones says - and that salt contributes to melting snow.

"But all salt or any other ice-melting compound does is lower the freezing point of water," he said. "It doesn't do a thing about the snow that falls on top of it or

that's blowing across the highway."

And contrary to conventional wisdom, heavy traffic over a snow-covered road doesn't make it any less slick.

"It probably makes it more slick because it packs down the ice," Jones said.

Idaho's highways are engineered to keep blowing snow off the road, but highway engineers can't do much to make that snow melt faster, he said.

"There are so many variables," Jones said. "Including the material that the road is built on." In theory, the greater the surface area of your tires in contact with the pavement, the more traction and the better your ability

Anatomy of a skid

A skid happens when the force being applied to a tire during acceleration, cornering and braking exceeds the tire's traction. The vehicle loses control of speed and direction. Correcting a skid requires that you regain control of both before your vehicle starts sliding sideways.

Once your car becomes perpendicular to the direction you were traveling, it's almost impossible to recover. You'll need to work quickly and decisively to take control of a skid before this happens. Don't stomp on the brakes - you'll only make it worse. Instead, steer into the skid while letting up on the accelerator to regain control.

Make sure you know what will happen when you hit your brakes in a panic stop. With anti-lock brakes (ABS), remember to apply constant, firm pressure to the pedal. During an emergency stop, push the brake pedal all the way to the floor. If necessary, even in wet or icy conditions, if you don't have anti-lock brakes, pump the brake pedal to avoid wheel lock-up.

- Source: AT&T

safety accelerate, decelerate and corner. But the physics of rubber at high speed and temperature isn't strictly Newtonian; it just depends.

Vehicle tire design - and snow tires are made of softer, more pliable material than regular tires - tries to maximize traction by removing water, snow and mud from the tread. Still, you can't depend on friction to stop your car on a snowy road.

And that applies even if your rig is a 4-wheel drive. A 4-wheel drive vehicle does much better at accelerating in slippery conditions, but it doesn't help much when you have to stop or turn.

So even if you're equipped with anti-lock brakes, traction control and 4-wheel drive, it's still the tires that do the work when the rubber meets the road.

The bottom line, according to Neal, respect ice. "There's no way even the best equipment will compensate for too much speed on a slippery road," he said.

And when in doubt, Jones advises, slow down.

"What you don't know about the surface of a highway can hurt you."

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'Boys vs. Girls' gives fresh look to 'Trading Spaces'

The Washington Post

Jennifer Schofield looked around her bedroom and gasped. The 13-year-old's face reddened and tears welled in her eyes.

In a room next door, adults clustered around a television monitor and watched Jennifer's reaction in stunned silence.

"She's crying," someone finally said. The group (designers, carpenters and television producers) had just helped a couple of Jennifer's friends redecorate her room.

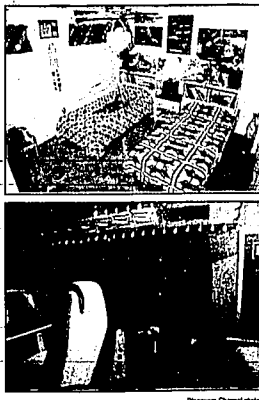
They had spent two days in Jennifer's house, in Hatfield, Pa. (about 30 miles northwest of Philadelphia), filming an episode of "Kids Trading Spaces: Boys vs. Girls." It's a spin-off of the adult "Trading Spaces" show, in which neighbors swap homes for 48 hours and redo rooms with the help of decorators and a \$1,000 budget.

The adult version occasionally shows people sobbing over horrible makeover. The kids' version, however, is supposed to be all about delight and never about dismay. With an unlimited budget, the show creates fabulous rooms with spinning disco balls or shiny basketball-court floors.

So why was Jennifer crying?

Her bedroom now had a boardwalk, a cotton candy machine, a smoothie maker, a dart game, a bed made from part of a real wooden boat, and walls painted sky blue, dotted with cheerful white clouds.

Denise Turner



Akhil Korrapati's room was transformed from a traditional boy's space, above, into the inside of a spaceship.

really like a room with an outer space theme.

Having the "Kids Trading Spaces" crew move in for a weekend is like being invited by an army from outer space. The crew came in trucks, taped down heavy paper to protect the floors and carried in cameras and equipment. Crew members wore nose rings and funky T-shirts yelled things such as "Quiet on the set." To loosen up Michael and Akhil for the filming, designer Ruderman had them copy her as she did crazy karate moves and yelled nonsense words. "OK, now repeat after me: SHEEEEE-AYE-UN-DAY!"

When Michael squirmed a bit of spray-on glue, Ruderman grabbed it and told him to "be a little less precious about it, like this!"

"So, Akhil," began the show's perky host,

Diane Mizota, as the cameras rolled. "Getting nervous about seeing your room?"

"I think I'll really be amazed," Akhil said, "cause they really understand what I want."

Carpentry, he told her, has been his favorite part of the show, so far. She asked about his least favorite:

"How we have to do things over and over so often," he said. (They shoot 25 hours of film - all for a 30-minute show.)

The cameras stopped rolling and Michael and Akhil relaxed. But then, because of a problem with the lighting; they had to film the whole thing again.

"So, Akhil," Mizota said once again. "Getting nervous about seeing your room?" Akhil's room was coming along. It was supposed to look like the inside of a spaceship. A big mural of Earth (taken off the NASA Web site) gave you the feeling of floating in space, looking back at the home planet. The desk had a spaceplike instrument panel and a big, white swivel chair (found at a boating supply store).

The design crew looked a little tense, but Jennifer and her sister seemed calm. They had been gluing little boxes and buttons onto the doors, to make them look like instrument panels.

"Akhil will be surprised. He thinks it's gonna be a room with planets on the wall," Jennifer said, looking happy-but-tired. They had spent the day before hammering and sewing.

When Akhil finally saw his room, he was thrilled. "Cool. Look at this chair!"

"Turns out, Jennifer loved her new room. Those were a teensy napkins," she murmured, touching all the surfaces in her new "boardwalk bedroom" and trying out the carnival-style throw-the-ball-at-the-milk-bottles stand.

