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HOPING FOR A GROUNDSWELL



Castledorf teacher Jana Rodgers, center, talks with her kindergarten class about families. Rodgers teaches kindergarten in the morning, intervention reading for kindergartners through second grade in the afternoon and seventh-grade literature every other day. Teachers who work in rural areas such as Castledorf are having problems with the No Child Left Behind Act, Rodgers says, especially the 'highly qualified teacher' requirement, because they must teach so many subjects.

Panel tries to mobilize against No Child Left Behind Act

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

CASTLEFORD - School improvement committee members hope they can educate the community one flier at a time. Spectators going into the gym for Castledorf basketball games are likely to receive the leaflets when they get the team rosters. The fliers outline the difficulties the school faces in implementing the federal No Child Left Behind Act and suggest writing to Congress. Superintendent Kelly Murphy said he hoped the fliers would

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generate discussion and lead to a letter-writing campaign, starting in March. He said the school is already getting questions about the federal law since it started handing the papers out in December. The school committee's effort illustrates the frustration of small school districts with some aspects of the No Child Left Behind Act which they say are nearly impossible for them to meet. Castledorf has just 338 students, and five other school districts in south-

central Idaho are even smaller. One side of Castledorf's flier explains "adequate" yearly progress - improvement measured by test scores, attendance and a third indicator - that must be met, or a school is labeled "needing improvement" after two years. Schools needing improvement must offer students the option of going elsewhere and provide them transportation. The flier also explains the "highly qualified teacher" requirement for instructors to have at least bachelor's degrees and other advanced training in the subjects they teach.

The other side has sample letter to Congress. It protests lack of federal funding, the emphasis on testing, and too much accountability being placed on schools and not students. It also says the "highly qualified teacher" requirement puts an unfair burden on small schools with fewer staff members. "We believe it needs to be tweaked in the interest of fairness," Murphy said. Scott Terdy, a school board and committee member, said the district faces many problems. It

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Slick roads cause havoc on the highways

I-84 closes from Burley to Utah line

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Automobile accidents were so numerous Sunday afternoon that regional dispatchers and various law enforcement personnel were unable to provide an accurate count. As Magic Valley drivers faced slippery conditions on snow and ice-covered roads, officials closed two major travel routes. Interstate 84 was closed Saturday night from mile marker 222 east of Burley to the Utah border because of poor visibility and drifting snow. It was still closed Sunday afternoon. State Highway 81 was also closed about the same time. The sunny, cold weather provided a brief respite from snow and predictions of more snow in the area. The National Weather Service issued a blowing snow

advisory Sunday evening for the eastern Magic Valley, predicting 40 mph wind gusts that could significantly reduce visibility. Emergency crews responded to at least nine accidents Sunday afternoon, mainly on Interstate 84 and Idaho Highway 75. Some had people injured, some did not. Between 35 and 40 vehicles slid off roads, especially on Interstate 84 in Jerome and Gooding counties. The Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center did not release any other details. There were at least four accidents near Burley and a single-vehicle rollover accident north of Shoshone, Idaho State Police said. Idaho State Police released the name of the driver of a van that rolled over on Idaho Highway 75 north of Shoshone Saturday evening, but a Gooding County Memorial Hospital spokeswoman could not confirm or deny if it



A pickup inches its way southeast on Highway 77 Sunday on the Albion grade past two other vehicles stuck on the side of the road. Bad weather closed portions of Interstate 84 and Highway 81 Sunday as numerous accidents were reported throughout the Magic Valley.

admitted Lan Van Nguyen. An ISP official, however, chose not to release the names of the other four people in the accident who were transported to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and

Pensions in peril

Congress moves to save companies billions in payments

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Lawmakers call it a perfect storm, a confluence of events that is forcing financially weak companies to pay billions of dollars more into pension plans and threatening the retirement security of millions of Americans. So serious is the situation that business groups have joined with organized labor and Republicans have allied with Democrats behind a Senate bill to change the formula that determines pension contributions. The measure also provides relief to airlines and steelmakers lagging in their pension payments. The Bush administration has issued a veto threat over any bailouts to underfunded plans that would only worsen pension financial woes. But the likelihood is that the House and Senate will move quickly to come up with a bill the president can sign. The House acted on the measure late last year; the Senate is expected to vote on its version this week.

"We have a pension time bomb in this country," said Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota.

Added Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, a sponsor of the legislation: "Just when you think things can't get any worse, they do."

Conditions contributing to the perfect storm include a weak job market, particularly in manufacturing, a slowly recovering stock market and historically low interest rates that have driven up what companies are required to pay annually into their pension plans. Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., also a sponsor of the bill, said pensions are underfunded by \$350 billion to a record \$112 billion at the end of last year. Its "reasonably possible exposure" from financially weak employers more than doubled last year to \$85.5 billion.

The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., the federal agency that insures the pensions of 44 million Americans, says its deficit expanded to a record \$11.2 billion at the end of last year. Its "reasonably possible exposure" from financially weak employers more than doubled last year to \$85.5 billion.

Inspector calls for probe into WMD findings

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - U.S. intelligence agencies need to explain why their research indicated Iraq possessed banned weapons before the American-led invasion, says the outgoing top U.S. inspector, who now believes Saddam Hussein had no such arms.

"I don't think they exist," David Kay said Sunday. "The fact that we found so few of the weapons do not exist - we've got to deal with that difference and understand why." Kay's remarks on National Public Radio reignited criticism from Democrats, who ignored his cautions that the failure to find weapons of mass destruction was "not a political issue."

"It's an issue of the capabilities of one's intelligence service to collect valid, truthful information," Kay said. Asked whether President Bush owed the nation an explanation for the gap between his warnings and Kay's findings, Kay said: "I actually think the intelligence community owes the president, rather than the president owing the American people."



David Kay

Second rover's photos of Mars delight scientists

The Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. - NASA's Opportunity rover zipped its first pictures of Mars to Earth on Sunday, delighting and puzzling scientists just hours after the spacecraft bounced to a landing. The pictures show a surface smooth and dark red in some places, and strewn with fragmented slabs of light 'bedrock' in others. Bounce marks left by the rover's air bags when it landed were clearly visible. "I am flabbergasted. I am astonished. I am blown away. Opportunity has touched down in an alien and

bizarre landscape," said Steven Squyres, of Cornell University and the mission's main scientist. "I still don't know what we're looking at." NASA began receiving the first of dozens of black-and-white and color images from Opportunity about four hours after its flawless landing. Mars at the time was 124 million miles from Earth.

Mission members hooted and hollered as the images splashed on a screen in mission control at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger was there with his Please see MARS, Page A2



NASA employees in Pasadena, Calif., celebrate Sunday as the agency receives the first photographs from rover Opportunity.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Areas of morning fog, then cloudy to mostly cloudy and a few flurries or snow showers. Highs near 30
Tonight: Reddeveloping fog and scattered snow showers or flurries. Lows in the upper teens to lower 20s
Tomorrow: Cloudy skies, brisk temperatures and scattered rain and snow showers. Highs in the middle 30s

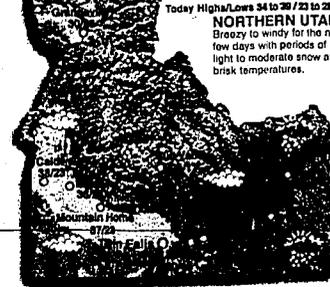
BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Morning fog, then mostly cloudy and isolated flurries or snow showers. Highs near 30
Tonight: Reddeveloping fog and scattered snow showers or flurries. Lows in the mid to upper teens
Tomorrow: Cloudy, brisk temperatures and scattered rain and snow showers. Highs low to mid 30s

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 Snow will be increasing by tonight with moderate to heavy snow possible at times on Tuesday. A low to several inches could fall in the valleys by Wednesday morning with more in the mountains.
Today Highs 10 to 28 Tonight's Lows 12 to 17
 Cloudy skies, areas of fog and brisk temperatures for today through Wednesday. Passing rain and snow showers are also likely at times with accumulating snow in the foothills.

NORTHERN UTAH
 Brouty to windy for the next few days with periods of light to moderate snow and brisk temperatures.



Yesterday's State Extreme: 36 at Caldwell; Low: 2 at Stanley
 weather: hazy to sunny, no-patchy cloudy, m-f mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, h-hazy, h-hazy, h-hazy, n-rain, s-snow, f-flurries, w-wind, m-mixing

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 31 Low 19	High 31 Low 19	High 35 Low 25	High 36 Low 29	High 39 Low 30	High 37 Low 23

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High: 27 Yesterday's Low: 17 Normal High/Low: 37/22 Record High/Low: 56 in 1992, -28 in 1999 Record Low: -28	Water Year to Date: 2.47 Today's Forecast Low: 53%	Yesterday Low: 71%	Yesterday Low: 30.1	Today Sunrise: 7:58 AM Today Sunset: 5:44 PM Wednesday Sunrise: 7:56 AM Wednesday Sunset: 5:47 PM Thursday Sunrise: 7:55 AM Thursday Sunset: 5:47 PM Friday Sunrise: 7:54 AM Friday Sunset: 5:48 PM

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday
Boise	26-32	28-36	30-38
Bonners Ferry	30-36	28-36	30-38
Burley	30-36	28-36	30-38
Carleton Place	30-36	28-36	30-38
Coeur d'Alene	30-36	28-36	30-38
Elgin	30-36	28-36	30-38
Glendale	30-36	28-36	30-38
Idaho Falls	30-36	28-36	30-38
Logan	30-36	28-36	30-38
Malheur	30-36	28-36	30-38
McCall	30-36	28-36	30-38
Mesa	30-36	28-36	30-38
Mountain Home	30-36	28-36	30-38
Portland, OR	30-36	28-36	30-38
Rupert	30-36	28-36	30-38
Shoshone	30-36	28-36	30-38
Starbuck	30-36	28-36	30-38
Timber Lake	30-36	28-36	30-38
Spokane, WA	30-36	28-36	30-38
Stony	30-36	28-36	30-38
Sun Valley	30-36	28-36	30-38
Valley View	30-36	28-36	30-38

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday
Atlanta, GA	52-60	54-62	56-64
Boston, MA	32-40	34-42	36-44
Chicago, IL	38-46	40-48	42-50
Dallas, TX	62-70	64-72	66-74
Denver, CO	42-50	44-52	46-54
Houston, TX	68-76	70-78	72-80
Los Angeles, CA	68-76	70-78	72-80
Miami, FL	78-86	80-88	82-90
Minneapolis, MN	38-46	40-48	42-50
New York, NY	42-50	44-52	46-54
Phoenix, AZ	62-70	64-72	66-74
Portland, ME	38-46	40-48	42-50
San Francisco, CA	58-66	60-68	62-70
Seattle, WA	48-56	50-58	52-60
St. Louis, MO	42-50	44-52	46-54
Washington, DC	42-50	44-52	46-54

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Wednesday
London	42-50	44-52	46-54
Paris	42-50	44-52	46-54
Tokyo	52-60	54-62	56-64
Sydney	62-70	64-72	66-74
Mumbai	72-80	74-82	76-84
Beijing	32-40	34-42	36-44
Delhi	38-46	40-48	42-50
Los Angeles	68-76	70-78	72-80
San Francisco	58-66	60-68	62-70
Seattle	48-56	50-58	52-60
St. Louis	42-50	44-52	46-54
Washington DC	42-50	44-52	46-54

Moon Phases
 Jan 29: First Qtr
 Feb 6: Full Moon
 Feb 13: Last Qtr
 Feb 20: New Moon

Moonrise and Moonset
 Tuesday Moonrise: 11:10 AM Moonset: 10:47 AM
 Wednesday Moonrise: 12:10 PM Moonset: 11:47 AM

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Hundreds gather in Boise to protest abortion

BOISE (AP) — Senior citizens, younger adults and children marched through the snow and slush from Julia Davis Park to the Statehouse steps to show their opposition to abortion.
 More than 300 people, head signs, prayed together and held speakers at the Annual March for Life. The Saturday event marked last week's 31st anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court ruling that established a woman's right to abortion.
 The rally was held without any obvious presence of counter-demonstrators. The keynote speaker, the Rev. Bob Caldwell, pastor of Boise's Calvary Chapel, said he was there to

continue the fight to bring abortion to its end, said that though she has always opposed abortion, she considered the procedure when she was pregnant with her youngest daughter, 4-month-old Kiah.
 "I really don't want it, but I just couldn't do it," Davies said. "Now I just can't imagine my life without her."
 Anna Davies of Boise, a single mother with two young chil-

People jump from windows to escape S.C. motel fire

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) — A fire filled a five-story motel with thick, disorienting smoke early Sunday, killing six people and forcing other panicked guests to jump out of windows or climb down bed sheets to safety, authorities said.

The blaze began about 4 a.m. on the third floor of the hotel, which had 46 registered guests. The cause was under investigation.

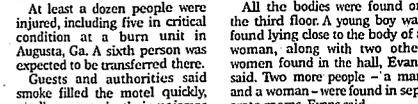
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 wife, Maria Shriver to watch the drama unfold, and walked through mission control shaking hands with the scientist.
 "The pictures just blew me away. We're certainly not been to this place before," deputy project manager Richard Cook said.
 Opportunity bounced into the martian atmosphere at more than 12,000 mph and bounced down on Mars just six minutes later, swaddled in protective air bags. It hit with a force estimated to be just two to three times that of Earth's gravity. Engineers had designed it to withstand as much as 40 G's, said Chris Jones, director of flight projects at JPL.
 The six-wheeled rover landed at 12:05 a.m. EST in Meridiani Planum, believed to be the smoothest, flattest spot on Mars. Opportunity lies 6,600 miles and halfway around the planet from where its twin, Spirit, landed Jan. 3.
 On Sunday, NASA said Opportunity was in excellent health and Spirit was on the mend after a serious software problem had hobbled it.
 Initial analysis of the images suggested Opportunity landed in a shallow crater roughly 65 feet



across. Its low rim shouldn't block the rolling robot once it gets going, Squyres said.
 Opportunity could roll off its lander in 10 to 14 days, mission managers Arthur Amador said. Opportunity's possible target include a larger crater, maybe 500 feet across, that lies an estimated half-mile from where the space-

craft landed.
 The rover's ramp off its lander appeared unobstructed, unlike that of the Spirit rover, said Matt Wallace, another of the mission managers. Spirit had to use an alternate ramp because a deflated air bag blocked its safest route to the martian surface.
 Together, the twin 384-pound rovers make up a \$820 million mission to seek out geologic evidence that Mars was once a wetter world possibly capable of sustaining life. NASA launched Spirit on June 10 and Opportunity on July 7. Each carries nine cameras and six scientific instruments.
 On Wednesday, Spirit developed serious problems, cutting off what



at least a dozen people were injured, including five in critical condition at a burn unit in Augusta, Ga. A sixth person was expected to be transferred there.
 Guests and authorities said smoke filled the motel quickly, sending guests in their pajamas into a chaotic scramble for the exits and a cold rain outside.
 "I opened the door and all we saw was smoke," said Donessa Wilson, who said she and her boyfriend were awakened on the fourth floor by a fire alarm and then heard a woman running down the hall screaming.
 The smoke was so thick that one guest jumped from a third-floor window onto a solid canopy when the stairwell was just a few steps away, Greenville County Coroner Parks Evans said. Blood could be seen on the outside walls of the motel near a broken window.
 The Comfort Inn had standpipes and wall-mounted hoses in the hallways and stairwells, but none had been activated and no fire extinguishers were used before firefighters crews arrived, said Wade Hampton Fire Chief Gary Downey. He said the approximately 20-year-old building passed its last inspection less than a year ago, and was not required to have sprinklers.
 "If there had been sprinkler systems in the hallways, probably

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Schools
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 Susan Wheeler, spokeswoman for U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo, said his office receives a fair amount of letters, generally against the No Child Left Behind Act. In the last four or five months, Wheeler said there have been more letters in favor of the law.
 Eric Earling, who represents the U.S. Department of Education's deputy secretary, said the department is working with states to help them find alternatives for rural districts. The law provides for local flexibility, but that is still developing as districts try to implement the law.
 Mike Cothran, a parent on the committee who attended the school himself, said he hopes the fliers stir up concern about the law for the whole community, not just parents.
 "It looks like it's here to stay and needs to be addressed," Cothran said.

Schools
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 has a declining population and a need for housing to attract and retain teachers, as many have to commute from as far as Twin Falls.
 In a small school, teachers have to wear many hats, so it would be difficult if not impossible for Casdell to meet the law's highly qualified teacher requirements without being labeled a failing school, Twedy said.
 "It's been an anxiety of the board for a long time," Twedy said.
 Twedy said the fliers are meant to encourage people to push for modifications in the law to accommodate small districts.
 He said he hoped that a grassroots movement of small rural schools could make an impact.
 "We're all in the same boat," Twedy said. "The groundswell will reinforce the need for change."

Granite State has volatile reputation

Knights Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — New Hampshire voters — whose license plates read "Live Free or Die" — do not like being told what to do, perhaps even less so than Iowans.

Many say they did not even pay attention to the Iowa caucuses last week.

But as months of intense campaigning in the Granite State come to a close, Sen. John Kerry of neighboring Massachusetts has taken a commanding lead in the polls in part because of his surprise win in the Iowa caucuses, and in part because of the filtering campaign of former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean.

Dogged by questions about his temper, Dean gave a loud, emotional speech after losing in Iowa that increased concerns about his temperament among many New Hampshire voters.

Yet polls can be tricky things in New Hampshire, where the electorate has a history of volatility in the waning days of a race. Former Vice President Walter Mondale found that out, watching a commanding lead of more than 20 percentage points evaporate less than 10 days before the 1984 election. Colorado Sen. Gary Hart bit the dust.

"(Kerry's) bounce is a little bit superficial, and it won't last," said Daniel Palazzolo, a political science professor at the University of Richmond in Virginia. "But I think Dean's fall is permanent."

Palazzolo said Kerry's post-Iowa bounce is likely to lose at least some steam before Tuesday. The question is whether Dean, who has stumbled since finishing third in Iowa behind Kerry and North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, will get voters back and make it a tight contest in the state.

If not, some of those voters could energize the campaign of Edwards, retired Gen. Wesley Clark or Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman. A close second-place finish by any of those candidates could make the seven primaries on Feb. 3 even more important.

But what makes New Hampshire so quirky is the independent voters. Those registered



Democratic presidential hopeful Wesley Clark pauses during a rally at New England College in Henniker, N.H., Sunday.

as independent can change their registration at the precinct, vote in the Democratic primary Tuesday, and change back. And in New Hampshire, more voters are almost 40 percent of the electorate — than Republicans or Democrats.

As much as one-fourth of Tuesday's likely voters are undecided, according to polls, and many are independents.

Independents helped Hart in 1984, Patrick Buchanan in 1996 and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., in 2000 beat their more established party opponents in New

Hampshire. The centrist Lieberman; the party outsider Dean; Clark, the general who only declared as a Democrat last year; and even Edwards, could benefit from independents who make up their minds late in the race. Many voters are mainly looking for a candidate who they think can win in November.

"I had been somewhat interested in him from the start," said Stephen Williamson, 33, an independent who saw Clark recently at a town hall meeting in Epping, N.H., a town of about 5,000. "He swayed my vote tonight."

Kerry fends off criticism from Dean, GOP rivals

NASHUA, N.H. (AP) — John Kerry criticized Howard Dean on Sunday for expensing tax and foreign policies that will "just kill us" at the polls in November as Kerry himself was accused of waffling on the Iraq war.

Leading comfortably in polls two days from voting, the Massachusetts lawmaker asked Dean to "stop running a negative campaign," even as he suggested that Dean can't get elected. "Between foreign policy and taxes, I think it is a serious problem," Kerry said.

A spokeswoman for Dean, the former Vermont governor, replied that he has stood up to President Bush on taxes, education and the war in Iraq. "Unfortunately, to this day, John Kerry couldn't find his position on Iraq with a compass," Erin Enright said.

Sen. John Edwards, who finished second to Kerry in last week's Iowa caucuses and has promised to wage a positive campaign, said the Massachusetts senator has not been clear on the war. "I think he's said some different things at different points in time," Edwards said as the candidates made the rounds of TV news shows. "So I think there's been some inconsistency."

No wonder Kerry flinched when somebody called him the front-runner. "I hate that word," he said.

As temperatures hovered near zero, the race heated up in a state known for promoting underdogs and surprises. The New Hampshire primary is Tuesday.

Polls showed 8 percent to 15 percent of voters were still undecided, and many more willing to reconsider their early picks. Like Sunday shoppers cruising store aisles, wavering voters drove from town to town Sunday, checking out the candidates.

Grocery workers struggle as strike drags on

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The picket lines began thinning after Christmas, when union strike pay for the grocery workers was cut in half, and every day since there have been fewer people holding picket signs with Vicky Cooper outside a Vons supermarket.

"The team is falling apart," the 25-year-old checker said. "Everybody said 'Forget it, we're not coming back.'"

The strike and lockout affecting 70,000 Southern California grocery workers at three supermarket chains is in its third month.

Cooper said many of her fellow co-workers have had to take other work or cross picket lines to return to their old jobs, unable to make ends meet on the \$20 to \$25 a day they get for walking the picket lines. Others lost their health care benefits at the start of the year and had to pay \$365 to extend them through March.

Leaders of the United Food and Commercial Workers union portray the dispute as a symbol of a growing schism between American workers and corporations, as companies seek to reduce health care and other benefits while holding



Jonathan Thompson, 5, who is sick with a cold and has no health insurance, accompanies his mother Sunny Kim, 32, a grocery worker who has been on strike, to pick up a bag of food given out by the union food bank in Los Angeles Jan. 15.

down wages. This past week, the union and the AFL-CIO launched a nationwide campaign to demonstrate that other workers could share the grocery workers' plight. Contract talks have been stalled

since December, with both sides still far apart over how much the company should contribute toward health care plans for current employees and new hires. Informal talks broke off earlier this month, and no more meetings

are scheduled. Union leaders say they are determined to stay on strike as long as it takes to preserve their members' health benefits. "Our members average \$20,000 a year. The employers are asking us to pay \$5,000 of that (toward health care)," said Rick Icaza, president of UFCW Local 770 in Los Angeles. "We can't afford to do that."

