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The cost of transportation



Riding down U.S. Highway 30 on their way home after school, Hansen Elementary School second-grader Francisco Viveros, right, laughs after beating fifth-grade friend Francisco Vargas in a game of 'Rock, Paper, Scissors.' The Hansen School District is looking at sharing transportation costs with neighboring Kimberly and Murtaugh, even though those districts don't stand to lose money under a new state spending cap.

Some M.V. districts may lose money due to state cap

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Cuts in school transportation funding could send some Gooding students to school on foot, out in the open and across a canal on a single sidewalk.

Superintendent Bob Stearns said the district may have to consolidate or eliminate some bus routes if it loses funding, as expected, in the next school year. "That'd be a major hit," Stearns said.

A state spending cap for transportation that starts in July is part of an effort to encourage school districts to save money by being more efficient. Most Magic Valley districts say they're already doing the best they can to save money, even though their incentive to do so may be less than in other areas - the state reimburses 85 percent of school transportation costs.

A new state report found five Magic Valley school districts - Buhl, Gooding, Twin Falls, Valley

School district	Total reimbursable cost	Reimbursed at 85 percent	Cost per mile	Cost per rider	Average daily ridership	Enrollment	Percent of enrolled riding buses
Blaire County	\$998,128	\$848,319	\$2.55	\$659	1,143	3,053	37%
Buhl	\$405,089	\$344,326	\$3.05	\$953	423	1,384	30.5%
Cornas County	\$67,187	\$57,109	\$1.59	\$738	91	163	56%
Cassia County	\$1,217,932	\$1,035,242	\$2.21	\$512	2,371	5,104	46%
Castlerford	\$153,148	\$130,176	\$2.51	\$651	230	337	68%
Dietrich	\$45,897	\$39,012	\$1.24	\$715	64	198	32%
Glenns Ferry	\$454,503	\$386,658	\$2.30	\$743	612	1,319	46%
Gooding	\$211,388	\$179,680	\$2.22	\$584	355	605	59%
Hagerman	\$99,168	\$84,293	\$2.28	\$536	185	366	48%
Hansen	\$97,339	\$82,738	\$1.58	\$721	135	389	35%
Jerome	\$649,007	\$551,656	\$2.39	\$599	1,161	3,087	38%
Kimberly	\$208,847	\$177,520	\$2.59	\$471	443	1,281	34.5%
Minidoka County	\$1,363,256	\$1,159,769	\$2.09	\$465	2,956	4,369	68.5%
Murtaugh	\$64,084	\$54,071	\$1.40	\$464	138	233	59%
Richfield	\$49,252	\$41,864	\$1.84	\$746	66	197	33.5%
Shoshone	\$127,309	\$108,213	\$1.85	\$409	301	499	60%
Twin Falls	\$949,664	\$807,214	\$3.14	\$651	1,458	6,869	21%
Valley	\$413,513	\$351,486	\$3.04	\$780	530	653	81%
Wendell	\$446,080	\$379,168	\$4.68	\$805	554	1,008	55%

* Cost per mile and cost per rider do not include in-lic costs.

Source: Data from the state Department of Education for fiscal year 2002 analyzed by the Office of Performance Evaluations. The 2002 fiscal year goes from July 1, 2001, to June 30, 2002.

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AL-QAIDA WORRIES

Security concerns force flight cancellations

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Six U.S.-bound flights from England, Scotland and France were canceled Saturday because of security concerns. The U.S. government said it had fresh indications of al-Qaida's continued interest in targeting commercial planes flying to the United States.

British Airways grounded the same flight scheduled Sunday and Monday from London's Heathrow Airport to Dallas International Airport outside Washington, as well as the return flights. Also canceled was a flight from London to Miami on Sunday. In addition, Continental Airlines said it canceled Flight 17 for Sunday from Glasgow, Scotland, to Los Angeles with an intermediate stop in Newark, N.J.

Air France scrubbed the same



Soldiers patrol in Charles de Gaulle airport, north of Paris, on Saturday.

flight set for Sunday and Monday from Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris to Dulles. As a result, the outbound flights were canceled.

A U.S. government official, speaking on the condition of

anonymity, said there were concerns about a handful of flights on those foreign carriers and a U.S.-based airline that flies internationally. The official declined to

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School districts complain of unfunded mandates

By Bob Flek
Associated Press writer

BOISE - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who has criticized the federal government for helping mandates on states without providing the cash to meet them, is doing just that with Idaho's school districts, some say.

His recommendation for public education support in the 2004-2005 school year proposes no changes in state law or local contracts. But it provides only \$10 million to finance a 2 percent increase in the amount the state contributes to district payrolls - and another \$10 million in financing the districts have had in the past to cover mandated expenses.

"They're not so much unfunded mandates as underfunded mandates," said Michael Friend of the



Gov. Dirk Kempthorne



Idaho Association of School Administrators

The governor reportedly complained to the Bush administration last summer that state government wasn't getting enough money for federally mandated education initiatives.

But he does not apologize for his \$2 billion budget. The governor has repeatedly acknowledged

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Eyes right?

Can therapy help you see what's holding you back?



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Message of love



Group sends musical treat.

Tuesday

Amid governor's balls

Hailey woman learns to cook.

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Hunters use winter to chase down wild rabbits.



Thursday

Tumblin' Tumbleweeds

JUMP - Company puts on a tuneless rendition of the famous comic strip.

Friday

Ring those bells

Bell choirs are growing, and varying the sounds.



Saturday

How debt hurts

Too much debt hurts more than your credit rating; it can break up families.

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Today: Partly to mostly cloudy skies and cool... increasing clouds late. Highs in the lower 30s... Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a few snow showers... Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy with a chance for scattered rain...

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

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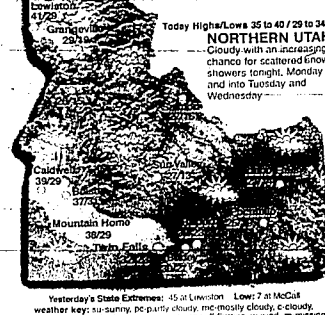
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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy skies and cool... increasing clouds late. Highs in the lower 30s... Tonight: A few snow showers possible... Tomorrow: A few scattered rain and snow showers...

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. A good chance for scattered snow showers at times tonight and into Monday and Tuesday... BOISE Increasing clouds today. A chance for a few snow showers tonight...



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Table with columns for Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise, and Sunset.

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bursement the state agreed to finance when it took over a quarter of the basic school property tax in 1995... There was also the elimination of \$5 million the state has been providing school districts over the past decade to upgrade computer equipment...

NASA rover hints at Martian water

Los Angeles Times. NASA's Opportunity rover rolled off its lander early Saturday morning, but before it did so, it sent back preliminary data hinting that its search for ancient water on the Martian surface will be successful... Early returns from the rover's thermal emission spectrometer indicate not only that the gray granules on the surface of the planet's landing site in Meridiani Planum contain the iron oxide mineral hematite...



Pete Thielinger, project manager of the Mars Exploration Rover mission, reacts to the successful egress of the rover 'Opportunity' on Saturday.

'We're two for two! One dozen wheels on the soil,' said flight director Chris Lewicki as cheers erupted at JPL... Opportunity rolled onto the grayish-red Martian soil a week after it arrived on Mars and less than a month after its twin, Spirit, landed half way around Mars at Gusev Crater on Jan. 3... Opportunity took 83 seconds to make the 10-foot drive off the lander, parking about a yard away from the now useless machinery that carried it on its seven-month trip to the Red Planet...

Arizona inmate holding guard hostage shows a weapon

BUCKEYE, Ariz. (AP)—One of two inmates holding a corrections officer hostage in a prison tower walked on the roof carrying what appeared to be a shotgun or rifle Saturday, the first time in the two-week standoff that either of the inmates had shown a weapon.

Prison officials said the action was preceded by offensive action from SWAT teams or snipers. 'Only the inmate (knows) the motive for carrying the weapon,' said Alan Ecker, a Corrections Department representative. He added that negotiations hadn't broken down to the best of his knowledge.

The inmate swung the weapon but never aimed it during the short time he walked on the roof. He gestured a couple of times, once appearing to wave in the direction of the media camped across the highway.

The inmates took two guards, a man and a woman, hostage on Jan. 18 at the Arizona State Prison Complex-Lewis, in Buckeye west of Phoenix. The man was released Jan. 24 in negotiations to release the woman who have been continuing.

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Car bomb at police station kills nine

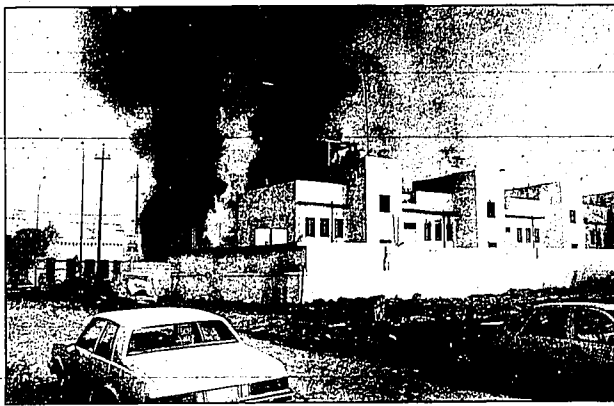
MOSUL, Iraq (AP) — A bomb-laden car plowed through a razor wire fence and exploded outside a police station in the north of the country Saturday, killing nine Iraqis and injuring 45, including policemen there to pick up their pay.

It was unclear if the attack was a suicide bombing or the driver fled before the explosion. U.S. officials have said recent vehicle bombings and suicide attacks in Iraq bear the mark of al-Qaida.

In a separate incident, three U.S. soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division were killed Saturday in a roadside bombing near the northern oil center of Kirkuk. Their deaths brought to 222 the number of American service members who have died since the Iraq war began March 20.

Also Saturday, a bomb exploded under the car of police Col. Adnan Raed al-Ani in front of his house in Baghdad, slightly injuring five children in the street. Al-Ani told The Associated Press the bomb apparently was triggered by a timer but no one was in the vehicle when it exploded.

Witnesses in Mosul, 225 miles north of Baghdad, said what appeared to be a suicide attacker drove through a security barrier in front of the police station before blowing up his vehicle. Iraqi officials confirmed a car bomb but were unsure if the driver detonated the explosive from



Plumes of smoke rise into the air from the front of an Iraqi police station in the northern Iraqi town of Mosul after a car bomb explosion Saturday. Witnesses and hospital staff in Mosul said that a car bomb exploded outside a police station killing at least nine people and injuring 45.

inside or parked and fled. Saturday was a pay day and the station was crowded with staff at the time of the midmorning bombing, said police Lt. Mohammed Fadil. Five of the

dead were police and the others were Iraqi civilians, policeman Khalid Ahmed said. Severed limbs, some of them smoldering, and decapitated bodies littered the bloodied street

after the attack, the sixth major vehicle bombing in Iraq in the past two weeks but the first in Mosul, the country's third-largest city and the principal metropolis in the north.

U.S. soldiers in Iraq gear up for Super Bowl Sunday

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) — The Super Bowl parties for U.S. troops in Iraq will start hours before dawn, and there won't be any beer. But at least in Tikrit, soldiers have a lavish venue: They'll be watching a cinema-sized screen in a former palace of Saddam Hussein.

At bases across the country, the 130,000 American troops will be able to catch the game between the Carolina Panthers and the New England Patriots live (starting at 2:25 a.m. Monday, Iraqi time) in mess halls and recreation centers. If waking up in the middle of the chilly Iraq night is too daunting, many bases will tape the game, which is being aired from Houston on the American Forces Radio and Television Service, and replay it later.

Here in Tikrit, Saddam's hometown and headquarters of the 4th Infantry Division, troops will watch the big game at the U.S. Army recreation center — a three-story palace built by the ousted dictator with chandeliers, mosaic floors, a sweeping staircase and a man-made lake.

The Super Bowl provides a welcome distraction for the troops,

Find a special four-page section on the Super Bowl starting on page C1.

many of them stationed in the dangerous Sunni Triangle north and west of Baghdad or in the capital itself — areas where vehicle bombings, roadside explosives, night-time mortar fire and snipers present a constant challenge.

In Ramadi, a hotbed of anti-American resistance, paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division were setting up a wide-screen TV and speakers at their base, said Capt. Tammy Galloway. Americans in Baghdad can watch the game in a tent outside Saddam's former Presidential Palace, now the main headquarters of the U.S.-led coalition.

Bo Jackson, a Heisman Trophy winner in 1985 who played both pro football and baseball, will join some of the U.S. troops based in neighboring Kuwait to watch the Super Bowl.

Soldiers who can't get to a television can tune in on the Internet, said a coalition spokesman in Baghdad.

Despite the early hour, some 500 soldiers are expected to show up for the party in Tikrit.

Afghan president: U.S. air strike killed 10 civilians

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The Afghan president Saturday said a U.S. air strike this month killed 10 civilians, including women and children, contradicting American military reports that claimed the casualties were Taliban militants.

Meanwhile, the U.S. military said an arms dump blast that killed eight soldiers appeared to have been an accident. The bloody events highlighted the pitfalls of the U.S. mission to defeat an escalating insurgency by supporters of the former ruling Taliban and al-Qaida that threatens summer elections.

President Hamid Karzai said an Interior Ministry report had found that the Jan. 17 air strike on a village killed 10 civilians — despite the U.S. military's declaration that five Taliban militants and no civilians died.

There are casualties unfortunately, according to the report that I have received, of civilians, of children and men and women," Karzai told reporters at his palace in the capital Kabul.

On Saturday, U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. Bryan Hillery said the Americans took the concerns of the Afghan government "very seriously," and that a review of its report was underway. Many Afghans are disenchanted by the risks taken by the U.S.-led coalition in using devastating military force in pursuit of terror suspects. The Jan. 17 raid followed two botched air strikes on villages in December that killed 15 children.

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Lawmaker wants building codes to include concept of feng shui

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A legislator wants California's building codes to accommodate the ancient Chinese tradition of feng shui, which says buildings should be located and designed in ways that create harmonious energy flow.

"We've been the recipients of some joking in the Capitol," state Assemblyman Leland Yee said at a news conference Friday about the measure he introduced in early January.

Yee's resolution isn't meant to become law or force cities to change how buildings are constructed. Instead, Yee said, it would encourage building officials to accommodate the concept and

be more sensitive to a cultural practice that can improve work and living spaces.

For example, some homeowners haven't been able to put doors on certain sides of their houses because local building codes don't accommodate their feng shui-based preference, Yee said.

The building industry is resisting the proposal, citing existing regulations that make new homes expensive.

"The Legislature should be less focused on what goes into a new home and more on making sure that enough new homes are built," said John Frith, a spokesman for the California Building Industry.

Broadcasters seek overlooked stories in Iraq

By David Folkenflik The Baltimore Sun

Sinclair Broadcast Group is sending a news crew to Iraq next month to uncover the stories that its officials believe are being overlooked by reporters for major American television news organizations.

There might be real accomplishments for the U.S.-led occupation, said Mark Hyman, Sinclair's vice president for corporate affairs, but if so, they are being drowned out by the constant barrage of stories about guerrilla actions against coalition troops.

"Clearly those are the big stories of the day," Hyman said. "Are they the only stories? Anecdotally, we're told they're not."

The team will be led by Jon Leiberman, the former WBZ investigative reporter who now heads parent company Sinclair's Washington, D.C., bureau. Part of the Sinclair mandate will be to answer questions selected from hundreds of viewers' queries and to determine the activities of military units based in the home communities of Sinclair stations. Thirty-seven of Sinclair's 62 American television stations will run the reports.

"Our mission really is to tell stories we think local news viewers aren't getting throughout the country," Leiberman said. The requests for most local stations, including those of Sinclair, rely on dispatches filed by larger news networks, such as the Associated Press or CNN, he said. "A lot of our trip is going to focus on the Iraqi people and numbers of the U.S. military."

Hyman also will travel to the Middle East as part of the news-gathering team. He is better known to viewers of Sinclair stations for his commentaries on the regular feature "The Point," many of which have taken a caustic view toward critics of President Bush's handling of the war. And he is to contribute commentaries from Iraq, as well.

Fire fiasco

Hose cart brigade has troubles getting up and running.
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MAGIC VALLEY

Busing

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and Wendell vulnerable to losing money for busing when the spending cap goes into effect.

The report and model released this month, created by the state Office of Performance Evaluations using state Department of Education data from the 2002 fiscal year for 170 districts in the state will also money-under-the-cap. Districts will be reimbursed at 85 percent of their cost per rider or cost per mile, whichever is more advantageous as long as it is not higher than 110 percent of the state average. Districts will have to either find ways to save money on transportation, or use discretionary money to make up the difference.

Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, criticized the spending cap bill in the Legislature last year. He said the fact that similar districts were spending vastly different amounts on transportation meant that districts could be saving money to the benefit of all. Bedke said before the Legislature, "We are giving incentives for districts to save money on transportation."

"The state is not going to spend money on school districts that are transporting kids in an inefficient way," Bedke said. He would prefer more money be spent in the classroom.

Bedke said districts with extenuating circumstances — such as long travel distances — could ask for variances and receive more funding if they go over the cap.

Varying views
The Minidoka County School District buses almost 3,000 students, the most in the Magic Valley, but still manages to keep costs below the state caps. Superintendent Nick Hallett said he supports the state attempt to control transportation costs. Otherwise, he said, people are inclined to create budgets while thinking, "When it's 85 percent reimbursed, why worry?"

Officials in other school districts, however, say another 500 to 1,000 light budgets have been cut to save money wherever they can — even if it's just within the 15 percent local contribution from district revenues for transportation.

And some school districts dispute the data in the Office of Performance Evaluations report.
John Atiller said Twin Falls' average cost per rider was below the cap at \$485, not \$651 as the report indicated. Ziley School District Superintendent Laurie Nelson said every number reported to her district was slightly lower than the report stated.

Paul Headlee, a performance evaluator for the Office of Performance Evaluations, said the state can update and change its data for up to three years, but the numbers in the report are being constantly updated and conclusions about individual districts may not be accurate.

The cap's impact
Regardless of the specific numbers, state lawmakers are scrutinizing their transportation spending habits.

In Twin Falls, a large part of the district's busing is so-called "safety" busing. Students can get safely bused if they live closer than a mile and a half to the school, but are near a "hazardous" road. This designation can include several factors, such as high traffic, high numbers of accidents or fatalities, or high numbers of citations on the road.

Miller said the need for safety busing is what drives up the cost per mile in cities.

Still, he does not anticipate losing any funding to the state spending caps. He said most districts save money by getting more riders or reducing routes. He doesn't see a need to change routes in his district in the next fiscal year.

Paul Wendlow, operations manager

for Western States Bus Service, which provides bus service for Twin Falls and Filer, said the districts receive different rates for many reasons. In rural areas, buses go longer distances with fewer riders, and in urban areas, it's the opposite.

Treglow said his company tries to keep costs down because that's good business. Western States drivers start out being paid \$8.75 an hour and can move to more than \$10 an hour as they get more experience.

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—Laural Nelson, Valley School District superintendent

The Twin Falls, Filer, Gooding, Wendell, Hagerman, Jerome, Valley, Buhl and Castleford districts contract with private companies to provide bus service. Only 24 of Idaho's 114 school districts take that arrangement; the others own their own buses and employ their own drivers.

Five companies bid for the Twin Falls School District's contract last year.

At Valley School in Hazelton, 81 percent of its students ride buses, and it is spending above the cap, according to one measure. While challenging the state figures, Superintendent Nelson said the relatively high cost per rider could be a result of the size of the district, where many students are far away from school.

"Some of our kids are on the buses for an hour," Nelson said. The school also has safety busing for students who live on busy streets, such as Idaho Highway 25. Deedee Reed has two children at the school. They live close enough to walk, but take the bus. Reed said if they lost the bus service, she would drive them to school.

Nelson said if the district loses transportation money, it will make it up from discretionary funds.

"They keep talking about trimming the fat from education," Nelson said. "There is no fat."

Coping with cuts
The Wendell School District

contracts with Hub City Bus Co. for its transportation. Superintendent Larry Manly said the district takes the lowest bid when it looks for a contractor every five years. Manly said the district could minimize busing from other parts of the budget or save money by reducing routes, although that makes it difficult to have adequate safety busing.

"We wouldn't want kindergarten students walking half a mile down the Bob Barton Highway," Manly said.

Wendell had extra busing expenses when its middle school was condemned in February 2003. Some middle school students were bused to Gooding for a year, and elementary pupils had to be bused to the high school for lunch each day. The new middle school opened in August, so those extra busing expenses are gone, Manly said.

Richard Eaton, owner of Hub City Bus Co., said Wendell's bus rates will go down next year. He said staying under the spending cap will not be a problem.

Buhl School District officials declined to comment on their bus spending.
Mike Esparza has two children who attend Buhl Schools and ride the bus. He doesn't want to ride the funding cut, he said, because it will hurt parents and students in rural areas.
"If they want an education, it's not right for us not to send a bus to get them," Esparza said.

Success in saving
In Dietrich, the district has a high cost per rider, but a low cost per mile, because some students are bused as many as 35 miles in one direction. Superintendent Peter Bolz said the district's low cost is a result of the district not putting all of its transportation costs into that category. Bolz said the district is in the process of correcting its accounting to charge more to the state for transportation.

"Now we're going to be more accurate," Bolz said.
Max Excell, Shoshone's superintendent, said his district has several ways to keep costs down. It uses large buses bought with lease-purchase agreements that have them paid off in about five years. The district has six routes plus transportation for its preschool and uses six buses, along with two spares for field trips.

Shoshone has three safety bus stops for students in town. The stops are in three quadrants of the town so that students don't have to cross Idaho Highway 75 and the railroad tracks. The farthest stop is about 15 miles north of town near the Blaine County line.

"Excell doesn't expect to have to change anything when the state caps spending, because the district's spending is already so low."
Hallett, Minidoka County's superintendent, is suspicious of the idea of having every district in the state be below the previous year's average. If the average falls every year, eventually the districts will not be able to keep below it.

Headlee said the state calculates the districts' average transportation spending before calculating the 85 percent it will reimburse to individual districts. So even though districts are being encouraged to reduce costs, if the price of gas rises and costs go up, the average will reflect that.

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The Kimberly, Hansen and Mitroha districts are looking at ways to share costs in their transportation department, even though they are not facing immediate cuts.

"We're still in the investigating stage," said Dennis Coulter, Hansen's superintendent.

Kimberly Superintendent John Garner said his district is trying to share wherever it is able, so that more money can go into the classrooms.

"We need to explore everything even if it doesn't work," Garner said. "We wouldn't have jobs if it weren't for the kids."

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Budget would halve deficit by 2009

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's \$2.4 trillion budget for 2005 would ease away from tax breaks for energy and business favored by Republicans while cutting spending on programs from environment to community development, GOP officials said Saturday.

Bush's election-year fiscal plan, which he plans to ship to Congress on Monday, also envisions cutting spending on agriculture, natural resources and energy, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Further reflecting the pressures mounting federal deficits have heaped on him, his plan will edge only slightly toward the extra highway spending many members of both parties are demanding, said the officials.

There, Bush said cutting the red ink in half is an "important goal." The largest deficit on record in dollar-terms was last year's \$375 billion. The soaring shortfalls and spending have angered conservative Republicans and prompted them to pressure Bush to produce a budget that takes clear, strong steps toward controlling and federal shortfalls.

In his remarks to lawmakers, Bush stressed the austerity he said his fiscal blueprint would impose.

Included is a smaller package of tax breaks for energy production than the \$23 billion he supports in the official said. Bush wants the energy tax cuts to cost less than \$8 billion.

The president's budget, already known to predict an unprecedented \$521 billion deficit this year, projects the red ink will fall to \$35 billion next year, the officials said.

In 2009, when Bush has pledged to cut the shortfall in half, it would be a projected \$237 billion. In Philadelphia Saturday to address GOP lawmakers gathered

"You spend, I propose," he said, acknowledging the executive and legislative branches. "Together we're responsible. And this is going to be a challenging year for making sure we spend the people's money wisely."

GOP aides said those remarks echo similar earlier comments at the three-day meeting by White House budget director Joshua Bolten. They said the statements seemed to hint that the administration was willing to negotiate on

the deeper spending cuts some Republicans want.

Democrats scoff that Bush has been "anything but" a fiscally responsible leader. Halving the deficit in five years masks the far more serious long-term pressures the budget will face from his plan to make earlier or from the looming retirement of the baby boom generation, they said.

"He's not leveling with the American people how serious this thing is," said Sen. Kent Conrad of North Dakota, top Democrat on the Senate Budget Committee.

Bush's fiscal blueprint will propose letting annual spending controlled by Congress grow by 3.9 percent from \$787 billion to \$818 billion next year, the officials said. Those figures exclude both the extra \$87 billion approved last year for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and a new request for those operations the administration says it expects to make early next year.

Cheney seems softer on Iraq weapons claims

WASHINGTON (AP) — If Vice President Dick Cheney shares in the rising doubts about the accuracy of prewar intelligence on Iraq's cache of banned weapons, he is keeping any misgivings mostly to himself.

Yet, it appears that Cheney, portrayed by critics as the war's behind-the-scenes architect, is softening his insistence that deposed Iraqi president Saddam Hussein had such weapons.

In August 2002, months before the U.S.-led invasion, Cheney said: "Simply stated, there is no doubt that Saddam Hussein now has weapons of mass destruction."

Warnings: "High confidence: Iraq is continuing, and in some areas expanding, its chemical, biological, nuclear and missile programs contrary to U.N. resolutions."

Bush says he used the estimate in making his decision to go to war. Now it appears that even Cheney, the administration's most senior hawk, is having doubts about its accuracy.

"The jury is still out," he told National Public Radio when asked whether Iraq had had banned weapons. He said more time is needed "to look in all the cubby holes and the ammo dumps and all the places in Iraq where you might expect to find something like that."

On Tuesday, Cheney told reporters in Rome: "There's still work to be done to ascertain exactly what's there, and I'm not prepared to make a final judgment."

Whatever assessment he makes will be watched closely.

There is no question he is among the most powerful and polarizing men in Washington, on call to advise President Bush on almost every foreign, domestic or political issue.

Later, in Switzerland, where Cheney was speaking to the World Economic Forum, a senior administration official said the administration did not know where the document accurately reflected the situation in Iraq.

Cheney is not wavering from his belief that Saddam was a threat that required the United States to act regardless of strong international backing.

A darling of the Republican Party's right wing, Cheney is a favorite target of Democratic presidential candidates. They stepped up their jabs after former chief weapons inspector David Kay said Wednesday that the United States was "almost all wrong" about Saddam's weapons programs.

He admitted, however, that if too much controversy follows the project, "all bets are off."

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Officials in West Virginia and Colorado said Friday their states had since decided not to participate.

Howard Dean alleged in a debate Thursday night that Cheney berated CIA operatives so their reports would be in step with a march to war. Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry said whether Cheney misused the intelligence is "a very legitimate question."

Bush mulls idea of intel commission

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is considering enlarging the creation of an independent commission that would investigate whether the United States used faulty intelligence information when it decided to go to war in Iraq, government sources said Saturday.

They said a statement of support from the White House could come this week.

Until now, President Bush has reacted coolly toward the idea of a new commission, refusing to endorse it publicly. But his administration is under mounting election-year pressure to move to an independent inquiry about Iraq's alleged arsenal of banned destruction.

More states eye using anti-crime database

NEW YORK (AP) — Although privacy worries led several states to pull out of a federally funded crime and terrorism database project, others are actively considering joining and thereby sharing information on their citizens. The Associated Press has learned.

Mark Zadra, chief investigator for Florida state police, which runs the Matrix project, said organizers have given presentations to more than 10 Northeastern and Midwestern states in recent weeks, arguing at each stop that the database is an invaluable law-enforcement tool.

Officials in Iowa and North Carolina said Friday that they are exploring the system. And documents obtained through public records request in Florida indicate Arizona and Arkansas also may have interest in the quick-access information repository, which combines state records with 10 billion pieces of data held by a private company.

Another state once involved, Georgia, said Friday it is now dropping out completely — after the AP confronted officials with documents indicating the state was continuing to participate despite a public proclamation to the contrary in October from Gov. Sonny Perdue.

Law enforcement officials say Matrix is an ultra-efficient way for investigators to get information about suspects that authorities previously had to obtain from disparate sources. They insist it includes only public records and does not make predictions about crime or terrorism.

But privacy advocates say Matrix gives law enforcement too much access to private details on millions of people, resembling the Pentagon terrorism data-mining program that drew public rebuke and lost Congressional funding last year.

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Vice President Dick Cheney has broached the possibility of a commission in conversations with members of Congress, according to government sources familiar with the conversations. These sources spoke on condition of anonymity.

Despite months of searching, U.S. inspectors have found no forbidden weapons in Iraq. Bush had cited the suspected weapons as a rationale for the war.

Bush, asked point-blank on Friday about a commission, declined to answer directly.

"I want the American people to know that I, too, want to know the facts," the president said.

He reaffirmed the administration's position that the Iraq Survey Group, which is searching for weapons of mass destruction, should complete its work and then compare its results with the administration's prewar intelligence.

For now, Matrix — short for Multistate Anti-Terrorism Information Exchange — involves Florida, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York and Michigan.

Utah's governor said Thursday that she was halting the state's participation, which was launched under her predecessor, and appointing a panel to examine security and privacy issues.

Bill Shrewsbury, a vice president at Seisint Inc., the company that maintains the database, said he expects five or six more states to join the program, though he would not specify which ones.

"We never showed it to any law enforcement people who didn't say: 'My goodness, this is unbelievable technology. It makes our job so much easier,'" said Shrewsbury, a former agent with

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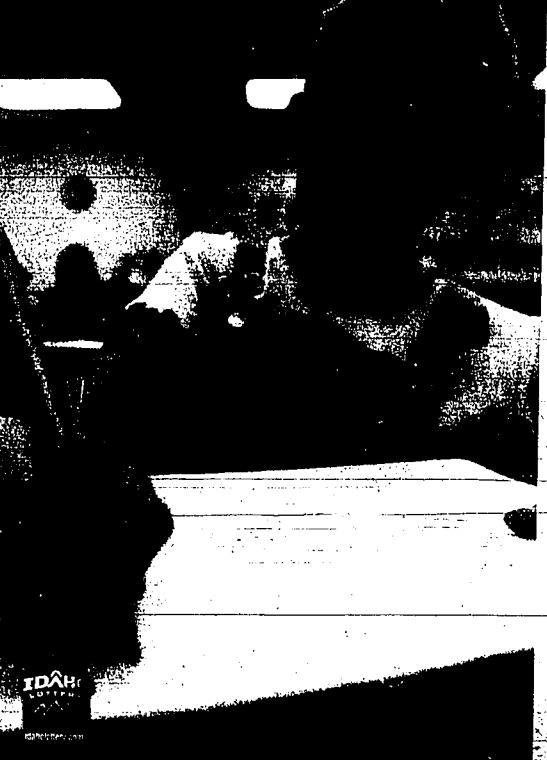
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Clark tries to recast himself as 'outsider'

By Dana Hull Knight Ridder News Service

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Throughout the fall and for much of January, retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark talked about his military and foreign policy experience, his year as a White House Fellow and his friends in diplomatic circles.

He regularly told voters that he was in the Pentagon two weeks after Sept. 11, where a former colleague furiously whispered that the Bush administration was planning to take out Saddam Hussein. He made it clear that he had connections in high places: At a fund-raiser in Dallas on Jan. 12, Clark said that "a lot of people on the inside" encouraged him to run for president.

But now Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry's victories in Iowa and New Hampshire and former Vermont Governor Howard Dean's fast fade have turned the race for the Democratic presidential nomination on its head and Clark is trying to recast himself as The Outsider.

Although he's still surrounded by a phalanx of aides from the Clinton administration, was a registered lobbyist for Acetum, a detaching company based in Little Rock, Ark., and made \$2,000 for

each appearance as a pundit on CNN, Clark is running away from Washington as fast as he can.

"I'm not a professional politician," he said at a campaign stop in Tulsa, Okla., on Wednesday. "I haven't spent years in Washington cutting backroom deals with special interest groups. I haven't spent my time scheming on how to artfully mangle phrases to win an election."

A new television ad that says Clark is a "doer not a talker" and a "leader not a politician" began airing Thursday in five of the seven states that will hold primaries or caucuses Feb. 3 — Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico, North Dakota, and South Carolina.

Clark is focusing on the four states that his campaign believes are neutral turf: Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico and North Dakota. The campaign is still struggling to figure out how and when Clark will compete in Missouri, if at all, and appears to have backed off from South Carolina, which is North Carolina Sen. John Edwards' home territory.

As the race turns South and Southwest, voters are learning that Clark can quote the Scriptures and regularly reads the Bible, and they're hearing a lot more about his humble Arkansas roots.



Presidential hopeful Wesley Clark hugs 10-year-old Jeneveva Egrio, from Buffalo, N.Y., who declared her support for him, Tuesday at the Ward 6 polling station in Manchester, N.H.

Disenchanted Dean faithful accept campaign changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — By shedding his Internet guru and hiring a Washington insider to save his outsider campaign, Howard Dean risks turning off his idealists. Web surfing, coffeehouse-meeting corps of young supporters.

For now, lots of supporters say they accept that the communal, innovative campaign they loved needs to change to survive. Yet some of the maples had faded.

"For a while it felt like a real movement, and now he's just like any other candidate slugging it out," said Washington University college student Dan Carlin, who volunteered in Iowa and is now back home in St. Louis canvassing for Dean.

Dean's earliest supporters have been on a wild ride: from barely known insurgent to Democratic front-runner to Iowa loser, mocked for an overwrought caucus-night speech. Dean, who raised a record \$41 million last year, has been reduced to asking staff members to forgo paychecks for two weeks.

By bringing in Roy-Neel, a former lobbyist and one-time top aide to Al Gore, the former vice president and 2000 Democratic nominee, Dean hopes to bring

more discipline to his presidential campaign. It will become "a leaner, meaner organization," Dean said.

Neel supplants a folk hero of sorts within Dean circles: campaign manager Joe Trippi, who is credited with revolutionizing use of the Internet to inspire grassroots fervor. Dean said Trippi chose to resign Wednesday rather than accept a demotion.

"It was a blow to many who had enjoyed the personal attention Trippi lavished on junior staffers and volunteers, or who came to feel they knew him through his frequent e-mail updates and postings on the campaign's interactive Web journal, known as a blog.

"They are very pro-Trippi and very unhappy," said University of Virginia political scientist Larry Sabato, who counts dozens of students and former students among active Dean supporters. "They view Neel, who they do not know, as a typical Washington insider and they see this as a takeover of the campaign by the usual bunch who runs everything."

Only time will tell whether the loss of Trippi means fewer dollars, lower morale, and defections from

within the ranks of Dean faithful.

"People on the blog felt an actual connection to Joe," said University of Virginia student David Wasserman, a Dean campaign intern last summer. "He was their icon and hero. When Joe wanted a favor it was like putting money into the cause for a friend. They were giving because Joe wanted them to."

Vanderbilt University professor Bruce Barry, who teaches a course on media and the presidential campaign, noted that most people who back a candidate — even those attracted to Dean through the Internet — can't name the campaign manager. Those who can are likely to be intense believers whose enthusiasm and hard work is vital, however.

"People working for the Dean campaign might be somewhat demoralized that he picked this Washington insider," Barry said, "but they might be energized by the fact that he's reinvented his campaign. He's not standing still."

In fact, many Dean supporters fault Trippi for spending millions too freely without producing a first-place victory in Iowa or New Hampshire — and for inspiring

Dean's overwrought concession speech after the caucus.

"We recognize they need to be a change," said Laura Galante, a chairman of a Dean student group at the University of Virginia. Galante said she hasn't seen any defections yet.

"I'm upset about it but not devastated," volunteer Shauna Gordon-McKeon, a student at Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass., said of Trippi's departure.

For Carlin, the glow began fading after pollsters chose Dean as the front-runner in Iowa and the media scrutiny intensified, putting Dean on the defensive and prompting blunders.

He worries Neel's arrival marks a turning point.

"I've read that the Gore influence is growing and I'm a little apprehensive that it will become another stall, kind of boring campaign, just another establishment organization," Carlin said.

"I'm still committed to it," he said. "But I think it's lost a lot of steam."

Dean seeks some starch to bolster wilting campaign

Chicago Tribune

BURLINGTON, Vt. — It's difficult to pinpoint the precise moment when Howard Dean's high-flying campaign started its descent. Some believe it was the December day that Saddam Hussein was captured, and Dean said America was not safer.

Some believe it was when former Vice President Al Gore endorsed him, transforming him from insurgent to Establishment candidate. Others look to the moment when Dean essentially shouted down a senior citizen in Iowa. And, of course, there was his infamous screech after finishing third in the Iowa caucuses.

Somewhat, the campaign went from Dean as the inevitable nominee to Dean as a candidate with a unique strategy for capturing the nomination: winning at least some delegates in every primary but not necessarily finishing first.

Somewhat, a campaign that rewrote the rules on campaign fundraising,

pulling in more than \$40 million last year, also set an infamous record for spending.

He didn't handle success well.

The campaign is so low on money now that Dean had to pull advertising from the seven states holding elections and caucuses Tuesday, and his staff had to forgo paychecks. He is focusing instead on the states that come after Tuesday, the political equivalent of trying to draw to an inside straight.

Money and the power of it were supposed to be the constant of this Dean campaign, the inoculation that would allow it to withstand an early setback. And Dean's personal history of parsimony suggested that he would husband resources well. Early in his campaign, he flew on discount airlines and stayed at supporters' homes rather than spend more money.

For his part, the candidate has adopted a "What, me worry?" pose.

"The direction of the campaign doesn't worry me a bit," Dean said.



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Workers donate \$1 million to Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — The financial services industry is giving big to President Bush's re-election effort.

Workers at five financial services companies contributed more than \$1 million of the record \$132.7 million Bush raised last year for his campaign, according to reviews of Bush's 2003 campaign finance reports by The Associated Press and nonpartisan Political Money Line.

All have executives who rank among Bush's "rangers," campaign volunteers who raise at least \$200,000 each for Bush, or who are "pioneers," collecting at least \$100,000 for the Republican.

Employees of Merrill Lynch individually gave at least \$360,000. Workers at PricewaterhouseCoopers contributed at least \$310,000. UBS, at least \$230,000, and Goldman Sachs — and MBNA, at least \$220,000.

"We're proud of the broad support we receive from people from all walks of life and from all across the country," Bush campaign spokesman Terry Holt said Friday.

"By the end of the year, we had more than 400,000 contributors,



President George W. Bush

and obviously we screen all of our donations for — whether they are legal and whether they are appropriate," he said.

Campaign officials noted contributions from the five companies make up less than 1 percent of the campaign's total donations. Spokesmen for the investment company, Merrill Lynch, whose employees together appeared to have given the most, did not immediately respond to an AP phone call seeking comment.

Steve Bartlett, president of The Financial Services Roundtable, which represents 100 of the industry's biggest companies, said he was glad to hear the employees were active in the presidential race. He urges industry workers to get more involved in campaigns every year.

"The reason the employees and executives of financial services companies are heavily committed

to President Bush's re-election is that it's all about the economy in 2004," said Bartlett, who gave Bush \$1,000. "The overwhelming issue for financial services employees is the economy because overall our large companies finance the economy."

Bartlett said every year is important for the industry in Washington. For its priorities this year, the roundtable lists lobbying on proposals to toughen regulation of the mutual fund industry, limit class-action lawsuits and let workers invest some of their Social Security taxes.

Employees of several other companies gave Bush more than \$100,000. Those included workers at the lobbying firms Blank Rome LLP and Winston & Strawn; Lehman Brothers financial services company; Ernst & Young accounting firm; Microsoft; Morgan Stanley financial services company; Union Pacific railroad; and Credit Suisse First Boston.

The businesses also have executives among Bush's roughly 150 fund-raising rangers and 240 pioneers.

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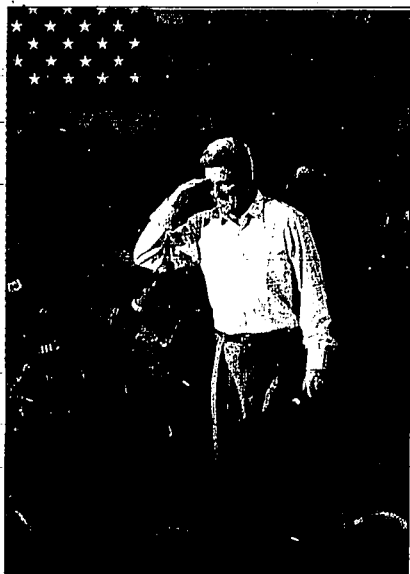
campaign finance report detailing his fund-raising and spending from October through December. He sent his report to the Federal Election Commission late Thursday. The reports are due at midnight Saturday.

Bush, like Democratic hopefuls Howard Dean and John Kerry, is foregoing public money for the primaries, freeing him from the program's \$45 million spending limit.

The Bush campaign spent \$33.6 million last year, starting this year with \$99 million left and more fund-raisers planned. Bush began his re-election effort last May.

A Democrat who pulled out of the race after a poor showing in the Iowa caucuses, Missouri Rep. Dick Gephardt, filed his year-end campaign finance report late Friday. It showed Gephardt starting 2004 with about \$1.6 million in the bank but also \$1.1 million in bills to pay. In all, he raised \$16.6 million last year.

Another former Democratic hopeful, Carol Mosley Braun, reported raising \$493,135 last year and spending \$489,118. Braun finished 2003 with debts of \$218,468 and about \$4,000 on hand.



Democratic presidential contender U.S. Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., salutes a crowd during a campaign rally in Kansas City, Mo., Saturday.

Democrats scramble in up-for-grabs Missouri

By Stephanie Simon
Los Angeles Times

ST. LOUIS — The Democrats scrambling for votes in Missouri's suddenly wide-open presidential primary will find an electorate worried about the same issues that resonate across the nation: jobs, health care, the war in Iraq and above all, beating President Bush in November.

But they'll also find some decided quirks to Democratic Party politics in the Show Me State. Most campaigning is done in the state's two big urban centers, Kansas City and St. Louis. Voters there closely resemble the traditional Democratic Party base. They tend to support abortion rights and favor gun control. They're more liberal (or as some analysts put it, "more Yankee"). They include unionized workers and a strong black contingent.

These two population hubs are where Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kerry — who holds a huge lead in recent polls — can expect to do best, pundits say. Outside the big cities, the political climate shifts. This is what locals call "outstate" Missouri: a landscape of cattle pastures, soy fields, wineries and one-block towns. In many of these rural counties — some known as "Little Dixie" — Democratic Party roots stretch back to the Civil War. Voters are much more conservative than any of the presidential contenders have so far tried to woo.