"I was, like, totally surprised," she said after the cameras were turned off. "It's 100 times better than what I thought it would be."

The designers were relieved and proud. For the moment, catching tears of joy on camera is like hitting a grand slam home run.

"Wow," Ruderman said. "I've never had a crier!"

SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS OF

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 - When Bazooka first introduced its gum, it was called Atom Bubble Gum.
 - Johnny Depp, Picasso, King Arthur and Shakespeare have all appeared in Bazooka Joe comics.
 - Peanut butter will remove bubble gum from the hair. So will mayonnaise.
 - To remove gum from clothing, apply ice cube to the spot to harden gum, then scrape off.
 - According to lore, Bazooka Joe's eye patch originally was a takeoff on the poppy eye Highway shirt advertisements of the '50s.
 - To blow huggable bubbles, pop several wads of gum and chew several minutes until the sugar is consumed. Sugar isn't elastic, so it will cause your bubble to pop before reaching maximum.
- Source: America's Original Dubble Bubble and Bazooka Bubble Gum; South Florida Sun-Sentinel

FAMILY LIFE

SENIOR CALENDAR

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl

Menus:
Monday: Chicken dinner (all you can eat), \$4.50 for those under 60, music by the Last Resort Band
Tuesday: Chili, baby carrots, crackers, salad, pudding
Wednesday: Lemon-pepper cod, au gratin potatoes, corn, salad, rolls, dessert
Thursday: Cook's choice
Friday: Lasagna, green salad, green beans, garlic bread, cobbler
Saturday: Community breakfast, 8-10 a.m. (\$4 for all year can eat)

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Wednesday: Crafts, 1-4 p.m.
Thursday: Bingo, 7-9 p.m.
Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Saturday: Blood pressure check, 11:45 a.m.
Sunday: Quilting, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St.
Dinners served at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals are available each mealtime.

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E.
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.

Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc.
310 Main St. N., Kimberly

Menus:
Monday: Chicken patties, parley potatoes, peas, tossed green salad, biscuit, apple cobbler, coffee, milk
Tuesday: Taco salad, chips, salsa, fruit salad, cookies, pudding, coffee, milk
Wednesday: Oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, mashed potatoes, tossed green salad, milk, cake, ice cream, coffee, milk

Activities:
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Friday: BJ & Friends, noon
Foot clinic (56)
Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens
308 Senior Ave.

All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.

Menus:
Monday: Lemon-pepper cod, au gratin potatoes, stewed tomatoes, broccoli salad, bread, cookies
Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian vegetables, green salad, garlic bread, custard
Wednesday: Tuna casserole, broccoli, fruit salad, bread, brownies
Thursday: Roast beef, new potatoes and gravy, cauliflower, Jell-O with fruit, rolls, peach crisp

Activities:
Today: Median train, 2 p.m.
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Pinocle, 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Potluck, 5 p.m.
Thursday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Friday: SCCA, 9:15 p.m.
Saturday: Pool, 1 p.m.
Sunday: Pinocle, 1:30 p.m.
Monday: Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Messages, 10:40 a.m.
Thursday: Board meeting, 1 p.m.
Friday: Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.

Thursday: Quilting and sewing, 9 a.m.
Pool, 9:30 a.m.
SHIBA, 11 a.m.
Annual membership meeting, 11:45 a.m.
Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m.
TOPS, 4 p.m.
Pinocle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.
Hand/foot clinic, 1 p.m.
Bowling, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 6 p.m.

Hageman Senior Center
140 E. Lake

Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Lunch is served at noon and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2.

Menus:
Monday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy
Tuesday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy
Wednesday: Fish with lemon wedges and scalloped potatoes

Silver and Gold Senior Center
Eden

Suggested donations for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Mondays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.

Shoshone Senior Center
218 N. Rail St. W.

Menus:
Tuesday: Beef and noodles, diced tomatoes, cheryl and peanut butter, pecanose salad, cookies
Thursday: Liver and onions, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, mixed fruit, rolls, cake

Richfield Senior Center

Menus:
Monday: Orange juice, chicken breast strips, buttered carrots, tossed green salad, french fries, apricot cobbler, milk, coffee
Tuesday: Orange juice, split-pea soup, baked cheese sandwiches, carrot/raisin salad, peach pie, milk, coffee

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Hailey

Menus:
Tuesday: Oven-baked beef stew, biscuits, deviled eggs, pear/cottage cheese salad, pumpkin-raisin bread pudding
Wednesday: Chicken pot pie, biscuits, umbrasia, broccoli spears, cream beans
Friday: Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, green salad, congealed 7-Up salad, carrot cake.

Activities:
Monday: Dinner and a movie, 4 p.m.
Tuesday: Massage, 10 a.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 1:30 p.m.
Thursday: Board meeting, 9:30 a.m.
Friday: Health Watch: Mark Bork, 12:30 p.m.
Saturday: Trip to Jackpot, 9 a.m.

Three Island Senior Center
492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry

Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, beverages with meals. Rides are available by phoning the center at 366-2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.

iors, \$5 for non-seniors under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Menus:
Monday: Chicken stew, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, cookies
Tuesday: Liver and onions or chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, oranges
Thursday: Ham loaf, potatoes au gratin, green beans, bread pudding

Activities:
Monday: Membership committee meeting, 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 1 p.m.
Crafts, 5-8 p.m.
Wednesday: Bingo
Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.

Camas County Senior Center
127 E. Willow, Fairfield

Noon meals are served Tuesdays,

Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9-2 on meal days. The cost of the meal for non-seniors is \$3.50, children under 10 are \$2.00. The suggested donation for those 60 years of age and older is \$2.50.

Menus:
Tuesday: Tomato soup, meat sandwiches, vegetables, fruit, cookies
Wednesday: Chicken-fried steak patty on a bun, potato salad, vegetables, fruit
Friday: Baked chicken, angel-hair pasta, carrots, rolls, salad, fruit crisp

Activities:
Monday: Art class, 9 a.m.
Tuesday: Weight-loss group, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Craft class, 1-3 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 1-3 p.m.
Friday: Pool, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Quilting, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center
702 11th St., Rupert

Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Menus:
Monday: Assorted salad, fish-burgers, french fries, carrots, ice cream
Tuesday: Tossed green salad, chicken and rice with gravy, vegetables, fruit, Jell-O
Wednesday: Coleslaw, chili, cornbread, fruit bowls, cinnamon

rolls
Thursday: Fruit salad, baked ham, sweet potatoes, vegetables, rolls, sherbet, also...
Potluck, 6:30 p.m. (bring your favorite dish and table service)
Friday: Smorgasbord

Activities:
Today: Trip to Jackpot, 10 a.m. (\$10 per person)
Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
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Generic Drugs: Are They Really the Same?