"This has really settled into trench warfare. Nobody is winning," said Jack Kyser, chief economist for the Los Angeles Economic Development Corp.

The dispute involves three supermarket operators — Albertsons Inc., Kroger Co., which runs Ralphs, and Safeway Inc., which owns the Vons and Pavillion chains. Of the roughly 22,000 Vons employees on strike, about 10 percent have returned to work, a source familiar with the chain's operations said on condition of anonymity.

Union officials said a few Vons employees have crossed picket lines but would not say how many. Vons officials would not disclose their own counts.

Mexico lets Peace Corps workers enter

40-year tradition of rejecting U.S. aid crumbles

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico has broken a decades-old tradition of rejecting U.S. aid workers, granting permission for the first group of U.S. Peace Corps volunteers ever to work here.

Mindful of national sensitivity over U.S. influence, though, the government plans to keep the group out of public view.

Still, for a country that has kicked out or criticized U.S. experts in the past — and for one touchy about being viewed as underdeveloped — it's a big change.

The decision was made in November. The first 15 volunteers, scheduled to arrive this summer, won't be performing the Peace Corps' usual tasks in construction, rural schools, clinics or farmer training. They will be tucked away in research centers to work on information technology, science and business development.

"This is not the typical (Peace Corps) program. These people are not going to be working out in the villages," said Efraim Aceves Pina, international affairs director for Mexico's National Science and Technology Council.

The Peace Corps is happy with Mexico's plan even though it is accustomed to more contact with everyday people, said agency spokeswoman Barbara Daly.

"The Peace Corps always works to integrate ourselves in the local culture," she said. "The volunteers live in the community and live with host families during the training."

Housing for the volunteers has not yet been decided.

The decision to accept the Peace Corps coincided with a low point in U.S.-Mexican relations. Washington had been miffed by Mexico's lack of support for the war in Iraq.

Mexican officials insist the idea of accepting the volunteers came up as a natural extension of existing scientific and technical cooperation programs. But many analysts think President Vicente Fox went along to try to smooth relations with President Bush.

"After the clash on Iraq, Fox is eager to please the United States," historian Lorenz Meyer said. "He's trying to prove that he and Bush are the best of buddies."

Slain children's father: Wife's prosecution was unnecessary

HOUSTON (AP) — Nearly two years after Andrea Yates' conviction for drowning her five children in the family's bathtub, her husband maintains his mentally ill wife never should have been prosecuted.

Yates, a diagnosed schizophrenic, was sentenced to life in prison after a jury rejected her insanity defense in March 2002.

"Why do we even have insanity laws if they are not based on medical insanity?" Russell Yates asked.

To be found innocent by reason of insanity, a defendant must prove she did not know her actions were wrong. Yates discovered the lifeless, wet bodies of Yates' four youngest children under a sheet on her bed after she called 911 on June 20, 2001.

The oldest child, Noah, 7, was found floating face down in the tub.

Washington spends billions of dollars on military help, economic development and other aid programs elsewhere in Latin America, but Mexico gets next to nothing, apart from some small training programs for police and soldiers.

Even that can cause problems. News of a U.S. training program for the Mexican army made front-page headlines here in October, stirring such controversy that the U.S. Embassy issued a statement stressing that the total amount of aid was just \$1.25 million — compared to U.S. outlays of about \$700 million a year in the Andean countries of South America.

Mexico has rejected other U.S. aid programs aimed at persuading farmers to substitute legal food crops for illegal harvests like opium and marijuana, two illicit crops now widespread in some regions of Mexico.

"It's not that we have declined any aid out of spite," said Jose Santiago Vasconcelos, Mexico's top anti-drug prosecutor. "It's just that we think our sister nations (in Latin America) have a greater need for these programs, so out of solidarity we decided to let them have the scarce funding."

Meyer said the idea of accepting aid grates on his countrymen.

"Mexico has never wanted to accept aid," he said. "It's like accepting charity, a pityance."

Mexican hesitation comes from bad past experiences. American anthropologist Oscar Lewis didn't mean to offend when he came to Mexico to interview a poor, problem-plagued Mexican family for his 1961 book "The Children of Sanchez." The book became a social science landmark, defining what came to be known as "the anthropology of poverty."

But it angered some Mexicans so much that the country's Society for Geography and Statistics filed a criminal complaint in 1965 accusing Lewis of sedition, violating public morality and defaming Mexico.

Prosecutors dropped the case, but the feeling of insult didn't fade. In 1966, private publishers in Mexico put out a book about Lewis titled "Stories for Oscar Lewis."



Russell Yates

Andrea Yates is now jailed at a psychiatric prison in Rusk, where she works in an outdoor flower garden. But her husband says she should have received treatment at a mental health facility, not a life term.

"The prisons are set up for security, they are not set up for treatment," he said. "She needs fairly intensive care from a team of psychiatrists. She is not getting that type of treatment at all."

On a Web site he created shortly after the deaths, www.yateskids.org, Russell Yates blames a doctor who treated his wife before her children's deaths, prosecutors, and the judge.

Police say slain 14-year-old may have been witness to earlier killing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Police said a 14-year-old girl was shot to death and her friend wounded after being targeted because their assailant thought the slain girl had witnessed a killing the day before.

Jakkema Hansen, 14, and an unidentified 12-year-old girl were found Friday evening in a town-house not far from the U.S. Capitol.

Franklin Thompson, 22, was

arrested Saturday and charged with first-degree murder in the slaying.

The shooting of the two girls was in an area where two men were shot to death last Sunday.

Cmdr. Michael Anzallo, chief of detectives for the District of Columbia police, said the girl was killed because her killer thought she was a witness in the first of two shootings in the same area Sunday. Police said they did not

believe the shooter was after the girl who was wounded in the leg. The slain girl was shot three times, including once in the head.

The girl's mother, Judyann Hansen, told The Washington Post that police detectives had offered her daughter protection in exchange for information about that killing.

She said police were clear about the danger witnesses face,

with one detective telling her that a gunman will "come and put you to sleep because he don't want to do 60 years."

But her daughter declined the offer and "told them she did not want anything," Hansen said.

The mother said she was angry at police for not providing more help. "Even if my daughter didn't want to say anything, they were supposed to put out protection just in case," she said.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Kimberly will put on a rabies clinic

KIMBERLY - A rabies clinic will be held Feb. 7 in the Kimberly City Hall garage, 132 Main St. N.

Dr. Jerry Jackson will provide vaccinations for \$7.50 fee. Shots will given from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. for dogs, cats and ferrets.

Kimberly dog licenses expire Jan. 31 and dog owners can get tags renewed at this time or at the city office during office hours for a \$5 fee.

CSI hosts Jason Project at the Herrett Center

TWIN FALLS - Families are invited to take part in the worldwide online learning experience of the Jason Project from 1 to 5 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

Named in the spirit of the Greek myth of Jason and the Argonauts, the Jason Foundation for Education is headquartered in Massachusetts and holds various events to inspire students in science, math and technology.

This year's theme, "Rainforests at the Crossroads," will feature a satellite video feed of scientists working in Panama. During the afternoon, facilitators at the Herrett Center will help children with "Jason Panama Make 'n' Take" cultural crafts. A bat expert and an expert on rainforest plants are planned.

All events are free; participants are welcome to come and go as they please.

For more information, contact Darcy Thornborrow, Herrett Education coordinator, at 732-6664 or dthornborrow@csi.edu. Those interested can also visit the Jason Project Web site at www.jasonproject.org.

Juvenile justice council sponsors new program

TWIN FALLS - A "WhyTry" program sponsored by the District 5 Juvenile Justice Council and the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Jan. 27 and 28 at the Department of Health and Welfare, 601 Pole Line Road.

The WhyTry program is a social and emotional curriculum created by Christian Moore, a licensed social worker. Moore developed a set of analogies to teach youth skills such as personal motivation, anger management, dealing with peer pressure, problem solving, building a support system and more.

Topics to be covered include basic Training, Experiential Activities, Surrendering the "One-Up" Relationship, WhyTry Music Applications and Teaching a WhyTry Class. The workshop is geared toward professionals who work with children; however, parents can attend with previous registration.

"Admission is free, but to reserve space, fax registration information to 736-2087. Registration information should include the person's name, organization he or she is with, the organization's address, phone number and e-mail address.

For more information, contact Linda Mann at 736-2588 or lmann@twi-falls.id.us.

Democrats meet for precinct workshop

TWIN FALLS County Democratic Central Committee members will meet Tuesday with current and prospective voting precinct leaders as well as candidates for elective office at a strategy planning session.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Twin Falls City Hall conference room, 321 Second St. E. It is open to all area residents with an interest in learning more about the political process in the county and the state, said Central Committee Chairman Harry Phillips.

For more information, Phillips may be contacted at 735-8825 or by e-mail at harryphillips@gmail.com.

Compiled from staff reports

Campaigning for safety

Parent: Bickel Elementary has problems; school officials say that it's safe

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - When Gordon Jackson looks at Bickel Elementary School, he sees trouble.

Jackson transferred his daughter out of the school at the beginning of the month after he saw what he described as several structural and safety problems at the school. In a worst-case scenario, he imagines a severe earthquake that causes lights to fall down, fire to consume ceiling tiles and produce toxic smoke, brick walls to crumble and pupils to fall down fire escapes.

While Twin Falls School District officials agreed to investigate Jackson's complaints about students using fire escapes to exit the building for recess, officials say the building is safe. Jackson said his concerns aren't receiving the attention they should from the district or the city.

Jackson said the fire escape doors swing the wrong way and could knock people down the stairs. John Miller, the district's operations director, had the fire escapes closed to everyday use the day Jackson called in mid-December. Marianne Barker, a city building official, inspected the fire escapes at about the end of that month, and she is still working on her report. Miller said he also asked J-U-B Engineers to give an opinion of the building.

Bickel dates to 1938 and has about 368 pupils, according to the official count.

"If I didn't think it was safe, I wouldn't be here," Principal Kelli Schroeder said.

The building had its annual inspection last spring and the fire marshal inspected it in September, Miller said. In both cases, only minor infractions were found, and they were corrected quickly. Jackson said he is a retired contractor who did construction and inspection in California for many years. He was a draftsman for Aerjet General in Sacramento, then moved into field inspection of concrete and buildings. He did lighting and interior construction, then moved into steel construction. He moved to Idaho two and a half years ago. He said he can walk through a building and see what's wrong with it.

At Bickel, he fears the aluminum doors and windows are not sufficiently fireproof. The acoustic ceiling moved into steel construction. He moved to Idaho two and a half years ago. He said he can walk through a building and see what's wrong with it.

Miller said cracks in foundations occur in almost every building, and



Gordon Jackson points out cracks in the side of Bickel Elementary in Twin Falls. Jackson believes the school is dangerous and could collapse in an earthquake without major retrofitting to shore up the building.

He moved his daughter to I.B. Perrine Elementary School when he became convinced Bickel was unsafe.

"That's a wonderful school," Jackson said. He likes how Perrine is run.

Jackson's other major criticism of Bickel is that cracks in the school's foundation extend all the way up the building and could potentially crumble in a major earthquake. He said he counted 92 cracks.

Miller said cracks in foundations occur in almost every building, and

they are not an indication that it is falling down. He said it is impossible to tell if cracks in the school's foundation extend through the walls and up the building. But if the walls were cracked, the district would fix them. The existing cracks come from the normal aging and settling of the building over time.

Miller said builders didn't try to create earthquake-resistant buildings until the 1970s. If there were a major earthquake here, there would be damage everywhere, not just at schools. And just in case, all the schools have evacuation plans.

Jackson supported his fears about earthquakes with a 1989 article from *The Times-News*. He asserts that Twin Falls' vulnerability to earthquakes is equal to that of San Francisco.

Nancy Byler, a professor of geography and geology at the College of Southern Idaho, said there are no data on how often earthquakes occur in southern Idaho because there isn't enough of a record. Most old buildings here aren't made with earthquakes in mind, so damage in a major quake is possible.

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Fairfield offers ski joring competition

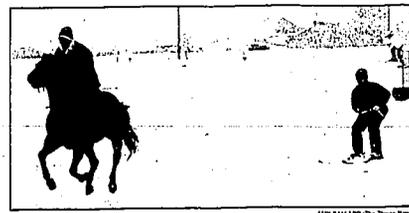
By Amy Ballard
Times-News correspondent

FAIRFIELD - The rider loses his Stetson as his horse gallops through the groomed course, a skier holding on for dear life to a rope tied to the saddle. It's not a new exhibition sport for the winter Olympic Games, but a time-honored Skandinavians tradition. Saturday's and Sunday's ski joring events were the fourth held in Fairfield, said Kurtis Stutz, president of the Smokey Mountain Ski Joring Association. The races were sanctioned by the National Ski Joring Association.

"The sport is really developing well in the area," Stutz said. "Some of the skiers had never participated in ski joring before, and all of the horses who were new this year shaved at least a second off their times."

A light snow Saturday and cold temperatures Sunday did not deter the "die-hard fans," as Stutz called the hundreds of people who gathered to watch the event. Some were skiers themselves, while others were "more there for the horses," said Vicky Engleman of Fairfield.

Andrea Roach, another member of the Smokey Mountain Ski



A horse, rider and skier combination races in one of this weekend's ski joring competitions Saturday. This team was one of 25 to participate in the event, which was the fourth held so far in Fairfield.

Ski joring

The National Ski Joring Association has a mailing list of 377. Last year eight races were held across the country. For more information on ski joring, call Kurtis Stutz, president of the Smokey Mountain Ski Joring Association, at (208) 764-3033. Or visit the association's Web site at www.smlja.com.

Joring Association, said no one was injured during the events this weekend. "Several people wrecked, but no skiers or horses

Cassia County collects cell phone surcharge

By Brandon Filala
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Cassia County has collected about \$12,000 so far from the newly implemented \$11 surcharge for cell phone users.

County officials sent letters to wireless telephone providers of the need to begin collecting the \$11 fee for 911 services last year. That fee is already collected on all land telephone lines in the county.

The money will be used to buy and install equipment in the sheriff's dispatch center. Once more money is accumulated, the 911 system would provide operators with the location of people who call in using cellular phones. That information is now available when a land line customer calls 911 in Cassia County.

"Right now if someone calls on a cell phone and they don't know where they are, we sometimes have a difficult time finding them," Cassia County Sheriff Jim Higgins said. "In the future we would be able to pinpoint them, just like we can with land lines." Cassia County Administrator

Day care operator appeals denial of permit

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - A woman is trying again for a special-use permit to operate a day care center at her home in the Rosewood Drive subdivision.

The City Council today will consider Jodie Slagel's appeal of its 4-3 decision Jan. 5 to deny her a permit. The Planning and Zoning Commission had approved it, but the City Council overturned that decision after hearing from a neighbor opposed to the permit.

In a letter to the council, Slagel wrote that contrary to what the council was told Jan. 5, most people in the neighborhood are not opposed to the permit. She disputes neighbor Lyn Langford's assessment of increased traffic there. In addition, she takes issue with assertions by Langford that the day care would reduce property values in the area. She included letters from two real estate professionals who said the day care would likely not reduce property values.

The council also received a letter from a real estate appraiser that said the development of commercial activities in residential neighborhoods decreases property values, provided it brings with it "certain negative attributes" such as an increase in traffic flow.

Voting against the permit Jan. 5 were council members Lance Clow, Chris Talkington, Glenda Thompson and Trip Craig. Voting in favor were Shawn Bariga, Dennis Maughan and Elaine Steele.

A stream of supporters of the day care center addressed the council at that meeting. Comments ranged from mild support of some neighbors to emotional appeals from parents who use Slagel's service.

Other council business at today's meeting includes appointments to the Twin Falls Historic Preservation Commission, an application for a \$3,500 grant from the Idaho State Historical Society to develop a historic preservation plan, and grant proposals to the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

Meeting today

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

ON THE AGENDA

Today

Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hailey.

Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland, Burley.

Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 150 S. Fourth E., Mountain Home.

Gooding County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 624 Main.

Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 507 Idaho St.

Hailey City Council, 6 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hailey.

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.

Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.

Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 489 E. Ave. N.

Lincoln County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 111 W. B. Shoshone.

Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert.

Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Tuesday

Burley Public Library Board, 4 p.m., library conference room, 1300 Miller Ave.

Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 110 E. Second St.

Gooding County Memorial Hospital Board, 7:30 a.m., conference room, 1120 Montana St.

Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A.

Shoshone Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W.

Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., council chambers, City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Wednesday

Cassia Regional Medical

Center Board, 5 p.m., board room, 1501 Hilland Ave., Burley.

Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 941 18th St.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 201 Main Ave. W.

Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 157 W. Main.

Thursday

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Friday

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

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

State agencies battle for control of education

By Chuck Oxley Associated Press writer

BOISE - The fight this year for control over the state's billion-dollar education industry is reaching crisis proportions. Senate Education Committee Chairman Gary Schroeder said after last week's marathon of hearings...



Second grade student Grace Lundquist works on a wire art project during an art class being taught by guest sculptor Bemlo Jestrabek-Hart, Friday at the Anson Charter School in Boise.

level, where policy-makers and administrators struggle over who should wield power. "It looks like the policy makers are moving into the administrative area," Weatherly said.

Several related issues are boiling up this year that raise questions of constitutional proportion.

Charter schools: Last year, the state board of education overrode a decision by the Nampa School District not to authorize a second charter school that duplicated services of one already in existence.

Testing: The State Board of Education is withholding approval

of \$4 million for a new student testing program tied to the Bush Administration's No Child Left Behind Act.

Administrators: The State Board also withheld about \$1 million in federal funds designated for professional development and limited English proficiency programs.

Howard and her key administrators contend that the Board of Education is creating a redundancy that will "double the paperwork, double the monitoring visits with state agencies, and double the plans and reports to be submitted," deputy superintendent Bob Weis told the legislative education committee members on Friday.

SERVICES

Glen D. Bywater of Brigham City, Utah, service at 10 a.m. today at the Brigham City 20th St. Chapel, 650 Anderson Drive, Brigham City.

Steven E. Fridde of Spokane, Wash., graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Sunny Cedar Rest Cemetery in Almo.

Mildred Irene Olmsted Basom of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Katherine May Kerbs of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly of

Burley, service at 2 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

John 'Johnny' S. Maier of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Paul Congregational Church, 121 N. Second W.

Robert Lee Hollins Sr. of Paul, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Burley United Methodist Church, 405 E. 27th St.

'Bubbles' Charles Villines of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

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Bill would require background checks on child-care staff

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - State Rep. Ann Rydaldh plans to introduce a bill she hopes will slam the day-care door on child predators in Idaho.

The Republican from Idaho Falls drafted the bill requiring all child-care staffers to undergo criminal background checks

before working with children. "I didn't realize that there's a loophole in our law to let that happen," she said.

But that's not the way most people view the growing conflict, said Boise State University political scientist Jim Weatherly.

Rydaldh said she has met nothing but support from other legislators. Like her, they were unaware that background checks are not a universal requirement

of child-care facilities in Idaho, she said. But child-care providers have been pleading for years for statutory reform.

If Rydaldh's legislation succeeds, it will remedy what many in the industry consider the most egregious flaw in Idaho's code.

Stafford and a handful of other North Idaho child advocates are in the process of drafting their own legislation for the 2005 Legislature.

They want mandatory licensing of all facilities caring for children from two or more families on a regular basis, not including their own children.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3278 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication.

Eric Tate Schaefer - Burley

Eric Tate Schaefer, two-year-old son of Eric Lynn and Shellie Halford Schaefer of Burley, passed away Friday, Jan. 23, 2004, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.



Tate was born July 10, 2001, in Burley, Idaho. Even though his life here on earth was short, he touched the lives of not only his family members, but everyone he met.

He is survived by his parents, Eric and Shellie Schaefer of Burley; two sisters, Amie Lynn Schaefer and Brenda Joclene Schaefer both of Rupert; one brother, Matthew Benjamin Ramirez of Burley; his grandparents, Lynn Schaefer of Boise, Tarise and Alan Sullivan of Payette, and Bill and Annett Halford of Burley.

The funeral will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, at the View First and Second Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 550 South 500 East of Burley.

Dennis Peterson - Twin Falls

Dennis Peterson, 59, passed away at his home in Twin Falls on Jan. 23, 2004.

He was born on Jan. 1, 1945 to Ruth and Bill Peterson in Logan, Iowa. He also attended schools in Logan.

Dennis enjoyed riding his bicycle and shooting the breeze with his friends.

He is survived by one sister, Shirley Robinette of Twin Falls; one brother, Eugene (Linda) Peterson of Council Bluffs, Iowa; his best friend and nephew, Ron Orr of Las Vegas, Nev.; one aunt, Refa Miller of Jerome; longtime friends Rick and Millie Mitchell of Jerome, along with several nieces, nephews and cousins. Cremation was held under the direction of Park's Magic Valley



Funeral Home of Twin Falls, memorial services will be held at a later date.

Film featuring tribe members makes hit at St. Louis exhibition

BOISE (AP) - Members of Idaho's Lemhi Shoshoni tribe are getting rave reviews at the Lewis and Clark National Bicentennial Exhibition in St. Louis.

The tribal members are featured in and helped produce two films being shown at the \$7 million exhibition, which opened this month at the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis.

One of the films is an orientation for the exhibition. The other, a documentary called "Crossing the Divide," tells the story of Lewis and Clark's encounter with the tribe of Sacajawea on Idaho's Lemhi Pass.

"It covers the meeting of Lewis and Clark with them and how that affected both the Shoshoni people and the expedition," exhibition curator Carolyn Gilman said.

THIS WEEK AT CSI

Today

CSI Golden Eagle Boosters luncheon, noon, Taylor 277.