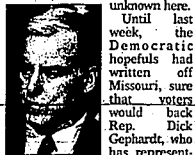
"The first thing anyone running for office there is asked is, 'What's your position on the Second Amendment?' The second thing they're asked is about abortion," said Rick Hardy, a professor of political science at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Voters expect the answers to be: "I'll leave your guns alone. And I'll fight to restrict abortion rights."

They won't find a Democratic contender in this year's primary to line up with them on abortion. But analysts say outstate voters might be drawn to the Southern roots and small-town background of North Carolina Sen. John Edwards. The strong family tradition of military service in parts of rural Missouri might also give a boost to retired Gen. Wesley K.

Clark, who hails from neighboring Arkansas.

Analysts traditionally put considerable stock in Missouri's urban-rural split as they try to handicap political races. This year, however, there's a wild card: All of the candidates are largely unknown here.



Howard Dean

Until last week, the Democratic hopefuls had written off Missouri, sure that voters would back Rep. Dick Gephardt, who has represented St. Louis in Congress for nearly three decades.

A few candidates, notably Clark and former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, had volunteers on the ground in Missouri trying to whip up some grass-roots support on the cheap. But there were no television or radio ads and few mailings. Even yard signs and bumper stickers were scarce.

"When Gephardt came in fourth in the Jan. 19 Iowa caucuses and pulled out of the race — saying he did not intend to endorse anyone soon — Missouri was up for grabs. And voters suddenly realized there was an election coming up.

The quick turnaround seems to have benefited Kerry, who was grabbing headlines for his victories in Iowa and New Hampshire just when Missouri voters began to pay attention to the race.

A Zogby poll conducted for Reuters-MSNBC this week found 45 percent of Missouri voters backing Kerry. Edwards drew 11 percent, and Dean was running third with 9 percent.

"We had no information about any of these guys except for what was on the national news," said Dave Robertson, a political science professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. "When you see (TV clips of) some guy waving his arms in victory in Iowa and New Hampshire, and there's a sign in front of him that says 'Kerry' ... that alone gave him a boost and defined him for a lot of people who had not paid much attention to the candidates before."



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Frigid temperatures and blowing winds may have kept visitors away from Seneca Park Zoo Friday in Rochester, N.Y. The zoo was almost deserted, but it didn't keep the sea lions from enjoying their swim. High temperatures only in the teens are finally forecast to warm slightly early next week with Monday's forecast in the low 30s.

N.Y. mulls law to let diners take home extra wine

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Two state legislators are proposing a law that would allow diners to take an unfinished bottle of wine home from a restaurant.

If the bill passes, New York would be one of at least a half-dozen states that allow take-out wine. California, Oregon, Maine, Hawaii and Connecticut all have "doggie bag" laws. The law could pump up wine sales while also reducing drunken driving, said Assemblyman Bill Magee and Sen. Stephen Saland, who introduced the legislation. "If they know they can take the opened bottle of wine home, then they probably will, instead of trying to finish it in the restaurant," Magee said.

The bill would require people to buy a full meal when purchasing a bottle.

Representatives from Mothers Against Drunk Driving said they just learned of the legislation and will not take a position until they determine if it would weaken New York's open container laws and increase drunken driving.

Mexico infuriates church with endorsement of pill

By Susana Hayward Knight Ridder News Service

MEXICO CITY — The Mexican government has quietly endorsed the use of the morning-after contraceptive pill for family planning, triggering fury in the Roman Catholic Church, which calls the pill's use murder and says those who take it will be excommunicated.

The pill, which is sold under various names and is similar to birth control pills, has been available in Mexico for two years. But what touched off the firestorm was the publication last week in the government's official Journal of the Federation of new guidelines that detailed acceptable ways of birth control. The pill was the only addition to the government's list of "Official Norms for Family Planning," which was last issued in 1993. The list details seemingly every type of birth control, from condoms to intrauterine devices and tubal ligations.

The morning-after pill's inclusion in the guidelines means it can now be distributed in government health clinics and hospitals. That caught Mexican church officials by surprise, and they have been calling for the conservative government of President Vicente Fox to rescind the endorsement, saying the morning-after pill is no different from abortion, which is illegal in Mexico.

"They are called contraceptives, but when they cause an abortion, it's murder," Mexico City Cardinal Norberto Rivera told reporters this week. People are "not allowed to murder innocents. It's not just church doc-

trine, it's the commandment of God, to not kill."

The Roman Catholic Church and the Mexican Council of Bishops have issued statements saying that any woman who knowingly takes the morning-after pill will be excommunicated.

Mexico, with a growing population of more than 100 million people and with 1 million 18-year-olds entering the job market, encourages family planning. Government officials were surprised by the church's reaction.

"The pill has existed and it's been used, approved by the World Health Organization," said an official with the Health Secretariat, who asked not to be identified because of the ongoing storm. "Critics think it's an abortion pill, but it's not, because if a woman is already pregnant it won't work. It's a measure to protect women, including women who are raped."

Church officials say preventing pregnancy and aborting one are the same thing.

"When people have the luxury to kill the weakest and most innocent with impunity, it fractures society," Monsignor Jose de Jesus Martinez, auxiliary bishop with the Mexico City Archdiocese, said in an interview with Knight Ridder.

"This may sound too strong, but the pill is like giving a person a handgun, pistol, to kill another because there's conflict. If an egg is not allowed to become fertile, it's an abortion, no matter what you call it, and it's illegal."

The church accepts only abstinence from intercourse during ovulation — the so-called rhythm method — as a legitimate birth-control method.

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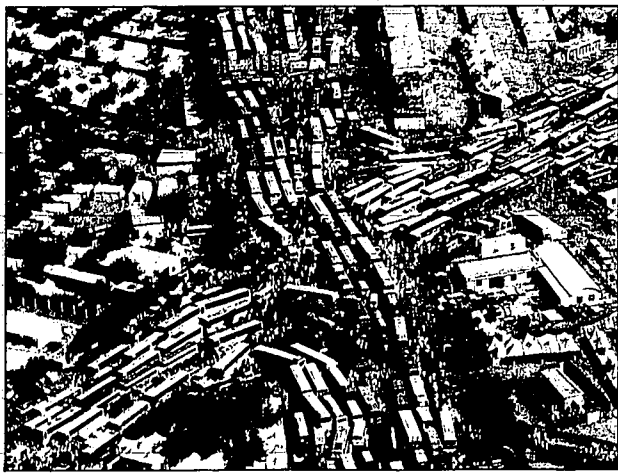
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An aerial view from a helicopter shows the buses and pilgrims and their camps in Arafat, northeast of the city of Mecca, during the annual Muslim pilgrimage hajj, Saudi Arabia, Saturday.

Saudi religious leader blasts terrorists as hajj reaches peak

By RAWIYA RAGEH
Associated Press Writer

MOUNT ARAFAT, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Saudi Arabia's top cleric called on Muslims around the world Saturday to forsake terrorism, saying those who claim to be holy warriors were an affront to the faith.

In a sermon that was remarkable not only for its strong language but also its timing — at the peak of the annual hajj — Sheikh Abdul Aziz al-Sheikh told 2 million pilgrims that terrorists were giving their enemies an excuse to criticize Muslim nations.

"Is it holy war to shed Muslim blood? Is it holy war to shed the blood of non-Muslims given sanctuary in Muslim lands? Is it holy war to destroy the possession of Muslims," he said.

A large number of the victims of suicide attacks in Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Iraq and elsewhere have been Muslims.

Al-Sheikh, who is widely respected in the Arab world as the foremost cleric in the country considered the birthplace of Islam, spoke at Namira Mosque, a televised sermon watched by millions of Muslims in Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states.

The mosque is close to Mount Arafat, where the pilgrims converged Saturday for the climax of their annual trek. This year's hajj has been carried out amid heightened security after a year of terror attacks in the kingdom.

In speaking of terrorists who killed fellow Muslims, al-Sheikh was clearly referring to the Prophet Muhammad's final sermon, delivered on Mount Arafat 14 centuries ago.



A pilgrim stands at the 'Jabal Al Rahma' or 'The Mountain of Mercy' in Mount Arafat, northeast of the city of Mecca, Saudi Arabia, Saturday.

"This country is based on this religion and will remain steadfast on it," he said.

It contained the line: "Know that every Muslim is a Muslim's brother, and the Muslims are brethren. Fighting between them should be avoided."

Al-Sheikh also criticized the international community, accusing it of attacking Wahhabism, the sect whose strict interpretation of Islam is followed in Saudi Arabia.

"Islam forbids all forms of injustice, killing without just cause, treachery ... hijacking of planes, boats and transportation means," he said.

Saudi Arabia came under Western pressure after the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States, in which 15 of the 19 hijackers were Saudi citizens.

Iraqi council bans news channel Al-Jazeera

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's U.S.-appointed Governing Council has barred the Arab news channel Al-Jazeera from government offices and news conferences for one month, the council said in a statement Saturday.

The ban on one of the most popular television news stations in the Middle East went into effect Wednesday and is punishment for the disrespect the station allegedly showed toward prominent Iraqis, according to the statement. It is the second such ban against Al-Jazeera since September.

Ballout told The Associated Press that "it's yet another unfortunate situation."

"Al-Jazeera is trying to ascertain exactly what happened with a view to rectify the matter, because we believe its advantageous to the media as well as the governing council," Ballout said from Qatar, where Al-Jazeera is based. "All that Al-Jazeera wants is to do its job professionally."

According to the council's statement, Al-Jazeera has shown "disrespect to Iraq and its people and harmed prominent religious and national figures."

The statement listed senior Shiite cleric Mohsen al-Hakim and his sons Mohammed Baqir al-Hakim and Mohammed Mahdi al-Hakim as among those whose memory have been tarnished by Al-Jazeera. It also mentioned Mustafa Barzani, the late father of Kurdish leader Massoud Barzani.

The statement did not say when Al-Jazeera is supposed to have committed the offenses but regional news reports have cited the station's controversial program "The Opposite Direction" or "Irugh al-Moaksis."

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Group calls for action against bird flu

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Warning the chance to contain bird flu might be disappearing, the World Health Organization urged China to take swift action Saturday as the world's most populous country reported two new suspected outbreaks.

Asian governments, meanwhile, sought to reassure the public that the virus was under control and poultry was safe to consume if properly cooked.

The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization appealed for international aid to provide farmers with compensation, saying otherwise they may resist slaughtering their flocks, a crucial measure in stamping out the disease and preventing a human outbreak.

"We are ... concerned that mass culling is not taking place at a speed we consider absolutely necessary to contain the virus," said Hans Wagner, an animal production health officer at FAO.

The WHO called on China to share more information about the disease, step up monitoring for possible human cases and take precautions so that workers engaged in the mass slaughter of birds aren't accidentally infected.

The appeal came after the government on Friday announced confirmed cases in two central provinces, Hunan and Hubei. It said it was investigating suspected cases in three other regions, including Guangdong in the south, where SARS is believed to have begun.

"We have repeatedly said there is a brief window of opportunity to act within China," Dr. Julie Hall, a WHO official in Beijing, said in a statement. "This latest



Laborers arrange eggs at the Harpal Poultry Farm in the northern Indian state of Punjab. Officials in India said they exported a windfall in chicken orders from Middle Eastern and European countries that typically import from Asian countries now affected by the bird flu.

news strongly suggests that the window is getting smaller with each passing day."

China's first confirmed case was found Tuesday in a duck in the southern region of Guangxi. The country has reported no human cases of the disease that has been found in 10 Asian countries. Eight people have died in Vietnam and two in Thailand.

The U.N. health agency, however, welcomed tests Friday showing that bird flu has been in Asia since at least April, raising hopes that if the disease was to jump to humans on a large scale it would have done so already.

The epidemic has struck Asia's economies hard, with tens of millions of chickens killed by the virus or destroyed

to prevent its spread, and governments are keen to restore public confidence.

In Thailand, the world's fourth-largest chicken exporter, billionaire Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra pledged to pay \$75,000 of his own money in compensation if anybody dies from eating well-cooked chicken products.

China announces SARS case; patient recovers

BEIJING (AP) — China announced its fourth confirmed SARS case of the season Saturday, saying the patient had already left the hospital after "total recovery" — a disclosure that prompted a strongly worded statement from the World Health Organization urging an urgent investigation.

The 40-year-old doctor fell ill on Jan. 7 with a high fever, sore throat and fatigue, the official Xinhua News Agency said. It cited an unnamed spokesman from the Health Ministry.

The man — identified only by his family name, Liu — checked himself into a hospital Jan. 13, Xinhua said. Within five days, "his body temperature dropped to normal and his condition stabilized." Liu "was already discharged from hospital several days ago upon total recovery," Xinhua said.

The doctor, who works at a hospital in Guangzhou, the capital of the southern province Guangdong, denied having any contact with animals or SARS patients, the report said. Health officials have been monitoring 48 people who had contact with him, but none has shown any symptoms, it said.

Criticized for its sluggish, secretive response last year after the initial outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome, the Chinese government has vowed to be more open and has since mounted an aggressive campaign against the disease.

Daily reports on suspected or confirmed cases are issued by the Health Ministry, and Xinhua reported on the third patient's

release from the hospital minutes after it said it occurred.

According to Xinhua, Guangzhou experts diagnosed Liu as a suspected case on Jan. 24 and the health ministry was informed two days later. It was not immediately clear why no word about him was released until Saturday.

"The case raises a number of concerns about the manner in which the man's infection was detected, treated and reported," the World Health Organization's Beijing office said in a statement emailed to reporters Saturday night. "WHO was not informed about this case until January 30," the agency said. "Early detection, swift isolation and prompt reporting of cases are vital in the control of any infectious disease."

It said it was told about the case four days after the man was declared a suspected SARS patient and two weeks after he was isolated. WHO said it was "strongly recommending further investigation into the sources of infection of recent SARS cases in Guangdong."

Telephones were not answered at the ministry, and an official at the Guangdong anti-SARS office in Guangzhou said he "wasn't clear" about any details of the case. He refused to give his name.

Liu's case was announced the same day that two new suspected outbreaks of bird flu were reported in Guangdong and central Hubei province. The potentially fatal disease, which has ravaged poultry in much of Asia, has killed at least 10 people. Millions of chickens in 19 countries have been slaughtered.

Pakistani president fires prominent nuclear scientist

The Washington Post

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan's most prominent nuclear-weapons scientist, Abdul Qadeer Khan, was fired from his government job Saturday after Gen. Pervez Musharraf, Pakistan's president, affirmed investigators' findings that Khan had sold nuclear secrets to Iran and Libya, officials said.



Pervez Musharraf

At the same time, Musharraf is eager to remain on good terms with the United States and to demonstrate Pakistan's commitment to curbing the spread of nuclear technology, in part by showing that he takes the allegations against Khan seriously.

Pakistan launched its investigation in November after the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) turned up evidence that Pakistani scientists had helped Iran and Libya design centrifuges used to make enriched uranium, a key ingredient in nuclear weapons. U.S. officials also suspect Pakistani scientists of providing nuclear assistance to North Korea, although Pakistani officials deny the charge.

Among those present at Saturday's meeting was Lt. Gen. Ehsanul Haq, the head of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence agency, who presented the case against Khan and said that firing him would "would go a long way in establishing" Pakistan's "credibility with the IAEA," according to a participant.

The same participant quoted Prime Minister Zafarullah Khan Jamali as telling the group, "We must tell the world that Pakistan at no cost would allow irresponsible scientists to run its nuclear program."

Khan, the flamboyant, German-trained metallurgist who is widely regarded as the father of Pakistan's nuclear bomb, was dismissed from his post as a science adviser to the prime minister following a meeting of the Nuclear Command Authority, which is comprised of senior military and civilian officials and is chaired by Musharraf.

But the participants postponed a decision on whether to pursue criminal charges against Khan, who investigators say made millions of dollars from the sale of blueprints and other technical assistance routed to Iran and Libya by means of a nuclear black market in Dubai and — in the case of Iran — through a program that was supposed to be limited to non-military nuclear technology. At least one other nuclear scientist, Mohammed Farooq, is accused of helping Khan in the scheme.

Musharraf is under heavy domestic pressure to go easy on the scientists, especially Khan, who is considered a national hero for his pivotal role in developing the uranium-enrichment technology that allowed the country to achieve nuclear parity with arch-rival India.

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Members of Hezbollah carry coffins covered by Hezbollah flags Saturday during a street funeral in the southern suburb of Beirut, Lebanon. Thousands of people attended funerals held around the country for Lebanese and Palestinian guerrillas whose bodies were brought from Israel earlier this week under a prisoner exchange deal.

Lebanon buries militants' bodies

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Thousands of mourners Saturday attended funerals across Lebanon for dozens of militant guerrillas whose bodies were identified after this week's mass prisoner exchange with Israel.

On Friday, the remains of 59 militants "crossed" from Israel to Lebanon, the last step of a complex prisoner exchange between Hezbollah and Israel.

The bodies were taken to the capital Beirut in a slow procession of trucks carrying the coffins and after joint prayers were handed over to their respective groups for funerals.

In a southern Beirut suburb, a burial ceremony was held for 11 members of the militant

Hezbollah group.

During the ceremony, Hezbollah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah called for the return of dozens more bodies from Israel.

After his speech, Nasrallah stood before the caskets wrapped with Hezbollah's yellow flags and spoke to the dead fighters.

"I congratulate you. You are on your way to paradise," the black-turbaned cleric said before leading a special prayer.

Hezbollah pallbearers in black uniforms then carried the coffins a few hundred yards to ambulances that would take them home for burial.

Meanwhile, the Lebanese Communist Party held funerals for 18 of its members killed during

Israel's 1982-2000 occupation of southern Lebanon.

At another burial, the pro-Syrian Shiite guerrilla group Amal, paid last respects to six members in the southern town of Msailch.

Seventeen Palestinians were buried in the Martyrs Cemetery in Beirut's Chatilla refugee camp, Lebanon's official National News Agency said.

The exchange of prisoners and bodies completed a German-mediated deal that also saw Israel release 400 Palestinians and about 30 prisoners of other nationalities.

Hezbollah freed a kidnapped Israeli businessman and the bodies of three soldiers whom it ambushed on the Lebanese-Israeli border in 2000.

Fire kills 10, injures six at nursing home

UDDINGSTON, Scotland (AP) — Fire broke out at a southern Scottish nursing home early Saturday, killing 10 residents and injuring six others, the fire service said.

Most of the victims died from smoke inhalation in one of the worst tragedies to hit a British nursing home since the government began regulating the industry in the 1960s.

At least 40 people were in the Rosepark care home just south of Glasgow when the small blaze broke out, Alan Forbes of the Strathclyde Fire Brigade said. The fire department was called at 4:37 a.m. local time, he said.

Police initially said 11 people had died but later lowered the number to 10, citing a miscommunication between agencies.

At least three of the injured were in critical condition—one at a Glasgow hospital, according to police, and two more at Monklands Hospital in North Lanarkshire, according to a spokesman there. Others, many of them frail and ill, were moved to nearby nursing homes.

"It is a tragedy on an enormous scale for the families, for the community and for the people who attended it," said firemaster Jeff Ord of the Strathclyde Fire Brigade.

Chief Superintendent Tom Buchan, divisional fire commander for North Lanarkshire, said the fire itself had been small and had caused only minor damage to the building. Officials were still investigating the cause.

"I'm sure, if you see the building it is impossible to detect there has been any signs of fire at all," he said. "It appears that the smoke has made its way along a residential area ... so the smoke was able to enter their bedrooms where they were sleeping."

Queen Elizabeth II sent a message of sympathy conveyed by Scottish First Minister Jack McConnell.

"I was greatly saddened to learn of the loss of life in this morning's fire at Rosepark nursing home in Uddingston," she said. "I wish to convey my heartfelt sympathies to families and friends of all those killed and injured. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all."

Worried relatives gathered at a nearby police station seeking information about patients.

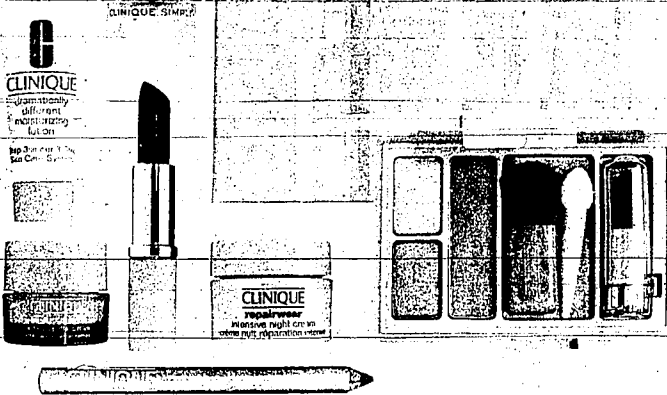
"It is any care home's worst nightmare," said Sheila Scott, chief executive of the National Care Homes Association, who said the Rosepark home did not belong to that group.

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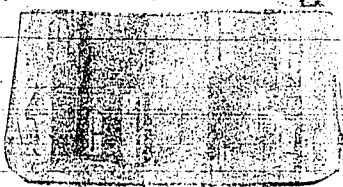
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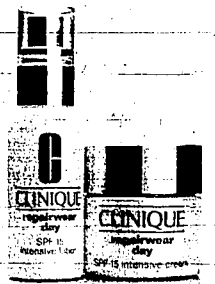
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China, Korea dispute ancient kingdom

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The ancient kingdom of Goguryeo, famed for its mighty castles and horseback warriors, has sprung back-to-life in a "war of history" between South Korea and China that carries alarming modern-day implications.

The dispute has roused diplomatic hawks and symbolized what many say are rival geopolitical designs on Northeast Asia, a region rich in conflict and currently riddled with North Korea's nuclear weapons programs.

The wrangling could also influence the way future borders are drawn between two of Asia's biggest economic powers should the region become unstable.

Koguryeo ruled much of Korea and Manchuria, now China, until it vanished from maps 1,300 years ago. It has been dragged into the headlines by a Beijing-backed study that deems the kingdom to be an integral part of China.

New South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon insisted last week.

"It is an indisputable historical fact that Goguryeo is the root of the Korean nation and an inseparable part of our history," he said.

"We will sternly and confidently deal with any claims or arguments harming the legitimacy of our rights."

Reigning from 37 B.C. to A.D. 668 and spreading Buddhism throughout the region, the Goguryeo-kingdom straddled what is now North Korea and part of South Korea and the northeastern Chinese region of Manchuria.

South Koreans see Goguryeo as the origin of their nation and revere its warrior kings as ancestors from a Golden Age. Goguryeo is the root of the word "Korea."

Two years ago, Beijing's Chinese Institute of Social Sciences launched the Northeast Asia Project to study the history of China's northeastern provinces, which cover much of ancient Goguryeo and are home to large ethnic Korean communities.

Chinese scholars say Goguryeo "truly were" among the many minorities absorbed into greater China, and that since about 700 years of Goguryeo lies within today's China, it is key to China's history. They further enraged scholars from South and North Korea by releasing papers claiming Goguryeo was a vassal kingdom that sought Chinese sanction for its leaders and paid tribute.



South Korea civic activists at the Topgol Park in Seoul held a rally Tuesday to protest against China's state-run Northeast Asia Project, a five-year program on regional studies of Northeast Asia, for allegedly distorting the history and national ancestry of the Goguryeo. The protesters hold signs showing pictures of Goguryeo relics and Chinese lettering "criticizing the Northeast Asia Project."

Outraged South Koreans began a 10-million signature petition to demand that the United States "China's distortion of history," while their government backed a parallel academic study to counter China's claims.

Korean academics say Goguryeo was in fact a fiercely independent state that often clashed with China until its defeat by China and a regional ally.

Neither government wants to be dragged into what Foreign Minister Ban calls a "sensitive issue that could trigger public sentiments in both countries." But neither shows signs of backing down.

Academics say Goguryeo has future implications, too. China fears a scenario in which impoverished North Korea collapses, releasing a flood of refugees — and

instability — in its backyard and forcing it to establish a new front-facing U.S. Korea.

"China's Northeast Asia Project is not just about Goguryeo but aims at asserting its historical claims to Manchuria and even part of the Korean peninsula in case the region turns unstable," says Ahn Byung-woo, a historian at South Korea's Hanshin University.

The controversy's echo ripples in Northeast Asia, where countries with vibrant economies still grapple with violent pasts. South Korea and Japan dispute a set of islands. China and the two Koreas accuse Japan of failing to atone for its brutal colonial past.

Goguryeo is even triggering a rare alignment between communist North Korea and the capitalist South. North Korea preaches "the Korean nation was at its prime during the time of Goguryeo" and uses the Goguryeo legacy to whip up militaristic fervor against foreign powers, especially the United States.

Textbooks in both Korea say Goguryeo tribes are more closely related to today's Koreans than mainstream Chinese, and that their customs, including sleeping on heated floors and eating fermented bean paste, are better preserved in Korea.

South Korea is backing the North's bid to have UNESCO designate its Goguryeo relics as a World Heritage Site. China seeks the same honor for Goguryeo monuments, fortresses and other ruins in its territories.

China is North Korea's main ally, but that didn't stop Pyongyang's state-run newspaper Rodong Simun from accusing China of "manipulating history for its own interest."

It likened Chinese claim on Goguryeo to "stealing water from another man's rice paddy."

It is an indisputable historical fact that Goguryeo is the root of the Korean nation and an inseparable part of our history.

— Ban Ki-moon, South Korean Foreign Minister

Israel delivers rare rebuke of U.N. chief

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Israel criticized Secretary-General Kofi Annan for issuing a statement that "talked too much about condemning the suicide bombing in Jerusalem, warning that U.N. 'indifference' to Palestinian terrorism attacks undermines efforts to achieve peace."

Annan's statement was released after Thursday's attack on a bus that killed 10 Israelis and wounded more than 50. It condemned those who resort to "violence and terror" and appealed to Israelis and Palestinians to resume peace negotiations, but did not specifically mention the bombing.

"The moral clarity of the secretary-general in expressly condemning brutal acts of terrorism like yesterday's attack is especially important," Israeli Ambassador Dan Gillerman told a news conference Friday.

"If you look at his words and his deeds before today and after, you will see that his only objective ... is to make the parties focus on peace," she said.

Israeli anger at Annan was compounded by the Security Council's failure to agree on a

statement condemning the suicide bombing.

Council diplomats said Algeria, the "only Arab nation" on the council, insisted that any statement must also condemn the deaths of eight Palestinians in an Israeli incursion into Gaza City on Wednesday. The United States and others said equating the two incidents was unacceptable, the diplomats said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Gillerman said after his press conference he was not aware of Annan's new comments.

Grilled about whether there was a change in Annan's policy, U.N. associate spokeswoman Marie Okabe said "one press statement doesn't make a policy."

Before Gillerman's press conference started at U.N. headquarters in New York, Annan told reporters in Brussels, Belgium on Friday that "I have always condemned without reservation suicide bombings that take innocent lives."

The secretary-general sent his "deepest sympathy and condolences to the families and all those who lost loved ones, and those who have been injured and are in hospital." But he stressed that "the only solution to this is to focus on peace."

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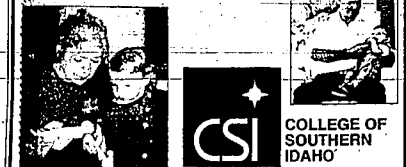
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U.S. opposition to hearing on barrier angers Palestinians

JERUSALEM (AP) — A top Palestinian official told a visiting U.S. envoy Saturday that Palestinians were angered over Washington's opposition to an international court hearing on the Israeli barrier to seal off the West Bank.

The expansive — complex of trenches, fences, walls and razor wire has become one of the most contentious issues in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and both sides see the upcoming hearing as

important to determining the project's fate.

Palestinian Cabinet Minister Saeb Erekat told State Department official David Satterfield that Palestinian leaders were upset with a U.S. position that the international Court of Justice should not consider the legality of the Israeli-built barrier.

"The United States is trying to shut the door in our faces," Erekat told The Associated Press.

The barrier is about one-quarter

complete and will eventually stretch 440 miles. In some places its route roughly matches the West Bank boundary that Israeli forces crossed in the 1967 Mideast war. In others, it zigzags deep into West Bank land.

Israel says the barrier is crucial to stopping suicide bombers. The Palestinians say it's a brazen move to grab land and to crush chances for an independent Palestinian state.

The court in The Hague,

Netherlands, is to begin hearings on Feb. 23.

Both sides submitted arguments to the court by Friday's deadline. Israel argued the judges have no jurisdiction, while the Palestinians said construction on occupied West Bank land is illegal.

The Bush administration opposes parts of the barrier that dip into the West Bank. But it submitted a statement to the court saying only states involved

— not the U.N. General Assembly — can determine whether the court could rule in disputes among countries.

The body is the highest judicial body of the United Nations and took on the case at the request of the General Assembly. Its ruling on the barrier's legality is nonbinding, but both sides have invested great effort in the case because the outcome is likely to influence international opinion.

Several other countries — namely Britain — also are opposed to the hearings.

"I cannot understand it," Erekat said. "We seek to use diplomacy against the wall in going to the (United Nations) Security Council and the court of justice, and you find these countries, the U.S. and Britain, trying to shut the door in our faces."

Erekat said that Satterfield told him the "issue will not be resolved through courts."

Back pain confines Iran leader

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — President Mohammad Khatami, suffering severe back pain, called off an emergency Cabinet meeting Saturday that was to deal with Iran's deepening crisis over parliamentary elections.

Earlier in the day, the reform president had suggested his government would not go ahead with the Feb. 20 vote, which he called undemocratic because hard-line Islamic clerics have disqualified more than 2,400 liberal candidates.

"My government will only hold competitive and free elections if the parliament must represent the views of the majority and include all (political) tendencies," Khatami said, according to the official Islamic Republic News Agency.

Hours later, doctors confined Khatami to his home for treatment of what a senior presidential aide told The Associated Press was a longtime back problem exacerbated by stress.

Iran's main reformist party was swift to emphasize that the president's ailment would not slow its moves to protest a vote it considers a sham. The Islamic Iran Participation Front has called a meeting Monday and is expected to announce a boycott of the polls.

"The president's physical condition may delay some consultations at the top level of the Iranian leadership, but it will not affect the political parties or reformist lawmakers," a top party official, Saeed Shariati, told AP.

Nearly all of the Front's candidates have been barred from running in the election — some of them sitting lawmakers, including party chief and deputy speaker of parliament — Mohammad Reza Khatami, also the president's brother.

The furor over the vote — Iran's biggest political crisis in years — started when the 12 clerics of the unelected but powerful Governing Council disqualified more than 3,000 of the 8,200 people who filed papers to stand for election.

After reformists' complaints, the council relented and announced the restoration of 1,160 lower-profile candidates late Friday, the deadline for appeals or other changes to the ballot. But the 2,400 prominent reformist politicians and party leaders are still disqualified.

The Guardian Council claims the barred candidates lacked the criteria to stand for office, even 80 already in parliament. Only Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who hand-picks most of the clerics on the council, can overrule its decisions.

Reformists called Friday's action cosmetic. They accuse the clerics of trying to sway the vote to regain control of the 290-seat parliament, which they lost four years ago for the first time since the 1979 Islamic revolution. Hardliners have repeatedly thwarted Khatami's efforts toward greater democracy and a relaxation of the Islamic social code.

"There is no possibility of competitive, free and fair elections" in Iran, Minister Abolmohsen Mousavi Lari said Saturday, according to IRNA. "We don't consider this election as legitimate."

Lari had urged the clerics to postpone the vote, but the Guardian Council rejected that Friday. While the interior ministry organizes elections, the council has an overriding, supervisory power over them.

With the vote three weeks away, Khatami appeared to have two options. He could challenge the Guardian Council by including all disqualified candidates on the ballot.

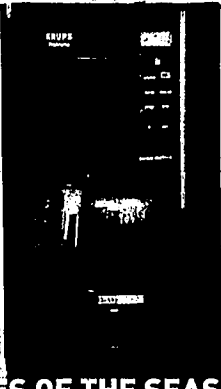
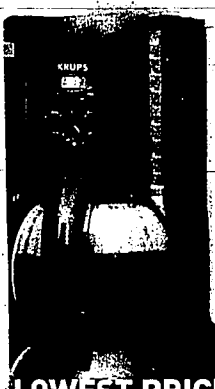
His other option — refusing to hold elections — would leave voting in the hands of hardliners, most likely — relying on — elite Revolutionary Guards and supporting military forces to organize the polls.

The election crisis came as the nation marked the 25th anniversary of the revolution that swept to power the anti-American, hard-line clerics who rule alongside the government.



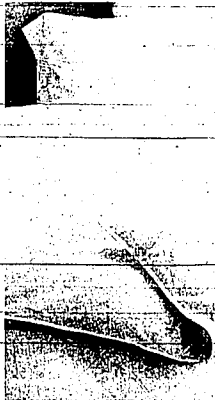
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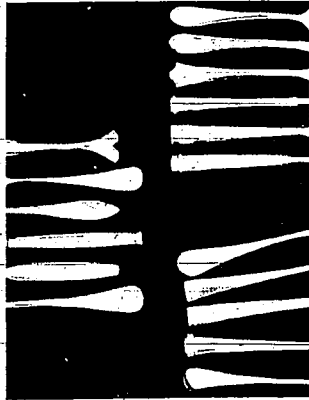
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EDITORIAL

Time to pull out the stops on ISAT exam

There are two ways to look at last week's legislative vote to delay high school exit exams. It's either:

• An effort to guarantee the Idaho Standards Achievement Test is reliable before making it a graduation requirement, or

• A surrender to those who don't want accountability in schools.

As much as we'd like to believe it's the former, we can't help suspecting the latter.

The State Board of Education has recommended making the ISAT a graduation requirement for the class of 2006. A House education subcommittee voted 6-3 last week to reject the recommendation. Among the six were Magic Valley Reps. Doug Jones, R-Filer, and Sharon Block, R-Rwin Falls.

The State Board's recommendation will take effect automatically unless both houses of the Legislature vote it down. That means it needs support from either the House or the Senate. The Senate will probably reject it, so the House is the key arena. The next step will be a vote this week in the 18-member House Education Committee, where it appears to be in a real dogfight. Some committee members have doubts about the test's reliability.

This debate is nothing new. Kids are already taking the ISAT, but the State Board decided in August to delay using it as an exit exam. The board decided - with some justification - that the class of 2005 wouldn't be ready. So the timetable moved to 2006.

But now the exit exam could be delayed till 2007. If that happens, what's to stop opponents from pushing for 2008, 2009, 2015? Meanwhile, Idaho will watch another school year pass without accountability in our schools.

The fact dragging needs to end. As Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has argued repeatedly, it's time to start requiring high school

seniors to pass ISAT. Opponents say ISAT is nowhere near ready to be used as an exit exam. A common refrain is that a unipart ISAT will hurt schools that are trying to comply with federal No Child Left Behind requirements. Slow reporting of test results also has been problematic.

Those concerns need to be resolved. But the push for standards testing and an exit exam in Idaho began long before No Child Left Behind. It appears that opposition to ISAT is really about educators' fear of accountability.

Every year, the State Board hears the same complaint: An all-or-nothing test is unfair, because some students freeze up and perform badly.

But the test is far less draconian than its foes suggest. A sophomore who passes an ISAT segment for reading, math or language never has to take that portion again. If a student fails any segment the first time, he or she has five more chances to pass during the next two and a half years.

Even then, if language or special-ed needs keep a student from passing, the state or the local school board can make special accommodations for a diploma.

Teachers commonly ask, "Why aren't parents held accountable for their kids' education?" An exit exam is one way to do that. If parents don't make sure their child is ready for the test, they and the child will face consequences. A missing diploma can mean remedial education, delayed college admission, and low-paying jobs.

The politicians' hesitation is understandable, because exit exams are a big step. But State Board President Blake Hall told legislators last week, "Years from now people will look back and wonder what the turmoil was over."

He's right. The sooner Hall's prediction is allowed to come true, the sooner Idaho can reap the rewards of real graduation standards.

Fiscal conservatives lack a champion

I've always been tight with my money. I hate being in debt, and I strive to pay for things in cash whenever I can. For those big-ticket items that the average person can't realistically pay for in cash like houses and cars, I try and pay off those debts as quickly as possible.

I just sleep better at night knowing that I don't owe a bunch of greedy creditors. I guess I'm what they call a fiscal conservative.

BILL FERGUSON

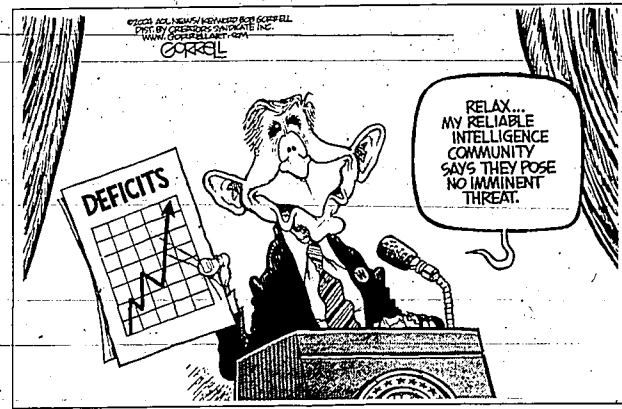
My thrifty nature always figures heavily into who I decide to vote for. The people who run the government are spending my money, and I don't appreciate it when they irresponsibly run up huge deficits and spend money they really don't have.

So you can imagine how pleased I have been with George W. Bush's spending habits. The man slowly recovering from a chronic deficit problem and quickly spent us back into a giant sucking black hole of debt.

This fiscal year our deficit is estimated to be \$477 billion, a record. A combination of tax cuts and large increases in both military and domestic spending are to blame.

President Bush has done absolutely nothing to mitigate this disaster. He has never used his veto power, not even once, to mitigate the voracious spending habits of Congress, despite the fact that the budgets they have sent him are stuffed with more pork than a chili cook-off.

I have been especially disappointed with President Bush's fiscal irresponsibility because the Republican Party has traditionally been the party of smaller government and fiscal restraint, at



least in comparison to the Democrats. Some Republicans, such as Sen. John McCain, have called Bush out on his spending habits, but they are badly outnumbered in Congress and have been unable to offer more than token opposition.

The Democratic candidates for president have been quick to pounce on the deficit issue, but they have offered no hints as to what they might do to address the problem. Most of them have pledged to repeat all or part of

Bush's recent tax cuts (which they claim were largely a giveaway to wealthy Republican supporters) but they are all touting big new spending programs that would cost more than they would save by repealing those tax cuts.

For fiscal conservatives like myself, there are no good options in the 2004 election. We look into the future and see that our current economic crisis is destined to turn into a disaster when the baby boom generation begins to retire and demand

their Social Security and Medicare benefits. Yet few Americans seem to care enough to insist that candidates for president present a realistic plan to deal with the financial crisis we are facing. I wonder what John McCain will be doing in 2008?

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The commercial CBS doesn't want you to see

For many Americans, the commercials that air during the Super Bowl have become as appealing a part of the spectacle as the action on the gridiron. But this year, viewers won't get to see what may have been the best ad submitted to CBS for the big game.

CBS can't air a 30-second spot sponsored by the liberal online activist group MoveOn. The commercial, which won a celebrity-judged competition for the honor of being MoveOn's Super Bowl ad, depicts children performing a variety of low-class jobs - washing dishes, collecting garbage, working on an assembly line. The tagline near the end of the commercial asks, "Guess who's going to pay off President Bush's \$1 trillion deficit?"

The network also spiked a commercial submitted by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. That ad featured scantily clad women and suggested that meat-eating might contribute to impotence.

Of course, CBS has no problems with commercials that objectify women or that are about impotence. You'll see many such commercials during the Super Bowl.

What makes both the PETA and MoveOn spots unacceptable, says CBS, is that they're advoca-

cy advertising. But the network will be airing an ad that shows, according to AdAge.com, what would happen if "other types of manufacturers made products similar to tobacco, like ice cream bars embedded with glass shards."

That sounds a lot like the advocacy commercial to me. The differing, CBS argues, is that anti-smoking ads are non-controversial because everyone agrees smoking is bad for you.

But doesn't everyone agree that massive budget deficits are bad, too? Don't reputable economists agree that they pose long-term threats to the economy? Isn't there bipartisan support for dealing with the exploding deficits? And didn't the current fiscal mess begin after President Bush took office and pushed through massive tax cuts?

Deficits from the Bush years could wind up totaling a lot more than \$1 trillion. Even Fox's Bill O'Reilly could

n't see any problem with the CBS ad. "I was surprised that CBS turned this down. It's not offensive, makes a legitimate point politically," said the conservative television commentator.

CBS seems to move the bar that high for determining what's controversial. Last year during the Super Bowl, the network aired White House ads linking drug use to support for international terrorism - a claim that certainly generated a fair amount of controversy.

MoveOn and its supporters believe there's something fishy about CBS' vetting of commercials. They point out that the Republican-controlled Congress, after a veto threat by Bush, recently approved loosening of an ownership cap that sets limits on the total national TV audience any one network can reach. The online group cites Sen. John McCain, R-Az., who said CBS and Fox would have had to sell stations they'd already purchased had Congress, at the behest of the White House, not raised the cap from 35 percent to 39 percent of all households.

"Why did they pick 39 percent?" MoveOn quotes McCain as asking rhetorically on the Senate floor. "So these two conglomerates could be grandfa-

thered."

It's true that CBS and Fox lobbied heavily for the rule change. It's also true, as the Center for Responsive Politics has documented, that of the nearly \$14,000 in soft money contributions CBS made during the 2000 election cycle, 98 percent of it went to the Republican Party.

MoveOn, on the other hand, does not enjoy such warm relations with CBS; in fact, it helped organize grass-roots opposition to increasing the network ownership cap.

It's quite possible that MoveOn wasn't really a victim of political payback. It could just be its own CBS' interpretation of its own standards are a little shaky. Nevertheless, MoveOn raises some important big-picture questions.

To wit: Why do we let a few corporations control the airwaves, which, after all, belong to the public? Why do we allow big money to continue to play such a huge role in our political system? And, last but not least, could there be a relationship between these two things?

Rick Mercier is a writer and editor for The Free Lance-Star in Fredericksburg, Va. To see what CBS won't show you, visit www.peta.org/feat/superbowl and www.moveon.org/cbsad.

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Dear friends and fellow lovers of the beautiful streams and rivers of the state of Idaho:

It has recently come to my attention that the economic setbacks in state government have taken a serious toll in the protection of our precious streams and rivers. Last year the state of Idaho's Stream Channel Protection Program was reduced from seven positions to only two for the entire state. Even with four specialists, one coordinator, and four full-time clerical positions, the workload was overwhelming. The two remaining employees are spread way too thin. I have recently learned that funding for the two remaining positions is tenuous at best.