You're standing in line at the pharmacy, waiting for your prescription to be filled, when the pharmacist asks if you would prefer the generic or the brand name. You hesitate. You've heard that generic drugs are not as good as the brand names, but you're not sure. Should you be worried?

they cost less? One of the main reasons can be attributed to the fewer investment costs required in making generic drugs. When developing a new drug, a company must purchase a patent to protect its investment. The patent gives the company the sole rights to the drug, including all research, development, marketing, promotion and selling of it.

different. Trademark laws in the United States do not permit them to look exactly like their brand-name counterparts. Colors, flavors and other inactive ingredients may differ. Although they may look different, generic drugs will work in exactly the same way and in exactly the same amount of time as the brand-name versions.


Contrary to what you might have heard, generic drugs are identical to their brand names. The dosage, strength, quality, performance and intended use are all the same. And yes, a generic drug is as safe as a brand name. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requires that all drugs on the market be safe and effective, and since generic drugs use the exact same ingredients, they are just as safe as their brand-name counterparts. So if generic drugs are identical to their brand-name counterparts, why do

When the patent nears expiration, other companies can apply to the FDA to make and sell the drug. Because they don't have to buy the patent or pay as much to develop and market the drug, they can sell their generic versions of the drug at a substantially lower price. Competition among companies keeps the cost of the drug down.

Most patents last for about 17 years. Even though they may have the same active ingredients as the brand-name version, generic versions often look

Today almost half of all prescriptions are filled with generic drugs. As patents expire, more and more drug companies jump onto the bandwagon, each making their own generic version of the brand-name drug and dropping the price of it even further. With the senior population expected to increase to 70 million by the year 2030, that's good news.

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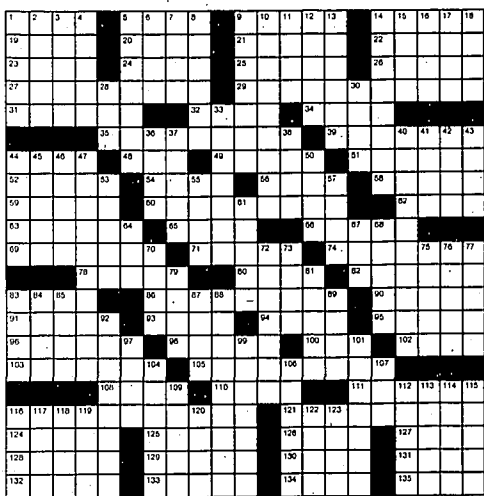
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FEED THE BIRDS

Food should be number one priority for your pet bird



THE BOND
Marty Becker

The most important thing you can do to keep your companion bird healthy and content is to feed it right. In fact, proper feeding takes priority over all other aspects of avian care.

But the vast amount of nutritional information available to the pet bird owner today — through the Internet, pet shops, commercial advertisements, or other bird owners — can be conflicting, contradictory or even completely inaccurate. At the very least, it can be confusing, which makes it difficult to make the right decisions when it comes to your bird's health.

For centuries, it has been traditional for people to feed seeds to wild birds at backyard feeders. So when birds started to become popular as pets, this seemed to be the logical food, right? Well, no, according to well-known avian veterinarian, Greg Harrison from Green Acres, Fla., who is board-certified in Avian Practice in both the United States and Europe. Harrison says a diet of seeds alone lacks up to 32 essential nutrients, leading to malnutrition in captive birds. And malnutrition is the leading cause of over 90 percent of health problems and death in pet birds — 90 percent!

Malnutrition involves all of the systems of the body and is seen as: abnormalities in body weight and shape; unusual appearances of feathers, nails, beak and skin; undesirable behavior; and disturbances in all the systems of the body. Nutritional deficiencies appear to accelerate the aging process of birds, primarily through the loss of moisture and tissue elasticity.

Often the signs of malnutrition in pet birds go completely overlooked by the owner simply because they are not recognized as such. Healthy, properly fed birds will exhibit certain features. The ideal pet bird is beautiful and brightly colored with sleek-looking feathers. Healthy birds tend to sing, play, talk and be active. They are also affectionate with family members.

Signs of a healthy bird according to Harrison, author of the "Avian Veterinary Compendium":

- The bird has a proper ratio of muscle, bone and fat.
- The beak is smooth and shiny without signs of peeling.
- The nares (nostrils) are clean and free of accumulations.
- The bird stands erect and alert on the perch.
- The respiration is smooth and even with no sounds of wheezing.
- The droppings are moist, the urine is clear and the urates are white.
- The feathers fit together like a garment there are no bald spots, no picked feathers, and no tattered, broken or abnormally colored feathers.

The feet grip the perch strongly and evenly. The bottoms of the feet show a definite pattern they are not smooth; nor do they show pressure points.

- The nails are the proper length.
- The skin on the legs and face is glistening, smooth, and soft with no signs of flaking.
- There is no sign of swelling or bleeding on the body.
- The bird is calm and does not bite, scream, or behave in an aggressive manner.

Avian veterinarians have known for years that birds' diet cannot be improved by home cooking, offering table foods or adding supplements to a basic seed mixture (even if the seeds

are deficient in nutrients. According to Harrison, choosing a formulated diet made with organic ingredients has the added benefit of eliminating chemical pesticides and other additives that are potentially toxic to birds.

But it does take some patience and a few techniques to get your bird to eat a formulated diet if it's accustomed to seeing only seeds in its food bowl. The following are some tips to try:

Vitamin C and guinea pigs

Guinea Pigs, also called Cavia, come from South America and they are rodents, not pigs. Guinea pigs are one of the few species that don't have the ability to synthesize their own Vitamin C.

