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Storme Jansson, left, Dalias Amstrong and Alexis Spence, all third-graders at Uncoin Elementary School, play a reading comprehension board game called 'Context Clues' Fiday in Twin Falls. The exercise is designed to teach skills needed for the Idaho Standards Achievement Test.

ISAT drives significant changes in Idaho classrooms

By Kain Kowalaki
Times-Nows writer

TWIN FALLS - Robert Cuellar brought new
meaning to the word concentration as he read
aloud with his head bent over and his pencil
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better, many schools are making serious efforts to raise test scores by focusing instruction on skills students need to perform well on the ISAT. And some educators say the test results are a valuable teol to shape teaching based upon individual student performance. Students in Tright Rills took the optional winter round of ISAT last week, while other districts will wait until they are required to administer it at the end of the year. Spring ISAT scores will help determine whether schools are considered to be making adquate progress in increasing student performance has required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act. And by 2006, if the Idaho State Board of Education has its way, high school students will have to pass the test in order to graduate.

To aching for the test

Teaching for the test

Pinther said the Read Naturally program of timed readings helps the students do well on the ISAT and the Idaho Reading Indicator, which includes oral read-ing

Dianna Cullinan, who teaches third grade, said her students don't mind breaking up into groups and don't always know what the others are doing. When a student does well with a skill, she moves them on to something else.

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School board: ISAT

isn't yet reliable enough

for graduation rule

TWIN FALLS - It's not yet time for the Idaho Standards Achievement Test to become a requirement for high school graduation, the Twin Falls School Board signed a position statement at its meeting last week affirming that although the district supports standards, it does not believe the ISAT is yet reliable enough to be used as a statewide graduation test. An independent study by the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory found the ISAT to poorly march Idaho's standards in many areas.

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Interim Superintendent Wiley Dobbs said the test has to mature by being further aligned with state standards.

"We're confident that at some point this test will be a valid and reliable instrument," Dobbs said.

If it is implemented as a graduation requirement too soon, Dobbs said, the district could be sued by people unhappy about not being allowed to graduate. Dobbs said the district does not support the Legislature approving the ISAT as a graduation test for 2006, as has been recommended by the Idaho State Board of Education.

The Washington Post

Budget has its potholes

Kempthorne plan requires three more years of pain

By Bob Fick Associated Press writer

BOISE - Evidence that Idaho's economy is on the mend may be increasing, but there are still years of hard political choices ahead for state government and the taxpayers supporting it.

The choices of budget cuts or higher taxes don't appear to be going away.

The choices of budget cuts of higher taxes don't appear to be going away. "It looks to me like you build yourself into a box." House Speaker Bruce Newcomb of Burley said, but agreed with others that Gow. Dirk Kempthorne Gow. Dirk Kempthorne he could. Kempthorne hook advantage of the credibility he gained engineering last year's budget sawing sales tax increase to chart a course he says would get the state buck to full economic recovery. nomic recovery.

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Kempthorne
adds the plan
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spending cuts or
tax increases.
But the more Legislature 2004

But the more people consider the governor's road to recovery, the larger the political potholes

Idaho

the larger the political potholes appear.

"I'm not going to say it's impossible, but it's very, very difficult," said Senate Finance Chairman Dean Cameron of Rupert. "The thing I have to give Kempthorne credit for is at least he's looking ahead – even if it doesn't make that much sense. That's something we don't do too often."

Some believe Kempthorne is too optimistic about revenue growth over the next 18. months. They fear it cannot sustain even the hold-the-line spending plan he proposed.

proposed.
Others complain that he is just too stingy with education and other key programs, especially in an election year.

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Giving in to either view could easily turn Kempthorne's
Please see BUDGET, Page A2

U.S. death toll in Iraq hits 500

efforts to raise test scores by focusing instruction on skills students need to perform well on the

ISAT.

Knight Ridder News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq – The 500th U.S. soldier to die in Iraq since the war began was killed Saturday when

Will Bush feel the 4th the heat?

-A3 according was a convolution was sweeping for improvised explosive dand one of the homemade bombs exploded.

In all, three U.S. soldiers and two Iraqi civil defense workers were killed by the blast, and two other U.S. soldiers were wounded.



That brought the total number of U.S. soldiers who've died since the beginning of the war to 500, of

whom 346 died from hostile Please see IRAQ, Page A2

Iraqi troops stand guard at the spot where three U.S. and two iraqi solby a roadside

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from televi-sion, U.S. and

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Until a few weeks ago, the only line of defense at a waterpumping station on an oil pipeline near the northern city of Kirkuk was a burly man named Mohammad, who kept his semi-automatic rifle in a metal safe near the cor where he slept. He had no telephone or radio, and when strangers cume-by he would shout in Arabic: "Shoo, shoo, go away. Go to Kirkuk."

Dozens of guards now patrol the Dozens of guards now patrol the grounds there, and the shack

task of guarding pipelines

Special security force faces

where Mohammad had been isolated is equipped with the latest communications gear. The security upgrade is part of the new Iroqi Force Protection Service, specifically charged with safeguarding the pipelines and refineries that are the circulatory system of the country's financial lifeblood.

This northern pipeline and other oil facilities around the country have been the targets of repeated artacks of saborage during the U.S.led occupation, slowing the one key source of revenue for the country and resulting in Please see Oil, Page A2

Living with Parkinson's It is possible



to live something like a normal life with disease.

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even 4 turn into computer monitors.

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Cook likes Mexican food, with a sprinkling of Italian.

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Sliding away



Thursday

Feeling a loss

Woman mourns sale of childhood home.

Friday

'On Holy Ground'

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Woman pens an inside look at the history of St. Edward's church.

Saturday

A turn for the verse



Cowboy Poetry Gathering turns 20.

ay: Mostly sunny early with clouds increasing from the Highs in the middle 30s.

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Tomorrow: Periods of clouds and occasional snow showers Highs in the middle 30s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Dry with increasing clouds by late in the day. Highs in the middle 30s. In the middle 30s.

Tonight: Turning mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s.

Tomorrow: Cloudy with isolated snow showers. Highs in the middle 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Periods of clouds and seasonal temperatures are expected over the next few days. Snow showers are expected Monday. Today Highs 20 to 35 Tonight's Lows 8 to 18: BOISE Increasing clouds are expected Increasing clouds are expected today. Bain and snow showers will become possible tonight and Monday. Wat roads could result. NORTHERN UTAH



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ctremely difficult task into an impossible one of balancing the budget for three more years while losing \$1885 million in annual revenue in mid-2005 when the penny sales tax hike expires.

The governor admits his plan requires adoption of an austere 2005 budget during this election year session. It would be less than 4 percent higher than the current budget. But the bulk of hat new cash sub-The governor admits his plan requires adoption of an austere 2005 budget ch. But the bulk of that new cash sub-sidizes rising costs of health care for the poor and a modest pay hike for state workers during this election year session.

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But even that picture could
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Kempthorne says his overall
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But even under what critics say
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But for the governor's plan to work, lawmakers must go from putting together a budget with a 4

percent increase to budgets that are only I percent larger than the

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To do that, the governor contemplates two more years of no state employee pay raises, suspension of deposits into the budget reserve account even though tax collections should grow 5 percent a year - more than enough to require deposits.

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Legislative Budget Director Jeff Youtz said that will not be the only fallout.

"A typical flat budget is 3 percent," higher than the previous year to accommodate what has been a the falloud and the previous year to accommodate what has been and the previous year to accommodate what has been a summer of the poor, your said, and nothing else sees additional cash.

"If you get below 3 percent, you've got to make some hard thoices," he said, and that means cuts in education support and other they brown in the penny sale tax expire.

Cameron and Newcomb agree that the numbers should squelch any attempt to repeal the penny attempt to repeal the penny attempt to repeal the penny areny as some conservatives want. But they say it about the penny said with confirmed and they say it as the percent growth" just due to escalating Medicaid costs, Newcomb said, "The only way is you have to cut education. They had plenty of opportunity to do that last year, and they didn't want to go there."

Northwest Air gave government data on passengers

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Northwest Airlines provided information on millions of passengers for a secret U.S. government air-security project soon after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, raising more concerns among some privacy advocates about the airlines' use confidential customer data.

The nation's fourth-luxgest airline asserted in September that it "did not provide that type of information to anyone." But Northwest acknowledged Friday that by that time, it had already turned over three months of reservation data to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Ames Research Center. Northwest is the second carrier to have been identified as

secretly passing travelers' records to the government. The airline industry has said publicly that it would not cooperate in developing a government passenger-screening program because of concerns that the project would infringe on customer privacy. But the participation of two airlines in separate programs demonstrates the industry's clandestine role in government security initiatives.

In September, Jetflue Airways said that it turned over passenger records to a defense contractor and apologized to its customers for doing 50.

Morthwest said in a prepared statement Friday that it participated in the NASA program after the terrorist attacks to assist the government's search for technolo-

gy to improve aviation security.
"Northwest Airlines had a duty
and an obligation to cooperate
with the federal government for
national security reasons," the air-

national security
line said.
The carrier declined to say how The carrier declined to say how many passengers' records were shared with NASA from the period offered, October to December 2001. More than 10.9 million passengers traveled on Northwest lights during that time, according to the Transportation Department.

NASA documents show that NASA kept Northwest's so-called passenger name records until September 2003. Such records typically include credit card numbers, addresses and telephone numbers.

NASA said it used the informa-

numbers. NASA said it used the informa-

tion to investigate whether "The mining" of the records could improve assessments of threats posed by passengers, according to the agency's written responses to questions.

Northwest said it did not inform any passengers that it shared data with NASA. It also said it did not believe that the data sharing we hat the property of the property of the property of the property of the passenger information to third parties for marketing purposes," the company said in its statement Friday. This situation was entirely different, as

said in its statement Friday. This situation was entirely different, as we were providing the data to a government agency to conduct set-entific research related to aviation security and we were confident that the privacy of passenger infor-mation would be maintained.

Iraq .

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actions and 154 from non-hostile
causes, according to the Defense
Department. Most deaths have
occurred since President Bush
declared an end to major combat
on May 1.
In addition, 100 American
troops have died in Afghanistan,
with less than one-third by hostile
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The explosion Saturday, outside the town of Taji, hit the first Bradley Fighting Vehicle in the group, setting the vehicle allame. Soldiers who responded to the scene caught three people driving off in a white truck, in which they found bomb-making materials.

The death toll has become a fact of life in Iraq, a country that

seems more and more to be set-tling into a long-term guerilla war that military officials prefer to characterize as a "low-intensity

characterize as a "low-intensity conflict."
Word of the death comes daily. More than eight months after the war began, gunfire at night is still common in the capital. Across the country soldiers are being shot-civilians are caught in crossfires and bombs rip through busy streets.

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An Iraqi teenager was killed
and five bystanders wounded
Friday when a bomb exploded
that U.S. military and Iraqi police
were trying to defuse.

Seven Iraqis were hurt when

attackers hurled hand grenades at the government building in Hawijah, in northern Iraq, on Wednesday morning. At the time, a city council meeting was going on inside.

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— A 4th ID soldier was shot and wounded in the town of Abu Kharma, also in the north, on Wednesday. In the firefight that followed, four attackers were killed.

— An 8th Infantry Regiment patrol in Samarra was shot at with victoratic wagners. O'Tesday.

patrol in Samarra was shot at with automatic weapons on Tuesday. They responded, killing four and wounding one. It is also a country in the midst of immense transitions. The top U.S. representative in Iraq, Paul Bremer, is in

Washington, talking with Bush administration officials and, the United Nations about trying to work out some sort of compromise about the UN's role in the upcaming transfer of power to a new largi government.

That process, stated for July, Jis supposed to consist of a country-wide caucus system, but an influential Shifte Muslim leader, Grand Ayatollah Sayyid. Ali Husaini Sistani, has called, for direct elections and promised unrest otherwise. Many people in both Iraq and the United States fear that an angy Sistani could arouse hundreds of thousands of Shittes who, although not happy with the U.S. occupation, have been relatively peaceful.

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fuel shortages that have deepened anger toward and suspicion
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"The vast pipeline network was
a vulnerable target," said U.S.

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Army Col. Tom O'Donnell, who is in charge of setting up the oil police. Nearly 10,000 members of the new police force have been deputized since October, and an additional 4,500 are expected to

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be in place by the middle of next month.

"Standing up its own oil guard force is a major step forward in the reconstruction effort in Iraq." "Donnell said." We are a lot better postured than three months ago to keep the oil flowing." Although attacks on the pipeline have continued, major incidents. have fallen-sharply, from 16 in October to four last

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Oil production has been exceeding the more than 2 ml-lion barrels per day that the Iraji Oil Ministry had set as a target for the end of last year, but that still below the 2.5 million barrels aday that Iraq generated before the U.S. led war. And in the northern fields, where sabotage his been the worst, production Iraque are less than 500,000 barrels 2 day, trailing expectations. "There's plenty of crude," Col. Lem DuBose, commander of the U.S. Army Corp & Engineers' mission to repair the oil infrastructure, said in a recent interview here. "Crude ji oil infrastructure, said in a recent interview here. "Crude ji ont the issue. The issue, is getting crude from the field to the refinery. Every time the pipeline gets interrupted the sabotage, the enemy knows ft. The enemy wants to destroyed have been targeted over and over again."

FDA says U.S. generics beat out Canadian drugs

WASHINGTON (AP)
Americans who buy drugs in Canada in hopes of saving money-could pay significantly more for substitution of the could pay significantly more for substitutions, according to new research by the Food and Drug Administration. Canadian price controls mean that brand-name drugs there can cost as little as half the U.S. price. Those potential savings are enticing increasingly more people to import drugs from Canada even though the practice is illegal and the FDA calls it unsafe.

Generic versions cost much less than their brand-name counter-

parts, however, and the U.S. generies market is considered the world's most competitive. So FDA Commissioner Mark McClellan argues that for many people, buying more homegrown generies is a risk-free alternative to imports that could lower their drug costs. "There are a lot of opportunities to save money while still making sure patients get the drugs they need," he said in an interview this month with The Associated Press. To back that contention, the FDA analyzed price data collected by the medical research company—MS Health. Included were sevenings whose generic versions are

drugs whose generic versions are top-selling treatments for chronic

disease: the anti-depressant Prozac; blood pressure medicines Lopressor, Prinivil and Vasotec; Xanax for anxiety; Klonopin for seizures; and Glucophage for dia-

seizures; and Grace.
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Comparing both brand-name
conoric versions in Canada, Comparing both brand-name and generic versions in Canada, the U.S. generics proved significantly cheaper for all but the diabetes drug, the study concluded. The study measured average price per milligram, not what the patient pays per bottle, which can vary in dose and pill number.

Among the findings:

—Xnax had the highest dispariture of the control of the contr

ty. The Canadian brand was roughly nine times the price, per mil-

ligram, of the U.S. generic. Next was Vasotec, five times the price of the U.S. generic.

-Camada's generics ranged from fluoxetine, or generic Prozac, at 1.3 times the U.S. price to alprazolam, or generic Xanax, at four times the U.S. price. One generic, the version of Vasotec called enalapril, is not sold in Canada.

-Glucophage was the exception. The U.S. generic actually cost 39 percent more per milligram than Canada's brand-name version.

The study used the price that pharmacies paid for each drug in 2002, the latest full year that prices from both countries were available from IMS Health.

"I think consumers think every-thing's cheaper in Canada. It's just not the case," the FDA's pharmacy affairs chief, Tom McGinnis, said in a recent interview. He described a recent visit to a U.S. Customs facility in New York where inspectors were examining 10,000 packages of imported phar-maceuticals. McGinnis said has spotted a bottle of generic water pills for high blood pressure that cost a few cents a tablet in U.S. pharmacies.

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Adding the shipping cost, whoever ordered that bottle from Canada spent about a third more than he would have at a local drugstore. McGinnis said.

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Ofters housed at the Cape May County Zoo peek out from their hay-filled den into the freezing temperatures in Ci "May Court House, N.J. Veterinarians say animals need special attention when the temperature drops to prevent ti

Bush could feel heat with 500 dead

"BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)—With 500 Almericans dead in the Iraq conflict, the mounting casualty to II that has finade this the deadliest U.S. war since Vietnam could intensify criticism of the U.S. occupation and provide ammunition to Democrats special to take on President Bush in November.

The 500 figure is mostly symbolic, yet it adds to the urgency of Bush administration efforts to seek U.N. help in sharing the burden for stabilizing and rebuilding Iraq and to extricate American troops from a despening military and political quagmirs, analysts say.

"If think that the significance of the number 500 is arbitrary to everybody except the poor guy who was the 500th," said Michael Donovan of the Center for Defense Institutation in Vashington. That belig said, I think there's an awareness in the administration that sus-raining these kinds of casualties attlefinitely is not possible if they'ne going to sustain support for the war."

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ar." The number of U.S. service mem-ers who have died in Iraq since the

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war began last March reached 500 n Saunday after a roadside bomb exploded north of Baghdad, killing three U.S. soldiers. Two Iraqi civil defense troopers also died in the Bradley Fighting Vehicle struck as explosive device on a road near Taij, about 20 miles north of the Iraqi canital.

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The U.S. death toll so far from the Iraqi conflict exceeds American losses in many regional conflicts of the past several decades: Lebanon, Somalia, Panama, Gernada, Kosovo, Afghanistan and the first Gulf War. Most of the Iraqvelated deaths both combat and non-combat have occurred since Bush declared an end to major fighting on May 1.

In the first Gulf War of 1991, 315. Americans died in the operation to drive Saddam Hussein's forces from Kuwait.

Still, the latest war toll is small compared with the hortrific bloodletting of some of America's past conflicts.

About 19,000 U.S. soldiers died

conflicts.

About 19,000 U.S. soldiers died in one month alone in the Battle of the Bulge in World War II, whose

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total U.S. toll was 290,000. About 620,000 Americans died in the Civil War and more than 58,000 in Vietnam.

Although Americans are widely perceived to have little stomach for bloody wars in distant lands, analysts said U.S. losses in Iraq are not yet significant enough to trigger a popular backlash against U.S. involvement here.

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Bush's space goals confuse experts

The Orlando Sentinel

WASHINGTON - President
Bush's vision for the space program Is almed at stirring inspiration among Americans. But some,
in the wake of his speech last
week, are asking a more mundane
but pressing question: Why?
Many experts say there are
practical benefits to a moon mission, from offering a better spot
for telescopes to scan the universe
to providing a "base camp" for a
manned trip to Mars, a destination that holds the most tantalizing possibility of discovering life
away from Earth.
And, as Bush noted, there are
sure-to-be technological advances.
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But fundamentally, experts and space advocates say, the true reward is the trip itself.

We don't really know what we might find on other planets, they say – but that is the lure of exploration, the draw that has hooked those who have ached to see what lies over the horizon for as long as human beings have existed.

"The question – why – is a good one," said Bruce Murray, a professor of planetary science and geology at the California Institute of Technology. "The answer 'practical benefits' is not."

Much of that answer 'depends on what you see as the future of humans in space," said Michael Griffin, a former chief engineer and associate administrator for exploration at the National Aeronauties and Space Administration. "If there is no future for humans in space, or even machines in space, and no interest in the kinds of scientific research that can be done on the moon, there are no practical reasons."

Griffin, now president and chip repeating officer at In-Q-Tel, a business incubator for technology companies, drew a comparison between space exploration and the trips by European explorers to travel to the Americas, Primarily, the said, they were looking for gold, but the overarching rational was simply to discover what else was out there.

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MASHINGTON - They are young They propel urban gentrification. They shop at Banana Republic, read Vanity Fair, like Audi A4s and watch reruns of Friends. The 554,117 median family income of these well-deut cated, Internet savey professionals is relatively low in part because so many are single and live allone. The people who meet these treria tend to live in Zip codes that Claritas Inc., the demographics research firm, has classified as thenations "Bohemian Mix."
They stand out in one other respect: They contribute to the presidential campaign of Democratic former Vermont governor Howard Dean.
Another strong Dean donor group is made up of what Claritas has called "Up and Comers" rupwardly mobile, college-educated young singles who are heavy internet users, shop at Ann Taylor and watch MTV.
The pattern of contributions to Dean shows how he has been able to tap into one of the fastest growing. Democratic constituencies: well-educated, socially liberal and relatively affluent voters.

In the upscale suburbs, there is another constituency with a median household income of \$952,63. Its members drive a disproportionate number of Porsches and like scuba diving. They rank number one in the percentage of business owners, and are close to that in the proportion of corporate executives. They are in the "Movers and Shakers" Zip codes, according to upscale subur constituency w sehold income

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They are in the "Movers and Shakers" 2ip codes, according to the Claritas model. Howard Dean These neighborhoods have proven to be a gold mine for the Bush-cheney blar reelection committee.

The Washington Post compiled a list of the 2ip codes providing the most campaign contributions to each presidental candidate. Claritas then put the 2ip codes into its classification system, providing a window into the type of donors drawn to President Bush, Dean, Kerry, Rep. Dick Gephardt, DMos. Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn, and Sen. John Edwards, D-NC.

The number of contributions was too small to provide a reliable analysis for each of the other can-

didates, including retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark, who had been in the race only two weeks at the end of the most recent reporting period.

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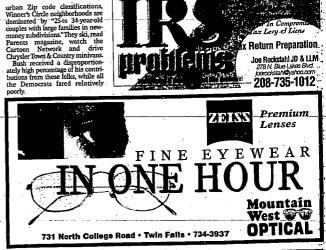
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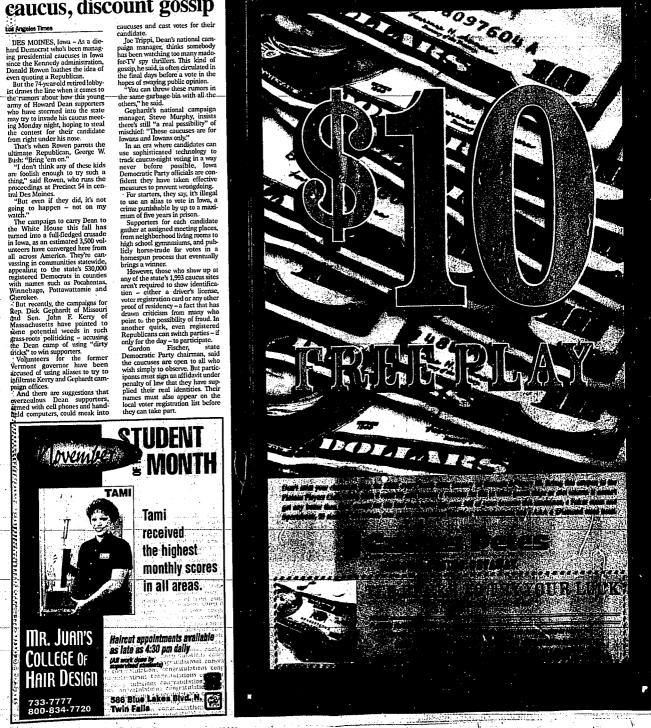


Iowans prepare for caucus, discount gossip

Winnebago, Pottawattamie and Gherokee.

But recently, the campaigns for Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri quid Sen. John F. Kerry of Massachusetts have pointed to some potential weeds in such grass-roots politicking. accusing the Dean camp of using "dirty tricks" to win supporters.

Volunteers for the former Vermont governor have been accused of using aliases to by a factual control of the contro





Hispanics, Indians still trail white students

BOISE (AP) - Hispanic and Afmerican Indian students contin-ued trailing the state's white pub-lic school majority in last fall's expanded administration of the

expanded administration of the soon-to-be-mandatory Idaho Standards Achievement test. Results from the fall test, released by the State Board of Education on Friday, showed the gap between Hispanic and white students in all here test area widened as the grades progressed. That gap between Indians and puite students was more stable drough the grades except for dathematics, where it widened for the years just as it does for Hispanics.

hispanics.
"By reviewing this information, audents can receive the extra help they may need to move for-

State Board of Education fall 2003 test scores: http://www.sde.state.id.us/admin/lsat/fall04/

ward on the skills they have mastered," state board academic officer Randy Thompson said.

The fall test in mathematics, reading and language usage marked the third time the achievement test has been administered and the first time it was given to students in every grade from two through 10. About 177,000 students took the tests.

Unlike the results of the spring 2003 test released last fall, the state Board of Education did not

provide information on how many students scored at or above the proficient level. Board officials said only that the statewide aver-ages for language usage in grades four through 10 were at the profi-ciency mark as were the statewide averages in reading for grades five through 10.

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The spring 2003 results found up to 30 percent of the high school sophomores failed the test that the state Board late last year voted to make mandatory for graduation from high school beginning in 2008.

More than half the Hispanic students failed

More than half the Hispanic dents failed the test last

spring.

In the fall round, the board information showed reading scores of Hispanic students were

nine points benind wines students in the second grade and dropped to 14 points behind by the 10th. In math, the gap was six points in the second grade, widening to 14 points in the 10th, and in language usage it ran from eight points behind in the 2nd grade to 11 noirs in the

10th, and in language usage it ran from eight points behind in the 2nd grade to 11 points in the 10th grade.

For Indians, reading scores were seven to eight points behind white students across all the grades. Language usage scores were six to seven points behind and math scores ran from points below in second grade to 10 points in 10th grade.

The average scores for white students were a point or two higher than the overall average in all

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have the classes they need to pass the ISAT, and when she has taken

it, she has seen the computer mess up and increase the difficulty of questions when it should not.

Study finds segregation hits levels last seen in 1969

Half a century after the Supreme Court ordered the desegregation of American education, schools are almost as segregated as they were when Martin Luther King was assassinated, according to a new report released by Harvard University researchers.

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The study by the Harvard Civil Rights Project, shows that progress toward school desegregation peaked in the late 1980s as courts concluded that the goals of the landmark 1954-Supreme Court decision Brown vs. Board of Education had largely been achieved.

Over the past 15 years, the trend has been in the opposite direction, and most white students now have "little contact" with minority students in what either contact with minority students in many areas of the country, according to the report.

"We are celebrating a victory over segregation at a time when schools across the nation are becoming increasingly segregated," noted the report, which was issued on the eve of the holiday celebrating Martin Luther King's birthday.

Triggered by a civil rights case

birthday.

Triggered by a civil rights case in Topeka, Kan., the Brown decision marked the start of three

decades of intensive efforts by the federal government to integrate public schools, first through court orders that opened white schools to minority students and later through busing. Its most dramatic impact was in southern states, where the percentage of blacks attending predominantly white schools increased from 1998.

By 2001, according to the Harvard data, the figure had fallen to 30 percent, or about the level in 1969, the year after King's assassination.

"We are losing many of the colors of the courts of the courts of the colors of the contract of the contract

"We are losing many of the gains of desegregation," said-tharvard professor Gary Orfield, the primary author of the report. "We are not back to where we were before Brown, but we are back to when King was assassi-nated."

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The Harvard study suggests that Hispanic students are even more segregated than African American studenic, while Asian Americans are the most integrated ethnic group in the country. The increase in Latino segregation has been particularly marked in western states, where more than 80 percent of Latinos attend predominantly minority schools, compared with 42 percent in 1968.

ISAT

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"What's the point of being bored?" Cullinan said.
Cullinan's goal is for all her students to reach the advanced level according to the ISAT learning continuum, which outlines skills in

epininuum, which outlines skills in specific subjects for every grade.

We don't give up our old tried affd true methods, we just add to them," Cullians said.

Friday morning, the method consisted of cooperative learning for one mom full of students They.

reading themed board

pfayed reading-themed board gimes with names such as inference, Fact or Opinion and The Main Idea.

Some of Cullinan's students don't enjoy taking the ISAT.

"You read a bunch of stories and you get all tired," said Storme Jinsson, 8, who prefers math to reading. She said her teacher does a good job of reminding the class that certain information might be on the ISAT.

Kennedy Bell, 8, gets frustrated

that certain information might be off the ISAT.

"Kennedy Bell, 8, gets frustrated when she has to guess answers to ISAT questions when she doesn't know the words.

"It's stressful," Kennedy said.
The optional winter ISAT allows district officials to check student progress midyear Brett Gies, the districts director of data analysis and program improvement, said the computerized version of the ISAT enables teachers to know their students' scores as soon as tests are done and teach them accordingly.

tests are done and teach them accordingly. Cullinan teaches with the ISAT in mind. She makes sure her stuin mind she makes sure her stu-dents know synonyms that will appear in test questions, such as "multiply" for "times" and "equa-tion" for "problem."

"It's a continuous process"

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"It's a continuous process,"
Cillinan said. "I keep learning,
and they keep learning."

The pressure to pass

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tendent, described his districts approach toward helping students succeed.

"It comes down to almost a medical analogy," Cobble said. "We're doing more diagnostic and proscriptive teaching."

Jerome High School Principal Patit O'Dell said another advantage of the computerized ISAT is that the test can adjust to a student's skill level by raising the difficulty when a student skill level by raising the difficulty when a student skill level by raising the difficulty when a student set of the student.

O'Dell said the school has aligned its curriculum with the state standards, which are aligned with the ISAT. Jerome High ISAT in winter, instead, it will monitor student progress by their performance on end-of-semester exams in each class.

The pressure is on for students to pass the 10th grade version of the test,—which—could—becomenandatory for graduation if the Legislature approves it.

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To help students prepare, the school offers an after-school program and an ISAT prep class during the school day that just started this trimester. These classes review concepts on the test and present questions in a similar format.

nnie Horgan and Rebecca

skills.
Sara Teel has taught math in Jerome for more than three years. She said the ISAT standards affected how the school rewrote the curriculum last year. The process took the whole school year and into the summer, and adjustments will continue.

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Jerome's math curriculum requires algebra in ninth grade and geometry in 10th, but Teel said teachers found that the ISAT required some basic geometry concepts earlier and even some algebra II concepts. Teel said there is a desire at the school to increase the graduation requirements to include algebra II.

"Our curriculum is very broad.

"Our curriculum is very broad, but not very deep," Teel said.

Parent and student views

Parent and student views
Several parents and students
have beefs with the test.
"If feel sorry for the teachers," said Kim Woodbury, a parent of two Jerome students. "I
think it is making them reallycome to grips with what they're
teaching."
Debbie Falconburg, a parent of
one student there, said the test
cannot be completely accurate
because each student is different.
For instance, some perform better
in the morning, while others do

cannot be completely accurate because each student is different. For instance, some perform better in the morning, while others do better in the afternoon, but a test cannot capture that.

Test anxiety is also a factor, said fina González, a parent with one child at the school. She has found that ISAT scores don't always correspond with classroom grades. "Add the word test' on their and automatically they freeze up," González said.

Leslie: Bingham, a junior at Jerome High School, said some teachers thike a bigger deal about the test than others. She has been taking it since her freshman year, but it will; not count toward her graduation. To her, it's no different than any other test, except the scoring is more confusion. discussion. To her, it's no different than any other test, except the scoring is more confusing.

"I don't like it," said Krystal Waters, a sophomore who may be required to pass the Market and the said Krystal waters.

worst use it," said Krystal Waters, a sophomore who may be required to pass the 10th grade ISAT to graduate. "They have too many tests, and they expect too much."

much." Waters said most students don't

Changes in instruction

In spite of some lingering con-cerns about the ISAT, educators acknowledge the test is here to stay. Some have embraced the

change.
Cathie Hopper teaches fresh-man English at Jerome High School. She said the advent of the ISAT has affected how she

the ISA1 has attected now sine teaches.
"It makes a world of difference," Hopper said.
The emphasis in her classes is shifting from specific works of literature to techniques of writing and analysis. Her students may read shorter novels or only read part of "Romeo and Juliet" out loud so that they have more time to do other thines.

loud so that they have more time to do other things. Hopper said even her end-of-course tests are set up to be simi-lar in format to the ISAT. She said the new standards are improving instruction because teaching is

instruction because teaching is data-driven. Hergan, who teaches math, said her teaching has changed a little in regular classes because she emphasizes the state's seven math standards and tries to help students with their areas of weakness. But because the ISAT is so new, the impact is still developing, "I'm trying to keep an open mind," Horgan said.

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sea ice, where the Artic Ocean
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Mamarut and Gedion Kristiansen
are ready to savor their favorine
meal.
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Mamarut slices off a piece of muktuk, the whale's raw pink blubber
and mottled gray skin, as a snack.
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Mamarut's wife, Tukummeq
Peary, a descendant of famed
North Pole explorer Adm. Robert
E. Peary, is boling the main entree
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But as northbound winds carry toxic remnants of faraway lands to their hunting grounds in extraordi-nary amounts; their close connec-tion to the environment and their ancestral diet of marine mammals have left the Arctic's indigenous people vulnerable to the pollu-tants of modern society. About 200 hazardous compounds, which migrate from industrialized regions and accumulate in ocean dwelling animals, have been detected in the inhabitants of the far north.

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levels so extreme that the breast milk and tissues of some Greenlanders could be classified as hazardous waste.

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expanse of glacier-earved bedrock and frozen sea, surfoxed bedrock and frozen sea, surfoxed means that people live as marine mammals live, hunting like they do, wearing their skins. No factory-engineered fleece conpares with the warmth of a schin parks, mittens and boots. No motorboat sneaks up on a whale like a handmade kayak latched together with rope. No snowmobile fleexes with the ice like a dopulled sledge crafted of driftwood. And no imported food nourishes their bodies, warms their spirit and strengthens: their-hearts-like-the-flesh they slice from the flanks of a dreenlandic educator who promoted the rights of indigenous peoples. When many things in our lives are changing, our foods remain the same. They make us feel the same as they have for generations.

When I eat Inuit foods, I know

who I am."

The Inuit say their native food strengthens their bodies, warming

The Inuit say their native food strengthens their bodies, warming them from within like a fire glowing inside a lantern. When they eat anything else, instead of fire inside, they feel icc.
"We are living in a place that is very cold, and it's not by accident we eat what we do. We are not able to survive on other food," Lars Rasmussen, a 52 year-old hunter-from—Nuuk,—the—capital—of. Greenland, said through a translator.

Greenland, said through a transla-tor.

Most Inuit have not altered their diet in response to the contamina-tion, according to dietary surveys in Canada. In Arctic cultures, peo-ple rely on the traditional knowl-edge of hunters and elders, and with no visible signs of pollution or people dying, many are skeptical that the chemicals exist. Some even suspect talk about chemicals

activity in Philippines

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government has revised and updated a warning to Americans about terror in the Philippines, urgins upon the property of the Philippines, urgins and the Philippines, urgins and the Philippines, urgins announcement renewed an announcement issued in July. The agency said terrorist activity in the Philippines remains high, including several bombings in Mindanao, the largest island in the southern Philippines. The department singled out two terror groups, the communist New People's Army, which operates throughout the country, and the

southern Abu Sayyaf Muslim extremist group, which the Philippine government says is loosely aligned with the al-Quida network.

Both groups, the State Department said, are responsible for killings and hostage takings. "In view of a number of security-related incidents and the possibility of future terrorism and other violence or criminal activity. Americans traveling to residing in the Philippines are urged to exercise great caution and maintain heightened security awareness," the department said.

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Left, Mamarut Kristiansen kills a

ringed seal near Quantag, Greenland.

is a ploy to strip them of their tra-

"People say whale and seal are polluted, but they are still healthy foods to us," said Ujuunnguaq Heinrich, a minke whale and seal hunter in Nuuk."

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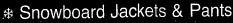
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WORLD

U.S. officials report some progress with China

EgilING — American officials and calling Gen. Richard Myers' vikit to China a sign that military relations between the two countries are recovering. But joint maneuvers by their combat forces are not expected anytime soon because Washington and Beijing remain far too wary of the other. Military ties, severely curtailed three years ago after a Chinese fighter collided with an American any plane off the Chinese coast, are regarded as a vital part of US. diplomacy with the world's most populous nation.

Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Statif, met Wednesday and Thursday with Chinese officials in Beijing, He was the highest-ranking US. military official with the control of the control

good progress in our military to-military relationship," Myers and his entourage

at the end of his visit.

Myers and his entourage, became the first foreign delegation allowed access to the mission control facility for China's new manned space program.

Still, the visit was one with few immediately tangible results: no new agreements, no sweeping new statements of U.S. or Chinese policy.

China confirms two more patients have SARS

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BEIJING - China confirmed two more cases of SARS on Saturday, the country's most hectermed weekend before the start of the Lunar New Year. The World Health Organization urged further testing to ensure the diagnosis was correct.

Previously identified as suspected patients, the new cases were a 35-yearold businessman and a 20-yearold waitress, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. The waitress had worked at a restaurant in the southern Chinese city of Guanghou that served civet cat, a regional delicacy and a suspected source of the disease.

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The total number of severe search instructions producer, was released from the hespital last year now stands at three. The season first confirmed case, a 32-yearold television producer, was released from the hespital last week after recovering from what health officials said may be a midder strain of the virus.

The government of the southern province Guangdong, where the disease emerged last year, said in a statement that SARS experts confirmed the two new diagnoses.

Hecklers challenge

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Musharraf during speech
ISLAMABAD, Pakistan
Fresident Gen Pervez Musharraf
receitly faced two assassination
attempts and launched a historic
piace process with nuclear-armed
rival India, but opposition lawmakers offered no praise
Saturday during his first-ever
speech to Parliament, heckling
him as a military dictator and
demanding he resign.