The Stream Channel Protection Act was passed in 1971 and has virtually stopped the channel degrading, stream straightening and other atrocities

that were occurring prior to its passage. Since its passage, the use of car bodies, old tires, broken concrete, old appliances and other refuse as bank protection has been stopped. The use of blanket riprap has given way to techniques using a combination of logs, rocks, willows, fiber rolls and wetland sod that not only provide bank protection but enhance fish habitat and aesthetics. Construction techniques are now much more stream friendly.

Are we, as citizens of this great state who enjoy the beauty and recreational opportunities that these beautiful streams and rivers provide, going to stand by and let their protection regress to what it was more than 30 years ago? It is my hope that you will join me in contacting Gov. Kempthorne and your legislators with a plea to protect this vital program and, if necessary, raise the money required to ensure that our valuable streams receive the protection they need

and deserve.

Here are links for contacting Gov. Kempthorne and the state Legislators:
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Perrine student takes the right course of action

In response to a letter from Matthew Ashby about elementary bathrooms needing more supplies:

It delights me to see a young person such as yourself employing the news media in order to advocate for supplies at your school. Your letter was informative and effective. I, for one, agree with your position and join you in making a request to the I.B. Perrine Elementary School for amelioration of this issue.

Furthermore, if the school can't comply or promulgate a new policy in regard to this request, the teachers, students and other school officials will have a lot of dirt on their hands (pun intended).

WADE M. FALCONBURG
Twin Falls

Beef producers have resolved COOL worries

Regarding the Jan. 29 editorial:

Your claim that "beef producers in particular want COOL delayed" is misleading at best. Many state stockgrowers associations across the country worked hard for country-of-origin labeling long before mad cow disease became an issue in this country. Consumers' concerns about mad cow and heightened interest in food safety are just the latest of many compelling reasons to go forward with COOL now.

The claim that small producers will bear a substantial cost burden connected to labeling is phony. It started with a U.S. Department of Agriculture estimate that had a "big picture" bias.

Why did they pick 39 percent? MoveOn quotes McCain as asking rhetorically on the Senate floor. "So these two conglomerates could be grandfa-

I do agree with your observation that labeling does not make food safer. On the other hand, a label that says "born, raised and processed in the USA" tells the

consumer which of their food choices are or are not raised, reared and regulated under some of the world's strictest health and environmental standards.

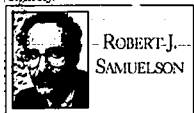
Step back and think a minute about your suggestion that COOL might lead to an "international trade war." Have we gone so far as to trade away our right to know that the steak we're eating is American black Angus vs. Bangladeshi water buffalo?

Since 48 or our 57 trading partners have food labeling laws like COOL in one form or another, a trade war is unlikely. If the USDA, some of our fellow-money politicians and whoever wrote your Jan. 29 editorial had pure of a can-do attitude toward COOL, this country's status as a net beef importing country might change and consumers could feel better about their food choices.
BRIAN CARLSON
Filer

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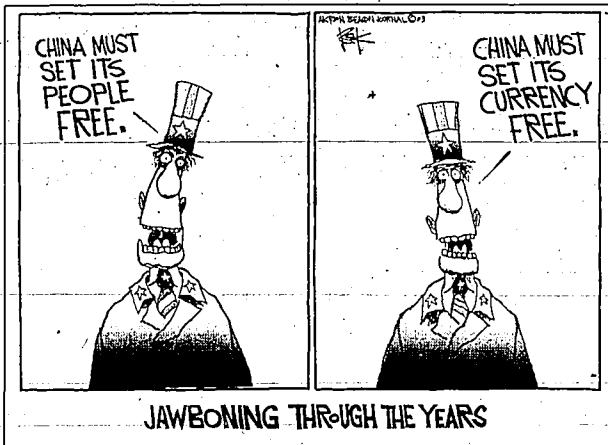
Chinese trade gains global momentum

China is the question, but what's the answer? Everyone recognizes that China's emergence as an economic superpower is a surprising development, even if we don't know its full significance. A China of 1.3 billion mostly impoverished people will influence only its immediate neighbors. A China that is now the world's sixth-largest economy and fourth-largest exporter, with stunning economic growth rates (9.1 percent in 2003) and ambitions to excel in almost every technology, is something else entirely.



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

No one much talks about this, because it's hard to know what to say. The situation is novel. Since World War II, the United States' biggest economic and trading partners have also been our closest political and military allies. China breaks the pattern. It is now, after Canada and Mexico, our largest trading partner and the source of our largest trade deficit about \$120 billion in 2003. But China is neither ally nor adversary. People fumble for the right words. Is China a "threat" or an "opportunity"? Beyond that, we don't know. China's effect on the world economy, is it a low-wage magnet drawing jobs and investment from elsewhere? Or is it a powerful locomotive whose development needs will pull everyone else along? Until recently, it seemed a magnet. China has attracted about \$500 billion of foreign investment — mainly for new factories and mostly at the expense of other Asian nations. "Two years ago, (Asian countries) were trembling," says Nicholas Lardy of the Institute for International Economics. "But recently, China has turned locomotive. Its imports in 2003 rose 40 percent or about \$118 billion," says Lardy. Steel imports totaled 36 million metric tons, a record for any country and double the level of the late 1990s.



"Most of that steel is coming from Korea and Japan — even India is selling. ... They're elated," says Lardy. Some things are clear: for example, China's gigantic need to create jobs, which — if unmet — might stir unrest. Every year, the labor force grows about 10 million; estimates a study from the International Monetary Fund. In addition, China's modernization of inefficient state-run companies means factory closings and layoffs. Meanwhile, rural workers move to cities for better-paying jobs. There's another 9 million needed jobs, says the IMF study. By contrast, the U.S. economy creates 3 million jobs in a good year. China also wants to be more than the world's sweatshop. It didn't send a man into space for only prestige. "There's a growing problem of industrial policy," says Alan Wolff, a trade attorney who represents U.S. industries. "The Chinese have said, 'You can invest — but we want your technology.'" Every foreign company must worry that it's arming future competitors.

Consider computer chips. China imposes a 17 percent

value added tax on chips. But chips produced in China, as opposed to imports, can get most of the tax (up to 14 percentage points) back as a rebate. The idea, says Wolff, is to force companies to locate chip factories in China. (The United States says the measure violates the rules of the World Trade Organization.) We have other interests with China — North Korea's nuclear program, terrorism, Taiwan's status — but our political relationship depends partly on our economic relationship. If the economic costs seem too great, they will poison the politics. The flash point is that huge bilateral trade deficit. In theory, it might not matter. Countries need not have evenly balanced trade with each other to benefit from trade. Suppose China sells to us and buys from Thailand; then Thailand buys from Brazil, which buys from us. Everyone can gain. But weak U.S. job growth and a big trade deficit with China — suggesting unlimited "outsourcing" — is a lethal political combination. If it continues, it could raise questions about standard economic theory.

One fear is that China's recent growth spurt reflects an easy-credit "bubble" that, once popped, will curb imports and cause China to emphasize exports and job growth even more. Another danger is that China merely represents the last stage of Asia's supply chain and that Asia — as a whole — sells much more abroad than it buys, parking surplus earnings in U.S. Treasury securities. This lopsided trade shifts jobs to Asia. It's one reason the Bush administration has pressed China and other Asian countries to revalue their currencies and make their exports less inexpensive. In 1980, China traded little, and most of its people lived on the edge of subsistence. Now, everyone now wants a piece of the China market, but there are underlying fears that we may be abetting an uncontrollable colossus. Questions remain as to whether China affects the global economy and whether China and the United States will cooperate or collide. We don't know the answers, and — almost certainly — neither do the Chinese.

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President Bush, Kerry still cloud Iraq arguments



DAVID S. BRODER

President Bush and Sen. John Kerry have opposite problems when it comes to explaining the crucial decisions they have made about Iraq and national security. The president is reticent to the point of stonewalling, while the senator, who has put a strong claim on the Democratic nomination by winning Iowa and New Hampshire, almost drowns his judgments in a torrent of words. Neither approach serves the country well — with the most troubling questions centering on the president. On Tuesday, in his first meeting with reporters since former weapons inspector David Kelly declared that Saddam Hussein almost certainly did not have weapons of mass destruction on the eve of the Iraq war, Bush was asked three times whether he had reservations about the rationale he had offered for war and the intelligence on which he relied. He never answered directly. Rather than deal with the weapons question, he fell back on the repeated phrase that Iraq was "a grave and gathering danger." Twice he said, "There is no doubt in my mind ... I believed it then and I know it is true now." By shifting the argument, Bush fuses the basic issue in assessing his policy. Many shared his fear of the Iraqi dictator, and many others believed Saddam had these weapons. But Bush alone decided the threat went so grave that it justified a preventive war — one that already has cost more than 500 American lives and billions of dollars, with more to come. That he now evades the issue and gives scant evidence of a searching reappraisal of his administration's decision-making is profoundly disturbing. It is, and ought to be, an issue in this election. Kerry is prepared to make it an issue. The senator is considered by colleagues of both parties to be a serious student of foreign policy. But challenger Howard Dean has raised a legitimate question, asking why Kerry voted against the 1991 resolution authorizing the use of force to oust Iraqi troops from Kuwait but supported the 2002 resolution that provided the authority Bush used to remove Saddam Hussein from power. In an interview with the Washington Post last Sunday, Kerry argued that his record was "entirely consistent." He said that he had made it clear in 1991 that "I believed we should kick Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait" and "only wanted to signal with his 'no' vote that the first President Bush should delay such action until there was greater domestic support for such a

move. And he said that when he voted "yes" on the current President Bush's ultimatum to Iraq, he did not expect — or intend — that he used the way it was. "The vote I cast was not a vote to go to war," he said. "It was a vote based on promises that 'if you' did not mean no, and your 'Yes' did not mean yes," he bristled and said, "I completely disagree with that assessment." He urged the four Post reporters to reread the speeches he gave in the Senate before those two votes — which I now have done. Both speeches are long and discursive. But nowhere in the 1991 speech did Kerry talk about kicking Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait or "drawing a line in the sand," another phrase he used in my interview. That speech denounced the "rush to war," chiefly because Kerry recoiled from the prospect that, like Vietnam, war in the desert could mean "another generation of amputees, paraplegics, burn victims" and psychologically wounded. He questioned whether the country had the stomach for that clearly he did not, nor did he foresee the quick victory with few casualties that ensued. Kerry, like Bush, says he supported the "use of force, if necessary, to disarm Saddam Hussein because I believe that a deadly arsenal of weapons of mass destruction in his hands is a threat, and a grave threat, to our security." But its key paragraph said that "in giving the president this authority, I expect him to fulfill the commitments he has made to the American people in recent days — to work with the United Nations Security Council to adopt a new resolution setting out tough and immediate inspection requirements, and to act with allies at our side if we have to disarm Saddam Hussein by force. If he fails to do so, I will be among the first to speak out" — as he is doing. Kerry too has explaining to do — but his grappling with the problem is preferable to Bush's stonewalling.

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

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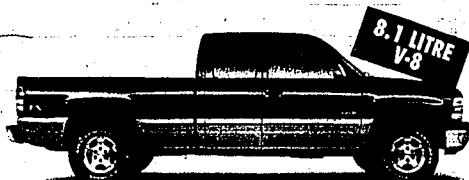
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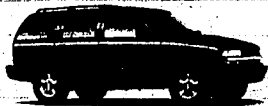
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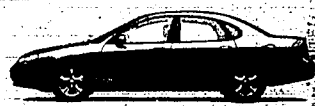
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Section B

'Tis the season for red-baiting

I saw it in Newsweek magazine. Idaho is one of the Red States. Don't know how I feel about that. "Red States," if you're not media-savvy, refers to the states on those big maps favored by network TV newscasters—the states that voted for George Bush in 2000. They're conservative, they're Western, they're Southern, they're Heartland, and from a look at the map, they're pretty damned dull. As opposed to your Blue States—they voted for Al Gore four years ago. They're Left Coast, urban, quirky, trendy, and, according to the Newsweek article—think the president is a scoundrel.

It's all very confusing. Fifty years ago being known as a Red-Statist would have gotten you hauled before the House Un-American Activities Committee and asked the names of any Trotskyites of your acquaintance. But as communism died, old, comfortable color-faded, too.

Nowadays, I suppose, the term "Red Menace" must mean an outbreak of wheat blight in the Dakotas.

The true subversives in America today, then, must be those Blue-Statists. They watch Comedy Central, eat Ben and Jerry's ice cream and drive Lincoln Navigators, which are useful whenever city folks want to venture off-road to the mall.

Strictly speaking, we Red-Statists are not supposed to talk to Blue-Statists. That means that if you're gassing up at the Maverick and a rig with Oregon—Oregon's a Blue State—plates pulls up next to you, you're to ignore the "how's it going?" from the driver and stare icily off into the middle distance.

"This phenomenon is called "polarization," and it's pretty silly. You telling me there's any difference between the farmer who raises sugarbeets in Payette and the guy who grows the same crop across the Snake River in Ontario?

I come from large family in eastern Idaho, just about evenly divided between Mormon and non-Mormons. The Crumps, you might say, are polarized.

The faithful branch of the family and the Gentle wing only speak to each in certain, carefully choreographed settings—family reunions, usually held in the park at Lava Hot Springs—during which designated, senior family members are allowed to shake hands and make careful small talk.

"How's Aunt Doris?"
"She died in 1962."
"I wondered why we didn't a Christmas card."

But the thing about the Crumps is this: They look the same, dress the same, talk the same, fish on the same creeks, drum with the same kind of bait. And once they reach middle age, the women all have way too many lips and the men not nearly enough.

In short, they're indistinguishable. The only difference between the Mormon Crumps and the non-Mormon Crumps is that one group goes to church on Sunday mornings and the other goes to Fred 'n' Kelly's for biscuits and gravy.

Same deal with Americans, by and large.

Some of us will vote for George Bush and some of us will vote for the other guy, and whoever wins will be considered an idiot by somewhat less than half of the population.

But come Nov. 10, all Americans will go back to watching "Survivor XXXIII."

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS—County governments in south-central Idaho may soon be forced to come up with more money to treat indigent residents with mental health problems.

And some county officials are none too happy about it.

Saying it was losing too much money under the previous arrangements, Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center has terminated its contracts with local counties to provide indigent mental health services. And the hospital is proposing new contracts that would not only increase the rates charged the counties for indigent patients involuntarily admitted to Canyon View, but also start charging counties for indigent who enter voluntarily.

Counties generally are responsible to cover medical expenses of people who are determined to be indigent, or unable to pay for medical care.

In a letter to Lincoln County Commissioners, Magic Valley Regional's mental health care director, Bill Southwick, wrote that Canyon View lost \$1.25 million during the 2002-03 fiscal year for services provided under the mental health contracts with

Mental health burden increases

local counties. The hospital isn't willing to continue with such a gap between actual costs of care and the "discounted" reimbursements from counties.

But Dennis Wright, chairman of the Blaine County Commission, said local counties served by Canyon View have objected to the additional expense and to several provisions in the new contract.

"We're not going to sign the contract as it stands," Wright said.

For indigent people who were involuntarily admitted to Canyon View, counties have been charged a flat rate of \$525 per person per day, plus any other expenses such as counseling, Southwick said.

But the "actual" costs of serving those people have been more than double what the counties have paid, averaging \$1,300 per person per day.

The hospital proposes to charge the counties at the unadjusted Medicaid rate of 58 percent of billed charges, a rate that can change periodically. State law allows the hospital to charge counties at that rate, Southwick said.

At that 58 percent figure, counties would be expected to pay \$754 for every \$1,300 of billed charges.

"They will be billed on services they need and receive, rather than a flat rate," he said. "Under

the flat rate," we were not able to meet our costs."

One of the counties' main objections to the change concerns the hospital's plan for counties to pay for indigent who voluntarily check themselves into Canyon View for up to three days of initial treatment. The counties haven't been required to do that in the past, at least until people have been committed to the care of the state by judges.

"Though the expense contemplated would be a new expense to the county, such a sum represents a good faith effort from our facility to help the county medically indigent residents receive

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By Rose Marie Parsons
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT—Mardi Gras will come to Mini-Cassia Saturday, Feb. 28.

That's when the Renaissance Arts Center will host its second annual dinner, auction and dance to help pay for renovations at the Wilson Theatre. The event at the Burley Inn begins with a no-host cocktail hour at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7.

Reservations may be made before Feb. 26 by calling 436-2787. Tickets are \$40 per person.

The night includes many fundraising events.

A live auction is scheduled for 8 p.m. Local artist Gloria Adams was chosen to do a Mardi-Gras theme painting for the auction. Renaissance Arts Center Executive Director Chris Jackson said. Adams used watercolors and pastels in the 22-by-28-inch painting.

More paintings and all sorts of other items created by local artists are scheduled to be sold during the live auction, including a mink scarf and hat made by Marta Moyle. Jim Bell is the scheduled auctioneer.

Throughout the evening people will have the opportunity to bid on many items in a silent auction, too, Jackson said. Balloons filled with slips of paper that can be redeemed for prizes also will be sold.

Every balloon will contain a year for a prize such as a dinner, movie tickets or bowling passes. Event Chairman Duane Knos said a grand prize for the balloon "lottery" hasn't yet been selected.

A dance follows the auction, with Skip-n-Skool providing dance tunes.

Jackson assures Mardi Gras revelers the event is worthwhile.

"It will be a fun evening for a good cause," she said. Profits from the event are needed to be used as matching funds for grant money and to cover operating expenses at the theatre.

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Wilson Theatre supporters plan second ball, banquet

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Outside it was sunny with a cold breeze, but inside the Herrett Center, visitors to a Jason Project open-house were thinking about the rainforests of Panama.

About 110 children and adults trickled in and out of the museum for the free program. They watched—the video—of Jason Project scientists and students at work, saw the bat and created art projects.

The museum's teaching room already has a rainforest flair with big leaves, Mayan artifacts, tent poles and lanterns. The Twin Falls Orchid Society brought orchids to add to the tropical atmosphere.

The Jason Project, in its 15th year, brings together students

LEARNING IN THE FIELD



Esperanza Valladares, left, Lisa West, right, and several others get a close-up view of one of Beki Olsen's bats during the Jason Project at the Herrett Center Saturday.

Annual Jason project brings together scientists, students

and scientists to do field research all over the world. This year's theme is "Rainforests of the Crossroads," and students from Magic Valley schools will be coming to the Herrett Center next week for project activities, including watching the live satellite feed from Barrow Colorado island in Panama. Saturday's event was open to the public.

"We just wanted families to stop by," said Education Coordinator Darcy Thornborrow. Beki Olsen, of Meridian, spoke

about bats from the rainforest and Idaho. She held a female big brown bat in her gloved hand as she spoke to a group of wide-eyed children and parents.

Her "little sweetie" lives off cucumber beetles in the wild and mealworms in captivity.

The bat has a fuzzy face and pointed ears.

"It's cute—it looks like a puppy," said Lisa West, 10, who came with her friends.

Olsen started rehabilitating wild bats about 10 years ago when she saw a television show

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Women look to build school in Afghanistan

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

HAILLEY—Two sisters are leading a drive to build a school in Afghanistan.

"We see it as a small way we can have an effect in an area where the United States has already had a big negative effect," said Amy Bingham. "The United States has been a great exporter of fear. Now's the time to be an exporter of hope."

This is a critical time for the region in question, said Bingham's sister, Elizabeth Schwerdtle.

Warlords have taken over the Afghan countryside and women have been forced back into the shadows.

The Taliban is resurging, drawing fresh recruits from the mountains of Afghanistan and Pakistan.

And al-Qaida draws recruits from this area, as well.

A school, the sisters say, could be a catalyst for changing that.



Amy Bingham of Halley is among those who are trying to build a school in Afghanistan in order to build a bridge to the people of that country. So far, the committee behind the effort has raised \$3,000 of the needed \$25,000.

Crowds cause problems on bridge

The Times-News

HANSEN—Crowds caused several traffic jams near the Hansen Bridge during the course of Saturday as about a thousand people came to look at the wreckage of a tractor-trailer that missed the bridge and plunged into the canyon Friday morning.

Officials with the Twin Falls and Jerome County sheriff's departments said Saturday that it is unsafe and illegal to walk on the Hansen Bridge.

Dee Silver, supervisor at the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center, said deputies planned to start citing people for walking on the highway—a \$375-fine—and they would tow illegally parked cars.

"Our biggest concern is safety," Silver said.

Crowds of onlookers swelled to as many as 100 people at a time and two buses came during the day. Silver said deputies would clear out the traffic, only to have more people come five

minutes later.

Officials are still investigating what exactly happened when Oregon trucker Robert Allan MacDougall, 37, was driving north on Idaho Highway 50. His truck apparently hit a concrete barrier at the bridge and headed into the canyon where he died.

The weather may have been a factor. Officials said a brief storm brought 60 mph winds that could have blown the empty tractor-trailer off the road, sending it about 370 feet into the bottom of the canyon."

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% Season Peak
Upper Snake Basin	101%	59%
Salmon Falls	112%	66%
Salmon	101%	57%
Oakley	109%	64%
Big Wood	95%	57%
Little Wood	105%	61%
Honrys Ford/Teton	119%	59%
Big Lost	102%	56%
Little Lost	92%	49%

As of Jan. 31

*A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average.

**An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in April.

IDAHO/WEST

Businessman faces charges of arranging to kill informant

SANDPOINT, Idaho (AP) - A businessman free on bail on a cocaine-trafficking charge is back behind bars, accused of trying to hire someone to kill an informant. Craig Alan Bloom, 46, was arrested Friday and charged with felony solicitation to commit murder, authorities said.

Bloom had been free on \$100,000 bail after a judge on Jan. 21 ordered him to stand trial on a cocaine trafficking charge. Eight days later, police allege Bloom met with an "unidentified" undercover officer posing as a contract killer. Prosecutors provided as evidence a recording they said was Bloom speaking with the officer, offering \$500 and the informant's truck for the killing.

The officer then tells Bloom the informant's body will be dissolved in a 50-gallon drum containing acid and the stainless steel pin from one of the informant's legs will be mailed to him, police said.

HAVIN' A HOEDOWN.



Sourdough Slim, with accordion, from Paradise, Calif., plays with the Hot Club of Cowtown from Austin, Texas, Friday during the Cowboy Meets Tin Pan Alley show at the Elko Convention Center, in Elko, Nev.

Hospital bars five doctors from practice

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center is revoking the privileges of five physicians, claiming the doctors are apparently directing patients to facilities where they have a financial interest.

"Our decision was based on extensive information," said Sue Stiger, chairwoman of the 11-person hospital board. "There was a clear change in referral patterns and a volume in detriment to the hospital."

The board announced Friday the practice violated a staff development plan it enacted in 2002, months before the competing 20-bed Mountain View Hospital opened. Partly owned by local physicians, Mountain View is a specialty facility providing orthopedic and obstetric care.

The doctors' names were not announced. The board believes low-risk, well-insured patients are being referred away from Eastern Idaho.

It was not an easy decision to make, said hospital Administrator Doug Crabtree, a board member. Idaho Falls has a close-knit medical community and doctors who regard each other as friends and colleagues.

However, Eastern Idaho - a for-profit hospital owned by the Nashville-based HCA chain - has experienced a significant decline in revenues as a result, he said.

Dr. Barbara Nelson, a part-owner of Mountain View Hospital and a partner in the Rosemark Women Care Specialists, said she received a letter from the board Friday and was "deeply troubled" by it.

"We do not divert our patients based on their financial need," said Nelson, who has been practicing in eastern Idaho for seven years.

The letter says Nelson's clinical privileges will be revoked after March 1, but that she will be able to use Eastern Idaho to attend to patients she has acquired before that date.

After that, she will be unable to take care of any high-risk patient she might have to refer to the hospital.

Idaho Hospital Association President Steve Millard said community hospitals across the nation, providing money-losing services such as 24-hour emergency room treatment, are struggling as specialty hospitals siphon off more well-insured patients.

"They typically get the patients with nice insurance and no complications, and boy it's easy to make money in that situation," Millard said, arguing as specialty hospitals begin to open in the state to take away any doctors' privileges for competing interests.

"I think they deserve credit for taking that first step, because I know they didn't relish making it," Millard said.

The doctors have indicated they will pursue legal action.

Bob Seehusen, chief executive officer of the Idaho Medical Association, said that although he is aware of hospitals' struggling as specialty hospitals still believes credentialing should be based on a doctor's education, training and ability to provide quality care.

"This is a very sensitive issue, and one that can certainly divide a medical staff," he said. "We have taken the position that credentialing should be done on noneconomic terms."

Utah company braces itself for computer virus

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Technical consultants at the SCO Group Inc. were working overtime to combat a widespread virus designed specifically to overload the company's Web site on the eve of the malicious program's scheduled activation.

"There's a lot that we're doing," Blake Stowell, a spokesman for the Lindon-based company, said before today's scheduled attack. "But in terms of being able to fix this problem... An act of God might fix it, but there's nothing we can do."

The fast-spreading virus, called "Worm-MIMAIL.R," runs on computers with Microsoft Corp.'s Windows operating systems.

The virus is spread through e-mail attachments, many sent with messages containing subject lines like "Mail Delivery System" and "Mail Transaction Failed." The attachments have ".exe," ".scr," ".cmd" or ".pif" extensions, and may be compressed as a Zip file.

Upon activation - usually when a recipient clicks on an e-mail attachment - the rogue program searches through address books and sends itself to e-mail addresses it finds. It chooses one as the sender, so recipients may believe the message comes from someone known.

Besides sending out tainted e-mail, the program appears to open up a backdoor so that hackers can take over the computer later.

It targets SCO and Microsoft by ordering computers to bombard the companies' Web sites with access requests in an attempt to crash their servers.

The SCO attack is supposed to start Sunday, the attack on Microsoft two days later.

Mary Lindner, Internet security analyst at US-CERT, a public-private partnership focused on Internet security, said it's tough to tell how many computers the worm has infected, but the virus has the potential to damage all businesses by clogging servers with bogus traffic.

"Any piece of malicious code like this has a lot of potential," he said. "The things that minimize that potential is good common sense to not do stupid things like read e-mails that have attachments that they're not really sure about."

Since the virus has spread, SCO's Web site has been down intermittently, Stowell said.

He said the company has several contingency plans, and will be on full alert Sunday to deal with the threat. Stowell said SCO is also sharing intelligence with Microsoft, but he declined to provide specifics.

Authorities use DNA to link four Idaho rapes

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Authorities believe a series of rapes across Kootenai County were committed by the same man, who is thought to scout victims before breaking into their homes.

DNA evidence shows at least four of seven rapes or attempted rapes dating back to April were committed by the same assailant, police said.

Even though three DNA tests were inconclusive, authorities believe it is likely the same person is terrorizing women in Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls, Rathdrum and Spirit Lake.

"We're closing in," Coeur d'Alene Police Sgt. Christie Wood said.

More than a dozen detectives and several members of the Kootenai County Joint Drug Task Force are attempting to catch the serial rapist, she said.

"They've targeted the person. They're watching," Coeur d'Alene Tribe Police Chief Tom

Cronin said.

DNA evidence is a critical piece of solving rape crimes, said Cronin, who was appointed to the National Commission for Future of DNA Evidence by former Attorney General Janet Reno when he worked as a profiler for the Chicago Police Department.

"One of the things we teach as a profiler is to look for burglars," Cronin said. "It's a precursor to being a sex offender."

"They start doing burglary or Peeping Tom-type crimes," he said. "They get a thrill out of being in the house, then they move up to being in the house when somebody's home. It's a subconscious thing, but they're thinking about committing a sex crime."

Idaho collects DNA samples from violent felons. But Idaho, Utah, Nevada and California are among the states that don't obtain DNA from people convicted of burglary.

Police identify shooting victim as Boise Rescue Mission resident

BOISE (AP) - Police on Saturday identified the 34-year-old man shot and killed by an officer in the parking lot of a WinCo store.

The late Friday shooting death of Robert Keith Underwood, a recent resident of the Boise Rescue Mission, was the second police-involved shooting by Officer Jeff Dustin in the last 11 months.

Underwood died Friday at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, from a single gunshot wound to the chest, police said.

Dustin was responding to a suspicious-person report when he spotted a man matching the suspect's description walking east on busy Fairview Avenue. Police said Dustin pulled into the WinCo parking lot to question him.

After Dustin ordered the man to stop, Underwood made derogatory comments, faced and pointed a gun at Dustin, police said. Dustin fired his gun three times, hitting the man at least once in the chest.

Investigators do not know whether Underwood fired his handgun, Capt. Mike Webb, deputy chief of operations, said. Police shut down westbound traffic on Fairview for several hours late Friday night.

Several witnesses said they saw the man waving his gun at Dustin as the two stood about 10

to 15 feet apart, Boise police spokeswoman Lynn Hightower said.

Investigators are trying to determine why the man brandished a gun at Dustin. A panel of officers from area law enforcement agencies is investigating the shooting.

Dustin, who has worked on patrol for four years, was immediately placed on a standard three-day administrative leave, Hightower said.

Police said Saturday four of five people reporting the suspicious person in the area picked Underwood out of a photo lineup as the man they say was roaming their neighborhood.

A felony warrant had been issued for Underwood on a failure to appear charge, stemming from drug charges in Boise, police said.

He served time in prison on weapons charges out of Camas County and was released in March, police said.

In the earlier shooting, Dustin was one of six officers who shot at least 30 rounds at Milton and Melody Sanchez during a chase April 9, 2003.

Although both were hit several times, an Ada County grand jury ruled in December that the likely fatal shots involved a murder-suicide by the couple. However, the jury could not determine which of the couple killed the other before committing suicide.



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Moselle Stock - Burley

Moselle Baker Stock, 89, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend, passed away Thursday, Jan. 29, 2004, at the Summerfield Manor in Orem, Utah.

She was born Sept. 23, 1914, in Oakley, Idaho, to Omer L. and Vivian Daly Baker. She grew up in Oakley, Idaho. She was the oldest of five children.

She married Merlin Ross Stock on Sept. 28, 1934, in the Salt Lake Temple. During their married life, they lived in Montana, Utah and Idaho. They have lived in Burley, Idaho, for the past 45 years. Moselle passed away 30 days after her sweetheart.



Moselle loved her family and enjoyed being part of their lives. She was a wonderful homemaker, seamstress and cook. Her homemade chocolates were enjoyed by many.

Although her passing is difficult for the family, we know that Merlin and Moselle feel joy in being together again. Their family

considered them to be true sweethearts.

Moselle is survived by three sons, Mr. Don (Denece) of West Jordan, Utah, Wayne R. (Janice) of Haver City, Utah, and Hal B. (Janet) of Orem, Utah; 13 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; and two sisters, Cleo (Les) Piper of Burley, Idaho, and Dean (George) Mancour of Idaho Falls, Idaho. Moselle was preceded in death by her husband; parents; one sister, Margaret (Bob) Shippin; and one brother, Omer D. Baker.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004, at the Burley Third and Seventh Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2200 Oakley Ave., with Bishop Tracy King officiating.

Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, at the Burley Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Ruby Rose Bristow - Gooding

Ruby Rose Bristow, age 78, of Gooding, died Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

Ruby was born Sept. 25, 1925, in London, England, the daughter of William Edward Charles and Ada Blanche Radburn. Ruby married Forrest Bristow in England in 1945. As a war bride, she traveled to the U.S. on the Queen Mary, later becoming a naturalized U.S. citizen.

Ruby supported many charities for animals and was an active volunteer for the March of Dimes. She enjoyed bowling and golfing, and had served as the president of the Ladies Golf Association and various offices for the Ladies Tea and Coffee Association. She was a talented tailor, designing and sewing



clothes for friends and her daughters.

She also was an accomplished knitter. Her roses were a thing of

beauty. She loved jewelry and a good laugh.

Survivors include her husband, Forrest of Gooding; daughters, Linda Weatherli of Citrus Heights, Calif., and Sandra (David) Keil of Cambria; two grandsons, Andrew and Clayton Keil; and several nieces and nephews living in England.

She was preceded in death by sisters, Julia Eileen Long and May Ethel Quinton; and brothers, William and James Hugh. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004, at Demary Funeral Chapel in Gooding. Interment will be in Elmwood Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, at Demary Funeral Chapel, 737 Main St., Gooding.

Wm. Brian Drew - Paul

Wm. Brian Drew, 50, of Paul, died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, at University Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, of kidney cancer.

He was born May 22, 1953, in Rupert, Idaho, the son of William C. and W. Christine Dorsey Drew. He attended school in Minidoka County, graduating from Minico High School in 1971. He then continued his education at the University of Idaho in Moscow. Brian was a hard worker.

He had a love for his family, friends and neighbors, being willing to help them with any task and at any time. He enjoyed writing and reading poetry, playing the harmonica, and working on the family farm.

Brian had a love for Jesus. He enjoyed attending church and was active when able. He was a member of the Burley First Presbyterian Church and attended Calvary Chapel in Twin Falls.



He was a determined individual which helped him fight the good fight until his passing.

He is survived by his parents, Bill and Christine Drew of Heyburn; his siblings, Damon Drew of Grass Valley, Calif., Robin

Drew (Richard) Morris of Heyburn, Corinne Drew (Terry) Bly of Alaska, David Drew of Burns and Tyson (Debra) Drew of Seward, Alaska; his maternal grandparents, Everett and Bessie Dorsey of Paul; and 12 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, William A. and Florine Drew. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004, at the Calvary Baptist Church, 515 W. 27th St., Burley, with Pastor John L. Ramsey officiating. Friends and family may call prior to the service at the church.

The family suggests that memorials be directed to the Calvary Baptist Church or Gideons International, in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home.

Arrangements are in the care of Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Louis L. Gabiola - Hagerman

Louis L. Gabiola, age 89, of Hagerman, died Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, at Rosetta Assisted Living in Twin Falls.

Louis was born June 24, 1914, in Mullan, Idaho, the son of Eugenio and Maria Luca Gabiola. He went to Spain at the age of 5 and resided there until returning to the United States when he was 18. He returned to Idaho and herded sheep at various sheep outfits in the Hagerman area.

It was on Feb. 8, 1941, that he married Candida Manderson in Twin Falls, Idaho. After his marriage, he worked in construction for the next 30 years.

His work took him to various locations in Oregon and Washington. After his retirement in 1980, he returned to Hagerman where he had since resided.

Survivors include his wife, Candida Gabiola of Hagerman;



daughter, Lindanne Gabiola; and son-in-law, Thomas Stewart of Las Vegas, Nev.; two grandchildren, Carissa Hope of Gilbert, Ariz., and Jerry Kelso of Billings, Mont.; one

great-grandchild, Travis Hope of Gilbert, Ariz.; three brothers, Henry of Ontario, Ore., Eusebio of Kuna and Rufino of Lequito, Spain; two sisters, Paula and Petra of Lequito, Spain; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, John and Emilio; and two sisters, Conde and Anna.

Recitation of the Rosary will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004, at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Hagerman.

A funeral Mass will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at St. Catherine's Catholic Church. Interment will be in the Hagerman Cemetery.

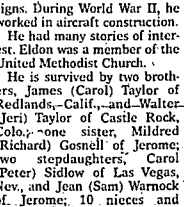
For those who desire, contributions may be made in his name to St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Hagerman, Idaho.

Eldon L. Taylor - Jerome

Eldon L. Taylor, 84, of Jerome, passed away Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, at the St. Benedict's Long Term Care in Jerome.

He was born Jan. 8, 1920, in Stephens County, Okla. He was born the first son of Lester L. Taylor and Mrs. Sue Ann Weatherford Taylor.

He received his education in the public schools of Oklahoma and New Mexico. His life's work was varied and interesting, including construction of north dams and building of neon



signs. During World War II, he worked in aircraft construction.

He had many stories of interest. Eldon was a member of the United Methodist Church.

He is survived by two brothers, James (Carol) Taylor of Redlands, Calif., and Walter (Jeri) Taylor of Castle Rock, Colo.; one sister, Mildred (Richard) Gosnell of Jerome; two stepdaughters, Carol (Peter) Stedow of Las Vegas, Nev., and Jean (Sam) Warlock of Jerome; 10 nieces and

nephews and their families; and six step grandsons and their families.

His wife, parents and one brother preceded him in death.

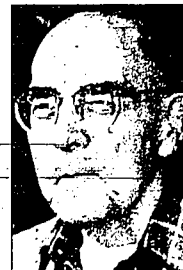
A memorial service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome with the Rev. Quinton Kimbro officiating.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Jerome, United Methodist Church.

Glenn Draper - Burley

Russell Glenn Draper, 89, of Burley, died Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, at his home.

He was born June 1, 1914, in Gunison, Sanpete County, Utah, the son of Henry Wallace and Myriam Lenora Mann Draper. He moved to Idaho at a young age, where he attended school in Oakley and Burley.



Friend of the Library He was also a member of the Circus Fans Association and the Circus-Model Builder Association.

On April 5, 1951, Glenn married Carrie Piland in Burley. Glenn worked for the J.R. Simplot Company's Burley Processing Plant as a plant superintendent and he and his wife, Carrie, owned and operated Carrie's Ceramics for many years.

He served the community in various ways. He was active in the Golden Heritage Senior Citizens, was a charter member of the Cassia County Historical Society, and was active in the Cassia County Fair. Together, Glenn and Carrie started the Flower Show at the fair.

He was an avid reader which led him to serving on the Burley Public Library Board, was helpful in creating the Book Seller and was a

He loved his family and enjoyed being with people. Glenn will always be remembered for his love to walk. He spent countless hours walking throughout Burley and the Mini-Cassia community visiting

with family and friends.

Glenn is survived by his children, Harlan (Phillip) Heiner of Burley, Dean (Marge) Draper of Burley, Velda (Don) Stafney of Woodburn, Ore., Mary Matthews of Heyburn, Nancy (Marlin) Hull of Burley, Velma (Raymond) Armstrong of Kimberly and Judy Murron of Burley; 32 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

The sons preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Carrie Draper, a stepdaughter, Helen Runyan; two daughters; four brothers; one grandson; and two granddaughters.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004, at the Burley West Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2420 Park Ave., with Bishop R. Scott Byrnes officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn.

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

DEATH NOTICES - SERVICES

Genevieve Hildebrand

BURLEY - Genevieve Hildebrand, 85, of Burley, died Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, at Highland Estates in Burley.

A graveside service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Leanea Dee Russell

TWIN FALLS - Leanea Dee Russell, 44, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

LaVon Young

TWIN FALLS - LaVon Young, 85, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Alice Mildred Knutson

BURLEY - Alice Mildred Knutson, 94, of Burley and formerly of Solvang, Calif., died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, at the Burley Care Center.

At her request, she will be cremated and final disposition will take place in California. Arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Robert Allan MacDougall

HANSEN - Robert Allan MacDougall, 37, of Portland, Ore., died Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, as the result of an accident near Hansen. Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Jessie L. Klitzman

KUNA - Jessie LaFern Winder Morrison Klitzman, 83, of Kuna, died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, at her home.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, 2004, at Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home, 105 E. Carlton Ave. in Meridian. Burial will follow at the Meridian Cemetery. A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home.

Mary Jane Klaas

JEROME - Mary Jane Klaas, 84, of Jerome, died Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004, in Jerome. Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

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2. Cost & Result of Stock Trading:

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- 2% break even
- 1% make money

Source: Harvard School of Business Study

3. 85 out of 100 People Reaching Age 65 Do Not Even Have A Paltry \$250.