CSI Bowling Club, 9 p.m., physical education aerobics room.

Tuesday

CSI and Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind post secondary transition workshop, 10 a.m., Taylor 277.

CSI Bilingual Education Program club meeting, 1 p.m., Aspen 145.

"Retro Steel" art show on display through Friday, Jean B. King gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science.

Department of Energy public meeting on final cleanup levels at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, 6:30 p.m., Taylor 256.

Wednesday

Styx Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor 276.

CSI Boxing Club, 9 p.m., physical education aerobics room.

Thursday

CSI Student Senate sponsored

lecture on dating and sexual assault, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

Department of Energy public meeting on final cleanup levels at the INEEL, 6:30 p.m., Taylor 256.

Dick's Pharmacy workshop on achieving hormone balance for women, 7 p.m., Shields 118.

CSI Chi Alpha club weekly meeting, 8 p.m., Shields 115.

Friday

CSI Golden Eagle women's basketball against Colorado Northwestern, 5:30 p.m., Rangely, Colo.

"Ring World," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Huggie Bears Narcotics Anonymous weekly meetings, 7 p.m., Desert 113.

CSI Golden Eagle men's basketball against Colorado Northwestern, 7:30 p.m., Rangely, Colo.

CSI Boxing Club, 9 p.m., physical education aerobics room.

Saturday

Snake River Council Boy Scout Leader training, all day, Shields building.

CSI Academic Development

Center workshop for teachers, "Teaching the Reading Process," 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Meyerhoeffer 202216.

United Church of God International weekly meeting, 10 a.m., Aspen 145.

"Ring World," 2 and 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

"More Than Meets the Eye" with live sky tour, 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

CSI Golden Eagle women's basketball against Colorado Northwestern, 5:30 p.m., Rangely, Colo.

Idaho Dance Arts Alliance fundraiser for dance camp scholarships, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

CSI Golden Eagle men's basketball against Colorado Northwestern, 7:30 p.m., Rangely, Colo.

CSI Cowboy Championship Boxing Smoker, 8 p.m., Eldon Evans Expo Center.

"Led Zeppelin: Maximum Volume I," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Sunday

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

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Health district goes from walk-ins to appointments

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — South Central District Health will be on an appointment-based clinic schedule, moving away from walk-in immunizations in February.

District health clinics in Blain, Burley, Gooding, Hailey, Jerome, Rupert, Shoshone and Twin Falls will initiate the change beginning Feb. 1. Clients may schedule appointments by calling their local office.

"We want to serve people as quickly and effectively as possible," said Lisa Klinton, a registered nurse and immunization coordinator for South Central District Health.

"When we studied the wait times clients were experiencing in some of our immunization clinics over the past year, we felt that offering clients scheduled appointments would better meet their needs."

For more information or to schedule immunization appointments for children, teens, adults or international travelers, call the nearest South Central District Health office.

Listed is a schedule of the various clinic days and times available for appointments:

Table with columns: Office location, Clinic times, and Clinic location and phone number. Rows include Burley, Gooding, Hailey, Jerome, Rupert, Shoshone, and Twin Falls.

MIDSEANON COUNTY COURTS

RUPERT — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Midwika County included:

Misdemeanor Sentences: Harold Monroe Sagers, 81; overruling and paying on the lien... Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

Misdemeanor Sentences

Isaac Jesus Hernandez, 20; violation of a no contact order... Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Legislator goes after students taking extra credits

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — College students who change their majors, take or take extra classes simply to gain a broad education are again in a legislator's bullseye.

Rep. Ron Bigelow, R-Salt Lake, is researching the proposal, which would give entering students — and possibly graduate students — a voucher specifying how many credit hours the state would help fund.

Bickel

Continued from A4: Marvin Strope, a CSI professor of geology, said the lava flows beneath the Magic Valley are stable and only a moderate quake is possible here.

Rep. Bigelow said district officials are violating students' civil rights by not having a safe school. "If I can save one life, I'll be happy," Jackson said.

Joring

Continued from A4: Miller will be given to the Camas County Senior Citizen Center and \$375.50 will go to Young Life.

Jessica Schlueter and Steven Kearby won the snowboarding division and took home \$50 apiece.

TWIN FALLS ARRAIGNMENTS

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

Charity Leonard Hall, 26, 442 Locust St., No. 4, Twin Falls; possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; plea: guilty; sentencing set for Feb. 17; \$10,000 bond.

Michael E. Michalak, 44, no address listed; fugitive; public defender appointed; no plea entered; fugitive hearing set for Jan. 30; \$10,000 bond.

Mark Edwidge Burgess, 25, no address listed; Twin Falls; failure to pay — domestic battery and obstruction of a phone line; private counsel; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Feb. 17; \$213.50 bond.

William C. Hinkle, 50, 4601 Aviation Way, Caldwell; driving under the influence, open container; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Feb. 10; \$500 bond.

Teresa Lorraine Aragon, 24, 1122 Washington St., No. 62D, Twin Falls; failure to appear — requesting a place where controlled substance was used in possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pleaded guilty; sentencing set for Feb. 17; \$5,000 bond.

Teressa Lorraine Aragon, 24, 1122 Washington St., No. 62D, Twin Falls; failure to appear — requesting a place where controlled substance was used in possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pleaded guilty; sentencing set for Feb. 17; \$5,000 bond.

public defender appointed; public defender denied; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Feb. 10; \$1,500 bond.

Craig Arthur Penton, 24, 336 Terrace Dr., Twin Falls; driving without privileges; failure to purchase insurance (second offense); public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Feb. 17; \$1,500 bond.

Steven Christopher Klundt, 23, 105 Davis, Filer; circulating illegal money checks; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Feb. 10; \$1,000 bond.

Lenita K. Dodds, 40, 290 12 Locust St., Twin Falls; failure to appear — possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; status hearing set for Feb. 2, \$5,000 bond.

Department forecasts big salmon return

BOISE (AP) — State biologists are forecasting spring and summer chinook salmon fishing in Idaho this year, with the potential of the second largest salmon return to Idaho since 1975.

Columbia River yet." Last year, 87,100 salmon returned; anglers caught 13,787 of them.

If Idaho has a salmon fishing season this year, which Kiefer says is likely, it will be the fifth consecutive year of salmon fishing that is five-year spread has not occurred since 1974.

Salmon fishing has become an economic boon for Idaho. A study by Boise economist Don Redding found \$90 million for the economy in 2001.

Last year, Fish and Game estimated 92,000 spring and summer chinook would return to the Snake River, but 141,000 salmon eventually returned. Fish and Game bases its projections on a variety of factors, including the

number of jack salmon, which return to Idaho after one year in the ocean.

Schools of young salmon migrate to the ocean every year, then return for each of the next three years. Each return first and are an indicator of the number of the fish that spend two years in the ocean and make up the majority of the adults that return every year. These are called "two ocean" fish.

Spring chinook will start entering Idaho in March or early April. Kiefer says the experts expect to begin in mid-April.

"It's been the standard by which to indicate fisheries in the Lower Clearwater in the second or third week in April," she said.

Kansas pastor seeks Nampa anti-gay display

NAMPA (AP) — A Kansas pastor has asked the city of Nampa to let him place a anti-gay monument on public property because of an existing court order that displays city property.

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CASSIA COUNTY COURTS

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

Misdemeanor Dismissals: Jennifer Ann Valdez, 23; willful concealment, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Juvenile Sentences: Jason Victor Bilks, 27; reckless driving, amended to inattentive driving, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Alfredo Harris Valdez, 25; one count driving without privileges, amended to failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Wynne Pilling, 28; one count driving without privileges, amended to failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Christina A. Baez, 23; failure to stop at checking station, pleaded guilty, \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

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Mark A. Hansen, 36; weight exceeding allowable gross loads, pleaded guilty, \$54 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Christina A. Baez, 23; failure to stop at checking station, pleaded guilty, \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Michael A. Tardy, 46; failure to stop at checking station, pleaded guilty, \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Patricia J. McCallan, 48; failure to stop at checking station, pleaded guilty, \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

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Lynda A. Hammond, 54; failure to have retrofitted steering and reflexors; pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Crystalene La'Ann Schmitz, 17; two counts failure to purchase driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$150 fine, \$63.50 court costs, one count \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, two counts failure to purchase driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$150 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Driving under the Influence Sentences

Jose Luis Artega, 28; one count misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Withheld Judgment

Cindy O. Vah, 28; failure to report child abuse or child, amended to injury to a child, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

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Castleford sophomore Drew Tverdy controls the lane for the Castleford boys basketball team.

SPORTS

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

No one to hate. We hate that. We can't even hate 'He Hate Me.'

Dan Shaughnessy of the Boston Globe, on how the Carolina Panthers' lack of marquee players presents a problem for New England Patriots fans.

TRIVIA

QUESTION: What NFL team drafted John Elway in 1983? ANSWER below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school girls basketball: Hogerman at Murtaugh, 6 p.m.; Rimrock at Dietrich, 6 p.m.; Lighthouse Christian at Raft River, 6 p.m.; Castleford at Oakley, 6 p.m.; M.V. Christian at Hansen, 6 p.m.; Filer at Gooding, 6 p.m.; Wilder at Richfield, 7 p.m. High school boys basketball: Community School at Carey, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

- O'Leary schedules sports banquet: TWIN FALLS - The O'Leary Spring Sports Dessert Banquet will be held on Monday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at O'Leary Junior High School. The boys and girls basketball teams, wrestling, cheerleaders and dance teams will be honored, as well as the academic all-stars from these sports. Each family is asked to bring a homemade dessert with 12 servings. American Legion sets parents meeting: TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls American Legion Baseball meeting for parents of players who are planning to try out for a team will take place at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 4 in Room G-6 at Twin Falls High School. For more information, call Laird Stone at 733-2721. USTA forms local mixed league tennis: TWIN FALLS - The United States Tennis Association is forming a spring mixed league tennis program for the combined ratings of 5.5, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0 players. For the first time, a combined 5.5 level for 2.5 and 3.0 players is now available for league play. For more information, call 735-9543. Knights of Columbus plans hoop shoot Jan. 31: BUHL - All boys and girls ages 10-14 may compete at the local level for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship from noon to 3 p.m. Jan. 31 at Buhl Middle School. Winners can advance to the district and state competitions. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or more information, call Craig Karal at 326-3132.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER: The Baltimore Colts, who a few days after the draft traded Elway to the Denver Broncos for quarterback Mark Herrman, offensive tackle Chris Hinton and the Broncos' first pick in 1984, Elway had said he didn't want to play in Baltimore.

Burley martial artists head to Athens

By Lorraine Cavener Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - What is a 37-year-old mother of three doing working out in a martial arts studio? Cathryn Huslinson, a behavioral specialist at White Pine School, is one of a six-member team that will go to Athens, Greece to participate in the 2004 World Games in April. An official U.S. coach to the U.S. National Martial Arts team has appointed each member of the team. Huslinson, who started taekwondo two years ago, had never participated in any sports before she started practicing taekwondo two years ago. "I can't do anything with a ball involved," she said. But she and her husband came to watch after talking about wanting something to do. "It looked like so much fun I fell in love with it," Huslinson said. "It doesn't take a ton of athletic ability - just a lot of hard work." One of the pluses for Huslinson is that the instructors are patient

and willing to go over it, she said. The patient instruction has paid off for her. She can't say enough about the sport. "I'm excited. Here I am going to a world-class event when I generally can't walk down the street without tripping over my feet," she said. She demonstrated a kick and said that students learn to perfect the moves to be smooth, sharp, clean and crisp, which is what judges will be watching for. "If I'm doing a sloppy kick they will know," she said. Martial arts helps a person with balance, Huslinson said. "You get in shape," she said. "You learn so much about your own body and how it works." Martial arts is also great camaraderie, Huslinson said. Orrin Lewis, a senior at Burley High School, is another athlete on the team who has benefited a great deal from the sport. Lewis started two years ago and is now a Red Collar first degree Black Belt and has placed regionally and nationally in competitions. In 2003 he received the

How to help Anyone interested in helping Team Idaho raise necessary funds should contact Deb Sansom at 2199189 or Lindsey Jensen at 312-4665. coveted national "Color Belt of the Year" award. Lewis explained why he became involved in martial arts. "I needed a hobby," he said. "All I did was PlayStation." Spencer Koyle, who has placed in regional competition, is also a member of the team. Koyle is a RedBlack Belt and will be testing soon for his Black Belt. He has been studying taekwondo for three years. Logan Barksdale, a second degree Black Belt, who has placed regionally and nationally in tournaments, is another team member. He has studied taekwondo for six years. Fellow teammate Lindsey Jensen is the proprietor of L.J. Intermountain Martial Arts on 122 Overland Avenue in Burley,

where the team practices. Jensen said the studio started 15 years ago by Sean Kay. When Kay left, Jensen took over as director. Jensen is a third degree Black Belt and has placed nationally in Olympic Style and point sparring. She was ranked eighth in the nation in 1999 and has competed at the collegiate level. Jensen, her husband Brent Jensen, has also been appointed to the team. Deb Sansom, Lewis' mother, said that in order for each team member to make the trip to Athens about \$2,500 must be raised for expenses. "The group has been holding various fundraisers such as garage sales and donut sales. Sansom plans to accompany the group to Athens. "We are so proud to be able to represent our great community in Internationally," Sansom said. "It's an honor for our area to have a group like this."



Cathryn Huslinson, right, spars with Tyson Jurgenson during a recent practice session at L.J. Intermountain Martial Arts in Burley. Huslinson is part of the 2004 World Games in Athens, Greece in April.

WINTER X GAMES Flippin' out

Winter X Games have plenty of star power

By John Marshall Associated Press writer

ASPEN, Colo. - Strangers have told Gretchen Bleiler she's an inspiration. Mike Metzger has been mobbed at the mall. Kelly Clark even needed a security detail to get through an airport. Yep, these Winter X stars are off the chain. "It's pretty hectic sometimes," said Clark, an Olympic and Winter X gold medalist in snowboard super pipe. "It's crazy to think about if you actually were a real celebrity. That would really get hectic." While Michael Jordan and Tiger Woods don't have to worry about getting pushed aside by autograph seekers, there is no disputing that the stars of Winter X attract an audience. The Winter X Games, created by ESPN in 1997, are broadcast to more than 100 countries and draw millions of viewers every year. Thousands more fans cram the slopes of Buttermilk Mountain in Aspen each year, braving the cold to get a glimpse of their favorites. "They have a great energy, they're real low key," said Francesca Gunnery, who watched Sunday's events in a heavy snowstorm. "They're mellow and they're the kind of people you can go up and talk to." Clark learned about celebrity after winning gold at the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics. With that one event, she went from occasionally getting recognized in ski towns to being mobbed in airports. She's also had fans give up first-class seats on flights and was even chased into a notes by an autograph seeker. "Bizarre-like conditions" postponed the moto X finals and all snowboarder X rounds until Monday. A few practice sessions also were canceled after about six inches of snow fell in just a few hours. Preliminary in men's snowboard super pipe and snowcross went on as scheduled under the lights. Moto X rider Brian Deegan will likely spend a



Jeremy Sternberg of Lake Elsinore, Calif., flips upside down 50 feet in the air as he performs a back flip with his motorcycle at the eighth Winter X Games on Buttermilk Ski Area in Aspen, Colo. Sunday. Heavy snow conditions postponed many of the competitions. Competition will continue through Tuesday.

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Mickelson wins Hope playoff

LA QUINTA, Calif. - Phil Mickelson showed he's back on his game after a disappointing year, beating Skip Kendall on the first playoff hole Sunday in the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic. The victory ended an 18-month winless streak for Mickelson, who dropped from second to 16th in the world rankings. He pulled a 3-foot birdie putt into the center of the cup to win the Hope, his second victory in the tournament in two years. His first was left still looking for his second win. He was runner-up for the fourth time in his career, losing three times in playoffs. Mickelson, making his 2004 debut, closed with a 5-under 68 to Please see GOLF, Page A8



Skip Kendall tees off on the first tee during final round of the Bob Hope Classic Sunday in La Quinta, Calif. Kendall lost on a one-hole playoff with Phil Mickelson.

Vols should be No.1

DURHAM, N.C. - Nearly three years after last earning the No. 1 ranking, Tennessee's women's college basketball team. The Lady Vols hope it's just a step on the way to winning their first national championship since 1998. Coach Pat Summitt won in her first trip to Cameron Indoor Stadium, leading the second-ranked Lady Vols past No. 1 Duke 72-69 Saturday. Shyra Ely and Shanna Zolman each scored 15 points for Tennessee (16-1) in the ninth victory figures to put the Lady Vols back atop The Associated Press poll for the first time since the week of Feb. 25, 2001. "I think our basketball team, having played the kind of schedule that we have, should feel good about ourselves," Summitt said. "But it's January... We take this and certainly we're proud, but we've got to keep getting better." Tennessee had not fared well in previous No. 1 vs. No. 2 matchups, losing five straight as the second-ranked team. They ended that streak Saturday by shooting 58 percent after halftime and coming up with big shots down the stretch. Ely leads the team with 14.2 points a game, one of just two players averaging double figures. But five others average at least six points a game, giving the Lady Vols plenty of balance. On Saturday night, Ely and Zolman led the way with 11 second-half points, allowing Tennessee to overcome a 25-22 halftime deficit.

Super Bowl is worth the wait

By Tony Kornheiser The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - America, awake and rise. Our long national nightmare is over. The bye week is finished. And finally, it's Super Bowl Week. Houston, we have a ball game. Among the more interesting story lines in Super Bowl XXXIV: The Roman Empire Fell. It took So Long To Print These Flocksta Roman Numerals!" is this one: Who in God's name are the Carolina Panthers? I dare you to name five players on the Panthers, and I'll spot you Stephen Davis, Julius Peppers, Doctor Pepper and Sergeant Peppers. The coach is who? John Fox? You use to sign into a motel. Whyn't you mean Fox used to be defensive coordinator for the Giants? That's the other guy - the guy who looks like he gets his clothes out of a homeless shelter. The New England guy, Serionisity, who dresses that guy? He looks like he's about to unlace a cord of wood. Tell me if Bill Belichick came to your house, wearing that hooded sweatshirt, grim and taciturn like you see him on the sideline, and he knocked on your door and asked to use your bathroom, tell me you'd let him in. Oh, please. You'd call 911. Two years ago the Carolina Panthers were 1-15. They won their first game, then lost 15 in a row. They would have lost more, but the season ended. At that time they were coached by George Seifert, who probably thought it was him who won those two Super Bowl titles with San Francisco, not Joe Montana, Steve Young and Jerry Rice. Two years ago the Panthers had no need for Jake Delhomme, Please see KORNHEISER, Page A8

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Houston looks to shed image

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press writer

HOUSTON - When all eyes turn to Houston for the Super Bowl, locals hope the world sees the city's "Urban Cowboy" image and a landscape dotted with chemical plants and refineries.

Welcome to a cleaner, friendlier Houston - complete with smiling volunteers, new sports arenas, a huge new downtown hotel and the first working leg of a light rail mass transit system that, not coincidentally, links a reborn downtown entertainment district with the new football stadium seven miles away.

"It's going to be a large party at the front door," said Bob Eury, who heads Central Houston, a city business-civic booster group.

Chuck Watson, chairman of the Super Bowl host committee, uses an advertising word stolen from the cattle industry - branding - to describe what next Sunday's game and its related weeklong events should accomplish.

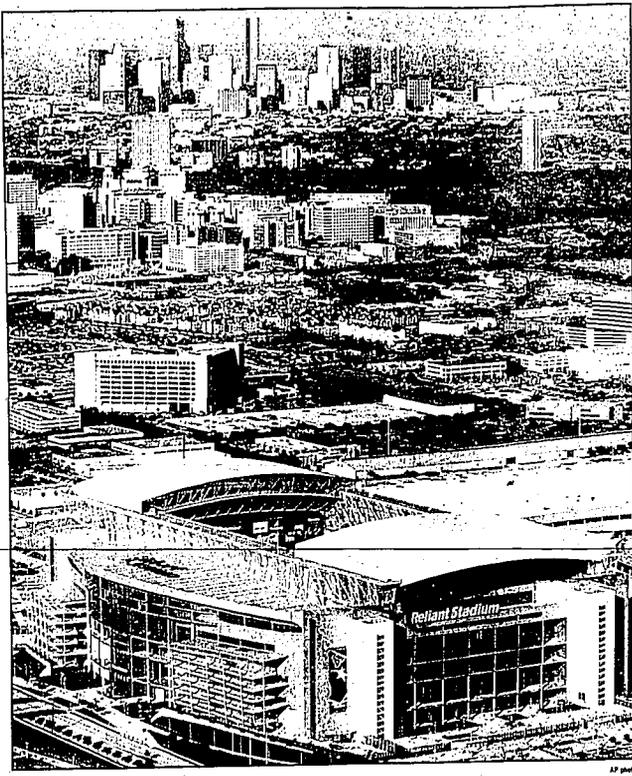
"We've taken a few hits the last few years," he said. "Think about on Monday morning (after the game). You're on the front pages of every newspaper. The world is about putting Houston in a positive light."

Shiny new amenities notwithstanding, Houston must contend with a reputation for grit and occasional scandal.

The last presidential campaign portrayed Houston as America's most air-polluted city. Tropical Storm Allison left the city under water in 2001. And Enron Corp., once Houston's highest-ranked company on the Fortune 500 list, collapsed in an embarrassing financial scandal.

If that weren't enough, mention of Houston recalls some spectacular recent crimes - like the mom who drowned her five kids or the woman who used her car to run over and kill her cheating husband. Then there was the bloody legal battle of a former Houston stripper, Anna Nicole Smith, trying to claim the millions of her oilman husband, who died at 90.

The last big media event here was the Republican National



Reliant Stadium and the Houston skyline is shown in this Monday, Jan. 19 aerial photograph. The stadium will be the site of Super Bowl XXXVIII on Sunday. Locals hope the world sees past the city's 'Urban Cowboy' image and a landscape dotted with chemical plants and refineries.