The noisy disruption highligheff deep-easted resentment at the
military's persistent involvement
is politics and blunted
Musharraf's efforts to portray
limself as a legitimate ruler since
feiring power in a bloodless coup
in 1999.
Opposition members chanted

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Opposition members chanted go Musharraf, go Musharraf, and "friends of dictators are railors" throughout his 40 minute, incidentally televised speech. Musharraf supporters countered by thumping tables in applause, at times making it difficult to hear-bim.

- compiled from wire reports

Hypnotism and health

Technique gains a foothold in mainstream medicine.

Monday in Health & Fashlon

Official: U.S. warns lack of progress in bombing probe may disrupt aid

JERUSALEM (AP) – U.S. offi-cials are pressing the Palestinians to find those behind a deadly bomb attack on a U.S. diplomatic convoy three menths ago, and warn that lack of progress may harm American aid programs in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, a Palestinian Cabinet minister said Saturdav. the West Bank and Gaza Strip, a Palestinian Cabinet minister said Saturday. A senior Palestinian security official involved in the investiga-tion said no substantial leads

have emerged.

A U.S. Embassy official, however, said "we're not entirely said individual relation operation" with the probe into the Oct. Is roadside blast that ripped apart a diplomatic cor in the Gaza Strip and killed thue. American security guards. The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there has been some progress, "but we want to see more."

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World

Muslims protest head scarf ban

PARIS (AP) — Waving the rench flag or wearing it as a head starf, thousands of Muslim women charched Saturday through Paris, the center of a worldwide protest segainst France's plan to ban veils from public schools.

From Baghdad and Beirut to London and Stockholm, protesters rondemned the law as an attack or religious freedom. Even in the West Bank city of Nablus and in the summer capital of Indian-ton-tolled Kashmir, Srinagar, women came out to support French Muslims.

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"Whiter is Plance? Where is tole-france?" the crowd chanted during the four-hour march through Paris. "The veil is my choice."

The protester, want to scrap a bill that will go before French law-makers next month forbidding "conspicuous" religious signs, from Islamic head scarves to Jewish skull caps and large Christian crosses, in public schools. Easy passage is expected, and the law is to become applicable with the new school year in September.

ble with the new School James September. President Jacques Chirac says the aim is to protect the principle of secularism that anchors life in France. However, it also is seen as a way to hold back the swell of Islamic fundamentalism in France's Muslim community - the largest in Western Europe, at an increased 5 million. rimated 5 million

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Protesters, from small girls to women, formed a sea of color in fanciful scarves of all sizes in Paris. Bearded men, some in long robes, also joined in the Paris march. A small group set out a prayer mat and prayed.

"Faith is not conspicuous," said one of hundreds of banners. "Neither Fundamentalist nor Terrorist but Peaceful Citizen," read another.



Muslim protesters Suffa Alnoor, left, imanabu Sharakh, center, and Gazala Anzari gather in front of the French embassy Saturday to protest the French Anzari gather in front of the French embassy Saturday to p government's plan to ban Muslim head scarves in schools.

Police said up to 10,000 people took part in the peaceful march in the French capital, while several thousand others protested in a half-dozen cities around the coun-

half-dozen cities around the country.
Critics of the law claim it will stigmatize France's Muslims.
French authorities contend the principle of secularism is meant to make everybody equal.

"I think-it-will-make-thingsworse," Kods Meiry, 18, said of the head 'scarf ban. "There will be no more integration."

Her blue, white and red scarf matching the French flag was meant "to show that we are French and Muslim and proud of it."

"Jots of girls will leave school.

it."
"Lots of girls will leave school.
Others will take their scarves off,"
said Myriam Diaou, of the Union
of Muslims of Trappes, southwest
of Paris. "It will reinforce the

sense of exclusion

sense of exclusion."

In London, 2,400 people demonstrated near the French Embassy in the upscale Knightsbridge area. Waving placards, they chained: "If this is democracy, we say 'No, mercil"

"The government is isolating muslims and setting a dangerous precedent," said Intisham Flibatullah, spokesman for the Muslim Association of Britain.

Nearby, a small rival group of about 30 demonstrators expressed support for the French ban.

Britain's Foreign Office Minister Mike O'Brien said the Britain government supports the right to display religious symbols. "In Britain, we are comfortable with the expression of religion, seen in the wearing of the hijab, crucifixes or the kippa," O'Brien said in a statement. "Integration does not require assimilation."

Submarine retrieves plane's black box the surface, Qilada said. All planes carry two boxes – one containing the cockpit's word recordings and the other technical data. France has sent slips, divers and technicians to assist the search operation, including a ship that arrived Wednesday to scan the sea bed and produce detailed maps of the sea floor. search team by France Telecom. Egyptian civil aviation authorities have said they will lead the analysis of the box's contents. But French and U.S. officials are assisting the investigation. Another remote controlled submarine is pursuing the second black box, which is believed to beling more than 3,300 yards below

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) – A small submarine has retrieved one of the flight data recorders of an Egyptian jet that crashed this month at a Red Sea resort, an official said Saturday. The chief of the search team, Shaker Qilada, said the recorder commonly known as a black box, contained the technical data of the

commonly known as a marce social contained the technical data of the plane's performance before it crashed Jan. 3, minutes after taking off from the Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheik. The black box, which was located Friday on the so-de, appeared to be in good condi-tion after it was treated with chem-icals to remove salt, Qladas said. Egyptian and French investiga-tors hope the black box will reveal what caused the plane to crash (killing all 149 people on board— including; 134-French tourists who were flying to Paris. Officials have said it was caused by a technical problem and ruled out terrorism. The box was retrieved at dawn by the small submarine Scorpio 2000, which has been lent to the

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Indian-middle-class-spurs-ties-with-U.S. ago, India's lone television nel, state run Doordarshan, d have included a brief state

NEW DELHI (AP) – In the northern city of Chandigarh, a father mourmed the death of his only son, a U.S. soldier who was the first Indian to die in combat in Iraq.

All of India mourned along with the United States over the death of Indian-born astronaut Kalpana Chawla in the Columbia space shuttle disaster last year.

Indians today are linked to the United States in ways unimaginable only a few years ago. The two cultures are learning to interact more closely, particularly in the war on terrorism.

India sided with the Soviet Union during the Cold War, and only recently turned from social-ist-style central economic planning. New Delhi found common ground with Washington on endings the Taliban regime in Afghanistan, though most fall, U.S. and Indian war-

Iraq.
This fall, U.S. and Indian war-ships took part in anti-terrorism

exercises off the southwest coast of India, and commandes from both armies trained together in the Indian Himalayas. Most recently, President Bush pledged increased dialogue with India on missile defense and high-tech

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"The expanded cooperation launched today is an important milestone in transforming the relationship between the United States and India," Bush said in a externee.

ons. In Maler Kotla, 90 miles from

In Maler Kotla, 90 miles from New Delhi, townspeople anxious-ly awaited the results of an elec-tion in a state few have heard of, in a country most have never vis-ited.

One of the state's favorite sons, Bobby Jindal, was locked in a November race for Louisiana gov-ernor, which he lost by 4 percent-age points.

age points.

Had the election occurred 10

channes, saccovery would have included a brief statement in its daily news program, wedged between broadcasts of old Bollywood movies and reruns of "I Love Lucy."
Today, news leapt quickly from mobile phone to mobile phone. Dismayed relatives logged on to Web sites. People sat at local teahouses, gazes fixed on televised images beamed straight from Baton Rouges.

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EDITORIAL

Consolidating agencies can boost Idaho's growth

merger of state Laborand Commerce departments.

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ebounding from a slow economy has been no picnic for Idahoans. But the situation does have

its positive aspects.

Ever since state revenue started to slide back in 2001, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and state officials have been forced to make state government more efficient.

That means less

t means less te, tighter Our view: Idaho will waste, tighter controls on spending, and merging state services whenev-er possible. Kempthorne's

latest attempt to streamline agencies in the name of efficiency

could be the from our rebiggest success of all. The proposal to merge the Department of Labor with the Department of Labor with the Department of Commerce makes sense from an organizational standpoint. It also could energize the state's ability to recruit economic development and improve the work force. In his State of the State address on Tuesday, Verentlesera proted that he has

In his State of the State address on Thesday, Kempthorne noted that he has relied on both agencies during negotiations with potential Idaho employers. He said the common goals of business development and work force development have created a synergy that works to the state's benefit.

"I believe that by merging these departments we can maximize our resources, eliminate any redundant functions, while continuing to recruit and retain businesses and create jobs for hard-working Idahoans," Kempthorne said. Kempthorne's move would be a sensible step by itself. But it's an even better move under

the capable leadership of Commerce Director Roger Madsen.

Madsen.
Madsen has led the
Department of Labor since
1995, but he also has served as Departing 1995, but he also incommerce chief December, when LaMoyne Hyde resigned the post. Madsen has worn both hats without any problems because, despite separate missions, the two offices have ties.

benefit with the proposed

As a former legislator, Madsen will work well with lawmakers and the governor's staff to enhance ness opportuni-ties that attract industries into

195. ties that attract industries into Idaho.

Some may be skeptical about the merger and how the agency can fulfill two missions. Commerce has traditionally plugged business interests, industry and tourism, while Labor has focused on rules and regulations in the work force. But Madsen, who is well-respected by leaders and state workers, is well-positioned to smooth out any conflict between those agencies. Furthermore, any economic development recruiter in the country will tell you a key factor in attracting high-paying jobs is an educated and dedicated work force. Good enuployers want to go where the loyal, talented and hardworking workers are.

tne loyal, talented and hard-working workers are.

Idaho's ability to land jobs that pay well and fuel economi-ic growth relies on labor, capi-tal and state resources. tal and state resources.
Consolidating these two
departments will strengthen
Idaho's efforts.



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Gore bogs down on global warming

It is richly ironic that former Vice President Al Gore would choose MoveOn.org as the venue for a speech blasting the Bush administration over the environment, for this is one subject about which the left won't ever "move on."

ver "move on." Earth to Gore: No one is listen-

ever "move on."

Earth to Gore: No one is listening.

The amazement of environmentalists and the media, Bush's approval ratings on his handling of the environment have stayed near or even above 50 percent throughout his presidency, despite the mountain of adverse headlines in the media, the norstop fury of the political environmental groups, and the huge generic party advantage Democrats have over Republicans as the party best able to protect the environment. At no point in Bush's presidency has his "disapprove" rating on his handling of the environment exceeded his approval ratings. The most recent Newsweek poll, taken last week, found 44 percent approving Bush on the environment, with 40 percent disapproving and the rest undecided. This is exactly where his ratings stood when he took office three years ago. In fact, Bush's environmental poll numbers for the comparable point in his first

environmental poll numbers are every close to President Bill Clinton's poll numbers for the comparable point in his first term, which must drive Gore out of his mind.

It would be difficult for Gore and his environmental allies to turn up the rhetoric any higher. Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has said "George W. Bush will go down in history as America's worst environmental president." This will certainly come as a relief to Ronald Reagan, the previous undisputed champ of environmental run – at least according to environmental run – at least according to environmental run – at least according to environmental run – at least according 1980s.
In fact, there is nothing said

STEVEN F. HAYWARD

about Bush today that wasn't said about Reagan in the 1980s, and nearly all of it turned out to be wrong. For instance, air pollution fell fastest in the 1980s, Maybe

fall faerest in the 1980s. Maybe this is one reason people have stopped listening. Gore's complains that "the problem is that our world is now confronting a five-diarm lire that calls for bold moral and political leadership from the United States of America. With such leadership, there is no doubt that we could solve the problem of global warming. After all, we brought down communism, won wars in the Pacific and Europe simultaneously, enacted the

brought down communant, wars in the Pacific and Europe simultaneously, enacted the Marshall Plan, found a cure for polio and put men on the moon. The trouble is that the Clinton administration itself estimated that the cost of the Kyoto Protocol to the American economy for just one year would be more than twice the total cost of the moon project and the Marshall plan put together. This is the reason President Clinton did not submit the Kyoto Protocol to the Senate for ratification, or lift a finger to implement it.

cation, or lift a finger to implement it.
This is why in 1998 the
National Environmental Trust
blasted the Clinton administration for its "intransigence," for
"abandoning the core principles"
of the Kyoto global warming
treaty and for "abandoning any
pretence of living up to its rhetotre about cutting global warming
pollution."

pollution."
And in a speech in April 2002,
Eileen Claussen of the Pew
Center on Global Climate
Change, one of the leading advocacy groups for urgent action on
the issue, had harsh words for the

Clinton administration: "Finally, I'd like to offer a special posthumous award to the Clinton administration. For talking big about climate change on the international stage but doing next to nothing about it at home, I present the Clinton White House with the award for best costumes."

Gore and MoveOn.org are hop-ing that everyone will forget this inconvenient fact about the

inconvenient fact about the Clinton-Gore record.
The distinguished economist. Thomas Schelling wrote last year that while Bush may not have made the best choice in rejecting Kyoto outright, but given the political and economic realities.

Kyoto outright, but given the political and economic realities "Bush at least avoided hypocrisy." As Elleen Claussen's comments suggest, that's one thing that we cart say about Clinton-Goron. Meanwhile, there are signs environmentalists might not be all that lappy with a prospective Howard Dean White House. The Los Angeles Times reported in a recent headline that "A Pragmate Streak Colors Dean's Green Credentials." "Dean's Il-year cord as governor," Times reporter Eric Slater wrote, 'suggests he is much more a pragmatist on environmental issues than an ideologue, a certist who often catered to business interests first, addressing the accompanying environmental

ness interests first, addressing the accompanying environmental concerns later." Uh-oh: better keep those hys-terical press releases ready for Pressident Dean. Lucky for them Dean's name has the same num-ber of letters as Bush, making it a simple matter to switch them

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-Letters=

Same-sex bonds contradict marriage's purpose This is a response to I

This is a response to Danielle and Pamela concerning homosexuality. It was first stated that the Bible should not be used as the source of authority for right, or wrong in cases of homosexual marriage and that no one should have the right to deny same-sex marriages. There were also some comments about the whys, wherefores and reasons for the institution of marriage and also a declaration that everyone has different morals, implying that it's OK to do what, seems right in one's own eyes and that there are no absolutes or definite standards of right and wrong.

and that there are no absolutes or definite standards of right and wrong.

First of all, it is important to understand that regardless of our personal standards or our viewpoint of God, his standards and his authority do not change, nor have they changed from the beginning. He made man and woman in his own image, in a very particular way, each designed for a particular purpose in his plan and method of operation. God also invented marriage and family for this man and woman.

For man to adopt a same-sex marriage policy is to adapt the design to a role for which it was never intended.

Who is hurt in this type of living arrangement? I must point to society as a whole. Children who grow up in a world of conflicting standards are a train wreck sure to happen.

Confusion is at the forefront, followed by frustration and then langer, which reveals itself in

Confusion is at the forefront, followed by frustration and then langer, which reveals itself in defiance of authority which results in doing what is right in their own eyes. Consequently, they enter adulthood with no good foundation for personal conduct and are carrying a needless mountain of emotional. baggage they are not equipped to deal with.

to deal with.

It is these individuals who will lead our country on all social, economic and political levels. If our country is to heal its deep wounds and successfully address our country is to heal its deep wounds and successfully address the myriad of problems it faces, it must begin from the inside out. First the home, then the city and then up and out from there we must go. We cannot repair ourselves from the top down. Repairs must come from the bottom up.

Concerning a judgmental attitude, I would refer to the biblical position which is to declare guilt or innocence and then hand down sentence. This is for God only.

nand down sentence. This is of od only.
Judgment differs from discernment, which compares a situation to a standard allowing a personal determination for or against the situation.
BOB JONES
Twin Falls

King holiday deserves wider observance

Martin Luther King Day is an observed national holiday. A day

Martin Luther King Day is and observed national holiday. A day when people were supposed to honor the day that civil rights were given to them. Most federal, state and local governments honor this holiday. Your local banks are closed, but there are some agencies that do not close for the holiday. Excluding police, fire, ambulance and dispatchers who work 247, there are some schools as well as highway districts that do not close to observe the holiday. This is a day in our history, a day in the history and the same manner by all people. What kind of message are we sending the leaders of tomorrow. What kind of message are we sending the leaders of tomorrow. What kind of message out the workers today that observe

row? What kind of message our the workers today that observe; the holiday with a day away from work? They all have rights and deserve the same right as those that get the day off from school or the day away from

work. Civil Rights Day - a day for all

to celebrate.
SHANNON MALONE
Murtaugh

Shooting range gives new handle on gun control laws Gun 101. Maybe if teenagers

uns are bad. All my life, it's been that simple. At my son's preschool, if a child pointed a banana and said "bana," he was admonished to "use the banana in a happler way." As far as I was concerned, the Second Amendment gave us the right to protect ourselves against invading armies, not the right to buy a gun and keep it under our beds. So what would make someone like me change my mind? I met this gun, enthusiast. As research for my new novel, I asked him many questions, all the while woicing my disgust. My chararter would. "Come to the range," the guif guy said. "I'll teach you to shoot."

I expected a dungeon full of

shoot."
I expected a dungeon full of men missing teeth and wearing T-shirts decorated with Confederate flags. Instead, I found a sunny, wood-paneled lobby and guys who looked like

DIANA WAGMAN

lawyers on their lunch break.
The man behind the counter was as pleasant as a grandfather from Central Casting. "What would it take for me to buy a gun?" I asked him. He explained the California laws, some of the most stringent in the United States. I would have to wait 10 days – the "cooling off" period. There would be federal and local background checks: I'd have to take a safety class. I'd have to buy a childproof lock. I couldn't purchase an assault weapon. I couldn't buy more than one handgun per month. Of course, he said, if I didn't want to wait, I could drive 10 minutes and buy-an Uzi illegally out of someone's car.
When my guide arrived, he

car.

When my guide arrived, he gave me a choice of handguns. I went with the .357 magnum - I

recognized the name – and a tra-ditional target with a red bull's-eye. I couldn't imagine shooting at one shaped like a man.
First lesson, respect your firearm. I got a little talk about how to hold it. To load it. And finally to fire it. It was terrifying. The gun was so heavy, I couldn't keep it steady. It took both index fingers to pull the trigger, and then there was a flash of flame, a loud crack, a substantial kick. It was much harder than it looked in the movies. I occasionally hit— the target, but I also managed to oblitemate the metal hanger that held it. held it.

onteracte the inectal magest of the left it.

I have to admit: I loved it. I had a fantastic time. The power of that gun for me, a 5-foot-3 woman, was immediately, shockingly seductive. The thrill when I hit the bull's-eye (once) was as great as making a perfect tenuis shot. I felt like I was playing a careful game of darts in a small,

alcohol-free bar. Later, I was surprised to dis

Later, I was surprised to discover that some of my closest friends owned guns. People I never would have suspected confessed that their guns made them feel protected. Still, most of my friends thought handguns should be outlawed, completely, in every discoverations.

be outlawed, completely, in every circumstance.

I no longer was so sure. I did some research – there are countiess testimonials about guns saving someone's life. I looked into shooting as a sport. I spoke to a woman who had found a wounded deer and shot it, ending its agony. I changed my mind: Guns aren't bad.

Which leaves gun violence. At

aren't bad.
Which leaves gun violence. At least in California, we don't need more laws – we just need to enforce the ones we have. What alse?

else?
The answer has to be educa-tion: teaching people to deal with anger, to solve problems, offering them brighter futures, but also

Gun 101. Maybe if teenagers were given computer-generated pictures of their own bodies, post-gunshot wounds, it would help them understand the enormity of firing a weapon. Maybe if everyone spent an afternoon at the shooting range, forced to follow the rules, they would respect the power of a gun.

I confess, I don't know exactly how to solve the problem, but at least now I know | don't know. Fring gun sao a port is great fun. Having a gun because it makes you feel safer seems understandable. Changing the way people behave? If you thought gun control was a distant dream ... it could take centuries.

Meanwhile, my 15-year-old has

Meanwhile, my 15-year-old has asked me to take him shooting. And I've agreed.

Novelist and screenwriter Diana Wagman is the author of "Bump" and "Skin Deep."

Leaders take another bad turn on Anderson plan

appears our elected officials getting ready to put it to us are getting ready to put it to us again. The county commissioners have now set up an ambulance to without our say or vote. They are also trying to buy the Anderson Lumber property without a vote by the people who will pay for it. If we keep sitting around on our comfortable behinds, the next thing will be to turn the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in

Our elected officials have prove many times they can override our concerns and votes. Case in point was the term limits vote which we voted in. Whether a person voted for this or not is not the point. It was voted in and the skunks in Beise voted against the majority and allowed no term limits to take

- LETTER

affect. The Times News has warned us to organize or we will lose a lot more of our control of our government and our elected officials. I also noticed one of the county buildings was named for a past county commissioner (the Marvin Hempleman Building). We also have the "Billy" house. It makes

me wonder if the Anderson Lumber building will be named the "Grindstaff Building." How about the other commissioner? Will the name of the hospital be changed to reflect his service to this "Magic Valley"? I do not write this letter out of anger but for my concern of the

way our local, state and national agovernment is running over us and very few people will stand upward of anything. Do you wonder why so many people do not vote? "I Just maybe they do not feel their vote counts."

LARRY B. MCKAY Twin Falls

Howard-needs the other 'Dr. Dean' - his wife

Treally want to like Dr. Judith Steinberg Dean. She's the anti-political wife. This is no cookie-baking, teapouring, stay-at-home helpmate, looking nice for the cameras and always going along. No Bess Truman or Mamie Eisenhower or Laura Bush, reflexively burying her own ambitions so her husband can devote himself to his. She's a modern American woman, a busy physician, a mother of two, navigating the rush of competing demands – her patients' emergencies, her son's ice hockey games, the twice-amonth meetings of her mystery-book club. month me book club.

month meetings of her mystery-book club.

She says, "My career is just as important as my husband's career" and she really seems to mean it. Far be it from me to begrudge her passions or her privacy or her dreams.

How could I'r Mors of the married couples! I know have two working spouses. Neither one can afford to quit. How could I'r My own wife works at least as hard to, and she actually helps people every day, which is a whole lot more than! can say.

And yet.... And yet....

As Howard Dean is the frontrunning Democrat for president, his life is undergoing a whole new level of scrutiny. His whole—life-including, his family life. And the person you'd expect to be the staunchest supporter of the former governor of Vermont is nowhere to be seen.

Standing at his side for precisely one campaign appearance.

Stitting for a grand total of zero

Standing at his side for predis-ty one campaign appearance. Sitting for a grand total of zero television interviews. Showing up one night to watch the candidates debate, wearing bluejeans and an oversized pair of sneakers.

DES MOINES, Iowa - I caught

DES MOINES, Iowa — I caught up with surging front-runner Howard Dean here at the Iowa State Fairgrounds, near a gasstation/mini-mart named (I swear) the "Kum & Go." Outside the building where Dean spoke were two people — at least I assume they were people — one-dressed as a giant carrot and one as a signat

one as a giant ear of corn. A representative of People for the Ethical

recipie for the Ethical Treatment of Animals handed out literature stating that the 'carrot is "Chris P. Carrot," and he's running for president on the platform of "teaching American families and their children about healthy

about healthy



Is her schedule really that

has a long and distinguished record of pretending to be presi-dent on TV. But the biggest applause came when Howard Dean, the feisty little

Dean, the feisty little Surgemeister himself, surged into the room and fired up the crowd by biting the head off a live

Not really! I'm making a little

politics
y is offering his to the misders or special interest groups. In covering five national campaigns, I have yet to hear a presidential commence of the misders or special interest yet to hear a presidential continuous proposition. 26. It is not the misders or special interest groups. Every last contender say a single kind word about Washington insiders or special interest groups. Every last contender swears he's going to stomp these people like ants. Yet, incredibly, Washington remains indested with them. Whereas your presidential contenders Kum & Go.

Anyway, Dean got a great response from his supporters, including Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin, who is married to a lobbyist and has been in Congress since 1974, but apparently is not an insider

DAVE

BARRY

Politics, politics

Humorist Dave Barry is offering his take on the race for the Democratic presidential nomination in daily dispatches from the campaign trail.

Barry will report from lowa through Jan. 19, and from New Hampshire Jan. 23 through Jan. 26.

m making a little
joke about Dean's
reputation for
having a temper.
In fact, it was a
squirrel. Ha ha!
But seriously,
Dean did express
anger at George

first first lady with her own real

ELLIS HENICAN

Judith Steinberg was raised upper middle-class in Ro-Jyn on New York's Long Island, the daughter of two physicians, the second of four girls. Her mother was an especially strong role model, it seems. A native of Manitoba, she graduated from medical school in Canada, serve in that country's military and moved to New York for a pediatrics residency.

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Not only did daughter Judy fol-low her mom into the medical field. She also married a follow-doctor-in-training. For a gover-nor's wife, she has lived an extraordinarily quite life.

The clips say she canoes and hikes and rides a clunker bike around Lake Champlain. She bought one new suit - a red onel - for her husband's presidential campaign.

When asked about his wife last

- for her management of the ma

quote."
"I do not intend to drag her around because I think I need around because I think I need her as a prop on the campaign rail," he said. "If she wanted to do it, it'd be great. But she does n't want to do it, and therefore if-she does do it, it won't be great. I just think she should do what she needs to do for her com-

just think she should do what needs to do for her own happi-ness and satisfaction."
Who knows? Given her busy schedule and all the other demands, she might even find time to vote for him.

Ellis Henican is a Newsday

LETTER-

Editor's weekly column offers great Insight

ark Walworth I have been meaning to write for months and am finally doing

. I just wanted to let you know-ow much I enjoy your Between

the Lines column. It is one of my favorites, and I look forward to reading it every week. It is inter-esting to find out more about how a newspaper works. Thanks and keep up the good

work!
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anis raises sever al concerns:

• Isn't Chris P. Carrot saying, essentially, that we should eat HIM? If we did, who would be president? The corn?

• Does the vegan diet kill brain cells, as evidenced by the fact that it causes people to stand outside in the freezing cold dressed as giant vegetables?

I didn't find out the answers. Like the lowans at the Dean rally who appeared to be mostly carnivores – I hastened past Chris P. Carrot into the warmth of the building.

There I found a clot of seasoned political journalists, who briefed me on the Democratic race. The big news was that John Edwards, who had been staggant, was surging, while at the same time John Kerry – who had faltered early in the race, then surged, then refailered—was now surging AGAIN. This bodes badly for Howard Dean, who used to be the Lone Surger out here, as well as traditional Jowa-caucus winner Dick Gephardt, who had beet surging like a madman. He's the Surgin General.

You may think F m making this stuff up hu it's a fairly accurate portrayal of how political journalists talk after weeks of being forced to write thousands upon thousands of words based on virtually zero hard information. For what it's worth, the current media consensus seems to be that the Democratic nomination will be won by either Dean or Clark. So I would not totally rule out Chris P. Carrot.

But getting back to the Howard Dean-rally. The first big excitement was the arrival onstage, to wild cheering, of Martin Sheen, who is backing Dean, which is very important because Sheen

ij,

Is net schedule than than busy?

Is she really that shy?

Do her patients really demand that much from her?

Or is Dr. Judith Steinberg Dean trying to say something here?

"I don't keep his clippings," she told The Boston Globe last summer, by way of explanation.
"And we don't have cable, so I don't see him on the news very much."

And we won't have cause, so I don't see him on the news very much."
Independence, I admire. Wifely ambition is great.
But sin't there something between Nancy Reagan's slavish-dewnion—and this?
You don't have to pine for the bad-old image-conscious days to ask: Couldn't the woman have found a pair of wool pants?
And what comes next?
If Howard Dean is elected president, his wife says, she'll keep practicing medicine like she did through his nearly 12 years as governor. What worked in Montpelier, she says, can work in Washington. America will get in

first first lady with her own real career.

That, of course, was something even Hillary Rodham Clinton never achieved. She always saw herself as a full political partner. She practiced law in Little Rock. (Remember the expression "Rose Law Firm billing records?") But when Bill got elected president, Hillary contented herself with trying to revise national health policy and other similar tasks.

Some people seem worried about the implications of a doctorffirst lady. Decorum. Security, Questions such as: Could a first last by the left alone with a patient in an examining room?

lady be left alone with a patient in an examining room? But all that can be worked out. Let it be said by a guy who loves headstrong, independent women, who's been around the women, who's been around the all his life. There's something odd about this particular example, impressive as the woman seems. Her background offers hints, although it doesn't explain every-thing.

Democratic candidates surge all over Iowa yet. The evening ended with everybody shouting DEANI DEANI DEANI for a while, after which it was time to surge back out into the cold Iowa night. Chris P. Carrot was gone. I surged for to dinner with some veteran

political journalists. We had steak.

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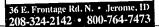
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with high quality raw milk. "That's where the dairy farmers come in," said Barney Krueger, Glanbia's vice president of technical "The dairy services. farmers are our partners and they consistently provide Glanbia with the highest quality milk so in turn, we can produce

duce high quality dairy

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products." **Ouality assurance starts** right on the dairy farm, where regular testing is conducted to check for bacterial and somatic cell counts.

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"Milk that doesn't meet our strict quality standards will never make its way into Glanbia's system," Kruger explains. "That means that only dures to the cow the highest quality products make it to our consumer's dinner tables."

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'Milk that doesn't meet our strict quality standards will never make its way into Glanbia's system," Krueger explains. "That means that only the highest quality products make it to our consumer's dinner tables"

As an added incentive to keep Glanbia's dairy patrons focused on producing quality milk,

Glanbia several years ago established a bonus program that rewards dairy farmers for their efforts in producing only the best milk. Along with having to meet the criteria for low bacterial and somatic cell

counts, Glanbia reviews the farms operation from how the animals are treated to milking proce-

sanitation system. Not only does this help Idaho's dairy farmers consistently

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INSIDE

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The Times-News

Sunday, January 18, 2004

It's time we put a damper on Idaho

When this green and pleasant land was settled a century ago, everybody had a potbellied stove but nobody had any wood. So they burned sagebrush, which sent the temperature Inside a two-room lava-rock house soaring to about 350 degrees for roughly five minutes until subsiding again to subfreering.

freezing.
It was inefficient, but it was damned exciting. And nobody had to chop wood.

T'm here this I'm here this



morning to argue that's a consummation devoutly to be wished.

Wood-burn-

wished.
Wood-burning fireplaces are rouble, yet we can't get the stay of them. Can I get a witness?

Staye

Crump

Staye

Tricity went out to the back yard to chop enough wood to keep a fire going long enough to prevent the pipes from freezing. I was taking my fourth or fifth whack at a 50-pound log when my lower back seized up like a used car on the day after the warranty expires. Walked around for a week like Grouch Marx in "Duck Soup."

That same eventing, my friend "Victoria — who lives-in- Boise—tossed another log on to her fire-place and sat down to read a good book.

The fire-place doors — made of tempered glass — exploded, sending red-hot shards fiying across her living room. She was unhurt, but her sofa shill never be the same.

See, a fire-place is God's way of

ing ree-not snarus itying across the living room. She was unhurt, but-her sofa will never be the same.

See, a fireplace is God's way of telling you that you don't own enough Idaho Power stock.

I had a co-worker some years ago – a city boy keen on country ways. He moved into a house in Kimberly with a fireplace, and every summer he'd dutifully troop down to the Forest Service office and buy a firewood permit, borrow a trailer and a chainsaw, and head for the South Hills.

He was working on some dead-fall timber one August day when the chainsaw slipped and laid open a 14-inch gash on his thigh. He didn't have a lot of blood left by the time he reached the emergency room.

And yet that very next summer, he was back at it, sawing and stacking logs.

Why'l Lef Fess Parker explain. Farker was a Iexas-born actor cast as Daniel Boone in a '60s TV series about the Kentucky backwoodsman. In one episode, Boone explains to his son, "Bein' independent means doin' for yoftrself, even if it means doin' the less."

Seems to me that pretty much summarizes the philosophy of fireplaces: In exchange for back-breaking work and no small expense, you get a little heat that is quickly overwhelmed by the sheer volume of cold air rushing down the chinney.

Biame Abe Lincoln.

Every American grows up learning that young Mr. Lincoln did his homework by fireshine.

BIRME ADE LINCOIN.
Every American grows up learning that young Mr. Lincoin did his homework by fireshine. It's impossible to think about enterprise and gumption and native intelligence in this country without the specter of the

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Šnowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg."	% section peak
Upper Snake Basin	104%	55%
Salmon Falls	117%	59%
Salmon	96%	49%
Oakley	112%	58%
Big Wood	104%	55%
Little Wood	119%	60%
Henrys Fork/Teton	118%	62%
Big Lost	111%	55%
Little Lost	90%	47%
	As of	Jan. 17



Lincoln schools look to share

Page B4

RICHFIELD – With two of three school superintendents in Lincoln County retiring at the end of this school year, he time could be ripe for the districts to have only one and save money.

"The way they continue to cut funding, us smaller districts, we struggle," said Brenda Farnworth, Richfield School Board chairwoman.

oman.
Although there hasn't been a nerger of school districts in Idaho or seven years, many small school

districts around the state are find-ing ways to cooperate and share staff, according to state Department of Education spokes-woman Allison Westfall.

woman Allison Westfall.

In Lincoln County, a Monday
meeting is set to be a discussion of
possibilities—for—the—Shoshone,
Richfield and Dietrich districts to

cooperate.
"We're going to go and listen,"
said Max Excell, superintendent
in Shoshone.
David Hocklander, superintendent of the Richfield district, said
the idea of consolidating schools
has been tossed around for years.

The Richfield School Board dis-cussed it informally, with the idea of finding ways to cut costs. Hoddonder suggested a variety of positions that could be shared among the three districts: superin-tendents, delenk, transportation, speech. therapists,—occupational therapists, curriculum directors and Title I directors.

and Title I directors.

Hocklander said they would not consider creating one district, but he has high hopes for cost-sharing

measures.
"I would hope that they at least honest and open discus-the pros and cons,"

Hocklander said.

By consolidating superintendents, but not districts, Lincoln County could have one person answering to three school boards.

The Meadows Valley and McCall-Donnelly school districts in central Idaho already share a single superintendent, but are not consolidated.

'Little steps'

Meanwhile, the Kimberly and Hansen school districts are in the process of consolidating opera-tions in their transportation departments. Although the dis-

tricts will not share ownership of buses, they are looking to share o mechanic and centralize buying gas, parts, supplies and maybe buses.

"Little steps are where we need to start." Kimberly Superintendent John Garner said.

"We walk a fine-line-between-being more efficient and maintaining local control."

Garner said there was talk about 15 years ago to consolidate the Kimberly, Hansen and Murtaugh districts, but the idea was rejected.

Garner said he did not knew Please see SCHOOLS, Page 87

Christmas bonfire



K.C. McDonald, 8, balances his reasting stick while cooking a hot dog over flames coming from a pile of Christmas trees in Paul Saturday. The West End Fire Department holds the annual tree burn and hot dog roast for city residents.

Annual tree burn marks end of holiday season

By Rebecca Meany Times-News writer

PAUL - Her eyes all aglow, Alicia Braden watched as her family Christmas tree went up in

flames.
"I think they need to go," reasoned the nine-year old Paul resi-

soned the nine-year old Paul resident.
Grandmother Judy Bradel looked at the pile.
"It's in there somewhere," she said of her tree.
Behind them members of the West End Fire Department set out hot chocolate and hot dogs as Paul's annual Christmas tree burn got under way Saturday in City Park.
There would be no hot dogs for Judy's grandson, Chris, however.

"Hate 'em," he said.
"I guess you could've brought your own chicken leg and thrown it on," Judy said.
Last year, the tree burn was held at the new fire station. This year, firefighters say, the event might not have happened.
"They wanted to abandon it," said Daryl Scott, assistant chief and 17-year volunteer with the fire department. "I'm not sure if it was lack of interest or what."
But members just couldn't let go of the near half-century tradition.
"We decided Paul needed it," he said.

"We decided Paul needed it, he said.

Their duties for the holidays began back in November, he said, when firemen went around town putting up Christmas decora-tions. This month, they made the rounds again, dismantling rather

than adorning.

"We take them down when we do our wiener roas to coordinate it on one Saturday." Scott said.

Among their duties was traveling the alleyways of Paul, picking up Christmas trees that residents left for them.

Of the all-volunteer department, few have put in as much time as Otto Riedlinger, 73, who recently marked his 50th year as a member.

iched the event grow.

decline and grow again.

"They wanted us to combine it with Rupert's," he said of the neighboring town's tree bonfire.
"But we decided to keep it right

ere."
As the crowd began to gather –
ome lugging their own trees –
ne fire crew sprinkled the heap

"Boy Scout starter fluid," joked Bill Sibbett of the fire depart-

ment.

At first, the trees were resistant and volunteers had to splash more gasoline onto the pile.

"I guess we're not in the busness of building fires," other firemen said from the sidelines, laughing.

Then, snap, crackle and pop.

The dry branches and mine nee-

The dry branches and pop.

The dry branches and pine needles caught fire and a plume of smoke reached into the air, taking with it the last vestiges of the holiday season.