Source: Social Security Administration

4. 93% of The Men At Age 65 Who Have Failed Financially Said It Was Because Of A Lack Of A Plan

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SCHOOL LUNCHES*

BUHL SCHOOL

Breakfast Menu Milk served daily. Choice of fruit or juice every day. Monday: Cereal, granola crackers Tuesday: Waffles, syrup Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy Thursday: Breakfast pizza Friday: Cereal, breadsticks, chips Lunch Menu Salad, bar and milk served every day. Monday: Chicken sandwich, french fries Tuesday: Beef and cheese nachos, corn, blueberry muffin Wednesday: Cheese burgers, french fries Thursday: Burritos, Spanish rice, fruit Friday: Fun-fish sandwich, chips

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu Milk and juice served daily. Monday: Waffles, syrup Tuesday: Donuts Wednesday: Biscuits Thursday: Muffins Friday: Scrambled eggs Lunch menu Salad bar and milk served daily. Monday: Soft shell tacos Tuesday: Turkey and hotdogs Wednesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce Thursday: Toasted cheese sandwich Friday: Cheeseburgers

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served daily. Monday: No school Tuesday: Chicken noodle soup, corn bread Wednesday: Baked ham, potatoes, applesauce, dessert Thursday: Spaghetti, salad, french bread Friday: Soup and grilled cheese sandwich, chips, treat

MAGIC VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Fresh fruit and milk served daily. Monday: Nachos, refried beans Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese, steamed carrots Wednesday: Chicken Sandwich, potato salad Thursday: Ham sub, chips Friday: Cheeseburger, french fries

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served daily. Monday: Cheeseburger, french fries, diced peaches, trail mix Tuesday: Taco bites, applesauce, cinnamon roll Wednesday: Grilled chicken and bacon wrap, barbecue potato chips, banana, cupcake Thursday: Nachos supreme, refried beans, cool fruit, Jell-O, cinnamon churro Friday: Rib-que sandwich, potato wedges, apple, chocolate pudding

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served daily. Monday: Pizza, orange juice, bread, strawberries Tuesday: Ham melt, corn, fruit roll Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, tater tots, bread-applesauce Thursday: Beef pot pie, peaches, cookies Friday: Turkey sandwich, peas, apricots

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk, vegetable and fruit bar served daily. Monday: Tacos Tuesday: Turkey sandwich Wednesday: Chili Thursday: Chicken nuggets Friday: Baked potato bar

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: Chicken patty sandwich Tuesday: Pizza Wednesday: Fries Thursday: Chicken nuggets Friday: Deli ham sandwich

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY HIGH

Breakfast menu Milk and juice served daily. Monday: Cereal, toast Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy, sausage Wednesday: Cream of Wheat, toast Thursday: Pancakes, sausage Friday: Cereal, long johns Lunch menu Milk served daily. Monday: Soft tacos, brownies, tater tots, fruit Tuesday: Chicken burgers, salad, fruit Wednesday: Sloppy juce, green beans, fruit salad Thursday: Tuna soup, ham sandwich, fruit, crackers Friday: Lasagna, breadsticks, salad, fruit

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast Menu Milk and juice served daily. Monday: Cereal, toast Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy, sausage Wednesday: Cream of Wheat, toast Thursday: Pancakes, sausage Friday: Cereal, long johns Lunch menu Milk served daily. Monday: Soft tacos, brownies, tater tots, fruit Tuesday: Chicken burgers, salad, fruit Wednesday: Sloppy juce, green beans, fruit salad Thursday: Tuna soup, ham sandwich, fruit, crackers Friday: Lasagna, breadsticks, salad, fruit

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: Chicken nuggets Tuesday: Deli sandwich Wednesday: Turkey gravy Thursday: Pizza Friday: Chili

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day. Monday: Chicken nuggets, barbecue sauce, potato plants, apricots, brownie Tuesday: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, carrot sticks, power, gelatin, no-bake cookie Wednesday: French toast, sausage, orange halve Thursday: Spaghetti, green salad, garlic bread, peaches Friday: Cheese quesadilla, refried beans, Mexican corn, fruit crisp

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served daily. Monday: Ham and cheese torpedo, potato, tater tots, trail mix Tuesday: Corn dog, macaroni and cheese, celery stick, 1/2 orange Wednesday: Chicken-and-noodle, mashed potatoes, rolls, peach half Thursday: Hamburgers, later loaf, fruit, Jell-O Friday: Pizza, pocket, baked beans, carrot stick, peas

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk, fruit and veggie bar served daily. Monday: Ham and cheese torpedo,

choice bar Wednesday: Spaghetti, vegetable and fruit choice bar, bread sticks Thursday: Chili crackers, baby carrots, applesauce, cornbread/honey Friday: Grilled cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, vegetable and fruit choice bar

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast is served daily. Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies every day. Monday: Uncrumble cheese sandwich, Campbell's soup, celery w/ peanut butter, dried peaches Tuesday: Popcorn chicken basket, french fries, onion rings, banana, biscuit, Coyote Grill bar Wednesday: Cheeseburger, french fries, fruit cocktail, chocolate chip cookie Thursday: Chicken sandwich, potato wedges, frosty peas, trail mix Friday: Pizza, green salad, strawberries and bananas, breadsticks/dipping sauce

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served daily. Monday: Corn dog, macaroni and cheese, veggie and dip, fruit Cobbler Tuesday: Spaghetti, cheese, green beans, yeast rolls, whipped butter, peaches Wednesday: Soft-shell taco, salsa, cool fruit, trail mix Thursday: Hamburger patty, bun, later rounds, fruit, chocolate brennik Friday: Western vegetable soup, peanut butter sandwich, crackers, applesauce, chocolate chip cookie

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served daily. Monday: Turkey stir fry, rice, pineapple, sugar cookie Tuesday: Chicken patty, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrot, celery, wheat rolls, chery pie Wednesday: Beef stroganoff, mashed potatoes, salad, wheat roll, jelly, peaches Thursday: Turkey sandwich, carrot, celery, banana, oatmeal, cookie Friday: French toast, ham, potato puffs, orange

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

Salad bar, fruit and milk served daily. Monday: Mashed potatoes, roll, turkey gravy Tuesday: Beef and bean enchilada Wednesday: Soft-shell taco, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, applesauce Thursday: Tuna or peanut butter and jelly sandwiches Friday: Pizza

GLENN'S FERRY

Monday: Hamburger, french fries, fruit Tuesday: Pizza, salad, pineapple, cookie Wednesday: Chili, crackers, apple, cinnamon roll Thursday: Submarine sandwich, tater tots, fruit Friday: Tomato soup, crackers, grilled ham and cheese sandwich, applesauce

GOODING SCHOOLS

Choice of milk served daily. The third choice is for junior high and high school students only. Monday: Corn dog, salad bar, taco salad Tuesday: Popcorn chicken, potato bar, chili dogs Wednesday: Spaghetti, salad bar, buffalo wings Thursday: Cheeseburger, potato bar, chicken basket Friday: Deli sandwich, chips

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered daily. Breakfast menu: Monday: Cereal, fruit, toast Tuesday: Pancake on a stick, juice Wednesday: Cereal, fruit, cinnamon roll Thursday: Breakfast sandwich, juice Friday: Cereal, fruit, toast Lunch menu: Monday: Beef burrito, green salad, fruit, biscuit Tuesday: Chinese burrito, veggies, fruit, fortune cookie Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese smokies, fresh veggies, fruit, roll Thursday: Enchiladas, green salad, power Jell-O, corn chips, salsa

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

Milk served daily. Breakfast menu: Monday: Fruit, english muffin pizza, cereal Tuesday: Fruit, muffins, cereal Wednesday: Fruit, french toast, Little Smokies, cereal Thursday: Cinnamon toast and yogurt, cereal, applesauce Friday: Pancakes, waffles and link sausage, cereal Lunch menu: Salad bar and choice of milk served daily Monday: Burrito, corn, sliced pears, sherbet, salsa Tuesday: Grilled ham and cheese, tomato soup, sliced apples, yellow cake Wednesday: Corn dogs, tuna and noodles, winter mix, Hawaiian fruit salad, cinnamon roll Thursday: Idaho nachos, baby carrots/salad dip, grapes, banana bread, sausage, salsa Friday: Fish nuggets, turkey sandwich, seasoned potatoes, peach halves, tartar sauce

JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served daily. Monday: Cook's choice Tuesday: Wiener wurst, baked beans, carrots and broccoli dip, grapes, cherry pie Wednesday: Burrito and salsa, cinnamon and sugar breadsticks, apples and carrots Thursday: Pot roast, potatoes and carrots, dinner roll, kiwi or peaches Friday: Chili, crackers, fresh veggies, cinnamon roll, orange juice or applesauce

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Breakfast Milk and juice served daily. Monday: Cereal, chery pie Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs Wednesday: Cereal, muffins Thursday: Pancakes, sausage Friday: Cereal, toast Lunch Monday: Chicken nuggets, potatoes and gravy Tuesday: Corn dog, baked fries, wheatease sauce, pork and beans, feed animal cookie, orange smiles Wednesday: Soft-shell taco, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, applesauce Thursday: Hot turkey sandwich, potatoes and gravy, green beans, peaches Friday: Nacho supreme, cheese and bean toppings, corn, milk chocolate cookie, apricot

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily. Monday: Beef stew, chocolate pudding, cornbread, chicken butter, oatmeal cookies Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, fruit cocktail Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, pineapple, salad, ranch dressing, Rice Krispies treats Thursday: Ham, potatoes w/ grain, green beans, fruit salad, rolls Friday: Hamburger on a bun, apple crisp, potato puffs

WENDELL SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily. Monday: Rib-que on a bun, barbecue sauce, coleslaw, peaches, royal bromeliad Tuesday: Hot dog, baby carrots, baked beans, orange halves Wednesday: Chili, salad, peas, cinnamon roll Thursday: Toasted-cheese sandwich, green beans, baby carrots, peanuts and raisins, apple slices Friday: Turkey stir fry, rice, pineapple, sugar cookie

School lunch menus are printed at a public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed with the menu in Sunday's paper, send the menu to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83402 or fax to 234-5518, attention: Lunch Menu. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.

Dead woman had lethal dose of Prozac in system

BOISE (AP) — A man charged with murdering his wife thought new evidence showing she had a lethal dose of an anti-depressant in her system the night she died would help his case. Prosecutors have filed an additional motion to add Prozac poisoning to the first-degree murder and other charge against Azad Abdullah. New evidence presented Friday implicated Azad Abdullah had a lethal dose of Prozac in her system when she was found dead in her burned-out home in October 2002. Defense attorney Mitchell Torjansky claimed the new coroner's report showed there was a high likelihood that Azad's death was from a self-imposed drug overdose or a lethal (accidental) drug interaction instead of a murder. But Ada County prosecutors on Friday said evidence in the case still points to a homicide. They filed the additional charge. Prosecutors declined comment on how a lethal dose of the anti-depressant got into her bloodstream.

Abdullah, 26, is accused of suffocating his 37-year-old wife with a plastic bag in the early hours of Oct. 5, 2002, and setting the family home on fire to cover up the evidence. Four children who were in the home escaped unharmed. Abdullah has pleaded innocent to first-degree murder, arson and attempted murder charges. Previous delays pushed the start of the trial to Feb. 9, but now it has been pushed back to September. Defense attorneys Mitch and Kim Torjansky asked a judge for more time to examine the new toxicology evidence before the case goes to trial. They had asked for the additional toxicology tests on her blood to look for the presence of several substances, including Prozac. According to the autopsy report, fluoxetine, or generic Prozac, was found in Azad Abdullah's blood but not in her stomach, meaning the anti-depressant was likely not taken orally. The report does not say how the drug entered her bloodstream.

Man will stay in jail until sentencing

BOUNTIFUL, Utah (AP) — A man convicted of first-degree murder will remain in jail until he is sentenced. A judge on Friday denied a request for David Jonathan Valken-Leduc — to be released until his March 1 sentencing date. "We would be sending a chill-

ing message if we allow a person convicted of murder out until his sentencing," argued Davis County Deputy Attorney Bill McGuire at Friday's hearing. Valken-Leduc was convicted Thursday in the 1995-shooting death of Matthew John Wickham, 30, a Motel 6 night clerk in Woods Cross.

Theatre

Renovation of the Wilson Theatre is in phase 2 of the 3-phase project, Jackson said. Phase 1 was the exterior renovation, now 95 percent complete. Phase 2 is the renovation of four street-level spaces, planned to be rented for retail ventures. Phase 2 also includes a community center and catering kitchen on the second floor of the building. The final phase is renovation of the building's theater.

Wilson Theatre banquet and ball

When: Saturday, Feb. 28. Where: Burley Inn. Scheduled: 6 p.m. — No-host cocktails. 7 p.m. — Dinner. 8 p.m. — Auction. Tickets: \$150. Sponsor: SIdpn-Skool. Cost: \$40.

The target date for the \$2.5 million project to be completed is April 2006, which is Rupert's centennial. Renaissance Arts Center board member Earl Corless said the remaining 5 percent of the exterior work has been held up by trouble finding matching materials. And a "bit of work" to some windows is still needed, he said.

Phase 2 is about 30 percent complete, Corless said. It carries a price tag of about \$460,000. Steel beams have been installed, including one to support the balcony. The balcony is really part of phase 3, but Corless said they wanted to do all of the steel work at one time.

Work on the foundation, doors and windows of the street level spaces continues. It's expected to be completed by Feb. 14. Plumbing and electrical work will come next, Corless said.

Jackson and Corless said availability of cash will determine how soon that work begins. "We don't do the work until we have the money," Jackson said. The M.J. Murdoch Charitable Trust donated \$100,000 to get phase 2 started. The trust will donate another \$100,000 of phase 2 once matching funds are raised — Jackson said the center has approximately \$130,000 of the needed \$200,000 match.

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A \$3,500 grant recently received from the Idaho Community Foundation through the Walter and Leona Dufresne Fund is earmarked for operating expenses. Jackson expects the rural spaces and convention center to generate operating funds once the storefronts are occupied. Corless predicts the retail spaces could be occupied by this time next year.

He said people representing an insurance agent, a year-round Christmas store, a restaurant and an ice cream store have expressed interest in renting the spaces.

Canyon View

Continued from B1. Except on the Red States we'll go to bed a little early that night. The next morning, you see, it's Opening Day of deer season, and thus a religious holiday in these parts. It's a good thing when you think about it, that elections aren't held on Opening Day, when fully half the population of the Red States heads for the hills.

a county budget," he said. "I don't think small counties have the resources to take care of it." Wright questioned whether mental health issues should be considered a local concern. Instead, the state should assist facilities such as Canyon View, he said. "Should the typical homeowner be paying for those services?" he asked. "I'm not sure the debate can be settled locally. It has tentacles to state responsibility and is far beyond the counties' responsibility." Jerry Nance, chairman of the Lincoln County Commission, said

commissioners hope future meetings will be held with Canyon View officials to iron out issues in the contract. Southwick said Canyon View is working with both the state and counties to alleviate concerns. "We want to make sure patients aren't caught in the middle," he said. "Quality care at the best price possible — that's everybody's goal."

Afghanistan

Continued from B1. early desire to make sense of the war in Afghanistan. Unsure of whether war was the best response, she organized informational meetings, round-table discussions and slide shows featuring Wood River Valley business owners who did work in Afghanistan and Pakistan just to get people thinking out of the box. The choice to build a school came after Schwerdtel attended a slide show of Greg Mortenson's. Mortenson is from Brezeman, Mont., returned to Afghanistan and Pakistan before 9-11 to find a way to repay the mountain village folk who nursed him back to health following his unsuccessful bid to climb K2, the highest mountain in the world. Mortenson's efforts have been written up in Parade magazine and spotlighted on NPR Radio. "He has helped build 31 schools and provide education to 8,200 students. If the sisters and their colleague are true to the Wood River Valley would be the second community to build a school through the Central Asia

Upcoming slide show

Kate DeJerk just returned from Pakistan, where she trekked among the schools that have been built by the Central Asia Institute. She will describe what's happening there during a free hour-long slide show at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the new Wood River High School in Halley and at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Clanton Inn on Main Street in Ketchum.

Crump

Continued from B1. George McGovern would still be president. This from Dave Sass of Twin Falls: An old farmer in Georgia had a large pond on his place, fixed up for swimming. One evening as he walked down to the pond, he heard voices shouting and laugh-

ing. As he came closer, he saw a bunch of young women skinny-dipping. "We're not coming out until you leave!" they shouted in alarm. "Suit yourself!" the old man replied. "I'm just here to feed the alligator."

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Snowmobile town copes with changes to Yellowstone winter plan

WEST YELLOWSTONE, Mont. (AP) — Getting a table at Jackie LaFaver's sports bar and restaurant is easy this winter. So is finding a room at Vermetta Steele's motel — or most that are still open in town.

This town just outside Yellowstone National Park is much quieter than normal, and for many residents, the mood is bleak.

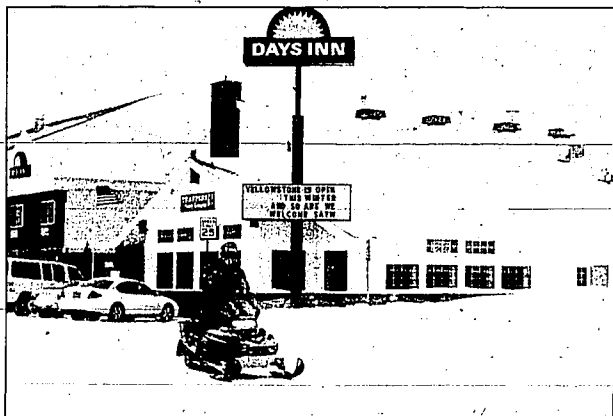
While snowmobiles still cruise the powdery streets of the self-proclaimed "snowmobile capital of the world," the numbers are far below those in previous years. Residents blame it on a federal judge's ruling that reversed Yellowstone's snowmobile rules just hours before the start of the season in December and on the confusion and uncertainty that have surrounded the issue for months.

"Just tell them: Yellowstone is open and West Yellowstone is open," LaFaver says from behind the bar at Bullwinkle's Saloon & Restaurant.

Perhaps none of the towns around the park are feeling the economic pinch as much as West Yellowstone, which historically has been the most popular gate for entering Yellowstone in winter.

Town officials are trying to figure out what happens to West Yellowstone and its businesses if U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan's ruling withstands an appeal.

"We have many questions—we need answers to before we can start our own plan," says Marysue Costello, executive director of the West Yellowstone Chamber of



A snowmobiler rides through West Yellowstone, Mont., Wednesday.

Commerce.

The not-knowing is the worst part, says Bill Howell, whose business includes snowmobile rentals, a hotel and restaurant. "I haven't really thought about next year," he says. "How can you?"

Howell was among those who invested in cleaner-burning, quieter snowmobiles to meet new park standards under a Bush administration plan that was set to

take effect this winter. That plan set limits on the type and number of snowmobiles that could enter the park. Sullivan, however, ordered the Park Service to reinstate a Clinton administration plan that phases-out the machines in favor of mass-transit snowcoaches.

Now Howell is stuck with too many machines.

All snowmobiles entering Yellowstone this winter need to be

part of a guided trip. Commercial guides like Howell get a set number of machines they can bring in each day. Howell, whose total fleet numbers 137 machines, says his limit in the park is 35 a day, but there haven't been many takers so far.

"I haven't been able to fill those all days because people aren't coming," says Howell, who also rents machines to people who want to

ride snowmobiles outside Yellowstone. "You can't survive with what they're proposing."

Kent Swanson agrees. He says he may have to file for bankruptcy if he can't generate more revenue and attract more riders.

On average, Swanson says only about half his 40-snowmobile fleet is rented each day. Oddly enough, Swanson says he got back in the snowmobile rental business after a two-year absence specifically because of the Bush administration plan.

Gene Hansgen's family made plans to visit West Yellowstone before Sullivan's December decision. He says he came anyway, because other family members had already booked flights.

"I came in with a big attitude," the 68-year-old enthusiast from Orem, Utah, says. "But we had a good time" seeing the park as part of a guided tour.

Conservationists say the season is a rare treat — a chance for visitors to see Yellowstone without the buzz of so many snowmobiles.

"I think once things settle down, it will be good for the economy," says Betsy Robinson, a guide based in Bozeman who takes trips into the park. "I think people are resistant to change but I think this will be more in keeping with what the park was created for."

Scott Carlsby, a snowcoach operator, says his business has been good this year and believes it will improve under the current rules. "But we're a small segment of the winter economy here," he says.

In town, many business owners paint a different picture.

Some restaurants like The Goshier have sealed back hours. A few motels are closed. And the Food Roundup, a local grocery, recently laid off three part-time workers and a full-time worker.

Linda Heyes, coordinator of job and social services, says job openings have been down "dramatically."

Vermetta Steele is drafting a new marketing plan in between minding the front desk and doing other tasks at her Big Western Pine Motel. Steele, who also has a restaurant, has also had to lay off workers. She is thinking about remodeling the motel and making a few other changes, too, as she looks to cater to other groups of visitors. Her backup plan is to sell.

"This is beyond belief," says Steele, whose reservation book is filled with nearly empty pages. "I can't grasp it myself but I believe it's true because I'm running out of money."

Mayor Jerry Johnson, himself a snowmobile rental operator, bristles at the suggestion his town hasn't diversified much beyond snowmobiling — particularly snowmobiling in the park.

"Those who say we need to diversify need to open their eyes," he says. Attractions he and others mention include skiing, snowshoeing, snowcoach rides and snowmobile trails outside the park.

"The economic impact is not overblown," he says from his shop, where black snowsuits hang unused against a wall.

"It will be interesting," he says. "to look at West Yellowstone in five years."

Yellowstone's wheels of justice turn in tiny courtroom

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — When Edward Johnson appeared in court here recently, he brought his girlfriend and his lawyer, which pretty much filled the courtroom.

He was making his first appearance on a federal felony charge of possessing

loaded gun and drug material in the park. He had to be fingerprinted, a job that Deputy U.S. Marshal Jay Meers had to do in the courtroom, right there on the judge's bench in Mammoth Hot Springs, Wyo., just inside the park's northern entrance.

Yellowstone is a big park: 2.2 million acres of geysers and grizzlies, bison herds and Winniebag jams. But as big as the park is, the process of administering justice takes place in a shoebox.

"Lots of people don't know there's crime in the park," said U.S. Magistrate Stephen Cole, who presides over the tiny federal courtroom.

"Many Kraemer, an attorney in nearby Gardiner, Mont., who often defends people in court here, said when she needs to talk privately with a client, she does it in her car, or if the weather's good, on the lawn, which poses other hazards.

"You have to make sure you don't get speared by an elk," she said.

"Such is life in Yellowstone, where nature dominates, but human nature remains a contrary beast. That's why the park also has a jail, an old Navy brig that sits inside a cement building tucked out of public view, a 1911 structure with crumbling corners under a layer of paint the color of pistachio ice cream.

The jail — technically just a

"holding facility" — is a steel cage within a brick box with six iron bunks and two exposed toilets. On busy summer weekends, it's often full. It passes federal requirements, but "just barely," according to Chief Ranger Rick Obermeyer.

And it's too small to accommodate men and women at the same time, or adults and juveniles. Federal rules call for a "sight and sound" barrier that separates inmates by age and gender.

When a woman or a juvenile is arrested here, either somebody has to drive them to West

Yellowstone, or officers must decide which prisoner goes free early.

Federal officials are proposing building a new justice center here, one that would include a courtroom, judge's chambers, holding cells for prisoners, offices for law enforcement rangers and a U.S. marshal, and places to store evidence and records. Currently, all those facilities are scattered in three buildings. Evidence sometimes is locked in empty cells. And a fingerprint kit resides in the gray metal locker that consumes a considerable chunk of the 262-square-foot courtroom.

The new facility would be on the grassy lawn on the north edge of the Mammoth Hot Springs Historic District, across from the medical clinic. The National Park Service promises the \$4.5 million, 9,000-square-foot facility with two stories and a basement will blend in with existing structures.

But some critics are dubious. Although planning is in its early stages, several people have questioned the location.

"I want to see the Mammoth Historic District kept in its current condition without the blight of a two-story jail," Kristine Maloney wrote in formal comments to the Park Service.

Building on that location will displace both elk and people, said a letter sent by 29 people urging the Park Service to build it somewhere else. Cole said some people have the wrong idea about what's being proposed.

"The perception is it will be San Quentin on the hill over here," said Cole, who lives a few hundred yards away. People worry about guard towers and spotlights, but such won't be the case, he said.

"It won't even look like a jail," he said.

The location won't be finalized for some time, park spokeswoman Cheryl Matthews said.

Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Don White prosecutes cases here, a job that now brings him to the park three or four days a week from his Bozeman offices. Others in the court system are busy, too.

For most of his tenure, Cole did his own paperwork, but now has enough of it to keep a full-time secretary busy. A full-time deputy U.S. marshal has been added to the park, and two more arrive in the summer, in part to provide security for the court. Lawyers in Montana and Wyoming communities represent indigent defendants.

White-Yellowstone has special categories of crime — it's illegal to dig, bail, climb, certain cliffs, or scuba dive in the Yellowstone River — much of the court's increased load results from substance abuse.

"We've got more DUIs, more people with suspended (driver's) licenses and a lot more drugs," White said.

"Five years ago, I could count on one hand the number of people I sent to jail," Cole said.

So far this year, he's sentenced that many to jail time. Serious offenses, such as arson, assault

and car theft, have declined steadily since 1976. Park Service statistics show. But offenses such as drunken driving and some drug crimes doubled from 1976 to 2003.

Violations notices have grown sixfold and the number of arrests has grown tenfold in the same. About half of the crimes are committed by the park's residents — many of them seasonal workers — in the 13 communities scattered across the park, Obermeyer said. The rest are committed by the park's 3 million annual visitors.

Obermeyer said the breakdown compares to service industry workers in places like Bozeman: young people who sometimes party too hard, transients committing crimes of opportunity.



Chief Ranger Rick Obermeyer stands outside the holding facility building in Mammoth, Wyo., Jan. 22.

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SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Center
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Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors. The cost is \$5 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Pool room open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading. Bargain Center will be open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Meals:
Monday: Beef Stroganoff over noodles, corn bread, veggies, fruit, dessert
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, veggies, fruit salad, bread, dessert

Wednesday: Ham of pineapple sauce, yams, veggies, spinach salad, rolls, pie.
Thursday: Taco salad (Hot Home Delivery)
Friday: Cube steak w/ onions, potatoes and gravy, cottage cheese w/ fruit, muffin, dessert

Activities:
Today: Dance, 2 to 5 p.m.
Monday: Quilting, 9 to 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Blood pressure ticket

Wednesday: Line Dance, 7 p.m.
Tax aid program, appointment only.

Wednesday: Quilting
Foot clinic
Elks card club
Exercise class

Thursday: Center Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Lap Top computer Lesson, 1 p.m. in conference room
Tax aid program
Friday: Lunch bingo
Blood Pressure

Quilting
Exercise class
Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 8 to 11 a.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl
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Meals:
Today: Chicken dinner
Monday: Cook's Choice
Tuesday: Meat balls, potatoes and gravy, corn on the cob, salad, muffins, dessert

Wednesday: Ham and beans, salad, veggie stix, cornbread, dessert
Thursday: Spaghetti, green salad, green beans, breadsticks, cobbler

Activities:
Sunday: Buffet, 1 p.m. All-you-can-eat \$4, seniors \$4.50 under age 60.
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Cards, 6 to 9 p.m.

Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Crafts, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 7 to 9 p.m.
Energy assistance, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tax Assistance, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.

Filet Senior Haven
222 Main St.
Diners served at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals are available each mealtime.

Meals:
Tuesday: Baked meat loaf
Thursday: Beef vegetable soup

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E.
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.

Meals:
Monday: Briscuits and gravy, hash browns fruit and cookies
Tuesday: Lasagna, garlic bread, green salad, lemon bars

Wednesday: Liver and onions, scallion potatoes, country mix, kidney bean salad, fruit medley
Thursday: Roast pork, potatoes and gravy, corn and applesauce custard
Friday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, carrots, fruit Jell-O, chocolate cream pie and fudlers

Activities:
Monday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Tuesday: Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early Bird, 6:45 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Pinocle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.
Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly

Meals:
Monday: Beef stew, tossed salad, cornbread and butter, peas, coffee and milk
Wednesday: Ham, potato casserole, creamed peas, Jell-O with fruit, lemon pudding, cookie, coffee and milk

Friday: Meat loaf, potatoes, gravy, glazed carrots, tossed salad, bread and butter, fruit cocktail, coffee and milk

Activities:
Today: Sunday Dinner, noon to 2 p.m. Everyone welcome. Pork Chops \$6 for adults, \$3.50 for children under 12.
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.
Friday: Crafts, 1 p.m.
Friday: Bingo, 11:55 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens
308 Senior Ave.
All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.

Meals:
Monday: Sweet & sour pork, rice, oriental vegetables, salad, bread, apricots and cookie
Tuesday: Chili, baked potato, carrot/raisin salad, corn bread, tapaca pudding

Wednesday: Meat balls/noodle, cream/mushroom gravy, broccoli, Cole slaw, french bread, cinnamon roll
Thursday: Cube steak, potato puff, glazed carrots, pears, WW roll, oatmeal cake

Activities:
Today: Jackpot bus leaves at 9 a.m.
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Pinocle, 12:30 p.m.
Wild One, 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Foot Clinic, 10:30 a.m.
Pool, 1 p.m.
Bridge, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Messages, 10:40 a.m.
Computer lessons, 12:45 p.m.
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.
Thursday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.
Linda Norris, 12:30 p.m.
TOPS, 4 p.m.
Pinocle, 7 p.m.
Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.
Handfoot, 2 p.m.
Bowling, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo, 6 p.m.
Saturday: Breakfast, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

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Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Lunch is served at noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$4 for non-seniors \$2 for children 12 and under.

Meals:
Monday: Pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy
Wednesday: Turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy
Friday: Spaghetti and meat balls

Richfield Senior Center
Meals:
Monday: Orange juice; roast turkey, mashed potatoes/w gravy, stuffing/green salad, buttered carrots, cranberry sauce, white cake, milk and coffee
Thursday: Orange juice, grilled cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, sweet potato pie

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Hailey
Meals:
Tuesday: Chicken-cacciatore, broccoli, pistachio salad, biscuits, buttered noodles, peach cobbler

Golden Years Senior Citizen, Inc.
218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Meals:
Tuesday: Orange juice, chicken chow mein, stir-fry vegetables, rice, almond cookies, milk and coffee
Thursday: Orange juice, tomato soup, tuna fish sandwich, apple pie, ice cream, milk and coffee
Friday: Orange juice, char broiled chicken, deed bees, carrot sticks, mashed potatoes/gravy, Wanda's best bread, frosted white cake, milk and coffee

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Quilting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Snack bar, 6 p.m.
Early-bird bingo, 6:30 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m.
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.
Friday: Pinocle, 1 p.m.

Three Island Senior Center
492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry
Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; beverages with meals. Tables are available by phoning the center at 366-2501. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for non-seniors under 60, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Meals:
Monday: Sausage link, gravy and biscuits, California mix, orange wedges
Tuesday: Lasagna, tossed salad, garlic bread, green beans, pears
Thursday: Scalloped chicken, broccoli, Harvard beets, fruit cup

Activities:
Monday: Foot Clinic, tax-aid, 1 to 5 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center
127 E. Willow, Fairfield.
Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on meal days. The cost of the meal for non-seniors is \$3.50; children under 10 are \$2. The suggested donation for those 60 years and older is \$2.50.

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center
702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Meals:
Monday: Assorted salad, ham and beans, cornbread, ice cream
Tuesday: Apple salad, Swiss steak, spuds/gravy, corn, rolls, pie
Wednesday: Cottage cheese, tacos, refried beans, Spanish rice, sherbet
Thursday: Pea salad, roast pork, mashed spuds, veggies, rolls, brownies
Friday: Smorgasbord

Activities:
Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Pool, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday: Blood pressure, 10 a.m. and noon.

Golden Heritage Senior Center
2421 Overland Ave. Burley
Meals:
Monday: Beef Stroganoff, spinach, french bread, green salad, cherry cobbler
Tuesday: BLT's, potato salad, fruit salad, assorted desserts
Wednesday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, peas, mango Jell-O, roll
Thursday: Hot wings, baked potato, mixed veggies, Jell-O, bread pudding, brany sauce
Friday: Chicken-fried steak, milk gravy potato, veggies, salad, strawberry/rhubarb crisp

Activities:
Monday: Pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Tri-ominos, 10 a.m.
Computer class, 1 p.m.
Bingo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Pool: 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
Thursday: Pool, 10 a.m.
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.
Pinocle, 1 p.m.
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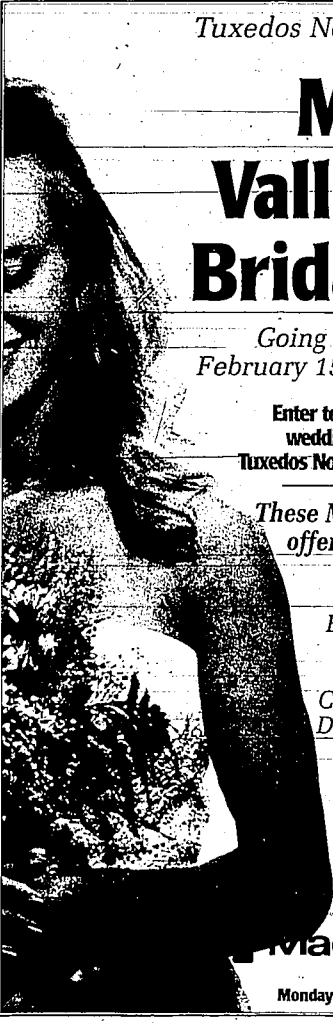
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Brucellosis, not mad cow, worries Wyoming ranchers

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — On Jan. 14, western Wyoming rancher Jerry Jensen watched as his family's heifer was hauled away in five large cattle trucks to be slaughtered. "It wasn't the best," he recalled. "I mean, you see four generations of your family ranching, go down the road, and it wasn't our fault."

It wasn't mad-cow disease, either. Wyoming is battling another, much older and longer-feared livestock ailment, one that a prolonged and costly campaign had virtually eliminated in American cattle: brucellosis.

But twice in the past two months, livestock herds in the state have tested positive for the illness, which ran rampant across the United States in the middle decades of the 20th century.

In cattle, brucellosis can cause abortions, weak calves and sterility. People who drink unpasteur-

ized milk or handle tissue from infected cows can develop chronic fatigue-like symptoms. In humans, the disease is known as undulant fever, and in some rare, untreated cases, death can result.

Within a few weeks, the federal government is expected to strip Wyoming of its "brucellosis-free" status, meaning many of the state's 1.2 million cattle will be subject to stringent testing requirements.

Veterinary costs of drawing blood run from \$3 to \$6 per cow, and additional expenses to ranchers could range from up to \$10 per head from injuries and stress to livestock and wear and tear on equipment. Stressed cattle lose weight and don't bring as much money. Even market prices for healthy Wyoming beef may fall because of the news.

California, Colorado, Nebraska and South Dakota have already imposed testing restrictions on

imports of Wyoming cattle since the finding Dec. 2 of the first infected herd, belonging to the Donald Jensen family near Boulder, Wyo., about 100 miles south of Yellowstone National Park. The second finding was Jan. 20 in a feedlot near Worland in north-central Wyoming.

Although those infected cows initially came from the Jensen herd, Brucellosis has been known since 1843, originally as abortion disease and later Bang's disease, for the Danish veterinarian who isolated the organism. Besides cattle, carriers include elk, bison,

swine, sheep and other animals.

"It is a bad bug," said Terry Kreeger, a state veterinarian. "It hides from you. It's very difficult to treat and it doesn't respond well to vaccinations."

— Terry Kreeger, veterinary researcher

In 2003, only three newly infected herds were diagnosed — two in Texas and one in Wyoming.

The Agriculture Department estimates that brucellosis cost America's cattle ranchers \$400

million a year in 1952; today, losses attributable to the disease are estimated at less than \$1 million.

"When you get down this close and then you have something break loose, it's dealt with kind of like a foreign animal disease," said Cleon Kimberling, an extension veterinarian at Colorado State University.

Jensen and other ranchers are not surprised by the latest discovery, especially when many infected elk and bison roam in and near Yellowstone National Park. The infection in Yellowstone is cited by the state of Montana as justification for killing bison that wander out of the park into Montana cattle country.

An investigation continues into the cause of the Wyoming infection, but a herd of elk that gathers at a state winter feeding ground near the Jensen ranch is suspected.

Jensen said environmentalists

are preventing wildlife officials from killing elk that have the disease.

"I'm just getting sick and tired of the damn game and everything superseding the cattle industry," he said. "There can be a common medium where everything can still have their place, but the cattlemen are outnumbered."

Joel Bousman, another Boulder rancher, said livestock producers have been worried for years that a cow would contract the disease from elk.

"We've understood that this is a time bomb waiting to go off," he said. "This problem will never go away until it's addressed as to the source."

But State Veterinarian Jim Logan said the issue becomes mired in state-federal wildlife management squabbles, and the very real possibility that conservationists would litigate against killing infected elk.

Agencies scrape together cash to offset pay freeze

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Despite urging from lawmakers for state program managers to scrape together money for employee raises, only about \$10 million was diverted to "cover" pay increases for the state's work force during the last six months of 2003.

A report issued by the legislative budget committee staff on Friday showed that the raises accounted for only 12 percent of the state's payroll of more than \$800 million — evidence of the already crunched budget that state managers faced.

Both Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and most lawmakers realized they were potentially creating a severe morale problem that could result in escalating turnover when they decided to freeze pay for a straight year to keep the current budget balanced.

While they had no money that could be directly earmarked for raises, they urged managers to use any cash they could save in other areas to reward key employees.

Analysts emphasized that general tax revenue accounted for only a part of the total. Cash from the federal government and from special funds like Fish and Game Department fees or the Transportation Department gasoline tax finance the rest.

Friday's report made no distinction between actual pay raises and increases in pay because of promotions or new jobs. Administration and legislative budget analysts speculated that most of the increases involved promotions.

In his proposed budget for the coming year, Kempthorne recommended \$19 million — half from general tax receipts — for permanent pay raises to end the freeze. Officials said average turnover has begun to creep up as the economy improves, and severe staffing problems have developed in a number of key technical and professional areas.

Brad Folman, the governor's budget director, said he was surprised that so little money was being diverted to pay improvements so far.

"The number deservedly should be higher," Folman said. "But because of the economic uncertainty and concern about how the Legislature views the work force, they were very conservative."

Folman and legislative analysts also said the limited amount of cash used for pay improvements reflected how tight the current budget is to begin with, leaving agencies little room for any maneuvering.

There is no way to determine whether the pay increase recorded in the report is temporary, permanent, but Folman suspected that most hikes beyond promotions or new jobs were temporary.

In his own agency, he said 11 raises were reported — but only three were permanent, and one of those was the result of his promotion from budget bureau chief to director of the Division of Financial Management.

The only pay improvement in the governor's office involved Kempthorne hiring a new press secretary, Michael Journee, last summer.

Hundreds of employees in the Corrections and Transportation departments "were listed" with raises. These areas had been focused on last year as directors of each tried to stop heavy turnover in key areas.

The four state colleges combined for over 1,200 of the 4,400 raises. The presidents of the schools told budget writers earlier this week that they used what money they could to reward key faculty and maintain morale.

"Some agencies were able to do something," Folman said. "Will it stop the exodus? Does it materially change the situation? There isn't enough to do that."



LEGISLATIVE LOG

By The Associated Press

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HB503 (Appropriations) — Makes an emergency \$41,000 appropriation to the Water Resources Department for inspectors to certify manufactured homes as energy efficient.

Introduced in House

HR582 (Rings) — Provides an Idaho tax credit to individuals who qualify for the federal Earned Income Credit.

HR583 (Trail) — Revises the school district contribution calculation and eliminates the amount distributed for property tax relief.

HR584 (Trail) — Repeals payroll deduction prohibition for political activities of unions.

HR585 (Business) — Exempts modular buildings manufactured in Idaho and exported from the state from zoning, building, electrical and plumbing codes.

HR586 (Judiciary and Rules) — Regarding the Ethics in Government Act, requires that only spouses or dependents who have their careers frozen during an elected official's tenure in office.

HR587 (Judiciary and Rules) — Regarding the surrender of defendant by bail shifts the duty of filing certificate of transfer from the county sheriff to the surrendering bondsman.

HR588 (Judiciary and Rules) — Deletes the language from the Idaho Code regarding the sheriff's jailkeeping duties.

HR589 (Judiciary and Rules) — Requires licensing and insurance coverage of persons designated as bail agents to arrest criminal defendants.

HR590 (Judiciary and Rules) — Limits the liability of food manufacturers or retailers based on obesity claims.

HR591 (Judiciary and Rules) — Establishes "earned conduct reduction" of prison sentences.

HR592 (Resources and Conservation) — Matches dam investments for federally regulated installations with current practice.

HR593 (Resources and Conservation) — Increases the minimum fee for constructing or enlarging a dam to \$200.

HR594 (Langford) — Allows small counties to recover a portion of the cost of providing for a rapidly growing population.

HR595 (Rings) — Creates a new Human Resources Review Committee to evaluate and recommend changes to state law.

HR37 (Trail) — Requires two-thirds concurrence for any appropriations bill that also changes state law.

HCR 38 (Judiciary and Rules) — Makes it mandatory to have testimony under oath during a hearing.

HJ9 (Judiciary and Rules) — Amends Article III of the Constitution to mandate that the state shall only recognize marriages between a man and a woman.

HJM14 (Harwood and McKague) — Message to Congress requesting full and complete funding for U.S. from the United Nations organization. Introduced in Senate.

SB1255 (Education) — Raises the reimbursement for drivers training to school districts from \$110 to \$125 per student.

SB1256 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Makes workers eligible for optional retirement systems also eligible for the Public Employee Retirement System.

SB1257 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Clarifies the recipient of a pension system debt benefit under certain circumstances to the pension fund.

SB1258 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Clarifies the timetable for submitting firefighter pension contributions to the pension fund.

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Nez Perce Indians fight to prevent land development

JOSEPH, Ore. (AP) — In 1877, Chief Joseph and his band of Nez Perce Indians were forced to abandon their beloved Wallowa Valley in a trek that turned into a war with the U.S. Cavalry and ended with their surrender 1,500 miles away, near the Canadian border.

Delivering one of the most heart-breaking surrender speeches in history, Chief Joseph said: "I am tired. My heart is sick and sad. From where the sun now stands I will fight no more forever."

Joseph's band was exiled to reservations in Oklahoma, Washington and Idaho.

More than a century later, the Nez Perce are again engaged in a fight — this time a legal dispute over building 11 upscale homes on 62 acres on a grassy ridge near a Nez Perce cemetery that includes the grave of Chief Joseph's father, Old Chief Joseph.

The grave is on a 5-acre site that serves as the trailhead for a National Historic Trail that follows the route taken by Joseph's band of Nez Perce during their running battles with the Cavalry.



The gravestone for Nez Perce leader Old Chief Joseph stands next to a tree covered with streamcatchers, scarves and beads in Joseph, Ore., Monday.

"Because the subdivision is on a site closely tied to the tribe's history, fighting the development is a top priority for the Nez Perce," said tribal secretary Jake Whiteplume.

"Remembering what our ancestors went through, will help keep

us going," in the legal fight, he said. "That was our homeland. We have that teaching in us today. We still remember."

The Nez Perce and two other Northwest tribes have filed a legal challenge to the proposed housing development with the Wallowa

County Board of Commissioners. The tribes argue the whole ridge is a site of cultural significance and a national historic treasure.

The commissioners are scheduled to decide the issue at a hearing on Monday.

Developers of the proposed

project reject Nez Perce assertions that some of their ancestors may be buried beneath the building site. The developers point out there is already a seven-acre buffer zone separating the privately held 62 acres and the cemetery.

The developers also say the construction "project" would bring much-needed jobs to this corner of eastern Oregon, hard-hit by the demise of the timber industry.

"This is a simple land-use issue, and to compare this site to the war in 1877, and the atrocities that took place, is not fair to the owners," said Rahn Hostetter, an attorney for developer K&B Limited Family Partnership.

The land was appraised at \$1.8 million if it can be subdivided; if not, it is worth about \$1 million, Hostetter said.

The city of Joseph and Wallowa County are at odds over the housing development. In December, the county planning commission approved a tentative plan for the development. But the city has supported the tribes' appeal, arguing an archaeological study contracted out by the developers is insufficient.

The subdivision and the Nez Perce cemetery are located on a ridge overlooking Wallowa Lake, in the shadow of the snow-draped Wallowa Mountains. Nez Perce bands caught sockeye salmon in the scenic lake and hunted in the Wallowa Mountains. Young Chief Joseph was camped on the ridge in 1877 when his band of Nez Perce was expelled from the region.

The band had retained the Wallowa Valley as a reservation under an 1855 treaty signed by Old Chief Joseph but later renegotiated by the U.S. government and Nez Perce tribal leaders in Idaho without the consent of the Wallowa band of the tribe. The new treaty of 1863 ceded the entire valley to settlers.

On his deathbed in 1871, Old Chief Joseph reminded his son that he had not signed the revised treaty, according to Alvin M. Joseph's 1955 history of the Nez Perce war and exile. "The Nez Perce Indians and the Opening of the Northwest."

The old chief told his son, according to Joseph: "Never forget my dying words. This country holds your father's body."

Group calls for colleges to accommodate Hispanics

The Associated Press

With Hispanics graduating from high school in numbers that will keep increasing for years, the head of a higher education group that released a new report on the trend says colleges need to step up efforts to accommodate the nation's largest minority.