Convention in 1992, when native son George Bush was nominated for a second term in the White House.

He lost. "My sense is Houston has struggled with one image or another over the years," Eury

said. "It's kind of like the little kid growing up, sprawling, not so neat and pretty, and frankly not very urban."

Ducks prove no match for Wildcats

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) - Hassan Adams scored 20 points and Channing Frye had 18 points and 11 rebounds as the Arizona Wildcats defeated the Oregon Ducks, 90-66 Sunday afternoon.

Ivan Radenovic, a freshman from Serbia playing in his ninth college game, had a season-high 19 points and grabbed eight rebounds for Arizona (13-3, 5-2 Pac-10), who won their third straight since a two-game skid knocked them out of the Top Ten.

No. 5 Louisville 65, Tennessee 62

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - Francisco Garcia scored 24 points Sunday night and No. 5 Louisville rallied in the second half for its 15th straight victory.

The Cardinals (15-1) regained the lead for the first time since the opening minutes and took control with a 12-0 run midway through the second half.

No. 9 Kentucky 71, Notre Dame 63

SOUTH BEND, Ind. - Chuck Hayes scored 21 points and Gerald Fitch added 15 for No. 9 Kentucky in its 10th straight win over the Irish.

The Wildcats (13-2) opened a double-digit lead early and then held on for the victory. Notre Dame (9-6) used a 7-0 run to cut the lead to 66-63 when Chris Quinn made two free throws with 67 seconds left. But the Irish missed their final two shots and Kentucky scored the final five points.



Oregon's James Davis, right, drives to the basket against Arizona's Selim Stoudamire, left, during the first half at the McKale Center in Tucson, Ariz. Sunday, Arizona won, 90-66.

Kalenna Azubuike added 14 points for the Wildcats, who shot 53 percent.

Torrian Jones and Chris Thomas each had 16 points for the Irish, who have lost three of their last four, all to ranked teams.

Florida 10, Wake Forest 7

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Tim Pickett scored all of his 16 points in the second half and Florida State made six straight free throws over the final 45 seconds to hand Wake

Friesen leads N.J.

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - Jeff Friesen scored his third goal in four games early in the third period to lead the New Jersey Devils to a 3-2 victory over the Atlanta Thrashers on Sunday night.

Martin Brodeur made 24 saves, including a spectacular tumbling stop on Frantisek Kaberle in the second period, and Grant Marshall scored a goal and set up another by Patrik Elias to help the Devils win for the fourth time (4-1-1) in six games.

Ilya Kovalchuk scored his 26th goal of the season and Jeff Cowan added another for Atlanta, which lost for the second time in two nights.

The Thrashers actually were inches away from wiping out a 2-1 deficit to start the third period when things fell apart.

Friesen and Cowan banged the rebound off the goal post.

Erik Rasmussen's slap shot on the ensuing rush didn't find the net. The Thrashers made an errant pass from the side boards trying to get the puck out of their zone and Friesen tripped a-rusher past Datoe for his 11th goal.

Flyers 4, Capitals 1

WASHINGTON - Mark Recchi and John LeClair each had a goal and three assists for Philadelphia.

Recchi opened the scoring at 5:30 of the first period, beating goalie Rastislav Stana with a wrist shot after LeClair's strong play to keep the puck in offensive zone.

LeClair made it 2-0 less than three minutes later, tipping a shot



The New Jersey Devils' David Hale and Atlanta Thrashers' Ilya Kovalchuk, of Russia, head for the ice after colliding during the second period Sunday night in East Rutherford, N.J.

behind Stana, who started in place of Ota Kolzig for the first time since being recalled from Portland on Jan. 6.

Michal Handzus and Kim Johnson also scored to help the Flyers win for the fifth time in their last six games.

Sabres 4, Hurricanes 2

RALEIGH, N.C. - Jochen Hecht had two goals and Martin Biron made 37 saves for Buffalo.

Derek Roy's third-period goal put the Sabres ahead to stay, and Milan Barovic had a goal and an assist for Buffalo, which finished a five-game road trip 2-3.

Erik Cole and Kevyn Adams scored for the Hurricanes, who had a 39-21 advantage in shots.

The Sabres rallied from a two-goal deficit with two second-period goals and some big saves by Biron.

Mavs keep rolling

DALLAS (AP) - The Dallas Mavericks have won eight straight games, and the latest victory means the most.

Michael Finley scored 23 points, including the go-ahead 19-footer with 1:58 left, and the Mavericks won 108-99 Sunday over the Sacramento Kings, who entered with the Western Conference's best record.

After the Kings (30-12) fought back from a 10-point deficit to tie the game at 97 on Mike Bibby's 3-pointer with 2:14 left, the Mavericks scored nine straight points to clinch the victory.

Finley's shot put the Mavericks ahead, and after a Kings miss, Steve Nash passed to Dirk Nowitzki for a layup and then added the free throw to put the Mavericks over 100 points with 1:28 to go.

Nash had 21 points and a season-high 13 assists, with just one turnover. Nowitzki had 20 points and 12 rebounds.

Peja Stojakovic led Sacramento with 24 points and 10 rebounds. Doug Christie had 23 points, while Jackson had 16. Brad Miller had 11 points and 17 rebounds.

Rockets 99, Magic 89

ORLANDO, Fla. - Yao Ming scored 21 of his career-high 37 points in the third quarter to cover up an awful game by Steve Francis, and Houston won for the sixth time in seven games.

Yao also grabbed 10 rebounds for his 20th double-double of the season and sixth during the Rockets' recent run.

Grizzlies 106, Nuggets 88

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Bonzi Wells scored 17 points and the Memphis Grizzlies extended their franchise-record winning streak to eight games.

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because at quarterback they had Chris Weinke, who was a rookie at 29, and Rodney Peete, who was old enough to be Weinke's father. Heck, he was almost old enough to be Calvin Peete's father. But Peete and Delhomme came along at the right time. That's supposed to be a joke about Delhomme - him coming along "at the right time." Nobody ever heard of Delhomme when he got to Carolina. A few years before he'd been playing in NFL Europe. That's the stop right before NFL, Yemen.

Nobody but nobody expected Carolina to be in the Super Bowl this year. The truth is nobody in the NFL office wants Carolina in

the Super Bowl. Who are their stars the NFL can sell? There aren't any. You gotta try and sell Ricky Manning, Jr., the defensive back who picked off three of Donovan McNabb passes the other week? Who knows Ricky Manning, Jr.? For that matter, who knows Ricky Manning, Sr.? Nobody knows how to pronounce "Delhomme." Does it rhyme with "game" or with "foamy"? And anyway, the other day an interviewer called him "Jack."

Of course, the New England Patriots aren't exactly Ben and Jen either. Belichick doesn't let his assistants talk to the media (just like Bill Parcells didn't let

Belichick talk when Belichick was an assistant to Parcells), and when Belichick talks it's like human Glade the way he clears the room. Between Belichick and Fox you have two guys with the personalities of a footstool. Which figures, because they're defensive guys. If they could, they'd like to win the game 0-0.

And so it's on to Houston, which is more of a space town than a sports town. Houston seems to be an odd site for the Super Bowl. It was years ago, so maybe the people won't mind that the two Super Bowl teams are somewhat less than glitzy.

NCAA men's basketball

Forest its fourth straight loss.

The win was the second in four days over a Top Ten team for the Seminoles (14-5, 3-3 Atlantic Coast Conference), who beat No. 7 North Carolina 90-81 on overtime on Thursday.

No. 12 Kansas 78, Colorado 57

LAWRENCE, Kan. - Wayne Simien had 20 points and 15 rebounds to lead Kansas to its 21st straight victory over the Buffaloes in Allen Fieldhouse.

Keith Langford and J.R. Giddens each added 13 points for Kansas (12-3, 4-0 Big 12), which led 41-21 at halftime and outscored the cold-shooting Buffaloes 20-7 in the first 9.5 minutes of the second half.

Lamar Harris was 13-for-14 from the line and had 21 points for Colorado (10-6, 2-3).

No. 23 Purdue 76, Michigan State 70, OT

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - Brandon McKnight drove the length of the floor for a layup with 8 seconds to force overtime, then hit a jumper that gave the Boilermakers the lead for good.

The victory moved Purdue (14-4, 4-1) into a three-way tie with Wisconsin and Indiana for first place in the Big Ten.

Kenneth Lowe led the Boilermakers with 18 points.

Golf

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match Kendall (65) at 30-under 330 in the 50-hole tournament.

After each birdied the final hole, they returned to the 18th tee to begin the playoff. Both hit their drives down the center, then Kendall pulled the second shot into the left rough beside the green on the 543-yard par 5.

Mickelson's second shot went into the rough on the other side, but considerably closer to the hole.

Zoeller claims MasterCard Championship

KAUPULEHU-KONA, Hawaii - Fuzzy Zoeller won the season-opening MasterCard Championship, birdying the final three holes for an 8-under 64 and a eight-stroke victory over Dana Quigley.

Zoeller sank an 18-foot birdie putt on the 54th hole of the tournament in finish at 20-under 196.

Zoeller, third last year, earned \$268,000 for his second Champions Tour title.

Quigley, the 2003 winner, shot a 65. Craig Stadler matched the tournament record of 63 to tie for

third with Doug Tewell (69) at 18-under 198. Jack Nicklaus, who turned 64 on Wednesday, shot a 67 to finish sixth.

Siem wins Dunhill title on third playoff hole

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa - Germany's Marcel Siem, made a 10-foot birdie putt on the third hole of a playoff with France's Raphael Jacquelin to win the Dunhill Championship.

Siem closed with a 6-under 66 to match Jacquelin (67) and France's Gregory and Havret (67) at 22-under 266 on the Houghton Golf Club course.

OTHER VIEWS

Get ready for a tight race in Idaho caucus

The Idaho Statesman

No one ever mistakes Idaho and Iowa, at least where presidential politics is concerned.

That won't change this year. But maybe, just maybe, Idaho will be a little more than an afterthought this time around.

The presidential election got a lot more intriguing Monday, with Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry's surprise win in the Iowa caucus.

A tight race is good for anybody who likes political theater. Close to home, Democrats in perhaps the most Republican state in America might get more attention from presidential candidates.

This could be a real learning opportunity for Idaho Democrats, and all Idahoans. It's a chance to get to know these candidates better — and dig beyond the sniping that marred the Iowa caucuses.

"This could be great," said a surprised state Democratic Party chairwoman Carolyn Boyce, looking ahead to her party's Feb. 24 Idaho caucuses.

In fairness, this year's candidates haven't ignored Idaho, even though no Democratic presidential candidate has carried the state since Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964.

Kerry is the Democratic candidate with the strongest Idaho ties. Kerry owns a home in Sun Valley, and vacations here frequently. That gives Kerry connections in Idaho's Democratic stronghold, and he's tried to build on it in the past year, speaking at a party banquet in Boise last spring and hosting a fund-raiser in Sun Valley last summer.

North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, the runner-up in

Iowa, will speak in Boise at a Feb. 21 Democratic banquet, Boyce said.

Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, who finished third Monday night, has visited the state four times since the fall of 2002. During one appearance, he went so far as to opine that the path to defeating President Bush goes through Idaho.

Their view: This guest editorial from the Idaho Statesman in Boise says Idaho's Democratic caucus will benefit from a closer field of nominees.

What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Let's not get too carried away. Idaho has only 23 delegates at the national convention, and a Democrat needs 2,162 delegates to get the nomination. But in the early stages of the what is now a wide-open race, every delegate matters. So does momentum. One week after the Idaho caucuses, Democrats head into a make-or-buy Tuesday with more than 1,150 delegates at stake in California, New York and Ohio, among other states.

Meanwhile, any time a national candidate pays attention to a remote state such as Idaho, it's useful for us and for the candidate.

It's a chance to learn where a candidate stands on the issues that are important to our region — such as public lands grazing, snowmobiling in Yellowstone National Park, the future of Mountain Home Air Force Base, nuclear waste cleanup at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory and Bush's immigration proposal.

We're not expecting Idaho to get nearly as much attention as that flat Midwest state with the name that kind of sounds like ours. But next month, Idaho just might be in the middle of a heated national campaign.

As Monday demonstrated, the unexpected can happen in politics.

Mars Inc.: A cheaper way to go

When Christopher Columbus set sail from the port of Palos de la Frontera on Aug. 3, 1492, no doubt there was some peasant standing on the wharf, muttering to himself, "A fine waste of royal exchequer. As if we don't have enough problems at home. Why are their stinkin' majesties funding a voyage to nowhere?"

Fortunately for Spain, those benighted views did not prevail. If they had, Spain would never have gained one of the most lucrative empires in history. Unfortunately for us, the sentiments of that apocryphal peasant seem to be the dominant reaction to President Bush's bold vision for colonizing the Moon and visiting Mars, which may be why he didn't mention it in the State of the Union speech.

MAX BOOT

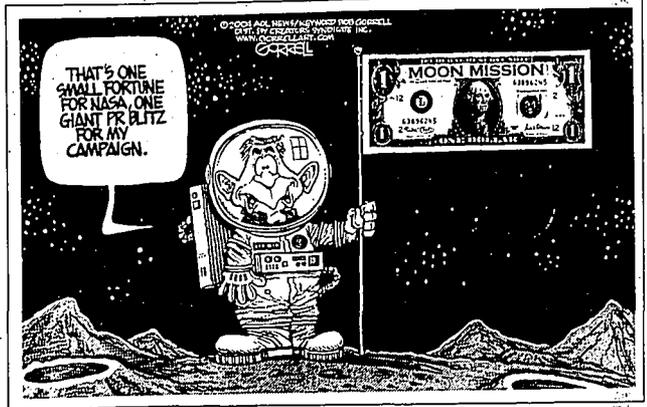
A chorus of critics is demanding that, instead of exploring brave new worlds, we perfect the one that we already have.

I, too, would be against the space program if, by abolishing it, we could end poverty, hunger, illness and "American Idol." But, except for "American Idol," which is of more recent vintage, all these afflictions have been with us since time immemorial, and their existence in no way vitiates the case for exploration.

Various justifications have been advanced for moon and Mars missions: reaping technology spinoffs, tapping rich mineral deposits, creating a safe haven against having our own planet wiped out, even the possibility of discovering life elsewhere (microorganic life, not little green men).

They're all good reasons, but for me the overriding rationale is simpler: It would be a cool thing to do.

I recognize that we don't presently want to spend untold billions



of taxpayer dollars simply to do something cool. But there's an alternative to the hugely expensive, highly inefficient National Aeronautics and Space Administration bureaucracy.

Most experts think that, if left in NASA's hands, going to Mars would cost hundreds of billions of dollars. Robert Zubrin, a respected aerospace engineer and founder of the Mars Society, has proposed that, instead, the government simply offer a prize of \$20 billion — less than 1 percent of the federal budget, or about what we're spending annually on farm subsidies — for the first round-trip to Mars.

Such contests were a common way of encouraging discoveries in the past; the chronometer was invented in the 18th century to win a British prize of 20,000 pounds sterling (a handsome sum then and now) for measuring lon-

gitude at sea. Today, there are plenty of aerospace companies that could rise to the challenge, and if they don't, we don't lose anything.

John Tierney, in a 1996 New York Times magazine article titled "How to Get to Mars (And Make Millions)," went one step further. He suggested that the winning Mars mission could defray a lot of its costs through deals with commercial sponsors.

The possibilities are, so to speak, out of this world — Mars cereal, Mars music, Mars dance contests. The biggest extravaganzas of all would be a reality TV series. If millions tune in to watch a bunch of people stuck on a desert island, how many more will watch a bunch of people stuck on another planet?

The only real challenge would be to figure out how to get a bikini-clad babe into the spacecraft,

but I'm sure Mark Burnett, the gonzo behind "Survivor," would be up to the task.

This may sound crass and goofy, but there's nothing new about mixing exploration and commercialization. In the early 20th century, Ernest Shackleton helped pay for his Antarctic expeditions by selling media rights, writing a tell-all book and going on a lecture tour. Robert Peary, a competing polar explorer, marketed his own brand of snowshoes and overwear.

What's new is the big government approach used in the Manhattan Project and the Apollo program. It works, but it's awfully expensive, and it's hard to justify absent a compelling national security imperative. If we can get to Mars for less, we should give it a (space) shot.

Max Boot is a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations.

To see the future, look at Montana

Last week I made a lot of optimistic predictions about the future of southern Idaho. Well, not exactly.

"In one year there will only be one newspaper in the Magic Valley," said an angry e-mail from a Burley reader.

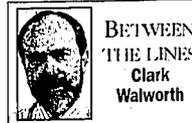
Another reader wrote: "Notwithstanding your soothing and lucid tale of the takeover of the South Idaho Press, I have to think that more is afoot than you let on. I mean, this sort of the media has raged for, in these many years in Burley/Rupert... My money is riding on something significant happening to the two-paper situation (in Mini-Cassia) before this year's Regatta."

Let's recap the news. Lee Enterprises Inc., the company that owns The Times-News, is acquiring the daily South Idaho Press in Burley, as well as the daily paper in Elko, Nev., and five local weeklies.

Some readers automatically assume the next step is to shut down some or all of those papers. Not true. Lee Enterprises didn't go to the trouble of acquiring them just to throw them away.

Can I promise that to skeptical readers? No. The best I can do is tell you about Hamilton, Mont. Like Mini-Cassia, Hamilton is served by two daily newspapers — the much larger *Ravalli Republican* and the much larger *Missoulian*, based 47 miles away. The two papers battled for the Hamilton market until 1999. Then Lee, the long-time owner of the *Missoulian*, bought the *Republic* as well.

I talked last week with Wayne Adair, editor of the *Republic*. (Adair, coincidentally, spent nine years as editor of the *Wood River Journal* in Idaho.) He spoke enthusiastically about how the *Republic* has fared under Lee ownership.



BETWEEN THE LINES
Clark Walworth

Some readers automatically assume the next step is to shut down some or all of those papers. Not true.

Despite sharing a parent company, reporters at the *Republic* and the *Missoulian* regard each other as competitors. "They strive to beat us and we strive to beat them," Adair said.

Lee's Hamilton strategy is to build readership by providing strong local content, he said. The *Republic* has experienced steady circulation growth in recent years.

A similar scenario is a good model for Mini-Cassia. Reporters from The Times-News and the South Idaho Press will continue competing for news. Meanwhile, all the Lee papers in the area will cooperate on some business operations — such as production, distribution and billing.

That approach works in Montana and can help Lee markets. We believe it can help south-central Idaho's papers, too.

Home-town weeklies and small dailies throughout America prospered for many decades, supported by Main Street commerce. But with malls and discount retailers drawing shoppers to regional hubs, the financial picture has changed.

Newspapers change hands

Lee Enterprises Inc., parent company of The Times-News, announced recently it would acquire seven local newspapers in a trade with Liberty Group Publishing:

- The South Idaho Press, Burley, Rupert.
- The Minidoka County News, Idaho Falls.
- The Wood River Journal, Haily, Gooding.
- The Northside News, Jerome.
- The Lincoln County Journal, Shoshone.
- The Elko Daily Free Press, Elko, Nevada.

The transaction is expected to close in early February, at which time the papers will become part of a new "strategic business unit" clustered around The Times-News.

For more about Lee, go online to www.lee.net. FYI: Lee Enterprises Inc. is not affiliated with Lee Family Broadcasting, owner of several southern Idaho radio stations.

Allying with the Twin Falls daily is probably the best way for this area's smaller papers to thrive in the 21st century. Efficiency, cooperation and Lee's vigorous leadership will strengthen all the papers. The result should be better local news coverage.

That's my prediction, but you don't have to take my word for it. Just watch the local papers for the next couple of years, and draw your own conclusions.

Managing Editor Clark Walworth discusses the news business on Mondays in "Between the Lines." To offer a comment or to suggest a topic, e-mail him at clarkw@magickvillage.com, or call 735-325.

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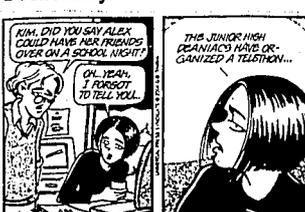
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LETTERS

Presidential hopefuls get irrelevant

Theory of homosexuality doesn't have viable proof

Recently, I contributed a letter pertaining to the negative effects of the pro-homosexual, same-sex marriage agenda upon the established moral framework within our culture and family values held by the majority of our population. In the letter, I noted some misunderstandings and misuse of ambiguous terms and suggested the use of more specific language appropriate to the discussion. Such action has been part of my responsibility as a scholar and teacher over the years. My efforts at clarification were not appreciated by Mr. John Walsh of Burley, who hypocritically accused me of "pulling the wool over people's eyes" in order to prove my point. In his many letters to the editor over the past few years, Mr. Walsh has done a considerable amount of "wool pulling" of his own by his "antics with semantics" and his dilatory use of scientific references.

Walsh seems to have problems using the dictionary and cannot find in his dictionaries the inclusion of "human" under the heading of "natural." I had no problems finding this inclusion in the two dictionaries I use, including Webster's Unabridged Second Edition. There were nine entries under "human" and that is why I substituted "normal" because it is more empirically sound. The genetic theory of homosexuality has been generally discarded today. Despite interest in hormone mechanisms (blasts) in the origin of homosexuality, no serious scientist today suggests that a simple cause-effect relationship applies, according to "Human Sexuality" by Masters, Johnson and Kolodny. The excellent reference, the Journal of Human Sexuality, George A. Rekers, Ph.D., editor, offers a wealth of information for those fair-minded critical thinkers who are willing to look for truth instead of trying to authenticate their own biased and mainly humanistic viewpoint.