Most species can synthesize Vitamin C from other compounds in their food. Vitamin C is not stored in the body so they need a continuous supply in their food. Inadequate amounts of this vital compound can make the Guinea Pig very sick or even kill it. The Vitamin C that is in pet foods will deteriorate with storage time. It is safer to assume that they are not getting any Vitamin C from their commercial food and to give daily supplements in their water or by feeding high Vitamin C containing foods.

Foods that contain high levels of Vitamin C include leafy greens like kale, parsley and spinach; leafy peppers, broccoli, tomatoes, kiwi fruit and oranges.

are "vitamin-fortified" colored or pressed into cakes). Commonly fed cereal grains like sunflower, millet, oats, safflower, and corn are deficient in the basic requirements necessary to keep pet birds healthy. The only alternative that actually reverses and corrects signs of malnutrition is a high quality extruded bird food that is specifically formulated for a parrot or parakeet.

Although it is an effective bonding technique with family members, feeding the bird from the table is not a good idea. Birds should not be fed "people food" like meat, chicken bones, potato chips, pizza, pasta, chocolate or beans. Foods like these often contain excess fats, salt, caffeine, MSG, refined sugar and refined white flours. Behavioral problems may also be associated with the routine offering of these foods.

Fun shapes and fancy colored pellets are part of an effective selling strategy used by some pet food companies to appeal to the pet owner, but it has been proven that these features don't mean much to the birds themselves. Because birds eat what they are taught to eat early in life, birds trained to eat colored kibbles and flavored pieces are at a disadvantage since most of these diets are made from milled white flours and other cereal by-products that

are deficient in nutrients. According to Harrison, choosing a formulated diet made with organic ingredients has the added benefit of eliminating chemical pesticides and other additives that are potentially toxic to birds.

But it does take some patience and a few techniques to get your bird to eat a formulated diet if it's accustomed to seeing only seeds in its food bowl. The following are some tips to try:

- Weigh the bird periodically on a gram scale.
- Start by mixing half familiar seeds and half the new formulated diet in the food bowl. Over time, gradually increase the proportion of the formulated diet.
- Place a bowl of the new food near the highest perch. Most birds will eat from the highest bowl first.
- Let your bird see another bird eating the nuggets ("birdie see, birdie do").
- Offer the new food at the same time that the bird is placed in a new cage or box without toys or perches.
- For budgies, try placing a mirror on the bottom of the cage and place the new food on the mirror. The budgie will try to get to the food before this "stranger" in the mirror. Before your "know" it, the bird is eating the food.
- Pour a small amount of fruit juice over the formulated diet.

If all else fails, you might want to board your bird at your veterinary clinic for the diet conversion. Most birds switch to a new diet quickly when removed from the "comfort" of home. This also removes stress from owners who are nervous about trying to do it themselves.

Feeding a high quality formulated diet and maintaining an ongoing relationship with an avian veterinarian will help ensure a long and healthy life for your bird.

An online list of avian veterinarians in your area can be found at www.av.org or to find out more information about the bird food most vets feed their own birds, contact www.harrisonbirdfoods.com.

Former Twin Falls veterinarian Marty Becker is the coauthor of the new book "Chicken Soup For The Horse Lover's Soul" and a popular veterinary contributor for ABC's "Good Morning America." Write to him at: c/o Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service, 790 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045.

Consequences get lost on tots

Q: I am expecting my third child in six months. I put up the baby's crib this week with the intention of teaching my 20-month-old "monkeys" to stay out of it. She has been sleeping in a child's bed for six months now, so I don't think she remembers the crib was once hers. In any case, my intuitions were correct — she is fascinated by it, and I haven't been able to keep her out of it. I have reprimanded her, popped her butt and even yelled, but she climbs right back in as soon as she can. I am afraid that I'll find her in bed with the baby. What would be a good discipline action in this situation, one that will convince her to obey Mommy's new rule?



PARENTING
John Rosemond

said, this is a losing battle. With this in mind, I'd take the crib down, and I wouldn't put it back up until you are ready to put the baby in it. By this time, your daughter will be 26 months old, and six months makes a huge difference at this stage of the child-rearing game.

If your daughter is still fascinated by the crib, then put a gate up at the door to the nursery. The one thing you definitely want to avoid is causing her to associate punishment with her new sibling.

A: You're fighting a losing battle here. As I point out in my book, "Making the Terrible Twos Terrific!" (Andrews McMeel, \$9.95), toddlers — especially those younger than 24 months — are generally unmoved by consequences: If you punish a 3-year-old for jumping on furniture, the 3-year-old will probably stop. The same punishment will not have a 20-month-old.

For that reason, discipline with this age child is primarily a matter of "containment" rather than correction. Child proofing — removing harmful and valuable items from the child's reach — is one example of a containment approach to toddler management.

Adding to your woes is the fact that your daughter does indeed "remember" that the crib was once hers. This memory consists not of images, however, but emotions.

The crib is associated with powerful feelings of comfort and security that are evoked whenever she climbs into it. That is going to override any punishment she receives as a consequence. As I

child follows you, just tell the child to go to his room until he calms down. Piling on consequences as you did in this situation only infuriates a child and quickly turns a molehill into a mountain. It also leads, rather inevitably, to the parent coming unraveled and screaming something absurd, like "All right! That's it! You're not going to heaven! That's right! I'm going to get there first and see to that!"

Let's go back to the beginning: Your son is losing the racing game. He starts to get upset. You should have simply said, "Excuse me, but I just remembered I have something important to do. Why don't you just keep playing by yourself?" and walked off. As it was, you turned one disruption off and turned an even bigger disruption on.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at Affirmative Parenting, 1020 East 86th Street, Suite 26B, Indianapolis, Ind. 46240 and at his Web site: <http://www.rosemond.com>

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GOOD SAM ORNAMENTS



The Twin Falls Bluebird Good Sam group made two ornaments for a Christmas tree from Idaho selected to decorate the Capitol in Washington, D.C. The wooden ornaments were in the shape of the state of Idaho with the Bluebird Good Sam emblem. The ornaments were made by Lola Barden with the help of the Good Sam group. The Christmas tree traveled through Twin Falls on its way to the U. S. Capitol.