The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education projects that Hispanics will account for 21 percent of the country's public high school graduates in 2008, up from 17 percent in 2002.

The commission found that nearly 5 million Hispanics were enrolled in the country's public elementary and high schools in 1993-94. And by the 2007-08 school year, it projects that Latino public school enrollment will be about 9 million.

"In general, colleges are still not prepared," said David Longanecker, executive director of the interstate commission. Its report, "Knocking at the College Door," is released every five years and is used by local school districts, states and higher education to track enrollment trends.

"We know there is a relationship between race and income and academic preparedness," Longanecker said. "But we don't have the support services in place to enhance the success that we need."

Using data compiled from the nation's leading test-makers, the U.S. census and other sources, the WICHE study projects a significant regional shift in the school-age population to the South and West that follows general population trends.

In 2007-08, Southern states are expected to enroll 16.7 million students in kindergarten through high school.

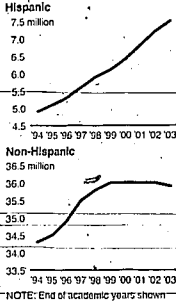
WICHE said enrollment in Western schools will be 11.9 million in 2007-08, followed by 10.8 million in the Midwest and 9.3 million in the Northeast.

Because of continuing gains in Hispanic enrollment, the report said, white students will represent a minority of graduates from

Hispanic school enrollment rises

Hispanic enrollment continues its steady increase in public schools across the country while the number of non-Hispanics has stabilized over the past few years.

Public elementary and secondary school enrollments



NOTE: End of academic year shown

SOURCE: Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education AP

Western high schools in 2013-14.

Although Hispanics enroll in college at almost the same rate as non-Latino students, they often bring special circumstances to school, said Richard Fry, a senior research associate with the Pew Hispanic Trust.

Hispanics are less likely to attend college full-time and are more likely to work so they can provide financial support to dependents, Fry said.

"In order to help these students receive degrees — particularly bachelor's degrees, but also associate's degrees and vocational credentials — you have to help them negotiate their work lives, their family lives, as well as their academic lives," Fry said.

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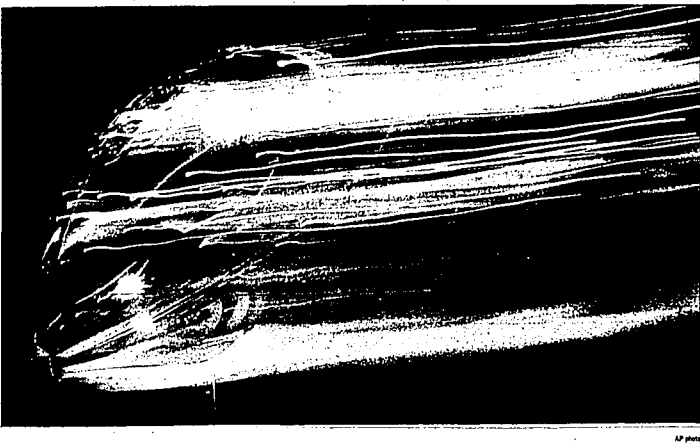
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Section C



BRINGING HOME LOMBARDI

Game Day It's chess vs. smashmouth football



The Vince Lombardi Trophy is pictured in Houston on Friday. The trophy will go to the winner of Super Bowl XXXVIII, featuring the New England Patriots and Carolina Panthers on Sunday in Houston.

By Dave Goldberg Associated Press writer

HOUSTON - If the Carolina Panthers win the Super Bowl, it will be with power. If the New England Patriots win, it will be with finesse, deception, intimidation and experience.

So while Sunday's NFL championship game may not feature football's biggest stars, it could be a fascinating chess match between two of the game's headiest coaches - accomplished grandmaster Bill Belichick of New England and Carolina's quickly ascending John Fox.

Don't look for glamorous quarterback. The most famous are otherwise occupied. Joe Montana is making a promotional tour and John Elway was voted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame this weekend.

Sunday's QBs are the quietly efficient Tom Brady of New England, who may someday be in that class, and Jake Delhomme of Carolina, who almost surely won't.

The question is whether they will get to the penthouse or simply stop at a luxury suite in 2-year-old Reliant Stadium, where the game will be played.

Between 1969 and 1975, only one loser scored more than seven points. "It's going to be a street fight," said Carolina defensive tackle Kris Jenkins, an All-Pro in just his third NFL season.

The contestants approach the game from different perspectives. The Patriots, Super Bowl champions two seasons ago, have won their last 14 games, including a 24-14 victory over Indianapolis in the AFC title game. No surprise. They were one of the preseason favorites.

Carolina, on the other hand, was 1-15 two seasons ago when Brady and the Pats were winning the title. Their final loss of that season, in fact, was a 38-6 thumping by New England.

Fox took over last season and the Panthers finished 7-9, then won the NFC South at 11-5 this season. They won three playoff games to get here, the last two on the road - a double overtime in St. Louis and in Philadelphia to win the NFC championship.

The landscape in the NFL being the way it is, you can go from the outhouse to the penthouse pretty quickly," Fox said. "You just have to make sure you slam the outhouse door behind you."

The question is whether they will get to the penthouse or simply stop at a luxury suite in 2-year-old Reliant Stadium, where the game will be played.

The contrast starts at quarterback. Brady doesn't scramble like Elway

or gamble like Brett Favre. By NFL standards, his arm is just average and he sometimes seems embarrassed to be considered a celebrity.

But he dinks and dunks the opposition to death - quick outs on first down that set up second down and short. It's New England's version of the running game. It locked until Antowain Smith started coming on late in the season.

Then, with the defense creeping up, he goes over the top, as he did in the playoff win over Tennessee, hitting Bethel Johnson in stride for a 41-yard touchdown.

Delhomme had thrown just 86 passes in six seasons when he joined the Panthers.

But he has been extremely efficient since taking over from Rodney Peete in the second half of the season-opener against Jacksonville and rallying the Panthers from a 17-0 deficit to a 24-23 victory. Overall, he led the team to seven victories in the last quarter or overtime.

But Delhomme isn't enough. The Panthers must move the ball on the ground behind Stephen Davis, who rushed for 1,444 yards, has been one of the NFL's top power backs for a half-decade - an inside runner with the speed to break a big play. His backup, DeShaun Foster, could start for many NFL teams and provides outside speed.

"Running is the strength of their team. Stopping the run is one of the many strengths of our team," New England linebacker Ted Bruschi

Cats and Pats go head-to-head

Here's how the Carolina Panthers (14-5) and New England Patriots (16-2) match up for Super Bowl XXXVIII in Houston.

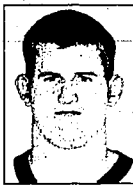
THE OFFENSE STARTS WITH THE RUN - The Panthers throw just 14 times over the Eagles in the NFC championship game and should have a healthy Stephen Davis. CB Johnathan Johnson's primary receiver is Steve Smith, a deep threat and Mualim Muhammad, considered one of the best blocking wide receivers in the NFL.

THE DEFENSE - Middle linebacker Dan Morgan is healthy this week, so Will Witherspoon can move back to outside linebacker and strengthen two positions. The other key has been the emergence of rookie cornerback Rickey Manning Jr., who moved into the starting lineup in place of Tony Cousin. SS Mike Minter is the glue of an otherwise ordinary secondary.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Jon Casey made 32 of 38 field goals this season and had four game-winning kicks, three from 47 yards or more. Punter Todd Sauerbrun led the NFL with a 44.6 average.

COACHING - John Fox took over a team that was 1-15 two years ago, got them to 7-9 last season, and this year to the Super Bowl. Bill Belichick was coach of the year and is generally regarded as one of the NFL's two or three best.

IDAHO'S SUPER BOWL CONNECTION



Jordan Gross

Gross keeps his small-town outlook on life

The Associated Press

NOTUS - Jordan Gross is about to take a worldwide stage as a starting football player in the Super Bowl, but he's still a small-town kid from Fruitland.

And the folks back home had noticed.

"He's popular in town because he's a modest, nice, polite young man," Fruitland High athletic director Mel Person said.

"Everybody likes Jordan, and I don't see him changing much." Maybe that's because his parents, Alan and Jan, raised him right. Or maybe that's because Carolina Panthers coach John Fox has done a masterful job with his 300-pound rookie tight end.

Whatever the reason, Jordan Gross has every reason to have his head in the clouds, because the past year has been a wild ride.

In his senior season at the University of Utah, he was a consensus All-American and a finalist for the Outland Trophy Award as one of the top collegiate linemen in the nation.

He was the Panthers' first-round pick (No. 8 overall) in April's NFL Draft. He later signed a 5-year, multi-million dollar contract and became an instant star. Sports Illustrated recently named him one of the top offensive linemen in the NFL after just one season.

Heavy stuff for a 23-year-old, but he's handled it with amazing composure, according to friends and family.

"He has handled things so wonderfully. You couldn't be more pleased about that," Jan said.

"But he's had to also be real serious, and Jordan's always been a goof ball. He's always been so fun-loving and goofy, and he hasn't had that opportunity in the past year

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Watch out Joe ... It doesn't take a Montana to win a Super Bowl

By Joe Kay Associated Press writer

HOUSTON - Starr, Staubach, Bradshaw, Montana, Elway, Favre. The Super Bowl is the place where the game's great quarterbacks go to get rings and form legacies.

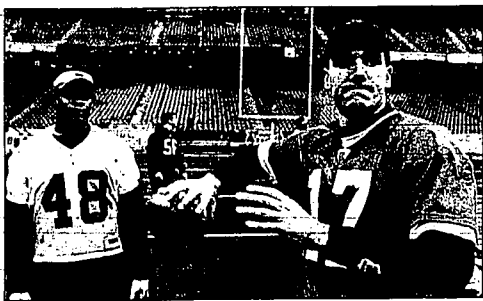
Not lately, though. The last four titles have been won by passers named Warner, Dillier, Brady and Johnson, a pack of quarterbacks without a single pedigree.

This year, it's Tom Brady - a sixth-round pick - matched against undrafted Jake Delhomme, who didn't even start Carolina's season opener.

What in the name of Broadway Joe is going on here? "It's hard to say," Patriots backup Damon Huard said. "The quarterback is definitely the most important guy on your team."

Important, but no longer indispensable. Teams don't need a high-round, high-paid passer to win it all nowadays. Some are better off saving their bucks and investing in defense, then letting a careerless passer take it from there.

Kurt Warner, an Arena Football League refugee, started the trend by taking the Ravens all the way and becoming MVP of the 2000 Super Bowl. Then came Trent Dillier, a journeyman who essentially stayed out of the way as the Ravens' record-setting



Carolina Panthers quarterback Jake Delhomme (17) warms up while running back Stephen Davis looks on during the Patriots' practice in Reliant Stadium in Houston Saturday.

defense win it the next year. Dillier was released a month later, before his championship ring had been cast. Suddenly, championship quarterbacks were a disposable commodity.

The unheralded Brady took over for the prominent Drew Bledsoe and took the Patriots to the title. Last year, Brad Johnson pulled a Dillier - he got out of the way and let Tampa Bay's defense win it.

"Watching those guys gives you like me hope that if you do get an opportunity, you can make the most of it," said Delhomme, the latest obscure passer to emerge. "And look where you could end up - maybe in the Super Bowl."

That's not how it worked in the beginning. Quarterbacks ruled the league when the Super Bowl was hatched. They had freedom to run the show, and their teams were a direct reflection of their talents.

The list of winning quarterbacks for the first 19 title games is a Who's Who: Bart

Starr, Joe Namath, Len Dawson, Johnny Unitas (with relief from Earl Morrall), Roger Staubach, Bob Griese, Terry Bradshaw, Ken Stabler, Jim Plunkett, Joe Montana, Joe Theismann.

As recently as the 1990s, John Elway and Brett Favre were leading their teams to titles and putting exclamation points on their remarkable careers. NFL teams wanted to draft a quarterback and make him the foundation.

Now, teams are building with different materials. With the salary cap and free agency turning every roster into a temporary thing, quarterbacks have a more difficult time delivering. Just as the offense starts to gel, it gets torn apart and has to start over.

"It seems players are moving in and out," said Brady, the 199th overall pick in the 2000 draft. "When so many guys are coming in and out of a program, it's hard to continue to

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A DEFINING MOMENT

One Super play can shape career

By Joe Kay Associated Press writer

HOUSTON - One throw, one catch, one miss, one premature touchdown celebration. In the biggest game of the season, one play can overshadow everything.

Fair or not, it's the Super Bowl play. "One moment, one play defines a career in this game," said Joe Theismann, who won the 1983 Super Bowl with Washington.

It's been true since Gary Yepremian did his wayward impression of a quarterback in the seventh Super Bowl, a bit of slapstick that has stuck with him as much as the Dolphins' perfect season.

Make the kick, catch the pass - take a bow. Miss the uprights, drop the ball - drop your head and get ready for endless reminders of that one moment.

Just ask Scott Norwood. Better yet, leave the poor guy alone.

"Every Buffalo fan derisively dubbed him 'Scott Norwidge' after his 47-yard field goal attempt went wide right with 4 seconds left in 1991, dooming the Bills to the first of four Super Bowl losses.

To this day, empathetic kickers cringe at what he has endured.

"Every kicker knows of Scott and the situation that happened," New England's Adam Vinatieri said. "Obviously, his life would have been changed if it had been a few feet farther to the left."

Vinatieri knows about the flip side. His 48-yard field goal on the final play of the Patriots' Super Bowl win two years ago



Scott Norwood of the Buffalo Bills walks dejectedly off the field after missing what would have been the game-winning field goal in Super Bowl XXV, in this Jan. 27, 1993, photo. Buffalo lost to the New York Giants, 20-19.

brought immediate celebrity. If he missed, he'd be about as popular in New England as Bill Buckner - he of Red Sox/World Series infamy.

"I try not to consider what would have

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No. 48 Stephen Davis

Happy together

Davis & Foster



No. 20 DoShaun Foster

Panthers' dynamic duo share duties in the backfield

HOUSTON (AP) — When DoShaun Foster twisted, turned and churned for a touchdown in the NFC championship game, the first teammate to slap him on the back wasn't even involved in the play.

Stephen Davis sprinted from the sideline to the end zone to greet Foster, thrilled about his understudy's first career TD run and so proud of how he did it.

"That's the kind of relationship we have," Foster said Wednesday. "If I do well, he's excited. And I'm the same way when he's doing well."

In that case, they've both had a lot to be excited about this season with the Carolina Panthers.

Released by Washington after last season, Davis signed with the Panthers and set team records for yards, carries—and touchdowns. He had the most carries in the NFC and finished fourth in the NFL in rushing with 1,444 yards.

For Foster, just making it back on the field was an accomplishment.

Foster was a front-runner for the Heisman Trophy at UCLA until the NCAA learned he was driving an SUV owned by a TV director. He ended his college career by being suspended—for—the final—three games.

A high second-round pick in 2002, Foster was on his way to becoming the team's featured back when he ripped up his left knee so badly there was concern he might never play again. That's why the Panthers went

after Davis. As a 12 punch, they helped give Carolina the seventh-best running game in the NFL. They've kept up their success in the playoffs, helping the Panthers reach the Super Bowl. They'll need one more big game to help Carolina beat New England on Sunday.

"They have two great running backs," Patriots linebacker Roman Philter said. "They really don't try to fool you. They just come at you and they're able to knock guys off the ball and are able to run over guys. They've been doing it all season. Basically, that's our biggest concern."

New England linebacker Tedy Bruschi added: "If we don't stop the run, it's going to be a long game."

Anyone who thought Davis was washed up better think again.

After seven seasons in Washington, his running style made him a poor fit under pass-happy coach Steve Spurrier. The only teams that pursued him were the Houston Texans and Panthers.

Davis grew up in Spartanburg, S.C., where Carolina holds training camp, and he lives one hour from team headquarters. He needed only one visit with coach John Fox to be sold on the team.

"The first thing he said to me was, 'We're going to run the ball.' I was interested then," Davis said. "I'm glad I got an opportunity to come back home. I'm making the best of it. I wouldn't

Powerful duo paces Panthers

The Carolina Panthers' running backs Stephen Davis (19 carries for 76 yards) and DoShaun Foster (14 carries for 60 yards and a touchdown), were effective against the Eagles in the NFC championship game. In the Super Bowl, they will face a Patriots defense that finished the season ranked fourth against the run.

Stephen Davis	DoShaun Foster
Rush attempts 318 (51)	Rush attempts 113 (39)
Rush yards 1,444 (266)	Rush yards 429 (153)
Avg. per rush 4.5 (5.2)	Avg. per rush 3.8 (3.9)
TDs 40 (64)	TDs 21 (17)
Regular season (Playoff stats in parentheses)	

SOURCE: NFL

do anything differently if I had to."

What started out as a few pointers here and there has blossomed into a mentor-student relationship.

It's a new concept for Davis, who has always been the one being told what to do and how to do it, first as the youngest of five kids, then while breaking in with the Redskins, where veteran Terry Allen took him under his wing.

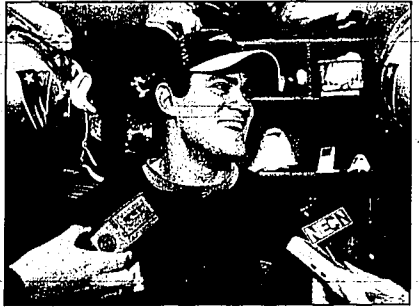
Foster had just one carry in the opener, then was used as a change of pace to Davis' bruising style. He filled in as the starter

for two games Davis missed because of a nagging ankle sprain.

Davis was hurt again in the second quarter of the divisional playoff game against St. Louis, pulling his left thigh muscle during a 64-yard run. Foster responded with a season-best 95 yards in the double overtime victory.

Davis recovered in time to start the NFC championship game, yet it was Foster who made the highlight play, breaking four tackles during his 1-yard run, including two tries by linebacker Mark Simoneau.

A KEY TO PATRIOTS' SUCCESS Stepping up



New England Patriots linebacker Tedy Bruschi smiles as he answers a reporter's question in the team locker room at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass., Friday.

Team boasts lineup of talented backups

HOUSTON (AP) — No names are in and eggs are out on Bill Belichick's team.

That's a major reason why the New England Patriots have won 14 straight and will attempt to claim their second Super Bowl in three seasons Sunday against Carolina. Despite a rash of injuries, they have been able to plug in obscure substitutes and keep on winning.

"A guy who comes in and wants his name on a scoreboard that says, 'Joe Blow, No. 28,' is probably not going to be a New England Patriot," Belichick said. "A guy who wants to play for a team and not worry about being a star is likely to be one."

The run of no-name backups actually began two years ago when Tom Brady stepped in at quarterback for the injured Drew Bledsoe and led New England to the Super Bowl in a thrilling 20-17 upset of St. Louis. Two years later, he is, as owner team owner Robert Kraft put it Tuesday, "the poster boy for our team."

Unlike Brady, most of this year's injury replacements will never be roster boys for anything. But in a league where almost every team suffers when starters get hurt, the Patriots have thrived; 43 different players have started in 18 games and almost all have done well.

Belichick's no-star approach wasn't lost on Carolina, which landed in the championship game a mere two years after finishing 1-15.

"We've noted what the Patriots are doing and our approach is pretty much the same," Panthers general manager Marty Hurney said. "It's a team concept rather than a star concept, and it works."

It certainly has for New England, for whom short-term

stars have popped in from nowhere.

For example: • Mike Cloud, a career backup, replaced the injured Antwan Smith at running back in his first game back from a four-week substance abuse suspension and carried seven times for 73 yards and two touchdowns in a 38-30 win over Tennessee. He rushed for only 45 yards the rest of the year. • Linebacker Matt Chatham, strictly a special teamer previously, got his first four starts in a four-season career. Against the Titans he had eight tackles and the following week returned a fumble 38 yards for a touchdown in a 17-6 win against the Giants.

One aspect of the Patriots' success is age — 21 of the 53 players on their roster are over 30. Many are major contributors like Smith; linebackers Willie McGinest and Tedy Bruschi; wide receiver Troy Brown; defensive end Bobby Hamilton; and safety Rodney Harrison. Others, like linebackers Ted Johnson and Roman Philter are backups who also serve as part-time tutors for the younger players, but rookies played major roles in the team's success this season.

One reason backups respond so well for the Patriots is that everyone is considered a starter during practice. That's rare in the NFL — on most teams, starters practice against reserves, who simulate the offenses and defenses of that week's opponent.

"We have 53 men in here," said right guard Joe Andruzzi, one of the two remaining starters on the offensive line. "When called upon, you do your best."

For most teams, that may not be enough. For the Patriots it is.

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because it's been so intense." He hasn't done it alone. Jordan's parents say that his wife, Dana, his high school sweetheart from his Fruitland days, has been instrumental in making the transition.

"They make tremendous decisions," Alan said. "I told Jordan I'm prouder of him from that standpoint than I am of him being a football player."

The home front

Alan and Jan glow when they talk about their son, and their daughter Julie, who is two years older than Jordan and teaches in Parma.

Jordan's parents recently bought a house near Notus. They relish their small-town roots. Alan, a sturdy man with long, silver hair, grew up in Boise, where he played a little high school football of his own.

Today, he is a regional systems operator for Idaho Power in Boise.

Jan, an engaging woman with a wry smile, teaches in the Fruitland School District.

This season, Alan talked with Jordan the night before games, and again the next day after Jordan had played. They would talk about the outcome, and how Jordan played. Alan and Jan traveled to see Jordan play in three games. They left Friday morning for Houston, where they will watch their son play in Super Bowl XXXVIII.

When the parents were at home this season, they would watch the

Panthers games twice, once on their satellite system, and then again on tape. On one viewing, they watched the flow of the game like an average fan. The other time, they kept their eyes on the Panthers' offensive line, watching their son, No. 69, man the right tackle position.

Gross played in every game — and allowed only three sacks.

His parents, in the process, became students of the game. "We have to know football," Alan said. "He doesn't have time to teach us."

Student of the game

Jordan knows he has his work cut out for him in the Super Bowl. Against New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick's complicated defense, he needs to know a number of different defensive schemes.

"The Patriots run a bunch of different fronts," Jordan told the Idaho Statesman from Charlotte, N.C., in a telephone interview at his parents' house. "Anybody that has listed as an outside linebacker or lineman, I could see. It's kind of hard to prepare for. Last week (against the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFC championship game), I only saw two guys."

"On the other hand, I kind of think teams that run so many different fronts can kind of outsmart themselves sometimes."

Jordan said he likes the Panthers' chances against the Patriots.

"We're real confident," he said.

"We're no strangers to tight games and overtime and coming from behind, and being the underdog, which is the situation this week. We can't get caught up in all of the extracurricular stuff this week. We just need to stick to our game plan."

Jordan said he's looking forward to a Super Bowl win, and then heading back to Idaho, where he has bought a house in Fruitland.

"Everybody's talking about where they're gonna watch the Super Bowl," Fruitland athletic director Mel Person said. "If you're looking for a good Super Bowl party, you'll be able to find one in Fruitland."

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You take an event centered on TV, lubricated by beer and junk food, add the gambling element, drop it in a perfect spot on the calendar, and you've got the perfect American holiday.

—Bob Thompson, professor of television and pop culture at Syracuse, about Super Bowl Sunday

IN BRIEF

Pomerelle hosts Ladies Day Tuesday

ALBION — The second session of Pomerelle Mountain and Pinetree Sports' 2004 Ladies Day Ski Program will be held each Tuesday in February, beginning Feb. 3.

In March, the program will be held on Thursdays. The cost of the monthly program is \$75 and includes four full-day lift tickets, four 1.5-hour clinics in either skiing or boarding and four lunches. Clinics start at noon and lunch is served at 1:30 p.m. Those interested can register at Pomerelle, 673-5599 or at Pine Tree Sports, 678-5869.

CSI volleyball team plans Parents Night Out

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho volleyball program hosts Parents Night Out, a children's all-night slumber party at the Golden Eagles gym starting at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14. Pickup is 9 a.m. the next morning.

Children in grades 1-6 are eligible to attend. The cost is \$20 per child and \$10 for each additional child per family. The fee includes free admission to that night's CSI basketball games, pizza from Papa Johns, movies and games.

The chaperones are the CSI volleyball team members. Children need to bring a sleeping bag, pillow and pajamas.

Call Ben Stroud at 732-6478 or Jing Houghly at 732-6492 to obtain a registration form. The form and payment are due Feb. 12.

Burley Boosters Club plans to meet tomorrow

BURLEY — The Burley Booster Club will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the Burley High School conference room. All parents with BHS students and other supporters are encouraged to attend. For more information, please call 677-4345.

Idaho State football coach visits Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — Idaho State University head football coach Larry Lewis and his staff will be at the Pressbox sports bar at 6 p.m. Friday to talk about the Bengals program and the new 2004 recruiting class. There will free food and door prizes.

Pomerelle hosts big air, freestyle competitions

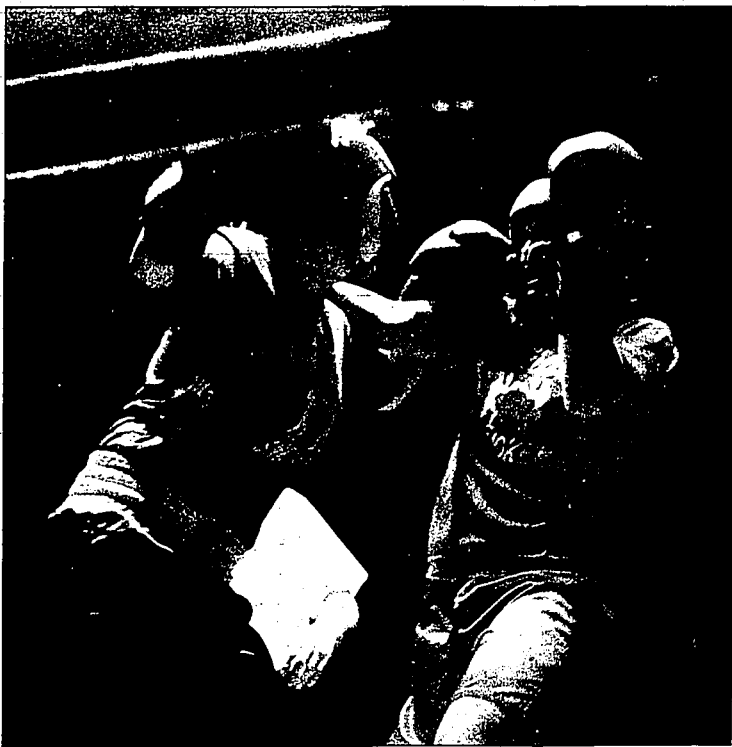
ALBION — Pomerelle Mountain Resort will host a big air competition Saturday, Feb. 7, and a freestyle competition Saturday, Feb. 14.

Both competitions are open to all ages, skiers and boarders. Inverted aerials are not allowed. Registration for both competitions will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. with competition starting at noon each weekend. Fees are \$5 for entry and a \$5 bib deposit.

Trophies and medallions will be given to the top three places in each division, and all competitors in the big air competition will be entered in a drawing for a new snowboard from Pepsi.

Compiled from staff reports

Fists fly at CSI smoker



'Shameless' Shanna Nilsen, right, takes on 'Terrible' TJ Barnett during the fifth fight of Saturday's CSI Smoker. Nilsen won the three-round bout by unanimous decision.

Experience pays off for Utah boxer in KO

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Not all the big hits are reserved for Super Bowl Sunday. David "The Sandman" Sanchez taught Daniel "Wicked" Niska that the hard way.

Sanchez crumbled Niska, of the College of Southern Idaho boxing club, sending him to the mat 33 seconds into the first round Saturday night at the 28th annual CSI Rocky Mountain Regional boxing smoker with an uppercut that sent "oos" and "aaahs" throughout the CSI Eldon Evans Expo Center.

While most the fighters at the smoker have limited experience, the 21-year-old, 186-pound Sanchez entered his bout with an 8-0 record and confidence and experience on his side, despite 2,600/20 visitors.

"Sometimes I go and just try to punch the blue," said Sanchez, who suffered an eye injury at an earlier age. "Wherever I think the face is, that's where I punch.

Sometimes, I just have to guess." "The only way I can tell it's the 'E' (on an optical chart) is because I know what it is. And it's still a little blurry."

Sanchez wasn't the only one delivering a heavy punch Saturday night.

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Federer wins Australian Open

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Roger Federer solidified his No. 1 ranking and won his second Grand Slam title with a 7-6 (3), 6-4, 6-2 rout of unseeded Marat Safin in Sunday's Australian Open final.

The 22-year-old from Switzerland went up by two sets and two breaks in the third with a forehand winner down the line in the fifth game.

Federer hasn't lost a set in his two Grand Slam final appearances. He beat Mark Philippoussis in straight sets at Wimbledon last year. Federer ensured he'd be No. 1 when the new rankings are released with a semifinal win over third-seeded Juan Carlos Ferrero.

Safin, who beat top-seeded Andy Roddick in the quarterfinal and ended defending champion Andre Agassi's 26-match streak here in the semifinals, was frustrated by Federer's ability to get his potential winners back into play. Federer had 40 winners and 28 unforced errors against Safin's 19 winners and 41 unforced errors.

Safin twice slammed his racket into the court to vent his growing frustration. The Russian had 123 aces in six previous matches, including 31 against Agassi without a double fault. But he had just three aces against Federer and five double faults.

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Eagles sweep Spartans

Men move into tie for first place

The Times-News

RANGELY, Colo. — The CSI women had a much tougher time Saturday against the last-place Lady Spartans from Colorado Northwestern Community College in Rangely.

Instead of a 20-point lead midway through the first half, the Golden Eagles led by only one, 22-21, before pulling away early in the second-half behind 19 points from Lenka Zimova, who was scoreless in the first half. Her first 12 points helped put CSI up 76-56 with 8:20 remaining en route to a 92-71 Scenic West Athletic Conference road victory.

Other Eagles (20-4, 16-2 SWAC) in double figures were Sidney Orndorff with 18, Andrea Sivakova 13 and 14 from Denisa Svarova.

The key was the second-half defense, holding CNCC (5-17, 2-14) scoreless for the first three minutes to build a nine-point Eagles lead, 55-46. CNCC managed only 12 points until five minutes remained in the game. By then it was over. CSI switched to man-to-man defense at the half.

"We weren't getting out on them," coach Randy Rogers said. "They shot so well in the first half. It wasn't terrible, terrible defense."

CNCC 5-foot-7 forward Heidi Clemmer attacked the basket

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Roger Federer stretches for a return to Marat Safin during the opening set of the men's singles final of the Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia, Saturday.

Minico wrestlers take sixth in loaded Red Halverson tourney

By Eric Laisen Times-News writer

RUPERT — With 19 of Idaho's top wrestlers competing in Minico High School's Red Halverson Memorial Tournament, there was no shortage of great wrestling action in Spartan Gymnasium this weekend. Held Friday and Saturday, the tournament is one of the most prestigious events in Idaho wrestling.

"This tournament has been around probably a lot longer than I have," Minico coach Brad Cooper said. "It's got a lot of tradition and year in and year out it's one of the better tournaments in the state and one of the toughest."

The Spartans upheld that tradition with another solid effort, scoring 111 team points, good enough for a sixth-place finish in the team standings.

"Sixth is better than 20th I guess," Cooper said. "We still have

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Twin Falls Bruin wrestler Dustin Scott attempts to turn Jerema's Cody Carpenter in the 189-pound championship match of the Red Halverson Memorial Invitational at Minico High School. Scott didn't pick up the pin Saturday, but won by decision.

Hall of Fame inducts Elway and Sanders

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — John Elway and Barry Sanders made the Pro Football Hall of Fame on their first attempt Saturday, making it look as easy as everything else they did in their spectacular careers.

Elway, the winningest quarterback in NFL history, and Sanders, No. 3 in career rushing, were joined by Bob Brown and Carl Eller.

For Elway, who led the Denver Broncos to Super Bowl championships in his final two seasons, the selection was a reward for his remarkable skills, leadership and longevity.

"I'm really kind of speechless to be honest with you," Elway said. "Just truly honored to be named to the Hall of Fame with the greats of all time."

"I want to tell every guy I played with, 'Thanks,'" Elway said.



Barry Sanders

1997 and '98 NFL championships, capping his illustrious career with a Super Bowl MVP trophy.

Elway won 148 games and was the 1987 league MVP. He will be the only Bronco in the Hall of Fame when he is inducted this summer.

Unlike Elway, Sanders reired in his prime at 31. He was 1,457 yards from the career rushing record, then held by Walter Payton.

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SPORTS

Hansen, Oakley advance to Southside title game

By Dustin Lapray Times-News writer

MURTAUGH - The Hansen Lady Huskies opened with an 11-11 first quarter on their way to a 43-27 win over Hagerman in the second round of the Southside Conference Tournament Saturday at Hulise Gymnasium in Murtaugh.

"I think it was our defense," Hansen coach Terry Dowd said. "I stress defense and I think I've got them believing that defense is going to do it for them."

Reba Stanger scored seven of her 14 points in that first quarter to lead Hansen on the night. "We came out kind of cranked up," Hagerman coach Joe Keeney said. "We have a hard time when we're excited. That old adrenaline is flowing and sometimes it's hard to bring them down."

Hansen freshman Charlotte Frazier went down with an ankle injury midway through the second quarter. After Frazier's departure, her older sister Bonnie got hot from the field scoring six of her 13 points amid an 11-2 run for the Lady Huskies to close the half with a 25-10 lead.

Southside tourney

Saturday's scores
Hansen 43, Hagerman 27
Oakley 59, Raft River 15
Castledale 51, Magic Valley Christian 24, loser out
Monday's games
Murtaugh vs. Hagerman, 6 p.m., loser out
Castledale vs. Raft River, 7:30 p.m., loser out

"Bonnie's outside shot was off, but she found other ways of scoring," Dowd said. "She creates a lot of opportunities."

Shanelle Knight and Sara Jackson scored a combined 10 points in the third quarter for Hagerman. It was the only quarter in which the Lady Pirates outscored Hansen. Knight led all scorers with 15 points before fouling out in the closing minutes of the game.

The Lady Huskies won the game at the free-throw line going 20 for 28 and on the offensive glass, repeatedly getting two or three shots at the basket on each trip down the court.

"The girls are real proud of the things that they've done and it wasn't a very good showing for them tonight," Keeney said. "We're going to be up and down, we know that. We're young, and we know that some days you eat the bear and sometimes the bear eats you and today the bear just had a feast."

The loss drops the Lady Pirates into the consolation bracket. They will play Murtaugh Monday. The Lady Red Devils pulled out a 38-37 win over Hagerman Jan. 26. "We're not bailing yet," Keeney said. "You're going to get knocked down all your life. It's important to get back up one more time than you get knocked down."

Castledale 51, Magic Valley Christian 24

MURTAUGH - The Castledale girls advanced in the consolation bracket of the Southside Conference tournament with a 51-24 over Magic Valley Christian in Murtaugh Saturday.

Echo Frey led the Lady Wolves with 17 points. Jessica Hill and Rachel Maves each added eight points in the win.

Angie Hageman led Magic Valley Christian seven points. The loss ends the Lady Conquerors' season.

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Carey, Richfield survive Northside loser-out games

CAREY - Carey and Richfield will face each other in a 6 p.m. loser-out game Monday night after Saturday in the Northside Tournament at Carey High school.

Shoshone and Dietrich will play for the district title at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Carey will host Richfield Monday in the continuing tournament.

Northside tourney
Saturday's scores
District 52, Carey 32, junior varsity
Carey 38, Community School 32
Richfield 41, Gamma County 24
Monday's schedule
Carey vs. Richfield; 6 p.m. loser-out
Shoshone vs. Dietrich; 7:30 p.m., championship

Richfield 41, Gamma 24
CAREY - Richfield's victory over Gamma County was a team effort with Angela Kent, Brooke Norman and Michelle Schmidt all scoring eight points each in the 41-24 win.

Richfield will travel to Carey again Monday.

Marsh Valley prevails at Gooding Glanbia invite

The Times-News

GOODING - Marsh Valley used six individual championships out of 14 weight classes to win the Gooding Glanbia Wrestling Invitational Saturday with 178 points. Host Gooding took second with 133 followed by Filer in third with 124.5.

Seven area wrestlers captured individual titles while 14 took second place. The champions were Golden Zollinger, Declo, 103 pounds; Trevor Dschack, Declo, 130; Camas Benness, Valley, 135; Cody Rogers, Gooding, 145; Brad Silvester, Filer, 174; Cliff Toome, Gooding, 189; and Spencer Huges, Filer, 275.

Local sports

56 in boys non-conference basketball
"It was our third game in four nights and it showed in the second half. They were us down," said Burley coach Jack Bagley.

Blackfoot shot 35 free throws in the second half as four Bobcats were eliminated from contention. The Bobcats were whittled for 30 fouls in the contest.

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JEROME - Early foul trouble cost Jerome and Declo took advantage, building a double digit lead and holding it down the stretch. The Hornets earned the season sweep Saturday with a 60-47 victory over the Tigers in boys basketball.

Boys basketball

Blackfoot 66, Burley 56
BLACKFOOT - Burley led by 10 at the break only once Blackfoot took the lead at the free throw line in the second half as the Bobcats fell to the Broncos 66-56.

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Late Friday Boys basketball

Raft River 61, Hansen 52
MALTA - No report.

Twin Falls 69, Burley 57
BURLEY - The Twin Falls Bruins got 37 points from their bench in Friday night's 69-57 non-conference road win over the Burley Bobcats. The 10-6 Bruins were boosted by reserve sophomore post Brett Vrlesman's 16-point performance. Mike Smith led all scorers with 17 to lead the Bruin effort.

Valley 59, Malad 56 OT
MALAD - Michael Grant scored 25 points, including six three-pointers, to lead Valley to a 59-56 overtime win against Malad High School in a make-up boys basketball game.

Spurs win 15th-straight game against Jazz

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Tim Duncan had 33 points and 14 rebounds to help the San Antonio Spurs beat Utah 85-81 Saturday night for their 15th consecutive win over the Jazz.

Carlos Arroyo's layup with 4 seconds left pulled the Jazz to 83-81, but Matt Ghobrial hit two clutch free throws to tie it. Ghobrial finished with six points, going 6-of-6 from the foul line in the final 21 seconds.

the Spurs, 10 in the fourth quarter, and Hedo Turkoglu scored 13. San Antonio has not lost to Utah since Feb. 6, 2000.

The Spurs hit consecutive 3-pointers midway through the fourth quarter to give them their largest lead, 69-59. But Arroyo converted a midrange shot with 1:29 left to cut it to 75-72.

The Jazz, who had won three straight, had six players in double figures. Andrei Kirilenko and Arroyo each scored 13, and Greg Oosterlad had 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Greg Popovich received the four for arguing during a time-out.

Duncan scored 17 points in the first half to help the Spurs build a 40-38 halftime lead.

Notes: San Antonio leads the all-time series 69-62. Utah coach Jerry Sloan got one of 900. The Spurs begin a seven-game road trip that will span three weeks.

Halverson

He has had under Milliron.

"Milliron is doing an awesome job, some kids come to work and some don't," Jones said. "I'm hoping to be able to change that by leading by example. Hopefully they'll follow and improve."

Twin Falls' Dustin Scott led the 189-pound championship with another victory over Jerome's Cody Carpenter. After a let-down at the Bull Invitational, Scott has gone unbeaten, including a perfect 4-0 Red Halverson record and a win over Highland's Andy Frasure, the third-ranked wrestler in Scott's weight class. Twin Falls finished with 39.5 points, good for 19th place.

Hoops

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repeatedly and led the Spartans defense in the first half, scoring seven of the team's first 13 points to help make it 14-13 CSI with 13:40 remaining in the first half.

Reserve guard Jami Huntsman then took over the scoring duties, hitting a 3-pointers in a row to make it 22-21 CSI with 10:42 remaining.

Then, it was Jen Daigault's turn. She was 3-of-3 from 3-point range in the first half to give CNCC their first lead, 39-37, with less than three minutes remaining.

Men

Dante Sawyer scored 26 points in the first half as the CSI men pulled away midway through the first half en route to a 94-51 win over the Spartans Saturday in Rangeland.

"He was fun to watch in the first half," said coach Gib Arnold. "He was as good as he's ever been in that first half."

A Sawyer 3-pointer with 2:05 left made it 41-16 Eagles. The Spartans had led 5-4 early. CSI led 43-18 at the half.

SCORES AND STATS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

BASKETBALL

NBA All-Time Records Table with columns for Player, Points, Rebounds, Assists, Steals, Blocks, and Games Played.

WHAT'S ON T.V.

H Auto Racing: 24 Hours of Daytona, end of race, SPEED, 4 a.m.

Bowling

PBA, Reno Open, ESPN, 2:30 p.m.

Golf

Champion Skins Game, final round, ABC, 4:30 a.m.

Area ski report

Report from the ski area regarding conditions, lift operations, and snow coverage.

Basketball

College Basketball Scores: NC State at Maryland, FSNW, 80-60.

Football

Super Bowl, Panthers vs. Patriots, CBS, 4:25 p.m.

Rick's Late NBA Boxes

Box scores for various NBA games including Cleveland Cavaliers and Detroit Pistons.

NBA Boxes

Box scores for NBA games including Denver Nuggets and Dallas Mavericks.

High School Football

High school football scores from various districts.

High School Basketball

High school basketball scores from various districts.

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High school soccer scores from various districts.

High School Tennis

High school tennis scores from various districts.

High School Golf

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High school volleyball scores from various districts.

High School Softball

High school softball scores from various districts.

High School Baseball

High school baseball scores from various districts.

High School Hockey

High school hockey scores from various districts.

Area ski report (continued)

Detailed ski report for various resorts including Snake River and Teton.

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Additional ski report details and forecasts.

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Vegas hotels ax Super Bowl parties after NFL legal threat

Las Vegas hotels cancel Super Bowl parties following NFL's legal threat.

NFL reinstates Browns

NFL reinstates Cleveland Browns to the league.

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Italian luge skier wins World Cup downhill in Austria.

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Briefs

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SPORTS

No. 2 Stanford rallies past Oregon to win 83-80

Eight Top 25 teams lose to unranked schools Saturday

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Chris Hernandez scored all of his 22 points in the second half and led No. 2 Stanford (18-0, 9-0 Pac-10) back from a 19-point deficit to stay undefeated. —Luke Jackson (10-6, 5-4) led Oregon with 25 points, while James Davis had 19 points.