And, of course, to step out of the humanistic "thinking box" might cause one to contemplate the possibility that there is a moral basis for behavior and that basis might turn out to be "absolute," not relative. C.S. Lewis was once a skeptic and a humanist but when confronted with the "truth" he considered and accepted it. DONALD W. PUDDER Twin Falls

Bush speech fails badly in truth-telling The state of the "siege" speech was predictable, but nauseating. The Bush bull failed all reality tests. His sham was a surrealistic film-science fiction movie. There was not a word about the 500 American dead and 7,000 to 8,000 Iraqi civilians killed, nor the hundreds of American troops injured, or the \$165 billion that has already cost. For what? Oil perhaps? There was no mention that no real weapons of mass destruction had been found or that the real terrorist, Osama bin Laden, was still at large, nor that two massive tax cuts absolutely benefit the super-rich at the top and have now saddled us with \$500 billion in long-term fiscal debt, nor that 44 million citizens are without health insurance, nor that there are 20 million less-well-off citizens below the poverty line.

The zenith of stupidity was Bush's assertion that abstinence is the only answer for sexually transmitted disease and teen pregnancy! True medical and psychological enlightenment in the 21st century wouldn't you say? BushCO is illegally dismantling

decades of environmental law. Air and water quality have been rolled back, the clear cutting of old-growth forests is illegally moving forward (Tongass National Forest), wildlife and fish are expendable, and natural landscapes are being systematically destroyed on public lands. I urge you to read "Crimes Against Nature" by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. This 10-page, superbly written and researched article is in the Dec. 11 issue of Rolling Stone magazine available at the library. Makes no mistake about it — Bush and his minions are the ultimate terrorists. They are rapidly pushing us toward radical far-right fascism. Bush is way short on intelligence and way long on arrogance. The dictatorial, despotic attitude of his cohorts is chilling. Please help save our nation — what's left of our fragile democracy from these neo-conservative thugs. Take a few hours and think about the implications. It is a matter of life and death to elect a Democratic president and four intelligent and qualified candidates are on the national stage. Wesley Clark summed it up succinctly: "I think we're dealing with the most closed, imperious, nastiest administration in living memory. They even put Richard Nixon to shame." Democracy is not a spectator sport. To support the eventual Democratic promise to our nation can reclaim social, fiscal, environmental and foreign policy sanity. SCOTT PHILLIPS Halley

Know the facts on waste policy at INEEL The Department of Energy has an obligation to clean up the nuclear contamination at its east-end Idaho nuclear facility upstream from Twin Falls, yet it is planning to walk away from this responsibility. The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory sits above the largest source of fresh water in Idaho, the Snake River Aquifer, backbone of Idaho's agricultural industry, especially our famous potatoes and also our world-renowned trout farms. It is also the only source of drinking water for more than 270,000 Idahoans. The integrity of the aquifer is of primary importance to Idaho's future, yet the DOE plans to abandon its nuclear waste in the grounds above the aquifer by changing or eliminating existing laws, regulations and binding agreements that regulate the nuclear waste. The DOE calls this a risk-based decision when, in fact, it is a cost-based decision. It means Idaho is being sacrificed because the DOE says there isn't enough money to clean up the national nuclear weapons complex. The United States has spent far more of our tax dollars on developing new nuclear weapons than on cleaning up the existing massive amounts of nuclear waste created from 50 years of nuclear weapons production activities across the country, endangering people and the environment for thousands of years to come. Public hearings about this cost-based vision of the INEEL (and because that's Idaho's future!) will be held in Twin Falls, Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 6:30 at the College of Southern Idaho, Taylor Building, Room 256. A hearing will also be held for Spanish-speakers in Twin Falls on Thursday, Jan. 29, same time and location. If you live in Idaho and want your children and their children to be able to live here without southern Idaho's lifeblood being threatened by nuclear contamination, please attend the hearing. Call 726-7271 for more information. Your voice is vital for Idaho's future. MARGARET MACDONALD STEWART Ketchum

MERRIMACK, N.H. — There was an unusually exciting campaign event here Saturday night for Sen. John Edwards, who — to refresh your memory — is one of the ones with good hair.

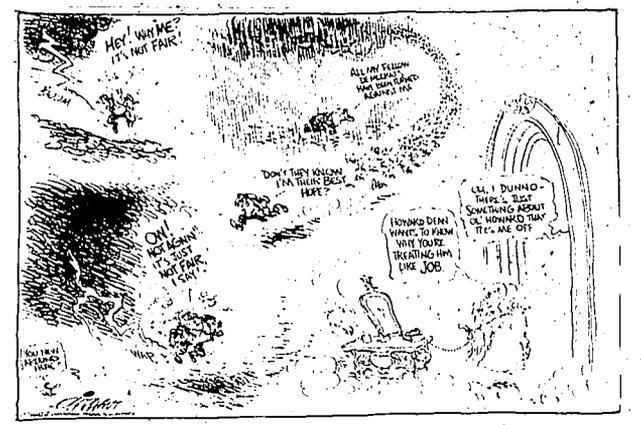
The event — which, in retrospect, probably could have used a little more planning — was held at a bowling alley. The original idea was that Sen. Edwards himself would bowl.

Having candidates do something that have nothing to do with their qualifications for being president is a key part of our election process. Another example is the pancake breakfast, where candidates must flip pancakes while being closely scrutinized by note-scribbling news media.

FACT: A veteran journalist told me that, of the Democratic candidates, Howard Dean is by far the best pancake flipper. The worst is Gen. Wesley Clark. "He doesn't flip at all!" the journalist told me, genuinely outraged. "He just slides the pancakes around!"

So anyway, when I arrived at the bowling alley, about 15 minutes before Sen. Edwards, trouble was brewing. It was like The Perfect Storm, with two powerful opposing forces on a deadly collision course: On the one hand, you had hundreds of people there to see the candidate, including a large, aggressive press corps that was not wearing appropriate bowling footwear. On the other hand, you had league bowlers, who were there to bowl, dammit. Every second, more people were cramming themselves into the already-jammed bowling alley, and the hostility between

the bowlers and nonbowlers, especially the media, was getting intense. Bowlers and photographers were elbowing each other. A woman was shouting, "WE'RE TRYING TO BOWL HERE!" A man brandishing a bowling ball was yelling at a TV cameraman: "GET YOUR (very bad word) DIRTY SHOES OFF THE (even worse word) LANE!" A management person on the public-address system was announcing that the police and fire marshal had been called, and that the building had to be evacuated. Into this festive scene surged Sen. Edwards, whose campaign theme is that he is going to bring America together. He stood on a



DAVE BARRY

Politically humorous

Humorist Dave Barry is offering his take on the race for the Democratic presidential nomination in daily panachees from New Hampshire Saturday through Tuesday.

platform and gave a speech, surrounded by a dense crowd of media and applauding supporters. About 25 feet away, outside the crowd, the bowlers offered their rebuttal. It was a weird kind of stereo: In one ear, I'd hear Sen. Edwards explaining how he would provide economic opportunity to all Americans; in the other ear, I'd hear "OUR WHOLE NIGHT IS RUINED! YOU DON'T GIVE A (bad word) ABOUT US!"

But Sen. Edwards soldiered on, finishing his speech on a high note, with the crowd chanting, "Edwards! Edwards!" while the public-address system person, caught up in the candidate's vision for America, announced that the police had arrived and nonbowlers had to leave the building NOW. So Sen. Edwards did not attempt to bowl, which was fortunate, as he does not yet have Secret Service protection. As the crowd dispersed, I over-

heard this exchange between an Edwards volunteer and a bowler: BOWLER: Go Bush. You guys suck. VOLUNTEER: You shouldn't generalize. We don't ALL suck. BOWLER: Yeah, you do. That's what's so great about the primaries—People talking about issues.

The other major news event involving a candidate doing something totally irrelevant to the presidency occurred Saturday in Manchester, where surging front-runner Sen. John Kerry, scrutinized by an international press corps larger than the one currently working in Afghanistan, played ice hockey. The media consensus was that he did pretty well, although nobody I talked to ever actually saw the puck. Speaking of ice: It is brutally cold here, with the temperature hovering right around zero. In my ROOM.

9-11 report finds Saudi Arabian loopholes

JOEL MOWBRAY

The Sept. 11 Commission on Monday will explore one of the most critical elements of the attack that claimed the lives of 3,000 innocent Americans: how the terrorists got into the United States.

Most have long known that all 19 of the Sept. 11 terrorists came here on legal visas, but one of the topics the commission will cover is that several other would-be hijackers did not make it because they were stopped by alert officials who sensed that something was amiss. Though this might appear a vindication for the State Department's beleaguered visa division, it is actually just the opposite.

State has long argued that there was no way it could have prevented any of the Sept. 11 terrorists from entering the United States precisely because they didn't have advance, specific intelligence about the threat posed by any of the individuals. What State fails to mention, however, is that at least 15 of the 19 did not require under the law for visas — yet were given them anyway.

The reason: they were Saudis, and all Saudis were considered "clearly approvable," which is how the No. 2 State Department official in Saudi Arabia described Saudi visa applicants in an e-mail

in June 2001. It was because of this mentality that the consular officer who approved the visas of 10 of the Sept. 11 hijackers said that she overlooked glaring red flags in the paperwork, according to government investigators. In other countries, thankfully, consular officials did not have the same pressure exerted on them to roll out the red carpet for all visitors.

Those who were kept out — whom the commission will examine — were not denied access for terrorism concerns, but because the law was followed. But that still meant that al-Qaeda didn't get all their operatives in place for the attack. News reports in October 2002 discussed how Ramzi bin al-Sheikh, one of the Sept. 11 plotters who is now in U.S. custody, was 0-for-4 in his attempts to get a visa to "visit" the United States. But more than a year later, authorities have revealed that at least three other al-Qaeda members were likewise thwarted.

A member of bin al-Sheikh's Hamburg, Germany, terror cell, Zakariya Essabar, was also denied

a visa. The commission will look at the reasons for his denial, as well as the cases of two others: one who was turned away by immigration inspector in Orlando, and one who was stopped by a consular officer because "the paper work didn't look right," according to a U.S. official who spoke on the condition of anonymity. The moral of the stories of the thwarted terrorists is that they weren't able to commit mass murder on Sept. 11 because they weren't Saudis. In those cases, the law was followed. And the law is very simple: anyone who applies for a visa is considered inadmissible until he proves himself qualified to obtain one. An applicant must show sufficient ties to his home country and offer a legitimate — and believable — purpose for traveling here. Though those factors weren't designed with terrorism in mind, they might as well have been.

The people least likely to convince the consular officer of their qualifications are young, shiftless men — the people most likely to be terrorists. Young, single men without permanent employment can show strong ties to their home country, and any supposed month-long vacation plans should seem sketchy without a salary to pay for it all. But the law was not followed in Saudi Arabia, where even woefully inadmissible applicants were approved. This columnist was the first journalist to obtain visa applications of 15 of the Sept. 11 terrorists (those of the other four had been destroyed), and the bias favoring Saudis was clear. Consider, for example, the U.S. destinations most of them listed. Only one of the 15 provided an actual address — and that was only because his first application was refused. The rest listed only general locations, such as "California," "New York," "Hotel D.C.," and "Hotel." One terrorist amazingly listed his U.S. destination as simply "No." Even more amazingly, he got a visa.

The inevitable question the Sept. 11 Commission is likely to pose, then, is: What would have happened had the law also been followed in Saudi Arabia?

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NATION

Powell hones policy on Russia

Secretary of state will take a soft approach



Colin Powell

MOSCOW (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell is practicing a simple formula to deal with U.S. differences with Russia: avoid public censure and convince Moscow that cooperation yields more than competition.

In the days leading up to meetings here today, first with Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov and later with President Vladimir Putin, Powell has avoided criticism of Russia repeatedly on a variety of divisive issues.

Powell arrived Sunday night after a 24-hour visit to Georgia, a former Soviet republic where he attended the inauguration of President Mikhail Saakashvili.

The United States and Russia have stakes in almost every major international issue, and only on a few do their interests coincide.

Current disagreements are minor compared with the Cold War era, when threats and brinkmanship were routine. Surrogate wars also were a plague of the era, especially during the 1970s and 1980s in South Asia, Central America and southern Africa, in which Washington and

Moscow backed opposite sides as part of their ideological struggle.

Unlike the Cold War, the two countries now sometimes find room for cooperation. Iraq is less of an issue than it once was. Washington and Moscow also have been able to work in tandem to some degree in Afghanistan and the Middle East.

Powell believes public bullying of the Russians reduces the chances of narrowing differences. Framing disagreements in terms of U.S.-Russian competition, he says, reflects discredited "Cold War thinking."

It is difficult to say how tough Powell is on the Russians in private. He allows that his conversations here will be candid, which means words will not be minced.

For Powell, a major sore point with Russia centers on two military bases that Moscow maintains in dissident regions of Georgia, over the host country's objections.

Asked by reporters Friday night whether meddling would accurately describe Russian policy in Georgia, Powell kept his distance from the word.

"I choose not to take a word like

meddling and endorse it," Powell said. He said he will ask Putin and Ivanov "how we can work together to help the Georgians put in place a stable democracy that will pull in economic development."

He also has said he will urge Russia to abide by troop withdrawal commitments it made in 1999 concerning Georgia, from which it already has missed a deadline.

Last year, the Bush administration was deeply troubled when it received evidence that Russia sent military aid to prewar Iraq. Powell, asked Sunday about the status of that issue, said Ivanov has been responsive to some U.S. questions on the subject but not others. He said discussions are continuing.

Again there was no criticism of Russia even though its aid to Saddam's army seemed to be a provocative act against the United States, which Putin has described as a strategic partner.

After Powell addressed the subject on Sunday, a State Department official said Powell has no plans to raise the aid-to-Iraq issue on Monday because it lacked the importance of other subjects.

Powell offered a hint of displeasure over the way Russian Parliamentary elections in December were conducted. A senior aide called the media coverage "very, very slanted" in favor of Putin's United Russia Party.

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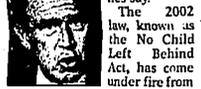
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Education plan comes under fire

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — President Bush's much-heralded education reform plan, his first domestic policy accomplishment and one of his most important, is in danger of becoming as much a liability as an asset in his re-election campaign, observers from both political parties say.



The 2002 law, known as the No Child Left Behind Act, has come under fire from many school officials around the country as they labor to comply with its tough requirements and find the federal government is providing less money than the law promises.

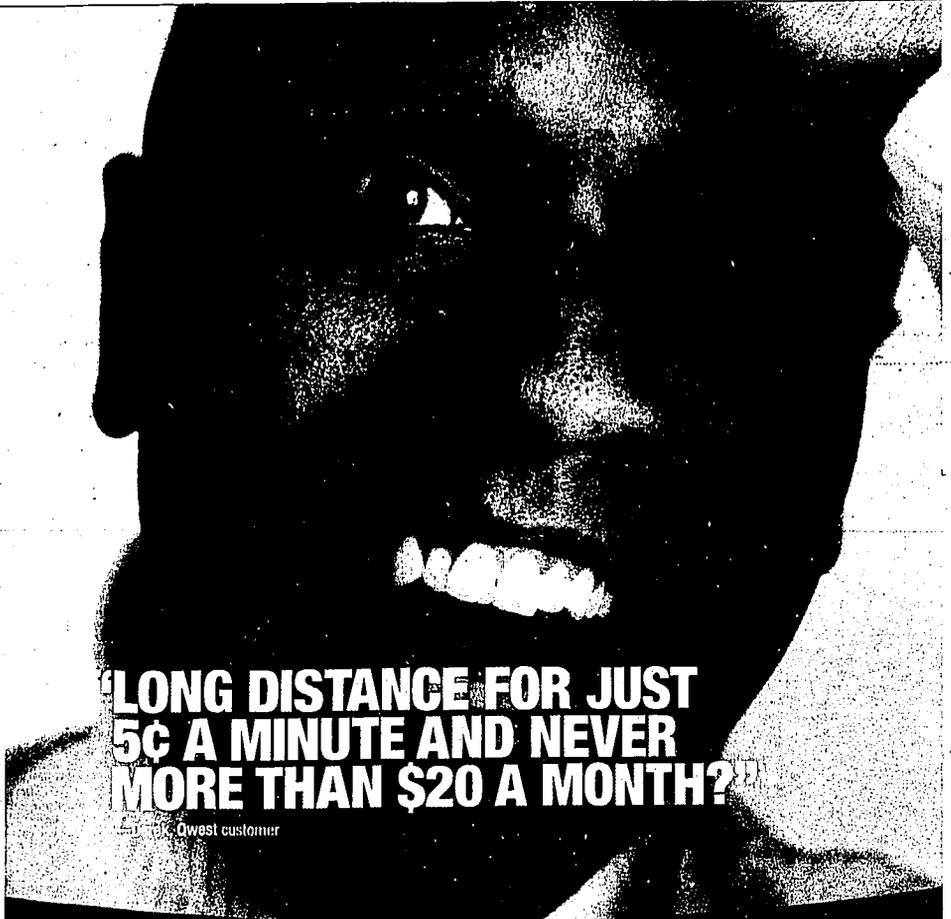
"This is a big problem," said one House Republican who spoke privately about being inundated with complaints from educators in his district. "The goals and requirements are just not attainable. It is going to hurt the president politically among school people, people who are elected to school boards, community leaders."

The law is the cornerstone of one of Bush's signal political accomplishments: He has helped Republicans win increased public confidence in their handling of education, an issue Democrats traditionally have dominated. In January 2002 — around the time Bush signed the law — a Washington Post poll found that 71 percent of people surveyed approved of Bush's handling of education.

But now the law has become so controversial among educators, state and local officials and others that even a Republican-controlled state legislature last week passed a resolution denouncing it. And, with Democratic presidential candidates relentlessly attacking Bush's education record, a Post poll last month found Bush's approval rating on the issue had dropped to 47 percent, the first time it had fallen below 50 percent.

Bush aides say that represents no political peril because other polls show that the education law remains popular among the people it was designed to help — parents with children in troubled schools — even if it has riled the education establishment.

The education improvement law has become a hot political issue even though it passed Congress with strong bipartisan support. It requires states to test every student in reading and math each year from third through eighth grade, and requires schools to make progress each year in increasing the share of students who show proficiency on the tests. Schools that fail to make adequate progress for two years may let students transfer to better schools or offer after-school tutoring.



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If only dads planned the birthday parties

Things are tense in our house. Our daughter is about to turn 4, which means we have to hold a birthday party, which means my wife is, at the moment, insane. Like many moms, my wife believes that a child's birthday party requires as much planning as a lunar landing - more, actually, because you have to hire a clown. Serious moms plan birthday parties months in advance, choosing a theme - Bob the Builder, Disney Princesses, Snoopy Doggy Dogg, etc. - and relentlessly incorporating this theme in every element of the party, including invitations, decorations, music, games, craft projects, snacks, cake, entertainment, favors, little gift bags for the favors, ribbons for the little gift bags for the favors, name tags for the ribbons for the little gift bags for the favors, and on and on until the mom has lost all touch with human reality.



HUMOR
Dave Barry

It would be different if dads planned birthday parties. First off, the party would be about a month after the child's actual birthday, which is when dad would remember it. Dad's party theme would be "delivered pizzas," which would also serve as the cake, the craft project and the party favor. The entertainment would be pulling dad's finger. The kids would have just as much fun.

But of course dad is not entrusted with birthday-party planning, at least not in our house, where the entire massive burden falls on my wife, causing her to become increasingly unbalanced. Last year, our theme was "The Wizard of Oz," and my wife decided that, among many other touches, we needed to transform our front walkway into a Yellow Brick Road by covering it with a roll of yellow plastic that she bought from the House of Really Slippery Surfaces. On the day of the party, it was raining, so I suggested that maybe, for safety, we should not do the Yellow Brick Road.

Do you remember "The Exorcist," the part where Linda Blair's eyes get really weird and her head rotates 360 degrees? That's a mild version of how my wife reacted to the suggestion that we would not have a Yellow Brick Road in our daughter's preschool class was having a birthday party two months before our daughter's, and her theme was also "The Little Mermaid." It's the kind of nightmare you think always happens to other people, but never to you.

The other girl's parents are very nice people, but because they used my wife's theme, she viewed them as the enemy. She feared that their party would be better than ours, and these fears worsened when we got to the enemy house and discovered that the enemy mom had used a professional party planner, who had not only done serious undersea decorations involving gauze, but had also provided, for entertainment, a mermaid, a pirate and a sea goddess.

"A sea goddess!" my wife said, and the despair in her voice was real. But she is not giving up. She spotted some weaknesses in the enemy party's game plan. For example, there was no clown. If you can imagine, my wife has located a clown that she believes will kick the sea goddess's butt. My wife has other plans, which I will not reveal here, because you never know who could be reading this. Suffice it to say that when the day comes, we'll be ready. For my part, I will do exactly as I am told.

But if I hear a chainsaw, I'm gone.

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Eating strategically

Can changing the way you dine change your life?

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY - Hate to cook but fed up with your diet? Jill Sherman has news for you. "Good nutrition is more than just eating healthy foods," said Sherman, a 45-year-old paralegal who will teach two classes on healthy eating and cooking through the College of Southern Idaho Community Education Center this winter. "It's about learning what constitutes a complete meal so you can make the best choices whenever and wherever you eat."

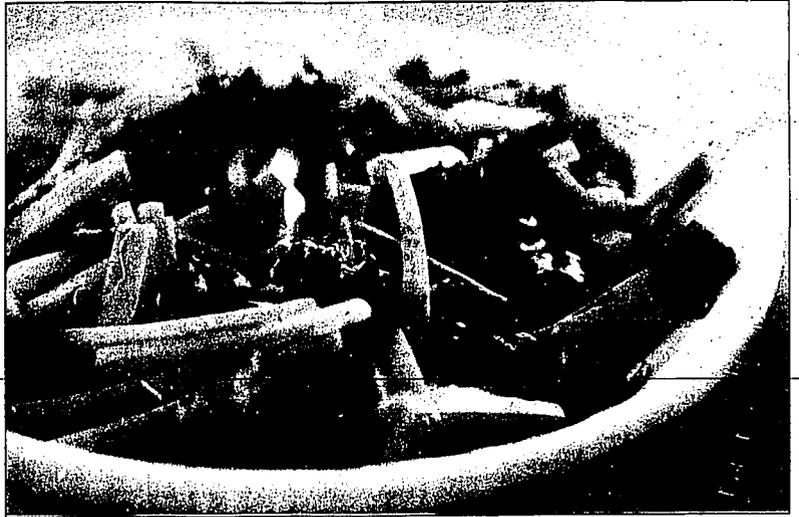
Sherman is a follower of macrobiotics, a dietary practice based on the Chinese notion of balancing yin and yang - the passive and active cosmic principles, respectively, in nature.