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STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Erlaina Ann Dolleslager, daughter of Mary Susan and Nicholas Lee Dolleslager of Wendell, was born on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2003.
 Ethan Michael King, son of Ellana Marie Miller and James Ray King of Bliss, was born on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2003.
 Luis Manuel Galvan, son of Jaylene Laurene and Jesus Gonzalez Galvan of Buhl, was born on Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004.
 Morgan Alexa Lohnes, daughter of Regina Lee and Bruce Alan Lohnes of Eden, was born on Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004.

Kyra Isobel Minter, daughter of Jennifer Lynn and Chad Eric Minter of Twin Falls, was born on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004.
 Caleb Michael Richard, son of Jini Dawn and Michael Eugene Rinard of Twin Falls, was born on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004.
 Sydney Olivia-Christine Scherer, daughter of Catherine Jolene and Christopher Paul Scherer of Twin Falls, was born on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004.
 Trinity Reese Trvdy, daughter of Deana Larrain and Brook Henry Trvdy of Twin Falls, was born on Friday, Jan. 2, 2004.
 Luis Antonio Zagal, son of Rosa Celia and Juan Miguel Zagal of Twin Falls, was born on Friday, Jan. 2, 2004.

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to:
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Jan. 2, 2004.
 Alaina Ray Sherman, daughter of Ellene Lynn and Justin Ray Sherman of Filer, was born on Monday, Jan. 5, 2004.

Kiwanis elves deliver cheer to families

TWIN FALLS - The spirit of Christmas inspired members of the Twin Falls Kiwanis Club again this year, bringing many of their toys to the persona of elves.

Kiwanis members adopted more than 30 families this year. That's up from the 26 families referred by the Salvation Army and the South Central Community Action Agency that were helped last Christmas by club members.

Salvation Army Majors Ed and Ann Patterson gave out first names, clothing sizes and a special toy wish. Next year, they promise to provide each child's favorite color, as well, and that makes shopping for adopted families easy and fun, the club reported.

Last year, the Twin Falls High School Key Club, a youth arm of the Kiwanis, adopted a family of seven children and provided everything they could think of for their Christmas.

This year, the Key Club repeated that performance. This year's award for "above and beyond" must go to a Kiwanian's co-worker who heard



Photo courtesy of CHRISTAL VINCENT

Some of the items given by the Twin Falls Kiwanis Club to needy families this holiday.

of the project from a club member. She signed her gift tags with her "Secret Elf Number" so her identity is unknown, the club reported. The secret elf went to friends and neighbors of the family she adopted, asking for their help. She sent a pile of gaily

wrapped gifts that dwarfed a table and four chairs at the Turf Club Dec. 18, as well as large, unwrapped gifts. Her adopted family received everything they needed for their baby - even a new car seat.

SERVICE NEWS

Cannon is deployed with Marine Unit to Iraq

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Sean A. Cannon, a 1998 graduate of Elko High School, Elko, Nev., is on deployment while assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), home based in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Members of Cannon's unit recently completed operations in Iraq. The MEU conducted more than 300 patrols in southern Iraq, including 50 by the MEU's boat company. Cannon's unit also trained local police in the setup of security checkpoints, confiscated weapons and destroyed more than 2,000 rounds of ordinance, much of which was found near villages and playgrounds.

Warren returns from deployment on Iwo Jima

Marine Corps Cpl. Russell W. Warren, a 1995 graduate of Elko High School, Elko, Nev., has returned from an eight-month deployment embarked on board the USS Iwo Jima, while assigned

to the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), based in Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Warren was one of more than 4,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines who were deployed aboard the ships of the USS Iwo Jima Amphibious Ready Group. The deployment included training and real-world operations in Iraq and Liberia. Warren's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment.

Ceresa is promoted while serving at Naval command

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Jason L. Ceresa, son of Karen A. Casperson of Wendell, and Jeff L. Ceresa of Willits, Calif., was promoted to his current rank while serving at Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, Goose Creek, S.C.

Ceresa was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty. Ceresa is a 2001 graduate of

Willits High School of Willits, Calif., and joined the Navy in March 2003.

Reynaga-Garcia is on deployment with unit

Marine Corps Sgt. Versany G. Reynaga-Garcia, son of Nelida Garcia of Glens Ferry, is currently on deployment while assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, home based in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Members of Reynaga-Garcia's unit recently completed operations in Iraq and conducted more than 300 patrols in southern Iraq, including 50 by the unit's boat company.

Reynaga-Garcia's unit also trained local police in the setup of security checkpoints, confiscated weapons and destroyed more than 2,000 rounds of ordinance, much of which was found near villages and playgrounds.

Reynaga-Garcia is a 1999 graduate of Glens Ferry High School in Glens Ferry and joined the Marine Corps in April 2000.

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DONATIONS TO WOMEN'S SHELTER



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Left, Kris Graves of the Burley Soroptomists presents Dan Bristol of the Domestic Violence Task Force with a check for \$3,000 for the Mini-Casella women's shelter. According to Bristol, the donation is one of the largest single donations the Task Force has received toward the project. The Soroptomists also offered to help with any necessary hands-on work on the shelter. Volunteers are needed for the advocate program to help battered women. An advocate training program will be held in the area in the near future. To donate or volunteer, call Bristol at 878-3911. Right, Judy Fowler, president of the Minico Soroptomists, presents Dan Bristol with a check for \$1,000 for the women's shelter. Work on the shelter will begin soon, Bristol said. To donate telephones or other items take them to the Heyburn Police Department on the corner of 18th and J Streets in Heyburn.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CSI offers online YESOLOGY course

TWIN FALLS - The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer a new online class, "YESOLOGY." The workshop will feature open enrollment beginning Jan. 19 and will cost \$29.

YESOLOGY is a self-paced online study of the 35-year-old legendary progressive-rock band, YES, known for such hits as "Owner of a Lonely Heart." The creators of YESOLOGY, Gary Lauer of Twin Falls, and Alan Furley of Sydney, Australia, are two good friends and long-time YES enthusiasts.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

AARP schedules driver safety course

GOODING - Sharpen your driving skills with an AARP driver safety course from 8 a.m. to noon Jan. 19-20 at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave., Gooding. This class is open to anyone age

50 or older, and AARP membership is not required. Pre-registration is required. The class fee is \$10. Students must attend both sessions to receive a certificate of completion. Idaho law requires insurance companies to give a discount to those age 65 and older, with some companies granting the discounts at the age of 50.