No. 1 Duke 82, No. 14 Georgia Tech 74

ATLANTA — Laol Deng scored a career-high 27 points and No. 1 Duke extended its winning streak to 17 games with an 82-74 victory Saturday over 14th-ranked Georgia Tech, which hasn't beaten the Blue Devils since 1996. Jarrett Jack led the Yellow Jackets with 19 points.

No. 3 Saint Joseph's 83, Temple 71

PHILADELPHIA — Jameer Nelson and DeLeon West each had 21 points, and No. 3 Saint Joseph's set an Atlantic 10 record with 20 3-pointers to remain unbeaten. David Hawkins tied a career-high with 36 points for Temple (7-10, 2-5).

Marquette 77, No. 4 Louisville 70

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Steve Novak made eight 3-pointers and scored a career-high 30 points, and Marquette beat Louisville in Rick Pitino's first game back with the Cardinals following a two-day medical leave.

Vanderbilt 66, No. 5 Kentucky 60

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Dan Cage hit a 3-pointer with 2:18 left that gave Vanderbilt the lead for good, and the Commodores held on for the upset.

Kentucky (14-3, 4-2 Southeastern Conference) had its 10-game road winning streak in the SEC snapped.

No. 6 Connecticut 63, Boston College 58

BOSTON — Emeka Okafor and Rashad Anderson scored 16 points each and Connecticut held off Boston College in the last three minutes.

The Huskies took the lead for good, 55-53, on Taliek Brown's layup with 2:42 left.

Charlotte 86, No. 8 Cincinnati 83

CINCINNATI — Curtis Withers made a pair of free throws with 45 seconds left to steal Charlotte's first victory in a 10-10 tie-in at Cincinnati.

Nick Williams tried to tie the game as the buzzer sounded, but his 3-point shot banged off the back of the rim.

Kareem Johnson led Cincinnati (15-2, 6-2) with 15 points, Tony Bobbitt had 14 and Williams, Eric Hicks and Jason Maxwell all had 11.

No. 9 Arizona 61, Washington State 57

PULLMAN, Wash. — Channing Frye hit a short jumper with 58 seconds left to help Arizona pull out the win.

Arizona (14-4, 6-3 Pac-10), coming off a shocking 96-83 loss at Washington on Thursday, totaled the lowest point total of the season.

No. 11 Mississippi State 73, Auburn 68

AUBURN, Ala. — Shane Power hit four free throws in the final 19 seconds and Mississippi State won for its best league start in 41 years.

Timmy Bowers had 17 points and Lawrence Roberts had 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Clemson 81, No. 12 North Carolina 72

CLEMSON, S.C. — Shawan Robinson scored a career-high 24 points to lead Clemson. The win was the biggest for Clemson (9-10, 2-6 Atlantic Coast

Conference) since defeating then-No. 1 North Carolina 75-65 in February 2001. Rashad McCants led the Tar Heels with 26 points.

Iowa State 68, No. 15 Kansas 61

AMES, Iowa — Freshman Curtis Stinson scored 16 of his 19 points in the second half and made a key basket in the final minute.

Iowa State (13-4, 4-2 Big 12) trailed by 11 points in the first half and by nine early in the second half before storming back. Keith Langford led Kansas with 20 points.

No. 16 Texas 69, Texas A&M 59

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Texas didn't allow a field goal in the final 12:41 and beat Texas A&M on the road for the 10th straight time. Brian Boddicker and Kenton Paulino led Texas with 11 points.

No. 19 Wake Forest 91, Virginia 78

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Justin Gray scored 26 points in a nearly flawless shooting performance to lead Wake Forest. Elton Brown led Virginia (12-6, 2-5) with 24 points.

Ohio State 65, No. 21 Purdue 59

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. —

Terence Dials dunked over Ivan Kartolo and converted the three-point play in the final minutes to lead Ohio State.

David Teague had a chance to tie the game, but missed a wide-open jumper, and Tony Stockman made four free throws down the stretch to give Ohio State (10-10, 2-5 Big Ten) its first win in four games.

Tennessee 65, No. 22 Florida 63

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Scooter McFidgen scored 24 points and Brandon Grimes added 11 points and 11 rebounds to help Tennessee rally in the final minutes.

Matt Walsh and Anthony Roberson finished with 17 points apiece for Florida (13-5, 4-3).

Mississippi 79, No. 24 South Carolina 68

OXFORD, Miss. — Justin Reed scored a career-high 32 points and had 11 rebounds to lift Mississippi.

Josh Ganner led the Gamecocks with 20 points.

Utah 64, BYU 56

SALT LAKE CITY — Andrew Bogut scored 17 of his 21 points in the second half Saturday to lead Utah back from a 17-point deficit and beat Brigham-Young 64-56 in the Utes' first game without ailing

coach Rick Majerus. Nick Jacobson also scored 21 for the Utes (16-5, 4-2), hitting 5 of 8 3-pointers.

Mark Bigelow led the Cougars (12-7, 2-4) with 22 points.

Boise St. 61, SMU 59

BOISE — Aaron Haynes hit an off-balance shot with 2:1 seconds remaining to lift Boise State over Southern Methodist 61-59 Saturday.

Haynes finished with a game-high 21 points. A last-second shot to tie the game by SMU's Justin Isham bounced off the rim as time expired to preserve the Boise State victory.

Women SMU 66, Boise St. 41

DALLAS — The Southern Methodist women shot 62.5 percent in the first half to blow past Boise State for a 21-point half-time lead en route to a 66-41 Western Athletic Conference win Saturday afternoon.

Michelle Hensing scored 17 points and pulled down six rebounds for the Broncos (6-14, 3-8 WAC). Andrea Cossey scored 15 points, including 4-of-6 from three-point range, to lead SMU.

Former area high standouts Christie Paiz and Whitney Martin both played but did not score.

From high in the stands, John Elway was the man

By Eddie Pelis Associated Press writer

Even from Section 521, a mile high in Mile High Stadium, this one was easy to see.

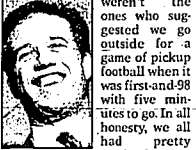
The Broncos were losing 19-0. Dad wanted to leave so we could beat traffic. The fans were calling for Steve DeBerg.

Touchdown by touchdown, John Elway changed all that. Caught in the pushing, cheering madness of the stadium, I was high-fiving and tumbling my way into the arms of a stranger in the row in front of me. The stadium was shaking and Denver was cheering for the first time, its first genuine sports hero.

Elway became the first Denver player elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday and, with apologies to Randy Gradishar and the handful of other Broncos who may have been unfairly overlooked over the years, it had to be him. Elway was the Broncos, the Broncos were Elway, and every

About the writer

AP Sports writer Eddie Pelis grew up in Denver during John Elway's heyday and was 14 during his rookie season. Pelis is now based in Jacksonville, Fla.



John Elway

wouldn't make the mistake again. Like most football fans, I remember the comeback in the playoffs against Houston. The Broncos fell behind 21-6 early. They were up against a pair of fourth-and-15 late. That sinking feeling in my stomach never really went away that day, but with Elway on the field, there was no sense in turning off the TV. The final: Broncos 26, Oilers 24.

When asked after the game if he had given up, Elway said, "When I think we've lost in when the game is over."

It always bothered him that his first coach, Dan Reeves, never let him throw enough.

In an unusually candid interview on a postgame radio show once, Reeves revealed his method. His main goal as a coach, he said, was to keep the Broncos within a touchdown late. Then, he'd let Elway loose.

That could explain why Elway's stats never matched those of Dan Marino, and he never looked as smooth and pure as Joe Montana.

But in my mind, Elway is the best.

When Reeves left and Mike Shanahan came and the Broncos finally won their two Super Bowls, I was happy, not so much for the team, but for the man.

Now that he has been gone five seasons, and it's been even longer since my family stopped buying season tickets, the Broncos feel more and more like just another team to me.

Watching the NFL each week, I

see quarterbacks make great plays, both with their arms and their legs. I see them lead teams to wins in improbable situations. I see guys win, hard as it is to believe, are more athletic than Elway was.

But many times, I can't help think I've seen that before, and seen it done with maybe just a little more spark and drama.

That is, and may always be, both the blessing and the burden of growing up watching John Elway.

DiMarco, Kaye share third-round lead

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — On a day when nearly everyone made a charge, Chris DiMarco had one of the best.

DiMarco shot his way into a share of the third-round lead in the PBR Open on Saturday, shooting a 7-under 64 to join Jonathan Kaye at 14-under 199.

Kaye carded a 66, making all five of his birdies on the back nine, and second-round leader Tim Oelrichson was one shot back after a 68.

The leaderboard for the final round will be packed with crowd favorites — DiMarco (2002), Mickelson (1996) and Vijay Singh (1995, 2003) are former Phoenix Open champions — and international stars such as Mike Weir, Bernhard Langer and Sergio Garcia.

Langer (66), Justin Leonard (66), Weir (68) and Riky Barnes (68) were three shots off the pace, with Singh, Garcia, Steve Flesch, Fredrik Jacobson and first-round leader Scott Verplank at 203.

Leonard, who was 1 over after 12 holes, tied a Phoenix record by birdieing the last six, and Singh

Golf

charged into contention with a remarkable 63 — matching the best score in the tournament — and his winning score in the fourth round last year.

Singh had eight birdies to move within range of his 11th consecutive top-10 finish, but missed Greg Norman's 11 in 1993-84.

DiMarco, whose wife had their third child the first week of January, waited until the Bob Hope last week to start his season and then missed the cut. But he was 7 under through two rounds this time and was on target from the start, starting his chain of birdies with a 20-foot putt on the second hole. He had a short putt for birdie on No. 3, but holed a 15-footer on No. 6 and a 25-footer on No. 9.

DiMarco's other birdies were on the 12th, 13th and 15th holes. Kaye, playing three groups behind, made a 15-foot birdie putt on No. 17 to pull into the tie,

but wasn't able to hole a putt of similar length on the last hole for the lead.

Watson wins Champions Skins Game Saturday

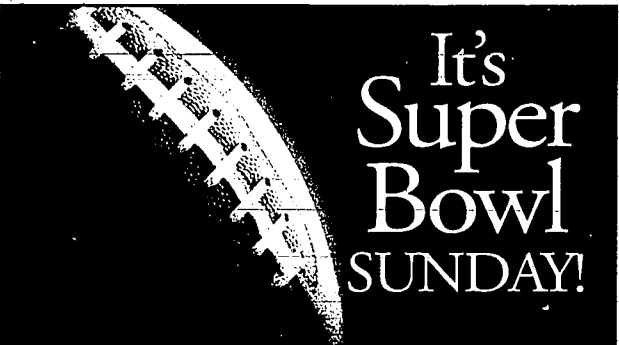
WALLEA, Hawaii — Tom Watson won the Champions Skins Game on Saturday, taking the final five skins and \$260,000 with a par on the third hole of a playoff.

Watson, the leader after the first nine holes with \$70,000, finished the two-day event with \$400,000 and 10 skins.

The 2003 Champions Tour player of the year tapped in for par and won when defending champion Lee Trevino three-putted from 25 feet for bogey.

Arnold Palmer, who failed to win a skin the past two years, was second with \$140,000. Jack Nicklaus made \$60,000 and Trevino was shut out.

Watson, 54, was the youngest of the foursome and the longest hitter, hit the green with his approach shot on the third extra hole then two-putted from 35 feet for the win.



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When I think about the Hall of Fame, it seems like that's something that happens to someone else," Sanders said. "You think Dick Butkus, Walter Payton, names of that light. To be here, I truly feel, in some ways a little out of place."

Speaking about himself and Elway, he said: "They saw something that was unique in us, something they might not see on any old Sunday."

yards in a season. He ran for 100 yards or more in 14 consecutive games.

"The guy would have held every record in the NFL if he hadn't retired," Elway said. "It's truly an honor to go in with a guy like Barry."

Elway, a six-time Pro Bowl tackle for the Eagles, Rams and Raiders, was one of the most fearless blockers of his time. The second overall pick in the 1964 draft, the 6-foot-4-280-pounder — small by today's standards — was a dominant player until retiring in 1973.

"I beat on people" from the opening kickoff," Brown once said. "I try to take to them." Elter, a mainstay of the

Minnesota Vikings' Purple People Eaters defensive line, played 16 seasons and 225 games. A five-time All-Pro, he used speed and guile to trap quarterbacks long before the sack was an official statistic.

Elter, who played in four Super Bowls, joins Vikings defensive linemate Alan Page in the hall.

Two other finalists, Dallas tackle Rayfield Wright and wide receiver Bob Hayes, didn't receive enough votes to make the hall. Also denied entry after making the final 15 were Harry Carson, Richard Dent, Cliff Harris, Lester Hayes, Bob Kuechenberg, Jim Marshall — a teammate of Elter and Page — Art Monk, George Young and Gary Zimmerman.



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Panthers' rushing game vs. Patriots' rushing defense

Game will prove to be classic offensive and defensive struggle

By Curt Sylvester
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

HOUSTON — Four hundred and one times they ran the ball against the New England Patriots this season. Some of the NFL's best backs lined up and took their shots.

Super Bowl

Pre-game starts at 9 a.m.,
CBS

Kickoff: 4:25 p.m., CBS

Clinton Fortis, Ricky Williams, Eddie George, Edgerton James, Curtis Martin, Travis Henry. And not once in those 401 attempts did any of them succeed in breaking a really big play — 25 yards or more.

Running Candidate of the Washington Redskins made a 23-yard run, and James a 20-yarder. And that was it. The rest of the big plays against New England rushing defense — ranked fourth in the NFL — were garden-variety 15-, 16- and 18-yarders. And there were few of them, at that.

If a New England linebacker missed a tackle or a defensive back slipped, a teammate was always there to make sure nothing really bad happened.

Safety Rodney Harrison, who led New England in tackles and typically delivers some of the most crushing blows, said he can't explain why the defense gives up so few big plays.

"I honestly can't tell you," Harrison said Thursday, "but our motto is to run and hit, so we always work on and practice all guys running to the ball. So if one guy slips, you always have two or three or four other guys running toward the ball. And I think we do a great job of that — not giving up on any of the plays."

But Harrison does know the Patriots will have to be at their defensive best Sunday against Carolina in Super Bowl XXXVIII to win their second Lombardi Trophy in three years.

The strength of the Carolina offense is its persistence in running the ball, with Stephen Davis and DeShaun Foster.

Davis is the Panthers' workhorse, with 1,444 yards and eight touchdowns in the regular season. He made 20 of 20 yards or more in eight of the 16 regular-season games and broke a 64-yarder in the second-round playoff game against St. Louis.

Foster averaged just 3.8 yards on 113 carries in the regular season but averaged 4.3 on 14 carries in the NFC title game at Philadelphia, when Davis was somewhat limited by a pulled thigh muscle.

Foster bounced off five would-be tacklers on a one-yard touchdown run against the Eagles, a play that might be more difficult against New England.

"We really pride ourselves on being a good tackling team," Harrison said. "You watch the Philly game where DeShaun Foster made his touchdown. Everyone's blocking him; you can't tackle a guy (by) blocking him."

"He's big, he's fast, he's strong. You have to wrap him up, and that's the difference between what we saw on the film and how we play."

The Patriots' strength against the run did not happen by accident. Defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel wasn't happy with that phase of the game in 2002 and knew it had to be improved.

"We knew last year we were not very good against the run," Crennel said. "In the off-season, we looked at ourselves hard about what the problems were and decided to put the emphasis on it."

"Looking at ourselves, the run-force was a problem, missed tackles were a problem. So in the off-season, we decided to put an emphasis on run-force, communication there and getting everybody on the same page about who was the primary run-force guy, who was the cut-back guy, and that's helped tremendously."

The Patriots also helped themselves by acquiring Harrison through free agency and trading to get defensive tackle Ted Washington from Chicago. Washington — at 6 feet 5 and 365 pounds (at the minimum) — is considered one of the NFL's best defensive line run-stoppers.

The result was a defense that held opponents to 89.6 rushing yards a game and 3.6 yards a carry and that has been virtually invincible against big running plays.

Nevertheless, the New England rushing defense likely will be tested over and over by the Panthers, who don't get discouraged if the running game doesn't succeed early.

Fighting the ultimate fight

Beneath their uniforms, the Panthers wear T-shirts bearing Fields' No. 58 and Mills' No. 51 — the number he used to wear.

Suddenly, football was only a game — a sobering lesson for a team about to play in its first Super Bowl.



Carolina Panthers linebacker coach Sam Mills, right, and linebacker Mark Fields, left, both of whom are fighting cancer, take part in a media interview session at their team hotel Thursday in Houston.

Player, coach battling cancer inspire teammates

By Bob Baum
Associated Press writer

HOUSTON — Just before the season began, in a span of two weeks, the Carolina Panthers got the news: Linebacker Mark Fields and linebackers coach Sam Mills had cancer.

Suddenly, football was only a game — a sobering lesson for a team about to play in its first Super Bowl.

"Just the way they coped and the way they kept pushing along," coach John Fox said. "Some of those same lessons you teach in this game are at the highest level in their fight."

Standing side by side at a news conference Thursday, Fields and Mills were inspirational, if not emotional, portraits of courage.

"You have your good days and your bad days," Mills said. "I am just glad I am having days, you know?"

Fields, the Panthers' leading tackler in 2002, has completed treatment for Hodgkin's disease and is expected to play next season.

Mills, who played 12 seasons in the NFL and went to the Pro Bowl five times, works as much as he can but remains in a fight for his life against intestinal cancer.

Mills had a chemotherapy treatment in Charlotte on Wednesday, then flew to Houston to join the team. He will be on the sideline Sunday when the Panthers face the New England Patriots.

"The club basically gave me the option as to how much I wanted to be around," Mills said. "Hey, I am a

football coach. That is what I am. As long as I have the power in me to go ahead and continue to coach, I'd like to continue to coach."

Beneath their uniforms, the Panthers wear T-shirts bearing Fields' No. 58 and Mills' No. 51 — the number he used to wear.

"Getting them a ring would be something special," defensive end Julius Rapperson said. "They're always with us. They're a part of this team. We want very badly to win this championship for those guys."

Fields' disease was discovered when he went to a doctor because of a cut on his finger wouldn't heal.

Mills wondered why he lacked energy to finish his usual workouts. After several tests, cancer was discovered in his small intestine. The players were told just before their final preseason game on Aug. 30.

"It was just silence," defensive tackle Brenton Buckner said. "Nobody could believe it."

Fields, uncomfortable at work-ups because he wanted so badly to play, made only occasional visits during the season.

"It is extremely difficult because every player wants to play on Sunday," he said. "This is what we do, this is what we want to do, and this is where we want to be."

Fields, 31, and Mills, 44, kept in contact by phone.

"I was coaching Mark, and then a month later he was basically coaching me," Mills said, "because he was further along in the treatment stage of it. It can be tough on you. When they are pumping this stuff into your

body, it can be very tough on you." Both have used the team's success to help keep a positive attitude.

"The more we win, the better we are," said Fields, who confesses he is wiser for his ordeal.

"It is a very humbling experience but it makes you appreciate things and look at things in a totally different light," he said. "You can't imagine how I feel about next year, and that I even have the opportunity to come back and play. Training camp can't be long enough for me. Guys might get mad at me, because we can stay in training camp all year long, that's how I feel about it."

Mills' prognosis is uncertain.

"There is improvement going on right now, and we just hope to continue to improve," he said. "As far as long term, we really don't know."

Mills delivered a motivational speech before Carolina's playoff opener against Dallas.

"He said when he found out he had cancer, there were two things that he could do, quit or keep pushing," Buckner recalled. "Just like he played the football game, he never quit, and the only way he knew how to fight was to keep fighting to the end."

Mills vows to live by his words.

"You just look in that mirror and say, 'Hey, God, I know you are with me and I'm just going to keep on working,'" he said. "Let's not get every day, all day. Nobody wants to have this disease, but somebody does, and we just so happen to be those guys, and we just have to keep on fighting."

Quarterback

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as an offense and as a team." Plus, there's not enough good defensive linemen — especially at least two because of the high risk of injury — Cincinnati's Jon Almon was the only NFL quarterback to take every snap this season.

Finally, the salary cap forces teams to spend money wisely.

A franchise can invest tens of millions of dollars in a first-round quarterback, or spread the money around the rest of the roster and win with balance and depth instead of one strong arm.

Nowadays with the salary cap set so forth, it's probably more difficult to have a franchise quarterback the way through and build a football team around him," said Bengals coach Marvin Lewis, who was the Ravens' defensive coordinator in their Super Bowl season.

Even if a team can find someone like Peyton Manning in the draft, there's no guarantee he'll get his team to the big game. The Patriots shut down Manning's Colts in the AFC Championship.

Most first-round quarterbacks never even get that far. Some fall miserably, dragging down their team's budget and bottom line for years.

"The funny thing about the NFL system is that it's not foolproof," said Montana, a third-round pick who won four Super Bowls, three of them MVP. "It's been proven over the years that just because you're taken in the first round doesn't mean you're going to be more successful than a guy taken in the fifth or

Brady, Delhomme going for it all

Like Tom Brady and the Patriots two years ago, Jake Delhomme, who didn't open the regular season as the Carolina starter, hope to take advantage of a chance no one expected them to have as these teams meet in Super Bowl XXXVIII.

	Tom Brady	Jake Delhomme
Regular Season	527	448
Pass Attempts	317	269
Comp. %	60.2	59.2
Yds.	3,620	3,219
TDE	23	19
Int.	12	16
Postseason	438	664
TDE	2	3

SOURCE: NFL

sixth." The sixth-rounder will be cheaper, too, a factor that can't be overlooked.

So, a league known for its coy tendencies has settled on an approach that works for now. Instead of a remarkable passer, settle on a reliable one, limit his responsibilities and let the rest of the team do the rest.

If the quarterback works-out, great. Take the title and move on. If he can do it for more than one year, that's the time to start making a financial investment.

"We all thought that maybe Tom Brady was a one-year wonder two years ago," said Boomer Eason, whose Bengals lost to Montana's 49ers in the 1989 Super Bowl. "Think about it. That's where Jake Delhomme finds himself. A lot of us will tell you that you have to be in the right place at the right time with the right organization to enjoy success."

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Moments

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happened if I would have missed it," he said Wednesday.

The line separating fame and infamy often is only a few inches wide.

Defensive lineman Leon Lett picked up a fumble and rumbled toward what should have been his most glorious moment in Dallas' 1993 win. He slowed his 300-pound frame and raised the ball at the 1-yard line.

It turned out to be a few inches too soon. Bills receiver Don Beebe swatted the ball out of Lett's hand, turning him into an enduring symbol of Super silliness.

He has plenty of company. Yegorjian tried to throw a pass at the culmination of Miami's undefeated 1972 season, but the ball slipped from his hand and Mike Bass ran it back for a touchdown.

Buffalo's Thurman Thomas somehow misplaced his helmet at the biggest game of the 1991 season, forcing him to miss the first two plays.

What happened to Kevin Dyson wasn't funny at all. The Titans' receiver ran a slant on the final play of the 2000 game and was tackled by Mike Jones at the 1-yard line. He was still contorted on the ground, vainly reaching for the end zone, as Rams players celebrated their 23-16 win.

"Whatever way that play goes, it changes everything," said Dyson, who gets a second chance on Sunday with Carolina. "We maybe go into overtime and win the game, and Steve McNair or Eddie George is the MVP. Who knows? A lot of different things could happen if I score on that play."

The game has provided heartbreak and vindication for some of its greatest players - John Elway lost three before ending two in a row, providing a feelgood ending to his career.

The big stage also has turned supporting actors into stars for one day.

Cowboys cornerback Larry Brown parlayed his two interceptions off Pittsburgh's Neil O'Donnell in the 1996 game into a \$12 million contract with the Raiders a month later.

Rookie Tim Smith, who gained only 126 yards during the 1987 season, ran for a record 204 yards in Washington's victory over Denver.

Players know that what they do on one play on any day can stick with them for the rest of their lives.

"All I knew is that it was my career," said quarterback Phil Simms, the MVP of the Giants' 1987 win. "If we'd have lost, I'd have been run out of town."

Bowl

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said, "It is going to be strength versus strength." Concentrate on the word "many" in Bruschi's comment.

New England is successful because it may be the only team without a discernible weakness in an era when the salary cap leaves most teams so thin that any injury can lead to a serious collapse.

The defense is even more complex than it was two years ago, when it shut down the Rams and their "Greatest Show on Turf."

Designed and perfected by Belichick, it has succeeded in confusing co-MVPs Peyton Manning of the Colts and Steve McNair of Tennessee in two playoff wins. Manning, who had thrown eight touchdown passes without an interception in his previous two playoff games, was picked off four times in the AFC title game.

Only 350-pound-plus run-stuffer Ted Washington is sure to be a down lineman - even All-Pro tackle Richard Seymour sometimes drops into pass coverage. The linebackers are all multiskilled - Bruschi, Willie McGinest and Mike Vrabel all have been linemen at different times in their careers.

Well, Carolina also has a matchup advantage on defense.

The Panthers' front four of Jenkins, Julius Peppers, Brenton Buckner and Mike Rucker may be the best in the NFL and backup Al Wallace could be a starter elsewhere.

So here's what's likely to happen: The Patriots won't score much, but they'll control the ball.

Davis and Foster will get yardage between the 20s, but get shut down near the goal line - both teams rank near the bottom in scoring from in close.

Then New England's defense will prevail. If it can confuse Peyton Manning, it can confuse Jake Delhomme and force enough turnovers to make the difference.

For the second time in three seasons, the Patriots will be Super Bowl champions.

Make the score 17-6.

Don't expect the Patriots and Panthers to light up the Super Bowl scoreboard. Not with defenses like this ...

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Regular season 14-2
Playoffs 2-0
1st round bye
Divisional Playoff
New England 17, Tennessee 14
AFC Championship
New England 24, Indianapolis 14

Defense
Yards allowed: 4,696
Passing Rushing
3,232 1,464
Sacks
Opp 32
Specialists
Punt returns (average yards)
Patriots 9.2
Opp 6.2
Kickoff returns (average yards)
Patriots 23.8
Opp 22.1

Field goals
Admin: Manning
Yards 1-10 0/0
20-29 18/17
30-39 4/8
40-49 5/8
50+ 0/1

Offense
Total net yards: 5,039
Passing Rushing
3,432 1,607
First downs: 294
Rushing Passing
91 177
By penalties: 28

Receiving
PLAYER REC YDS AVG TD
Drew Brees 17 263 15.4 3
David Coward 14 510 36.4 0
Troy Brown 40 472 11.8 4
Steve Faulk 48 440 9.2 0
Chris Johnson 29 428 14.8 4
Chris Johnson 28 200 7.1 2
Haven Moses 16 209 13.1 2
David Wells 9 140 15.6 0
Chris Wells 7 106 15.1 1
Lance Green 19 108 5.7 0
Andrew Smith 14 82 5.9 0
Johnathan Johnson 7 81 11.6 0
Patrick Parris 4 21 5.3 0
Matt Jones 19 19 1.0 0
Joe Mauer 0 0 0 0

Rushing
PLAYER ATT YDS AVG TD
Andrew Smith 162 642 3.9 1
Lance Green 19 108 5.7 0
Matt Jones 17 115 6.8 0
Lance Green 27 82 3.0 0
Tom Brady 42 493 11.7 1
Troy Brown 40 472 11.8 4
Troy Brown 39 27 0.7 0
Chris Johnson 29 428 14.8 4
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Head coach
Belichick
Regarded as one of the greatest defensive strategists in the game, Bill Belichick won Super Bowl titles as the defensive architect of the New York Giants in 1996 and 1998 and a conference championship as the assistant head coach and defensive assistant for the Patriots in 1996. Directed the Patriots from a worst-record turnaround in 2001 and claimed a Super Bowl title in his first second year as head coach.

The New England Patriots and Carolina Panthers are two teams built on ferocious defenses. The Patriots' advantage is brain power - Bill Belichick and Romeo Crennel are the best defensive coaching combination in the league. The Patriots, who claimed their first championship in their 42-year history with a

20-17 win two years ago vs. St. Louis Rams in Super Bowl XXXVI, gave up the fewest points in the NFL this season. The Panthers, meanwhile, are this year's Cinderella team after completing an impressive two-year turnaround from 1-15 in 2001 to NFC champions. In their ninth season, they are making their first Super

Bowl appearance. The Panthers' stout 'D' is coming off its most impressive outing of the season, a 14-3 drubbing over Philadelphia. Their physical front four puts pressure on the quarterback and creates problems without any blitzing, making the secondary and the entire defense that much better.

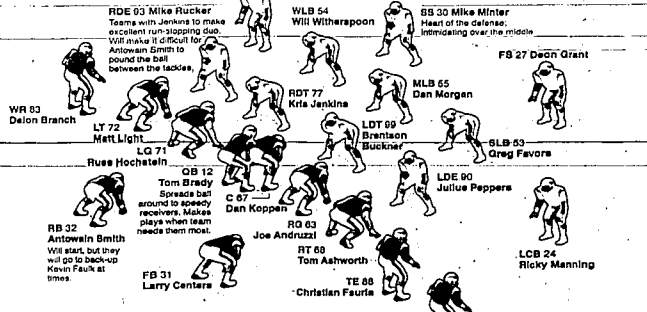
Head-to-head



Series tied 1-1
2002 Patriots 38
Panthers 8
1998 Panthers 20
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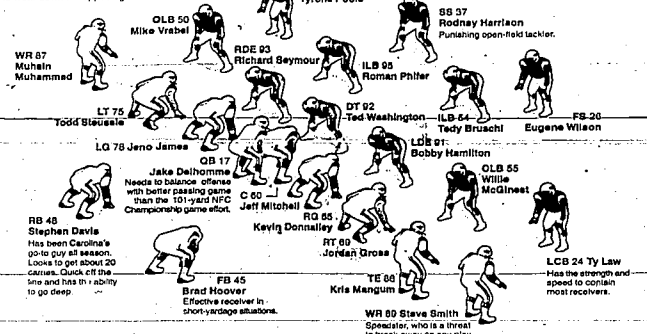
Patriots with the ball

Will look to neutralize Carolina's pass rush by using quick-hit pass plays.



Panthers with the ball

The offensive line is a physical unit that is at its best when it can use its size and strength to wear down the opposing front line.



Quarterbacks

Table comparing Tom Brady and Jake Delhomme stats: Pass attempts, Completions, Completion percentage, Passing yards, Touchdowns, Interceptions, Rating.

Running backs

Table comparing Antowain Smith and Stephen Davis stats: Rushing attempts, Rushing yards, Average per rush, Loss, Touchdown.

Head coach

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Head coach

Two years removed from a 1-15 season, John Fox is taking the Carolina Panthers to their first Super Bowl berth following an upset of the Philadelphia Eagles. A defense-oriented coach who was a coordinator for the Giants when they won the 2000 NFL crown, Fox has made several excellent additions, most notably Stephen Davis, Jake Delhomme and Julius Peppers. His players laud his consistency and work ethic.

Head coach

Career record (Carolina)
Regular season 18-14-0-563
Playoffs 3-0-1-1000

"It's my job to get the right play and to find the open receiver." - Tom Brady

"I always want to set the tone for the offense." - Stephen Davis

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BUHL RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT SEEKS BIDS ON SUPPLUS PROPERTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Buhl Rural Fire Protection District will accept sealed bids on a 1.46 acre tract of land located on River Road across from Banbury Hot Springs. Interested parties may pick up a legal description and map to the property at the Buhl Fire Department, 201 N. Broadway, Buhl, Idaho or by calling 543-5664.

Sealed bids will be accepted via US Postal Services at PO Box 505, Buhl, ID 83316 until close of business on February 10, 2004. Bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope Surplus Property Bids. Bids must be received on or before February 10, 2004 at regular meeting of the Buhl Rural Fire Protection District at 201 N. Broadway, Buhl, Idaho or by calling 543-5664, Secretary

LEGALS

BUHL RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT SEEKS BIDS ON SUPPLUS PROPERTY

NOTICE OF RE-ZONE HEARING

You are hereby notified that on the 18th day of February, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., the Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners will hold a rezoning hearing based on the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation to approve an application brought by the City of Buhl for property containing eight hundred (800) acres located in Section 6 and 7, Township 10 South, Range 15 East, Boise Meridian, Buhl, Idaho. The intended use is to establish a wild head protection overlay zone. A complete description of this request is on file with the Twin Falls County Commissioners' Office and available upon request. Any and all persons may register their comments, protests, or agreements on the subject being considered. Written materials or comments must be submitted prior to the public hearing and can be mailed to: Twin Falls County Commissioners' Office, P.O. Box 126, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0126.

The hearing will be held in the Twin Falls County Commissioners' Office, 425 Sherman Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, on February 23, 2004. Dated this 22nd day of

LEGALS

January, 2004.
Judy Grindstaff, Clerk
ATTEST:
Kristina Glascock, Clerk

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
T.S. & F. 03272-D.L. Loan No. 5000720352
On 4/23/2004 at 11:00 AM, in the lobby of First American Title Company, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, First American Title Insurance Company, as successor Trustee on behalf of Citifinancial Mortgage Company will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all, payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lot 10 of Clinton East Subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Volume 8 of Plats, Page 5. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 50-13 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 182 Clinton Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Robyn Strough a single woman, as grantor, to First American Title Insurance Company, for the benefit and security of Decision One Mortgage Company, as Beneficiary, dated 10/25/2002, recorded 10/25/2002, as instrument No. 2002-022608. Mortgage interest was assigned to Citifinancial Mortgage Company, via assignment recorded 2/16/2003, under instrument no. 2003-001606, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantees are named to comply with section 45-15064(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 10/25/2002. The monthly payments for Principal, interest and impounds (if applicable) of \$546.81 due per month from 6/28/2003, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$64,688.68, plus accrued interest at the rate of 8.94% per annum from 6/28/2003. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fee, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: December 23, 2003 By: First American Title Insurance Company, an successor Trustee by: Quality Loan Service Corp. as agent for successor Trustee 319 Elm Street, 2nd Floor, San Diego, CA 92101-3008 (619) 645-7711 For Sale Information Call (619) 337-7728 or loon10: www.caotest.com

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bridge score and thus can make part-aces into game, and so on. Its attraction is that you never get landed with any partner for too long — often a major issue at some of the clubs I've played at!

ANSWER: Both of you are right — up to a point. It all depends on partnership-agreement, but I would suggest that you play a jump to three no-trump in ALL game-forcing auctions as a strong no-trump or equivalent in values. A simple no-trump bid is typically 12-14, but can be based on 18-plus, in which case the strong hand will always bid on past three no-trump, though not necessarily drive to slam.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
What is your view on the risk and reward of making pre-emptive overcalls on nonclassical hands when it comes to you jump to two spades over one club with ♠ Q-10-9-8-5-4, ♥ J-5-3-2, ♦ K-8, ♣ 4?

ANSWER: Speaking as someone who still plays intermediate level with vulnerable, I won't be undisciplined except at favorable vulnerability. On the hand you cite, I might jump to two spades if at favorable vulnerability, or when I'm nonvulnerable facing a passed partner. But I gave up on frivolity for its own sake when I kept bumping into opponents and partners who could not take a joke.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
I held this unremarkable hand: K-10-8-4, ♥ J-5-2, ♦ 10-8-6, ♣ Q-5-3. The auction went one heart on my left, five diamonds from partner, six hearts on my right. I could not judge whether I had any defense at all, so in the end I passed, missing a cheap save against the slam. Would you have been affected by the vulnerability in making your decision?

Dear Mr. Wolff:
I have taught bridge for many years. I have, many times, come across players who will open one club with a doubleton, holding a 4-4-3-2 hand. They insist that a one-diamond opening should promise four cards. I have never seen this mentioned in any "standard" text. Could you comment on this for me?

ANSWER: Yes, the vulnerability might have been critical. I would not save at equal vulnerability, since I'd expect to go four down more often than not, hardly a worthwhile save against a slam. At favorable vulnerability I would save, though I have to admit I could not be sure of beating seven hearts!

ANSWER: Thank you for giving me the chance to emphasize that this short-club method is not standard, and it makes responding to partner's one-club opening (particularly in competition) very dangerous. You can't raise clubs with only four trumps for fear that clubs is the opponents' suit, not yours. Opening one diamond with a perfectly 4-4-3-2 shape is not ideal, of course, but at least partner's guess about your diamond length might be off by only one card, not two.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
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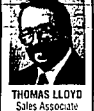
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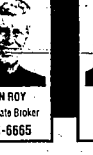
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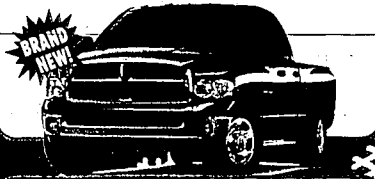
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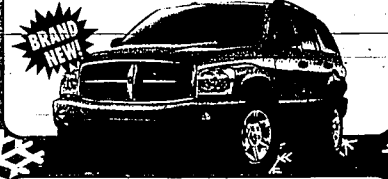
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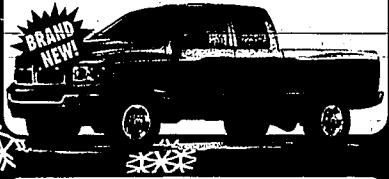
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BOISE - On Friday, engineers from around the state will gather in Boise to hear details about the rapid rebuilding of the portions of the Pentagon damaged by the attack of Sept. 11, 2001.

Ken Catlow, deputy program director of the Pentagon Renovation Program, will discuss PENREN's response to the tragedy and describe the rebuilding effort - dubbed the Phoenix Project after the mythological bird that rose from the ashes.

The Idaho Society of Professional Engineers and Magic Valley Center organized the Friday event, said engineer Andrew Swensen of Riedesel & Associates Inc. in Twin Falls.

Event organizers say the details of the Pentagon project are impressive: five floors and two pentagonal segments containing 2 million square feet of office space; 400,000 square feet of structural damage; 50,000 tons of debris; 1,000 construction workers from over 80 contracting companies; 3 million man-hours; 1,000 fixtures of Indiana limestone; and \$526 million dollars. Officials wanted to see the project completed in just one year.

"Through many creative and innovative techniques, and the work of dedicated individuals, the reconstruction effort was completed ahead of even the most optimistic estimates - an accomplishment that architects, contractors and engineers the world around the world have marveled at," said a statement from event organizers.

Catlow will talk about what it is like to be a member of PENREN and what it takes to maintain a position on the "cutting edge" of the construction industry and federal acquisition, organizers said. Topics will include acquisition, sustainable design, setting and measuring goals, integrated product teams, and "behavioral adjustment" through use of award and incentive fee provisions of contracts.

Tickets cost \$25 each. For information or a ticket to the luncheon, contact Julie Wall at the Idaho Society of Professional Engineers at 426-0636 or jspe@imcd.net.

**Barley commission offers
grain marketing workshop**

RUPERT - The Idaho Barley Commission will offer an Idaho Grain Marketing Workshop from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the Rupert Extension Office, 85 E. Baseline Road.

Topics include understanding the marketplace where the barley grower operates, calculating cost of production, marketing plans, understanding hedging with futures contracts and selecting the right crop insurance tools.

The workshop is free, but organizers urge participants to sign up by contacting the Idaho Barley Commission at 334-2090 or pffoffett@barley.state.id.us.

**Insurance and financial
adviser association meets**

TWIN FALLS - The Life Underwriters' Southern Idaho Association of Insurance and Financial Advisers will meet Tuesday, and attorney Joe Marton will speak on business law.

All professionals are invited to come, enjoy a meal with peers and hear the state-of-the-art address. The meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Loong Hing restaurant on Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

For information, call Bill Hill at 324-0044.

**Make good use of your
extra paycheck in 2004**

NEW YORK - By a quirk in the calendar that happens roughly once every 12 years, 2004 has one extra Thursday and Friday (a total of 53 rather than 52 over the year). This means that four out of five American workers will receive an extra paycheck this year.

This is not bonus money, since each worker is receiving what he or she has already worked for. However, it's not money that we normally would include in our annual budgets.

Since the money is extra, why not save it? As CBS MarketWatch columnist Chuck Jaffe observed, the extra paycheck is worth about 2 percent of annual salary for workers who are paid weekly and about 4 percent for those who are paid biweekly.

A simple and painless way to set this money aside is to increase your contribution, 2 percent or 4 percent, to your retirement plan for 2004.

One warning: Not all workers will get the extra money in the last paycheck. Some companies will divide a worker's annual salary into 53 checks, rather than 52. The worker receives the same annual salary. As Jaffe suggests, check your pay stub to see how your company's paycheck strategy for 2004 affects you.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Survey looks at job market

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A cooperative effort to improve work-force development in south-central Idaho is starting to pay off, and local businesses can take advantage of the benefits.

The state of Idaho granted \$55,000 to the College of Southern Idaho, the South Central Idaho Works! Board and the Idaho Department of Labor last September to help fund a job-market survey and to create the ACT Center at CSI. The survey results are now being used to determine how the ACT Center can help potential employees learn vital business skills and how businesses train current employees for advancement.

The survey was sent to 945 south-central Idaho businesses in eight sectors - professional, education, construction, retail, health care, manufacturing, agriculture and food service fields - and 301

Results will help center teach potential employees business skills

responses were used to tabulate survey results.

Results were presented Jan. 13 to the South Central Idaho Works! Board by Greg Rogers, the Labor Department's regional labor economist for south-central Idaho. The survey identified several areas of concern regarding employment, focusing on the health care and service sectors.

"These sectors are especially dependent on the education and job training of applicants and employees," Rogers said. Also, while the health care field is chronically short of workers, the service sector - characterized by low wages and few benefits - continues to grow.

In south-central Idaho, 80 percent of workers in the service

industry receive job training, which Rogers said makes the high rate of turnover costly.

The survey also indicated that hiring employees with the ability to communicate well with supervisors, customers and other employees was important to employers across the board.

"Employers said they look to hire people with interpersonal skills," Rogers said. "They need someone who can understand orders and work without constant supervision. (These skills) are also needed for promotion."

Developing skills like those through outside training is where the ACT Center comes in, said Rebecca Sommer, ACT marketing specialist for CSI. The center, funded by the state grant, offers

more than 2,500 online courses, including computer basics, professional development, information technology, industrial technology and safety skills. The average course costs \$125.

The survey results will help the ACT Center market the courses to local businesses, said DeVere Burton, CSI dean of technical education. With the survey, CSI and the Labor Department now have evidence that businesses consider job training an integral part of their company's success, Burton said.

The ACT Center can provide cost-effective training for employees of local businesses, Rogers said.

"We found that many businesses will send their employees to a

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- Greg Rogers, regional labor economist for the Labor Dept.

training seminar out of town," Rogers said. "But if they took advantage of the ACT training, they could save the travel and hotel/motel expenses because the workers can take the (ACT) courses online. They can get the same level of training" in Magic Valley.