Times News writer Rebecca Meany can be reached at 735-3259 or by email at rmeany@magicval-ley.com.

Cassia, T.F. rank highest in welfare

BOISE - Cassia and Twin Falls counties receive more money per capita from Idaho Department of Health and Welfare programs than other counties in south-central Idaho.

than other counties in south-central Idaho.

In fact, Magic Valley's two most populous counties both rank in the top 10 of Idaho's 44 counties when it comes to per capita distribution of the more than 51 billion spent each year for people in need in the state.

The statewide average investment of state and federal investment of state and federal dollars amounts to \$808 for every person in Idaho.

"Even If you don't directly use

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in Idaho.
"Even if you don't directly use
a department service, you benefit
from the department's investment." Health and Welfare
Director Karl Kurtz said.
"Additional payments made to a
hospital, for example, allow the
facility to buy diagnostic equipment that may be used for all hospital clients, not just those who
are Medicaid-eligible."

In the Magic Valley, Cassin
County ranked seventh amount
the 44 countes with a per-capita
investment of \$1,010. I/win Falls
County was right behind at
\$1,001 per person. Camas County
ranked 44th, the lowest on the
list, with a per-capita investment
of \$692 per person.

The cash funneled to communities in 2003 came through
Medicaid, food stamps, additional
payments to hospitals, the Idaho
Child Care Program, Women,
Infants and Children nutritional
program and the Home Energy
program, among others.

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Twin Falls County parents received \$1.4 million in child care subsidy payments last year. The payments help low-income working parents and parents looking for work. The program also provides a big boost for the county's 206 child care providers who participate in the Idaho Child Care Program.

Program.
Little Gems Child Care Center in Twin Falls serves 60 children and 54 families, 13 of them in the

Conservationist fights proposed grazing rules

By Brandon Flaia Times-News writer

BURLEY - Local ranchers could benefit from proposed grazregulations critics say one else

everyone else loses out. The Bureau of Land

Ioses out.

The Bureau of Land Management wants to change how it manages public lands ranching. The agency has developed proposals that include a provision allowing ranchers to share ownership of land improvements such as fences, wells or pipelines. However many conservationists doubt the public's ability to shape the proposed regulations, saying the regulations themselves are designed to limit public involvement. One

provision aims to "improve effi-ciency ... by reducing the occa-sions in which the (BLM) is man-dated to involve the interested public," according to a BLM news release fact sheet.
-- "We'll-com-

Proposed grazing changes

A public meeting to discuss the draft environmental impact statement on a proposed Bureau of Land Menagement grazing rule is set for 1 to 5 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Doubletree Rhevalide Notel, 2900 Chinden Bhd., Boise. Public comment on the draft will be accepted by the BLM until March 2. BLM officials plan to publish the official proposed changes this summer.

"We'll-comment on it, but we don't anticipate it will have much effect," said jon Marvel, executive director of the We ste'r Natershed Sproject. That group works to protect and restore western watersheds and wildlife. wildlife.

"It cuts out
public involvement - that's the
worst part," Marvel said. "These
are public lands and ranchers are

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Man plunges into ice-covered lake to save dogs

By Sandra Wisecaver Times-News correspondent

BUHL — A Buhl woman watched in horror as her two dogs fell through the ice on a small lake near her home Friday. Patt Sheen was getting ready to go back to work at the nearby greenhouse at 1:45 pm. She had intended to put her two Shih Trus back in the house, but just minutes earlier they had taken off on a roup after Hobo, Sheen's great Pyrenees lab Hobo had apparently turned back right away when he reached a nearby lake, but the small dogs had continued on, running out into the center of the ice-covered water.

Sheen helplessly watched as Lexi, the mother dog, fell into the icy water followed by her pup, Nelli.

Sheen immediately called fellow empless Ray Gill at the

Nelli.

Sheen immediately called fellow employee Ray Gill at the greenhouse for help. Then she was out the door and down the hill.

The warm thermal water in the area – located near the Snake River – typically keeps the small lakes on the property



Ray Gill holds dogs Neill and Lexi, who he rescued from an Ice-covered lake Friday, as owner Patti Sheen looks on. 'It made me feel had because I felt like I had asked him to risk his life for my dogs,' says Sheen. 'But I couldn't create habon got I hand fall had not have a sound than.' reach them and I thank God he saved the

from freezing over Friday's cold temperatures covered the sur-face with a thin crust of ice. Although it was too thin to sup-port a human's weight, it was strong enough to support the dogs until they were far away from the safety of the shore.

Sheen ran into the water and soon found herself emerged up to her chest, with her feet stuck in the mud on the bottom of this lake.

In the meantime, Gill had run

Please see DOGS, Page B7

Study: Breaching dams would cost little

BOISE (AP) – Upgrading rail-roads and grain elevators to accom-modate grain shipments if the four lower Snake River dams were breached could cost the same as one year of maintaining those dams, conservationists contend. Many (ish biologists believe removing the four dams is the most certain way to recover endangered salmon. Breaching them would restore 140 miles of free-flowing river, but end barge traffic on the lower Snake River. All the retrofitting on the rail-roads and other facilities could cost as little as \$43.8 million,

Alice K. Harkness

report American Rivers, Idaho Rivers United and the National Wildlife Federatio

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"Considered in context, the costs identified here are very modest," said Rob Masonis, regional director for American Rivers. "An updated rail system would offer farmers an affordable and effective way to ship grain to market, protect existing businesses in southeastern Washington, and improve the prospects for attracting new business."

The groups said river conditions have only worsened since the adoption of an "aggressive"

non-breach" salmon recovery plan in 2000. U.S. District Judge plan in 2000. U.S. District Judge James Redden rejected that plan last May and told the federal gov-ernment to develop a plan that complies with the law. The groups commissioned transportation economists BST Associates to examine what infra-

Associates to examine what infra-structure improvements would be necessary to provide a compari-ble transportation system for Northwest farmers shipping their goods to market in Portland. The end of barging would result in about 1.2 extra 52-car trains headed up and down the

Dorothy Windsor
JEROME - Dorothy Windsor, 71,
of Jerome, died Friday, Jan. 16,

Columbia River Gorge each day during the height of the grain shipping season, BST found.

Upgrading the rail system to accommodate that would likely require an investment of between \$43.8 million and \$420 million in rail improvements, grain elevator capacity upgrades, and possibly new railcars.

BST's low-cost scenario of \$43.8 million is in the ball park of one year's federal spending on operating and maintaining the lower Snake River dams at \$36.5 million.

Officer becomes city's first female chief

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) —
Officials have hired the first
woman police chief in city history, a 26-year veteran of the
department.
Wendy Carpenter has been
interim chief since Sept. 4, 2003.
She replaced Tom Cronin, who
agreed to resign after a certification scandal erupted in late
August.

It was not a tough choice. We've been watching her since she took the job as interim chief ... it-was-pretty-obvious she will be

a great chief. "

- Sandi Bloem, mayor of Coeur d'Alene

"It was not a tough choice," Mayor Sandi Bloem said Friday. "We've been watching her since she took the job as interim chief and with her leadership, it was pretty obvious she will be a great chief." Carpenter, took the news of her new job in stride. "It was a nice surprise," said the graduate of Coeur d'Alene High School and North Idaho College. "It have a great department." Carpenter, 46, could retire in 3.5 years.

3.5 years.
"We'll cross that bridge when we get to it," the Spokane native said.

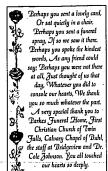
said.

Carpenter joined the Coeur d'Alene department as a dispatcher and reserve officer in 1977. She worked for five years in charge of the downtown parking patrol. She became a patrol officer in 1987, was promoted to sergeant in 1991 and ran the undercover Drug Task Force for six years.

SERVICES :

Aden Theodore "Ted" Sturgill of Kimberly, service at 11 a.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valler Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, burial will follow at 2 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, family will greet friends from 10 to 1045 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.





The family of Wanda McKinney

R. D. McKinney Doug & Diane Welch & family

grateful appreciation fo the kindness and sympathy shown us during our recent bereavement, the family of Frances Callen Sheneberner thanks everyone whose messages, cards and flowers helped lighten our sorrow. Special thank you to Thursday Sage Riders, 20th Century Club Reynolds Juneral Chapel.

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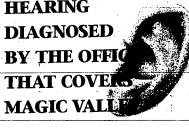
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BURLEY - Alice K. Harkness, 87, of Burley, died Saturday, Jan. 17, 2004, at her home. Anna V. Hyatt Arrangements will be announced by Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main in Burley.

FARFIELD - Anna V. Hyatt, 88, f Fairfield, died Saturday, Jan. 17, 204, in Winter Park, Fla.

Arrangements will be announced y Demaray Funeral Chapel in conding

Twia Bingham JEROME - Twila Bingham, 81, of Jerome, died Friday, Jan. 16, 2004, at the Sunbridge Care Center in Twin Dean Hendrickson

JEROME - Dean Hendrickson, 75, of Jerome, died Friday, Jan. 16, 2004.

Arrangements will be announced by Farasworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

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Ken Caldwell

HELENA, Mont. - Ken Caldwell,
44, of Helena, Mont., and formerly
of Twin Falls, died Friday, Jan. 16,
2004, at his home. Arrangements will be unnounced by Retz Funeral Home n Helena, Mont.

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Eva Louise Winnett - Burley

Eva Louise Winnett, 68, of urley-was-reunited with-herurley, was reunited with her eetheart on Friday, Jan. 16,

Falls.
The funeral will be held at 11 a.m.
Priday, Jan. 23, 2004, at the Jerome
LDS Stake Center with Bishop Alan
Leavitt officiating. Arrangements
are under the direction-of-Hove-

2004.
She was born Nov. 13, 1935, in Elba, Idaho, the daughter of Louis and Eva Winder Wickel. She received her education in Albion and Malta, graduating from Raft River High School in 1953.

53. She married Sidney Robert She married Sidney Robert Winnett on April 7, 1953, in Burley, Louise worked for Ore-Ida Foods in Burley for many years and later worked at the Cal-Ranch Store. She then was employed at King's Department Store, where she worked until series worked worked until series worked when the store where she worked until series worked. retirement.

She was a member of the Royal Neighbors of America and the Burley First Christian Church.

Church.
She loved her family and enjoyed spending quality time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She liked to go fishing and hunting



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and also enjoyed crocheting and gardening.

She is survived by her children, Cindy Louise (Eugene) Bridges of Moore, Idaho, Sidney Louis (Anna) Winnett of Hazelton, Richard Scott (Janet) Winnett of Heyburn, Laurie Ann David Wallace Winnett of

Burley; one stepson, Fred (Rosie) Davis of Thousand Oaks, Calift; her siblings, Wallace (Patty) Wickel of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Evah Arbon of Phoenix, Ariz., Audrey Durfee Heyne of Burley, Laretta (DeVon) Adams of Gooding and Harvey Wickel of Boise; 17 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren; She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Sidney Robert Winnett; her son, Michael Winnett; as tespson, Dallas Winnett; and one brother, Henry Lemon Wickel.

The funeral will be held at 11 am. Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2004, at the Burley First Christian Church, 1401 Oakley Avec, with the Rev. Herb C. Whitaker officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Agnes Kraus - Paul

Agnes Kraus went to be with her Lord and Savior on Jan. 16, 2004, at the age of 85 at Highland Estates surrounded by

2004, at the age of 85 at Highland Estates surrounded by her family.

Agnes was born on May 6, 1918, in McIntosh, S.D., to August and Rosina Greger Vilhauer. She moved to Idaho in June of 1937 and married Dave Kraus on Dec. 27, 1938. They farmed south of Rupert until they retired in 1978 and moved to Paul. Dave died in 1995 after 57 years of marriage. In 1999, she moved to Burley.

She loved to fish, and she and Dave spent many happy hours on the banks of Magic Reservoir, the Oregon Coast deep-sea fishing and various other fishing spots. She was a wonderful cook and the family enjoyed many delicious meals and good times with Mom and Dad on/the family farm.

In later years, she was yery

farm.
In later years, she was very active at the Burley Senior Center, where she loved to play



Bingo and Dominos, She

Bingo and Dominios. She ais-enjoyed crafts and was always knitting or crocheting for others. She was a member of the First Boptist Church of Paul for over 50 years, Women's Missionare Fellowship, Paul Planner's Home Extension Club and the Mt. Harrison Oullters.

She is survived by four daughters, Marie (Jerry) Barksdale of Las Vegas, Helen (Robert) Slater of Twin Falls, Judy (Gary) Uhrich of Paul and Tereas Sue German of Bel Air, Md.; eight grandchid-iden; 10 great grandchidfare, one brother, Herman (Ruth) Vilhauer; and two sisters, Irene (Don) Blaney and Darlene (Milbert) Moser.

She was proceded in death by one daughter, Grace (Kenneth) Bell; her parents; two brothers, Alvin and Clifford; three sisters, Hulda, Helen and Frieda; and one granddaughter, Julie Uhrich. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2004, at the First Baptist Church of Paul, Idaho.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Baptist Church of Paul or the Gideons International.

Genevieve Emma King Kane – Shoshone

Genevieve Emma King Kane, 89, died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004, at DeSano Place in Shoshone, Idaho.
Genevieve was born in Billings, Mont, on June 6, 1914, the daughter of Robert and Anna Rogers King in Billings, Mont.

Anna Rogers king in Billings,
Mont.
She was a resident of DeSano
Place in Shoshone, Idaho, for
almost three years. In 1940, the.
family migrated to Shoshone,
Idaho, from Wyoming, later moving to Richfield, Idaho. She also
lived in Eliko, New, for some
years and in 1988 returned to
Shoshone, Idaho.
She was a good mother and
grandmother. One of ther greatest joys was to see and hold her

first great-great-grandchild, Rachael, who became the fifth generation in 2001. We will miss mother and grandmother. But one day we will see you again in-

heaven.
Our warmest thank you to the staff of DeSano Place for all their wonderful love and care.
We deeply appreciate all you have done.

We deeply appreciate all you have done.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Donald R. King of Billings, Mont.; a nephew, Gerald King of Billings, Mont.; and a grandson, Ronald Engman of Shoshone, Idaho.

Surviving are two daughters, Bonnie (Benjamin) Shown of Glenns Ferry, Idaho, and Jean McKay of Shoshone, Idaho; one

Snor, Edward (Darlene) Mock of Golden Valley, Ariz: grandchildren, Daniel (Joan) Shown of Arvada, Calif., Merle (Annette). Shown_of_Arade. Junction, Ariz., Pastor Steve (Jolyan). Shown of Monte Vista, Colo., Brad (Sally) Baugh of Buhi, Idaho, Rusy Hoyle and wife of Kentucky, Juli a granddaughter of California, Shawn Mock of Bolise, Idaho, Edward "Buck" Mock of Bullhead City, Ariz, and Jeny a granddaughter of Bolise, Idaho, 31 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren and one expected soon.

At Genevieve's request, cremation was "performed by Demarny's Funeral Service and there were no formal services.

Number of local flights decreases

Large air carrier service flights gain popularity

HAILEY - Smaller airports in the Northwest are showing ips as well as downs in their

in the NOTTINESS. Suppressions are the state of the state

Friedman.
Some are so-called resort air-jorts, others not. The study, derived from statistics provided by airport control towers through the Federal Aviation Administration, listed air carrier and air taxi operations and gen-eral aviation.
What Baird found as he conserved

and air taxi operations and great avaitation.
What Baird found, as he reported last week to the airport's governing board, is that only three of the 4-fields showed an increase in 2003 air carrier operations over 2002. Friedman (up 24.7 percent, from 994 operations, to, 1320), Jackson Hole, Wyo. (up 42.2 percent, from 1,982 operations to, 3.429 flights), and Kalispell, Mont. (up 7.25 percent, up from 3,555 to 3,833 flights).

- Each takeoff and landing is counted as a separate flight operation.

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While Hailey is served by two commercial air services, four air-hifes operate into Kalispell and five serve Jackson Hole.
Air carriers losses year-over-year were reported in Aspen, Colo. (down 18.95 percent);
Boreman, Mont. (down 28.95 percent);
Lagle (down 23.9 percent) and Idaho Falls (down 76.94 percent); Missoula, Mont. (down 28.82 percent), and Redmond, Orce (down 61.29 percent).
Baird explained that the increases in Hailey's air carrier operations were caused by the new Horizon Airlines daily air service to Los Angeles and,

beginning this winter, to Oakland, Calif., between mid-

Oakland, Calif., between mid-December and March 28.
But when air taxi service is combined with air carrier serv-ice, Friedman Memorial Airport showed an 18.15 percent drop in 2003 (from 16,082 to 13,612 flights).
Air taxi includes St. W.

2003 (from 16,082 to 13,612 flights).

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Air taxi includes SkyWest Airlines, which flies a smaller 30-passenger turboprop than Horizon's 70-passenger Deliaviland Q400, and corporate-type jets operated for charter. In the general aviation category, only Kalispell (up 11.69 percent) and Idaho Falls (up 29.37 percent) showed increases in traffic of privately owned air-craft, ranging from small propaircraft to jets.

The Idaho Transportation Department ranks Friedman as the second busiest commercial airport in Idaho, second only to Boise.

The economy and the fallout

amport in Idano, second only about the Boise.

The economy and the fallout effects of the Sept-11-2001, terrorist attacks, Baird said, has caused some of the shrinkage.

But he's confident the airport remains a strong and vital part of the south central Idaho economy and will grow because of the area's two-season resort business. As the economy improves, Baird said he wouldn't be surprised to see another air carrier showing interest, in inaugurating service here.

United Express, a connection service of United Airlines, also flies small rurboprop that could use Friedman.

use Friedman.
Thus far, SkyWest Airlines has
declined to operate its 50-passenger Canadair regional jets out of
Hailey, explaining passenger
loads would have to be reduced
because of aircraft takeoff limits
created by the airport's alittude
of 5,267 feet above sea level.

Idaho man sues power company over summer fire

LEWISTON (AP) – A Viola man blames Clearwater Power Co. for a wildfire that started on his property last summer and caused an estimated \$1.9 million in damage. The blaze took only nine hours to char 190 acres on the north face of Moscow Mountain. It engulfed five houses and numerous outbuildings and vehicles on July 30.

Officials said they suspected

Stephen Sampson filed a law-suit Monday in Lewiston's 2nd District Court seeking unspeci-fied damages from the power company. The lawsuit accuses the

Lewiston-based power company of hooking electricity to an inade-

blaze.
In January 1999, Clearwater
Power placed a service pole near
Flannigan Creek Road to supply
electricity to Sampson's cabin,
according to the lawsuit. Sampson

actoring to the lawdin sampson claims the power company did not have permission.

He protested the action and refused to sign an easement refused to sign an easement allowing the power company to

run transmission lines over his property, according to the lawsuit. The lawsuit claims Clearwater Power refused to supply electrical-service directly to Sampson's new, shop building, where there was a new service box, unless he signed

new service box, unless he signed the easement. "We certainly don't feel we have any liability in that fire," said Clearwater Power General Manager Sandra S. Huling.

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Hispanics want Howard to run language program

BOISE (AP) – Members of the Idaho's Hispanic community want State Schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard to take on the State Board of Education, which has control of a federal program for students with limite de English skills.

A power struggle between the State

students with limited English skills.

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dardized tests.

The position of administrator of the limited English program has been vacant for seven months.

the limited-English program has been vacant for seven months. "There's no sense of urgency," Byrd said. "With all due respect, superintendent, you still have to be the leader and light the fire." Howard is the only Democratie statewide elective office, while the rest of the board has been appoint-

ed by Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. Last year the GOP-controlled Legislature gave the state board control over federal programs,

We are saying to the State Board of Education, if you want the position, for pity's sake, find someone who's qualified to do that job.

Marilyn Howard, state schools superintendent ag about," September, anyway.

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the GOP-controlled awe the state board federal programs, which had been administered by the department for 35 years. That included 52 million in fed-eral programs for

eral programs for the 16,000 Idaho

Maria Delgado in
September, anyen
Howard said she avoided having
to fire Delgado by moving her to state-funded position not related
to limited-English programs.
She said her department
believed it had verbal permission
to-hire-for-the-position-from
Thompson, but he later said it
did not.

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"We are saying to the State Board of Education, if you want the position, for pity's sake find some-one who's qualified to do that job," Howard said, "so out in the field it will not look like a step backward. And if the board doesn't want to do that, then give us the job back."

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Schools offer to settle funding suit

BOISE (AP) – School districts that have been embroiled in a 13-year-lawsuit with the state over achool safety have offered in a letter to Idaho legislators to settle ficher lawsuit.

The districts offered two alternatives. The first is to revive the settlement proposal developed by a task force last winter appointed by Gox. Dirk Kempthorne and Superintendent of Schools August 19 to 19 to

percent.
The bond subsidy would cost the state about \$25 million a year. The voting change would require an amendment to the Idaho

an amenament to the Idaho
Constitution.

"It is impossible to disagre
with the fact that an equitable systeen, which provides safe and conductly-to-learning facilities, is not
now being provided," wrote Stan
Kress, Cottonwood school superintendent and leader of the districts
fir the lawsuit.

"If a group of legislators would
be willing to sit down with a representative group of school superintendents to discuss a way out of
this mess, we stand ready." Kress
wrote.

rote.
There was no immediate response from lawmakers.
Fourth District Judge Deborah Bail of Boise-three-years ago-declared the state's system for financing school construction and repairs 'unconstitutional, because it leaves poor school districts

unable to afford to provide safe

unable to afford to provide safe schools.

The state Constitution says the Legislature is responsible for providing for schools.

Last year the Legislature passed a law to end the legal battle by essentially dismissing the longrunning lawsuit and giving the attorney general authority to sue districts to force repairs of unsafe buildings. If the districts cannot afford to pay for the repairs, the local district judge must impose a property tax increase to cover the bill.

The state then sued seven school districts undivided the law unconstitutional. A second district

judge reached the same conclusion in the state's lawsuit against the Cottonwood schools. A third postponed a decision until the Idaho Supreme Court takes up the state's appeal of Bail's decision declaring the latest law unconstitutional.

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"Last year we encountered, in my little district, \$2,000 in legal fees in order to protect ourselves from a lawsuit from the attorney general." Kress wrote in the letter. That money could have been spent fixing schools, he said.

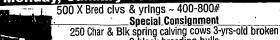
"The lawsuit exists for a rea-son," he wrote. "There are real differences in the abilities of school districts to take care of their problems."



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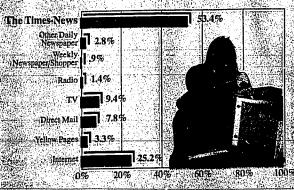
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Magic Valley's Leader in Reach and Results

FAA considers privatizing services; Boise employees worry

BOISE (AP) – Although the accident rate for light private and commercial aireraft has increased dramatically in the past few years; the Federal Aviation Administration is considering a move that could reduce or even eliminate Idaho's only remaining weather and flight safety office. The move is being criticized by some employees who work in Boises FAA office, whose jobs could be transferred to another

eral service to accommodated the move.

But the agency contends the step is needed to make the service more efficient by either changing over to contractors or forcing the existing offices to submit a "best value" bid, which would likely include downsizing and reduced services.

Pilots call the FAA flight service stations before they take off to

specific routes.

Aircraft already in the air can also radio the center for navigational help around storms, weather fronts or other obstructions, such as a national security restriction.

tion.
The affected stations are located in 58 locations across the country, including Puerto Rico and Hawaii. Only Alaskan services are not affected by the change.

Boise is Idaho's only remaining station, operating with 29 employees from an outdated building at the Boise airport. Some of their computer and communications equipment uses technology that dates back to the 1970s.

1970s.
Yet, air traffic control specialists like Greg Deveraux say they are able to provide pilots detailed and, more importantly, interpreted weather reports that help

them decide their flight routes or even whether to leave the ground. Most of the Boise office person-nel have been there for years, building up irreplaceable expert-ise, Deveraux said. "We have an inter-edge of:"

ise, Deveratux said.
"We have an intimate knowledge of the state - there's nobody else who can do what we do," Deveraux said. "But all this reorganization is going on and our users don't even know about it."

Last year, 63 aircraft crashed in

compiled by the Boise FAA office and the National Transportation Safety Board. Eleven of those crashes were fatal, resulting in 21

deaths.

Of the 63 crashes, 53 pilots opted not to call the FAA service office for weather briefings or to file a flight plan before taking off, said support specialist Robert Shields of the Boise office.



A dying pinon pine tree stands on the Pinenut Range in Carson City, Nev. Dying pinon pines in Nevada indicate 'beyond dry' conditions

ARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) - For CARSON CITY, New. (AP) — For thousands of years, American Indians carefully tended stands of pinon pines in Nevada. The Washoe people would gather nuts in the Pine Nut Mountains and use them

Pine Nut Mountains and use them throughout the year to toast and make powder, stews and salves. Surviving climate changes, stands of the odd-looking trees with twisting branches and stiff needles spread through the West. But a recent phenomenon has scientists concerned. spread thr recent phe concerned.

concerned.

A few years ago, researchers in several Western states started noticing shorter needles on the pines and black-powdery substances around them.

Then the trees started dying, "When you see those start dying, they're beyond just dry," said Kelly Redmond, climatologist with the Western Regional Climate Center in Reno.

in Reno.
"They belong here. They're adapted to dry conditions. When they start showing stress, they're telling you there's more stress than usual."

usual."

Tree experts are trying to determine what is killing off hundreds of pinons, the state tree of Nevada. "People are starting to very

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much watch these patterns of mornality? said Connie Millar research
geneticist at the Institute of Forest
Gemetics for the U.S. Forest
Service's Pacific Southwest
Research Station. "We're looking at
a regionwide phenomenon."
In one grove south of
Gardnerville along U.S. 395, as
many as 20 percent of the trees
have died in the past few years.
Scientists investigating the tree
deaths are focusing on the effects
of a four-year drought that has
gripped northern Nevada and
neighboring states.
With a decent snowpack and
recent wet storms, the area could
finally see some relief this year,
capters say.
"We're off to a good start here,"
said Douglas LeComte, drought
specialist with National
Oceanic and Atmospheric
Association Climate Prediction
Conter in Washington, D.C. "It continues, it will make a significant
difference."
Snow water-content readings in
the mountains around the CarsonWalker watersheds are showing
125 percent to 150 percent of normal, LeComte, standing the the

Groupt Blittle and the congroup of the continues of the side of the real could
still take a turn and end up like the

past four years, though, with warmer weather and below-normal-precipitation predicted for the next few weeks.

The region has seen the same pattern in the past few years with decent storms easing the drought, only to be thwarted by the heat and dryness of late spring and summer.

The pinon pine population also has fluctuated because of human and elimatic conditions.

Scientists can track the tree's presence in central Newda as fur back as 5,000 years. Research indicates it reached its northernmost limit at Pyramid Luke only 200 years ago.

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Ideal climate conditions of summer moisture and warmer winters allowed the climate-sensitive pinens to flourish in the dry, rocky soils of the northern parts of the state for 200 years. Eighty-five percent of the trees in this area began growing from 1825 to 1850, researchers in Reno estimate. Scientists with the US Forest Service in Reno will monitor pinens south of Gardnerville to determine the long-term effects of changes in climate on tree mortality of both single-needle pinon and Utah junipers.



Brides 2004, an expanded section of Family Life will publish Sunday, February 1st. Brides will feature local and national information about weddings. Included will be information about bridal showers, local weddings of interest, where to locate your wedding, new dresses for 2004, hair and beauty tips, what's new for wedding gifts; what to plan for food or refreshments, and much more. This edition is also handed out to all couples who bring in their engagement announcement throughout the year!

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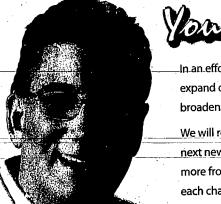
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Driving under the influence

sentencings

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driving under the influence, under age 21;
pleaded guilty, 5400 fine with 5400 suspended, 5785 court costs, driving grivilarge suspended for 90 days, 12 munits
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Rodie R. Bybee, 21, 1809 Poplar, Bubl;
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nder 16, fedorse investigation
attery found guilty 17 exceed:
240 restitution; District Judge
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28 Second Ave, E. Twin Falls;
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Hollifeld, Magistrate Junge Ramby J. Stoker.

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Misdemeanor dismissals

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Felony dismissals

Juvenile arraignments

Juvenile arraignments
Devin J. Guardiola, 12, 54t Blue Jakes
Blvd., Twin Falls; one count incurripible
and one count butter; public defender
appointed; pretrial busing Jan. 23;
David L. Looney, 14, 215t Misbay, Flore,
one count use of a controlled substance,
marijuana and one count transcy; public
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Chilid support cases
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costs, State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Damy W. Villines, Seeking establishment

costs of birth; \$3.00 attorney's fees and costs.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Drew Houghton Parker. Seeking \$94 monthly support plus \$5 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$364 attorney's fees and costs.

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The Our Lady of the Rockles statue stands east of Butte, Mont. Travelers on Interstate 90 between Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks have for years seen the shining beacon above the mining city of Butte. But Our Lady of the Rockles, a giant statue of the Virgin Mary, is not a tourist affaction. Like Seattle's Space Needle, the statue is a symbol of what the people of Butte-feel about themselves, according to a University of Idaho sociologist.

Our Lady of the Rockies symbolizes Butte's identity

BUTTE, Mont. (AP) - Travelers on Interstate 90 between Glacier and Yellowstone national parks have for years guzed at shining beacon on the mountains above the mountains above the mountains above the special part of the Rockies," a 90-foot statue of the Virgin Mary, was not built as a tourist attraction. Like the pyramids of Egypt, the Statue of Liberty and even Seattle's Space Needle, the statue is a symbol of what the people of Butte feel about themselves, according to a University of Idaho speciologist.

In the case of Butte, the statue

according to a University of Idaho sociologis.

In the sease of Butte, the statue of the mining industry that fueld the economy, and the spectacularly demode landscape that mining left behind, and John Mihelich, who spent several years studying the relationship between the community and the theory of the statue and recently presented his findings at Harvard University.

"There is a lo more to Butte than destroying the environment, the statue represents that," said Mihelich, 39.

The statue celebrates the uncommonly strong sense of com-

The statue epresents that," said Milhelich, 39.

The statue celebrates the uncommon statue celebrates the uncommon strong sense of common strong sense of common strong sense of common strong defined Butte, he said. The S3 million project also provided a new sense of purpose for people who land been laid off in the mines, but still wanted to work with the hands, he said.

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"Butte had a rich ethnic mixture-heavy on Irish and Eastern European immigrants - a stubborn history of union activism, and an industrial economy distinct from the typical Montana cow town. Along with its 13 Roman Catholic

parishes, Butte harbored 24-hour bars, casino gambling, and a regulated red-light district.

In the 1970s, cheaper foreign copper began taking a toll on mining jobs. By 1983 largescale mining plose By 1983 largescale mining had ended in the Mining City—and the population dropped as people left to find work.

Also in 1983, the Environmental Protection Agency designated Butte and its surroundings a Superfund site. While that brought federal cleanup funds, it also carried a stigma and appeared to be an indictment of the city's past and a dismissal of its present as a wasteland, Miheithis said.

In the face of the negative news, locals in 1979 proposed to build the white statute on a ledge blasted out of the Continental Divide, 8,510 feet above sea level. The statue, with upturned hands, overlooks the junction of Interstates 90 and 15, and was dedicated to all women, especially mothers.

Volunteers carved a road six miles to the top of East Ridge, sometimes making only 10 feet of progress a day.

"It was an expression of everything they had done in their lives." Mihelich said. "Working on the Lady was like going down to work in the mines." of the statue was poured with 400 tons of concrete in September, 1985. Then a Nevada Air National Guard helicopter lifted the statue in four sections, with the head section placed on Dec. 20 1985. Floodlights make the statue visible for miles at right.

A society's symbolis are complex expressions, Mihelich said. The pyramids were monuments to Egypt's political elite. The Starue of Liberty symbolized a political agreement between the United State and France. Seattle's Space Needle, built in 1962 for the World's Fair, presaged that city's high tech future.

"The Lady wasn't that. It was an expression of everyday working-class Butte people," Mihelich said-"Grass-roots symbols of this scale are rare."

Bear population grows closer to people

bears in places we haven't seen them

in 15 years.

- Jerry Reese, **National Forest supervisor**

BOISE (AP) - Hans Peterson wasn't concerned when the 2-year-old grizzly bear wandered into the yard of his home in Tetonia, on the Wyoming border, in September.

Wyoming border, in September. Even after the bear turned into a regular visitor, ignoring his barking dogs, Peterson didn't rattle. But when the 150-pound sub-adult sow refused to leave his garage after his wife honked the car horn, Peterson lost his patience with his new neighbor. neighbor.

new neighbor.

The bear was trapped and moved by federal authorities last month, a scene that is expected to, become a regular occurrence in eastern Idaho as the grizzly population continues to expand out of Yellowstone National Park.

Peterson's nonviolent resolution of his encounter with the bear is a sign of the success of the Endangered Species Act, signed

of the success of the sign of the success of the Endangered Species Act, signed into law 30 years ago today by President Richard Nixon. "We're finding bears in places

we haven't seen them in 15 years," said Jerry Reese, Caribou-Targhee National - Forest - Supervisor - in Idaho Falls.

Grizzly bears were listed as a threatened species in the lower 48 states in 1975. In the region around states in 1975, in the region around Yellowstone National Park, their numbers had dropped to below 200.

Today, biologists estimate the bear population in and around Yellowstone

around Yellowstone
has risen to more
than 600. The population is spreading
out beyond the core
park and wilderness areas southcast as far as Pinedale, Wyo, and
west into Idaho's Centennial
Mountains north of Dubois.

The Bush administration expects to propose removing Yellowstone's grizzlies—from the—threatened species list in 2005.

But challenges remain, especially in Idaho. Federal authorities base their plan to delist grizzlies on the security of the population within its core habitat in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks and the national forests surrounding them.

But a new study conducted by the great the removemental group that opposes delicities covers the hears are recognized. We're finding

Coalition, an envi-ronmental group that opposes delisting, suggests the bears are not as safe in Idaho's Caribou-Targhee National Forest as officials

say they are.

And in the communities like. Tetonia that surround the wilderness where the bears live, sanitation programs that keep garbage and human food away from bears have not yet been put into place. This means more bears may be lured out of the wild by easy food, prompting encounters with humans that often turn deadly for the bear and dangerous for people. Federal and Idaho officials also differ on who will be responsible for the bears, once they are removed from the threatened list, when they wander out of the Yellowstone area and west imount of the bears and west imount of the bears in the Idaho part

central Idaho.
Idaho would take over management of the bears in the Idaho part of the Yellowstone ecosystem. But once the bears cross a yet-undrawn line, federal officials say they will once again be protected under the Endangered Species Act and managed by federal authorities.



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LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day.
Monday: No School
Tuesday: Chicken strips
Wednesday: B.B.Q. Beef Strips
Thursday: Spaghetti
Friday: Hot dog

KIMBERLY

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Tacos
Tuesday: Baked ham
Wednesday: Turkey sub
Thursday: Chicken noodle soup
Friday: Sloppy joes

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Tacos
Tuesday: Cheese & ham wrap
Wednesday: Turkey sub
Thursday: Chicken noodle soup
Friday: Sloppy joes

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday: No School Tuesday: Meat & cheese nachos Wednesday: Ham roll up Thursday: Fried chicken Friday: Lasagna

MAGIC VALLEY

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Fresh fruit and milk served

aily. Monday: No Lunch Tuesday: Türkey Süb Wednesday: Chicken sandwich Thursday: Chips Friday: BBQ beef sandwich

MAGIC VALLEY

HIGH SCHOOL Choice of milk served daily. Monday: Grilled cheese sand-

AND CHILD CARE CENTER Milk or juice served daily.
Monday: Sloppy joes
Tuesday: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Dinosaur nuggets
Thursday: Prench toast
Friday: Pizza day

BUHL SCHOOL

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Breakfast Menu
Milk served daily. Choice of fruit or juice every day.

Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
"Thursday: Breakfast pizza
Friday: Yogurt
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served every

day. Monday: Ham dinner Tuesday: Enchiladas Tuesday: Enchladas

Wednesday: Pigs-in-a-blanket
Thursday: Turkey sandwich
Friday: Fish treasures

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu Milk and juice served daily. Monday: Pancakes Tuesday: Scrambled eggs Wednesday: Doughnuts Thursday: Hashbrown Patties Friday: Waffle Stix Thursday: Hashbrown Patties Friday: Walfle Six Lunch Menu Salad bar and milk served daily. Monday: Enchiladas Tuesday: Chicken nuggets Wednesday: Nachos grande' Thursday: Hot turkey sandwich Friday: Taco burgers

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Scrambled eggs
Tuesday: Taco nacho
Wednesday: Mini-corn dogs
Thursday: Sloppy joes
Friday: No School

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: Hot dogs Tuesday: Cook's choice Wednesday: Pizza Thursday: Idaho haystacks Friday: Deli turkey sandwiches

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast Menu Milk served daily. Monday: Cereal

Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy Wednesday: Egg mcmulfin Thursday: Yogurt Friday: Long johns Lunch Menu Mik served daily. Monday: Hamburgers Tuesday: Rib-b-que Wednesday: Fish paties Thursday: Chili dogs Friday: Chicken burger

Tuesday: Nachos supreme Wednesday: Chicken fettuccini Thursday: Stuffed potato skins Friday: Soft shell tacos **MURTAUGH SCHOOL**

Milk served daily.
Milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken noodle soup
Tuesday: Hamburger
Wednesday: Chicken burgers
Thursday: Lasagna
Friday: Burritos

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu
Milk served daily
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Ham and cheese sandich
Wednesday: Cereal

ich Wednesday: Cereal Thursday: Waffles Friday: Gereal Lunch menu Milk served daily. Monday: Cheeseburger Tuesday: Finger steaks Wednesday: Figina-blanket Thursday: Fiesta ole burrito Friday: Pizza

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: Bean Dip Tuesday: Baked potato bar Wednesday: Turkey Thursday: Cheese Burgers Eriday: Rainbow treasures

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served daily. Monday: Cereal Tuesday: Ham & cheese sand-

rich Wednesday: Cereal Thursday: Waffles Friday: Cereal Lunch menu Lunch menu Monday: Pepperoni hot pocket Tuesday: Chicken pretzels Wednesday: Manwich sandwich Thursday: Chicken sandwich Friday: Finger steaks

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
Breakfast is served daily.
Lunch: 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: Popcorn chicken

Tuesday: Nachos supreme Wednesday: Cheeseburger Thursday: Italian sub sandwich Frlday: Pizza

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served daily. Monday: Enchilada Tuesday: Chicken burger Wednesday: Turkey chow mien Thursday: Nachos Friday: Vegetable soup

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Milk served daily.
Monday: Hamburger
Tuesday: Tostada
Wednesday: Corn-dog
Thursday: Sausage pizza
Friday: Sub sandwich

DIETRICH SCHOOLS Salad bar, fruit and milk served

Salau Gaily.
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Lasagna.
Wednesday: Tacos
Thursday: Biscuits & Gravy
Friday: Nuggets

GLENNS FERRY

Monday: Chicken nuggets Tuesday: Egg roll Wednesday: Taco salad Thursday: Chicken burger Friday: Veggie soup

GOODING SCHOOLS

Choice of milk served daily. The third choice is for junior high and third choice is for Junior Ingh ar high school students only. Monday: No school Tuesday: No school Wednesday: Pigs in a blanket Thursday: Macaroni & cheese Friday: Soup & sandwich

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered daily.
Monday: No school
Tuesday: Pizza choice
Wednestlay: Taco
Thursday: Turkey pot pie
Friday: Hamburger

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

Milk served daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Sausage patty
Tuesday: Bagel & jam
Wednesday: Banana bread

Fire

Continued from B1 lanky youngster prone before the hearth, reading Homer and Leviticus. Thursday: Scrambled eggs Friday: French toast Lunch menu

Lunch menu
Salad bar and choice of milk
erved daily.
Monday: Tacos
Tuesday: Chicken sandwich
Wednesday: Nachos
Thursday: Hamburgers
Friday: BBQ Pork

JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served daily. Monday: No school Tuesday: P.B. uncrust Wednesday: French

Thursday: Sweet & sour chicker Friday: Corn dog

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

RICHIELD SCHOOLS
Breakfast
Milk and juice served daily,
Mondary Biscuits & gravy
Tuesday French toast
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday Fancakes
Friday: Cereal
Lunch
Monday: Chili
Tuesday: Chilichen nuggets
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday Friza
Thursday: Hot urkey sandwich
Friday: Soft shell taco

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk erved daily. rved daily. Monday: No school Tuesday: Chicken fried steak Wednesday: Chicken patty Thursday: Chili Friday: No lunch served

WENDELL SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk erved daily. Monday: Ham & potato soup Tuesday: Ham & cheese sand-

ich Wednesday: Nachos Thursday: Chicken patty Friday: No school

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dang-near foolproof alternative in gas fireplaces, but out here in Kochia Korner, gas-logs are wide-ly considered to be for wimps. Our philosophy: If building a fire isn't too much trouble to be worth the effort, then where's the fun?

worth the effort, then where's the fun?

The fun is sitting out in my back yard, in 50-pound logs. And if the power goes out again, I'm just gonna burn my back-brace.

Times News features editor Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223, or write to him at scrump@magic-

review an audit of school adminis-tration costs next month, Westfall

Other districts around the state also share services, but are not

also share services, but are not merged.
For instance, the Canyon Owyhee School Service provides special education, professional-technical education and an alternative high school to the Homedale, Marsing, Notus, Parma and Wilder school districts.
Cooperation also happens on the state level when districts buy paper and office supplies through the Idaho School District Council.

Explosive fire destroys **Buhl home**

By Troy Foster

BUHL – When the married couple of 40 years arrived at a gaple of 40 years arrived at a gaple of the property o

The cause of the fire still was under investigation Saturday night, Fawcett said.

But this much the Holesinskys already know: "We know there

But this much the Holesinskys already know: "We know there was a little smoke and then an explosion." said Barbara, who was placed in an ambulance the night of the fire until her heart rate returned to normal.

The Holesinsky's grown son, James, spotted smoke coming from the house while his parents were headed to the crab feed at the Church of Immaculate Conception. He thought his father might still be inside.

James' sister, Vonia Jackson, said her brother broke into the house to try to rescue his father just after letting three dogs and two cats out of the garage.

"James kicked in the door and it set off a back draft and it basically exploded," Jackson said. "It was like a mushroom cloud."

James Holesinsky looked for his father frantically before another man arrived and convinced him to get out of the house and look through windows instead, Jackson said. He suffered a few minor injuries but has been too "stubborn" to get them treated, his sister said.

Two fire engines and two water tankers were taken to the scene by the 18. firefighters that responded, Fawcett said.

"When we got there the house was fully engulfed, "Fawcett said.

"When we got there the house may for any and Frank Holesinsky look and already collapsed and it was more or less a defensive fire."

Barbara and Frank Holesinsky are now staying with their daughter, Jackson, who lives nearby.

The fire claimed almost every belonging in the two-story, 5,500-square-foot home, including Stinkers, one of the pet cats.

"They said if we'd been in there we'd have never gotten out," Barbara said it'live sold hey'd never seen a fire so hot and so aggressive."

Despite the losses, the ash and rubble are producing a few surprises. Barbara said it's likely that many of their guns survived in a safe. And her husband found something Saturday morning easy preserved in a cup underneath a bunch of "melted, goocy stuff."

stuff."
"Of all the weird things,"
Barbara said, "his damn teeth
survived. I can't believe it."

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Welfare

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child care program. It
received \$42,725 in payments from the program
in the last year, which is
in addition to the share
parents pay. OwnerRenee Robbins said
many of her clients are
single parents pursuing
nursing and dental
careers at the College of
Southern Idaho. Were it
not for the state program,
they couldn't afford day
care while attending
school to train for betterpaying jobs, she said.

The federal government pays 70 percent of
Medicaid, and the state
the rest. Food stumps are
federally funded. Health
and Welfare's funding in the fiscal
year ended last summer included
\$340 million from the state, \$100
million from the state, \$100
million from federal coffers.

Last year, Magic Valley
Regional Medical Center received
more than \$1.7 million in additional payments called Federal
proper Payment Limits and
Disproportionate Share because
than the average hospital.

Whatever additional money
we receive we use to reinvest in
the hospital," Chief Executive
Officer John Kee said in a
Welfare news release. "Any excess

Welfare payments

Here are the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Investments in Magic Valley courtles lest year and how they rank among 44 counties in Idaho. Cash funneled to communi-ties in 2003 came through Medicald, food stemps, additional poyments to hospitals, the Idaho Child Care Program, Women, Irlants and Children nutritional program and the Home Energy

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funds are reinvested in the physi-cal plant of our facility. These are important to the hospital. If it went away, it would be a prob-

lem."

The money is in addition to payfor regular services, to ment for regular services to Medicaid clients. Magic Valley Regional received \$11.4 million Regional received \$11.4 million for inpatient and outpatient care, bringing the total Medicaid investment in Magic Valley Regional to \$13.1 million in 2003. St. Benedicts Family Medical Center in Jerome received \$79,000 in additional payments. "The (additional) payment is 30 percent of our bottom line. It certainly is important,"

percent of our bottom line. It cer-tainly is important," Administrator Mike Cooper said.

"For the last couple of years, we've been putting money into equipment, like radiology. Without this money, we would buy less equipment, pay lewer benefits and give fewer salary increases."
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Magic Valley Regional
and \$1. Benedicts are
just two of 36 hospitals statewide
which shared \$20 million in that
additional Medicaid money last
year. Medicaid payments to them
for regular services and other payments totaled \$173 million in
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Last year, Idaho pharmacies received \$73 million in direct Medicaid payments. Health and Welfare distributed \$28.5 million in child care payments to care providers. Nearly \$73 million in food stamps was processed

is a direct investment in at 15 a curect investment in neighborhood grocery stores which use that money to hire clerks and meat cutters," Kurtz said.

Leviticus. Never mind that by the time he got to the White House, all that dim-light study had left the president with the eyesight of Mr. Magoo. Or that all those years own wood-splitting had stoved him up like the Twister tournament champion at the senior citizens' center. Lincoln made it an American ideal to live, love, laugh and dream in front a rearing fire. Technology long ago supplied a $Schools_$

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how far the new cooperation efforts would go beyond implementing the transportation consolidation in the fall.

Around the state

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Idahe law does encourage distriers to merge by providing up to
\$10,000 for consolidation studies
and outlining the requirements for
consolidation, Westfall said.
In spite of this encouragement to
consolidate, in the last seven years
there have been three deconsolidations.

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Dogs . Continued from B1

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part of the quarter-mile distance
to the lake before he realized-lieprobably would need something
to help get a hold of the dogs.
"Timew that if Parti didn't think
the could get to them, then they
had to be out in deep water," Gill
said. "So I turned around and ran
back to grab a big net I had in the
office. By the time I got to the
lake, I was out of air."
Sheen was pleading with Gill to
help them.

Sheen was pleading with Gill to help them.

If was hyperventilating, seeing them out there and not being able to reach them. Sheen said. We didn't know where the bottom of the lake dropped off. The next step might take you into a hole. Gill broke through the ice as he stepped into the lake and continued to wade through the icy crust with his elbows as he ventured further into the pond. Lext was

closer to shore and Gill was able to get hold of her with the net and set her behind him in the cattails. Still in the cattails, still in the could be able to pull himself out if he stepped off into deep water. It's about 18 feet deep in purts of the small lake. Both Sheen and Gill were struggling with the weight of several layers of waterlogged clothing. "Ray just couldn't reach Neill; Sheen said. "Shee had treaded water for about 10 minutes and she was going under. She just hadno more energy."
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she was going under. She just nad-no more energy."

But as the puppy started to go down, with the broken joe alosh-ing around him, Gill made one last grab and netted Nelli before she sank beneath the surface. "I was about to have my daugh-ter call 911 for Ray," Sheen said.

"I was worried about him. He had run all that way and then jumped in the cold water. I was so grateful for him. It made me feel bad because I felt like I had asked him to risk his life for my dogs. But I couldn't reach them and I thank God he saved them."

A blow dryer and heaters were used to recuperate the dogs. Although Lexi rallied fairly quickit was minost two hours before

ly, it was almost two hours before the 3-month-old puppy began to

"She was in bad shape, suffer-ing from hypothermia," Sheen said. "She was pretty much almost

That description and her nar-row escape were difficult to com-prehend by the next day, however, as Hobo loped across the back yard with Lexi and that ball of fluff Nelli in hot purs

Grazing Continued from B1

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a tiny portion of the population."
If approved, the BLM would no
longer be required to involve the
public in. such matters as day-today grazing administration,
according to the fact sheet.
BLM Burley Field Manager
Wendy Reynolds says the changes
shouldn't eliminate public feedback.

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There is a perception that we're going to cut public involvement, 'she said. 'But I don't see it as a step to cut out the public. It's away to strengthen our relationships with gruntees. I see it as a way to become more efficient.'

Reynolds said the changes are needed to recognize the economic and social benefits of public

lands ranching.
"We're trying to keep these peo-ple on the land, keep them viable," she said.

ple on the land, keep them viable," she said.

Marvel counters that there are few economic or social benefits.

"The economic benefits are almost invisible," he said.

For example, Marvel said public lands ranching provides one-seventh of 1 percent of jobs in Idaho. In addition, public land, forage isn't even critical to the livestock industry, he said.

Public lands provide only 12 percent of the annual forage industries in Idaho, Marvel said.

"Public lands grazing is a nonessential part of livestock production, and a non-essential part of

Idaho's economy," he said.
Reynolds disagreed and said ranching is about more than

remains of subout more than money.

"There is a value there that goes beyond money," she said. "It's a custom and culture... and has its place in Western society." Marvel questions what the social benefits are. "I can't think of any. It degrades wildlife habitat, decreases hunding, fishing and recreation opportunities. Those are the negative social impacts that are not documented in the environmental impact study." Reynolds added that now is the time for the public to comment on the proposals. For more information on the proposal, visit the BLMs Web site at www.blm.gov.

Budget chief hears complaints

WASHINGTON

President Bush's budges the hearing complaints from the house Republicans that has spending plans are too exorbitant and may not be approved by the GOP-run Congress this year. The White House budget director, Joshun Bolten, met privately Friday with House Godge leaders in St. Michaels, Md. One of them, Budget Committee Chairmon Budget Will have too high a price tag – a common concernarong conservatives.

"I'm also suspicious that there are too many instances where proposals are being made for increases in spending in items that we can't afford right now, or should be bullt into a budget after we've gone through and eliminated some of the wasteful spending." Nussle said in an interview.

Nussle said Bush's plan for

spending," Nussle said in an interview.

Nussle said Bush's plan for manned missions to the moon and Mars – which could cost hundreds of billions of dollars over—several_decades – was an example of a program that should be paid for by cutting "lower priority programs."

Bolten's reception from House leaders, described by several people familiar with the session, underlined the problems Bush's election-year fiscal priorities face in Congress, especially from conservatives.

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Bush will send lawmakers his 52.3 trillion budget on Feb. 2. Congressional aides have said the blueprint would limit most federal programs to total growth of less than 4 percent, while halving record deficits in five years. The deficit is expected to exceed \$450 billion this year.

"We recognize this will be a difficult year," axid Chad Kolton, spokesman for the White House budget office. "The president is committed to maintaining fiscal restraint."

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Sierra Club election invokes discussion of racism

An unusual alliance of antiimmigration advocates and animal-rights activists is attempting
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ing board in a spring election—this time, as part of a broader coalition that includes vegetarians, who want the club to denounce hunting, flishing and raising animals for human consumption.

In response, 11 former Sierra Club presidents have written a letter expressing what they call "extreme concern for the continuing viability of the club," protesting what they see as concerted effort by outside organizations to hijack the mainstream conservationist group and its 595-million budget.

Some of the insurgent candidates vying for the five available seats on the governing board only recently joined the Sierra Club. Members will vote in the board elections in March, with the results talled in April. The election has attracted the interest of extremist groups, which are encouraging their embers to join the club to help elect the anti-immigration candidates.

"What has outraged Sierra Club leaders is that external organizations would attempt to interfere and manipulate our

election to advance their own agendas," said Robert Cox, a past Sierra Club president. Moreover, club officials contend that members of the two insurgent groups share fundamentally anti-human views, in their opposition to immigration and in their belief that people should take a backseat to other species.

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The Sierra Club's "dominant perspective has been to protect nature for people" said Executive Director Carl Pope. "But by pulling up the gangplank on immi-gration, they are tapping into a

strand of misanthropy that says human beings are a problem."
Pope noted that 18 percent of Sierra Club members like to fish or hunt, and he worried they could be driven out by the new agenda from animal-rights advocates.

"It's important to have hunters and fishermen in the Sierra Club," Pope said. "We are a bigient organization. We want the Sierra Club to be a comfortable place for Americans who want clean air, clean water and to protect America's open spaces."



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MORNING LINE SPORTSQUOTE.

. If it comes down to me, we're going to win the game.

- Indianapolis Colts kicker Mike Vanderjagt

TRIVIA

Robert L Shoop's new book, "Down to the Wire: The Lives of the Triple Crown Champions," profiles the 11 horses that have won the Triple Crown. How many

...answer belou

IN BRIEF

Bliss' Erkins wins state Heisman

BLISS - Bliss High school seriior Chase Erkins was one of two
Idaho students to win the state
award in the Wendy's High School
Heisman competition. The award
honors male and female athletes
who are leaders in athletics, the
classroom and the community.
Erkins is the first Bliss student
to win this award. Jacqueline
Carter of Boise's Bishop Kelly
High School was the state's
female winner.

Minico H.S. hoops hosts chill dinner

Nosts chill dinner
RUPERT - The Minico High
School boys basketball team will
be sponsoring a dinner in the
Minico Lunchroom (back gym)
prior to the Burley/Minico
Basketball game on Wednesday,
Jan. 28 from 5-7 p.m.
'The menu will include homemade chili, baked potato and toppings, cinnamon rolls and drink.
Cost is \$6 per person or \$3 for a
child under eight years old, purchased from any boy on the
Spartans basketball team or at
the door. For more information,
call Alice Schenk at 438-5562.

Idaho Youth ranch plans hoops tournaments

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Youth Ranch announced the dates for its 24th annual basken ball tournaments. The girls grades 56 tournament is Feb. 12. 4 while the girls grades 56 tournament is Feb. 12. 4 while the girls grades 78 play Feb. 19-21. The boys grades 5-6 follow Feb. 26-28 while the 7-8 boys gp March 11-13.

"To enroll a team call Bobbe."

To enroll a team, call Bobby Lopez at 532-4117, ext. 1332.

Volleyball tournament set for Feb. 7

Set tor Feb. 7
GOODING - Gooding High
School will host a coed volleyball
tournament starting at 8:30 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 7. Players must
sign up by Thursday, Jan. 29.
The entry fes is 575. There will A,
B, C divisions, For more information, call Joleen Toone at 934-4831
weekdays and 934-5771 evenings or
Jenny Koski at 934-4931 weekdays
or 934-8516 evenings.

T.F. legion baseball

meeting set

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls
American Legion Baseball informational meeting will take place
at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19 in Room
66 at Twin Falls High Stone
Any interested parents and
players are invited.—For more
information, call Laird Stone at
733-2721.

T.F. YMCA will host **Junior tennis tourney**

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TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls

**MCA will host a "B" level tennis
tournament for ages 10-18 on fal30 and 31. The entry cost is \$12 for
both singles and doubles players.
For entry forms, please stop by
the YMCA at 1751 Elizabeth
Blvd. For more information call
733-4384.

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RIVIA ANSWER:

Sir Barton, 1919; Gallant Fox,
1930; Omaha, 1935; War Admiral,
1937; Whirlaway, 1941; Count
Fléet, 1943; Assault, 1946; Citation,
1948; Secretariat, 1973; Seattle
Slew, 1977; Affirmed, 1978.

- Machala shines at Pentathlon meet



Eleven-year-old Magic Valley Mariins swimmer Korl Miley swims in the 50-yard known year-one magic variey marins swimmer keri Miley swims in the 50-freestyle during the Igloo Pentathalon at City Pool Saturday, Miley placed sixth out of 45 swimmers with a time of 33.83 seconds.

By Dustin Lapray Times-News writer

TWIN FAILS - Twin Falls swimmer Michael Machala is happy he chose swimming even if his competions at the feloo Pentathlon werent.

Machala won the 17 year-old boys group by having the best time in all five swimming races in which he competed. Machala is in training for regionals and the state tournament.

"(Swimming) keeps mo skipno"

training for regionals and constant formalient.

"(Swimming keeps me skinny," Machala said. "I don't get tired doing things around the house and it makes my body feel really good all the time."

More than 200 swimmers from across the state competed in the 2004 YMCA floo Pentathion at the YMCA City Pool Saturday.

The Pentathlon consists of five races: the butterfly, the backstroke, the beatstroke, the beatstroke, the beatstroke, the beatstroke, the beatstroke, the pleast stroke, the peast stroke peast stroke peast stroke peast stroke peasing the peasing peasing the peasing peasin

competition was broken down into 10 age divisions, creating a total of 50 events for the meet.

Amanda Blastock took first place in the 17 year-old female group by vinning all but the individual medicy for her age group.

"I swim for the social interaction as well as the physical activity," Blastock said, "It's a fun thing to do after school."

Michael Shea O'Donnell won the butterfly and backstroke races and placed second in the other three heats to take second in the 11 year-old division.

"It's really fun to go, out there and do the best you can," said O'Donnell," just really like swimming. Your team always supports you, even when you're not doing that great."

Wes Walton also finished first in the 10 year-old division.

the 10 year-old division.

The Magic Valley YMCA will also host The Snake River

Summer Championships in July.

"We've increased numbers dramatically," coach Marlins coach John Pwiss said. "We want to get more kids swimming and involved in the program. It's not just for swimming, but also to help the youth of the community learn valuable, life-long lessons."

YMCA Swim teams from Boise, Sun Valley, Idaho Falls, and others entered the meet, including Twin Falls, 'own Magic Valley Marlins.

"I think the important thing for Valley Marlins.

"I think the important thing for much the kids enjoy what they are doing." Twiss said. "They're learn about setting gods and how to set those goals and some of the things you have to do to prepare yourself for success.

CSI BASKETBALL

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College of Southern Idaho women's
basketball team overcame a slug
gish start and opened up a close
game at halftime on the way to a

file55 Scenic West
Athletic Conference,
win over Divis State
College Saturday
night.

The 18th-ranked
Golden Falges (164
overnl), 12-2 conference) led just
1:29 at the break and 41-39 early
in the second balf. But CSI then
own on a 7-1 run, capped off by
Sidney Orndorffs 3-pointer, to take
at 84-0 elge. Orndorff finished
with a game-high 17 points while
adding five points and five
rebounds.

Samantha Rodeces mulled Dixie

adding five points and hve rebounds. Samantha Rodgers pulled Dixie State (12-8, 8-6) to within 48-42 with an inside move on CSIs Denisa Svarova. But it was as close as the Rebels would come the rest of the

way.

The Eagles' Andrea Sivakova, who finished with 13 points and also made a 3-pointer in the first half, hit a long ball with under 520 left to play to give CS1 a 55-43 advantage, its largest of the game totherwisine.

advantage, its largest of the game to that point.

"Andie's been struggling a little bit with her shooting," CSI head coach Randy Rogers told KEZJ Radio, "But when she hit those 3c, they seemed like real momentum changers for us."

No Dixie State player scored in double figures. Talita Aguiar and Camille Gardner each finished with nine points. Part of the Eagles' success defensively came by forcing 27 Rebel turnovers. Dixie was also held to 1-of-12 shooting from 3-point range.

· Please see SWIM, Page C2

Mini-Cassia clash!

Minico downs Burley, 74-61

By Eric Larsen

BURLEY - Green on the ight, Red on the left, and andemonium in the middle.

right, Red on the left, and pandemonium in the middle. That was the scene Saturday night at Bobcat Gymnasium during the Minico Spartan's 74-61 road win over rival Burley. In a heated, foul-filled fourth quarter, Minico's (4-8) ability to hit on 15-61-91 free throws closed the door on the Bobcats (3-6). "I was really proud of how Michael Rawson and Stafford Gillette stepped up in the fourth quarter and knocked their free-throws down," said Spartan coach Mike Graefe.

down," said Spartan coach Mike Graefe.

The reserve guard Rawson hit all six of his free-throw attempts and added two buckets to finish with 10 of Minico's 23 fourth-quarter points, Rawson's heady back-court play was huge for Minico after senior guard Travis Noble fouled out in the final quarter, With Noble and Junior, post Kody Bingham on the bench at the end of the game, Minico's reserves came in and led their team to victory.

"I've been playing with

Burley, 74-61

Michael my whole life," said Binglaam. "When the time cornies, he knows what to do and he can get it done."

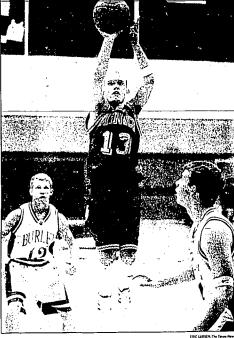
Despite being outscored 24-23 in the final quarter, Minico was able to come out the victor thanks to hot shooting the rust of the game. The Spartans started the game with a 15-7 first-quarter and outscored Burley in all but the final period.

The Bobeats were led with 17 points from senior guard Wes Hadden, but had trouble finding any shots near the hoop. A swarming Spartan defense held star Bobcat centre. Scott Randklev to only eight points for the game. "That was our focus," said Graefe. "We had to limit him and take him out of his game."

Noble led the balanced Spartan attack with 15 points, while Rawson finished with 14 and Bingham netted 12 Gillette scored all his points from the charity stripe, converting on 11-of-12 free-throw attempts.

While the mood on the court was very serious, Graefe wanted to make sure list players could soak in the electric atmosphere.

Please see BASKETBALL, Page C2



Burley's Kegan McCoy and Wes Hadden look on as Minico's Travis Noble sinks two of his 15 points in Minico's 74-61 Saturday night win at Burley High School.

NFL CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Colts and Patriots:

Home field came down to one play

By Dave Goldberg Associated Press writer

FOXBORO, Mass - Edgerrin James slashed off tackle on fourth-and goal from the 1 with 14 sec-onds left. Willie McGinest dumped him, and Peyton Manning slapped the turf at the RCA Dome in dis-

gust. Who says one play can't impact a

Who says tone pmy season?

Especially, when that play gave the Patriots a 38-34 win over the Colts on Nov. 30, setting up Sunday's AFC championship game in windy Foxboro instead of the Colts of the RCA Indentify game the RCA

In-depth game the Dome. C5

Championship Game .

we stopped them and that we won, but it could but it could have gone either way." McGinest s a i d ... "They've been on fire Colts at Patriots TV: 1 p.m. today, CBS

"It was good that

been on fire since then. It's a new season and they've been on top of the world. We've got a lot of other stuff to concentrate on than just that play!"

True, the Colts are hot – they

Peyton Manning
have not punted in two playoff
games leading up to this one and
have scored 41 and 38 points in the

two.

But playing the Colts in Foxboro, where Manning is 04 in his career, is certainly more preferable for the Patriots than playing them in Indy, which might have been the case had McGinest not made his play. Please see AFC, Page C5

Eagles look for R-E-S-P-E-C-T

By Barry Wilner Associated Press writer

PHILADELPHIA - Somehow, with a 134 record and on the verge
of their third straight NFC championship game, the Philadelphia
Eagles have convinced themselves
they are not getting enough respect.

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Donovan McNabb
Packers win against the Eagles would benefit Carolina by allowing it to stay home for the conference title game. "There have been some other things that have been said," added Taylor." I don't necessarily want bring it up right now, but we know all about that. We don't need that as far as fuel to our fire because I, me personally, I already had a certain anger as far us the way I want-please see NFC, Page C5



also held to 1-0f-12 shooting from 3-point range.

The Engles grabbed their largest lead before the intermission at 31-26 on Delicial Jernigan's second 3-pointer. But Dixie's Lindsay Hearicksen this a 3-pointer of her-ovoles to within two points.

CSI received a scare in the first half when Jernigan, who returned to the Eagles' lineup Friday after missing more than with a month with an injured foot, left the game after twisting her ankle. However, she returned to the floor after getting her foot and ankle toped.

Men

CSI, sparked by the return of four players from a one-game pension; jumped out early on Dixie-State and never looked back in a Sa35 win.

The Eagles (13-6 overall, 8-6 SWAC) trailed just once, at 3-2, in a game that saw the return of Yusuf Baker, Jason McGriff, Jason-McKinney and Dante-Sawyer to-Hc CSI lineup after they sat out Priday's loss to the Rebels.

The 35 points was a season low for Dixie (15.5, 9-5), which was held to 25 percent shooting from the floor. The Eagles also limited Vincent Grier, who came in wenging about 17 points per game, to just four.

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Raft River/Oakley wrestlers shine

WENDELL - Seven top-six placings include an individual championship for 135-pounder Brody Erickson and a runnerup finish by sophomore Eric Loock at 171 pounds propeled the Raft River/Oakley combined wrestling team to a fitth-place finish at the Magic Valley Classic tournament which concluded Saturday in Wendell. The squad scored 120 points.

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Wendell. The squad scored 120 points.
Gooding took 10th place with 85.5 points followed by Filer, Wendell and Declo in 13th place. Valley claimed 18th place while Glenns Ferry took 19th out of 20 teams entered.
Malad won the team title with 207 points, powered by five second-place finishes while runnerup Challis took second in the team race with 193.5 points, including four individual championships.
The only other area champion was Brad Silvester, Filer, at 171 research. Other are runners up

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Minico takes second at Spring Creek invite

Spring Creek Invite
SPRING CREEK, Nev. – Minico
used three individual championships and three runner-up finishes to take second at the Spring
Creek (Nev.) Invitational
wrestling tournament Saturday.
The host team won the tournament with 148 points to 234.5 for
the Spartans. Elko, Nev. took third
with 198 points.
Buhl had some good individual
performances as well with 171pounder Will Baggs winning his
weight class and garnering the
most outstanding wrestler (160
pounds and up) award for the
tournament.

pounds and up) award for the tournament.
Minico's individual champions were 112-pounder Kevin Killoy, Kasey Johnson, 145 pounds and 189-pounder Preston Arthur. The Spartans runners up were Gene Hammond, 103 pounds; Nick Stoto, 135 pounds; and Kurt Anderson, 140.

"We ulserd a let of kids." said "We placed a lot of kids," said

Spartans coach Brad Cooper.
"We're pretty happy with them.
We're on an upswing. They're getting better every week and that's
all you can ask."

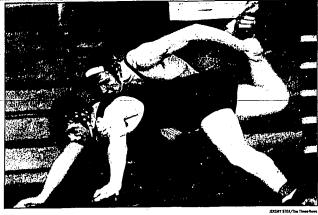
Minico hosts Highland Tuesday.

WAILUKU, Hawaii (AP)

- Iowa's Fred Russell ran for
101 yards and two touch
downs to help Aina beat Kai
26-7 in the Hula Bowl on
Saturday.

The speedy, 5-foot-8 back
carried the ball eight times,
including scoring runs of 12
and 35 yards, and was selected Aina's most valuable player.

The college all star, game



West Jefferson wrestler Nathan Barzee throws Gooding's Cliff Toone to the mat during their Magic Valley Classic semi-final match in Wendell Saturday. Barzee won, advancing to the 189-pound championship match.

Burley takes ninth at American Falis Invite

American Falls invite
AMERICAN FALLS - The
Burley wrestlers took ninth place
at the American Falls Invitational.
Cole Jones took an individual
championship at 215 pounds,
while heavyweight Eric Floyd
took third at 275.

Jordan Torres took fourth in the
112-pound weight class, while
Chris Talbot took fifth at 160.

Girls basketbali

Girls basketball
Filer 36, Valley 33
FILER.— The Filer Lady
Wildcats outsored Valley 18-8 in
the fourth quarter to beat the
Lady Vikings 36-33 in Filer
Saturday.
"We just finally started shooting the ball," Filer coach Kim
Remus said. "If we can't shoot,
and vin."
Jennica Mecham pumped 14
Points to lead Filer (9-7, 3-3 SCIC).
Mindy Malone scored 13 for
Valley in the loss.
"We were trying to run a halfcourt game with them," Remus
said. "And that's not our style."
Filer plays Tuesday at Wood
River. Valley (13-3) travels to
Glenns Ferry Monday.

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Glenns Ferry 56.

Owyhee, Nev. 51 OWYHEE – Glenns Ferry used some halftime adjustments pull out a nonconference girls basketball road win at Owyhee, Nev. 56-51, Saturday.

ketball road win at Owyhee, Nev, 56-51, Saturday.
The 5-10 Ludy Pilots used a box-and-one defense on Owyhee standout Monica Paradise, holding her to only eight of her gameligh 28 points in the second half, Jessica Simons scored 17 points and pulled down eight rebounds while Kenzie King added 15 points for Glenns Ferry, which hosts Valley Monday.

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Wendell 43, Castleford 35 CASTLEFORD - Wendell's defense took control in the third

Boxscore 101 Here's how to read the Times-News basketball boxscores.

Example: Jones 5 1-3 12

Translation:
Jones sank five baskets and made one of three free-throw attempts, . scoring 12 points in all.
(Team totals combine all players,

quarter to garner a 43-35 nonconference road win over Castleford Saturday night. Madison Campbell scored 20 points while Haille Kelsey added 14 in the win. Echo Frey scored 10 points and pulled down nine rebounds to pace the Lady Wolves. Castleford (3-13) hosts Magic Valley Christian Tuesday.

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Jared Miller led the Tigers in scoring with 16 points and Conrad Lee added 11 in the loss. scorn. Lee adder "We're "ven

Lee added 11 in the loss.

"We're showing signs of improvement," Finn said. "We just need to do it for 32 minutes." Jerome (3-10, 0-1) visit Minico Tuesday.

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Community School 57, Richfield 43

RICHFIELD - John Hayes scored 19 points, including three 3-pointers, to help give Community School a 57-43 win

oven Richfield Saturday night in Magic Valley Northside Conference-boys basketball play. Dylan McIlhenny helped boost the score by 10 points. "Our defense was good," said Cutthroats coach Mike Wade. "We were able to run our fast breaks off turnovers. That made the difference in the game." Richfield's Charlie Amp put 12 points on the board. Tommy Scott added eight.

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Community travels to Camas
County on Tuesday while
Richfield travels to the Idaho
School for the Deaf and the Blind.
In the junior varsity game,
Richfield won 50-29.

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Hillcrest 60, Wood River 40

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HAILEY – Hillcrest (10-2) of
Idaho Falls blew past Wood River
in the second and third quarters
for a 60-40 win Saturday night.
Cory Ott scored 14 for the
Wolverines (3-11), who next play
Valley Wednesday, Declo Friday
and Kimberly Saturday.

Reserve Wednesday

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Buhl 53, Gooding 43,

GOODING - Gooding's come-back ran out of gas in the fourth quarter as Buhl held on for a Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference road win Saturday,

Conference road win Saturday, 53-43.

"Buhl shot the ball well in the first half," said Senators coach Joe Messick. "Im pleased with their effort. They played hard for two nights now. We were a little tired tonight after almost getting Decloten sight before."

Will Shivers scored 10 for Buhl while Kip Seifert led the Senators with nine points. Gooding (2-10, 0-5 SCIC) hosts Wendell Tuesday.

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CSI

The Eagles dominated play on the inside. CSI outrebounded the Rebels 49-33, including 23 Eagle offensive rebounds. Yusuf Baker grabbed 13 boards along with his game-best 19 points, and teanmate Jason McGriff collect-ed 15 rebounds while scoring 14 noints.

points.
"We spanked them on the glass,"
CSI head coach Gib Arnold told
KLIX Radio. "Iwenty three offen-sive rebounds against a team like

that is great. McGriff and Baker were just warriors."
CSI built a 23-11 lead on Dani Hazuts 3-pointer with 10:10 remaining in the first half. Hazut, who played all of Friday rights game, played another 40 minutes "Saturday right.
The Eagles played without—Abdoulaye-Ndiaye-(pulled-groin)—and Aking Elting (sprained ankle). McKinney left the game with about one minuter ermaining after twisting his ankle.

Basketball

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"The last thing I told them before the game was to have fun and enjoy the game and the atmosphere." Graefe said.
"Especially the seniors."

The post play of Bingham continues to be a huge asset for the Spartans, as the junior was able socre of of fensive rebounds and demand the attention of multiple Bobcat defenders.

"It's a real luxury having a big guy like Kody in there that can score." Graefe said. "It tends to open up things for our shooters like it did tonight."

Bingham and the rest-of-the-

Spartan players have earned their bragging rights over the Bobeats at least until the rematch in Rupert, Wednesday, Jan. 28.
Both teams return to action Thesday, as Affinico hosts -ferome and Burley travels to Declo for another regional rivalry.

ed Aina's most valuable player.

The college all-star gamefeatured 96 seniors and was
played on an 81-degree day
in front of 9,128 fans at War
Memorial Stadium on the
island of Maui.

Aina, which means "iand"
in Hawaiian, was led by Ohio
State coach Jim Tressel. Kai,
which means "ocean," was
coached by Maryland's
Rajbh Friedgen.

Both coaches had floral
leis and were appropriately

Hawkeyes tailback earns MVP

dressed in Hawaiian shirts and shorts.

Aina built a 16-0 lead and went into halitime with a 19-7 advantage behind the play of Central Florida's Ryan Schneider.

The 6-foot 2-230 pound

Schneider
The 6-foot-2; 230-pound
quarterback had 206 yards
passing and a touchdown in
the first half, but cooled off in
the second half closing with
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Schneider, who took nearly overy snap for Aina with teammate Casey Bramlet of Whoming sidelined by a sor right shoulder, finished 11-of-27 for 207 yards and one TD. Tennessee's Mark Jones caught a short pass in stride from Schneider and broke through the middle, raicing 86 yards for a touchdown to put Aina up 16-0.