Although there are variations, macrobiotics in general stresses avoiding foods that are classified as strongly yin (sugar, strong alcoholic beverages) or yang (red meat, poultry, table salt) and relying mainly on more neutral foods such as grains. Foods that grow naturally locally should be the mainstay of your diet, adherents believe.

Macrobiotics first came together as a philosophy in Asia in the 1930s and swept the United States in the late 1960s. Its followers believe that the quality of life can be enhanced and that serious illnesses can be cured by its practice; critics argue that unmodified attempts at such a diet can lead to nutritional deficiencies.



Jill Sherman is teaching three College of Southern Idaho Community Education Classes on nutrition. Sherman emphasizes eating meals at regular times and incorporating grains, vegetables and soups in meals.



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Macrobiotics has implications beyond diet - giving yourself a daily body rub, for example, or wearing cotton next to your skin. But you don't have to buy into macrobiotics to eat smarter, Sherman says.

"A lot of little things can make a difference, like eating your meals at the same time every day and avoiding distractions while you eat, like watching television," she said. "Even making sure that you chew your food thoroughly."

Sherman, who moved to the Magic Valley two months ago with her fiancé, studied macrobiotics at the Strengthening Health Institute in Philadelphia. It teaches dietary and lifestyle practices that founder Denny Waxman believes lead to better health.

Before that, the Ohio-born Sherman worked in the corporate offices of Reebok in Boston and TGI Friday's in Dallas, struggling to fit a healthy diet into a high-stress workday.

"It's not always easy, but it's worth the effort," she said.

When she dines out, Sherman assembles a meal one piece at a time.

"You don't have to order from the menu," she said. "If you go to an Italian restaurant, for example, you can start with a pasta, and add on from there."

At home, meals are centered around a grain dish - pasta or rice, generally - and vegetables. "Even for breakfast," Sherman said. "We'll eat oatmeal, but we might also have a vegetable, like broccoli."

Allow enough time to eat your meals, she suggests - at least 20 minutes. Stop eating three hours before bedtime. And dine in an orderly manner.

That means starting with heavy, well-cooked dishes and finishing with lighter, less-cooked foods. Grains should be eaten from beginning to end of the meal, and beverages and dessert should come last.

And even if you don't know much about cooking, understand how to do a couple of things well, Sherman suggests.

"When you're cooking vegetables, you need to understand the point at which they lose most of their nutritional value," she said. "That's why I like to blanch vegetables - usually only for 30 seconds or so. They retain some of their crispness, and you need some crunch in your diet."

Many Americans are hypoglycemic, Sherman says, which means their bodies can't handle the large amounts of sugar they consume.

Hypoglycemia is the oversecretion of insulin by the pancreas in response to a rapid rise in blood sugar, or glucose.

All carbohydrates are broken down into simple sugars in digestion. This sugar enters the bloodstream as



Top, mixed vegetable dish consists of carrots, broccoli and red cabbage that have been blanched. Above, brown rice and chickpeas, foreground, accompani sautéed bok choy and tofu along with a bowl of miso soup with onion, mushrooms and carrots.

To learn more ...

Jill Sherman will teach two nutrition and health classes this winter through the College of Southern Idaho Community Education Center. The first, "Improve Your Health with our Going into the Kitchen," will be held Feb. 5 from 7:30 p.m. in Room 145 of the Aspen Building on the CSI campus in Twin Falls. Cost is \$35.

The second is "Eat Your Veggies ... But First Learn to Cook Them," scheduled for March 5 from 7:9 p.m. in Room 145 of the Aspen Building. Cost is \$45. She'll also teach a third class, "Intro to Asian Diagnosis," on Feb. 25 from 7:30 p.m. in Room 145 of the Aspen Building. Cost is \$30. To register, call the Community Ed Center at 732-6288.

glucose and blood sugar rises. The pancreas then secretes insulin, a hormone, into the blood in order to bring the glucose down to normal levels.

If you're hypoglycemic, your pancreas sends out too much insulin and your blood sugar falls. Since all the cells of the body use glucose for fuel, a blood glucose level that is too low starves the cells, causing physical and emotional problems ranging from fatigue to headaches to depression.

"That's one reason why eating meals at regular times is important," she said. "Instead of eating a candy bar in the afternoon."

Although she doesn't eat meat herself, Sherman says there's room for it in a healthy diet.

"A healthy diet," she said, "is a diet in balance."

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GONE TODAY, HAIR TOMORROW

Hairpieces help bald children

The Washington Post

The package arrived one day last summer and out toppled Emily Williams' new hair. Fourteen inches of shimmering blond hair - like you might see on an American Girl doll - enough hair to easily reach 9-year-old Emily's shoulders. "I like it. I like that it's long, and I like that it's very, very blond," Emily said recently as she sat in her living room in Goshen, Va., stroking her hairpiece.

Emily's own hair refuses to grow. Please see ATTITUDE, Page B2



Emily Williams says she wears her hairpiece when she wants to, not because she thinks she has to. Underneath, she's the same Emily as before: "I look different, but I don't feel different."

Animal hair fabrics deserve special care

Winter always brings out the warm, luxurious hair fabrics named after the animals who share their lovely coats with us.

Because of their relative rarity and the care taken during various stages of production, these fabrics can be expensive. If they are within your budget, however, they are long-lasting, elegant investments.

And sometimes the hair fibers are blended with sheep's wool to make them more affordable. Here are some you'll find by the yard in better fabric stores, mainly for sewing coats and jackets:

• **Alpacas** From a domesticated Peruvian animal, a cousin to the llama. The fiber is valued for its strength, warmth, water repellancy and silky feel. There are two



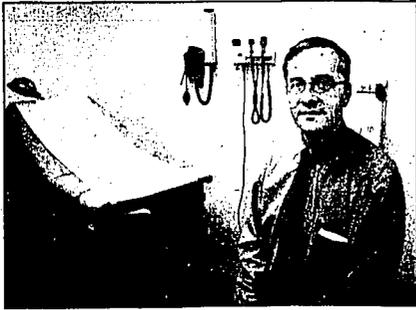
SEWING
Barbara Gash

types - soft wool-like hair, and stiffer outer hair. Colors range from gray to reddish-brown. • **Camels' hair** Taken from the two-humped camel (Bactrian) found in Asia. The natural tan color is familiar to American consumers. It's very soft and lustrous because only the downy hair near the camel's skin is used for fine fabrics.

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HEALTH & FASHION

Dr. Kenneth Greene, who practices Internal medicine, has seen his malpractice costs go up from \$8,000 to \$11,000 in one year. Greene says he can't raise his rates, so he's written to his patients asking for a donation of \$10 apiece.



Robert Lee Photo

Won't you help your doctor pay his or her malpractice premium?

The Baltimore Sun

TOWSON, Md. - Confronted with rising malpractice premiums, Dr. Kenneth Greene, an internal medicine doctor, devised a creative solution: He wrote his patients asking them to chip in \$10 apiece voluntarily.

If a doctor asking his patients to contribute to the well being of his practice seems unusual, consider that during the past week they've sent him \$3,000 in increments of \$10, \$20 and \$50 - enough to offset the increase in his malpractice bill.

Greene called the response so far "very gratifying." Consumers and employers may be disturbed by the rising cost of medicine. But on the flip side are doctors who feel hemmed in by rising costs - from staffing to malpractice insurance premiums - and reimbursement rates pre-negotiated with insurers or set by government programs such as Medicare.

The median compensation for internal medical doctors rose about 10 percent between 1998 and 2002, workers and nearly 17 percent increase for professionals such as engineers, architects and business executives, according to

the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

To offset rising costs, doctors have begun charging small fees - in the \$5 to \$15 range - for not-exactly-medical chores, such as filling out camp physical forms. Others are setting up "boutique" or "VIP" services, charging an average fee of \$1,500 or more to patients willing to pay for the convenience of 24-hour availability or guaranteed next-day appointments. Still others have begun selling skin lotions or doing cosmetic procedures such as botox and dermabrasion treatments - cash disbursements not covered by insurance, so patients are free to price them without worrying about insurance contracts.

But Greene's appeal for patient contributions is an approach many medical experts said they hadn't heard of before.

"The dilemma physicians face is that operating expenses are going up 6 to 6 1/2 percent a year, and their income isn't going up to match," said Dr. William F. Jesse, president and chief executive officer of the Medical Group Management Association, a Colorado-based national professional organization for managers

of physician practices. "When those two lines cross, something's got to melt."

Greene, 46, said the idea of soliciting contributions came to him gradually after several years of costs rising - for rent and staff salaries as well as insurance. Meanwhile, insurance companies, seeking to hold down medical costs, kept reimbursement rates flat or lowered them in some cases.

"I jokingly said to my staff, perhaps I'd put a box out and ask for donations like a street musician," he recounted.

When he received his malpractice insurance bill a few weeks ago - \$11,000 for the year, up from \$8,000 - he decided to put a variation of that plan into effect.

The malpractice insurer for most doctors in the state, Medical Mutual Liability Insurance Society of Maryland, won approval for a 28-percent rate hike this fall, and mailed out bills last month. Greene's increase was fairly typical for a primary care doctor, said T. Michael Preston, executive director of the state medical society. Greene said he has never been charged with malpractice.

woven or knitted, and is best in styles with simple lines.

• Cashmere: From the downy undercoat of domesticated Asian Kashmir goats. It takes about 20 goats to gather enough soft hair to make a 100-percent cashmere coat. Lightweight, but very warm

and comfortable, the natural colors are gray, tan or white, but it can be dyed. Since it's not as durable as wool, it's often seen as a blend of the two.

When cutting patterns in any of these luxury fabrics, use a one-way nap layout. Then stitch slowly

Don't match eye shadow to eye color

DEAR PAULA: I have an argument with a friend about how to choose eye shadow colors. I say it's a good idea to match eye shadow shades to your eye color. She says eye shadow should be used to shade and shape the eyes using neutral tones, not "coloring" the eyes. What's the right way? - ELIZABETH, LOS ANGELES

DEAR ELIZABETH: Your friend is right, it is not a good idea to match eye shadow to go with your eye color. In fact, I have yet to meet a professional makeup artist who would disagree with that statement.

The reasons for this are many, with the primary one being just as your friend stated, eye shadow is meant to shade, shape, and define the eye, in an effort to put the focus on your entire eye.

Besides, applying a blue or green eye shadow when you have blue or green eyes will only serve to compete with your eye color, thus pulling focus away from the eye design and putting it squarely on the eye shadow color - probably not the result you had in mind while admiring that coneflower blue or bright green shadow at the department store! That means choosing from the full spectrum of neutral hues, which include innumerable gradations of brown, caramel, taupe, gray, mauve, dusky plums, and black.

Another reason why choosing eye shadows to match your eye color is a bad idea is that when vivid color is used on the eye, this can limit or clash with your choice of clothing colors. For example, choosing a green-toned eye shadow to match your green eyes can look strange if you decide to wear a sky blue blazer, cranberry red blouse, or lavender sweater.

When you opt to use neutral or muted eye shadow colors, there is no need to be concerned about how your clothing color choices will coordinate with your eye makeup.



COSMETICS Q&A Paula Begoun

You only need to change your lip and blush color. So rather than limiting your wardrobe options, you have expanded them by choosing to shade rather than color the eye.

By the way, several well-known makeup artists concur with this advice.

Bobbi Brown, who has been dubbed the "Queen of Neutrals," states in her book "Bobbi Brown Beauty," "it's almost never a good idea to match your eye shadow color to your eye color - especially if you have blue or green eyes."

Also agreeing is the late, well-known makeup artist Kevyn Aucoin.

In his book "The Art of Makeup," he stated that "I prefer neutral tones where eye shadows are concerned. I try to avoid

bright colors, because they deviate too much from the natural colors in our skin."

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NEW WRINKLES ON OLD PROBLEMS

G. Adrian Dean, M.D.

Q. I've heard that there is a risk in traveling that clots may form in the leg (and possibly move to the heart or lungs) from sitting still for a long time on a plane or bus. How serious is this and how can this be avoided?

A. Preventing deep vein thrombosis (clots in the legs) is very serious and if the clot travels to your heart or lung, it can be fatal. It is relatively uncommon during routine travel. Nonetheless, moving your legs at least once an hour during travel is an important part of preventing deep vein thrombosis. You can also exercise in your seat, such as flexing your calf muscles and ankles, and walk around, if possible. Drinking plenty of fluids helps blood circulate. Older people at increased risk for deep vein thrombosis should take extra care to follow these measures. They include those who have a history of clots, cancer, or have recently undergone surgery. A regular checkup with your physician may identify other risks specific to your situation.



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• Mohair: From the Angora goat. This is the best-known hair fiber, soft and fluffy, but also strong and resilient. Mohair absorbs dyes evenly, and lovely colors can be produced. Expect some shedding. It can be

Attitude

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grow beyond the fuzzi stage, which gives her head the appearance of a big cranis ball. Three years ago her parents found out about Locks of Love, a group that makes hairpieces for kids ages 6 to 17 whose own hair won't grow for some reason. The wigs are made entirely of donated human hair, and it takes four to six months to make just one.

You may know someone who had long hair cut to give to Locks of Love. Or maybe you've had your own hair cut. (Every week more than 2,000 ponytails arrive at the group's Florida offices, and most come from kids) Emily's story is about what it's like at the other end of the giving chain.

Emily's parents knew when she was about 3 that she had a hair problem. Her sister Katie, 6 at the time, had a full head of hair, but little Emily was bald. A doctor said Emily had an unusual condition, seen mostly in young children, in which the hair doesn't attach well to the scalp. Instead, it pulls out in

bunches. Fortunately, it doesn't hurt Emily and it's healthy. Emily's condition is hereditary (meaning it was passed on by one of her ancestors), but no one can remember anyone else in her family who had it.

Emily got her first Locks of Love hairpiece when she was 6. She picked out the color (also blond), the length and the skin tone. But first her parents had to make a plaster cast mold of her head (like what you get if you break your arm). The mold is used to make a cap that fits snugly on the head. When all the measurements are exactly right, another cap is made from a rubbery material called silicone and the hair is attached, strand by strand.

There are 150,000 hairs in each hairpiece, which equals six to 10 ponytails.

The hairpieces would cost as much as \$6,000 if bought in a store, but the children get them for free or almost free, depending on their family's ability to pay. And because

your head grows with the rest of you, when you're young, kids can get a new wig every 24 months.

Emily wears her swimming sometimes and has been told she could even ride a roller coaster and it wouldn't budge from her head. And because they are made of human hair, Locks of Love hairpieces look natural, unlike some wigs.

Not having hair is a bigger deal for girls than for boys, because people don't stare at a boy who has very short hair. Emily has never been very upset over her baldness, mostly because she lives in a small community where just about everyone knows and accepts her as she is. Her family, including Katie and their 11-month-old sister, Mary Ruth, lives on a 60-acre farm in the Shenandoah Valley; the nearest

at a normal setting with reduced pressure.

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big town, Staunton, is 30 miles away.

Nobody has ever been "ugly" to Emily about her lack of hair, she said, though someone at school once told her she looked like a boy. But for two years she danced ballet without a ballerina's traditional bun and it was a big deal.

She wears her hairpiece when she wants to, not because she thinks she has to. Underneath, she's the same Emily as before: "I look different but I don't feel different."

Plus there are times when it's better not to have hair. "It gets really sweaty, like when I'm outside running," she said. "One time, on the playground in third grade, I took it off because I was hot and another girl said, 'I wish I could take my hair off!'"

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Hospital offers community education class on diabetes

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will offer a special community education meeting on diabetes with information about prioritizing necessary care while still enjoying life. It will be held Feb. 2 from noon to 2 p.m. in the hospital's Doctor's Meeting Room, located inside the cafeteria in the basement at 650 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Pre-registration is required. To learn more about this class or to sign up to attend, call 737-2166.

NuParent class

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will present a new program for new parents, NuParent. It is a parent development program that balances a focus on the needs of children with the needs of adults. Its structure provides time in each session for a parent/child activity, a knowledge-building exercise, and a parent support group.

The new session of NuParent classes is accepting registrations. Classes meet on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension Fireside Room, 371 Eastland Drive N., in Twin Falls. The fee for the eight-week class is \$25. To sign up, call 737-2166.

Parents of babies and toddlers are encouraged to participate in NuParent. Because NuParent programs are designed for a relatively narrow age range of children, parents have a chance to interact with people at the same parenting stage. Topics to be covered include health and safety, parenting styles, nurturing, playing and guiding your baby and infant massage.

About Kryon

A Kryon "At Home" meeting, hosted by Michael and Darcie Clair, will be held from 1-6 p.m. Saturday at the Schubert Theater in Gooding. Tickets are \$85 each. The meeting will be a presentation of New Age information, discussion and questions by Lee Carroll. After graduating from California Western University, Carroll operated a technical audio business in San Diego for 30 years. Carroll and his spiritual partner, Jan Tober, started the "Kryon light groups" in Del Mar, Calif., in 1991. Now they host meetings around the world and have a Web site.

For more information on the Gooding meeting, call 733-7695 or visit www.westernstatescollege.com.

Breast cancer support

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

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

For more information, call Lydia Gilman at 737-2979 or Mary

Dash of cinnamon may help Type 2 diabetics

Los Angeles Times

A little bit of cinnamon might spice up your health.

"The aromatic bark can lower blood sugar, triglycerides and cholesterol levels, as well as improve insulin functioning, particularly in Type 2 diabetics, researchers have found. Richard Anderson, lead scientist at the Human Nutrition Research Center in Beltsville, Md., has been studying cinnamon and calls its medicinal properties the most significant nutritional discovery he's seen in 25 years.

"I don't know of anything else," he said, other than drugs, "that can change glucose, triglycerides and cholesterol levels nearly so much." The most recent study,

To do for you

Howard at 734-1766.

'Baby and Me'

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

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years.

The class is free. For more information, call 324-7262.

Diabetes education

Magic Valley Diabetes Coalition is offering a free foot exam clinic for those who have diabetes. Dr. Randy Maalstad and Dr. Craig Holman will conduct the exams from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday at the Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. S. in Twin Falls.

People who have diabetes are vulnerable to nerve and vascular damage that can result in loss of protective sensation in the feet, poor circulation and poor healing of foot ulcers. It is recommended that people who have diabetes have their feet examined at least once a year by a trained health care professional.

To make an appointment for a free foot exam, call Susie Beem at 734-5900, Ext. 246.

CPR class

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

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

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

Breast-feeding class

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer Breast-feeding 101 from 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W. in Jerome.

The class will discuss the advantages of breast-feeding, common breast-feeding problems and solutions, nutrition and weaning.

The class is for expectant mothers, fathers and other support persons. First-time parents, mothers who haven't breast-fed before or had an unsuccessful breast-feeding experience, and for parents who would like a refresher course.

The class is free. All parents are encouraged to attend the class within two months of the baby's due date. To register, call 324-4301, Ext. 3361.

Diet education

"The Low-Carb Craze: What

You Need To Know" program will be offered at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the lower level conference room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

Dr. Daniel Brown will present medical information on low-carbohydrate and low-fat diets. He will discuss the advantages, disadvantages and differences of diets.

The class is free. To register, call 737-2166.

Parenting program

NuParent, a program for new parents, will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Fireside Room at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls.

The program provides time in each session for a parent and child activity, a knowledge-building exercise and a parent support group. Topics will include safety, nurturing, infant development and coping with crying.

Cost for the eight-week class is \$25. Pre-registration is required. To register, call 737-2166.

Widowed support group

Widowed Information and Consultation Services will begin an eight-week series, Coping with Widowhood, from 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Office on Aging located on the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls.

The sessions will provide information and support in dealing with the problems of being widowed.

For more information or to register, call the Office on Aging at 736-2122. Walk-ins are welcome.

Diabetes education

A diabetes education class entitled, "OK, I Have Diabetes - But I Don't Have To Like It" will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 2 in the doctors' meeting room on the lower level floor at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Discussion will include suggestions to prioritize necessary care of diabetes and still enjoy life.

The class is free. Pre-registration is required. To register, call 737-2166.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Feb. 3 through March 2, in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

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

Cost is \$50. Pre-registration is

required, call 737-2900.

Learn CPR

A cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 4-8 p.m. Feb. 3 in the doctors' meeting room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

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

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

Breast-feeding class

Breast-feeding classes will be offered from 5-7 p.m. Feb. 3 in the board room of Cassia Regional Medical Center, 1501 Hilland Ave. in Burley.

The class will discuss the advantages and the physiology of breast-feeding problems and solutions. The classes will be taught by a certified lactation educator.

Cost is \$20. Those attending should bring a doll or stuffed animal. For registration information, call the hospital's birth center at 677-6500.

Childbirth class

A childbirth class will be offered from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 3 at Cassia Regional Medical Center, 1501 Hilland Ave. in Burley.

The class will include information on handling the discomforts and problems of pregnancy. Safe exercise will be discussed, and a tour of the birth center will be given.

Cost is \$20 for the seven-part series. For registration information, call the hospital's birth center at 677-6500.

Labor rehearsal

A labor rehearsal class will be held from 7-9:30 p.m. Feb. 3 at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W. in Jerome.

Topics will include a full labor rehearsal from first contraction to delivery using all skills and comfort measures learned in childbirth classes. Participants are asked to bring two pillows and a blanket to the class.