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Alien greens invade markets

Fresh veggie imports squeeze out U.S. farmers

The Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. - Americans' growing appetite for cheap vegetables year-round is feeding a steady rise in imports that is squeezing American farmers, according to a recent U.S. Department of Agriculture study.

Fresh vegetable imports went up 7 percent in the first 10 months of 2003 - a trend that may be elbowing U.S. farmers out of production, market analysts said.

"These foreign products flooding in make it very difficult to make a living," said Jeff Dolan, a Newman, Calif., tomato producer who's been in the business for 18 years. "The true independent tomato grower is virtually nonexistent now."

Fresh vegetable imports have been going up steadily - 11 percent in 2001, 6 percent in 2002, 7 percent last year, said Gary Lucier, agricultural economist with the Economic Research Services branch of the USDA. An influx of immigrants that favor fresh produce - Latin Americans and Asians - also have helped drive up demand, Lucier said, but some farmers are clearly losing their grip on domestic markets.

Griley, a small town in California's Central Valley whose name has been synonymous with garlic and still elects a Garlic Queen during its annual Garlic Festival, has resigned itself to importing garlic from China, which produces 66 percent of the world's supply of the bulb.

Last year, California asparagus farmers had to plow under whole fields, because the prices fetched by the delicate spears on the market could not recover the expense of harvesting them.

This year, flooding in China has destroyed 40,000 acres of asparagus, boosting prices all over the world - California included - but that does not reverse the flow of foreign produce. In 1990, 30 percent of all asparagus consumed in the United States was foreign; now 65 percent of the high-priced vegetable eaten here comes from abroad, mainly Peru and Mexico.

These newcomers don't just fill the offshore gaps, said Cherie Watte, executive director of the California Asparagus Commission. They compete directly with local production, edging farmers out, and they also bring down the prices, making it harder for local farmers to earn a living.

"A great many have left the field, and others are continuing to scale back their operations," Watte said. In 1999, there were about 36,000 acres of asparagus grow-



Tomato producer Jeff Dolan looks over seedlings at an unrelated farmer's ranch Jan. 9 in Madera, Calif. Farmers like Dolan worry that Americans' appetite for fresh vegetables year-round may fuel a rise in cheap imports, which could leave California farmers feeling pinched, market analysts said. Fresh vegetable imports went up 7 percent in the first 10 months of 2003, a trend that may squeeze local farmers out of production.

ing in California. Now there are 24,000.

"The industry is being devastated," Watte said. "It's a natural consequence of supply and demand, we know that, but it hurts to be on the losing side."

"Tomato farmers also are feeling the squeeze, with year-round imports from Mexico and from Canada's greenhouses. Competition of this sort is only expected to increase as new trade agreements are negotiated and other countries have easier access to the U.S. market," said Ed Beckman, president of the California Tomato Commission.

Meanwhile, Beckman said, farmers here are struggling with finding legal inexpensive workers, with the rising costs of workers' compensation, insurance and the general increase in input costs.

"It's not a level playing field," he said.

"The transfer of production abroad has been felt industry-wide for years, and many farmers agree with Beckman, blaming trade agreements that play up U.S. technology at the expense of low-tech horticulture."

"What our industry is asking our policymakers to do is allow us to have equal opportunities,



Jeff Dolan kneels near a dormant field.

not to be in a situation where you're managing the demise of your own business until there is nothing left to defend," said Bob Gray, president of Duda California, a grower, packer and

shipper of fresh vegetables in California and Arizona.

If this trend continues, the United States may find itself relinquishing control over a large part of the produce that

feeds the nation, farmers said. "Control of our food supply should be a security imperative for the United States," said Tom Nassif, president of the Western Growers association.

BUSINESS

Everton Mattress Factory plant in Twin Falls grows

TWIN FALLS - Everton Mattress Factory Direct said its Twin Falls plant is now the fourth largest single-entry Restonic manufacturer found within the United States for 2003; it moved up from the eighth position in 2002. The increased growth came from additional product placements with furniture stores and sleep specialty stores found within the Northwest as well as increased sales with the Factory Direct Store operations found within southern Idaho and Oregon, said Steve Everton, president of Everton Mattress Factory Direct-Restonic Twin Falls.

Seventeen plants represent Restonic nationally, and 17 additional plants are located worldwide, he said.

In other news, Everton Mattress gave awards to its Twin Falls and Pocatello retail store operations for "Milestone Achievements in Sales Excellence and Customer Service for 2003."

Both stores are exceeding their record levels in customer service and sales, growth, the company said.

Auctioneers

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Association of Professional Auctioneers selected a Twin Falls man as one of four finalists in its 2004 Idaho State Champion Auctioneer contest during the association's January convention in Boise.

Among finalists in the bidding contest are Stephen P. Hutchins, who has been involved in the auction industry since graduating from Missouri Auction School in 1990. He auctions for Twin Falls-based All American Auction, selling real estate, antiques and household estates on location throughout the year for the Idaho Auction Barn in Twin Falls every Monday evening, and for the Caldwell Auction every Thursday evening.

Auctioneers at the three-day convention also attended seminars, such as one conducting auto auctions, and heard speakers from the National Association of Auctioneers.

The Idaho association's newly elected officers for 2004 include Don Manning of Bellevue, a regional director.

Casino employees

JACKPOT - Cactus Petes Resort Casino announced three winners of recent employee awards.

November Employees of the Month were:

• Support - Thomas Hansen, a cage cashier, joined Cactus Petes in January 2001.

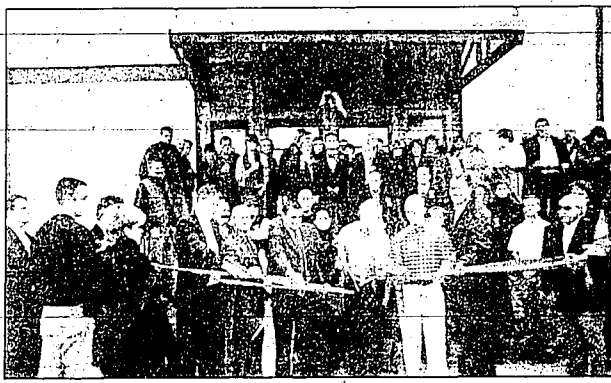
• Gaming - Michael Van Leishout joined Cactus Petes in May 2001. As a slot mechanic, he helps install machines and performs regular maintenance.

• Food and beverage - Teresa Vicente, a cashier in the Coyote Cafe, joined Cactus Petes in July 1985.

Everton Mattress leaders

TWIN FALLS - Jerry Marcantonio was promoted to vice president of finance at Everton Mattress Factory Direct. Marcantonio will oversee the accounting, human resource and administration departments. Marcantonio, who joined the company in 1997, is a certified public accountant who holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Idaho

GRAND OPENING



A ribbon cutting and grand opening Dec. 5 celebrated newly remodeled facilities in Old Towne; the historic building formerly was the Gem State Paper site. The builder was Don Anderson Construction, and the financial partner was First Federal Savings Bank. Using the new facilities, left to right, are Steven D. Peterson of Peterson, Hodges & Harper PLLC; Danny C. Karen of 3 Mark Financial Inc.; Jeffrey J. Hepworth of Robertson, Hepworth, Sletto, Worst & Stover PLLC; Daniel S. Deagle and L. Todd Ames, both of Deagle, Ames & Co.; and Jarom A. Whitehead of Pederson & Jackson, Attorneys at Law.

GRAND OPENING

State University and bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism from Southern Colorado State University.

The company also promoted Chris Sanders to vice president of retail operations. He joined Everton Mattress in 1994 and will manage the Factory Direct Store retail division. His duties will include new store creation, merchandising, marketing and staff development.

Sanders has a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Montana.

Rachel Easterday

TWIN FALLS - Rachel Easterday, formerly of J.C. Penney Styling Salon, recently joined Amy and Jen's Hair and Nail Boutique in the new location at 500 E. Shopping Center.

Easterday graduated from Idaho State University Cosmetology College in 1998. She specializes in color, highlights and cuts.

Association employees

BOISE - The Idaho Water Users Association recognized Amber Christensen of Heyburn and Leon Vogel of Jerome as outstanding employees during its 65th annual convention Wednesday.

Carl Hanson

RUPERT - Carl Hanson, administrator at Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert, was named chairman of the Idaho Hospital Association board for 2004.

Hanson has been administrator of Minidoka Memorial since December 1997 and an IHA board member since 1999. He is chairman of the association's chairmanship and secretary-treasurer and is a past president of IHA's Southeast Hospital Conference representing hospitals in eastern Idaho. He also is past chairman of the Southeast Idaho Hospital Cooperative and a Fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives.

He holds a master's degree in health services administration from Central Michigan University and a bachelor's degree in business finance from Brigham Young University.

Tuwaka Ransom

TWIN FALLS - Tuwaka Ransom of Bailey graduated Dec. 31 from Professional Truck Driving School.

Ransom acquired his tankers, hazardous materials, and doubles and triples endorsements and a Class A commercial driver's license. He works for May Trucking.

Doug Martin

HILLSBORO, Ore. - Doug Martin was named director of new business development for the



Doug Martin

Henningsen Cold Storage warehouse network, which includes operations in Twin Falls.

Martin will be involved in development of new and expanded business services and facilities by helping national clients more fully utilize the nationwide Henningsen warehouse network.

Martin was formerly president and chief executive officer of Commercial Cold Storage Inc. Nordic Refrigerated Services LLC in Atlanta. Before that, Martin was vice president of southern regional sales for United States Cold Storage Inc. and vice president and general manager of Polar Refrigerated Services in Nashville, Tenn.

Deana Garcia

TWIN FALLS - Deana Garcia of the Jagged Edge salon attended the 2004 Redken Artist Connection, Jan. 17-20 in New Orleans.

The four-day program included fashion shows with hair finished in the latest styles, hands-on training in 2004 trends and instruction on upcoming products from Redken.

Garcia is one of 800 Redken artists from around the world attending, giving her the opportunity to exchange ideas and information with peers.

Building operators

BOISE - Ted Wasko Jr. of the Kimberly School District and Bob Wayment of the Hansen School District recently completed their "Level II" Building Operator certifications.

The certification, offered by the Northwest Building Operators Association, requires five days of intensive study on building systems and energy conservation, heating and cooling systems, air systems, and controls and lighting. Recognized throughout the Northwest, the

certification program said it instructs building operators in the most up-to-date facilities management and prepares them for changing needs in the profession.

Wasko and Wayment will be able to apply their training to help their school districts reduce utility bills; increase facility safety, comfort and air quality; and assist with facility assessments and recommendations.

Debbie Rangen

TWIN FALLS - Debbie Rangen became a consultant for Tastefully Simple Inc., a national direct sales company based in Alexandria, Minn.

Rangen conducts in-home presentations of upscale, convenience-driven gourmet foods. During the taste-testing parties, guests receive easy-meal ideas, recipes and entertainment suggestions. Products are received at the party, and gift boxes may be ordered.

For information, call Rangen at 736-6522 or visit the Web site at www.tastefullysimple.com.

Remodelers

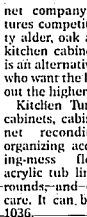
TWIN FALLS - Noel and Donna Erickson attended the Kitchen Tune-up franchisee national conference in San Antonio in January.

Ralph Palmer, owner of a cabinet business, author, speaker and regular columnist for Kitchen and Bath Design News Magazine, was the keynote speaker.

Donna Erickson said they have a new franchise partnership vendor - BDL Mill, a Salt Lake City cabinet company which manufactures competitively priced knotty alder, oak and Chinese birch kitchen cabinets. Chinese birch is an alternative for homeowners who want the look of maple without the higher cost.

Kitchen Tune-Up offers new cabinets, cabinet refacing, cabinet reconditioning, kitchen organizing accessories, no-standing mess floor refinishing, acrylic tub liners and wall surrounds, and commercial woodwork. It can be reached at 736-1036.

Donna Erickson



Donna Erickson

CONTRIBUTIONS

The United Way of South Central Idaho received a \$7,000 grant from the US Bank Foundation.

Each year, the bank foundation supports the local United Ways with a grant based on US Bank employees' participation in their local United Way campaign.

The money will be part of the Community Care Fund and will be dispersed following the United Way's 2004 allocations meetings to be held the week of Feb. 23 in Twin Falls.

William Bryant, regional manager of US Bank, presented the foundation's check to Jim Ponzio,

executive director of the United Way of South Central Idaho.

Sprint Project Connect is under way at the Sprint Store, 760 Blue Lakes Blvd. in Twin Falls. The project is a wireless phone donation and recycling program to raise money and support for people with disabilities while providing an environmentally friendly way to dispose of used wireless phones. People who have old wireless phones may bring them to the Sprint Store and donate them to the project.

Sprint Project Connect has raised more than \$800,000 since April 2002 for Easter Seals and the National Organization on Disability to fund programs that provide services to the disabled.

TURKEY SHOOT BENEFITS



The Magic Valley Junior Club Annual Turkey Shoot benefited Children At Risk Evaluation Services and the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition. The Junior Club raised \$3,000 over the past year for the organizations. Pictured at a check presentation are Jill Elam, Junior Club Turkey Shoot chairwoman; Stacy Madison, Junior Club president; Kerry Koontz, CARES coordinator; and Shawn Barigar of Safe Kids.

PET PHOTOS



Debra Blackwood, right, director of People for Pets-Magic Valley Humano Society Inc., receives a check for \$1,000, proceeds from the pet photos with Santa fund-raiser held by Santa Paws and the Magic Valley Mall in December.

DEVELOPMENT DOLLARS



D.L. Evans Bank recently donated \$50,000 to the Mini-Cassia Economic Development Commission. Pictured from left to right are Brent Skaggs, executive board member of the commission; John V. Evans Jr., chief executive of D.L. Evans Bank; John V. Evans Sr., president of the bank; and John V. Evans III, vice president and branch manager of the bank's Boise West State Branch. The money will be used to support economic development in Mini-Cassia.

TELEUS YOUR BUSINESS

Your business is a woolly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it:

- Promotions and staff changes.
- New certifications.
- Seminars and workshops.
- Awards and achievements.
- Charitable business activities.
- Other business news.

Please e-mail items to Business Editor Virginia S. Terhune at virginia@magvalley.com

Or contact her at: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0548, 733-0931, Ext. 242 Fax: 677-4543 or 734-5538



Virginia S. Terhune

Market conditions drive fewer beet acres

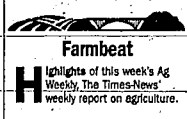
BOISE - Amalgamated Sugar Co. will plant 5 percent fewer acres of sugar beets this year, as producers face plentiful supplies of sugar and poor prices, industry officials said.

It has to do with the size of our crop this year and what we think we'll see in allocations next year," Amalgamated President Ralph Burton said.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's sales allocations determine how much sugar American processors can sell each year under the sugar program. The program, which doesn't cost taxpayers anything, controls supplies to stabilize prices.

In August, the USDA set the sales allowances much higher than expected, causing prices to free fall. It reduced the allotment from 8.5 million tons to 8.25 million tons Sept. 30, but the damage was done, Burton said.

Prices have yet to recover from



the initial allotment announcement. They fell from 24 cents a pound to around the level where producers can forfeit their sugar loans to the federal government, according to a Jan. 22 release from the USDA's Economic Research Service.

That impacts everything at Amalgamated, which is a producer-owned cooperative with three plants in Idaho and one in Oregon.

"I don't think anybody is overjoyed, but that's the way it is in sugar prices," Burton said. "They're not where they ought to

be. Our grower-owners are just making the best of the situation they're in."

Everything but prices go down in spud country

POCATELLO - Acreage is down, yields are down and stocks are down.

"But that hasn't translated into improvement in prices," said Don Gerhardt, an Idaho agriculture statistician for the USDA.

Speaking last week at the University of Idaho's 36th annual Potato Conference, Gerhardt, Tom Cooper, U.S. Department of Agriculture market reporter in Idaho Falls and Bruce Huffaker, publisher of North American Potato Market News, gave growers a rundown of market information and industry trends.

With about 58 percent of the fall crop still in storage Idaho stocks are down.

"Jan. 1 showed the lowest stocks for this date since 1989," Gerhardt said, adding that Canadian stocks are at a record high for Jan. 1, he said.

The North American crop is 5 percent greater than 1993, when both U.S. and Canadian crops are added together, Cooper said.

The largest increase in Canada comes from Russet Burbank growers for french fries in the Manitoba, Alberta area, Huffaker said. Chipping potatoes grown in the Ontario, Quebec area was the second largest increase, he added.

"I don't think it's good news," Gerhardt said. "Those potatoes are going to move somewhere. I have heard of 10 million."

The nine states in the United States that produce the most potatoes are doing less processing, and that is "no surprise to anyone Gerhardt said. Usage of frozen fries has dropped below usage of

fresh potatoes.

"In Idaho, over 60 percent of our market goes into processing," Gerhardt said. "But demand for our product has dropped off. All the negatives are out there."

Farm program changes how wheat payments are made

SUNVALLEY - Changes in how wheat payments are made to growers under the 2002 Farm Bill are showing up in fields across Idaho.

Evidence seems to indicate that growers are making planting decisions based on potential farm program payments in previous farm programs, growers received a per-bushel payment regardless of what kind of wheat they grew. The 2002 farm bill set a precedent by establishing different county prices for five major classes of wheat: durum, hard red spring, hard red winter, soft red winter

and soft white.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, each of these different classes of wheat has different supply and demand patterns, and thus different market prices.

By moving to the class-based system for wheat, the Commodity Credit Corp. now provides marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments reflecting actual market prices for each class, thus achieving a more even distribution of commodity program benefits among producers.

But the most immediate impact of the change in Idaho seems to be a shift in acreage away from wheat classes with the lowest support price to wheat classes with higher support prices.

"And that might have long-term market implications for Idaho wheat."

Need assistance with

401(k)? Help's coming

NEW YORK (AP) - Help is on the way for workers who find it difficult to manage their 401(k) retirement accounts.

Many employees already have free access to Internet-based calculators, which allow them to set savings goals, evaluate their risk tolerance and choose investments. But some are befuddled when it comes to choosing specific funds or rebalancing their accounts.

A recent study by the human resources consulting firm Hewitt Associates found that nearly 45 percent of workers feel they don't have enough information to make the right investment choices, and more than half want help in making investment decisions.

Such findings have spurred 401(k) providers to begin offering additional options to workers, in some cases, actually taking over management of workers' retirement accounts for an annual fee.

"Companies are shifting focus from offering more choice (in investment options) to offering more help," said Jeff Maggioncalda, president and chief executive officer of Financial Engines in Palo Alto, Calif.

The reason, he said, is that "most employees are saying, 'I don't have the time or the expertise to do this myself.'"

Financial Engines, best known for its online calculators, recently rolled out a Personal Asset Manager. Pilot runs at Motorola Inc., the telecommunications company, and retailer J.C. Penney Co. found that up to 18 percent of workers wanted "do-it-for-me" managed accounts, Maggioncalda said.

"What's happening now is companies looking for one-on-one advice for poorly constructed plans," he said.

Blossom recommends that every plan include risk-based asset allocation models - ranging from aggressive portfolios invested heavily in stock funds to conservative portfolios with mostly bond funds - that employees can adopt as is or personalize.

Profit Sharing/401(k) Council of America, a trade group based in Chicago, said that more than half of all retirement plans have advice components, via the Internet or call centers or in person advisers. About 11 percent were offering managed accounts in 2002, "and this is growing very rapidly," Wray said.

Atrendy 401(k) providers like Fidelity - Investments, AIG, Merrill Lynch and Wachovia Retirement Services are offering employees account management for a fee, generally in a range of 0.3 percent to 1 percent of assets a year.

Charles Schwab Retirement Plan Services last fall began offering free advice to participants in plans it manages.

Schwab uses GuidedChoice, an independent investment advice service, that workers can access on the Web, through a call center or at an in-person meeting with an adviser, said Walt Bettinger, president of Charles Schwab Corporate Services. After selecting a portfolio, they can also sign up for automatic rebalancing every year, he added.

"We're seeing participants increasing their savings rates, and they're shifting their asset allocations to something more in line with long-term, diversified investing strategy," Bettinger said.

Not everyone is thrilled with the trend.

John Blossom, president of the Alliance Benefit Group, a firm in Fort III, that provides record keeping and investment services to retirement plans, believes the emphasis should be on better-designed plans that are easy for employees to navigate.

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The Times-News

BOISE - Following is the list of businesses filed during December with the Idaho secretary of state's office - including both new ones and existing ones that had been filed with counties and had to be refiled with the state.

Businesses are listed by name, agent, address and nature of business.

A Cut Above Painting LLC, Timothy J. Cutler, 22 Butnerup Road, Hailey, ID 83333.

Absolute Clarity, Mark Martens, 108 Hidden Hollow, Hailey, ID 83333, services.

Absolute Charity Inc., Mark Martens, 108 Hidden Hollow, Hailey, ID 83333, services.

Abstract Concrete, Don R. McCarty II, 214 W. Crox St., Hailey, ID 83333.

Accelerated Data Systems LLC, Oren H. Devries, 571 S. Idaho, Wendell, ID 83355.

Advanced Painting, Kevin P. Haught, 2564 Elizabeth Blvd. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Agri Trading, Profound USA Inc., P.O. Box 2, Gooding, ID 83330, wholesale trade.

Airport Cab Co., Kirk Lindley, 420 N. 120 E., Shoshone, ID 83352, transportation.

Alturas Partners LLC, Jennifer Williams, 3320 Berycreek Drive, Hailey, ID 83333.

Alturas Family Restaurants Co., J. Derek Anderson, 2444 Overland Ave., Boise, ID 83318.

ARC Services (Andrus Research & Consulting), Jaye Andrus, 1755 Deno Drive S., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Art De'Collage, Karen McClure, P.O. Box 422 Bellevue, ID 83313, manufacturing.

Atlas Towing & Recovery Corp., Cathleen Neumann, 1715 Briarwood Drive, Hailey, ID 83333.

Attitudes, Joyce Adams, 415 Addison Ave., No. 3, Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade and services.

Biggles Wood LLC, Flochinni, 1121 Wolfone Drive, Hailey, ID 83333.

Blue Collar Cattle Sales, Gary Steiner, 35 S. 2100 E., Wendell, ID 83333, services.

Bo Ho LLC, Stephen Boughton, 430 Buckhorn Drive, Hailey, ID 83331.

Body Balance Physical Therapy, BPT, 842 Walnut St. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Breitmend Outfitters, James H. Breitmend, 119 N. Bliss, ID 83314, services.

BSSI, Lonnie L. Bilbo, P.O. Box 835, Rupert, ID 83350, services.

Busy Bee Daycare, Amanda Shook, 301 Cottonwood St., Hailey, ID 83333, services.

C&E Trucking, Carl L. Lewis, 1043 S. Adell, Hailey, ID 83328, transportation.

Cabe Moja Inc., Connie Gavin, 799 Cheney Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Canyon Gate, Debra, Dr. Robert A. Adams PC, P.O. Box 1293, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Canyon Park Management I Inc., Tina F. Luper, 550 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Canyon Park LLC, Tina F. Luper, 550 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Chances Natures Way, Cindy Jo Edwards, 237 S. 875 E., Jerome, ID 83338, retail trade.

Circle P Enterprises Inc., Phil A. Bates, 220 Maxine Lane, Kimberly, ID 83301.

CNA Restaurant, Evils Inc. Rebecca, 204 S. Park, 2025, Hailey, ID 83333.

Clemens' Associates Inc., Doug Clemens, 415 Fifth St., Suite 103, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Cloud Nine, Tracy E. Bailey, 741 Elm Drive, Heyburn, ID 83336, retail trade.

209, Ketchum, ID 83340.
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Dille Custom, Joseph Dillo, 2452 Alderwood Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301, agriculture.

Dohse Corp., Heidi A. Dohse, 650 DeWald Hwy, ID 83331.

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Frontier Spa & Pool, Four Seasons Spa & Pool Service LLC, 519 S. Main, Hailey, ID 83333.

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Gold's Gym of Twin Falls Inc., Gerald H. Lee, 2658 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318.

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Mountain View Ranch Enterprise LLC, Laurance L. Corves, 657 Locust St. S., Sun Valley, ID 83351.

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Naz Kart Cafe, Naz Kart LLC, 3901 Newhouse, 302 Third St. S., Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade.

Northwest Spence, Spencer Gorringer, 2521 Woodside Blvd., Hailey, ID 83333, services.

Northwest Way Ketchum LLC, James Josel, 401 Canyon, Hailey, ID 83331.

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Peerless Construction Inc., Mitchell Smith, 608 N. 10W, Shoshone, ID 83352.

Phoenix Bar and Grill LLC, Robert Horrocks, 104 S. Main St., Bellevue, ID 83313.

Pollow & Moore CPAS Char. L.L.C., Douglas Pollow, 2188 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade.

Prices Restaurant, J. Derek Anderson, 559 Terrace Drive, Burley, ID 83318, retail trade.

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Re/Max American Dream Realty, Laura L. Fitzgerald, 111 View Drive, Jerome, ID 83338, finance, insurance and real estate.

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Know what to throw out and what to keep



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

Last week, I called my mother to complain about my kids. "They're grown and gone, but they seem to have left all their stuff with me," I moaned. "My closets are jammed with their collections, and with boxes labeled 'Stuff.'"

When Mom reminded me that she still has some of my wedding gifts stored on her back porch, I knew I was complaining to the wrong person. So I decided to keep my mouth shut and just start collecting something out.

The first mistake I made was soliciting help from my husband. "I'm keeping old toys that have brand names, and I'm getting rid of the rest of it," I told him, pushing an overstuffed bag of junk his way.

Before long, he was sorting through the junk and putting most of it back into the closets. "What do you think you're doing?" I asked.

"These airplanes are really cool," he replied, and these action figures were really popular — and you said you wanted to keep anything with a brand name."

"Made in Japan" is not a brand name, I said.

"How in the world do people 'collect' so much stuff? I, myself, am not a big collector because, when you collect stuff, you have to find a place to put it, and then you have to dust it. I'm not much of a neatnik. So whenever I get close to having enough of anything to call it a collection, I throw it all out because it doesn't look neat anymore."

Most of my family and friends

aren't like me. My friend Carolyn has a husband who's collecting birdties right now. He's an artist, and he says he's going to do something creative with the bottles someday. Carolyn says her husband's "collections" are so piled up at their house that they can never find anything they really need, so they always have to go out and buy more stuff.

For a while, I thought about starting a coin collection, figuring that couldn't take up much space. I've never been good at holding onto money in any form. Besides, one of the dictionary definitions of "collect" is "to accumulate," and the very thought of an "accumulation" of any kind is enough to give me nightmares. Some people hate spinach. I hate piles of stuff.

However, I am somewhat fascinated by other people's decisions to collect stuff.

A few days ago, I spotted a Washington Post story about collections. Pigs were big a few years ago, the story reported, referring to a "farm thing" going on in the late '80s and early '90s. Then roosters took center stage in the mid-1990s. For a while, Scottie dogs and posters of palm trees

were in vogue. The problem, according to the story, is that whenever you start a collection of anything, everyone finds out about it and your collection starts to multiply, and sometimes mass e-mailings come in. A Maryland woman talked about the time when her "cow habit" became known to friends and family: "I started getting ceramic cows, stuffed animal cows, aprons, kitchen canisters, mugs, you name it. I gotta tell you, some people have got some bad taste. Just because it's a cow, they think it's great."

Of course, with my luck, the stuff I'm tossing out of my closets will probably be worth big bucks someday.

Maybe I could convince my friend JoAnn, in Ohio, to move closer to me. JoAnn is the world's best collector, because she's a confirmed packrat. When I lived near her, she used to buy stuff at my garage sales and loan it back to me when I went to her to borrow things.

"I just can't bring myself to keep any of this, so what I'm actually doing is storing my stuff in your attic," I used to tell her. Then, when I needed blankets for my kids' summer parties, she would lend me back my own comforters. JoAnn is 2,000 miles away now. I can't afford to ship her all my stuff.

Unless I can find a really good bulk rate ...

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

Are teachers slacking off?



PARENTING
John Rosemond

On the members' side of my Web site at www.rosemond.com, debate simmers over whether today's public school teachers, as a group, are lazy or dedicated and self-sacrificing. Everyone agrees that not all teachers are doing their jobs. The question regards the norm and whether the norm is slowly slipping toward lazy or rising toward dedicated.

The debate began when a parent complained that her child's teachers assign homework but don't grade it. They check to make sure it's done, but don't even collect it.

"My daughter's teachers want me to do what I'm paying them to do," Balancing this was the observation by another parent that teachers are spending more and more classroom time doing what parents are obviously not doing: disciplining children. Apparently, a "trade" of sorts is taking place: parents send un disciplined children to school, expecting teachers to discipline, and teachers send under-educated children home, expecting parents to teach.

Then the debate branched off into the issue of small classrooms. For 30-plus years, the American public has been told that smaller classrooms are the key to the face of historical and cross-cultural data, however. For one example, during the height of the Baby Boom, classrooms were, by today's standards, "horribly overcrowded."

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Boyfriend's mockery is no laughing matter

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a guy for a while. He recently quit his job to go back to school full time (he's 29), and I support him financially. Things were fine until he started hanging out with some college kids who live next door to me.

DEAR ABBY: Jeane Phillips

When Ben and I are alone or around his adult friends, things are fine. But when he gets around these fellow students, which is often, Ben mocks me in front of them. For example, when I go next door to tell him dinner is ready, I'll start making fun of me in a really embarrassing and juvenile way.

I know it may be fun for him to relieve his college days, but being made to look like a fool in front of his buddies is starting to wear thin on me.

I have discussed this with him. He insists that he's just playing around (even though I'm up in tears), and says that I wind up controlling, and that this is his only life, and he's only having fun.

It's something he's going to grow out of.

Write to Abby
Send letters to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069, or via her Web site at <http://www.DearAbby.com>

the burden of gratitude has grown uncomfortably heavy, so he's taking it out on you and trying to make himself look less dependent in front of his schoolmates. He could also be using you. Regardless of his motive, he is showing disregard for your feelings. Put your foot down now or it will get worse.

T- TIRED OF BEING THE JOKE
DEAR TIRED: Not without help. What you're describing isn't immaturity; it's hostility. You say you're supporting him, but he attends school full time. Perhaps

DEAR ABBY: My parents and my older brother, "Mike," cannot get along. To make matters worse, my sister-in-law, "Janice," is holding the children for ransom from my parents until they resolve their differences with Mike.

Abbey, my parents have tried many times to reconcile, but it always blows up into a huge argument where nothing is resolved. My sister and I feel stuck in the middle. Since my parents are denied their grandchildren, I feel guilty for having a relationship with my nieces and nephew.

They are all so stubborn, and it's tearing our family apart. What can I do?

DEAR ABBY: My husband has been supporting a man for the last nine months. So far, he has given him a house, a \$6,000 truck and has paid all of his bills.

I went away for a week, and when I came back, I found this man in my house. What do I do?

WONDERING: First, ask your husband what his relationship is with this man, and why he is being so generous. Does he owe this person a debt? Are they lovers? If his answers don't satisfy you, consult a lawyer before all the assets are depleted.

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HOROSCOPE
—Jeraldine Saunders

until then, watch out for a tendency to be more combative than situations merit.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20): Think through decisions about your career that you may be carrying. The next couple of days are wonderful for finding or becoming a teacher of any kind. It's also another great day for connecting with someone from a distant place.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Your eloquence knows no limits today.

For single Geminis, romance beckons from afar. Stay grounded, though, and look at the facts and beware of excess idealism. Moon in Gemini makes you more sensitive than usual.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Ah, the joys of being-in-love. Cancer, you have it all today, just don't expect this high level of ecstasy to continue indefinitely as life is full of ups and downs. But regardless, gather ye rosebuds while ye may.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): It's a highly romantic day for you, Leo. Make sure to keep your expectations of your partner in line with what is possible. Some time with friends

would be a nice thing, too.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You're inspired to serve others, but you may think you're accruing more brownie points than you actually are — as far as others are concerned. For this reason and others, take the day off if you can; it's hard for you to focus anyway.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you are a dating Libra, overly high ideals can be your bane, or they can keep you from spending your energy on partners unworthy of you. Creativity is at an all-time high, so tear yourself away from the fun zone long enough to use this creative energy.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your time at home should be especially sweet and loving. Be sure you're seeing the total picture, though you're definitely looking at the domestic scene through rose-colored glasses.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It's an important day for relationships, and you want to be close to your special someone. Though things continue to be unpredictable at home, the planetary process at work there will ultimately bring in a breath of fresh air.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Today, focus on doing things that

you've been putting off — even though you probably seldom put anything off. Make sure you thoroughly investigate any financial proposals now.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You feel dreamy and maybe a bit wacky today, so make sure not to deceive anyone accidentally. Have fun today; it's a day for play and creativity. Don't be afraid to shine.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Today is definitely a day to make a spiritual connection. Take some time to experience this in whatever form is right for you. Friendships and memberships are especially satisfying now.

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center
Bailee Cristin Habel, daughter of Stephanie

Corisa and Gregory Clark Habel of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2004.

To announce a birth
Send a copy of the birth certificate to:
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The Community Page
The Times-News
P.O. Box 548

Twin Falls, ID 83303
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THANKING JUDGES



Members of the District 6 chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars presented certificates of appreciation to three College of Southern Idaho instructors for their assistance in judging the state level of the 2002-2003 Patriots Pen contest, a nationwide competition that promotes patriotism. Left to right are: Floyd Hernandez, District 6 commander; CSI English professor Jim Irons; Bob Jackson, post commander and media officer; CSI English professor Ken Bingham; and Rob Higgins, vice commander. CSI English professor Brenda Pettinger also judged but is not pictured.



Kelsey Cone and Joe Silvers discuss soccer strategy with the students they coach. Kelsey and Joe are working on 100 hours of community service as part of the Prudential Spirit of Community Award Program.

Photo courtesy of Murtaugh High School

Students serve community

MURTAUGH - Students at Murtaugh High School spend a lot of time volunteering.

Service is a big part of community life, and students who choose can serve as part of the Prudential Spirit of Community Award Program, the school reported.

Paul Buckley and Andrew Castello have served for two years as soccer coaches and each received a Certificate of Excellence from the program last year upon graduation. They con-

tinued their service to the soccer program this year even though they were no longer high school students.

Janell Bishoff, a senior, assists in the first-grade classroom to complete her 100 hours of service. Kelsey Cone, a junior, and Joe Silvers, a senior, have both also dedicated themselves to the soccer program for the last three years, the school reported.

School counselor Penny Pattee said that the Prudential Spirit of Community Award Program has a

scholarship portion to it as well. Students who want to be considered for the scholarship must complete, among other things, 100 hours of service to their community. The program has \$1,000 and 55,000 scholarships, along with students being named as a National Honoree.

School representatives say they are pleased that the students are willing to put forth this effort above and beyond their regular school duties.

DISTINGUISHED AWARD WINNER



The Distinguished Service Award winner, Robyn Maxfield, shown with her husband, Jerry, was recognized the Mindoka County 4-H awards night. She has been a leader in Mindoka County for four years. Is a leader in the Kountry Kitters 4-H Club and an adviser for the Mindoka County 4-H Teen Association where she assisted in organizing state exchanges. She helped carry out successful fund-raisers and community service projects and served as president of the Mindoka County 4-H Leaders' Association.

Photo courtesy of Mindoka County 4-H

SERVICE NEWS

Cornilles graduates basic combat training

Army National Guard Specialist Nathan B. Cornilles has graduated from basic combat military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. During the eight weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction in drill and ceremonies, rifle marksmanship, weapons, map reading, tactics, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesies, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history, core values and traditions and special training in human relations.

Cornilles is the son of Stan and Dianna L. Hays of Kimberly. In 1993, he graduated from Hansen High School, and in 1999 he received a bachelor's degree from the University of Idaho, Moscow.

Wedin receives Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Staff Sgt. Joshua R. Wedin has been decorated with the Air Force Commendation Medal.

The medal is awarded to those who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service.

in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Air Force. Wedin is a contingency communications team chief with the 92nd Communications Squadron, Fairchild Air Force Base, Spokane, Wash. He has nine years of military service.

He is the son of Charles R. Wedin of Juliaetta, Idaho, and Karol A. Hanson of Twin Falls. His wife, Amanda, is the daughter of Phil and Ginny Lutz of Largo, Fla. Wedin is a 1993 graduate of Genesee High School.

Slagowski graduates from basic Army combat training

Army Reserve Pvt. David A. Slagowski has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values and physical fitness and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system,

basic first aid, foot marches and field training exercises.

Slagowski is the son of Jon Slagowski of Rodeo, Calif., and Patricia Dean of Twin Falls. He is a 1999 graduate of Monticello High School in Marinette, Calif.

Barnes completes weeks of Marine basic training

Marine Corps Pfc. Kody T. Barnes, son of Kathy J. and Don M. Barnes of Twin Falls, has completed 12 weeks of basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif., designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

In addition to the physical conditioning program, Barnes spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training. Barnes is a 2003 graduate of Twin Falls High School of Twin Falls.

Hansen Elementary announces honor roll

HANSEN - Hansen Elementary School has announced the first semester honor roll students.

Third grade - Alex Herin, Blake Urie, Heidi Funk, Jake Beckstead, Jed Hall, Leigh Sterling, Luis Cervantes, Lushia Garcia, Norma Garcia, Ryan Funk, Shamy Fitzsimmons, Traci Spencer, Tierra Hall, Trinity Hausner and Cyra Veach.

Fourth grade - Hannah Batres, Mike Fitzsimmons, Lance Lugo, Kevin Robison, Mickellen Baxter, Hailey Beady, Humberto Chavez, Brannon Cummings, Courtney Leiser, Baxter Morse, Colton Sabala, Devon Spearing, Brandin Steiner and Carlie Wilkins.

Fifth grade - Zach Chavez, Samantha Coultter, Taylor Harris, Anthony

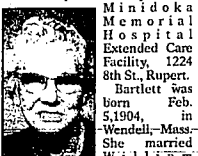
Jenkins, Rosy Orozco, Gerrit Peters, Mariena Harris, Sarah Bjorn, Emma Okarima, Anne Marie Schulthies and Isabel Zarate.

Sixth grade - Derek Bates, Janet Braun, Kendyl Copenbarger, Kiana Cummings, Crystal Guerrero, Kelly McNurlin and Cambrea Parker.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Rupert woman celebrates a century

RUPERT - Elisabeth Bartlett of Rupert will celebrate her 100th birthday at an open house party from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the Mindoka Memorial Hospital.



Elisabeth Bartlett - Bartlett, Sr. at Leverett, Mass., on June 30, 1923, and lived in Massachusetts until 1922. She and her husband moved to Rupert after he retired to be near their son and his family who had a homestead on the north side. The Bartletts lived on the homestead for 11 years. After her husband died she moved into Rupert. She now resides at the Mindoka Memorial Hospital Extended Care Facility.

The event is hosted by her children and grandchildren.

Gooding Basque group serves up lots of food

GOODING - The Gooding Basque Association will provide a Basque meal every month. The dinner will be from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday at the Basque Cultural Center, located at the intersection of Highway 26 and Highway 46, Gooding.

This month's meal will be a choice of lamb, salmon or chicken breast with a variety of sides, including Basque rice, bread, green beans, cabbage soup and salad bar, along with desserts and beverages. A children's menu will also be served. The cost is \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$5 for children. For more information call Athena Sabala at 934-9067.

Librarians' Talk About It program continues

FILER - The Filer Public Library will continue its "Let's Talk About It" book discussions

this month with "Crossing to Safety" by Wallace Stegner.

The discussion will begin at 7 p.m. on Feb. 17 at the Filer Library, 219 Main Street.

For more information, call 326-4143.

Scout Troop 36 will sponsor annual fish fry

JEROME - Scout Troop 36 will have its annual fish fry from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday at the blue building at the Jerome County Fairgrounds.

Donations will be accepted.

Hansen Community Library puts new books on shelves

HANSEN - The Hansen Community Library, 120 Maple W., has recently added several new books to its collection. Adults: "Retreat Hell!" by W.E.B. Griffin; "New Spring" by Robert Jordan; "Pompeii" by Robert Harris; "Emma's Secret" by Barbara Taylor Bradford; "The Conspiracy Club" by Jonathan Kellerman; "No Graves as Yet"

and "So Sure of Death" by Dana Stabenow; "The Passions of Chelsea Kane" by Barbara Delinsky; "The Thousand Ores" and "The Lone Drow" by R.A. Salvatore; "The Sight of the Stars" by Belva Plain; "A Warmth in Winter" by Lori Copeland; "The Solitary Envoy" by T. Davis Burn;

"Alex" by Kristen Hestermann; "The Amateur Marriage" by Anne Tyler; "The Da Vinci Code," "Angels and Demons" and "Digital Fortress" by Dan Brown; and "Key of Light," "Key of Knowledge" and "Key of Valor" by Nora Roberts.

Adult non-fiction: "The Privilege of Youth" by Dave Pelzer; "Without Pity" by Anne Rue; "National Geographic's The Southwest: Gold and Gaudium" and "In the Middle and On the Edge: The Twin Falls Region of Idaho" by Jim Gregory.

Juvenile: "In the Tall, Tall Grass" and "In the Small Small Pond" by Denise Fleming; "Riddle Me This" by Hugh Lupton; "The Gigantic Little Hero" by Matt Whitlock; and "When Your Grandparent Dies"

by Victoria Ryan. For more information, call 423-4122.

Moms on the Run group offers Valentine treat

TWIN FALLS - Moms on the Run group will hold "A Sweet Valentine Treat" from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 10 in the South Room at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N., Twin Falls.

Participants will be treated to refreshments, including a wide variety of chocolate. Guest speaker will be Candy Troutman, a Creative Memories consultant from Boise.

There will be a nominal fee to cover the refreshments or craft.

For more information or to make reservations for guests and complimentary child care, call Diane at 736-8453.

Twin Falls resident will celebrate 95th birthday

TWIN FALLS - Coreta Walters will celebrate her 95th birthday



Coreta Walters

from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at Alterra Wynwood, 1367 Locust St. N., Twin Falls. Walters was born Feb. 7, 1909, in rural Missouri and came to Twin Falls when she was 8 years old. She has been a resident of this area since.

Walters has two daughters, Bette (James) Cook and Ann (Walter) Kaster. She has six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. The family request no gifts. Cards can be sent to her at 1367 Locust St. N., No. 260, Twin Falls.

Neuropathy patient support group to start Feb. 9

TWIN FALLS - A neuropathy patient support group will start in Twin Falls. The first meeting will begin at 1 p.m. on Feb. 9 at 308 Filer Ave. W. For more information call 734-4920.