After a 35-yard punt by B.J. Sander of Ohio State that pinned Kai on its 5, Michigan State's Jeff Smoker fumbled Kai's first Michigan State's Jeff
Smoker fumbled Kai's first
snap of the game and recovered the ball in the end
zone, giving up a safety.
Smoker and Louisiana Tech quarterback Luke McCown failed to effectively

McCown failed to effectively move Kai.

McCown was 6-of-18 for 155 yards and threw two interceptions. Smoker was 7-of-13 for 47 yards.

Kai got on the scoreboard late in the first half on a 1-yard dive by UNILYS Larry Croom that made it 16-7. The play was set up by a 31-yard pass from McCown to Hawaii's Jeremiah Cockheran that put the ball

Hawaii's Jeremiah Cockheran that put the ball



by Kal defensive end Darrel Lee (98) of Florida in a quarter of the Hula Bowl game at War Memorial

SCORES AND STATS

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a.m. PGA Tour, Sony Open, final round,

Men's national teams, U.S. vs. Denmark, ESPN, 1:30 p.m.

Speed skating

World Sprint Speed Skating Championships, ABC, 1 p.m.

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Australian Open, early round, ESPN2, 9 p.m.

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\$1,120,287, the largest payoff for
any type of racing wager ever
made in New York. The previous
high also came on a Pick Six' a
\$767,998 payout in April 1990.

Seartle Fitz -beat EveningAttrite by a nose in the Aqueduct
Handicap.

Austin's Mom staged a strong
stretch run and beat Golden
Damsel by \$5.8 lengths in the
Grade III, \$109,600 Affectionatly
Handicap for fillies and mares 3
years and older.

Austin's Mom, ridden by Pable
Gragoso, covered 1 1/16 miles in
1:44 and paid \$25, \$10.40 and
\$8.30.

Patriots starting lineman

Patriots starting lineman to miss AFC championship

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FOXBORO, Mass. — New
England Patriots offensive line
man Damien Woody was placed
on injured reserve Saturday
because of a knee injury and will
miss. the AFC championshipgame Sunday.
Woody was replaced on the
roster by receiver J.J. Stokes,
spokesman Stacey James said.
Woody tore the medial collareral ligament in his right knee on
the first play in New England's
17-14 victory over the Tennessee
Titans last week, but still played
intermittently.

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Stokley travels with Colts for AFC title game

Colts for AFC title game
QUINCY, Miss. - Indianapolis
wide-receiver-Biran-Ion-Stokleyarrived near Boston with his
teammates Saturday, four days
after his infant son was hospitalized with an undisclosed illness.
Players and team officials
were cordoned off from
reporters in the team's hotel
lobby and did not take questions.
Colts coach Tony Dungy didn't
know until Friday whether
stokley would play Stunday in
New England (15-2).
The Advertiser, a newspaper in
Lafayette, La., quoted Brandon
Stokleys parents as saying their
grandson, Cameron, is ill with
meningitis - a potentially fatal
inflammation of the lining
around the brain and spinal
cord.
Stokley, who has three touchdown catches in the Colts' two
playoff victories, missed practice
Wordnesday, returned for about
half of the two-hour practice
Thursday afterneon and worked
out with his teanmattes Friday.
Dongy had said he would let
Stokley decide whether to play,
explaining that family matters
took precedence.

If Stokley does not play
Sunday, he would likely be
replaced by froy Walters.

Canadlan takes 500 at

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sprint speedskating worlds

NAGANO, Japan – Jeremy Wotherspoon of Canada won the 500-meter race Saturday at the World Sprint Speedskating Championships but finished sec-ond to Erben Wennemars of the Netherlands in the overall stand-ing.

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Wotherspoon was timed in 35.25 seconds, with King Carpenter of the United States 0.11 seconds behind. Mike Teland of Canada tied for third with world record holder Hiroyasu Shimizu of Japan, both finishing in 35.40.
Wennemars won the 1,000 in 1.09.46 to take the overall lead after both races. Compatriol Beorn Nijenhuis was second in the 1,000 in 1:10.37 while Deorn Nijenhuis was second in the 1,000 in 1:10.37 while Tinland's Jame Hanninen was third in 1:10.38.
Wennemars victory gave, him 70.430 points. Wotherspoon, who was fourth in the 1,000, was second with 70.450 followed by Ireland with 70.650.
Germany's Anni Friesinger won the women's 1,000 in 1:17.60.—Jennifer-Rodriguez-of-the United States was second in 1:17.02 while Timmer was third in 1:17.19.

Denmark's Hansen leads South African Open

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SOMERSET WEST. South
Africa — Denmark's Anders
Hansen shot a 4-under-par 68 in
strong wind Saturday to share a
one-stroke lead with South
Africas Craig Lile after three
rounds of the South Africa
Open.
Hansen and Lile (70) were at
9-under 207. Scotland's Alastair
Forsythe and South Africa's Nico

van Rensburg, who shared the second-round lead with Lile, played poorly in the wind. Alastair shot a 74 and van Rensburg a 75.

Steve Webster of England had a 67, leaving him at 208. Defending champion Trever Immelman of South Africa repeated his second-round 69 and was at 209 with Raphael Jacquelin of France (71). The day's best round belonged to South Africa's Charl Schwartzel, who avoided the worst of the wind and shot #65.

Expos re-sign pitcher Rocky Biddle, avoid arbitration

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MONTREAL - The Montreal
Expos agreed to terms with
right-handled pitcher Rocky
Biddle on Saturday, avoiding
arbitration.
Biddle led the Expos in saves
(34) and appearances (73) last
senson and went 5-8 with a 4.65

ERA.
Acquired from the Chicago
White Sox as part of a three-team trade in January 2003, the
27-year-old Biddle ranked fifth in
the NI, in saves, converting 34 of

Stevens confirms he has post-concussion syndrome

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. -New Jersey Devils captain Scott Stevens confirmed Saturday he has post-concussion syndrome and will be sidelined indefinite-by.

nas post-concussion syndrome ly.

Stevens missed his fifth straight game Saturday when the Devils Inced the Washington Capitals.

The Devils initially reported that Stevens had the flu, but published reports suggested the problem was more serious.

Honored before-the-game-as-the-all-time leader among defensemen in games played, Stevens told reporters between the first and second periods that he visited Dr. Karen Johnston, a noted concussion expert in Montreal on Thursday.

"It seems like that is what I'm suffering from, post-concussion syndrome," Stevens said.

The 49-year-old Stevens hasn't played since Jan. 7.

Before this stretch, the Devil capital hadn't missed a regular season game due to highry of these since the 199-00 season, when he also was out with the flu.

Red Sox, Williamson agree to contract terms

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BOSTON - The Boston Red Sox and right-handed relieves foot Williamson agreed to terms on a one-year contract Saturday, avoiding arbitration. The Red Sox acquired Williamson from Cinclinati in July. He went 0-1 with a 6.20 ERA in 24 relief appearances following the trade. He played a key role in the playoffs, going 2-0 with three saves and a 1.12 ERA in eight appearances, striking out 14 in eight immigs.

The 27-year-old Williamson appeared in all five games of the AL division series against the Oakland Athletics and won the hird and fourth games.

The earned saves in all three Boston's wins over the New York Yankees in the AL championship series, allowing a run on one hit and striking out six in three innings.

Williamson, who earned \$1.5 million last senson, is 25-23 with 54 saves and a 3.13 ERA in 241 career appearances.

Cavallers down Jazz in 🗀

Cavaliers down Jazz in
OT with 102-96 victory
SALT LAKE CITY - Carlos
Boozer scored 10 of his 32 points
in overtime after LeBron James
left with an ankle injury and the
Cleveland Cavaliers rallied
Saturday night for a 102-96 win
over the Jazz, Cleveland's first
victory in Utah in more than 14
years.

James scored 29 points before
spraining his right ankle during
a scramble for a lowe ball. He
was helped from the court, holding his right legand of the floorwith 12.1 seconds remaining hyregulation and the Cavaliers
down 85-84.

Cleveland forced overtime of
a free throw by Ira Newble, and
James watched it from the lockerroom. The initial report was a
sprained right unkle. It was not
clear how much time he could
miss.

Andrel Kirilenko had 27

miss. Andrei Kirilenko had 27 points and six rebounds for the Jazz, who led by 18 at halftime but couldn't hold off the Cavallers as James warmed up after a slow first half.

Compiled from wire rectorts

Venus gets a chance to end drought at Aussie Open

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) -- Only one idle, Zero Grand Slams; Several months on the sideline with an abdominal strain. Those were just a few of the disappointments that plagued Venus Williams in 2003, a year in which she slid out of the top 10 rankings for the first time since 1997. She also lost her half-sister, who was shot to death in a Los Angeles subtry near where the Williams family once lived.

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So it came as little surprise when, after arriving in Melbourne for the Australian straight to the practice delign. So it came as little surprise when, aft arriving in Melbourne for the Australia Open, she went straight to the practi-courts. There was no talking about fashion courts. There was no talking about fashion or complaining -about-overloaded, tour schedules, like she has before previous Australian Opens.

"When puinches are thrown at you, you'll have to get up," said Williams, her resolve sure to be tested more than ever

resolve sure to be tested more than ever this season. Things are looking up already. In an unusual move, Williams was seeded third for the Australian Open—eight spots higher than her current world ranking. The seeding took into account Williams' record before her injury. With Williams' younger sister Serena still recovering from knee surgery and other former champions Jennifer Capriati, Mary Pierce and Monica Seles also sidelined with injuries, this could be Venus' best shot in Melbourne. There's also doubt over the fitness of No. 2 Kim Clijsters of Belgium and lifth-seeded Lindsay Davenport.

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"The sure she's going to come back yery strong and we'll have to be careful, Justine Henin-Hardenne, who finished 2003 ranked at No. 1 after capturing the French and U.S. Opens, said about Venus. The men's draw is almost at full strength, and No. 1 Andy Roddick knows the competition is wide open.

Roddick, the U.S. Open champion, No. 2 Roger Federer (Wimbledon) and No. 3 Juan Carlos Ferrero (French Open) all won their first majors last season, the first time since 1977 that three male players carned their maiden Grand Slam titles in one season. Their average age is 22.

This will be the first time Roddick, 21, has entered a major with the top seeding—Just before coming to Australia, Venus Williams won an exhibition tournament in Hong Kong. Still, she hasn't played a major tournament since July and hasn't won a Grand Slam title since the U.S.



American tennis player Venus Williams practices for the Australian Open Tennis Tournament in Melbourne, Australia, Wednesday. The tournament starts on Sunday evening.

Open in 2001, when she completed a back-to-back Wimbledon-U.S. Open double with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Serena. Serena has dominated their big encounters since then, winning the last five all-Williams finals at majors, including the 2003 Australian Open.

The only one of the top five female contenders not carrying some kind of injury concerns into Melbourne is No. 4 Amelle Mauresino, who lost the 1999 Australian Open final to Martina Hingis.

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Mauresmo, who lost the 1999 Australian Open final to Martina Hingis.

Clijsters, 20, hasn't played in almost two weeks since injuring her left ankle at the eHopman Cup- and said-she-wouldn't risk her career if playing one tournament meant long-term damage. Davenport, coming back from foot sur-gery last October, strained a chest musde at the Adidas International. She didn't

think it would hurt her chances next

and 2001, skipping 2002 with a wrist problem, and dropping just one set en route to his championship win over Rainer Schuettler in 2003.

He breezed into the final of this week's tuneup tournament at Kooyong for the fifth consecutive year and said his preparation for the Australian Open.

"I think it proves to me that the pieces are in place – this gives you the reassurance that you're ready to get the tournament started," he said. "I feel like I can step on the court and do it from start to finish and make somebody play a good match to beat me, and that's what you need to feel out there."

The only other former champion in the

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The only other former champion in the men's draw is Sweden's Thomas Johansson (2002), who was sidelined all last season with a left knee injury.

Freshmen energize Texas teams

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - The script for Texas' men's and women's basketball teams was nearly identical when the sea; son started. Fresh off Final Four appear-ances, both returned deep and talented

lineups.
Yet it's the newcomers, freshmen P.J.
Tucker and Tiffany Jackson, who are star-ring for Texas, pushing the veterans to get, better and spurring the Longhorns to big



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Tucker is the sleeper from North.
Carolina who left Tobacco Road for No. 18.
Texas (10-2) where he's emerged as a fanfavortie on the men's team.

Jackson's arrival with the women was
highly anticipated after a stellar highschool carcer in the Dallas area. Her size
and atthleticism has already elevated her,
among the No. 3 Longhorns' (14-2) best,
players.

"Freshman can
come in today and
because of what
they've been
exposed to make a
quick impact," men's
coach Rick Barnes
said. "I don't know
Tiffany that well,
but P_L'S. strongminded. He's got
mential toughness
and I'm sure she
does too or she
wouldn't be where
she is."

Tucker is a small but brutish 6-foot-5
power forward who forced his way into the
starting lineup by outscoring and outrebounding experienced teammates. Hestarting lineup by outscoring and outrebounding to the sheet of the sheet
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ducking under defenders than going overthem.

"He's relentless" senior guard RoyalIvey said. "He's 65 and plays like he's 69.
He's got heart."

Tacker provide the highlight of Texas',
season so far with his game-winning shot
in a 79-77 overtime victory over
Providence.

He had the poise, or maybe just a freshman's blissful ignorance, to disregard the,
coach's desire to call timeout and drove,
uncontested to the basket. His layup barely made it in time and game officials spentseveral minutes deciding whether itcounted.

unted.
"The floor opened up," Tucker said. "I

"The floor opened up," Tucker said.
was wide open."
"I was calling timeout, they just didn't see it," Barnes said. "Players have tomake plays."
Tucker left North Carolina when thebasketball powers in his home state,
passed him over. While those schools wanted a better outside shooter or a big,
ger body under the basket, Barnes saw aplayer who scored and grabbed reboundswhatever way he could.
Tucker's hard work has sent senior center James Thomas, one of the best
rebounders in the country last season, tothe bench.

ter James Thomas, one of the best, rebounders in the country last season, to the bench. While Tucker's success has been a surprise, Jackson is producing like the potential star she was predicted to be. She was a player every major program wanted when she signed with Toxas, which coach Jody Conradt has rebuilt into, the same kind of deep and talented juggernaut she put on the floor in the 1980s. Big, strong and quick around the basket, Jackson adds a new level of athleticism to a team that returned four starters from last year.

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from last year.
She averages 12.1 points and leads the team with 72 rebounds per game, but heir-only start came when junior forward Kala Bowers was sick.
"Berhaps at some point we'll start her to reward her for all her hard work," Conradusid. "But on the other hand, who else do we have who can come into a game and, change the momentum as well as Tiffany docs?"

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sifted one, no question about it."

She made an immediate impact with 15points and eight rebounds in her collergiate debut, a season-opening 85-77 winover No. 1 Duke.

"I don't mind coming off the bench,"
Jackson said. "I just want to help out in;
any way I can. Eventually, I'll get to startall the tiree and get the pregame intruductions in the lights and stuff."
"Iffany plays with a lot of energy," said.
UCLA coach Karby Olivier, who watchedJackson-score 19 in an 89-8 win over theBruins. "She plays hard and wants the bas,
ketball."

Like Conradt with Jackson, Barnes won't let Tucker get comfortable with his early success. After a win over Baylor in which he scored 13 points but grabbed, just one rebound, Barnes threatened greturn to the bench.

Tucker responded with 21 points and seven boards three days later in a 94-81, win over No. 4 Wake Forest.

Henin-Hardenno, 21, has developed her serve and forehand, and now thinks they're bigger weapons than her backhand. She's confident of adding to her two Grand Slam titles. The Belgian had a slight ankle sprain in Sydney and needed treatment for bilsters, but doesn't believe it will trouble her in Melbourne.

On the men's side, defending champion Andre Agassi is more than capable of running his younger players out of the tournament. In May, at 33 years and 13 days, he became the oldest man to hold No. 1 in the ATP's entry rankings and remained there for 14 weeks.

Agassi hasn't lost a match at the Australian Open in this millennium, winning his second and third titles in 2000 veek. Henin-Hardenne, 21, has developed her

points to lead the Longhorns (11-2, 2-0 Big 12). Andrew Drevo scored 23 with 5-of-7 shooting on 3-pointers to lead the Huskers (10-4, 0-3).

No. 24 Creighton 72, Evansville 53

OMAHA, Neb. – Brody Deren scored 15 points, and Creighton extended its school-record home winning streak to 26

games.

Andre Burton had 15 points for Evansville (2-12, 1-5), which lost its ninth straight on the road.

No. 25 Illinois 88, Iowa 82

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CHÂMPAIGN, Ill. – Roger Powell scored 20 points and Deron Williams keyed a second-half rally to lead Illinois. The win snapped a two-game losing streak for the Illini (11-4, 22 Big Ten). Williams scored 17 joints, including five in a row to put Illinois up 67-63.

Pierre Pierce scored 26 points and Brady Boyd added 20 for the Hawkeyes (9-5, 22), who led 43-38 at halftime.

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BOISE – Senior forward Aaron Haynes scored 23 points and senior guard Bryan Defares added 19, including five free throws in the last two minutes, as Boise State held off a late Nevada surge to record a 79-75 victory Saturday.

Boise State led 62-44 with 11:09 left, but the Wolfpack chipped at the Bronco lead until guard Garry Hill-Thomas hit a field goal and free throw to bring the Wolfpack to eight down with 3:09 left. But the five free throws by Defar to wo by guard Joe Skiffer in theres and two by guard Joe Skiffer in the remaining time helped assure the Boise State victory.

It was Boise State's first victory against levada (9-6, 3-3) in their last seven meet-

Newada (3-0, 3-5).

The win also broke a three-game Bronco conference losing streak.

Boise State (10-5, 2-3) held Nevada's Kirk Snyder, the Western Athletic Conference's leading scorer, in check much of the game.

Utah 60, Wyoming 49

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SALT LAKE CITY - Andrew Bogut cored a season-high 20 points and grabbed 16 rebounds, helping Itah outset Wyoming 60-49 Saturday for its eight straight victory.

Bogut blocked five shots and hit 8-of.13 from the floor, but converted just 4 of 12 free throws and didn't score in the last 14:50 of the game.

As the Cowboy defense began focusing on Bogut, Nick Jacobson found his range, lacobson scored 13 of his 17 points in the final 13:16, including four free throws in the final minute, to keep Utah (14-3, 20 MWC) unbeaten at home this season.

Mory Correa scored 14 points and Jay Straight added 11 for the Cowboys (8-7,11 MWC), who scored just three points after cutting Utah's lead to 47-46 with 4.47 to play.

No. 9 North Carolina ties record in win over UConn

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina added another notch to its No. 1 victory belt.

Rashad McCants hit a 3-pointer with 6.2 seconds to play to give the ninthranked Tar Heels an 86-83 victory over No. 1 Connecticut on Saturday.

It was North Carolina's 10th win over a top-ranked team, tying the Tar Heels with UCLA for the most in college basketball history.

history.

The latest one was final when Ben Gordon's 3-point attempt to tie bounced off the rim, setting off a wild celebration as, it seemed most of the 21,750 in attendance in the Smith Center headed onto the center.

In an ironic twist, North Carolina's win will likely move its archrival, Duke, into the No. 1 spot in The Associated Press

the No. 1 spot in the composition of the McCants finished with 27 points for the Tar Heels (11-3), who led by 16 points early in the second half only to see the Huskies (14-2) take an 83-80 lead with

Iluskies (14-2) take an 83-80 lead with
1:30 to play.

McCants tied the game with a 3 with
1:15 left. Connecticut, which had an 11game winning streak snapped and lost on
the road as a No. 1 team for the first in 12
games, missed two shots. North Carolina
run the clock down from 30 seconds and
Raymond Felton started his more with 10
seconds left and found McCants on the
left side for the game-winner.

Gordon took the ball down the left side,
made one spin and missed the 3 that
could have tied it.

Jawad Williams had 18 points for North
Carolina, while Melvin Scott added 11.
Sean May, limited to 22 minutes by foul
trouble, had seven points and 11
rebounds.

Emeka Okafor had 29 points, 13
rebounds and six blocked shots for the
Huskies, while Rashad Anderson had 16
points. Gordon had 10 points on 3-for-14
shooting; seven rebounds and 10 assists.

No. 2 Puke 84.

No. 2 Duke 84,

No. 4 Wake Forest 72

NO. - Wake Forest 72
DURHAM, NC. - J.J. Redick scored
23 points, and Shelden Williams had 16
points, 14 rebounds and eight blocked
shots to lift No. 2 Duke past No. 4 Wake
Forest 84-72 Saturday.
Chris-Duhon-added-eight-points. and
14 assists for the Blue Devils (14-1, 4-0
Atlantic Coast Conference), who have
won 11 straight overall and 36 in a row at
home.

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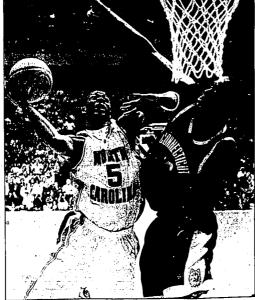
Justin Gray scored 18 points for the Demon Deacons (11-2, 2-1), who have lost seven straight-at-Duke.-Eric_Williams.scored just six points.

Georgia 65,

No. 5 Kentucky 57

LEXINGTON, Ky. – Rashad Wright scored 20 points to help Georgia end Kentucky 19-game Southeastern Conference regular-season winning

Georgia (9-5, 1-2 SEC) beat a top-five opponent for the second time this month.



North Carolina's Jackie Manuel drives to the basket against Connecticut's Emeka Okafor Saturday at the Smith Center in Chapel Hill, N.C. Okafor recorded 13 rebounds, six blocks and a game-high 29 points but No. 1 Connecticut lost 86-83.

The Bulldogs lost their first two SEC games by more than 20 points each.

Damien Wilkins added 11 points and 13 rebounds for the Bulldogs, who trailed Kentucky (11-2, 2-1) only once.

Erik Daniels scored 15 points, six below his average, to lead Kentucky.

No. 6 St. Joseph's 81, Xavler 73
CINCINNATI - Delonte West made every shot he took - 12 from the field, six from the line - for 33 points, and St. Joseph's extended the best start in school

Joseph's extended the best start in school history.

Jameer Nelson added 28 points in a two guard attack that raillied the Hawks (15-0, 5-0 Adlantic 10) from a rare second-half deficit.

Xavier (9-6, 1-2) led 41-35, the Hawks biggest halftime deficit of the season.

Lionel Chalmers scored 23 points for the Musketeers, who hadn't lost at home to St. Joseph's since Feb. 17, 1973.

NORMAN, Okla. - Rickey Paulding

Missouri 79

No. 11 Oklahoma 75

scored nine of his 23 points in overtime and Arthur Johnson added 16 points and 11 rebounds for Missouri. The Tigers 7/6, 21 Big 12) scored seven straight points in overtime, and shot 7-for 8 from the line down the stretch. Freshman Lawrence McKenzie had 16 points for Oklahoma (10-3, 0-2).

No. 13 Pittsburgh 59, Rutgers 49 PITTSBURGH - Jaron Brown scored 19 points and hit Pittsburgh's only two 3-pointers to key a late-game comeback.

points and hit Pittsburghs only two pointers to key a late-game comeback.
Pittsburgh (18.0, 4-0 Big East) closed with a 16-2 run after the Sarnet Knights (9-5;-1-3-Big East) lead-by as many as sixpoints in the second half.
Chris Taft had 17 points and 12 rebounds and teamed with Brown to lead the final spurt.

No. 18 Texas 63. Nebraska 61

AUSTIN, Texas - Royal Ivey hit a jump tot with 2.4 seconds left to lift Texas. Ivey and Kenny Taylor each scored 13

GAME-DAY MATCHUPS







FOXBORO, Mass. (AP)
Matchups for Sunday's AFC
Championship game between the
Indianapolis Colts and the New
England Patriots. (AP) -

When the Colts have the ball

In This is the matchup likely to decide the game. Peyton Manning (18), the NFIX co-MVP this season, has been near-perfect in playoff wins over Denver and Kansas City posting a 1563 passer rating. He has eight touchdown passes with no interceptions and has spread the heal around to Regigie Wayne (87) and Brandon Stokley (832 as well as to his favorite target, Marvin Harrison (88), Edgerrin James (232) has averaged (1832), and Brandon Stokley (1832 as well as to his favorite target, Marvin Harrison (88), Edgerrin James (232) has averaged (1832), and the favorite target, Marvin Harrison (88), Edgerrin James (232) has averaged health of the Colts haven't faced a defense like New England's, which allowed just one touchdown in its final six home games—11th Patriots. often have most of their front seven stand near the interest from the control of the form the seven stand near the interest from the seven stand near the defense. They can do that because willie McGinest (55), Tedy Bruschi (54), Mike Vrabel (50) and Roman Phifer (95) have been both down linemen and linebackers during their careers. McGinest, Bruschi and defensive lineman Richard Seymour (93) all have had outstanding seasons, especially Seymour, who plays both end and tackle and is one of the NFIs best. And 355-pound Ted-Washington (92) is the tunstuffer, although it was McGinest-who stopped James on fourth down from the 1-yard line to save the first meeting. Keeping them off Manning will be ah offensive line led by center Jeff Sautuday (63), who at 290 pounds is light by today's standards, but heady enough to figure out which Patriot is coming from biem (71) are the most physically imposing at 330-plus pounds. The other weapon the Colts have is Manning changes son, but Law is one of the best DBs in football. Rookie Eugene Wilson and Lawyer Milloy at safety. Harrison, a ferocious hitter, has son, but Law is one of the best DBs in football. Rookie Eugene Wilson and Lawyer Milloy at safety. Harrison, a ferocious hitter, has add one of his best seasons, so Wi

might be targets.

When the Patriots have the

ball

Tom Brady (12) finished third in the MVP voting behind Manning and Tennessee's Steve McNair, who tied for the award. He wins without being spectacular, less 38-12 in his first 50 starts and has it thrown an interception in nine home games this season.

The running game is average. Antowain Smith (32) and Kevin

Faulk (33) combined for 1,280 yards, less than 12 individual backs. But Brady uses the short-passing game in place of the run and Faulk and 48 catches, second on the team. Because of injuries to David Pattern, cut feet, second year men Deion Branch (83) and David Givens (87), as well as tight ends David Givens (87), as well as tight ends David Givens (87), as well and Christian Fauria (88), allowing them to rank ninth in the NTL in yards passing. Rookie Bethel Johnson (81) is the deep threat and also an outstanding return man.

The first task of the offensive line, which has done well even with replacements such as rookie center Dan Koppen (67), will be to neutralize Dwight Freeney (93), one of the NTE to pass rushers. The Colts' defense was 11th overall in yards allowed, although other than Freeney, there are no real stars. Linebacker David Thornton (50) played well in his second season; strong safety Mike Doss. (20), showed considerable, potential; and backup defensive end Chad Bratzke (82) is an important leader in his 10th season.

Left tackle Matt Light (72) will be the principal blocker on Freeney and Russ Hochstein (71) is likely to replace the injured Damien Woody (64) at left guard.

Special teams

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The Colts haven't punted in the playoffs because Manning and the playoffs because Manning and the offense have been so unstooppable. They're likely to have to this week with Hunter Smith (17), who averaged 42 yards a kick. Also notable: Place kicker Mike Vanderjagt (13) was 37-for-37 on field-goal attempts during the season and has three more in the playoffs. His view of the playoffs. His diver two regular seasons is a record for consecutive field goals. The conditions in Foxboro are much tougher than indoors at the RCA Dome.
New England's Adam Vinatier (4) is one of the best pressure kickers in recent history. He won the Super Bowl two years ago with a 48-yarder on the final play and is known for kicking two through the snow to tie, then beat Oakland in the playoffs that same season. He also had a 46-yarder through the wind that beat the Titans last week. Johnson returned a kickoff 92 yards for a touchdown and also had a long return to set up another score in the Pats' 38-34 regular-season win in Indianapolis. And frown has been one of the NFL's top return men for a long time; he returned a punt for a touchdown in the AFC title game in Pittsburgh two years ago.

The Colts have used several players since Adam Pyatt, their outstanding rookic return man, was lost for the season with a back injury two months ago. James' backup, Dominic Rhodes (33), has been the main return man.

Coaching

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New England's Bill Belichick
and Indianapolis' Tony Dungy have
backgrounds in defense. And white
he Colis' defense had improved
markedly during Dungy's two-year
tenure, the team is still built
around offense. Tom Moore, the 65year-old offensive coordinator, has
been one of the better play-callers

Patriots

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Indianapolis Colts at **New England Patriots**

Sunday, 3 p.m. EST (CBS) Gillette Stadium

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(Playoffs)

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Rushing 123.8 89.6 (171.0)

in the NRI. for 30 years, but he gives considerable leeway to Manning to change plays. Belichick remains active in running the defense, although continator Romeo Crennel has a major input. Creinnel and offensive coordinator Charlie Weis were interviewed for head coaching vacancies, but did not get jobs in part because teams weren't willing to wait until the Patriots were ellminated from the playoffs.

Intangibles

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The Patriots are going for their 14th consecutive victory. They could become the only team other than the 1972 Minami Dolphins, the only unbeaten team since the merger, to that in a single season.

There are two contradictory stats involving the Colts. Manning is 0.4 in Foxboro, although the circumstances are different than in earlier games. The Patriots are 9.0 at home and Indy is 8.1 on the road, including the win last week in Kansas City, which had been unbeaten at home.

They will get that chance trus week.
"It's the wind as much the cold that can bother you," Brady said. Brady also has what Manning doesn't – a Super Bowl ring and Guper Bowl MVP trophy from the Patriots' victory over St. Louis. And lies turned into a top-tier quarterback in his own right – third this season in the MVP worthg behind co-winners Manning and Tennessee's Steve McNuit.
Still, this game could come down to locale – and thus to that final who in Indy.





Eagles

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - How the Carolina Panthers and the Philadelphia Eagles match up in the NFC championship game:

When the Panthers have the ball

the ball

Carolina wants to run, not a bad plan when you have powerful Stephen Davis (48) in the backfield. But the Panthers might not have him after he injured his quadriceps muscle in the second quarter at St. Louis. If Davis, who ranked thind in the conference with 1,444 yards rushing and scored eight touchdowns, can't go, DeShaun Foster (20) gets the bulk of the work. Foster excelled in relief against the Rams and has more speed than Davis, but isn't a workhorse.

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The Pauthers want to exploit a Philadelphia run defense that has been mediocre. Frigid temperatures, windy conditions and the inexperience of QB Jake Delhomme (17) also could contribute to Carolina staying on the ground.

Pro Bowl DT Corey Simon (90) and LBs Nate Wayne (54), Mark Simoneau (53) and Ike Reese (58), in for the injured Carlos Emmons, are critical to slowing the run. Look for FS Brian Dawkins (20) or SS Michael Lewis (32) to move close to the line on likely running downs, but also watch for the Pauthers to cross up the Eagles with draws and reverses in long-yardage situations.

Philadelphia has the edge in the pressure of the passing

the____passing matchups with a superb secondary, although
continuing hip
problems for CB
Troy Vincent
(23) would be
d an a g in g.
Dawkins is
among the
league's best,
and CB Boby
Taylor (21) is a
cagey vetera.
Backups Lito
Sheppard (26),
Sheldon Brown
(24) and Clinton
Hart (33) have
gotten lots of
work.
That group
must curtail the The Eagles miss Westbrook's talents on punt returns; he averaged an NFCbest 15.3 yards and had two TDs. He wasn't quite so dangerous as a kickoff returner, and Thrash handles most of those dependably,

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must curtail the big plays by WR Steve Smith (89), who won the Rams game with a 69-yard TD reception. M u s h i n M u h a m m a d (87), Ricky Proehl (81) and Kevin Dyson (85) have been a

Revin Dyson (85) have been around, but Smith is the key.
Delhomme has grown in his first year as a starter and was exceptionally poised in the difficult dome last Saturday. He moves well, which could negate the pass rush of DE ND. Kalu (94), DT Darwin Walker (97) and Simon. His line has been strong in the playoffs, particularly first-round draftee Jordan Gross (69) and veteran Todd Steussie (75) at the tackles.

When the Eagles have the

OBI Openovan McNabb (5) was brilliant in bringing the Eagles back against Green Bay, and his scrambling skills can be particularly effective against Carolina's

strong front four of DEs Mike Rücker (93) and Julius Peppers (90), tackles Kris Jenkins (77), an All-Pro, and Brentson Buckner (99), who was very active vs. St. Louis. If McNabb again doesn't get solid-protection-from tackles. Tha Thomas (72) and Jon Runyan (69) in particular – he was sacked eight times by the Packers – he'll need to improvise. Few quarterbacks are better at it. Like the Panthers, Philadelphia's receiving omns is devent, not spectac-

are better at it.

Like the Punthers, Philadelphia's receiving corps is decent, not spectaular James Thrash (80), Todd Prakston (87) and the emerging Freddie Mitchell (84), the hero of fourth-and (85) and the search as Sunday, area't as scarry as the group Carolina faced last week.

SS Mike Minter (30) is the leader of a Panthers secondary that has an emerging star in rookie CB Ricky Manning Jr. Minter and FS Deon Grant support the run well, and with MLB Dan Morgan (55) healthy, the Panthers can be difficult to run against.

The Eagles also are without their most versatile back, Brian Westbrook (36), our with a tri-ceps injury, But Duce Staley (22) and Correll Buckhalter (28) can carry the load, even though neither has Westbrook's breakaway skills.

Where Philadelphia could have

Where Philadelphia could have an edge is tight end with Chad Lewis (89) and L.J. Smith (82), a rookie who has come on lately.

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brought back one
kickoff for a TD this
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o Mahe on Mahe of Carolina and David Akers (2) of Carolina and David Akers (2) of Philadelphia are reliable and not mrs.

however, had his worst game this season vs. the Eagles, missing three field goals in a loss.

Todd Sauerbrun (10) is among the league's best punters (44.6 gross average, tops in NFC), but also had three blocked. Dirk Johnson (8), in his first full NFL season, ranked in the middle of the NFC pack.

Coaching

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John Fox took over a 1-15
team in Carolina and, two seasons later, is playing for a spot in
the Super Bowl. A defense-oriented coach who was a coordinator for the Giants when they won
the 2000 NFC crown. Fox hamade several excellent additions, most notably Davis,
Delhomme and Julius Peppers.
His players laud his consistency

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP

Carolina Panthers at Philadelphia Eagles

Sunday, 6:45 p.m. EST (FOX) Lincoln Financial Field

Team comparison



Rushing 130.9 125.9

Total yards allowed 295.3 331.7 (292 0) Passing 187.7 202.3 (224.0) (171.0) Rushing 107.6 129.4

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and work ethic.

Andy Reid turned around the Eagles in 1999 when he selected McNabb – at the time an unpopular pick in Philadelphia – and set about remaking the roster. The 2002 coach of the year and a disciple of Mike Holmgren, Reid has an offensive background wellversed in the West Coast offense. His teams are physical and love to use the blitz on defense.

Intangibles

The Panthers are on a roll and come off a huge road victory, beating St. Louis in double overtime, snapping the Rams' 14-game home winning streak. They are loose, not in awe of their sur-

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Philadelphia is going wild over the Eagles again, but with the dis-appointment of defeat in the last two NFC title games, there is some negative edge to the hype. For their part, the players recognize the questions lianging over them, but insist they will not be tight because of their recent playoff his-tery.

tory.
The Engles also should get a boost The Engles also shounget to occur from their dramatic comeback win over Green Bay in overtime after not playing particularly well for much of the game. And the lack of a bye week in the playoffs could show up week in the playous come snow up for Carolina on Sunday at The Line, where Philly is 6-3.

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ed to try to approach whoever we
play... But coming from the head
cach, and then particular players
saying different things - if that
can't get you ready to play, you
don't need to be there Sunday.
Fox claims ignorance about any
predictions and senses there are
some outside forces at work.
"I'm not sure where that quot
some founi'n es said. "My team is
aware that it could be somewhat
fabricated. I don't know if their
team is aware of that. But our
approach is it's just works, and it
will be answered Sunday."
Answered with action, not verbiage. Still, it is odd that the
more-experienced Eagles, who
already beat Carolina this season in Charlotte and are favored
to reach their first Super Bowl
since the 1980 season, are
annoyed, even angered, by what
might have been said by the

other side.

At this time of year, aren't there enough distractions for a playoff team, particularly one that got this far in 2002 and '03, only to lose? Isn't there enough hype in Philadelphia, a city desperate for a championship in any sport - the last came from 76ers in the 1982-83 season?

last came from Foers in the 198283 season?
Plus, after Rush Limbaugh's
comments about Donovan
McNabb and the way the star
quarterback responded with class
on and off the field, taking the
Eagles- on- a nine-game winningstreak, the team often has been
venerated, not dismissed.
At least McNabb seems to be
dismissing the issue.
"There are players who are still
upset about the comment,"
McNabb admitted. If can't let
that bother me. I have a game to
play, and a dream to fulfill."
As do the Panthers. Despite

having an inferior record to the Eagles this season and being in only the second year of Fox rebuilding job, they aren't claim-ing to be unappreciated. Instead, they sense they can do something singular. Safety Mike Minter points to the 2002 finale as

"We went down to New Orleans' and New Orleans had to win the football game to go to the playoffs," he said. "We went down there and we took them out. Them needing to win, we got that playoff atmosphere-that-week, and so-

do something special the follow-ing season."