To register or for more information, call Charles Siegel at 733-9680.

Gooding County Senior Citizens host bingo night

GOODING - The Gooding County Senior Citizens will host bingo at 6 p.m. on Fridays at the Gooding County Senior Citizens Center, 308 Senior Ave., Gooding. The public is welcome. For more information, call 934-5504.

Wendell resident celebrates 80th birthday

WENDELL - An open house to celebrate E.D. "Bud" Bitterli's 80th birthday will be held from 1



E.D. Bitterli

Bitterli was born on Jan. 19, 1924, in Filer and has lived in the Magic Valley all of his life.

For more information, call Ruth Bitterli at 455-0944.

Hagerman Masonic Lodge hosts wild-game dinner

HAGERMAN - The Hagerman Masonic Lodge will host its wild-game dinner from 5-7 p.m., Saturday at the American Legion Hall on State Street in Hagerman. The buffet will be prepared by Chef Kier Martin of the Snake River Grill. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from any

Hagerman Mason or at the door. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call Jim Norwood at 837-6320.

NARFE group hears about indigenous animals

TWIN FALLS - Local chapter 1959 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees will hold its monthly meeting at 11 a.m. Monday at the Leong Hing Restaurant, located at 1719 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

The speaker will be Carl Nellis, retired Idaho Fish and Game Department employee who will speak on indigenous animals in this area.

Free hormone replacement seminar will be held

GOODING - Kent Alexander and Marty Hoffman, pharmacy

educator of Dick's Pharmacy, will present a "Natural Hormone Replacement" seminar from 9:30 a.m. to noon Jan. 24 at Gooding City Hall, 308 5th Ave. West.

Dr. Marjorie A. Brockman of Brockman Family Chiropractic will host this free event geared to detail how hormone imbalance or decline, stress and nutrition can affect men and women's health.

There also will be information for women about perimenopause, menopause and men going through andropause.

Seating is limited. To reserve a seat or for more information, call 934-5000.

Gooding Senior Center holds election at meeting

GOODING - The annual membership meeting of the Gooding County Senior Citizens will be held at 11:45 a.m. Thursday at the Gooding County Senior Citizens Center, 308 Senior Ave., Gooding. There will be an election of board members. For more information, call 934-5504.

VFW discusses Memorial Day 2004 celebrations

RUPERT - The Andrew Moller Post, 2072, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America will hold a meeting at 8 p.m. Jan. 20 at the post located at 12th and D streets, Rupert. Memorial Day 2004 celebrations for the National World War II memorial in Washington, D.C. will be discussed.

For more information call Post Commander Emmett Olmsted at 436-2350 or e-mail thechief@rmdc.net.

Gooding seniors serve up chili feed at center

GOODING - The Gooding County Senior Citizens will host a chili feed at 6 p.m. Jan. 24 at the Gooding County Senior Citizens Center, 308 Senior Ave., Gooding. The cost is \$4 per person. Entertainment will be by the Old Time Fiddlers for dancing. The public is invited. For more information, call 934-5504.

BATTERY AND ASSAULT

Dead iPod makes music lover tackle Apple

The Washington Post

Casey Neistat is a 22-year-old multimedia artist who lives in New York City, so it almost goes without saying that he's got an iPod, and that he loves it, because what young, self-respecting multimedia artist in Lower Manhattan doesn't these days?

But his love was tested when his iPod went cold, and he could not bring it back to life. Neistat bought his iPod in early 2002, not long after Apple introduced it. He would usually listen to it on his daily bike ride to TB&Ca, where he and his brother, Van, 28, have a small studio and work together on films and other art projects, professionally calling themselves the Neistat Brothers.

In late October—after about 18 months of use—the rechargeable lithium-ion battery in Casey Neistat's iPod would no longer work.

So he went to Apple's terrific chic megastore in SoHo and asked to purchase a new battery. He was calm about it, and so were the clerks who dashed his hopes.

"I explained that it wasn't charging up anymore," Neistat recalls, "and they said, 'We don't offer a new battery. You should just buy a new iPod.'" This offended him on a lot of levels, mostly their assumption that he could simply plunk down several hundred dollars for a new one. Neistat told them he couldn't afford that. They shrugged him off, and so he went home and called Apple's technical-support-number—three times.

This is where the trouble started, and how, a month later, nearly 1 million Internet surfers (and counting) have come to know the Neistat Brothers as the makers of a two-minute, guerrilla-style film about deceit and revenge called "iPod's Dirty Secret."

In it, Casey Neistat calls Apple's tech support, presses 1 and explains his battery problem to someone named Ryan, a minion of the computer company. Like a doctor with zero bedside manner, Ryan quickly gets to the



Multimedia artists Van, left, and Casey Neistat mounted a guerrilla attack on Apple after the rechargeable battery in Casey's iPod died after 18 months and he discovered that the company didn't offer a replacement.

point: Since Neistat's iPod is past the year-long warranty, the cost of parts, labor and shipping will nearly equal the cost of a new machine, and so, Ryan suggests yet again, Neistat should probably just relax and buy a new iPod, which currently costs from \$299 to \$499, depending on the memory size.

As the voice of Ryan drones coldly on about the iPod's internal workings, we see the brothers getting busy against the Man. With the rap group N.W.A.'s song "Express Yourself" as a soundtrack, they make a large poster-board stencil that reads: "iPod's

Unreplaceable Battery Lasts Only 18 Months."

The Neistats' funky but wrathful movie (www.ipoddirtysecret.com) shows Casey merrily pranking a strolling around Manhattan, spray-painting dozens of Apple's pretty pastel iPod posters with his warning, which the brothers consider "a public service announcement" to counter Apple's current iPod advertising campaign.

(According to Apple, which recently shipped more than 300,000 iPods in time for holiday shopping sprees, there are about 1.4 million iPods in use world-

wide.) Within days, thousands of iPod owners had downloaded the movie and, somewhat horrified at the news, forwarded it around the world.