The class is free for those who will be delivering at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. For more

information or to register, call 324-1122, Ext. 3361.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Feb. 4 through March 10, at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W. in Jerome.

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

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

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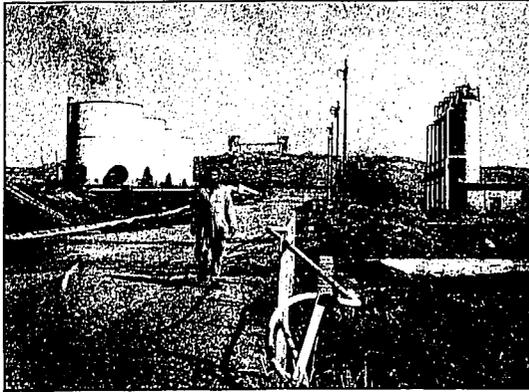
More security guards protect pipeline

BABA GURGUR, Iraq (AP) — With security guards now deployed along Iraq's export pipeline to the Mediterranean, crude from Iraq's country's biggest oil fields could start flowing to overseas markets "in a matter of days," a senior Iraqi oil official told The Associated Press.

Sabotage attacks forced the Ministry of Oil last year to close the pipeline, one of its two main arteries to overseas markets, but repairs to the network are now almost complete. The North Oil Co., which pumps crude near the northern city of Kirkuk, could boost Iraq's exports by up to 320,000 barrels a day — or about 20 percent — as soon as the Oil Ministry gives the order, said the company's deputy general director, Mamun Obaydi.

Since the ouster of Saddam Hussein last April, Iraq has only been able to export crude from its southern oil fields. The suspension of exports from northern Iraq has limited the North Oil Co. to producing solely for domestic consumption.

The long-anticipated resumption of oil shipments from Kirkuk to the Turkish port of Ceyhan would unlock a trove of crude and put Iraq on course to surpass its prewar production of 2.5 million barrels a day. Iraq needs to maximize oil exports to pay for repairs and improvements to its shattered economy and to under-



An Iraqi oil worker walks through Iraq's oldest oil processing plant near Kirkuk on Saturday. With security guards now deployed along Iraq's export pipeline to the Mediterranean, crude from one of the country's biggest oil fields could start flowing to overseas markets in a few days.

rel, almost all of them leaving from Iraq's Basrah Oil Terminal in the Gulf. Once the pipeline to Turkey reopens, Iraq could rapidly increase its crude exports by as much as 20 percent, al-Obaydi said.

"The closure is not a forced closure—it's not that I cannot export (and) therefore I'm not exporting. I can export if the Ministry of Oil decides to do so," he said at his company's headquarters, 5 miles northwest of Kirkuk.

Security problems, which used

to be the overwhelming reason for the pipeline's closure, are now a minor issue thanks to the employment of thousands of specially trained guards.

British security firm Enrins International Ltd. has hired many of the guards from villages near the same sections of pipeline that saboteurs have bombed and strafed.

"It won't be long before North Oil can export again; shipments could restart within "a matter of weeks — a matter of days even," al-Obaydi said.

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U.S. helicopter crashes into Tigris; crew missing

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) — A U.S. helicopter crashed in the Tigris river while searching for a missing soldier on Sunday, and the aircraft's two crew members were missing, the military said.

It did not say what caused the crash of the OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopter, attached to the 101st Airborne Division.

The helicopter was searching for a soldier missing when the boat he was in capsized earlier Sunday while on patrol. The other three soldiers in the boat were safe, but two Iraqi police officers and an Iraqi translator were confirmed killed in the incident, said Maj. Josselyn Aberle, a spokeswoman for the 4th Infantry Division.

She said the search for the two pilots was underway. U.S. troops and Iraqi police sealed off the area and established checkpoints to secure the search and rescue operation.

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the town of Mukyushifa, located south of Saddam Hussein's hometown Tikrit, according to spokeswoman Maj. Josselyn Aberle.

The raids in the Sunni heartland followed a series of bombings and attacks Saturday in which six soldiers were killed. One of them, from the 4th Infantry Division, died Sunday of wounds suffered when insurgents fired a rocket-propelled grenade at his Bradley vehicle in Beiji on Saturday.

Five other U.S. soldiers were killed in two separate bombings Saturday in Khadiyah and Fallujah, both located in the Euphrates River valley west of the capital. A blast Saturday in Samarra to the north of Baghdad narrowly missed an American convoy but killed four Iraqis and wounded about 40 others, including seven Americans.

A roadside bomb exploded Sunday near a U.S. patrol in Baghdad, but a U.S. soldier speaking on condition of anonymity said there were no U.S. casualties.

Iraqis take hard line on Governing Council

Knights Ridder News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's top Shiite Muslim leader now says that American plans for a caucus-based political system are illegitimate because the idea for them came from another illegitimate body: the U.S.-appointed Governing Council.

The hardline line reflects the widespread Iraqi view that the council has been an abject failure, without legitimacy beyond the American compound where its members work. Many in Iraq see the governing council as a lesson in what'll happen without direct elections: rule over Iraq by outsiders who do not have the country's best interest at heart. To complicate matters, many on the council are angling to have the body continue as a non-elected senate, a scenario almost certain to trigger widespread unrest.

In a statement read to thousands of worshippers Friday, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Hussein al-Sistani said of the American government plan: "It is illegitimate because that decision took place between the coalition forces and the governing council, and they are an unelected body... The coalition forces are not allowed to have direct elections because maybe someone will be in power that they don't agree with."

A lot of Iraqis share that view — that Washington would rather continue working with the governing council's pro-American former exiles than roll the dice with open elections.

"If the Americans refuse to give us elections, and begin making appointments, they will bring us another Saddam," warned Neor Aldin Alwa'adh, a spokesman for Sistani's Baghdad office.

Many in the Hawza, a religious holy city of scholars that issues fatwas, or edicts to be followed as law, share this pessimism.

"The people of Iraq suffered for 30 years under a terrible regime. It is natural for them to be afraid of the future," said Ali al-Sibrawi a senior member of the Hawza.

He was afraid that the Americans, absent direct elec-



Iraqi shoppers at a market in Najaf, Iraq, last week pass under a sign that calls for the formation of government by a general vote.

tions, will give the power to such a regime," he said. "It would be just like the governing council — selected by the Americans."

Governing council members rarely make public appearances. They drive around Baghdad in armored SUVs, guarded by swarms of men carrying machine guns.

It is a striking contrast to Sistani, whose main office in Najaf is in an alleyway that turns off a crowded market street with cheap perfume stands and butcher shops. His security consists of a few men who spend their time chatting with passers-by and teasing local children who play marbles in the dirt.

The United States is currently planning to usher in a new Iraqi government by July 1 after a complex series of nationwide caucuses that would culminate in a national assembly. As that process is finalized, under the plan, the governing council and the American coalition authority would be dissolved.

But several members would rather keep their council intact after the July 1 date.

One of them, Samir Mahmood Sumaidy, said that he and others have argued that the body should continue "as an upper house, like a Senate, that would guarantee continuity."

Sadeoun al-Dulame, the director of an independent think tank in Baghdad and a frequent consultant with many of the council members, said that he's heard all of a push to expand the governing council and have it take the place of the planned national assembly altogether.

Part of Washington's overriding concern is that an open election might put in office a Shiite Muslim cleric, or a politician beholden to one, who would steer Iraq toward a theocratic state like its neighbor to the east, Iran. Shiite Muslims are thought to make up some 60 percent of Iraq's 26 million people. They are expected to vote more or less as a bloc, unlike Sunni Muslims,

whose concerns could be split by ethnic considerations, such as a possible Kurdish state to the north.

Despite such concerns, Dulame is not a supporter of extending the governing council's tenure beyond July.

If the Americans impose it on the Iraqis, they are going to destroy our dreams of a new Iraq," Dulame said.

The governing council member bearing the heaviest scorn is Ahmad Chalabi, a mathematics professor and businessman with close ties to Vice President Dick Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. U.S. forces flew Chalabi to Iraq during the war, and the administration's post-war plans presumed Iraqis would embrace Chalabi as a leader.

It turned out that most Iraqis consider Chalabi, who was once convicted in absentia of fraud in Jordan, a crook and a traitor. He still enjoys the Bush administration's favor, however. During Bush's State of the Union address last week, Chalabi sat with the president's wife.

Chalabi surprised many on Friday when he declared that "I believe elections are possible. Do not seek to find a reason why elections are not possible. Seek to make them possible and they will be possible."

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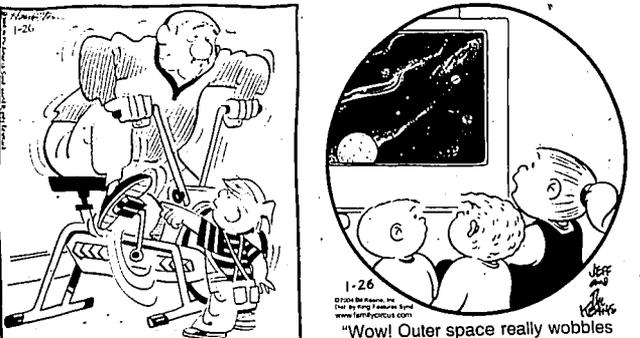


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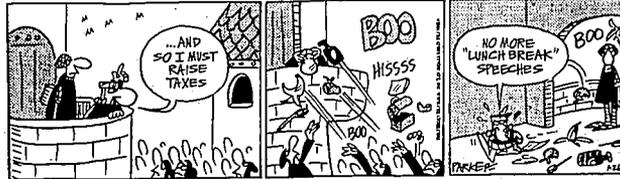
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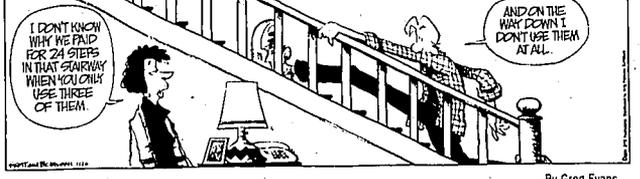
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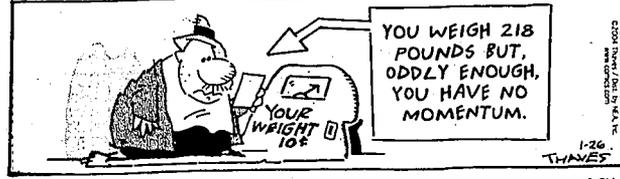
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PUPPET TALK



Volunteer Linda Petersen and Minidoka County school nurse Laurie Stimpson perform a puppet show for fourth-graders at Acequia Elementary School, educating them about what to do about bullies.

Youth find ways to handle bullies

By Trena Tegan
Times-News writer

ACEQUIA - Using puppets, a new Minidoka County School program aims to teach fourth-graders about how to deal with bullies.

Laurie Stimpson, the Minidoka County School District nurse, and Linda Petersen, a member of the volunteer Mini-Cassia Child Protection team, travel to elementary schools giving the Kids on the Block presentation. Stimpson said the program is meant to teach the children to accept differences and learn how to diffuse a bully problem, whether it is one they are experiencing or happening to someone else.

Children also are encouraged to

be a "Bully Buster," that is someone who helps diffuse and alleviate a bully problem when it occurs, and are asked for suggestions about what they could do if a bully problem arises.

The school district purchased the program with the help of the Idaho Department of Education Safe and Drug Free Schools program. Kids on the Block Inc., based in Columbia, Md., provides the educational puppet programs to help children with a variety of difficult issues, including disability awareness, such as blindness and mental disorders, and social and safety concerns, such as substance abuse. The programs are designed to help children learn and understand by listening and speaking to another

"child" who would respond to questions on their level.

The "hand and rod" puppets, where one hand of the puppeteer works the mouth of the puppet and their other hand manipulates a rod for gestures, are 3.4 feet tall. Some have "disabilities" and use aids, such as leg braces to make the character more realistic. The puppetry is based on a Japanese-style called Bunraku where the puppeteers are dressed in black and seem to blend into the background as the presentation progresses.

The Cassia County School District offers a similar puppet program that teaches children about physical and sexual abuse. The two school districts share their programs.

Toons invade T.F. high school

The Flintstones, the Smurfs, Tweedledee and Tweedledum.

Sounds like you just walked into the Cartoon Network. Well, think again.

A school-wide pep assembly on Friday wrapped up a great Bruin Week, "Bruins in Toon Town."

On Monday, cavemen and women flooded the halls brought directly from Bedrock, courtesy of Fred's two feet. Bones through the hair and animal print outfits were the fashion for the day.

Crazy hair, mittens and scarves were all the rage on Tuesday for Who's Day as the school commiserated Dr. Seuss's lovable characters of the Who's of the fictional land of Whoville.

Wednesday's Disney Theme was a ball with hooks, beasts, Captain Jack, Tinkerbells and TFHS' own student body president, Lars Heggdahl, as Peter Pan. And we



BRUIN BUZZ
Emily Jackson

all studied happily ever after.

On Thursday the theme of the day was Superheroes, and there were also many Supermen, Catwomen, Powerpuff Girls and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles roaming and protecting the halls from the dangers of the outside world.

On Friday, blue and white day or Smurf Day, all students appreciated the shortened classes that made way for an event filled pep assembly. Bruins participated in the several contests. Entertainment was provided by the TFHS cheerleaders, dance team and Drum Corp.

The junior class took first place in the box building, followed by the seniors and then the sophomores. The sophomore girls, tug-of-war team defeated both the junior and senior teams. Juniors came in second, defeating the senior girls. The senior boys literally fell into first place, with the help of the junior boys who promptly admitted defeat, causing the seniors to stumble backward. The senior class took first place in board surfing and the jump off. Junior Jack Mikesell also won the frozen T-shirt contest for his class. Top wall decorating honors went to the sophomores.

When all the activities were tallied up, the seniors received first place, followed by the juniors, and then the sophomores. All three classes tied for best sportsmanship.

Emily Jackson is a staff writer with the Twin Falls High School Bruin News.

Automotive class at high school proves beneficial

A steady drum and clang, clang, clang can be heard coming from this unique classroom everyday.

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BUHL BEAT
Joe Popplewell

Buhl High School's auto tech program is led by Justin Tate, who arrived four years ago. It is very evident that he has built a successful program with a fun atmosphere.

"The classes are very hands-on with written work to back it up," Mr. Tate said. "Students love to work on real automobiles, and enjoy the idea of doing the actual repairs on them. We cover all aspects of automobiles, whether it is electrical, engine performance, steering and suspension or brakes."

You name it; he teaches it. Students first enter the program as sophomores, and they usually remain in it through their senior year. About 80 students participate in this program yearly and many come from other area schools. All students from any high school are welcome to attend, free of charge.

"We have had or currently have students from Kimberly, Twin Falls, Filer, Wendell and Castletford who join us in the classroom," Mr. Tate said. "Each year I have more and more students enter this program, and it is very evident that students truly love learning about

the world of auto mechanics, not just through a book, but by doing the actual work themselves."

One of the greatest things about Buhl's automotive program is that students can come out of the program job ready.

"If they are willing to work hard, often times they can come out of this program with job offers. Even though attaining a job is very possible, I encourage further education and on the job training before entering the work force."

Mr. Tate added.

When asked about his favorite part of the job, Mr. Tate answers with a big smile, "It's the students and the transformation they take from being teen-agers to young adults. I also love teaching eager and willing pupils, and the constant change in technology."

For more information about the program, call Mr. Tate at 543-2587. Winter sports have heated up, and district tournaments are just around the corner.

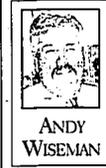
Joe Popplewell is the student body president at Buhl High School.

Castletford prepares for conference basketball

The Castletford girls basketball team begins its conference tournament at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Murtaugh.

Carolyn Kohntopp, the school music instructor, and the Castletford pep band will be playing, and we encourage all our basketball fans to show up in red, white, and blue to support the Lady Wolves.

Norma Chandler, our school lunch supervisor, says that more than half of the students are taking advantage of our breakfast program. Mrs. Chandler reminds parents that all students can eat breakfast free every day. The free breakfast concept is in its second year and supported by staff members because we feel our attendance and academic achievement have both increased.



ANDY WISEMAN

The annual Castletford Men's Club Auction will be held Saturday in the Castletford School lunch room. The auction is a tremendous activity where the club raises money that is used in our community for many and varied worthwhile activities.

We are beginning to work on next year's school calendars and secondary class schedules. We anticipate some changes to deal with the new federal and state requirements that are mandated by the No Child Left Behind and the Idaho State Board of Education. We invite parents and students to give us input.

Andy Wiseman is principal of Castletford School.

SCHOOL NEWS

Shoshone High decathlon team starts new season

SHOSHONE - The Shoshone High School Academic Decathlon kicked off its season with an invitational practice meet in Jerome Dec. 6.

In the super quiz, its first team earned second place and second team earned third place.

Eleven students won gold, silver and bronze medals for different categories: Jeremy Connell, gold for interview; John Gedeberg, silver in language and bronze in super quiz; Krystal Braun, silver in language and art, bronze in science; Christina Gedeberg, silver in music and essay; Carl Dayton, silver in interview, bronze in speech and super quiz; Sarah Hansen, silver in speech; Kaitlyn Russell, bronze in speech; Kallie Axelsson, bronze in art; Dan Billington, silver in super quiz; Zada Davis, silver in art; and Robert Merrick, silver in music.

Also competing were David Engman, Jennie Wadsworth, Griselda Zavala, Lindsey Henson and Jessica Connell. Team Brandon Craig, Anna Gedeberg and Karla Davis were in north Idaho competing in the state drama meet. Junior High student, Ian Ingram also participates in the decathlon program.

The team won the state championship for small schools last year. Coach Jonene Buckway said she has a young, inexperienced team, but expects a good season.

"I lost seven students from last year's championship team to graduation or they left the area. We only have three returning seniors, one additional senior, three juniors, but only one with experience; the rest are sophomores and one freshman," she said. The central region tournament will be Jan. 31 at Shoshone.

O'Leary school celebrates 25th anniversary

TWIN FALLS - O'Leary Junior High, 2350 Elizabeth Blvd., will

Buhl High students of the month announced

BUHL - Buhl High School students of the months of November and December are: Senfin Aguilar, Luke Alexander, Jayme Anderson, Kristine Bingham, Jessica Brown, Cody Carpenter, Amanda Cox, Kody Cunningham, Sonia Delgado, Chris Fields, Maricela Flores, Ida Forbert, Roman Garcia, Julie Hall, Danielle Hamman, Josh Harmon, Stormy Henson, Eric Hernandez, Miranda Juker, Cory Keller, David Keller, Zach Leckenby, Janna Lively, Summer Lyday, Katie Martinez, Valarie Martinez, Camie Martinez, Sara Mason, Jamie Nicholson, Janessa Nye, Patty Parks, Alicia Parsons, Morgan Peterson, Steve Rafter, Mike Rippee, Christy Sathler, Ashlee Schmitt, Will Stemp, Vance Swencer, Justin Stewart, Sam Tanner, Caleb Thom, Joe Thompson, Houston Torkelson, Michelle Viola, Lara Welch and Keaton Wilson.

The students were awarded door prizes and certificates at a ceremony. The West End Men's Association makes the ceremony possible through their donations. Senior representative of the association, Mike Felton Sr., helped award the certificates and door prizes.

celebrate its 25th anniversary at the school on Friday.

A slide show and program, including remarks by past administrators, will begin at 2 p.m. in the auditorium, followed by a cake-cutting ceremony with the former principals at 3 p.m. in the commons area. The public is invited to attend.

For more information, call the school at 733-2155.

Local student receives DAR award for essay contest

TWIN FALLS - The Daughters of the American Revolution awarded Kelly Ann Buddecke, a student at T.L. Perrine Elementary, the first place for the fifth grade in the American history essay contest sponsored by the Twin Falls Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Her essay was submitted by her teacher, Paula A. Schreiner.

Kelly, daughter of Dave and Lisa Buddecke of Twin Falls, will be honored at a reception on Feb. 14, and receive a certificate, medal and a \$25 award. Her essay will represent the Magic Valley in the state level competition.

The topic was "The Louisiana Purchase - Thomas Jefferson's Presidential Legacy." Essays were judged on historical accuracy, originality and writing skills.

The contest is sponsored every year by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, an organization promoting patriotism, education and historic preservation. For more information about the organization call Diane at 655-4100.



Kelly Ann Buddecke

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HELPING THE NEEDY



Students in Marjorie Atkins' prime time (homeroom) class at O'Leary Junior High in Twin Falls prepared 27 school kits for needy children around the world. Students on the 'Loco Ocho' eighth-grade team collected the items, and Atkins' class organized the pens, pencils, paper, crayons, scissors, sharpeners and other items for shipping.

Teen wants out of committed relationship

DEAR ABBY: I am 19 and have been with "Mike" for four years. We became engaged a year ago. This is my first and only long-term relationship. Mike is kind, loving and would do anything for me.

In the beginning I was in love with him, but now I realize that I'm not ready for a serious commitment, especially since I've had no experience dating anyone else. I stopped wearing my engagement ring because I'm not sure I'll ever marry him.

When Mike asked me about the ring, I said, "I bought it, so I can choose when to wear it." (Mike didn't have credit, so we used my credit card, and I make the monthly payments.) I began thinking, "What if?" when another guy I know told me I was cute and asked for my phone number.

I care about Mike and don't want to hurt him, but I'm not in love with him anymore. How can I end this without starting World War III in our families? My par-



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

ents love him more than they love me, and when he and I argue, I get a guilt trip from them and feel like I have to apologize to him and make everything better.

Sometimes I wish he would break up with me and move out so I don't have to be the one to do it. Mike says I treat him like dirt.

Could I be doing it subconscious-ly? Abby, please help. I want out. -IN OVER MY HEAD

DEAR IN: What Mike is interpreting as being treated like dirt is your effort - conscious or otherwise - to distance yourself from the relationship. It is not abusive to admit that you have made a

mistake. The time has come for you to level with Mike and your family, and to tell them plainly that you are not ready for a permanent commitment.