Which would be now Nothing could be more special than a Super Bowl.

Getting there means beating the Eagles – the disrespected Eagles.

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Temperatures Sunday are expected to be in the high 20s or low 30s with a chance for snow after a week around zero with subzero wind chill.

The Patriots have certainly earned the right to play there.

They have won 13 straight and can become the first team sance thembeaten 1972 Dolphins to win 14 games in a row in one season. They are you in Footborn after beating Tempessee 17-14 last week and have allowed just 22 poins in those nine games going the final six home games of the regular season yielding just one meaningless touchdown.

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yielding just one meaningless touchdown.
But they still perceive a certain lack of respect. They do not have inany players with big national reputations other than quarter-back flom Brady and kicker-Adam-Unatleri, who combined to lead them to an upset Super Bowl victory over St. Louis two years ago.
Their only Pro Bowlers are defensive lineman Richard Seymour, cornerback Ty Law and McGinest, who was added this week as an injury replacement at linebaclear.
"We pride ourselves on being unselfish," says coach Bill Belichick,

who was voted coach of the year for posting the NFLS best record despite an early spate of injuries that required him to plug in new starters weekly-including a half-dozen rooks: "We don't have anyone who is looking for individual gleny." Indianapolis coach flory Dungy has noticed the same thing. "They don't care how they win," Dungy says. "They are a team that utilizes everyone on their roster, a team that tylays as a team, not just as individuals." The Colts en loaded with high-profile stars, especially on offense, where Monunins, Junes, and, wyide receiver Marvin Harrison have been one of the league's best trios for a half-decade.

one of the league's best tries for a half-decade. In beating Denver and Kansas City, Manning has thrown for eight touchdowns with no interceptions and has a passer rating of 15:59, just 1.4 points short of perfect. But that was with good field conditions against lesser defenses. Still, he has new options to play with "Reggle Wayne and Brandon Stokley give him new reliable targets, especially Stokley, who has three TD catches in the two playoff games and is averaging 25:3 yards per catch.

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The Colts are 8-1 on the road and

have shown the ability to win big games from behind, even when they are away.

The most spectacular was a victory on a Monday night in Tampa, where they set an NFL record by coming back from 21 points down with four minutes left to tie the game, then win in overtime. They also beat the Titans in Mashville, a difficult task in any season, and the Dolphins in Miami.

But they haven't won outside in also weather—it was in the 50s in Kansas City last week and their 17-14 victory in Buffalo in late November was played in uncharacteristic balmy temperatures for that time of the year.

They will get that chance this week.

"It's the wind as much the cold

The Big Wiesy made it look easy at the Sony Open



Michelle Wio reacts after making a birdle putt on the 18th green of Walalae Country Club during the second rot the Sony Open in Honolulu Friday. At left is playing partner Kevin Hayashi of Hillo, Hawaii.

Little buzz, lots of birdies for Frazar with his tee shot and had to pitch out to the fairway, Love sawed par ylvin shot to 5 feet to sawe par. "I had some good things happen," Love said. Still, he noticed a difference from the first two days. "It seemed boring out there today," Love said. "Not a whole lot of excitement." The highlight was Vijay Singh finding a creative way to play the par5 18th. For the second straight day, the big Fijam hit his drive well left down the adjacent 10th fairway, taking rouble out of the equation. He hit his approach into about 10 feet and closed with an eagle. Els had dinner with Singh and heard about his new trick, but figured the tees were too far up to risk the shot, so he went the conventional route – and had to settle for par. Still, the Big Easy is in gestle shape to become the first back-to-back winner of the Sony Open since Corey Pavin in 1987.

HONOLULU (AP) - Michelle Wie was still the talk of the Sony Open, at least in the locker room and on the range. Out on the golf course Saturday, the show belonged to Harrison Fever

the show belonged to Harrison Fearar.
Whiless in 160 previous starts on the PGA Tonr. Fearar bridded his final three holes for a 4-under 66 and a one-shot lead over Ernic Elsgoing into the final round at Waidae Country Club.
Frazar was at 14-under 196, although 11 players were within five shots of the lead.
Els wasted a chance to join Fiazar in the lead when his drive went into the right round to fine from 50 yards came up just short of the green. He had to settle for a par und a 66.
Davis Lavy III; holed a bunker

given. He had to settle for a par and a 66.

Davis Lave III; holed a bunker shot for eagle and scrambled for some good pars for a 63, leaving him two strukes behind with Frank Lickliter (65).

Paul Azinger, whose only victory in the last 10 years came at Wailake four years ago, bridded his final two holes, and was among those at 1-under 1999.

The gallery lost some of its emer-gy without a 1-year-old girl to -dince around.

We twowed them all on Friday with a 2-under 68 - the best some ever by a female competing against the men - to miss the cut by one shot.

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Harrison Frazar Leads the Sony Open

Players were still trying to soak in the feat when they arrived to the

in the feat when they arrived to the course Saturday.
"It was the talk in the locker room - guys that got out-hit, guys that got beat," Love said. "It's an incredible story."
Wie returned to Waialae as a walking analyst for ESPN. Such a move is normally for players clos-ing in on retrement, not those in the ninth grade.
She saw some great golf, and so

the ninth grade.

She saw some great golf, and so did a large gallery that was more spread out across the course.

Love made the best move of the day and is in good position to start, the year strong again. He faced a tough bunker shot on the par5 ninth, but it hopped twice and disappeared into the cup for eagle.

Then on the 13th, he hit a tree

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HONOLULU – The consolation rize for 14-year-old Michelle Wie prize for.14-year-old Michelle Wie was bending over the back of a computer terminal to follow along as her father scrolled down the list of guys she beat at the Sony as her lattie. list of guys she beat at Open. The ninth-grader really thought reasong to make the cut.

The unith-grader really thought she was going to make the cut.

She was, like, totally bummed out when she learned late Friday afternoon that despite two birdies on the final three holes for a 2 under 68, she came up one shot

on the final three holes for a 2under 68, she came up one shot
short.

"Just one more shot and I would
have made it," Wie said. "It's
killing me."
Her two-day total of 140 was
only enough to tie U.S. Open
champion Jim Furyk and British
Open champion Ben Curtis. It was
one shot better than John Cook
and Scott Hoch, two better than
Steve Flesch, three ahead of
Adam Scott.
And while she didn't get her
way at Waialae, it was a performance that was simply stunning.

"She's 14 years old and she beat
a lot of guys," said Craig Bowden
as to de guys, and she beat
a lot of guys," said Craig Bowden
sheen on earth. "She's got an
incredible future ahead of her."
At times, Wie looks as if the
future is now.
"The LPGA has got to be
chomping at the bit," Tom
Lehman said Saturday morning.
"She's got star power. She holds
her head high. She walks like
Seve (Ballesteros) used to, when
It's going to be the greatest you
ever saw."
Wie displayed a full range of

Wie displayed a full range of shots during her two days at Waialae, starting with her drives that put her in the top two-thirds of the field in driving distance. Three of them were longer than 300 yards.

300 yards.

Between clubs on the par3 fourth, where the pin was all the way back, she went with a knockdown 3-iron to control the flight and distance, and finished pin-bigh, 40-feet away. When the cut was in range and the pressure at its peak late in the second round, she hit crisp punch shots to gain more control.

Her 68 was the lowest score by a female competing against the men.

men.

Annika Sorenstam had rounds
of 71-74 at the Colonial, when she
missed the cut by four shots. Suzy
Whaley, the Connecticut club pro
who qualified for the Greater
Hartford Open playing a shorter

set of tees, went 75-78 and missed the cut by 13 shots.

Three other women played on international tours, and Se Ri Pak is the only one who made the cut. She closed with a 69-71 at the SBS Super Tournament on the Korean PGA Tour and tied for 10th.

Still, the most important number at the Sony Open was Winsage - 14.

"It's an amazing story," Lehman said. "It's the story of the Wiiiceeek."

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said. "It's the story of the Wilicecek."

Lehman chuckled at his play on words. The former British Open champion is the one who nick-named her the "Big Wiesy" words ago during the Pro-Junior Challenge at the Sony Open, saying the swing reminded him of Ernie Els.

Two years later, Lehman is still shaking his head.
"I was talking to Jonathan Byrd last night and asked him what he was doing at 14," Lehman said. "He said, "Snap hooking it and getting into rouble" just like the rest of us. She has really matured. She is strong, poised and motivated. And she's obviously incredibly talented."

Where it leads is anyone's

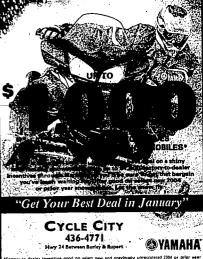
on the honor roll. Her next touz-nament—is—the - Safeway International (March 18.21) out-side Phoenix, which traditionally attracts one of the strongest fields on the LPGA Tour. A week later, she plays in the first LPGA major, the Kraft Nabisco Championship. The Sony Open will give her invaluable experience and confi-dence.

invaluable experient dence.
"I think it helps me on the LPGA, because since I played on the PGA, I think the LPGA will be easy, too," she said. "The courses are going to be a little shorter, so 'I'm going to have more wedges." She still has 35 years of high school and plans to go to college. Her father met the president of Stanford over the holidays on Maui.

After that, she sees no reason why she can't play on both tours." "I struggled and I fought," Wie said. "I made a couple of really good putts. I made two brides or the last three holes. I think I did pretty good.
"I think I can play out here one."

"I think I can play out here one

"I think I can play out here one day."
Such a comment from someone so young would have sounded our-rageous. After two days in the Sony Open, where a 14-year-old girl shot even par and tied for 80th, all bets are off.



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- Jan. 31 and Feb. 7
- March 13 and 20
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contact Sherry Rust, the center's training coordinator, at 732-6455 or srust@csi.edu.

Course alms at building skills in husiness

Skills in business

TWIN FALLS — A 12-week evening course for entrepreneurs and small-business operators will begin this week at the Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho.

The Nx Level Entrepreneurial Business Planning course will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Thursdays, Jan. 22 through April 22, in Room 181 of the Aspen Building. The course is designed for business people who want to expand arcisting business and need the skills to make it grow. Mike McClymonds, marketing and management professor, will help participants develop comprehensive business plans that will act as road maps to their business futures, organizers said.

The fee is \$295 per person. A companion may register for an additional \$50, plus \$70 for an extra set of books. Prepayment and preregistration are required.

For information, contact Sherry Rust at 732-6455 or srust@csi.edu.

Two-session class offers help in buying first house

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TWIN FALLS – A Finally Home
homebuyer class will be held from 6
to 10 pm. Thursdays, Jan. 22 and 29,
at the College of Southern Idaho.
Penny Johnson, who manages the
program at CSI, said the class
includes choosing a first home,
applying for credit, making down
payments, choosing a Realtor, making an offer, obtaining title searches
and more.

and more.

The program is sponsored by CSI and Idaho Partners for Home Buyer Education Inc. Funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Those who complete the program may be eligible for closing cost assistance, zero down payment and other benefits. Students are asked to pay \$25 for the two classes. The entire amount will be refunded when the student completes the second class.

completes the second class.

For information, call Johnson at 732-6287.

Group plans to discuss long-term care insurance

long-term care insurance
TWIN FALLS—The January meeting of the Southern Idaho
Association of Insurance and
Financial Advisors is set for Tuesday.
The meeting will feature a roundtable discussion on long-term care
insurance from 9 am. to noon, with a
lunch buffet following, at Long
Hing Restaurant, 1719 Kimberly
Road in Ivin Falls.
All prefessionals are invited to
attend and hear presentations by
Dennis Voorhees, an elder-issue
attorney, Debite Dale and Sheryl
Hartman, long-term care agents;

Hartman, long-term care agents; and Lori Bentzler, a-representa-tive of a local long-term care facil-

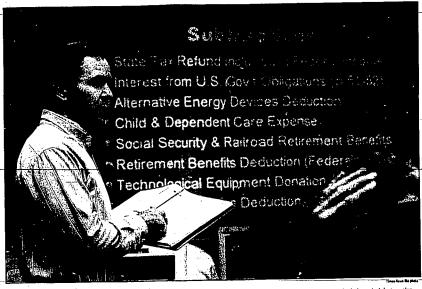
tive or a local con-ity.

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Good tax news



group of volunteers the finer points of state tax code during a training session Vai Clements, a tax auditor with the Idaho State Tax Commission, teaches last year for the ARP Tax-Alde program. Volunteers are trained to prepare taxes for low- and middle-income stapagers. This year, AARP Tax-Alde volunteers will operate 17 south-central Idaho counseling sites from about Feb. 1 through April 15, but the organization basn't yet announced its schedule specifics.

Bigger refunds, smaller bills await many taxpayers this year

By Mary Dairymple Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON - Tax rates dropped last January, but most taxpayers have received only half of the cuts coming to them. That means many of them can expect a bigger refund or a smaller tax bill when they figure their 2003 tax return

refund or a sinaller tax bill when they figure their 2003 tax return this year. The tax return this year. The tax law enacted law enacted law enacted the board and removed some of the "marriage penalty" built into the structure of marginal tax rates, which can cause married couples to pay more tax than they would as two singles.

Nearly everyone benefited from an expansion of the lowest, 10 percent bracket to \$7,000 for single people and \$14,000 for married couples. The law also expanded the 15 percent bracket to married couples to twice that of singles. Married couples now pay

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the same amount of tax on income within the bottom two

income within the bottom two rates as two singles. The law also lowered the higher marginal rates ahead of schedule and made the change effective Jan. 1, 2003. The higher rates are now 25 percent, 28 percent, 33 per-cent and 35 percent. All of these changes were

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Enterprises Inc., which runs
the online tax preparation
service Taxhrain, said they
expect 10 million households
run by married couples whose
incomes range from \$47,000 to
\$65,000 to be among the
biggest winners. The combination of new tax rates and tax

More inside

Higher standard deductions may mean it's time to say goodbye to itemizing .D3 Families can now claim the rest of their child credits

cuts targeted at married couples will move many of those households from the 27 percent bracket down to the 15 percent bracket.

"Because the tax law changes took effect midyear, many of these households will find they have been overwithheld, and tax refunds will be much higher than expected, said Eric Hayes, a senior tax analyst at Tarkfrain.

IRS officials say tax refunds have been steadily rising, on average, for about 20 years. This year's jump may be higher due to lower tax rates, an Pease see REFUND, Page D2

Homeowners

reflected in taxpayers' pay-checks beginning in July, when employers were instruct-ed to change their withhold-ing tables, to reflect the new rates. Because the change started midyear, most taxpay-ers paid too much tax during the first half of 2003 and can expect to recoup that money through a bigger refund or a Those who have to pay don't need to panic

By Mary Dairymple Associated Press write

Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON - Is your tax bill more than you can handle right now? The IRS offers a broad array of options for those who can't immediately pay the balance of taxes owed.

Electronic Withdrawal. Taxpayers who complete their tax returns carly but need a little time to amass the money to pay their taxes can file the return electronically and arrange for an electronic withdrawal later. Taxpayers can specify the date of the funds transfer, which means the funds transfer, which means they can file their tax a April 15 to pay the bill.

• Credit Card. Taxpayers can pay taxes due by credit card appear on your credit. Card statement as, "United States Treasury Tax Payment." The convenience fee is billed separately. Your credit-card-statement, along, with a confirmation number, provides proof of payment.

Taxpayers who want to pay by credit card hould visit the Electronic Payment Options

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Taxpayers who want to pay by credit card
should visit the Electronic Payment Options
section of the IRS Web site. They can pay
through a variety of tax preparation software
and professional tax services or by calling one
of the credit card payment service providers:
LINKZGOV Corp. at 1 (888) PAY1040 or
Official Payments Corp. at 1 (800) 2PAY-TAX.
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Options for paying your tax bill





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interest rates and fees as generally apply to purchases on your credit card. Tax experts suggest you compare the total cost of paying by credit card, including interest rates, with the current interest rates and penalties charged by the IRS for installment agreements.
Installment Agreement. Installment agreements allow taxpayers to pay their taxes in monthly amounts that fit their budgets. The RS will charge interest and penalties, as well as one-time 434 fee to set up the installment account. Form 9465 is used to request an installment approach plan for most taxpayers who owe \$25,000 or less in tax, an installment agreement is automatic.

Offer in Compromise. Taxpayers with large unpaid tax bills and no means to pay the full amount can make an offer in compromise, in which they ask the IRS to accept an offer to pay at lesser amount-Form 656 is used to make-such an offer and requires a \$150 application fee. If a taxpayer defaults on a negotiated payment plan for an offer in compromise, the entire original tax liability will be reinstuted, plus interest and penaldes.

Important: Taxpayers who can't pay are nevertheless urged to file their returns by the April 15 deadline. They can face steep fines for falling to file, on top of the penalties and interest charged for late payment.

who know law benefit most

By Mary Dairymple Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON - Energized by the lowest mortgage interest rates in more than 40 years, home sales and refinanced loans moved at a record pace last year. The

at a record pace last year. The bustling mort gage activity means more taxpayers must master the complex

rules that help homeowners win hig tax

help homeowners win hig tax advantages.
"It's tax-favored in a number of different ways," soid Bernard Kent, a personal financial services partner at Pricewater-houseCoopers.

The benefits of home ownership stem from tax deductions for home expenses like mortgage interest and real estate taxes. When the total of those costs and other deductible items amounts to more than the standard deduction, it can mean a big tax bonus

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OURBUSINES

CAREER MOVES

Carl Peterson



tion.

He has 20 years of tax experience, individual and business, and will do both tax preparation and tax planning.

Twayne Buhler

TWIN FAILS - Twayne O.
Buhler of the Buhler Agency
attended the Circle of Wealth
College 2004 at the Hotel
Montelcone in New Orleans,
where he received training in
financial concepts to better serve
clients.

clients.

MoneyTrax inc. is the company behind the Circle of Wealth system used by more than 2,000 advisers in the financial services

advisers in the insurance and investment business in 1971 in Twin Falls. He is a general agent for Midland National Life Insurance Co. and owner of Buhler Agency, founded in 1965 by his father, Jay O. Buhler.

Sheryl Harris

BURLEY - Sheryl Harris is a newly appointed board member of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of

Of the Minn-cassia Chainder of Commerce. Harris will finish the term of Jason Walker, who resigned after his appointment as Minidoka County prosecuting attorney. Harris is the office-shop manag-er at Dalry Electric Inc., 624 Oncida in Rupert. She and her husband, Kevin Harris, have two daughters and one grandson.

Ron Kerr

TWIN FALLS - Gem State

Paper and Supply presented its top sales award for

presented its top sales award for 2003 to Ron Kerr. The new Salesman of the Year competed against 17 other sales people. His sales territory includes Jerome, Twin, Falls, and Jackpot, Nev. Kerr and his wife will go on a vacation with the award.

Realtors

Realtors
TWIN FALIS - The Greater
Twin Falls Association of Realtors
installed new officers and directors during its monthly general
membership meeting Jan. 6.
New officers and directors for 2004 are President-elect Jeff
Blick of Westerra Real Estate
Group, two-year directors Tuml
Gooding and Vicki Surber, both
of Gem State Realty; one-year
directors Mike Erickson of
Prudential Idaho Homes &
Properties and Ross Deahl and
Jistone, both of Irwin Realty;
sponsors/affiliates
Tule and Todd McQueen of Wells
Fargo Bank; state director
Nuthan Lyda of Gateway Realty;
past president/state director
Wanda Foster of The Home Co;
and Multiple Listing Service
Chairman Willis Stone of Irwin
Realty.

Gretchen Clelland

JEROME - Gretchen W. Clelland, the Jerome investment



JEROME - Gretchen Wiesen and French investment representative for financial services firm. Edward Jones, was one of 40 representatives honored at a business management forum Jan. 5-7 in St. Celland Celland met with other Edward Jones investment representatives to share ideas for increasing office efficiency, improving cus-

tomer service, increasing invest-ment knowledge and expanding her knowledge in estate plan-

ning.
The class was sponsored by American Funds.

Debbie Parker



Debbe Parker assistance in Community provides for children. She is always there with a smile and a helping hand. Parker has assisted the sorority send the holiday activities the community provides for children. She is always there with a smile and a helping hand.

Parker has assisted the sorority each year with shirt sales during Sagebrush Days, and her facility is usually available for meetings.

Mayor Barbara Gietzen presented — Barber a Jidaue-flowers, gifts and gift certificates from local merchants.

Terry Uhling



Terry Uhling

BOISE – Terry Uhling, formerly of Twin Falls, was named senior rice president, corporate secretary and general counsel of J.R. Simplot Co.

Uhling, who joined Simplot in 1989 as an assistant general counsel assigned to the co mp any's Agri Business Group, will continue to be responsible for corporate environmental, security, regulatory and health and safety affairs, in addition to his duties as general counsel.

Uhling, whose office is at Simplot corporate headquarter in 1880. Before joining Simplot, he was a partner in the law firm of Nelson, Rosholt, Robertson,

Tolman and Tucker in Twin Falls. He was appointed in 1996 by Gov. Phil Batt to serve on the Idaho Water Resources Board and cur-rently is vice chairman.

. JIII Sherman

KIMBERLY – Jill Sherman, a recent graduate and now a certi-fied macrobiotic counselor from the Strengthening Health

recent graduate and now a certified macrobiotic counselor from the Strengthening Health Institute in Philadelphia, relocated to Magic Valley and will teach adult education classes at the College of Southern Idaho starting Feb. 5.

Sherman said she studied and worked for the institute and its founder and director, Denny Waxman, who gained recognition for guiding Dr. Anthony Satilaro, then president of Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia, to a recovery from prostate cancer using macrobiotics.

The first class Sherman will teach is "Improve Your Health Without Going Into The Kitchen," 7-8:30 p.m. Feb. 5, about good nutrition and eating habits.

She'll teach "Intro to Asian Diagnosis" 7-8:30 p.m. Feb. 25, and "Eat Your Veggies - But First Learn To Cook Them "7-9 p.m. March 3.

Sheman can be reached at 732-5677. To register for her

Sherman can be reached at 732-5677. To register for her classes, call CSI at 732-6288 or 732-6290.

John V. Evans III

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BOISE – Burley native John V.
Evans III of D.L. Evans Bank in
Boise was elected to the board of
the Independent Community
Bankers of America in
Washington, D.C., a community
bank trade group. Evans is vice
president—of—the—5344—million—asset D.L. Evans Bank.

washington, D.c., a cominimal bank trade group, Evans is vice president—of—the—5344—million—asset D.L. Evans Bank. Evans duties with ICBA include membership recruitment and retention and acting as liaison between independent community bankers in Idaho and ICBA staff and leaders in Washington, D.C.

The national trade association promotes the interests of community banks and thrifts, which are locally owned and operated financial institutions. It has nearly 5,000 members. For more information, visit www.icba.org.

: MILESTONES

Glanbia begins construction of cheese, whey facility

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TWIN FALLS - Glanbia ple
announced commencement of
construction of a new-cheese and
whey products facility in New
Mexico following the recent creation of Southwest Cheese Co.
LLC, a joint venture between
Glanbia, Dairy Farmers of
America Inc.,
Solect Milk
Producers Inc.
and the other
dairy cooperative members of
the Greater
South we st
Agency Inc.

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The venture is 50 percent evened by Glanbia.

At the \$190 million cheese and whey manufacturing facility in Clovis, NM., commissioning is expected in the fourth quarter of 2005. Once fully operational, Glanbia expects the new facility be generate sales in the region of 350 million per year and employ about 220 people.

Glanbia Foods Inc, based in Twin Falls, will provide operational management for the facility in addition—to—handling—all-cheese sales, out of its United States office based in Monroe, Wist, will market the mutritional ingredients derived from the whey stream.

lerome business offers medical billing service

medical billing service
JEROME - CARE Billing
Service, a new business operated
by Virginia Crandall, Gail
Peterson and Gay Park, opened
for business Aug. 1.

CARE Billing Service's owners
said they have over 30 years of
experience in the medical field.
Their billing and management
experience covers a broad spectrum of the medical field.
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Buhl women open handyman business

BUHL - Judith Heidel and athy Walters say no job is too

Cathy Walters say no job is too small for them.

If I Had A Hammer is the name of their new company in Buhl, where you can find the women doing drywall, tile, plumbing,

Promotions and staff changes.
New certifications.
Seminars and workshops.
Awards and achievements.
Charitable business activities.
Other business news.

electrical, painting, carpentry, house cleaning and general

electrical, painting, carpentry, house cleaning and general repairs. Senior citizen discounts are available, as well as free esti-mates, and all work is guaranteed. They can be reached at 490-1200.

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SHOSHONE — Mama Mia's Deli
is now open in Shoshone at 114 W.
Rail St. N.
Dian Gaches is serving up her
specialty of baked goods and
lunch specials, soup and sandwiches daily, except Sundays.
There is take-out service, and
the facility seats 10. Hours are 7
a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through
Friday, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday. The business can be
reached at 544-750.
Mama Mia's also has catering
services, large or small.

Shoshone bed and breakfast

Shoshone bed and breakfast opens facility to groups
SHOSHONE - Governor's Mansion, a bed and breakfast inn at 315 South Greenwood in Shoshome; recently started opening: is facility to gupups who want to schedule dinners and other events. Edie Collins and Marge Clark are hosts for the mansion, which was built by Frank R. Gooding, governor in 1901-05.
The five bedrooms are decorated to depict that era, as is the rest of the mansion.
Rates range from \$30 for a

of the mansion.
Rates range from \$30 for a single, to \$55 to \$65 for doubles for an overnight stay. The mansion is open year round, and full breakfasts are served. The mansion, offers free pick-up and return from Shoshone's Amtrak station or the Twin Falls airport.
Call 886.2929 5 5 5 airport. Il 886-2858 for informa

Call 886-2858 for informa-tion. Reservations are encour-aged but not required. Managers said the mansion now can host small dinner meetings or parties in a comfortable home atmosphere with the food and drink catered by other businesses.

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Contest results in a tue
BUHL. The Buhl Chamber of
Commerce awarded a tie in its
Holiday Lighting Contest for residential contestants to Shaun and
Sharisse Cramer and to Debbie
and Mark Williams. The judges
said their decision was difficult as
there were many good entries.
Siesta Motel won the business
creaners. Jeeph and Torna Taylor

category. Joseph and Tonya Taylor

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. Contributions

■ During the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors' "Feed the Hungry" campaign, more than \$1,200 was donated and presented to The Salvation

Army.

At the association's Christmas party, Realtors and sponsor/affiliates donated more than 200 coats to the "Coats for Kids" project.

And 215 toys were donated for South Central Community Action Partnership to distribute to local children who might not otherwise have had gifts under the tree.

■ A BeautiControl 2004 Success Rally was held at the Bridgeview center Jan. 10. Dianne

Watts, WHO chairman of the com-pany's Eckert Unit of consultants, said donations collected were

sent to the W II O Foundation in Dallas.

Dallas.

The foundation is Women
Helping Others, established in
1993 by BeautiControl
Chairwoman Ginger Heath It Chairwoman Ginger Heath. It supports grass-roots charities serving the overlooked needs of women and children, encourages women to help others through local community service, supports organizations dedicated to

women and children and educates individuals about health and education issues. Each year the WHO Foundation Board reviews grant requests from charites across the nation, Watts said. Since 1993, the WHO Foundation has awarded over \$1.1 million to more than 80 charites in 27 states, she saud. Recipients have used the grants to comfort victims of sexual assault; provide health and dental care for uninsured women and children; provide shelter for victims of domestic violence; fight against osteoprosis, breast cancer and blindness; and help build new shelters, camps and playgrounds for chil-

dren in crisis.

■ The Salvation Army is get-ting back into the doughnut busi-ness with its Famous Doughnut and the help of retail partner Fred

Meyer.
The original Famous Doughnut was served by Salvation Army Lassies to American soldiers on the front lines of World War I. Boxes of Famous Doughnuts are available now at Fred Meyer stores in Washington, Idaho, Alaska and Oregon. Proceeds from the sale of each box will go towards supporting local towards supporting Salvation Army social service

Farm Bureaus slate Wednesday marketing seminar

BURLEY - Cassia County and Minidoka County Farm Bureaus and the Commodity Division of the Idaho Farm Bureau will con-duct a marketing seminar at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Cassia-Minidoka Farm Bureau office, 444 E. Fifth N. in Burley, next to Century Cinema.

The seminar will finish early at afternoon, and lunch will be

that afternoon, and lunch will be provided.
This is the fourth year that Parm Bureau has conducted these seminars around Idaho. The seminars in the past have provided marketing ideas for attendees to apply in their own operations.
This week's seminar will provide information on federal crop

insurance programs and an update on the current Farm Bill. It will also include historical macketing trends and explain what makes the markets move up and down, organizers said. The seminar will discuss the importance of individual marketing plans and an introduction to developing a personalized marketing plan. There will be a discussion on

grain contracts that are available for the coming year.
Cost is \$10 for advance registration or \$20 at the door for Farm Bureau members; cost is \$50 for nonnembers, either in advance or

at the door.
For registration and informa-tion, call the Fann Bureau office at 678-0431, Peg at 239-4228 or Gary at 239-4206.

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increased child tax credit and
other tax cut.

If your family was among
those who got an advance-childtax credit payment last summer,
you will need to reduce the credit you claim on your return by an
equal amount. A family with one
child who qualified for the
entire \$1,000 child tax credit
probably received \$400 last summer and can claim the remaining \$600 when filling a 2003 tax
return.

return.
Married couples this year
can claim a \$9,500 standard
deduction. Couples whose
itemized deductions (qual less
than that might be better off
not itemizing them.

Investors may be able to take
advantage of lower rates on dividends and capital gains but will

On the Web

Revenue Service -www.irs.gov

spend more time on tax paper-work. Because the new capital gains rates took effect May 6, multiple rates apply, depending-on-when an asset was sold. Some, dividends previously taxed at an investor's normal income tax rate also qualify for the same lower capital gains rates. The lower dividend rates, however, are for the entire year. Taxpayers who routinely get large refunds may want to con-sider adjusting the amount with-held from their paychecks, con-verting the end-of-year refund into more take-home pay all year

long. Taxpayers can request a W-4 form from their employers to

long. Taxpayers can request a W-4 form from their employers to make that change.

Taxpayers who might have changed their withholding in the middle of 2003 to adjust for the changed tax rates may have to readjust that withholding to avoid owing taxes at the end of 2004. "Those people should consider filing a new W-4 in January to have their withholding to a their withholding to the state of th

NEED HELP WITH

Tax law offers plentiful credits

WASHINGTON (AP) - Saving for retirement? Sending a child to college? Paying steep medical bills? Tax laws offer an almost dizzying array of tax-advantaged accounts and credits that can help

pour meet those goals.
Each account and credit comes with restrictions and requirements that taxpayers should know before using them. Tax downtaged accounts typically eliment taxes on money either as it is deposited or withdrawn from the accounts. Credits reduce a taxpayer's tax liability dollar for dollar.

lar.

Here's a list of common accounts and credits available for retirement, education, child care and other sometimes costly endeavors.

Tax advantaged accounts:

Individual Retirement Arrangements, or IRAS.
Traditional IRAs let taxpayers put
untaxed money aside and invest it
for retirement. The money is taxed
when taken out of the account.

when taken out of the account. Alternatively, taxpayers can contribute after-tax dollars to a Roth IRA and avoid taxes on earnings and withdrawals.

• Simplified Employee Pension Rain and SIMPLE IRAs. These retirement arrangements let employees of small businesses and self-employed taxpayers save for retirement.

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• 401(k)s. Named for their place in the U.S. Tax Code, these retirement accounts allow employees to save for retirement through accounts established by their employers. The accounts are funded with pretax money drawn from the employee's paycheck.

• Coverdell Education Savings Accounts. Parents can set aside

Families can now claim the rest of their child credits

WASHINGTON (AP)
Gathering up the paperwork to start working on your tax return? Make sure you find last summer's letter from the Internal Revenue Service if your family was among those who got an advance child tax credit payment.
Last summer's checks went to families who, based on their 2002 tax returns, had children under age 17 and were expected to qualify for the child tax credit in 2003. Under normal circumstances, families would have applied for the credit when they filled out their 2003 tax returns in early 2004.

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Law makers instead decided to send some extra money to qualified families as quickly as possible and instructed the IRS to send checks in late summer. Those checks gave families up to \$400 per child. That figure up to \$400 per child. That figure up to \$400 per child. That figure up to \$600 to \$1,000.

Now, it's time to claim the rest of the credit.

While working through the 2003 tax return, families who qualify for the \$1,000 per child tax credit must reduce it by the

amount they received last summer. A family with one child who qualified for the entire \$1,000 child tax credit probably received \$400 last summer and can claim the remaining \$500 when filing a 2003 tax return. Your tax preparation software or a worksheet in the Form 1040 or Form 1040 A instruction booklet will walk you through the calculation. Families might not qualify for the entire \$1,000 credit, depending on their income and tax liability.

All is not lost if you can't find

ing on their income and tax liability.

All is not lost if you can't find the RS letter and can't remember how much money you got last summer. The RS has a form on its Web site that will retrieve the information for you. Select "Individuals" on the IRS home page, and then click on "Your 2003 Advance Child Tax Credit."

A form will ask you to enter your Social Security number, filing status and the number of exemptions claimed on your-return—The-result-will-tell-you how much you received last summer.

dependent. Students do not have to be in a qualified degree pro-

or Credit for the Elderly or Disabled Available to individuals who are age 65 or older, or younger than 65 and retired on permanent and total disability. Reciplents must meet income requirements.

Adoption Credit. Taxpayers who adopt a child may qualify for a credit of up to \$10,160 for qualifying adoption expenses.

Retirement Saving Contributions Credit. Refunds 10 percent to 50 percent of a contribution to a qualified retirement plan, up to \$1,000. Recipients must meet income requirements.

Bret Cooperrider fills kegs with bear at the Uklah Brewing Co.-in Uklah, Calif Biet Copernor his sage with one of the copernor his beautiful to be organic brew put is making new as headquarters for a campalign to ban genetically modified organisms in Mendocinno County, Southern Idaho malt bailey growers are getting the news that first beer eales could mean

Barley buyers blame beer bust

POCATELLO - Malting barley buyers in southern Idaho may curtail their purchases this year because of flattening beer sales, Advanced Idaho Grain Marketing Workshop participants learned. Representatives of Coors Brewing Company, Burley; Busch Agricultural Resources inc., Idaho Falls, Great Western Malting, Pocatello; Gmodelo Agriculture Inc., Idaho Falls, and General Mills, Blackfoot, outlined their purchasing plans during a panel presentation at the Red Lion here last week.

The workshop attended by about 40 growers was hosted by

presentation at the Red Lion here inst week.

The workshop attended by about 40 growers was hosted by the Idaho barley and wheat commissions and other sponsors.

Paul Krummi, Coors marketing rpi in Buh, said his Coloradobased brewing company plans to cut its purchases by between 10 percent and 20 percent this year. Coors bought a lot of barley from 2000 to 2003, but this year plans to add no new growers; he said.

"Beer sales are relatively flat as a whole in the industry," Krumm said.

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All Coors malting barley purchases in Idaho end up in Burley, where about nine million bushels are stored for a year before they are shipped off by rail to Golden, Colo, Krumm said. Coors contracts with barley growers in Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho.

Water outlook gives irrigators cautious optimism

Irrigators cautious optimism
TWIN FALLS – Snowpacks
above normal are making winter
recreationalists happy, but irrigators are still hodding their breath.
That's because only half the
snow accumulation period is gone
and without more new snow, those
above normal snowpacks can full
back to normal very quickly. Take
the Upper Snake River basin
which is losing 1 to 2 percentage
points of snow with each clear day.
The basin will be back to "normal" by the end of January unless
the high pressure weakens and
more storms roll through, said Ron
Abramovich, hydrologist with the
USDA-Natural Resources
Conservation Service.

He likens this winter to a base-

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bail game.
"We're in the fourth inning of a nine-inning baseball game. Things could change for the better or the worse," he told irrigators at their annual meeting. Abramowich was in the Mogic Valley to talk at the Salmon River, Twin Falls and North Side canal companies'

and was Farmbeat

lightights of this week's Ag Waekly, The Times-News', weekly report on agriculture.

annual meetings the week of Jan. 12.

Cuban trade trip will include bean representative

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BOISE - The Idaho Bean
Commission voted Thursday to
have commissioner Leonard
Andrew attend a trade trip to
Cuba being organized by Idaho
Rep. C.L. "Butch" Otter.
"We're hopeful we might sell a
few beans to Cuba from the state
of Idaho and foster relationships
down there." Andrew said on
Thursday.
Commission Chairman Doug
Carlquist said that a long time ago
Idaho sold quite a few beans to
Cuba. But it hassit done so in years
because of trade restrictions.
The trip to Cuba is tentatives
Scheduled for five days in early
February, said Will Hart, a
spokesman for Craig, it will
include representatives from producer groups and agriculture businesses.
"We're trying to make sure
"We're trying to make sure

"We're trying to make sure Idaho agriculture products are on their radar screen," Hart said.