There is something both wonderfully renegade and depressing about "iPod's Dirty Secret." It provokes an ambivalent despair in iPod owners, many of whom had not yet considered the mortality of their new little electronic friend.

The Neistat Brothers, who swear by Apple products, the movie ends with a credit to Apple's iMovie software and the Macintosh computers on which the brothers work, say they feel a little cheated by the company in which they'd placed so much faith. Days after the movie made the rounds, Apple announced expanded warranties for new iPod owners to purchase for \$59, and also introduced a new \$99 battery-replacement mail-in service for others.

Casey says he got a phone call in response to a letter of discontent he'd written to Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO, from still another minion, still advising him to just buy a new one. Days later, another Apple employee called, this time to make sure the brothers knew about the new battery-replacement price. "Are you calling because of our movie?" Casey said he asked. "And the person said he could neither confirm or deny that he'd seen it."

Apple officially denies that the brothers' movie had anything to do with the new battery price. Natalie Sequeira, an Apple spokeswoman, says the longer warranty and replacement price have been in the works for a few months.

"And I can't believe we're still getting questions about it," Sequeira says from the company's headquarters in Cupertino, Calif. She advises calm, and tries to deflect the idea that Apple would like to sell iPods as a disposable, price-it item that music lovers who get a taste of the iPod Kool-Aid will just have to keep replacing.

Super Bowl Sunday gives opportunity to help needy

DEAR ABBY: I am a junior in high school and have participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring since it started at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, S.C. From putting \$1 in the big soup pot at church when I was 3, to taking calls from other young people reporting their group's collections on Super Bowl Sunday, I have seen firsthand that young people can make a difference.

Would you please ask your readers to join this youth-led effort to help the less fortunate? The movement got a huge boost when you spread the word a few years ago.

To participate, people simply give \$1 each for the needy as they leave worship the weekend of the Feb. 1 game. Youth group members holding large soup pots stand at sanctuary exits to receive the donations. Best of all, each group (schools do it, too) sends every dollar it collects directly to a local charity it chooses.

Even though the money collected is sent directly to each charity, we ask participating groups to report their totals on game day so the national impact can be measured. Access www.souperbowl.org or call (800) 358-7687 for instructions, to request free posters and to report totals. (We would love for the total to be announced during the game, but we need help to make that happen.)

Abby, an aggregate of more than \$20 million has been collected to help needy people since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in our church youth group. This year 28 pro coaches have signed on.

Thank you for encouraging young people and all people to make a difference. God bless.

—SHELLEY LONG, YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE, SOUPER BOWL OF CARING
DEAR SHELLEY: And encourage them I do. By giving \$1, everyone can be a winner on Super Bowl Sunday. The Souper



DEAR ABBY Abigail VanBuren
Write to Abby
Send letters to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069, or via her Web site at <http://www.DearAbby.com>

Bowl of Caring is a laudable example of the good that can be accomplished when individuals join together for a common cause.

I applaud you for your efforts, and hope that your wish for a mention of the total monies raised during the game is realized.

DEAR ABBY: After my father passed away, my husband's brother and his wife did not attend the funeral or the wake because they said they could not get off from work.

The following week, a friend of theirs came in from out of town. They both took off from work so they could entertain him. Abby, their friend didn't even stay at their house, and they had plenty of time to spend with him — a week and a half!

My feelings are very hurt. It bothers me that they were not there for me, my husband or my children. Am I overly sensitive?

—HURT IN LOUISIANA
DEAR HURT: I don't think so. Funerals are for the living, and your husband's brother and his wife visited him. Now that you know their priorities lie, do not expect anything from them and you won't be disappointed.

P.S. You have my sympathy.
Dear Abby is written by Jeanne Phillips

ENGAGEMENTS

WELLSCH-CROCKETT

TWIN FALLS — William and Diane Wellsch of Dingle announce the engagement of their daughter, Loretta Crockett, to Aaron Crockett, son of Owen and Loretta Crockett of Declo.

Wellsch is a graduate of the Academic Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Bell's Family Books in Twin Falls.

Crockett is a graduate of Declo High School. He is employed at Gem State Stucco in Jerome. The wedding is planned for Friday, Jan. 16, in the Logan LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Declo LDS Church, 213 W.



Louisa Wellsch and Aaron Crockett Main St. in Declo. A second reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Twin Falls LDS Church, 667 Harrison St.

KRIEGER-MEYERS

KIMBERLY — Pam and Perry Krieger of Kimberly announce the engagement of their daughter, Robyn Elaine Krieger, to Morgan John Meyers, son of Robert and Kathi Meyers of Twin Falls.

Krieger is a 2002 graduate of Twin Falls High School and a 2003 graduate of the College of Southern Idaho in psychology. Meyers is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. He served an LDS mission in the San Fernando-Olongapo, Philippines area. He is a graduate of Ricks College in agronomy and a graduate of Utah State University in horticulture and business management. The wedding is planned for



Morgan Meyers and Robyn Krieger Wednesday, Jan. 14, in the Logan LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 3857 N. 3500 E.

DAVIDSON-GRISTENTI

RUPERT — Paul and Karen Davidson of Wendell announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Davidson, to Levi Gristenti, son of Tom and Janice Gristenti of Rupert.

Davidson is a 2000 graduate of Wendell High School. She is currently attending Idaho State University and is also employed by the university. Gristenti is a 2000 graduate of Minico High School. He served an LDS mission to Montevideo, Uruguay. He is currently attending ISU and is working as a tax consultant in Pocatello. The wedding is planned for 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, in the Bountiful LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, at the Wendell LDS Church. A second reception will be held



Levi Gristenti and Sarah Davidson from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Arcequia LDS Church.

Cancer: Today is a good day to watch your mouth

IF JANUARY 11 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY — you are grounded in the earth and gazing at the stars. Mastery of both the material and the ethereal can be yours. Both deeply sensitive and downright determined by turns, you are capable of the highest level of achievement without sacrificing others.