I don't know which of you signed the lease on your dwelling, but the one who didn't should move. And let this be a lesson to you: It appears you were so desperate for commitment from Mike that you were willing to pay for your own engagement ring. So don't blame Mike, and don't blame your parents. You got yourself into this fix, and it's your time to accept your responsibility and put things right.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old male, and I have this problem telling the truth. I lie mainly about my grades. I am a good student, but I just don't put forth a lot of effort.

I got a progress report the other day and was failing Spanish with a 67. When my dad asked what my

grades, I told him I had gotten a 70 in Spanish because that is a passing grade. When he saw the report, he yelled at me. He was disappointed about the grade but even more so about the lie.

I feel comfortable telling my mom the truth because she and I are really close. But I can't seem to tell my dad the truth, ever. I don't know why. I don't know how to stop lying. Please help me. I'm begging you. -PINOCCHIO

DEAR PINOCCHIO: You and your father need to work on your relationship. He doesn't trust you because you lie. You lie because you don't trust him enough to honestly discuss your difficulties. Clip this letter, show it to him and tell him you wrote it. You and your father could both benefit from professional counseling to improve your level of communication and resolve your trust issues.

Be careful about kissing when sharing a horse

The law of a small New Hampshire township is quite specific about this: When you and your wife are riding a horse on Sunday, you cannot legally kiss.

Consider these people described by the mental medicos as chronically "fearful, anxious and lonely." A Toronto psychiatrist contends they most probably as children were made to feel guilty. By parents, relatives, caretakers, whomever was around long enough to bend them. The old "warped in childhood" explanations aren't as popular as once they were. But that "guilty" analysis still hangs in there.

First lilacs mentioned in European print were seen by a



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Frenchman in 1548 in old Constantinople, now Istanbul.

Q. How long can a hippo walk underwater without coming up for air?

A. About six minutes. Overweight women outnumber overweight men by five to three, say the statisticians.

Q. Don't women drink more wine than men?

A. The broad statistic on this one goes a little beyond the neighborhood: Women worldwide drink 55 percent of all the wine.

Most of the world's devout worship in temples without seats.

The surface of the world bulges most particularly in four places: At Ireland, off Peru, south of Africa and near New Guinea. To give some credence to that old phrase "the four corners of the earth."

Q. What's the only Caribbean island with a native population that's mostly blond?

A. Saba. In the Dutch West Indies.

What the American woman of the 1920s wanted most, it's said, was a Calvinator, the first

American refrigerator.

When you figure out exactly how a magnet moves an object without touching it, you'll make a big scientific breakthrough! So say the physicists. Nobody really knows, evidently.

Debuters still argue over whether "C.O.D." means "Cash on Delivery" or "Collect on Delivery." Depends on your geography. In England, it's "Cash." In the United States, it's "Collect."

Q. For the few of us who still don't know what a "Perfect Game" in baseball is, please explain.

A. A pitcher's outing wherein only 27 batters got the plate, three up, three down, in each of nine innings.

ACROSS crossword puzzle grid with clues: 1 Follow, 2 Churchill, 3 Brinary, 4 Fuss, 5 Koo, 6 Muddy pie, 7 Garr movio, 8 Mr., 9 Opening bars, 10 All thumbs, 20 Posors, 23 Agasal of tonnas, 24 UAE constitution, 26 Capital on the Willamette, 32 Perfect place, 33 At the stern, 38 Market figures, 38 Arranges by category, 39 Large splash, 41 Mel of cartoon voices, 43 Odometer unit, 44 City on the Rhine, 46 Nose, 48 Was first, 49 Adjutant of Islam, 51 Cavalry building, 53 Mkture, 55 Desert bloom, 59 Triple, 59 Skirt's laid, 66 Pie part, 67 Marriage vow, 68 Uncle Milto, 69 A la, 70 Actor Carlu, 71 Fathered, 72 Furdo pioneer, 73 Anger.

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Aries: Wait to start new project

IF JANUARY 26 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are self-directed and competitive, sometimes to a fault; you are a contender in everything you do. A better leader than team player, you can nevertheless work with others when it helps you to achieve your ends. You are impulsive, strong and fearless, but you never discard prudence entirely. With your fiery energy and determined pursuit of a goal, you are an unstoppable force.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): With the moon in Aries today and tomorrow, you're extra more dramatic and afraid of nothing. However, don't start anything new just yet. Watch out that you don't overshadow more timid souls. Career charisma comes on strong.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): You could get very stuck for a portion of today. Don't allow yourself to be pushed into anything, nor for that matter should you allow yourself to push others into anything. Postpone new beginnings for several more days.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The signing of any financial or other agreement should be postponed for several days. Eventually, though, records will be reached. Career recognition should be on the upswing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Career is highlighted, though things may not all run smoothly. You may feel negative about yourself today and tomorrow due to difficult stars. Counteract this with lots of self-acknowledgment of your virtues. Be gentle with yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You continue to want to expand your universe. Watch out for disagreements in the areas of travel and study, and avoid legal complications. Short-term issues might trouble an otherwise happy relationship.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Stay away from taking on any new obligations for a few days. Even though this is difficult for service-

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

oriented Virgo, "just say no." New beginnings of any kind should be avoided until late in the week.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Love reigns supreme in your heart now, though actual relationships may be a bit bumpy for a few days. It may be difficult to balance career obligations with your desire to have fun and be creative. Don't attempt a balance in this until later in the week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You're definitely back to work today, even if you work at home. You bring dynamism to your daily chores and can move mountains. Silver-tongued Scorpio wins the family over and can sell almost any idea.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'd rather today was a day off; you're in the mood to play. Luck with money may continue to improve as more planets move into your solar money sector. Today is the last day to reach out to others before negative stars linger for a few days.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Anything that you need to say in relationships should be said today or late in the week so as to avoid midweek's troublesome stars. You're quite focussed on family today and tomorrow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are inclined to be communicative today, and that's a good thing. Tomorrow and the next day will be unfavorable for this. You have a strong feeling that things are going on deep within you - and they are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Though you're in a bit of a retreat time for a few weeks, Uranus' long stay in Pisces will inspire you to abandon your customary low profile and to enjoy shocking others. Don't do anything that could create lasting negative consequences.

'Biography' chronicles actor's rise to stardom

Today

"Biography" - Actor John Stamos soars to stardom with television's "Full House" (CC) (TVG) ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT 6 p.m.

"Traffic" - The illegal drug trade links the lives of a DEA field agent (Elias Koteas), the greedy head (Balthazar Getty) of a garment business, and a cab driver (Cliff Curtis) in ways they don't recognize or understand. (CC) THE USA NETWORK 7 p.m.

"Las Vegas" - A mysterious hotel guest is murdered during a blackout; while trapped in the blackout together, Danny and Mary relish some of their feelings for one another. (CC) (TVG) NBC 8 p.m.

Tuesday

"New Hampshire Primary" - Coverage of the Democratic presidential primary election. (CC) NBC 7 p.m.

"Traffic" - Mike (Elias Koteas) looks for a large shipment of heroin; Ben (Balthazar Getty) assists Johnny Cho in illegal activities; Adam (Cliff Curtis) continues to delve into his family's fate; the DEA suspects Mike is a double agent. (CC) THE USA NETWORK 7 p.m.

"Rides" - Customizers turn miniatures into pumped-up, powerful versions of pop culture classics. (TVG) THE LEARNING CHANNEL 7 p.m.

Wednesday

"The African Queen" - A mis-

sionary persuades a gin-swilling riverboat captain to destroy a World War I German gunboat in the Congo. TURNER CLASSIC MOVIES 6 p.m.

"Traffic" - Adam (Cliff Curtis)

vows to avenge the deaths of his wife and daughter; Ben (Balthazar Getty) tries to convince Cho to go into a legitimate business. (CC) THE USA NETWORK 7 p.m.

Thursday

"Biography" - Actors and cre-

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Anna Nicole Smith's ex gets jail time

LOS ANGELES - An ex-boyfriend of Anna Nicole Smith was sentenced to nearly seven years in prison for making criminal threats against the former Playboy Playmate and attacking her neighbor, officials said.

Superior Court Judge Katherine Stoltz rejected Mark Hatten's motion for a new trial on Friday.

"I'm not a bad person. I basically walked away from this fight," Hatten said. "You'll never hear about me bothering Anna Nicole again."

Hatten was convicted last November of making criminal threats against Smith, who testified she had a brief sexual relationship with him in 2000 that ended when he approached her with a knife in her hand. Hatten claimed they had an on-again, off-again relationship.

Hatten was also convicted of assault for a fight involving a neighbor who went to Smith's house to persuade Hatten to leave.

People in the news

other counts involving stalking and threats against Smith, 36, who became a reality TV star when "The Anna Nicole Show" began airing on E! Entertainment Television.

'Chicago' gets new star, formerly of 'Dukes of Hazard'

NEW YORK - From good ol' boy to slick Chicago lawyer.

Don Wopat, the star of television's "The Dukes of Hazard," is joining the national tour of "Chicago," the Kander and Ebb musical now in its eighth year on Broadway. Wopat takes over the role of shady mouthpiece Willy Flynn from Patrick Swayze. He starts Jan. 27 at the Paramount Theatre in Seattle. The tour then continues to Salt Lake City, Dallas, Phoenix and Miami, with other cities to follow.

Wopat, who starred as Luke Duke on "Hazzard" from 1979-

1985, appeared as Frank Butler in the Bernadette Peters revival of "Annie Get Your Gun" and later joined the cast of the current Broadway revival of "42nd Street." The tour of "Chicago" stars Bianca Marroquin as Roxie Hart and Reva Rice as Velma Kelly.

Hilton tries modeling, despite worst dressed title

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil - Topping the year's worst dressed list hasn't made Paris Hilton any less of a fashion plate.

The socialite and reality TV star became a model - and the main attraction of Rio's fashion week - as she strolled the catwalk for local designer Colecci.

This is my first time in an hour to cope with hair problems.

"She also delayed the show for an hour to cope with hair problems. This is my first time in Brazil, in Rio for the fashion show. I'm so excited, the show is amazing," Hilton, who opened and closed the designer's show, told AP Television News.

- compiled from wire reports

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Yes, I am certain the groundhog will see its shadow and there will be six more weeks of winter.

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WORLD

Deadly bird flu hits Indonesia

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Indonesia became the seventh country in Asia to confirm an outbreak of deadly bird flu, as the World Health Organization warned Sunday the virus could be resistant to basic human influenza drugs.

The disease has already affected millions of chickens in Indonesia, said Sofjan Sudandji, a senior agriculture official. But the virus has not yet crossed over to humans, he said.

Indonesian officials had earlier denied the disease's presence, but the Indonesian Veterinarians Association said several independent investigations had revealed that bird flu had already killed millions of chickens over the past several months.

Asia is on a region-wide health alert, with governments slaughtering millions of chickens to contain outbreaks in Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, South Korea, Japan and Taiwan. Vietnam has slaughtered more than 1 million chickens while Thailand has exterminated some 1 million. On Sunday, the Thai government enlisted hundreds of soldiers and 60 prisoners to help with the mass cull.

Scientists believe people get the disease through contact with sick birds, raising concerns it might mutate and link with regular influenza to create a form that



A Cambodian woman buys chicken in a market in Phnom Penh, Cambodia Saturday.

could be transmitted from person to person, fostering the next human flu pandemic.

Concerns are particularly high because the bird flu virus caught by humans appears resistant to amantadine and rimantadine, the cheaper antiviral drugs used to

treat regular influenza.

"This is a disease that's appearing in the developing world. So what you want is affordable drugs," WHO spokesman Dick Thompson said. "Should this move from human to human — and it hasn't yet, I want to stress that — then

it's going to be a real challenge."

So far, there has been no evidence of person-to-person transmission. But farms across Asia have been devastated but Vietnam and Thailand are the only countries this year where humans have caught the avian flu.

Castro gives Orthodox patriarch key to church

HAVANA (AP) — President Fidel Castro, whose communist Cuba was once officially atheist, on Sunday gave the key for a new Byzantine cathedral to the spiritual leader of the world's 300 million Orthodox Christians.

Consecrating the new St. Nicholas cathedral, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I in turn honored Castro with his church's Cross of St. Andrew the Apostle, which is given to supporters of the Orthodox faith.

Balancing a heavy golden crown encrusted with jewels on his head, the white-bearded patriarch circled the new cathedral several times during the ceremony conducted in a swirl of Greek chants and pungent incense.

Castro, dressed in a gray suit, looked tired after reportedly staying up all night with a visiting foreign delegation. He left quietly after the exchange of gifts outside the small sanctuary of cream-colored stone with brick trim, about halfway through more than four hours of ancient ritual.

Shortly before the gift exchange, the patriarch spoke out against the U.S. trade embargo of more than four decades against Cuba.

"The blockade of peoples and countries is a historic error," the patriarch said in Greek, which was then translated into Spanish. Problems between people and nations, he said "are resolved through dialogue and communication."

Also at the ceremony were hundreds of Greek-Americans, as well as Orthodox church members from Greece, Turkey and other nations.

It was unclear why Castro agreed to finance the church's construction, but Cuban authorities have been trying to demonstrate that the government



Cuban President Fidel Castro arrives at the consecration ceremony of the new St. Nicholas cathedral Sunday in Havana.

respects freedom of worship.

Officials took issue last month with the findings of a U.S. State Department report that said surveillance, infiltration and harassment of religious groups is still common on the Caribbean island. While Cuba became officially atheist in the years after the 1959 revolution that brought Castro to power, the government removed references to atheism in the constitution more than a decade ago and allowed religious believers to join the Communist Party.

Before that, believers were barred from important jobs and viewed with suspicion by officials who oversaw most aspects of life.

The new cathedral will be used by the island's estimated 2,000 Orthodox Christians. Church members include diplomats and foreign businesspeople from countries such as Greece, Turkey and people who immigrated here during the Soviet era.

Georgian president promises 'security'

Knight Ridder News Service

TBILISI, Georgia — Mikhail Saakashvili, the U.S.-educated politician who led a bloodless "revolution of roses" against corruption in this former Soviet province, assumed Georgia's presidency Sunday with a solemn pledge to bring "unification, security and well-being" to his poverty-stricken nation.

On a warm, sunny day in front of the Parliament building where he had demanded the resignation of former President Eduard Shevardnadze last Nov. 22 at a parliamentary election, Saakashvili took over with high hopes and huge challenges ahead in a country where most people

live on the equivalent of less than \$50 a month.

Saakashvili, 36, signaled a more western course for Georgia, telling the crowd that "our course is European integration." When the European Union's flag was hoisted, the band struck up Beethoven's "Ode to Joy." And he met three times during the day with U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, including a town hall meeting immediately after he took the oath of office, emphasizing growing ties with Washington.

The new president also called on Russia to remove all its troops and bases from Georgia, but he threw in an olive branch. "We don't need Russia to be our enemy," he said.

Members of U.S. Congress visit Libya

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — The sight of the white jet taxiing to the tarmac Sunday — the first U.S. military plane to touch down in Tripoli since 1969 — left no doubt that a pariah state was coming in from the cold after renouncing its nuclear weapons program.

In a landmark visit, seven U.S. Congress members emerged from the U.S. Navy jet and heaped praise on the recent reforms of Col. Muammar Gadhafi, who former President Ronald Reagan once called a barbarian.

"We're very excited about opening this new chapter in our relations," said Rep. Curt Weldon, a Republican from Pennsylvania, who stepped off the plane wearing a pin with the American and Libyan flags.

"I'd say the Libyan leader has taken the first step," Weldon said, adding: "Once our governments have completed the process for formal relations, there is no limit to what we can accomplish together."

Rep. Solomon Ortiz, a Texas Democrat, put it more simply: "We want to be friends."

The U.S. military aircraft was the first to touch down in Tripoli since 1969, when Gadhafi seized power.

In the interim, American warplanes have flown only overhead, notably in 1986 when they launched attacks that killed 37 people, including Gadhafi's adopted daughter, in retaliation for the bombing of a German disco that killed a U.S. soldier and a Turkish woman.

The United States imposed sanctions that year, accusing Libya of supporting terrorist groups. Ten years later, America said it would penalize the U.S. partners of European companies that did significant business in Libya and Iran.

"I don't think we can change history, but we also understand we can move together toward a new beginning," Weldon said.

Over the last year, Gadhafi has made a startling turnaround. He admitted his country's involvement in the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am jetliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, and agreed to pay \$2.7



U.S. Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., head of the first bi-partisan American Congressional delegation to Libya speaks after the delegation's arrival Sunday.

remake itself in 2002, before the United States launched its war on Iraq.

Gadhafi's decisions followed months of secret negotiations with the United States and Britain. After Libya admitted in September its involvement in the Lockerbie bombing, the U.N. Security Council voted to lift its sanctions. The United States is waiting for Gadhafi to follow through on the rest of his pledges before doing the same.

Iran parliament passes challenge to oversight body

The Washington Post

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Iran's embattled parliament passed an emergency measure on Sunday that presented a direct challenge to the conservative oversight body that has barred more than 3,500 reformist candidates from upcoming elections.

The bill, passed on a rarely used "triple urgent" basis, was immediately vetoed by the hard-line Guardian Council, whose authority it was intended to circumscribe.

The swift unfolding of passage and veto telescoped into a single day the confrontation that has unfolded over more than two weeks in Iran, where the council's dismissal of almost half the candidates for Feb. 20 parliamentary elections has produced a political crisis.

Outraged reformists, who took control of Iran's 290-seat parliament four years ago, have threatened mass resignations over what they describe as an attempt to ensure a conservative victory by clearing the field of real competition.

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who holds ultimate authority under the country's theocratic system, publicly instructed the council early in the crisis to review the disqualifications. But the council has moved at a glacial pace, so far restoring fewer than 10 percent of 3,600 candidates.

The measure passed Sunday was intended to take matters out of the council's hands by amending election laws along lines that reformers said codified Khamenei's instructions.

Hezbollah and Israel will exchange prisoners

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Israel and Hezbollah will exchange prisoners in a two-stage deal in which the militant Lebanese group promises to obtain information about Israel's most famous missing serviceman and Israel releases Lebanon's longest-held prisoner within three months, the Hezbollah leader said Sunday.

The deal begins with an exchange of prisoners and human remains Thursday and Friday, and will proceed to the case of missing Israeli aviator Ron Arad and negotiations for the release of more prisoners. Hezbollah's leader, Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, told a news conference.

"After Thursday and Friday, there will be no Lebanese prisoners in Israeli jails," Nasrallah said. "But the deal will open and the second stage will be very important, especially for the Palestinians."

He spoke a day after the deal, negotiated with German help, was announced.

After releasing 400 Palestinian prisoners to the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Israel will bring 23

Lebanese prisoners and 12 prisoners from other Arab countries to Munich where the swap will take place, the officials said.

Nasrallah said the Palestinians would include members of Hamas and Islamic Jihad, the groups responsible for most of the suicide bombings in Israel.

It will be Israel's most significant release of Palestinian prisoners since Ariel Sharon became prime minister in 2001.

The remains of 59 Lebanese killed in battle also will be handed to Lebanese authorities at a border crossing in south Lebanon, Nasrallah said.

Hezbollah has promised to free Israeli businessman Elhanan Tenenbaum and three Israeli soldiers — all captured by the guerrilla group in October 2000.

Tenenbaum is known to be alive. But Nasrallah refused to say whether the three Israeli soldiers were dead or alive. The world will find out Thursday, he said.

Hezbollah guerrillas captured the three soldiers after a shootout on the Lebanese-Israeli border in which the troops were wounded.

Bank of Italy says police took documents in Parmalat case

ROME (AP) — The Bank of Italy handed over documents to Italian police investigating the Parmalat case, the central bank said Saturday, after facing criticism that it didn't do enough to protect investors from massive fraud at the food conglomerate.

The reason for police inquiries at the Bank of Italy was not immediately known. The bank gave no details, but cited both the investigations into Parmalat and into the previous default of a smaller food

company, Cirio. "In this context, the bank's offices yesterday made available to the financial police documents that had previously been requested," the bank said in a statement. The ANSA news agency reported that police also took documents Friday from the Consob stock market regulator as part of investigations into Parmalat bond sales. Consob officials could not be reached for comment Saturday.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

"Oh, ye'll take the high road and I'll take the low road." —Anon

When South opens one spade, the main feature of North's hand is his three-card trump support. It is much more important to get this across at once via a raise than to bid any other feature of the hand. The raise in spades improves the South hand dramatically. In fact, South almost has enough to drive to game directly, but it is better to make a try for game with three diamonds. This asks partner to bid game either if he is maximum, or if he has a fit for diamonds. North has both and can thus bid four spades with confidence.

On the lead of the club queen, South can see at least 10 tricks if East has the heart ace. However, he should look for a safe way to make his contract — and there is one, though it looks a little bizarre. Do NOT draw trump; instead lead hearts directly from hand to ensure that you can eventually ruff a heart in dummy. When you lead a low heart at trick two, West will win and shift to a trump. Be careful to go up with one of dummy's honors to play a second heart. This allows you eventually to get the heart ruff in dummy with a small trump, without running the risk of losing a trump trick.

If you play a trump at trick two, West can beat you by pressing on with spades at every opportunity thereafter, thus preventing you from ruffing a heart in dummy.

Bridge hand diagram showing North and South hands with cards and suits.

Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: South

The bidding: South West North East 1 Pass 2 Pass 3 Pass 4 All pass

Opening lead: Club queen

LEAD WITH THE ACES 91-21-6

South holds: 10 3, K 6 5 4, J 10 3, Q 8 6 5

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ANSWER: Lead the heart four. Dummy is fairly certain to put down a singleton club, so it is unlikely that you can build a trick there. Your best shot to beat the slam must be to take two quick heart tricks, or to set up a heart to go with a top winner elsewhere.

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