Canal company, conservation districts hand out honors

districts hand out honors

The Twin Falls Canal Co. and
conservation districts also work
cooperatively to recognize adividunls with have been involved in
improving water quality for many
years with the Fioneer in Ware
Quality Award.
Shawn Gould was recognized for
his family's long-term commitment to improving soil fertility
and reducing Irrigation-induced
erosion.

His grandfather homesteaded
his Buhl-area farm about 1908, the
family has raised beef cattle own-

His grandfather homesteaded his Balil-area farm about 1998, the family has raised beef cattle over the decades and uses the cattle manure on their own fields. Decades of building up the soil fertility have improved water infiltration into their fields. Converting to sprinkler irrigation systems has also reduced eroston problems. To reduce the chances of runoff from the pivot entering either the I-Coulee or Cedar Draw, Gould uses a reservoir tillage under the pivots.

Continental Airlines chief plans early retirement

Knight Ridder News Service

Gridon Bethune, chairman and chief executive of Continental Airlines, will retire at the end of 2004, more than a year earlier then had initially planned, the company-said Erichay. In a surprise announcement of the planned of the company said Bethune, continent weived over his decade as CEO, gave no reason for the retirement, effective Dec. 31.

Larry-Kollner, president, and chief operating officer will assume both of Bethune's titles, the company said in the statement. Houston besed Continental which employs 42,000 people, including about 11,000 at Newark Liberty International Airport, where it has a hub—also said it will reduce the size of its board from 14

members to 10.
Controversial financier David Bonderman, president of Texas Facific Group, will be among the directors who will leave.
The Wall Street Journal, citing unnamed sources, reported Priday that Bethune, who had clashed recently with Bonderman over Bonderman's interest attrine, had threatment or texas. Bonderman remains on the board. Continental declined to comment Priday.
On Thresday the company will

ers in recent years, and posted a profit in the second and third quar-ters of 2003.

S2,000 per child each year into an ESA-and-avoid-taves-on-the-account's earnings. Withdrawals are tax free as long as the money pays for a child's education.

• Medical Savings Accounts.

Recently expanded, MSAs allow those with high-deductible insurance plans to set aside money to pay medical expenses. Contributions and investment earnings are never taxed as long as the money is used to pay qualified medical expenses.

• Flexible Spending Accounts. Employees whose employers offer the accounts, sometimes as part of so-called cafeteria plans, can set aside pretax dollars to pay for medical expenses and/or child care. Specific rules and limits apply to each type of FSA. Any money left at the end of the year must be forfeited.

• Child and Dependent Care Credit. Working parents with one

Tax Credits:

Child and Dependent Care
Credit. Working parents with one
or more children in day care may
qualify for a tax credit worth 20
percent to 35 percent of child care
costs, up to specific limits. The
credit is available to parents of
children under 13 and to those
with a spouse or dependent who is
physically or mentally incapable
of self-care.

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Self-care.

Child Tax Credit. Parents can aim-a-credit-worth-up to \$1,000.

To child under age 17. Lower come families, along with ealthier married couples, may or qualify for the full credit.

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Hope Credit. Farents of a student in a degree program may be able to claim this credit during the student's first two years of study. The credit covers up to \$1,500 of qualified ruition expenses.
 Lifetime Learning Credit. This credit is worth 20 percent of the first \$10,000 in tuition and related expenses for a taxpayer, spouse or

It may be time to leave itemizing behind

WASHINGTON (AP) - Married couples accustomed to itemizing their tax deductions every year might want to take a second look at their 2003 ax returns. A higher standard deduction may mean its more beneficial to leave tedlous itemizing behind.

Tax laws allow their taxable income by taking a deduction, either a standard amount or the sum of an itemized list. Deductible items like mortgage interest, real estate taxes, state or local income taxes and charitable contributions can quickly add up to more than the standard deduction.

Lawmakers acted last year o increase the standard deduction.

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Lawmakers acted last year o increase the standard deduction.

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married, filing jornity, people; apriled jackie Perlman, senior tax research analyst at H&R Block. Perlman said the change particularly helps couples whose itemized deductions total between about \$8,000 and \$9,500. In the past, those taxpayers got the biggest advantage from itemizing their

What can you deduct?

Taxpayers can reduce their taxable income by using a standard deduction or taking advantage of the dozens of itemized deductions permitted by law.

Itemized deductions permitted by law. Many taxpayers know the common ones, like the deduction for mortgoginterest pold during the year. Many aren't so obvious. Here are some commonly overlooked deductions, as compiled by tax advisers at Turbotax (not all taxpayers qualify to take these itemized deductions). Personal property taxes one of the common o

Personal property taxes on cars and

refinancing loans.

Job-related magazines, newspapers and professional journals.

· Cellular phones required for busi-

deductions. Now, they can take an even larger deduction by using the new standard deduction. Couples who aren't sure whether they will benefit most by itemizing or using the standard deduction will have to tally their itemized deductions and see how it compares to the standard amount. Those couples might "take the

deductions and see how it compares to the standard amount.
Those couples might "take the trouble to fill out the form and then find they didn't need it," said Bob Scharin, a senior tax analyst at RIA, a New York tax information and software company.
The higher standard deduction may also help higher income couples who lose a portion of their

Work uniforms. Fees for tax preparation or advice.

Some gambling losses.

 Medical aids such as crutches, canes and orthopedic shoes. Hearing aids, eyeglasses and con-

The cost of some step-smoking

atments.

Mileage incurred for medical transportation and charitable activities.

Cost of a safe deposit box for investments or business.

· Worthless stock or securities

itemized deductions.
In 2003, married couples with more than \$139,500 of income lost a portion of some itemized deductions. Certain itemized deductions are reduced by three percent of the amount above that threshold. Tax

amount above that threshold. Tax experts

PricewaterhouseCoopers estimate that the rule can cause some to lose as much as 80 percent of affected deductions. Deductions or medical expenses, investment interest and casualty losses aren't affected.

The overall limitation on itemized deductions

affected.

The overall limitation on item-ized deductions is scheduled to shrink beginning in 2006 and dis-

appear completely by 2010, only to reappear the next year. Limitations on personal exemptions claimed by high income taxpayers are scheduled for the same phaseout

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Once taxpayers choose to itemize their deductions, tax professionals recommend they minimize their taxes by using every deduction they can legally claim.

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Tax laws also permit a miscellaneous deduction for a variety of smaller expresses to the extent the total exceeds 2 percent of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income. Often the largest deduction in the tategory is unreimbursed employee businesses expenses, but medical weight loss programs, professional Journals and magazines, union dues and hearing add also can qualify.

Tax advisers urge texpayers expecting to iternize themselves with the list and save any record or receipt that might document in qualified deduction.

Tax includes copayments can be deducted to the tax of the tax payer's adjusted gross income. That total cannot include any costs covered by an insurance plan. It can include copayments, insurance deductibles, prescription medications, eyeglasses and other expenses.

Homeowners

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for homeowners.

If taxpayers find their deductions exceed the standard amount, they should itemize them on Schedule A. The standard Jeduction for 2003 is \$4,750 for married couples.

In most cases, the biggest tax advantage of home ownership is the mortgage interest deduction. Thypayers can also deduct some of the many costs of buying, owning and selling a home. Vacation homes, home equity loans and home based businesses come with their own sets of complex rules:

Home buying. Buying a home means taxpayers can start to capitalize on mortgage interest and real estate tax deductions. The closing statement prepared for the purchase includes most of the information new homeowners need. Many of the costs paid attactioning fees for an appraisal, notary services and preparation of the mortgage note or deed.

The points must meet certain requirements, and they must not be charged in place of the fees and

taxes typically due at closing.
Some taxpayers might qualify
for a tax credit that covers a portion of mortgage interest. Lowincome taxpayers should contact
their state or local government to
find out if they qualify and
secure a "mortgage credit certificate" before obtaining a mort-

 Home Owning. Homeowners can-expect_to_get_a_statement. from their lenders showing deductible interest pald_during the year. That interest represents the biggest benefit available to most homeowners.

the year. That interest represents the biggest benefit available to most homeowners. What many don't know is that other mortgage costs can also be deducted, including late payment charges and early payment penalties. Interest pald in advance is not immediately deductible. Real estate or property taxes paid during the year are also-deductible. Charges for city, services such as water and garbage pickup do not count as deductible taxes, nor do homeowner dues.

*Home sellling, Individuals selling their homes can keep up to \$250,000 of capital gains tax free if they owned and lived in the home as their principal residence for two of the five years before the sale. That amount is doubled to

S500,000 for married couples.

Some fees paid when purchasing the house can be recouped by adding them to the basis - the starting point for figuring gain or loss when selling the home.

Any long-term gain exceeding the tax-exempt limits would be taxed at a maximum rate of 20 percent if the house was sold before May 6, 2003. Lawmakers lowered the top capital gains rate to 15 percent as of May 6, 2003.

Refinancing. Homeowners who refinanced their morttagges to take advantage of lower interest rates should keep in mind that their tax advantage might shrink along with their monthly payment.

Unlike many home buyers,

along with their monthly payment.
Unlike many home buyers, homeowners who refinanced their home loans cannot immediately deduct points paid. The points must be spread over the life of the loan. For example, if a homeowner paid \$2.00 in points on a 15-year refinancing mortgage (180 payments), the homeowner could deduct \$11.11 per month or a total of \$133.33 for the 12 payments made during a year.

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If a portion of the refinanced mortgage is used to pay for home improvements, the homeowner may generally deduct the points

associated with the home improvement that year, spreading out the remainder over the life of the loan.

the loan.

Other loans. The interest on up to \$100,000 of equity loans secured by a taxpayer's primary home are deductible in most cases. That includes home equity loans used for personal consumption, such as a new car, college costs and even credit card debt. But taxpayers with income above: \$139,500 may face limits on their itemized deductions, including their mortgage or home equity interest.

Mortgage irranges on a most income.

their mortgage or home equity interest.

Mortgage interest on a vacation home is generally deductible, but the sinanding gets more complicated if the home is rented out more than 14 days during the year.

Turpayers then need to look dosely at the rules for watation property and rental property.

An entrepreneur or telecommuter may be able to deduct the costs of a home office if a portion of the home is used regularly and exclusively for business. The expenses typically include a portion of rent, depreciation, repairs and utilities. The rules are complicated, and a separate form must be filled to claim home office deductions.

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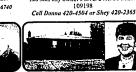
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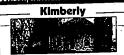
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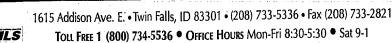




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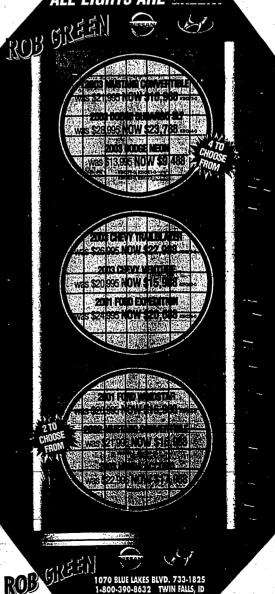




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Dear Mr. Wolff:
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Upping the Ante, North Bay, Ontario

Opping the Anti-Norma and Johanne Answer: A jump raise in hearts should be weak and pre-emptive — 3-7 points with four trumps is typical. A cuebid suggests heart support and game interest facing extras. This the-count is made up of such soft and ill-placed values that I'd say that was an overbid. So I'd settle for a simple raise to two hearts. Sometimes simplest IS best!

Dear Mr. Wolff:
What is your opinion on whether
to overeal in no-trump or in a suit
if you have the choice? For example, over a one-heart opening
would you double, bid one notrump, or bid two clubs with this
hand;
by A.Q.4, ♥ K.2, ♠ Q.9-9-6. ♣ A-J-8-7-3?

ANSWER:-All-three-choices-are-reasonable; but the single heart stop combined with the doubleton persuades me to double, rather

than bid one no-trump. I'd over-call in a five-card MAJOR at the one-level. Here, though, the club-overcall-would-have-to-be-at-the-two-level, and I'd rather have a six-card suit for that action. And the rewards of bidding a minor are less significant also.

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Dear Mr. Wolff; I was in third se

Dear Mr. Wolff:
I was in third seat with \$\int Q.9-4\$,
\$\int V.2. \int A.Q.J-6\$, \$\int K.9-7-3\$ and opened one diamond. When my partner responded one spade, I was torn between raising to two spades and rebidding two clubs.

Crying one no-trump with a small doubleton heart did not look attractive to me.) Was there a clear winner here?

Up to the World, Rockford, Ill.

ANSWER: While all the options ANSWER: While all the options you mentioned sound reasonable. I have to say that I would probably pass one spade. Since partner is a passed hand, I'd guess spades would be our best strain. A call of two clubs should show 5-4 in the minors, one no-trump suffers from the heart problem, and a raise to two spades should deliver a fourth trump or extras, facing a passed hand.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Are any tournaments run on total points these days, or is some oth-er scale used? Knowing the Score, Dodge City, Kan.

ANSWER: Almost all Pairs tournaments are run on matchpoint scoring, (It does not matter how much you beat the other pairs by. much you beat the other pairs yo so opposed to how many of them you beat on each individual hand.) Team tournaments are generally run on IMP scoring, but Board-a-Match, akin to Pairs, is also used occasionally. And in-deed, as you suggest, aggregate scoring is highly unusual these-days.

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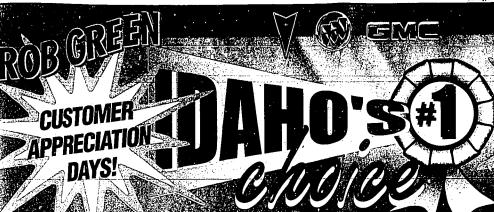
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And as for the church ladies in the basement . . .

Old Joe, the village lush, appeared before the judge, who said, "You've been brought here for drinking." Joe replied, "OK, let's get started." Or, "The agnostic died. Did he go to the great perhaps?"
Those are two of the "World's Seven Worst Puns," from the Pun America Club.
Humor, thought-provoking and stress-relieving, is a big part of life in today's world.
Even at church.
Arizona newspapers are reporting

Arizona newspapers are reporting interest in a group of new billboards in the state. Their theme is "God Speaks," and they combine humor with a message.

Here's a sampling:

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my house Sund before the game.

• What part of "thou shalt not" don't you understand?

• "That love thy neighbor' thing? I meant it. Joseph Mitchell, author of "Humor, Play and Play : Laughter

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Denise
La u g h t e r;"
instructs people to
use humor to
counter the stress
of parenting. On
the lecture circuit,
he encourages moms and dads to
"lighten up and laugh with your
kdis." He says the average toddler
laughs 400 times a day.
And psychologist Hendrie
Weisinger asy if your daily laugh
total is less than the average - 15
laughs a day, including three belly
laughs for adults - you are "underlaughed." Which could be derimental to both your emotional and your
physical health.
If you think you might be "underlaughed," Weisinger has some suggestions for improvement:

If you think you might or unou-laughed," Weisinger has some sug-gestions for improvement: Know what makes you laugh, and compile a library of favorite jokes and cartoons. Start thinking about something funny when you need a break from a tense part of your day. Or just be more playful with words and images.

Harvey Mindess, who created the "Antioch Humor Test," even devised a quiz to help you better understand yourself and improve your life by fig-uring out what makes you laugh.

For example, you are asked to rate this joke as very funny, mildly funny, or not funny at all: "One way to help balance the national budget is to elect our first woman president;

balance the national budget is to elect our first woman president; we'd only have to pay her half the

was only have to pay her had the salary." That joke is from a group labeled "monsense or social satire," and people who prefer those jokes are said to be intellectual types. Similarly, those who prefer hostile or sexual jokes tend to be earthy and outspoken. And liking mildly sick jokes means you are free enough to laugh at a funny image. Enjoyment of self-directed humor is considered a sign of good mental health.

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Some of us laugh at strangely constructed newspaper headdines, like the one that read, "Typhoon risk through cemetery, hundreds dead."

Others laugh at bloopers in church balletins: "The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind, and they may be seen in the church basement Friday."

A large number of people prefer the slapstick antics of The Three Stooges.

The slapstick antics of The Three Stooges.

Many adults find kid humor somewhat baffling.

My friend Jean told me about a kid staying over at her house who was putting crayons up his nose and walking around being a walrus—and the other kids in attendance at the slumber party were rolling on the floor laughing. When Jean told the—walrus" to stop putting crayons up his nose, he said, "I wonder whatever happened to that red bead I stuck up my nose yesterday."

The children then behaved as if they ranked the walrus child's trip to the emergency room among the top 10 jokes of all time.

Now, since everything turned out OK, Jean can recall the memory of the experience and join in the laughter. Sort of.

She says she supposes it's never too late for a good laugh.

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More dog-eared tales



Stray hounds inspire Ketchum writer



'Second Chances' is full of stories about people helping dogs (and people discovering that dogs help them). By Steve Crump Times-News writer

HAILEY - Seven years ago, Elise Lufkin - a transplanted New Englander who moved here in 1990 to ski - thought it would be fun to write a book about stray dogs

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But stray dogs come in pairs.
"I set up a Web site and started collecting stories," said Lufkin, a freelance writer by trade. "And I got great stories."

So a sequel. "Second Chances: More Tales of Found Dogs," has just been published by The Lyons Press, featuring the pound hounds of the anonymous and the famous, photographed, as was the first batch — by Time Magazine's Diana Walker.

Like Lufkin and Walker's
"Faund Dogs," which was
released in 1997, "Second
Chances" is about rescued dogs
and how, in ways little and large,
they've transformed their new
owners' lives. Jamie Lee Curtis, former
Health and Welfare secretary
Donna Shalala, dancer Mikhail
Baryshnikov and designer Oscar
de la Renta and their dogs are in
"Second Chances," but so are
barbers, ranchers, students, some of
whom live in the Wood River
Valley,
"This is very much a dogriendly community," Lufkin
said.
The Haitev-based Animal

rins is very much a dog-friendly community." Lufkin said. The Hailey-based Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley

has had a no-kill policy since 1999, and a reputation for plac-ing even last-chance pets. "You don't have to look hard in the Wood River Valley to find examples of rescued dogs," said Lufkin, who volunteers at the shelter. "It's a small community, and they're everywhere."

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Lufkin writes about Harry, an adopted stray whose owner calls him her "sobriety dog." She was at her side through her 12-step recovery program, inspiring het to get out of the house and stay sober so she could take care of him.

him.

And Emmalee, a puppy whose mother was thrown from a car onto a highway before giving

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'Second Chances' is first in show

The Washington Post

The Washington Post

Vou'ver probably heard—theexpression "A dog is man's best
friend." But sometimes dogs
need people to be their friead."
"Second Chances" is a wonderful book full of stories about
people helping dogs (and surprise, surprise, people discovering that dogs help them). All of
the dogs in this book, which features short stories by Ellisa
Lufkin and beautiful black-andwhite photographs by Diana
Walker, were abandoned in one
way or another-they were left
for dead or put in pounds, but
then were rescued and given as
second chance.

There are almost 100 dog stories in this book, which includes
some really useful information
if-you'po thinking about, getting
a dog. There are tales of big dogs
and little dogs, yippy oness and
brave ones.

It was difficult, but we picked

It was difficult, but we picked a few of our favorite, to share here:

Bobby Blue

Bobby Blue

This Samoyed was very young when he was found on the side of a road in New York. He was so gentle that a trainer at a shelter suggested that Bobby Blue be taught to be a "therapy dog." Now Bobby visits sick children in hospitals, with his new owner, photographer Peter Howe. The book says that Samoyeds were originally bred in Siberia and that one of their jobs was protecting children. That seems to be just what Bobby Blue does.

Lumpy Bear

Lumpy Bear's story is one of a dog that was loved too much. The couple who owned hin got a divorce and neither was willing to let the other have the St. Bernard So Lumpy Bear wound up in a St. Bernard Rescue League Maurice and Joan Tobin and their daughter, Alexis, adopted Lumpy Maurice says: "Lumpy Bear's voice shakes our kitchen.... Buckets of slobber festion ceilings and walls. No matter how big the car, he takes up most of it... He is a wenderful creature."

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Bush girls linger too long in adolescence

By Ann Gerhart The Washington Post

The armored black limousine glides to a stop near a U.S. military jet at Andrews Air Force Base early one morning in May 2002. Laura Bush is about to embark on her first solo trip as first lady, a 10-day visit to three European nations, where she will speak out for Alghan women's rights.

An aide opens the door, and Mrs. Bush slides her legs careful yout and steps onto the tarmac. She knows her part well: Pause to smile, wave and let the photographers dutifully record the image. The small press corps knows its part, too, and watches with no expectations. Suddenly, one leg in worn corduroy, then the other, swings off the limo seat. Jenna Bush stands up to follow her mother into the plane, and the reporters go on alert. It's the rowdy twin, the one who has been busted twice in four weeks for underaged drinking, who has run her Secret Service detail ragged, who was captured in the National Enquirer falling down, caparette in hand.

The corduroy leans are ratty at their too-long hems. Jenna is wearing a short black Fahirt, and her exposed tuming pooches our over the low-riding waitsband. The corduroy leans are ratty at their too-long hems. Jenna is wearing a short black Fahirt, and her exposed tuming pooches our over the low-riding waitsband. The corduroy leans are ratty at their too-long hems. Jenna is wearing a short black Fahirt, and her flowers. The glid is hardly loving conch. Her mother has a hairdresser and makeup artist aboard, and there mother has a hairdresser and makeup artist aboard, and they are lovely wide bed and full shower. But upon arrival 7 1/2 hours

Barbara and Jenna loave the stage, their parents behind them, at one of the inaugural balls, Jan. 20, 2001 later, Jenna appears at the plane door looking exactly the same. Suddenly she darts back inside

later, Jenna appears at the plane-door looking exactly the same-door looking exactly the same-standing of the telephoto lenses of several French photographers far away. After a few moments, the limousine trunk floats open by electronic remoters of the same standing of the same stan

There are only two possible explanations. Either A) Laura Bush has asked her 20-year-old to

please make herself more presentative of the United States using taxpayer dollars, on an official visit, and her daughter has adamantly refused, or B) Laurant even bothered to ask.

—There-is-plenty-the Busheshort ask their daughters to do that much is clear. They are college seniors now, 22, Jenna an English major at the University of Texas in Austin, and Barbara majoring in humanities at Yale. Both are considering graduate school, their parents say, but not before working first.

Jenna and Barbara have not campaigned or reined in their adolescent rebellions. They have not appeared engaged in any of the pressing issues their generation will inherit, nor shown empathy for the struggles facing their mother and their father, the

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Here is author Lorraine Dageforde's system for success at Internet matchmaking.

Set your standards - Before 1set standards, I wasted a lot of my time - maybe as many as 20 datas - meeting with men Foodle ever develop a relationship with."

And what kind of a mee is

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are her standards:

College degree.

College degree.
Evidence of career success. It doesn't matter what type of success but few men talk about careers in their profile, she says.
No lines about "walks on the beach." That's a ploy to interest

beach. 'That's a ploy to interest women.

• Good command of the lan-guage, which includes spelling-grammar, vocabulary and creatu-ity in writing.

• At least 5 feet 10 inches tall because Dageforde likes to wear high heels, and "I have hair." She says, "If a man is shorter, it never seems to work."

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• Professional appearance. Photo should not be a snapshot.

• Write a good profile - Be specific about your interests, and give concrete examples. Not "I like to dance," but, "I cut a meaning on the swing dance floor every Thesday night." Give examples of your interests in sports, the arts, whatever.

Say positive, upbeat things about yourself.

Make sure your picture is attractive. Men scan profiles and stop at the pretitiest woman.

Don't give the appearance that you are sitting at home walting

How to fall in love online for someone to rescue you, no matter what your

no matter your age.

Spend a couple of paragraphs talking about yourself, as in. "In my home you will be welcomed by a provocatively dressed, attractive lady who will provide you with an evening of attention and hospitality. However, it's up to you to provide a first date that will create my desire to invite you to my place."

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Cost should be about \$25 a month.

Learn to read between the

lines - Men make mistakes in their-profiles-that presage date-disasters. Lorraine Dageforde calls them "red flags." Among • Profiles that sound like they

were copied from a book—as in "I love long hair and drives on the coast" – indicate lack of creativi-Overly sexy language flags a guy looking for fun rather than a serious relationship.

The serious relationship of marital serious relationship.

Vague description of marital atus means he's married.

Dogs

Continued from E1

"Second Chances: More Tales of Found Dogs" is published by The Lyons Press and sells for \$19.95. It's available at Blaine County, bookstores on online at amazon.com. Lufkin's Web site is http://www.foundogs.com.

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Adopting a dog

f you are thinking about adopting a dog, there are several important steps that can help make this important endeavor suc-l, both for you and for the

cessful, both for you and for the dog you choose.

I talk with the people caring for the animals (vets with adoptable dogs, shelter personnel, etc.). Explain what you are looking for Ask about the dog's history and temperament. Remember the importance of making a good match, and don's adopt simply because you feel sorry for a homeless animal.

If you are interested in a specific breed, inquire at with the control of the co

up there.
Consider adopting an adult
dog, even an older adult.
Older adults have usually
settled down, and that's a nice
feature. With an adult dog, you
may get a better sense of how he

or she will turn out, allowing, of course, for temporary adjustment to a new home.

Check the Internet, searching key words such as dog adoption, animal shelters,

Tadoption, animal shelters, etc.

5 Don't bring children, especially young ones, with you to help choose a dog. It's a sure route to an impulse choice that you'r may regret later. Wait until you have a good idea of the dog you want, then bring the children along to see how the dog and the children interact.

5 Visit the dog several times before making a decision. Take him or her for walks if possible. Notice how the dog responds to other dogs and unsure, go to other shelters and look at other dogs. Take your time. Think about it. Sieep on it. Sieep on it. The hink about it. Sieep on it. Think about it. Sieep on it.

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This big dog, part Rottweiler, was at a shelter after being taken from a home where he was being starved. When he was found, he couldn't even stand up. He was named Rudolph because he was found around Christmas time. Rita Goddard adopted the dog and took him home to her husband, Rudy, who was sick. The two Rudys became good friends. The human Rudy jokes that "the first thing that dog took was my name; the second thing

he took was my sola in the fami ly room." Rita says he's also taken their hearts.

Smokey

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Smokey was only a few weeks
old when Shalott Hazzard, a special education teacher, saw him
on the side of the road. His
tongue hangs out because ifbarrly paralyzed, but he loves tolick people. Hazzard thinks
Smokey is part pit bull, part
English bulldog. "He looks as if
'he's wearing a jacket with
sleeves a little too short."

Girls Continued from E1

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president of the United States.
They have not treated with
respect their Secret Service
details, those highly trained men
and women who literally would
take a bullet for them. They've
shown little inclination to
embrace the life of public service
modeled by their parents and
grandparents.

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They are girls blessed with intelligence, good looks, trust funds, loving parents, boundless opportunities, and freedom from many of life's daily vexing challenges. Yet they persist in seeing themselves as victims of addy's job, subtly encouraged by their mother. Laura Bush would never permit herself to feel victimized by her husband's decisions. She regards herself as a full partner who embraced his ambitions because she wanted for him what he wanted for himself. No, any victimization she might have felt has all been transferred onto ther girls. Once George sought political office when his girls were 12, Laura's guiding principle in mothering became "they didn't really ask for this."

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"They just want to do like every other teen-ager does," she has insisted often. This declaration is dead apposite from most parents' insistence, which is, of course, "I don't care what the 'other kids'. By the time the twins were born in 1981, Laura was 35. The couple hadn't been sure they would have children of their own, and then Laura nearly lost the babies late in her pregnancy, so she and

Children of the babies late in her pregnancy, so she and George felt doubly blessed. Their gratitude was so deep and persistent that over time, it seems to have turned into indulgence. In many ways, the Bush twins were excellent candidates to make a good transition to life as children of a political figure. It was the family business, after all, and the twins' parents entered it only after they had addressed their concerns about what it would mean for family life, they told the Dallas Morning News in 1995.

Laura worked hard to integrate Laura worked nard to integrate her life as a mother with her duties as Texas' first lady. Even as the couple traveled around the state, Laura-insisted-that-sho or George be home by 4 p.m., to help with homework. The four of them

with homework. The four of them ate dimer together most nights. In interviews during the gibernatorial years, both Bersendorial years, and with the years of the work of the years of years of the years of years of the ye

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hair is so stiff it would stay put in a hurricane."

As the family began to discuss whether George should run for president, the girls were adamant in their opposition. It was clear to Jenna and Barbara that their emancipation from the strictures of living at home would coincide exactly with the arrival of a Secret Service detail to their college dormitories.

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mitories.

Whei hauguration day arrived, Jenna and Barbara dressed to be noticed in expensive outfits by Toxae-born designer Lela Rose and sooy siletto-heeled Jimmy Choo boots. When the moment came for the swearing-in, the 19-year-old girls fidgeted, then stood up, unsure how to behave. It fell to President Clinton, who gave end a gentle mudge toward their parents, and still they stood there, shoulders shumped, looking their their toses. Finally, their grand-mother Barbara Bush, scated behind them, had seen enough. Swiftly she reached forward their grand-mother Barbara Bush, scated behind them, had seen enough. Swiftly she reached forward their grand-mother Barbara Bush, scated behind them, had seen enough. Swiftly she reached forward their grand-mother Barbara Bush, scated behind them, had seen enough. Swiftly she reached forward their grand-mother Barbara Bush, scated behind them, had seen enough. Swiftly she reached forward to build their shoulders up and back. The message was clear: Stand up straight.

The meanstream press honored the administration's request to not pry into the girls 'lives, but the stabloids had become intripued. Jenna and Barbara, people quickly surmised, were not like the preceding first daughter.

Rather than Ifleeing political life, Chelsea Clinton had seized it. She called her father's secretary and asked for a ticket to his State of the Union address. When her most disadvantaged spots in India and Africa, she wanted to go. Chelsea went to parties and drank and had boyfriends, but she had agift for keeping her mishaps out of the public eye. She cultivated the support of other adults in the White House, and she treated her sort of other adults in the white House, and she treated her sort of other adults in the white House, and she treated her sort of other adults in the white House, and she treated her sort of other adults in the white House, and she treated her support of other adults in the head dince, with news that she had used her Secret Service detail on spiring a friend from a

blamed for the reports. The unofficial position was that the twins
were singled out for unfair attention, even after Jenna was busted
for underage drinking twice in
four weeks. That summer of 2001,
Jenna tried to sweet-talk a bartender into serving her, but when
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Austin's Chuy's restaurant, sheand-Barbara-and-tiree-friendsordered tequila shots and margar'
ins.

Both twins were charged with
misdemeanors. Barbara, charged
with being a minor in possession
of alcohol, got the eight-hour community service and an order totattend alcohol-awareness class.
Jenna, booked with misrepresent
ing her age to buy booze, facced far
stiffer penalties for the second
offense, under Texas' tough "certolerance" policy, which her
father had signed into lawin 1997.
She was fined stood, lost her driver's license for 30 days, had to de
more community service and
auten alcohol-awareness class.
Again the White House refused
to comment. Aides breathed a
lunge sigh of relict when the twins
finally turned?

want to do like other teen-agers do.

When she talks about her girls at all publicly, the first lady is given to making bland, nonspecific declarations of support. "I think they're a lot of fun to be with," she said. "I guess I would say that I'm engaged by them, with their personalities. ... I think, like every parent, if your children are happy, "President Bush is slightly more revealing. "I love them a lot. I am impatient with them. I wanted them to be normal when they were teen-agers, and I wanted them to be working ladies," he told Ladies Home Journal. "Twe got to slow down. I've got to slow down. I've got to slow down. Pre got to allow them to become the bright young ladies that they're becoming at their own pace, and not at mine."

Cure your kitty's hair loss

Nobody likes finding a cigar-shaped, nasty mass of wet cat hair anywhere but in the litter box. Veterinarians call them trichobe-zoars, which is the scientific name for what the pet public calls hair-ball, but whatever they're calls, we all think they are disgusting. As anyone who has cats will attest, there's nothing quite like, was all think they are disgusting. As anyone who has cats will attest, there's nothing quite like, was highly on your cyes and stepping on the cold slippery pile of recycled cat hair that your cat has noisily deposited on the bed, bathroom floor or yikes, occasionally on us. Sadly, one of the trials and tribulations of cat ownership is wardinglistening to Puss Puss hurl up hairballs, retching and hacking minicking my old college buddies who drank too much and found themselves, "laughing at the ground."

who drank too much and found themselves, "laughing at the ground."
Although some people claim that hairballs are harmless, I counter. When was the last time you got the dry heaves, retched, and thought to yourself, "That fell good. I can't wait until I do it again."?
While hairballs aren't life threat-ening, a recent survey of cat owner, found that almost 96 percent thought hairballs were a serious them and, if possible find the percent of the percent

bais can be ignity packer in the stomach?"
Hairballs are formed because when cats act as their own hair-dresser and use their Velcro-sticky tongues as a combination comb and brush, shed fur sticks to the tongue and is swallowed. Not sur-prisingly, hairballs are worse in longer haired breeds such as Persains, Himalayans and Maine Coons.

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The great hair is that, unless it is clean and fluffy, it can't affequately insulate them. It is a biological necessity for cats, not a sign of vari-ty, As you know, if our beloved cats aren't sleeping, basking in the sur-or dining on gourner meals, they are grooming and cleaning their luxurious far. Worse than a teen-age girl, who only spends about II hours a day doing her hair-cats can easily consume a significant part of



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their day caring for their coats. While the result is a glowinely beautiful lion's mane of hair-the downside is that the swallowed furcan form into large masses in the stomach, where it remains until it is violently ejected. No cat lover carjops watching their baby retch and gag on these horrific hairballs. Worse yet, sometimes the impaction can become so severe (kitty equivalent of a plugged drain) that the hairball becomes wedged in the intestinal tract and can't pass in either direction. That can result in constipation. In fact, according to "Complete Kitten Care" by Amy Shojai, 50 percent of all constipation in cast is due to impaction from hairballs. As a veterinarian and proud cat owner, and happy to know there are several new dietary solutions. One such is Hill's Science Diet Hairball Control Diet. This product not only prevents the formation of hairballs, it also helpes cast pass their hairs and without fantawe in the stomach of the control better his product not only prevents the formation of hairballs, it also helpes cats pass their hairs and without fantawe in the stonard Roto-Rootoer or kirty Drana Your cat's raspy little tongue will still super in a lot of loose hair, but it will simply pass right through and courted the rend undetected.

Finally, we have a hairball solution with a taste that cats really low. No more retching reveille in the morning, no more hairbulmies lurking on the floor, and no more world Wrestling Federation administration of hairball good, but the action of hairball provention of the provention of t

Alternatives? While these foods are great, the very best hairball preventive is to comb or brush you car regularly so that you remove most of the loose hair before Kitry grooms herself and swallows it. Mineral oil or petroleum jelly-based hairball control products are traditionally administered by having somewhere around four family members, weighing a collective 400

Breeding like rabbits

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Abbits make terrific pets but
unless you are careful, you may
you wanted. Yes, there's a reason the
saying 'breeding like rabbits' continues to be in the vernacula;
in the classic Star frek episode,
Teouble with Tabbies, 'the Enterprise
gets taken over by cute, furry critters
that multiply like craft, Rabbits aren't
born pregnant like the fictitious
Thobles, but they do have some fertile
adaptations.

Rabbits reach sexual maturity around reach sexual initiality around six months and have a one month gestation, so can have 4 or more lit-ters a year. Litter sizes vary according to the size of the breed. Smaller to the size of the breed. Smaller breeds do have smaller litters, averaging 5-5 bunnles. Large nabit breed sit-ters can have up to 12 bunnles. Rabbits are reflex ovulators. They don't have a breeding season where a female comes into heat – once they are mature, they can be breed any time by the male rabbit (buck) and will ovulate and conceive in response to a single breeding.

lbs. or more, hold down a 10-lb. cat while trying to force the loathsome stuff into his mouth. Most. of the "medicine" ends up, not on the inside of the cat, but on the outside of the cat, the ceiling or you. Vetorinarians also causino flients in. not use these products more than twice a week as they can act like a sponge and decrease the absorption of essential fates ollube viatums like Viamin A, D, E and K.

A home-remedy favorite is to add fiber to the car's diet in the form of camene jumplein at a dose of. S teaspoon per day until the cat is regular again.

Metzger cautions, "Vomiting has many causes in cats. Hairballs as more caused in the recommends having your kitty examined by your yeteriarian if you see decreased appetite, continued vomiting of lethargy.

Former-Twin-Falls-veterinarian

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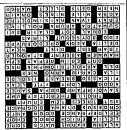
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Taurus: Don't speak out of turn

IF JANUARY 18 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you are a very public person who can't imagine not participating in the larger world. You are willing to take in the thoughts and feelings of persons quite different from yourself. You pursue the ultimate; anything less than a total experience or total achievement is unacceptable to you. ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): You continue to be spurred toward expanding your knowledge of the world. How could this be a bad idea? Mars continuing in your sign

expanding your knowledge of the world. How could this be a bad idea? Mars continuing in your sign makes you rise to any provocation—more quickly than usual.