Use your power wisely and for the greatest good. ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): Your spiritual beliefs are beginning a long period of change. At times, you may find that you feel unsettled on that level. Keep the faith. On the material plane, it's a good day to get a lot done.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): The possibility remains of a bond with someone far away, though it may threaten someone closer to home. It's a great time to have fun — just do so in a sensible way. Friendships are really beginning to change.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Deep desires to bond may be

HOROSCOPE Jeraline Saunders

obstructed by practical considerations. Another chance should come, so be patient. Building or organizing at home is a perfect use of planetary energies now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A good day for careful communication. Details will be welcome as long as you're not insensitive. Control issues within relationships should be receding now. It's also a good time to connect with neighbors or siblings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A cycle of change in the financial situation of partners and those around you has begun. Don't feel insecure — remember, changes can be positive just as easily as not! Another comfort: Your personal income looks protected now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your true sweetness and giving nature show today. Jupiter in

Virgo from late August 2003 through late September 2004 allows you to show your generosity and expand your sense of self. Be careful that it doesn't expand your waistline, too!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Although feelings may play hide-and-seek for a few days, you'll probably realize you're angry with a significant other. Lots of activity is the best preventative measure. You'll be uncharacteristically undiplomatic if you're not careful with your words.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Relationships with children are evolving, and you may be in for the occasional surprise for a while. It's a great day to enjoy friendships and group relationships of all kinds. Money may be on your mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Although it's a weekend, your mind is on work. Mercury in action brings the best results. As long as you allow your own self-expression, your relationships need not be threatened.

entering a long cycle of changes at home, you will be kept hopping.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The stars are calling you to loosen up and have more real-time fun and to rework your communication skills. Don't ignore these opportunities! It's a great day for a short getaway to somewhere you've never been.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Independence is an issue now, though you fulfill your duties as mother how heavy they might seem. Not overly analytical today, you feel the need to delve deeply. Even though others may insist, it's not the best today to communicate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Today is one of those days when you don't know whether to hold on or let go. As with all things, waiting for true clarity before acting brings the best results. As long as you allow your own self-expression, your relationships need not be threatened.

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Magic Valley scrapbooks

Shoe box yields images of Twin Falls' early days

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The shoe box full of amateur photographer Margaret Isabel Grant's negatives contains many images of life in Twin Falls' early days.

But it might have been lost for a Depression-era job search. When Grant and her husband, Herbert Robert Grant, divorced, he stayed in Twin Falls. But she and her two daughters went to Jamestown, N.Y., to live with relatives, taking the box of negatives with them.

Twin Falls folks might never have seen those pictures. But one of the daughters, Margaret Jane Grant Anderson, met and married in Jamestown, said Brook Finnegan of Twin Falls. That couple were Finnegan's parents.

During the Depression, the Andersons — already parents of four children — were in need of work. You'll find work in the West, H.R. Grant told his son-in-law.

So they came, bringing the photographs back to Twin Falls. "My grandmother had died by then, anyway," Finnegan said.

Finnegan's son John Finnegan

The photographs reproduced on this page are samples of the shoe box's contents. The images were likely taken between 1904 and 1914.

of Pocatello inherited both the shoe box of pictures and the 1902 Eastman Kodak 3A folding-pocket bellows camera which Margaret Isabel Grant used to take them.

"My son remembers my mother talking about it, telling him about it. She's the one who wanted him to have the camera," Brook Finnegan said.

The photographs reproduced on this page are samples of the shoe box's contents. The images, Brook Finnegan estimates, were taken between about 1904 and 1914. Many of them she is seeing for the first time, as her son enlarges and prints them. Most of the photographs show her



mother and aunt as children in and around Twin Falls — for instance, dressed up for a holiday or playing on something that looks like monkey bars. As far as Brook Finnegan can tell, her grandmother took all of the photographs shown on this page except the one in which Margaret Isabel Grant herself appears.

"I'm sure it was her camera. She probably just had my grandfather take it or something," Brook Finnegan said.

H.R. Grant was paymaster at Milner Dam when it was built. Later, in Twin Falls, he was involved in First Federal Savings and Loan and was a city councilman, Brook Finnegan said.

Thanks to his wife's photography, there's a record of some of his off-hours times, too.

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Share old photos

To submit privately owned historical photographs for "Magic Valley scrapbooks," please bring them to The Times-News' office in Twin Falls.

- **What to submit:** We're looking for photos taken anywhere in Magic Valley before 1940, depicting people, places or activities that you can identify. The newspaper office is at 132 Third St. W. in Twin Falls.
- **When:** We'll accept historical photos between noon and 5 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays.
- **Ask for:** Two news clerks are available to scan the photos while you wait and return them to you immediately. They are Ellen Thomason, at 735-3266; and Ramona Jones, at 735-3262. Appointments are not necessary.
- **Permission form:** For each photo submitted, you'll be asked to sign a form giving the newspaper permission to reproduce the picture in its printed and online editions. We'll give you credit as the photograph's owner.



Margret Isabel Grant and her daughters, Margret Jane, right, and Mary Helen, left, celebrate the Fourth of July in Twin Falls in 1912. Margret Isabel was an amateur photographer and left behind many images of early Twin Falls, said current Twin Falls resident Brook Finnegan, daughter of Margret Jane. Descendants are still in the process of printing the negatives, and some of the images they've never yet seen.



This school photo of the Country School in Milner dates from 1910 or 1911, says Twin Falls resident Brook Finnegan. Her mother, Margret Jane Grant Anderson, is the girl wearing a checkered dress at the left of the top row.



Twin Falls City Councilman Herbert Robert Grant and his daughters — Margret Jane Grant Anderson, standing, and Mary Helen Grant Perry, on her dad's shoulder — fish in Rock Creek by the South Hills in this 1911 photo. The identity of the person at left is unknown, says Brook Finnegan of Twin Falls, daughter of Margret.

Above, Margret Jane Grant Anderson learns to shoot a gun in this 1908 photograph taken at Milner. At right is her father, Herbert Robert Grant, who was paymaster at Milner Dam when it was built. Margret's shooting career must have been short-lived. "I don't ever remember my mother shooting anything," said Twin Falls resident Brook Finnegan, Margret's daughter. "She wasn't too outdoorsy."

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