TAURUS (Apr. 20May 20): Don't let intense feelings force you to speak out of turn. Spending too much time "thinking things through" would probably be unproductive now—even though it's clear that any unresolved resontments you have need to be actively: released in a constructive naquer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It's never a dull moment these days. Both career and love are changing. It's a great night for an especially passionate encounter; just don't bring up the subject of money.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Relationships continue to occupy.

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the forefront of your mind for several more days at least. Duty also calls, and career frustrations mount. This is not a good time to try to work through issues in that area.

LEO (July 23-Mug. 22): Love and work are your two main areas of interest now. You're quite duty-bound, but also driven by strong passions. Avoid getting too possessive wild restant dates; but to make sive wild restant dates; but to make sive wild restant dates; but to make sive wild restant dates; but to make reming. Relationships with significant others and with children are mixed. It may be hard to get a grip on obligations – or to find the simple concrete solutions you need.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may feel a burning desire to communicate your feelings. If you do this, it will be easy for you to appear too aggressive or to be minderstood. By the end of the week, it will be easier to get your rue message and intent across.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will find that a deep pondering of

your values is worthwhile now.
What really, really matters to you personally, all else aside? You also need to learn to develop freedom from financial fear.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The moon in your sign makes your feel fancy-free today. Do wathyour "foot-in-mouth disease," though, Frankness can be wonderful, but only to the exent of your listener's ability to handle it.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You are uncomfortable with excessive attention today and might prefer to be left alone—or-at-least be-allowed to spend some quiett time. With the sun, Chiron and Mercuring the depths of your charisma.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have just a few more days of relative obscurity before you emerge into the spotlight. Use them well. Fun with friends is definitely on your agenda, even if there is also a lot to do.

them well. Fun with friends is defi-nitely on your agenda, even if there is also a lot to do. PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You want to feel connected to a group that is larger than yourself today, especially one that does tangible good works. On an opposing note, there's an inner whisper that says, "I want to be free!"

Name-calling chases boy out of school, into home

smart and fun to be with. He hasn't matured as fast as other boys and his voice is soft and high-pitched. People call him gay, and it hurts him terribly.

nas voice is sort and nigh-pricines voice is sort and night pricines. He recently dropped out of school, and is now being home-schooled. When he told me why, it shocked me.

Won't you explain to your readers not to judge people until you have walked a mile in their shoes? Get to know them. I am the only person who stands up for George, and I always will. Please tell people it is not OK to ridicule others.

It hurts me to hear him say his life is ruined. He says he will get a new wardrobe and change everything. But he shouldn't have change, it has a right to be himself.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 37-year-old



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married woman. One night I
walked into our bedroom and
caught my husband looking at
something. When he saw me, he
stuck it between the pages of a
magazine and began shuffling
business papers. The next morning
when he went to work, I opened
the magazine and found a snapshot of a naked woman.
A few nights later he said he was
going to hang out with some
friends, so I decided to take myself
out to dinner. When I walked into
he restaurant, I saw my husband
having dinner with the woman in
the photo. He didn't see me, so I
left quickly. I didn't mention hav
ing seen him. Now I have noticed
that he no longer really talks or listens to me, and he's making lame
excuses to go out more often.
I want to save our marriage. But
how?

LIPSET

DEAR UPSET: You will not save your marriage by remaining silent. Confront: your husband with the fact that you found the photo and have seen him with the woman. Tell him that you love him but you feel betrayed and hurt, and offer him the option of marriage counseling. Marriages can survive this trauma, but only if both parties are willing to work at rebuilding the trust that has been broken.

DEAR ABBY: Three weeks ago DEAR ABBY: Inree weeks ago my boyfriend, "Jeremy," proposed, and I am overjoyed. My problem is I hate the engagement ring he chose. I also hate the matching wedding band. The afraid if I mention trading them for something that I like, he'll be but.

Should I keep my mouth shut and live with the rings? Or should I speak up and risk hurting Jeremy?

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- LOOKING FOR

THE RING OF TRUTH

DEAR LOOKING: Speak up
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The lesson here is that the bride-to-be should be part of the selection process. It's not a diffi-cult thing to arrange. All it takes is for the man to ask the salesper-son to show his finance a selec-tion of rings — or stones—that's within his price range. It's done all the time

- UPSET IN LONGMEADOW, MASS.

Keep an eye on daughter's eyeliner

Q. Our 14-year-old daughter is inher first year of high school.
Eyeliner seems very common
among her peers, but she ls wearing too much of it for our tastes.
Although otherwise well-adjusted
(plays soccer, cheers, has 4-2 GPA),
she seems insecure to go out in
public without her makeup. When
we tell her she looks much prettier without it, she gets defensive
andangy. Should we lighten up or
insts that she stop trying to look
like Beimey Spears?

A: Your daughter is at an age
where approval from her peers is
far more important than approval
from you, and wearing makeup is
important to her standing in her
peer group. I agree that this is
important to her standing in her
peer group. I agree that this is
sometimes necessary to make
compromises. Remember, in winning a battle, one may well insure
that he loses the war.

As long as all is well otherwise—
and it obviously is—I'd back off on
the eyeliner issue. Sometimes, giving a child an inch, or even several,
will prevent full-blown rebellion.
Continue, however, to look for
signs that she is on a slippery slope
and be prepared to set some limits.

To further defuse this potentialty ernolesive issue. I recommend

To further defuse this potential-ly explosive issue, I recommend



that you arrange an appointment for your daughter with a beauty consultant who can teach her how to use makeup in a sparing, attrac-tive manner. This situation cries out not for discipline, but mentor-

ing.

Q: The park in the center of our neighborhood is full of parents and children of all ages every aftermoon. My 3-year-old daughter is having a problem with a much smaller 2-year-old. Often my daughter will bring along a foll or other toy to play with, but she teadly loses interest after a while. At that point, the toddier will standplaying with it. Suddenly, my daughter wants it back. If I tell her that she needs to share, she begins a tantrum and we have to leave. Last week, she was better about sharing, but when I told the toddier that it was time for her to give the toy back to my daughter, the other mother looked at me

-like I was evil, so I gathered my daughter up und left. This is creating a lot of tension for me. What do you suggest?

A: It seems to me that this problem can be solved by not allowing your daughter to take a toy to the park. Your daughter hasn't learned to share, and 2-year-olds are incapable of sharing, so the solution is to eliminate the source of the problem – the object to be shared.

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of the problem — the object to be shared.
Furthermore, instead of waiting until the proverbial iron is hot before you try teaching your daughter the finer points of sharing, role-play sharing situations with her at home. You play the role of another child and help her develop the skills sha needs to play with other children in a give-and-take fashion.

Another solution is to let your daughter take a toy to the park on the condition that she takes one for the 2-year-old and lets her play with it the entire time.

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ENGAGEMENT

NORMAN-ROBERTS

DETRICH - Scott and Kitty Norman of Dietrich announce the engagement of their daughter, Tionna Norman, to Keith Roberts, son of Jewelle Roberts of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Karl Roberts

of Oregon.

Norman is a graduate of Dietrich High School and received Dietrich High School and received her associate's degree from the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed as a manager at Heritage Schools Inc. in Provo. Roberts is a graduate of Brighton High School and is

attending Utah Valley State College. He is employed at 4-Life

College. He is employed at 4-Life Research.
They served missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Argentina and

day Saints in Argentina and
Australia.

The wedding is planned for
Thursday, Feb. 5, in the Bountiful
LDS Temple in Bountiful, Utah. A
reception will be held from 7 to 9
p.m. Feb. 5 in Salt Lake City, Utah.
A second reception will be held
from 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 6 at the
Dietrich Ward Chapel.

The couple will reside in Orem,
Utah.



You don't know the tenth of it; get in the spirit of duende Decimate?

DEAR EDITOR; I am interest-

DEAR EDITOR; I am interested in the word "decimate." Where does it come from?

—C.S., HILLSDALE, MICH.
DEAR C.S.: "Decimate" has its roots in a particularly nasty practice-of-the-Roman_army_Any.
Roman soldier who pondered mutiny had good reason to think twice. A technique to keep mutinus units in line was to select one-tenth of the men by lot and execute them, thereby encouraging the remaining nine-tenths to follow orders. The Latin verb for this presumably effective punishment was "decimace," literally "to take the tenth of."

The old Roman practice has not continued into modern times, of course, but its memorable ferocity has given us the verb "decimate," which has been used in English since 1600.
"Decimate" was originally used in historical reference to the Roman disciplinary procedure,

WORDWATCH Merriam-Webster

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but it soon came to be used more broadly in what is now its usual sense, "to destroy a large part of as in "the bombing declinated the city", or "the plague decimated the population." Although it carries no suggestion of "one-tenth" (despite the insistence of a few commentators that it should), the

modern "decimate" does retain clearly the overtones of extreme violence and terror associated with the original sense. DEAR EDITOR; Recently I encountered the word "duende"

DEAR EDITOR; Recence of the many reading. The author used it to refer to a kind of charm given a performer. What's the

in my reading, the author used it to refer to a kind of charm given off by a performer. What's the back story behind this wor, Nev. DEAR S.H.: The word "duende" comes from Spanish, where it translates literally as "ghost" or "goblin," and is believed to derive from the phrase "dueno de casa," which means "owner of a house." The term was originally used in flemenco music and other art forms to refer to an often elusive mystical or powerful force given off by a performer. A person who is performing with duende is able to captivate his or her audience with a seemingly magical spirit that infects the music and eleaves those

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in the performer's presence mesmerized.

The Spanish poet Federico
Garda Lorca wrote in his essay
"Teoria y Juego del Ducnde"
("Play and Theory of the
Duende") that duende "is a
power and not a behavior a struggle and not a concept." A Boston
Globe columnist named George
Frazier is often credited with
introducing the word into English
in the 1960s. The term has
expanded in usage since that
time, and nowadays appears in a
broader range of contexts to refer
to any kind of unspoken charm or
allure (such as that given off by
an athlete or public speaker).

DEAR PDITOR: My grand-

DEAR EDITOR: My gra mother used to serve a sweet cus-tardlike dessert that she called "junket." Is this word related to the trip or journey kind of "jun-ket"?

- S.C., RENO, NEV.

DEAR S.C.: "Junket" has been part of the English language since the 15th century, and has evolved in the centuries it's been in use. The meanings you'cite are indeed related.

in use. The meanings you cite are indeed related.

"Junket" comes from the word "juncus." The Latin word for a rish, a marsh plant whose stems and leaves are useful for making mats and baskets.

Long ago a type of cream cheese was prepared in baskets made of rushes or reeds, and the cheese took its name from its container. In Italy in the Middle Ages this cream cheese was called "guincata," a derivative of Latin "juncus."

"juncas"

It was probably from this Italian source that Middle English berrowd "joncate," which later become "junket."The English word was first used for cream cheese but later became the name of a dessert made of sweetened curdled milk. In the

early modern period of English, 'junker' was a popular term for any sweet dish. William Adlington's 16th century translation of "The Golden Ass of Apuleius" (1566) lists a few: "Bread pasties, tartes, custandes and other delicate ionckettes dipped in honie." From this sense of 'junker' developed the extend-ed sense "a feast or banquer." Perhaps two centuries ago, "junker" began to be used for a large picnic or outing at which eating and drinking are a major-part of the entertainment, and later for any pleasure outing or trip.

later for any pleasure outing or trip.

The most common contemporary junket is a trip made by a public official at public expense. You may be interested to know that another descendent of Latin juncus' is 'ionquil'. This flower was named for the resemblance of its long, narrow leaves to those of rushes.

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The Times-News



Young people and adults of the Rupert United Mothodist Church who traveled on a miss roung people and adults of the Royal Collect Indicate Collect State and State Collect State Collect, Water India left, front: Norma Murphy, Valillann Hess and Irone Williams; back: Stephanie Grant, Becky Joosten, Brian Williams, Jane Joosten, Robbie Newman and Anthony Bailnega.

Rupert group helps homeless

RUPERT – Six members of the Rupert United Methodist Church youth group and four adults trav-eled to Denver, Colo., on a mission

recently.

Denver Urban Ministries arranged for the group to spend four days in Denver, learning about homeless people and the issues dealing with them. The group worked with Volunteers of America in a Head Start program teaching and working with low-

income and homeless children.

One day was spent working in the Christ Bodies Ministries, which provides clothing and food for needy and homeless people. The group cleaned and served food while visiting with people using the facility.

Another day was spent working in the Food Bank of the Rockies, a large food distribution center providing an economical means to feed low-income people through-

out the Denver area.

One evening also was spent learning about homeless teenagers and why there are so many of them in the Denver area. This was followed by a discussion of the Mural project, depicting several issues they deal whith. The week was all about serving others, with participants learning more about themselves, as well, organizers say.

organizers say.

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Medical Center

Nickole Latanya Ayala, daughter of Martha Elena and Juan
Manuel Ayala of Jerome, was
born Thursday Jan. 8, 2004.
Nikolas Mitchell Aloyo, son of
Stephanie Terri and Mitchell
Enrique-Garcia Aloyo of Twin
Falls, was born Thursday, Jan. 8,
2004.

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Enrique-Garcia Aloyo ot awa,
Falls, was born Thursday, Jan. 8,
2004.
Brannekah Joy Lammers,
daughter of Rebecca Joy and
Brandon Paul Lammers of
Kimberly, was born Thursday,
Jan. 8, 2004.
Marx Gomales, son of Lusinda
Vanetre Walke and Herbert
Gonzales of Twin Falls, was born
Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004.

Quinton Alan Walker, son of Melissa Marie and Wesley Alan Walker of Gooding, was born Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004.
Carson Rose Haxe, daughter of Marjean Mae and Larry Kirk Hazem of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004.
Nathan Michael Fower, son of Amber Loreen and Michael Patrick Power of Jerome, was born Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Brianna Rae Bonella Anderson, daughter of Brian Anderson and Ra Nae Bonella of Burley, was born Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2003.

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certifi-Send a copy of the birth cer cate to: Jami Whitel Jami Whitel The Community Page The Times News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to: 734-8538. Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Filday for Tuesday's paper. More information? Call Jami at 735-3278

Caitlin Nicole Weber, daughter of DeVon and Sara Weber of Burley, was born Monday, Jan. 5, 2004.

Bethel 56 installs honored queen

TWIN FALLS – Nicole Patrick, daughter of Lee and Kathy Crump, will be installed as Honored Queen of Bethel 56. International Order of Job's Daughters at 1 pm. Saturday at the Masonic Temple, 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. Nin Twin Falls. Other elected officers are Shiann Johns, senior princess; Jessie Jensen, junior princess, later Jensen, junior princess, later Jensen, junior princess, junior princess,



Nicole Patrick guard; Jessica Myers and Kristie Johnson, choir. Retiring Honored Queen Halley Beitia will serve as the installing officer. She will be assisted by Jennifer Bemis, Donna Brisce, Jucinda Conrad, Gretchen Manker, Robyn Mason,

Cathy Talkington, Sara Jane Talkington, Sara Webster and Kirsten Wright. "The Magic of Prayer" ceremo-ny will be narrated by Peggy

"The Magic of Praver" ceremony will be narrated by Peggy Kroll.
The Talkington family is the host family,
Melissa Sandoval will attend at the guest book, and Jason Keller will hand out programs.
The Honored Queen's project is the Humane Society.
The public is invited to the installation and reception
For more information on joining Job's Daughters, call Peg
Hamby, Bethel guardian, at 655-4287 or Kathy Crump, guardian-secretary-735-1670.

Veterans of Foreign Wars essay winners are, from left to right, Larry Moore, Britin Brown, Erica Hoover and Jamie Van Patten



Buhl VFW recognizes essay winners

BUHL - Each year the Veterans f Foreign Wars sponsors an essay ontest for students throughout

of Foreign Wars sponsors an essay contest for students throughout the state.

The Patriot Pen category is for middle school students and Voice of the high state of the high state of the high state.

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freshman from Buhl High School, and Larry Moore, a junior from Filer High School, were declared winers. There were no entries from Caelcand.

Both student's essays were sent to district where Moore won and is waiting, results from the state

to district where Moore wen and is waiting results from the state competition.

"My Commitment to America's Future" was the theme this year, and Larry wrote his essay about the commitment that students make everyday in school by pledging allegiance to the flag, obeying the laws of the land and upholeing the Constitution of the United States, Jamie based her essay on

education, being able to volunteer

education, being able to volunteer service to the community and try-ing, to become an asset to the country to strengthen the future. Brimi Brown, a Filer seventh-grader, and Erica Hoover, a sev-enth-grader from Buhl, based their essays on the theme, "Dreams Of America." Both stu-dents water about better environdents wrote about better environ mental solutions, clean air, saving wildlife and better health for the

widnie and better neath for the nation as their dreams. All four students received \$100 for their efforts and a chance to read-their-essays-to-friends and families at Lincoln Courts in Buhl.

STUDENTS HELPING OTHERS





For the fourth year in a row, the students at Jerome Middle School participated in a at Jerome Middle Sendoe participated in a Christmas Community Project for the Northside Head Start center in Jerome.
Advisory classes collected money, and through the generosity of its students, Jerome Middle School purchased two commercial-grade tricycles. On Dec. 17, the Head Start students attended an assembly read start students attended at #856milly at the Jerome Middle School. They joined the student body in singing Christmas car-ols, received individual gift sacks and were presented the tricycles. The philosophy behind this annual project is to teach stu-dents the importance of giving back to their community, school officials report.

SERVICE NEWS

Burley Marine's deployment Includes assignment in Iraq

Members of De La Rosa unit recently completed operations in Iraq. The MEU conducted more than 300 patrols in southern Iraq, including 50 by the MEU's boat company. De La Rosa's unit also trained local police in the setup of security checkpoints, confiscated weapons and destroyed more then 2,000 rounds of ordnance,

much of which was found near villages and playgrounds. MEUs are composed of more than 2,000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battalion, aircraft squadron, support group and command element.

De La Rosa is a 2001 graduate of Burley High School and joined the Marine Corps in June 2001.

German-sausage supper is served in Paul

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PAUL - The '1st' annual
German sausage supper will be
held from 58 pm. Thuesday at the
Paul Congresational Church, '121N. Second W., Paul.
The dinner will be served famiy style and all you can eat. A
freewill offering will be taken at
the door. German sausage will
also be for sale by the pound.
The public is invited. For more
information, call 438-5657.

Girl Scout cookles go on

sale in the Magic Valley

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley

Girl Scouts cookies are on sale.

The Girl Scouts took pre-orders

for cookies earlier this month.

Club members will start their
doorto-door sales later this
month, and in February, troops

will set up sale booths at participating businesses. This year's cookle selection will include favorites such as the Thin Mint and Samon along with two new items, the Double Dutch Chocolare and the low-far Lemon-Cooler.

The annual cookle sale is the club's main fund-miser with proceeds helping local troops with the purchase of badges, truote costs and event expenses. On the national front, cookle sales help fund programs and members who can't afford to pay club dues.

For more information, call 733-9623.

Wild game feed

benefits peace officers TWIN FALLS - The James loulson Wild Game Feed will tart with a no-host bar opening at 2:30 p.m. and dinner from 4:30 to 8 p.m. on Jan. 25 at the Rock Creek Restaurant in Twin Falls. Proceeds from this event will ben-

Proceeds from this event will ben-efit law enforcement scholarships at the College of Southern Idaho and needs for peace officers. Some of the wild game items to be served include Cantonese duck and pheasant, elk finger steaks, moose and deer sausage lasagna, buffalo meatballs, fried rice and salad.

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A silent auction and raffle will be held with tickets available for \$1 each. Dinner tickets are \$15 per person and must be pur-chased in advance at CSI, Dick-Pharmacy, Kelley Garden Center or the Rock Creek.

For more information on the dinner, call Bob Moulson at 732-6296, Carol Thomas at 733-3799, Stan Thomas at 734-4154 or

Shirley Noble at 734-8518.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CSI offers Japanese

CSI OFFIS Japanese
Language, culture class
TWIN FALLS—The Community
Education Center at the College
of Southern Idaho is offering a
zero-credit Japanese class, "Japan
E-Z" from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on
Thesdays, Jan. 27 to March 16 in
the Shields building, room 107 on
the CSI Campus. The instructor is
Sandra Bosteder and the cost is
575.

Sandra Bosteder and the cost is 575. Students will experience the Japanese language and culture with an entertaining approach to learning. They will learn to read, write and say common phrases, introductions, numbers and some idioms.

idioms.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

CSI offers independent

CSI offers Independent plano course this month — TWIN FALLS—The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a new _independent _course, "Keyboards Kool n' Kwick (The Secrets of Quick Start Plano)," Feb. 2-26.

The cost is \$49 plus a \$30 materials fee for a workbook, audio CD and QuickStart video paid to instructor Patrick Hardman, Students will learn how to read music and play the piano, organ and synthesizer in a self-paced, distance-learning workshop. Little er no prior teyboard knowledge is required.

required.
Topics covered will be keyboard geography, note reading of treble and bass clef, perfect rhythm, transposition and how to begin playing "by ear." Students will

have ongoing online or telephone contact with instructor during the

For more information, or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

Magic Valley square

dancers hold potluck
TWIN FALLS – Magic Valley
Square Dancers will have a
potluck dinner at 7 p.m. on
Tuesday at the American Legion
Hall in Jerome. Square dancing
will follow.

will tollow.

All square dancers are invited and asked to bring a poduck dish or dessert to share. A meat dish, rolls, coffee and table service are provided.

For the Jan. 27 dance dancers.

provided.

For the Jan. 27 dance, dancers with the last name beginning with A through G are to bring finger food and help with set up and clean up.

Twin Falls Senior Center

Activities: Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m. Thursday: Crafts, 1 p.m. Friday: BJ & Friends, no Foot clinic (\$6) Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens

308 Senior Ave.
All dinners are at noon.
uggested donation \$3 for sen-

Monus

Monday: Beef stew, cottage
cheese with Jell-0, cornbread,
cinnamon rolls
Tuesday: Parmesan casserole,
noodles, green beans, salad, garlic bread, cake

Hymburger

lic bread, cake
Wednesday: Hamburger
steaks, mashed potatoes and
gravy, coleslaw, corn, bread, pudding
Thursday: Pit ham, scalloped
potatoes, peas with pearl onions,
rolls, gatmeal cake

Activities:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pool, 1 p.m.
Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Massages, 10:40 a.m.
Shuffleboard, p.m.
Thursday: Quilting and sewing, a.m.

a.m. Pool, 9:30 a.m. Blood-pressure checks, 11 a.m.

Hagerman Senior Center

140 E. Lake
Open 8 a.m. to 2 pm. Mondays,
Wednesdays and Fridays. Lunch
is served at noon and Mondays,
Wednesdays and Fridays.
Sugested donated is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2.

Monday: Baked potato bar Wednesday: Pot roast, mashed potatoes and gravy Friday: Cook's choice

Silver and Gold

Senior Center

Eden

Eden Suggested donations for sen-iors 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. Closed Monday for Martin Luther King Day.

Menus: Tuesday: Sweet 'n sour pork, rice, peas, cottage cheese, cook

Thursday: Hamburger steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, broccoli, fruit, Jell-O salad.

Shoshone Senior Center

218 N. Rail St. W. ... Menus:

Menus:

Tuesday: Orange-juice, liver and onions, fried potatoes, five-way—mixed vegetables; pear-salad, cookies, milk, coffee
Wednesday: Orange juice, taco soup, deviled eggs, combread, cinaamon rolls
Priday: Orange juice, lasagna, tossed green salad, garlic sticks, pineapple upside-down cake, milk, coffee

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m.3 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Scrapbooking, 10

Snack bar, 6 p.m. Early-bird bingo, 6:30 p.m.

Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

Menus:

Monday: Orange juice; ham and beans, fried potatoes, rolls, tossed green salad, spice cake, milk, coffee

Thursday: Orange juice, cream of broccoli soup, tuna sandwich-es, banana cream pie, milk, cof-fee

Blaine County Senior Center 721 Third Ave. S., Hailey
Menus:
Tuesday: Lasagna ex

Menus: Tuesday: Lasagna, spinach salad, Italian green beans, but-

*Bridal Registry *A

available at RECOLLECTIONS

Blood-pressure checks, TOPS, 4 p.m. Pinochle, 7 p.m. Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m. Hand/foot clinic, 1 p.m. Bowling, 1:30 p.m. Bingo, 6 p.m.

Twin Falls Senlor Center 530 Shoshone St. W. Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is 53.50 for seniors. The cost is \$5 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12. Pool room open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading. Bargain Center will be open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Menus:

Monday: Pork with noodles, fried potatoes, cottage cheesew ith fruit, vegetables, rolls, pie Tuesday: Baked potato bar Wedneday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, pasta salad, bread, dessert Thursday: Lasagna, green beans, tossed green salad, frendberda, strawberry shortcake Friday: Ham with beans, fried potatoes, vegetables, dish of fruit, cornbread, dessert

Activities:
Today: Dance, 2-5 p.m.
Monday: Quilting
Tuesday: Blood-pressure
hecks, 10 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.
Line dancing, 7 p.m.

Quilting Wednesday: Quilting, wednesday quanting, Foot clinic Elks card club Baord meeting, 1 p.m. Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Friday: Blood-pressure checks, 10:30 and 11:45 a.m.

o:30 and 11:45 a.m. Super bingo, 1 p.m. Lunch bingo, Quilting, 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc. 1010 Main St., Buhl

Menus:
—Today:-Roast-pork-dinner-(all-you can eat, \$4; \$4.50 for those under 60), 1 p.m.

Monday: Closed for Martin Monday: Closed for Martin Luther King Day Tuesday: Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, salad,

masnea pulatuca, sandraling mills, dessert
Wednesday: Chicken and rice, vegetables, salad, bread, dessert
Thursday: Meatloaf, au gratin potatoes, California-blend salad, muffins dessert

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Cards, 6-9 p.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Crafts, 1-4 p.m.
Bingo, 7-9 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m.-3

p.m. Friday: 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.

Menus: Tuesday: Salisbury steak Thursday: Roast beef

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.
All dinners served at noon.
Suggested donation is \$3.

Menus:
Monday: Beef stew, biscuits, tossed salad, fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, spinach, fruit mediey, zucchini bars
Wednesday: Chicken strips, macaroni and cheese, scalloped tomatoes, pickled beets, pineapple upside-down cake
Thursday: Swedish meatballs over rice, Italian vegetables, Jell-Owith fruit, brownies
Friday: Barbecue riblets, baked beans, mixed vegetables, fruit salad, cake and ice cream

Activities: Monday: Aerobics, 11 a.m. Tuesday: Gem State Fiddlers,

oon Pinochle, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early-bird bingo, 6:45 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 7 p.m.
Piday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly Menus: Monday: Chicken patties, par-Monday: Chicken patties, par-ley potatoes, peas, tossed green salad, buscuit, apple cobbler, cof-fee, milk Wednesday: Taco salad, chips, salsa, fruit salad, cookies, pud-ding coffee milk

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Friday: Oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, mashed potatoes, tossed green salad, rolls, cake, ice cream; coffee, milk

SENIOR-CALENDAR

terered garlic bread, white cake with chocolate sauce
—Wednesday: Baked potato barwith chili, salad bar, hot rolls, peaches, banana pudding Friday: Fried chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, cauliflower and carrots with cheese sauce, tossed green salad, biscuits, apple ple, ice cream

Activities: Monday: Trip to Wal-Mart in Jerome, 9 a.m.
Tuesday: Reflexology, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday: CSI '60-and-overfitness class, old Wood River High School building, 9 a.m.
Energy assistance, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

.m. Poetry group, 12:30 p.m. Thursday: Exercise, 1:30 p.m Saturday: CSI 60-and-over i ess class, 9 a.m.

Three Island Senior Center 492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns

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 35c 2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for non-seniors under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Menus:
Monday: Potluck (6 p.m.)
Tuesday: Crispy fish, potato
wedges, spinach, apples, yams
Thursday: Baked chicken,
mashed potatoes and gravy,
California-mixed vegetables, carrot/raisin salad, cake and ice

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Saturday: Pancake breakfast
(7:30-10 a.m.), with breakfast
meats, hashbrowns, eggs, pancakes, biscuits and gravy and
beverages (53)

Tuesday: Crafts, 5-8 p.m. Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.

Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield Noon meals are uesdays, Wednesdays Noon meals are 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. served

Menus:
Tuesday: Beef stew, biscuits, seed green salad, fruit, pudding Wednesday: Sausage gravy on oodles, peas, carrots, salad, Jell-

O Friday: Meatloaf, mashed pota-toes, zucchini, tossed green salad, birthday cake

Activities: Activities:
Monday: Art class, 9 a.m.
Weight-loss group, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Quilting, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 10:30 a.m.-2
m.

m. Quilting, 9 a.m. 2 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 ome 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.

y: Assorted salad, rgers, french fries, cob-

Tuesday: Meatloaf, mashed otatoes, vegetables, biscuits, potatoes, vegetables, biscuits, cherry pie
Wednesday: Birthday, anniversary dinner
Thusday: Cottage cheese, taco salad, Texas toast, mousse
Friday: Smorgasbord

Activities:
Today: Trip to Jackpot, 10 a.m.
(\$10 per person)
Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3

p.m. Pool, 9 a.m. 3 p.m.

Pinochle, 1 p.m. Tuesday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3

p.m. Pool, 9 a.m. 3 p.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Thursday: Quilting, 9 a.m. 3

Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. SHIBA assistance, 10 a.m.-4 m. Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Herltage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley Menus:
Monday: Closed for Martin
Luther King Day
Tuesday: Barbecue-rib sandwiches, potato soup, fruit salad,
mocha bars.

Wednesday: Sweet 'n sour chicken, rice, broccoli, Clara's

salad, rolls, apple pie Thursday: Spaghetti, Jell-O, rolls, beans, apricot crisp Friday: Meatloaf, baked pota-toes, green beans, dinner rolls, salad, cherry cheesecake.

Activities: Monday: Closed for Martin uther Day Tuesday: All-play pool, 10 a.m. Exercise, 11:15 a.m. Dominoes, 10 a.m. Computer class Bingo, 7 p.m. Wednesday: All-play pool, 10

Wednesday: Al-play pool, to m. Exercise, 11:15 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Thursday: All-play pool, 10 a.m. Exercise, 11:15 a.m. Organ lessons Night pinochle, 7 p.m. Friday: All-play pool, 10 a.m. Exercise, 11:15 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

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BON-MACY'S bridal registry



How you create a life together is strictly up to you. Our job? Simply help the dream come true.

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Early settlers had to 'prove up

Rosalia Bohrer, who lived with family "proving up" near Buhl 1905, wrote the following-to-a

"I am sitting on a bag of alfalfa seed in an unpainted cabin 12 x 14 feet, in the midst of a sun-baked plain covered by low sagebrushes, the inhabitants of which are a few the inhabitants of which are a few jackrabitis, a temporary plover, horned toads, copotes, an occasion-a ruttlesnake and some of the finest people from various parts of the United States that it has ever been my good fortune to meet... The country is covered with hun-dreds of temporary shanties in the sugebrush. Gradually the face of the landscape changes and the magic touch of water enables one to look across a country as green as to look across a country as green as ... Wisconsin ... and much more productive."



TALES OF THE TRACT James Varley

The Carey Act, under whose provisions the Twin Falls tract came into being, required the settlers to establish residence on their land within six months of being notified that water was ready for delivery. Within a year of such notice, a 16th of the parcel had to be cleared and cultivated. And, within three years, an eighth had to be cuttivated and "final proof" made.

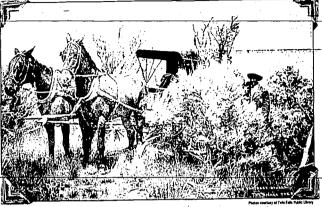
This final step required the entryman to do "30 days in the sagebrush" – live on the land with his family for a month – and then to publish declarations, in the newspaper, of having met the law's requirements. After this, the state applied to the federal government for the settler's patent to the land.

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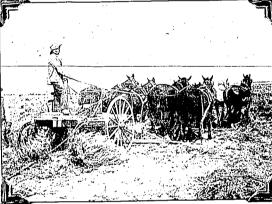
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Proving up was no picnic. At the time, the area was covered with sagebrush, mostly from 1 to 5 feet in height. A young Philadelphia woman, while crossing on a train just before the tract opened, is said to have remarked. "I think Idaho is perfectly lovely – the whole country is covered with the cutest little trees... Worn't it look grand when they all grow up?"

Unfortunately "or the settlers, these "trees" had to be removed, or "grubbed off," before the land could be leveled and a crop planted. Using a grub hoe, a man could clear about half argace a day. A horse-drawn plow, with its moddleder removed, could clear removed, could clear.



Paul Bickel amidst some cute little Idaho 'trees.



6 to 12 acres. Those with the money could buy a grubbing machine, which cut the sage-brush roots beneath the surface of the soil.

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There were also professionals, such as the Johnson Grubber Co., who would do the job for about \$4.50 per acre. In Perrine and ILL. Hollister owned a contract grubbing rip guiled by a steam traction engine that burned sagebrush to fire its boiler. Their outfit could clear about \$4.00 per acre.

After grubbing, the brush was raked into long rows about 20 feet apart. Some people kept the fast-burning material for heating and cooking – if there were enough children in the family to keep the fire going. But most set the rows aftre, generally in the evening, when the glow of the many blazes could be seen in all directions across the plain.

The entryman's prove-up home was supposed to be a fit habitation for a family, but the rule was not strictly enforced. Usually

sagebrush on the Twin

these "houses" were merely tents, learntos or shacks. Only half jokingly, the story was told of a young bachelor who was afraid to sleep in or near his prove-up hut, for fear it might collapse. Occasionally the shacks were stolen. And, in a number of cases, they were found to be situated on someone else's property and had to be dragged to where they belonged. In one instance, a train was stopped by a farmer who, in moving his house, had gotten it stuck on the tracks,

Coming to Idaho - 'The colonies'

In most cases, the man of a family arrived on the tract first, built a temporary home and then went ack to his old home for the women ■ temporary home and then went back to his old home for the women and children, Usually the Jaruly. would arrive with its livestock, household goods and implements loaded in one or more "emigrant" railroad cars. Before the railroad caren to Twin Falls, all the family's possessions then had to be hauled in wagons from the rail terminats at Shoshone or Kimama. Birds of a kather tended to flock together. The most notable example was in the Filer area, originally known as "Sucker Flat" because so many new esidents there were from Illinois, the Sucker State. John H. Cracker, a grain dealer from Maroa, Ill., was treasurer of the Twin Falls Investment Co., and it was he

who first Induced others from Illinois to come to Sucker Flat, beginning in September 1904. Before long, the town of Filer, as well as a school dis-

Seguencer 1909. Believe does use seven of Filer, as well as a school district, gold small community, salled Morao, came Into being. Near Buhl, another group from Illinals formed the "Ottava Colony, named for their old hometown. Many new settlers from northern Idaho congregated on what was dubbed "Oceur of Alene Ridge, northwest of Filer and Just east of Cedar Draw. The principal men involved in gathering this cluster of families were A.D. McKinday and Alfred Page. Many of the northern Idaho men were former miners and, reportedly, one of the first things they did upon arriving was to check for mineral-bearing rocks on their lands.

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despite having three teams tugging at the load.
Living conditions on those first farms were tough. There were rattlesnakes up to 5 feet long to contend with. One pioneer woman came across one with "about 'steen rattles on his tail," which were singing in a "high minor key." The rattler struck at the lady, but she kept a safe distance, got a revolver and killed the serpent with three shots. Then there was the ever-present dust from all the land clearing. Though dishes and implements were stored upside down, dirt was said to be on the bill of fare at every meal. It didn't help that water was hard to obtain.
For the first several years, there were no wells on the tract, except a few shallow ones dug along the banks of Rock Creek. Many entrymen had to haul their water in barrels for miles, from the creek or the river. Latter, most farm families took their domestic water directly out of canal lat-

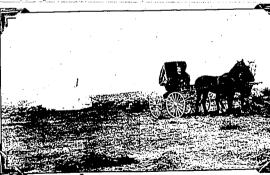
erals, filtered it through a trough of fine gravel and stored it in cone-shaped cisterns. A typical cistern was about 10 feet deep and 8 feet in diameter, and had its interior plastered with sand and cement, or lined with brick or lawa rock.

or lava rock.
Despite all the hardships, those early settlers were optimistic about the future, as show by this little verse that appeared in the newspaper, about the time water first came on the tract:
For genial showers you need not use the property of the property of

you You only have to hoist the gate, And let the waters overflow Our valleys rich in Idaho.

James Varley's newspaper columns will be collected in a book titled "Tales of the Tract: The Beginnings of Twin Falls, Idaho and the Magic Valley." The release date was moved up to Feb. 1. The Twin Falls Public Library Foundation will sell Varley's book at the library, for 319.95.





Far left, moving a

Left, a prove-up tent ntly grubbed land.

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