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The Times-News

The hose cart brigade

T.F. encounters troubles assembling early fire crews

The cynical editor of the *Twin Falls News* was upset and frustrated by the failure of the latest version of a fire department to have extinguished a single blaze. "Some months ago," he wrote in February 1907, "the city bought two hose carts and hose, and it was announced that the city had fire protection. These carts were run out on Main Street, the gongs were changed a few times to propitiate the fire gods and, since then, nothing has been done... No doubt... when a fire breaks out (the fire carts) will automatically sound an alarm, speed to the scene and couple their hose to the hydrants and extinguish the fire without the... touch of human hands."



TALES OF THE TRACT James Varley

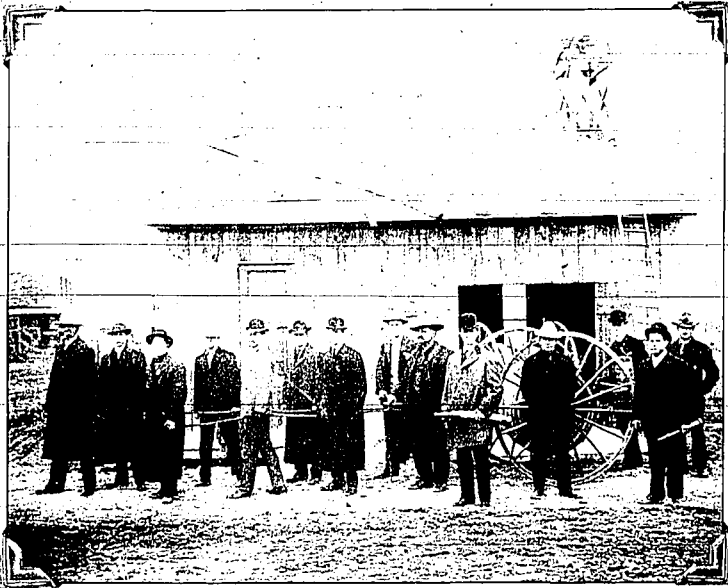
As with many other civic improvements in early Twin Falls, the impetus for fire protection originated with the Commercial Club (chamber of commerce). The subject was first brought up in September 1905, a little over a year after the town was begun. In November, the People's Cash Grocery was destroyed in the village's first conflagration.

Formation of a volunteer fire brigade was talked about over the succeeding months, but nothing was done, save the promulgation of a fire ordinance by the large trustees. Finally, in May 1906, a young surveyor, Hugh Austerell - with help from the Commercial Club - put together a loosely formed organization of about 40 men.

But these volunteers had no equipment, except some old hose, and, although four hydrants had been installed, the city water pressure was inadequate for fire-fighting. At the time, a gasoline-powered engine was being used to pump water from wells dug in Rock Creek Canyon to an elevated wooden tank, whence it was distributed to the built-up areas of town. Thus, the Burrington Hotel burned to the ground one August evening, the water pressure from a nearby hydrant lasted only long enough to wet down and save the tent of a minstrel company performing next door, and the Twin Falls Roving House and Ring Theater across the street.

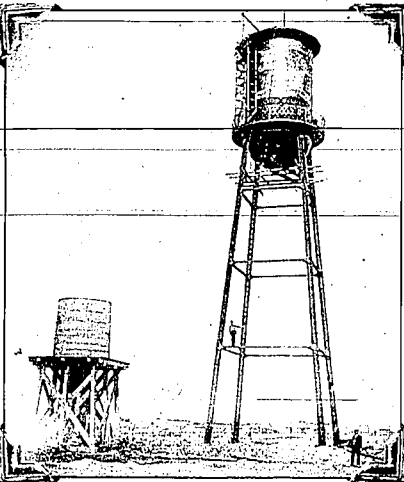
In October, the Townsite Co. gave two lots to the city, situated where the Ballroom (formerly the Elks Lodge) stands today. Two temporary school buildings were next door, and had recently been used for the first Twin Falls County fair. One of these buildings was purchased for use as the fire station.

When two hose carts and 1,000 feet of new hose arrived, they were placed in the front of the building, facing what is now Second Avenue North. For a fire alarm, a huge triangle - which made a noise that would "put a

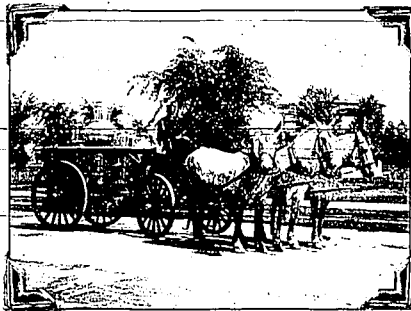


Volunteer firemen with hose cart, in front of Twin Falls temporary fire house, in about 1907.

Photos courtesy of Twin Falls Public Library



Twin Falls' original city water tank, at left, was replaced with a new one, at right, in mid-1906.



Steam fire engine, purchased in 1911. The horses were named Tom, Dick and Harry.

Lindzy was to be paid \$15 per month, and the other 20 volunteers would get \$1 for each fire they attended. An award of .55 would be given to the first company reaching any fire.

As a consequence, speed records were broken at the next fire drill. The blowing of the whistle at the electric light plant in the rear of Hotel Perrine - agreed upon as a fire alarm - caused a hurried stampede for the fire station. In just under four minutes, hose cart No. 2 was standing in front of Harder's grocery at 117 Main Ave. E. As the newspaper reported, "the boys thought that Mr. Harder, being a member of the board of trustees, would hand them over the \$5 prize for being the first on the scene, but they didn't have breath enough to ask him..."

But one test does not a fire department make. Continuing troubles led to another reorganization in late March, and still another when the chief resigned in late April. A bad fire occurred on June 30, 1907, destroying a

new three-story building and an adjacent pool hall. The fire department arrived with a cart within five minutes, but someone had inadvertently closed the valves at the city water tank.

Small improvements were made over the next few years: More hydrants were installed; a fireman was stationed in the hall at night; a telephone and a fire bell were provided. But real progress would not be made until 1909, when a \$10,000 bond issue was approved for fire department improvements. In succeeding months a two-story engine house was built at 236 Second Ave. S., two full-time firefighters were hired, and up-to-date fire engines were procured.

Thus was built the foundation for today's excellent department.

James Varley's newspaper columns are collected in a book titled "Tales of the Tract: The Beginnings of Twin Falls, Idaho and the Magic Valley." The Twin Falls Public Library Foundation sells Varley's book at the library.

Library begins sales of book by columnist

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Readers of James E. Varley's twice-monthly newspaper column have already seen some of his tales of pioneer love and range war. And they'll read the rest in *The Times-News* this year.

But fans of local history can get all of Varley's columns in one place, too - with a hard binding, and a benefit to the public library. Varley's 46 columns and accompanying historical photographs are collected in a new book, "Tales of the Tract: The Beginnings of Twin Falls, Idaho and the Magic Valley," which will go on sale Monday at the Twin Falls Public Library. Soon after, the book will also be on the shelves at Clos Office Supply and Say-Mor Drug Store downtown, Kurt's Hallmark in both the Lynwood Shopping Center and Magic Valley Mall; Everybody's Business in the Shops at Magic Valley Mall; and Black Rock Clothiers in Bullh.

The book - signed by the author if you like - costs \$20.

It's published jointly by Varley's Big Lost River Press and the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation, and the latter will receive most of the profits.

A commercial trucker delivered the copies from the out-of-state printer Tuesday, and foundation volunteers hauled them into the library in preparation for this week's release.

"The foundation plans its first book-signing for 'Tales of the Tract' from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls library, said Diane Van Engelen, foundation executive. Another book signing is set for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Magic Valley Mall, near Center Court.

The foundation will emboss 100 copies of the book with its own logo, number them and sell them - with Varley's signature - as collectibles for \$35 each, Van Engelen said. These 100 will go to the first comers. By midweek, she said, the foundation already had requests for 46 of the collectible copies; to reserve one, call the foundation at 736-6205.

Varley's volume doesn't attempt to supply an exhaustive history. Its 46 tales are historically accurate, he said, but he tried to tell them in human and humorous terms.

The impetus for his writing project? About five years ago Varley volunteered to index *Twin Falls News* issues from 1906 and 1907 for the Twin Falls Public Library, picking up where the library director left off. To tackle the task, Varley brought a microfilm reader home.

He had to read every word in every paper, and he was fascinated. The result was his 46 stories of "Twin Falls" early days, built around anecdotes - and quoting newspapers of the day.

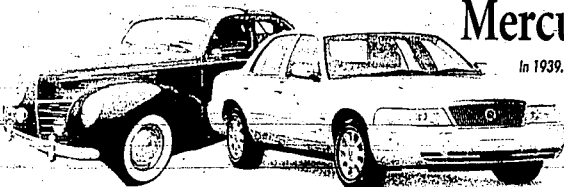
"This book is written in celebration of my home town's first hundred years of life," Varley wrote in the book's preface. The city, he wrote, "has grown into a beautiful and vital place to live."

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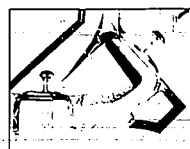
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On the cover:
Newlyweds Jennifer Hobson and Tim Hoffman walk to their reception at the bride's home near Halley after a photo shoot during their August 2003 wedding. Photo by Kirsten Shultz/The Times-News. Design by Lisa Coral.

On this page:
Carrie James and Clint Lightner of Ketchum celebrate their marriage at Trill Creek in Sun Valley. Photo by Kirsten Shultz/The Times-News.

Industry grows around LDS

The Times-News discounts on scrapbooks to guide-lines for LDS temple-appropriate wedding gowns. The Internet is helpful in planning a Mormon wedding because often the wedding takes place at a temple far away from the site of the reception - and there's sometimes more than one reception. Log on to <http://www.ldsweddings.com>

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By tradition, the bride's parents pay for the wedding, set the number of guests and tell the groom's parents how many they are allowed to invite. But nowadays, couples themselves more and more often are paying the tab - and setting the rules.

Who do you invite to your wedding?

By Steve Crump Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Two hundred chairs. Four hundred relatives and friends.

Who's not going to get invited to your wedding?
Of all the things that brides and grooms stress about, sending out too few invitations shouldn't be one of them.

"Brides need to understand that not everybody they invite is going to come to their wedding," said Lara Miller, who runs The White House, a Twin Falls wedding and events center.

In fact, not even close to everybody will turn up. The rule of thumb among wedding planners is that if you invite 200 people, 100 will come, and if you invite 400 people, only about one-third will show up.

"Wedding invitations should be for family and close, close friends," said Rae Smith, who runs The Sweetheart Manor, a Burley wedding center. "Wedding guest lists tend to be hefty in southern Idaho because there are lots of big families, and Mormons often invite everybody in their ward to come, according to Smith.

"Even so, if you put out enough food for everybody you expect to feed, you're going to have a lot of food left over," she said.

"How many out-of-town guests have you invited?" write Denise and Alan Fields in their "Bridal Bargains" (Publisher's Group West, \$13.95). "Odds are you'll have a higher rejection rate from folks who have to travel a great distance. What about the time of year? Weddings near major holidays may also suffer from lower response rates, since guests may be out of town on vacation."

Actually having control over your wedding list has distinct advantages. For one thing, it helps you get a handle on costs. By tradition, the bride's parents pay for the wedding, set the number of guests and tell the groom's parents how many they are allowed to invite. But nowadays, couples themselves more and more often are paying the tab - and setting the rules.

"If you go traditional and the parents of the bride are footing the bill, then you should take their wishes into account and try to compromise," said Margot Mifflin, a columnist for the online wedding Web site The Knot. "At a large wedding, a few extra people won't make a bit of difference. But if your goal is intimacy, stick to your guns no matter what unwholly pressures your family unleash - especially if you're paying."

Where your money goes

- Breaking down your wedding budget:
 - 40% On food and beverages
 - 10% Rental for your reception site
 - 11% Bride's and groom's attire
 - 8% On flowers
 - 7% On photography/videography
 - 3% - Invitations
 - 3% Attendants' gifts, favors
 - 2% Wedding rings
 - 2% Cost of the ceremony (location fee, officiant's fee, programs)
 - 1% Transportation
 - 6-10% Miscellaneous (marriage license, tips, last-minute purchases)
- If you use a wedding consultant, his or her fee will cost you up to 10 percent of your total budget.
- Source: "The First Complete Guide to Weddings in the Real World," Carley Roney (Broadway Books, \$18)

Be specific

Wedding etiquette dictates that invitations are only for those to whom they are addressed: Mr. and Mrs. John Doe - not Mr. and Mrs. Doe's eight kids.
"One way to manage the size of your guest list is to address the invitations just to the people you want to come, not to the whole family," said Lara Miller, who runs The White House in Twin Falls. "But then you have to hope they understand wedding etiquette. Not everybody does."

And the numbers mount up. Depending on what you serve, your food cost can range from \$10 to \$200 per person.

"I can only remember two weddings at The White House where more people showed up than they expected," Miller said. "And one of those was a sit-down dinner for 100 at which 150 people showed up. The wedding party didn't get to eat."

There's also the size of the room to consider. If the hall can handle 100 people and more appear, somebody's going to be standing outside in the rain.

Don't let your guest list be driven by fear of hurting a cousin's or a distant friend's feelings, wedding planners say; truth is, they'd probably rather not attend.

"People who don't really know you won't come to your wedding," Smith said.

And if your invitations ask for guests to RSVP, don't count on them complying.

"Many guests simply don't pay you the courtesy of (replying)," write the Fieldises. "Perhaps they're too busy; perhaps they don't want to offend you by saying no."

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Sun Valley: Area offers adventurous honeymoons

The Times-News

SUN VALLEY - It's close, but just a touch exotic. And if your honeymoon is a matter of days instead of weeks, Sun Valley may be an attractive alternative.

Sun Valley is a site for unique weddings. It's become more than a honeymoon destination, as many couples want a mountainside or riverside ceremony in an exotic destination. Wendy Collins, a Hailey wedding planner, lists some of the options:

"On a mountaintop, on a golf course, in a meadow, in a lodge, on a sleigh, in a forest, in a plane, in the sun, by a fire, on skis, in a canoe, on a horse, in the snow, with your dog, on ice skates, in a giant ballroom."

With more than 80 restaurants plus bed-and-breakfasts and inns in the area, there are plenty of facilities for rehearsals and receptions. Some have back patios or private gardens available. The event can take place far from civilization on public land or closer to facilities such as a guest ranch or lodge. Many caterers, photographers, musicians, and officiants can be hired to travel to the wedding/reception site.

Sun Valley Resort books weddings more than a year in advance for all of its sites. Some of the Wood River Valley's most popular locations include Trail Creek Cabin, or a grand ski lodge experience at the base of the mountain in Warm Springs Lodge or River Run Lodge. All of these options offer the choice of indoor and outdoor ceremonies.

Local churches offer traditional services with a twist. Following the ceremony the bride and groom can be swept away by horse-and-carriage, or in winter, a horse-drawn sleigh. The driver can take the couple through the small-

town streets of Ketchum to the reception site, or after festivities have winded down, to a honeymoon suite.

No waiting period or blood test is required to get a marriage license. Bring official identification and a small fee. Contact the Blaine County Courthouse at 788-5505 for details.

Of course, if you choose to get married someplace else, Blaine County has many charms as well. Honeymooners find Sun Valley a relaxing place. Take a stroll together by the river or a raging mountain bike ride down Bald Mountain. Get a massage together or learn to ski.

Lodging is varied - hotels, B&B's, condominiums, homes, lodges, ranches, RV resorts, camp-

grounds - but at a premium between the Fourth of July and Labor Day and between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. Expect to pay from \$85 and \$150 for a hotel room.

To learn more:

- For camping information: Contact the Sawtooth National Recreation Area at 727-5013, or the Ketchum Ranger District at 622-5374.
- Contact the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber & Visitors Bureau at (800) 634-3347 for a complete listing of restaurants, caterers, inns and bed-and-breakfasts.

- For information about Trail Creek Cabin and other Sun Valley Resort properties, contact 622-4111 or, for more options, call the Knob Hill Inn 726-8010.
- Couples can choose from a list of Sun Valley event planners, to take the stress out of planning the wedding on their own. Contact one of these local consultants: Piece of Cake 726-1969, e-mail pocweddings@acinc.net; Sun Valley Connections 725-0411 or (800) 726-3819, e-mail icadwell@yahoo.com; That's Entertainment 726-8800, e-mail svearles@aol.com, online <http://www.thatstertainmentinsunvalley.com>; Plan! 727-3800, e-mail alison@plantsunvalley.com; online <http://www.plantsunvalley.com>. These consultants can assist in arranging local florists, caterers, musicians, photographers, and DJs that offer professional services tailored to the bride and groom's tastes and style.

- A complete "Marry Me In Sun Valley" guide to planning a wedding is available by contacting the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber & Visitors Bureau at 800-634-3347.



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Running away and getting married

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The calculus is compelling: You can write a check for \$20,000 - the cost of a mid-priced, run-of-the-mill wedding nowadays. Or you could spend half as much on a honeymoon for the ages.

Your grandmother called it eloping. The 21st century term is "destination weddings." "It's a combination honeymoon and wedding," said Marey Blum, co-author of "Weddings for Dummies" (DG Books, \$19.99). "You've decided the whole planning ordeal is too much, or you've done it before and you want this wedding to be about only the two or you, so you simply want to cut to the chase."

"You buy a package, and they take of everything. The only thing is, you buy it sight unseen."

- Roxie Simcoe, Desert Sun Travel

The downside, Blum says, is that such an exercise requires a "level of

planning that makes D-Day look like a trip to the grocery store."

It is possible, though, to tack a wedding onto a honeymoon.

"Some couples have always dreamed of running away and getting married somewhere unusual," says Patti Metzinger, a wedding consultant who writes for the online wedding service, The Knot. "It's secretive, fun and adventurous. Others can't afford big wedding or want to avoid all the headaches involved in planning one."

Cruise-ship and tour companies offer couples the chance to be wed and honeymoon in the sun, at a place they've never been before.

More locals are taking advantage of these so-called destination wed-

dings, according to Roxie Simcoe, who runs Desert Sun Travel.

"You buy a package, and they take of everything," she said. "The only thing is, you buy it sight unseen." In short, with a destination wedding you get what you get - even if it's not exactly what you bargained for.

An essential first step is a travel agent. And if the wedding is elaborate, you'll have to deal with an on-site wedding consultant.

"This kind of wedding is not usually an option for the must-be-involved-in-every-detail couple," wrote Blum and Laura Fisher Kaiser in "Weddings for Dummies."

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From playmates to soulmates

Childhood friends reunite years later as man and wife

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — John Randle III and Kia Shanté Breaux were meant to be together.

Although they probably didn't know this when they first played together as children growing up in Kansas City, it was quite clear many years later when they had their first date.

Randle took Breaux to lunch one April afternoon last year and was stunned by her beauty.

"When I first saw her, my mouth dropped open and I didn't say anything for two minutes," he recalled. "I thought 'Oh my God, she's beautiful. Lord please, don't let me say anything stupid,' and that's how I knew she was the one."

About eight months later, Breaux found herself telling Randle "yes" as he knelted on one knee in front of the mayor's Christmas tree and asked for her hand in marriage.

Then the wedding planning began.

Her mother and soon-to-be bridesmaids started coaxing her to look at dresses and after about two months, she found the perfect one.

It was a strapless white, knee-cut dress with intricate beading and rhinestones on the bodice. The skirt portion was tulle and had a cathedral detachable train that had beads and rhinestones to match the bodice.

"I was very, very happy with her choice. A lot of them looked great on her but there was just something about the dress that said 'Kim,'" said Breaux's mother, Christella Jones. "She looked like a born Barbie doll."

Breaux, who chose burgundy and white as her wedding colors, wanted everything to be perfect. She purchased two wedding etiquette books to help her with the Sept. 6 nuptials.

"In terms of planning the wedding, I literally wanted to do everything by the book," Breaux said.

But sometimes Randle would step in and playfully threaten to burn the etiquette books.

"He reminds me to lighten up and keep everything in perspective and just relax," Breaux said. "He would say 'who cares what the book says? This is our wedding, we'll do what we want.'"

Although Breaux planned most of the wedding, she hired a wedding coordinator two weeks before her big day to help alleviate the stress of hanging it all together.

It was important to the couple that those whom they treasured most took part in the ceremony. Randle's brother, Eric Randle, was his best man and the groom's nephew was the ring bearer. Breaux's older sister was her maid of honor and her 6-year-old twin sisters were very cute flower girls who wore matching white dresses. There also was a lighted candle at the ceremony for an honorary groomsman, Breaux's cousin Lt. Clifton Johnson, who was in Bahrain with

the U.S. Navy and unable to attend.

The Rev. Henry Pace presided over the afternoon ceremony at 5 p.m. at the First Missionary Baptist Church in Kansas City. He has known Breaux since she was a teenager and met with the couple twice a month for six months before their wedding to talk about marriage.

Before the ceremony began, there was a Power Point presentation of pictures that chronicled Breaux and Randle's lives, including one in which they wore large Afro wigs and funky clothes to a 1970s-themed birthday party.

After the presentation, candles were lit in the front of the church and a soloist sang "The Lord's Prayer." Then Breaux's cousin, Kaitsher Kelly, performed a touching interpretive dance to "Ribbon in the Sky" by Stevie Wonder.

Just before the bridesmaids and bride walked down the aisle, the flowers in the front of the church caught fire from the nearby candles, which were dripping with wax.

Several people in the pews began pointing frantically at the fire because the pastor, Randle and Eric Randle had not yet seen the flames.

"When I turned around and saw the flames, I went over there and must have thought I was Superman or something because I tried to blow it out," Eric Randle said.

With the help of the two Randle brothers, the pastor and the photographer, the fire was extinguished and the ceremony continued.

Breaux's father, Clifford Breaux, beamed with pride as he walked down the aisle with his daughter, who had finished off her beautiful white dress with a tiana and a bishop veil.

"I'm extremely proud of her. I really didn't feel like I was giving her away, it was more like I was gaining a son," said Clifford Breaux, who during the ceremony gave his daughter a "quick kiss" on the cheek before handing her to Randle.

"It's emotional, it's so special and so sacred and overwhelming, us standing there looking into each



Top, When John Randle III and Kia Shanté Breaux played together as children in Kansas City, Mo., little did they guess that they would someday marry in the same city. Above, Clifford Breaux gets ready to escort her daughter, Kia Shanté Breaux, to the altar to marry John Randle III.

other's eyes and reciting the wedding vows," Breaux said. "It was very intimate, we were there holding hands even though there were 200 people in the room, it was like it was he and I were alone together."

The couple also jumped over a broom, an African-American wedding tradition.

"It's something unique that we can do to celebrate our love for each other and to recognize our African ancestry," Breaux said.

Following the ceremony was the cocktail reception at a country club, in which tuxedo shrimp, crab cakes and meatballs were served.

The cake topping on Breaux's three-tiered cake included a replica of the bride and groom, as well

as all ten members of the wedding party. The small plastic dolls even wore dresses similar to the bridesmaids' burgundy gowns.

After the reception, the bride and groom watched the video of their ceremony in the limousine while on the way to their hotel.

"I wanted to see how everything went together," Breaux said. "We worked so hard, I couldn't wait until we got back from the honeymoon."

"The wedding day was everything that I really dreamed of, everything that I wanted was there," she said. "I truly believe that John and I are a match made in heaven."

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A WEDDING STORY:

Maureen, Eamon, and the spreadsheet

CHICAGO (AP) - Maureen Gainer's boyfriend of four years, Eamon Reilly, proposed to her in New York's Central Park on Dec. 30, 2002. Before they had rung in 2003, Gainer had booked the church and reception site in Chicago and purchased bridesmaid dresses.



Eamon Reilly and Maureen Gainer kiss at the reception after their fall wedding in Chicago. The bride and her friends created the hollowed-out pumpkin centerpieces, part of her strategy to stay within budget.

An overzealous bride? No, just an organized one. As a professional organizer in Chicago, Gainer strives to "keep everything running for clients in an orderly manner, and she wants to be able to let her wedding plans take any wrong turns."

"Being organized keeps you from turning into a bride who bites everyone's head off," said Gainer, 28. "Do everything you can possibly do early. There's no reason to be a wreck of your wedding you should be doing Mass books or table cards."

Right away, she and Reilly, 29, realized they had a challenge on their hands. They both come from large Irish families in tight-knit Irish communities - Gainer is one of six children and grew up on the South Side of Chicago, and Reilly is one of four and was raised in Dumont, N.J. - which was one of the things that drew them to each other. However, when they started drawing up their guest list, they found themselves struggling to cut the number down to 425 invitations. The final tally at the Oct. 4 wedding was just under 300.

"Budget was our major concern," said Gainer. Both families contributed financially and the couple made up the difference, but keeping the cost of a Saturday night wedding below \$40,000 took a lot of ingenuity.

First, they agreed on what was most important to them: a beautiful and meaningful Mass and a reception where everyone had a great time. "Food and drinks we weren't going to scrim on," she said.

Their biggest splurge: A 12-piece band, which played everything from Frank Sinatra to 70s songs. On the band's breaks, a friend played bagpipes and they put on a CD of Irish set dances (the Irish version of line dancing). They didn't cut corners when it came to taking care of their guests, 100 of whom came in from out of town. A trolley shuttled everyone to and from the wedding, and out-of-towners were also treated to a trolley tour of Chicago and dinner and drinks at an Irish pub the night before.

They made sure the celebration paid homage to their Irish heritage, from the Celtic seals embossed on the invitations to the Guinness on tap at the reception.

After the two met in Greenwich Village when they both went to hear a concert by a small Irish band. At the time, Gainer was working in New York for a non-profit housing and social services agency, and Reilly an environmental scientist, was living in New Jersey. Gainer returned to Chicago in the summer of 2000, and Reilly agreed to give Chicago a try. It turned out to be a "perfect compromise," Gainer said. "I'd never live in New Jersey and he'd never live in Manhattan - Chicago is enough city for both of us."

Gainer saved thousands of dollars in four ways: She borrowed

whatever she could, she accepted friends' services as wedding gifts, she designed and crafted many of the wedding elements herself and she skipped things she couldn't afford. She kept the theme simple and easy to carry out, opting to play up the season by using autumnal colors in the flowers and bridesmaid dresses, pumpkins in the centerpieces and leaf-shaped seating cards.

What's more, none of her cost-cutting measures cheapened the celebration; in fact, they enriched the day by making it more personal.

When Gainer walked down the aisle at St. Barnabas Church in a strapless satin L'azaro gown, she was able to claim the dress as her "something borrowed."

"I wanted a plain strapless dress," recalled the bride, who is not the least bit sentimental about stuff - especially a dress you wear once that can clutter a future home. When a friend who had gotten married the year before offered hers, Gainer happily accepted. Her veil, handbag and jewelry also were borrowed, and she bought a bolero at a consignment shop to cover her shoulders in church. Her ring and her shoes were about the only things that were new.

Friends and family members offered their talents as gifts. An

aunt baked the four-tiered wedding cake accented with fresh roses. A sister did the calligraphy on the invitations. A hairstylist friend pulled her hair into a sleek updo.

Gainer has always loved do-it-yourself projects, and she enthusiastically took on the save-the-date cards, invitations, Mass books and seating cards. She embossed copper cardstock from Paper Source, a chain of paper stores, with a Celtic stamp and held the invitation closed with sheer gold ribbon. She printed a sample on her home printer, then had the rest done at Kinko's. In the gift bags for out-of-town guests, Gainer included a CD of Chicago-themed songs that she made on the computer and a votive candle from Ikea, on which she drew a city skyline with a silver pen and wrote "Thanks for coming."

She hired a high-end florist, but saved money by making the vessels for the centerpieces out of grayish green pumpkins. She and her mother drove to a farmstand in Michigan to buy the pumpkins (which were \$5 less apiece than in Chicago), then invited friends over

to carve and shellack them while they ate lasagna and drank wine and beer. The florist filled the pumpkins with roses, hydrangea, hypericum berries and apples, then scattered fall leaves on the tables.

"It was that careful selection of which things to make and which to buy that made it special without turning it into an arts-and-crafts project," said Bridget Gainer, the bride's sister and maid of honor. "She found ways to personalize the wedding and make people feel connected to it that really added to the day."

Among the things she did without were flowers in the church and guest favors. Instead of an expensive floral arrangement on the seating card table, she placed framed wedding photos of both of their parents, votive candles and a guest book. "There were things I would have loved to do, like favors, but if I couldn't do them the way I wanted to, I chose not to do them," she said. "We saved a large amount on things I don't believe make a difference in the ultimate celebration."

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You've found the guy, now comes the hard part ... PLANNING

The Associated Press

Decisions, decisions. If you thought invitations were a chore, organizing your most special day also means picking not only bouquets, bridal chairs and table settings but details such as wedding cake tables, place cards and more.

That is one reason why Maria McBride-Mellinger decided to put her expertise as a wedding stylist to good use by writing "The Perfect Wedding Details: More than 100 Ideas for Personalizing Your Wedding" (HarperCollins, \$29.95 hardcover, Dec. 23, 2003).

Once you've settled on the overall style of your wedding, be it formal, casual, or somewhere in between, start thinking about location.

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Choosing the location first is such a critical component of celebration

planning.”

- Maria McBride-Mellinger, Author

"Choosing the location first is such a critical component of celebration planning," says McBride-Mellinger. "If you're having your wedding at home, you design it very differently from a wedding in a vineyard or any other remarkable location. If it's a gold ballroom with lots of gold accents, then your floral theme will need to take on some gilded aspects, as opposed to trying to force a pink and moss wedding idea. Then you can start to dress it with the details that make a difference."

Early on, think about how to dress your tables, focussing on centerpieces, says McBride-



From "The Perfect Wedding Details," a chuppah of columns, flowers and sheer fabric makes a dreamy wedding spot. In traditional Jewish ceremonies, this canopy represents shelter and celebrates family ties.

Mellinger, wedding style editor for Bride's magazine and author of four earlier books about weddings. On a practical note, "Centerpieces should not be so high that guests can't see each other. You want to encourage eye contact," she says.

"It's important that centerpieces fit the location and the mood of the event. Sometimes I want to express a sophisticated, urbane style, other times a charming, countrified presence and still other times I prefer tailored, chic details."

With all the choices, what is her favorite look? Well, she can't narrow it down to her look of the moment. "It's extremely versatile: flowers under water," McBride-Mellinger says. She creates it with a clear glass ice bucket and a narrow

cylinder vase that nests inside it. After filling both with water, she lines the channel between the bucket and the vase with colorful flower heads and fills the inner vase with long stems of the same flowers. "The finished centerpiece is an exuberant floral expression," says McBride-Mellinger, who also lines the centerpieces with fabric from colorful blooms paired with favorite objects including gilded nuts, pile of pearls, polished fruits and even antique birdcages. There is so much beyond tried-and-true flowers in a glass vase, she says.

"With so many decisions, prioritize. Tables, for example, are key. The tables are really important because typically wedding celebrations are a dining experience," she says. "You are breaking bread

together, and your guests are anchored to the tables. That is their little home away from home for the celebration. It becomes a little oasis for them. They will get up, dance, come back, rest their feet, mingle and come back again. It's their port of call."

If you decorate your table creatively, you are helping your guests to have an instant conversation builder. "The more welcoming you can make it, the more appreciative your guests will be," McBride-Mellinger says. "You want to create easy ice-breaking opportunities. I find that when the brides take the time to set the table in an interesting way, it starts chatter among the guests. It's a subliminal way of being a really great hostess."

Her own favorite table setting is an all-white table with chocolate-brown accents. "I love the graphic results of marrying the rich brown tones with crisp whites," she says. "Starbed white linen dressed with chocolate linen napkins, vases of chocolate cosmos or calla lilies and dark wood ballroom chairs with white cushions is altogether modern, elegant and classic." And don't forget the chairs. "Dressing chairs is a nice punctuation point," she says. "I find dressing all the chairs is a little like gilding the lily because having 200 chairs with decorations is definitely over the top and in most cases perhaps an unnecessary luxury. But what is great is to do the bride and groom's chairs or the bride party's chairs as the center of attention."

McBride-Mellinger suggests making a large poufy bow, sewn with the fabric used for the tablecloth, which ties around the back of the chair. And if you don't want to take the time to sew, a five-inch-wide satin ribbon can make an equally luxurious accent when tied into a bow, she says.

Whatever you choose, make your own individual mark, says McBride-Mellinger. "I find in talking to brides all the time that they typically have been to a number of weddings already, and they choose

to marry in some of the same locations where their friends have married, but they want to find a way to make it personal," she says. They're asking, "What can I do to make my table, my flowers, my event special, but also mine?"

If planning a wedding feels like a formidable task, take heart. "A lot of people don't come from a background of having planned a lot of events of this magnitude," she says. "We plan holiday dinners or barbecues or potlucks or dinner

for six on some occasions, but we get a little stuck trying to think about a bigger picture. We are trying to make an event for 200 feel as special as an event for six or eight. It's a tall order. Even doing it for 10 people is a tall order."

"How to make a large party intimate, that's the big trick," she says. "So focus on the details that are manageable and interesting, whether it's the way you do your napkin ring or decorate the chair backs."

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The second: Tourist boards are jumping on the bandwagon, with brochures listing ceremony sites and local wedding vendors in that area. Even governments are working to ease restrictions and attract to-be-weds. "Curacao, for example, is close to repelling the requirement that you must be a resident-to-marry-on-the-island," says Metzger.

2. No family drama

The second reason destination weddings rule? No scene-stealing family drama. "Although getting married is one of the more positive life experiences, it also ranks high as one of life's big stressors," says Jennifer Naidich, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist in private practice at Mount-Sinai Medical Center in New York City. "People have ideas about how they want to be married. But if you put the prospective bride and groom and at least two sets of parents together - maybe more with today's divorce rate - there's bound to be conflict."

3. They're cost effective.

The affordability of a destination wedding has many couples speeding off to the airport faster than you can say "I do." For instance, a couple can fit in an all-inclusive resort in Jamaica, get

married, and stay for a deluxe week-long honeymoon for as little as \$3,000 to \$4,000, including lodging, meals, drinks, and airfare. Compare that with your average 150-guest wedding costing \$20,000 plus an average \$3,200 for a honeymoon. To ease the financial burden, many couples opt to travel to a place where they can get married, have a honeymoon, and still have some money left over to start their new lives together.

4. You call the shots.

While formal weddings hold meaning for many couples, linking them to the traditions of their ancestors and culture, others want the experience to be unique, with a ceremony and location that reflect their true colors. Perhaps an "Out of Africa" experience? A snowy mountain-peak ceremony? The world is your altar.

"Destination weddings are popular among couples who can resist the temptation to do it someone else's way," says John Bigley, co-author of the book "Caribbean for Lovers" (Prima Publishing). (Not quite sure what you'd rather do? Read our destination wedding-style roundup to help you decide.)

5. They're simply perfect for second marriages.

Been-there-done-that couples who are getting married for the

second or third time choose destination weddings because they're simple and private. Either the bride and/or groom have done the Hollywood-scale production before and want something quieter or less expensive this time around, or they want to be someplace anonymous, without the watchful eyes and whispers of the hometown crowd. (Get married at a kid-friendly all-inclusive resort or cruise to help your new Brady Bunch do some solid bonding.)

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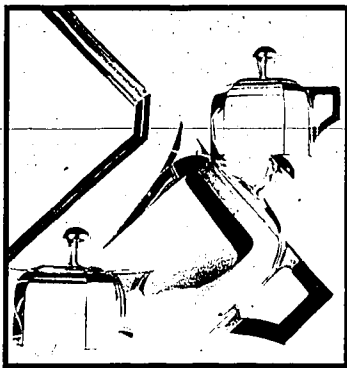
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Selecting the right gift for the newlyweds



The Art Deco sterling silver tea set from Tiffany & Co. Includes nephrite jade tops, cocobolo rosewood handles, and copper rivets and bezels.

The Associated Press

Your choice of a gift for the bridal couple can be easy (registries), problematic (what you spend may be influenced by how well you know them, or if you're related), or adventurous (you try to make an original, interesting selection). Here are some starter ideas:

• Something new at Tiffany & Co. looks time-tested. It's the Arts and Crafts sterling silver collection, including a four-piece tea set, which will be at home with art nouveau, art deco, or similar furnishings. The teapot (\$9,500), creamer (\$5,800) and sugar (\$5,800) all have nephrite jade finials; the pot and creamer have angular cocobolo rosewood/teak handles. The tray (\$3,200) is accented with copper rivets. If you prefer, there's a coffee pot (\$8,250). The opulence continues with other items in the line, such as a vase (\$8,500), candlestick (\$1,150), or bowl (\$7,450).

• A handpainted faience Harvest Platter (\$199) from the Cordón Bleu selection at Pierre Deux would be a good choice for the couple whose tastes run to traditional or antique. This substantial dish (23 inches long) can be put into service to serve a holiday bird, then displayed on a wall with its pierced back at other times.

• Also appropriate for the newlywed antiquarians is the Corinne chiming wall clock (\$435) from Howard Miller's Camden Passage Collection. This 38-inch high quartz timepiece is handpainted with

floral patterns, including gold detailing on a lightly distressed sage finish. Roman numerals are painted. The dual chime movement plays either Westminster or Ave Maria chimes, with volume control and an automatic nighttime chime shut-off option.

• The Empire Mirror (\$455) by Carolina Mirror for Winterthur, based on an 1830 antique at the du Pont estate in Delaware, is a classic, convex-curved circular looking glass that will grace the couple's first and subsequent homes. It features neoclassical fluting and capitals, topped with a shell design and detailed with sculpted leaves and ferns.

• The Royal Albert Old Country Roses pattern is one of the bone china classics from Royal Doulton, and there are a number of decorative accessories to choose from, including a 17-inch long three-part serving dish with traditional trim pattern (\$72), or the 9-inch long cheese tray with spreader with an all-over rose pattern (\$37.50).

• Christofle's Heart to Heart picture frame (\$175) is an appropriate spot for a photo of the newlyweds. Holding a 3 1/2-inch square picture, the frame is black-stained maple and silver, with engravable twining hearts.

• Young couples especially are receptive to modern oriental wares, such as the bamboo placemat set (\$19) that includes chopsticks and holder; square dish (\$7.99) and iron teapot (\$16.99); all at T.J. Maxx.

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Quick wedding tips can save valuable money and time

The Associated Press

Saving the dress

What should you do with your proud wedding dress when the ceremony is over? Seal it up in a plastic bag? Hide it in the heirloom cedar chest?

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A New York City firm that advises museums and bridal design houses, J. Scheer & Co., offers conservation services that will save your gown for sentimental viewing pleasure or even later wearings by another bride, perhaps a daughter in your future.

In the excitement of the wedding event, you are likely to have made some unintended additions to the garment, such as food or grass stains, perspiration, a drop or two of champagne.

For \$395 to \$695 — depending on the complexity and condition of the dress — the firm will inspect, clean, and make repairs, then provide a long-term storage box with archival packing materials. A guide is included, advising among other things, to take the dress out of its box now and then. Insurance and

shipping is included.

On the Web: <http://www.jscheer.com>.

Blood test no longer needed

Couples marrying in Connecticut are no longer required to submit blood tests to get a marriage license.

Mandatory blood tests were repealed by the state as of Oct. 1. Norma Gayle, deputy commissioner of the Department of Public Health, said in testifying for repeal that test was no longer an effective part of the department's syphilis control program. "The requirement is costly, inconvenient, and has minimal impact toward prevention," she said.

Guide to Jewish weddings

Jewish tradition has it that a girl's future husband, or harsher, is preordained even before her birth.

That heavenly proclamation, however, leaves the details of the wedding up to the couple and their families.

In "Jewish Weddings" (Simon & Schuster, \$30 hardcover), Rita Milos Brownstein (with Donna Wolf Koplowitz) offers guidance to for planning your own perfect wed-

ding event, while reviewing wedding traditions over 3,300 years of Jewish history. She covers everything from the engagement party, the invitations (often written in both English and Hebrew), the many designs of the chuppah, and even the significance of lighted candles.

Brownstein also showcases several real weddings in a variety of settings.

Wedding-day kit

The bride-to-be and her groom-to-be are nervous. Despite all the planning that goes into their wedding day, they aren't prepared for those little last-minute things. Like mistaking the rings, or wearing new shoes without roughing the soles, or getting stains on the wedding finery.

Here comes a 32-piece Wedding Day Essentials kit (\$60) to the rescue, via the BridesMade Web site. It has all sorts of small but essential items, including a wedding dress stain remover, double-sided tape, sewing kit and scissors, bobby-pins, notepad-and-pencil, tissues, cotton swabs, hairspray, brush, mints, novelty rings, and an

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Countdown

to

'I do': What needs doing and when

The Times-News

Here's a wedding checklist calendar from "The Wedding Helper," a booklet prepared by Sid and Paige Vanderpool.

Nine to 12 months before

- ☐ Determine the type of wedding you want - size, degree of formality, and setting.
- ☐ Select a wedding date and time.
- ☐ Notify your clergymember and reserve date and time for wedding and rehearsal.
- ☐ Set a tentative budget.
- ☐ Decide how expenses will be shared.
- ☐ Shop together for wedding rings.

- ☐ Determine the size of the guest list.
- ☐ Plan reception and book reception location. (This should be booked as soon as the wedding date is set to assure availability.)
- ☐ Select and book caterer.
- ☐ Select and book photographer.
- ☐ Select and book videographer.
- ☐ Select and book disc jockey.
- ☐ Select and book transportation for wedding day.

- ☐ Compile names and addresses of your guests.
- ☐ Decide on your color scheme.
- ☐ Select wedding attendants, yours and his:
- ☐ Determine sizes for all attendants.
- ☐ Choose your dress and headpiece.
- ☐ Schedule fittings and delivery date.
- ☐ Choose bridesmaid's dresses and accessories.
- ☐ Start planning for your honeymoon.
- ☐ Discuss where you will live after the wedding.
- ☐ Choose music for the ceremony.

- Six to 9 months before**
- ☐ Announce your engagement in the newspaper.
 - ☐ Register your preferences at the bridal registries of your choice.

- ☐ Maintain records of all gifts received and send thank-you notes immediately upon receipt of your gifts.
- ☐ Select florist and/or balloonist and discuss color schemes.
- ☐ Begin shopping for men's wedding attire.

Four to 6 months before

- ☐ Start health and fitness program.
- ☐ Order invitations and other related stationery needs.
- ☐ Complete your guest list.
- ☐ Help both mothers coordinate and select their dresses.
- ☐ Ensure that all bridal attire has been ordered.
- ☐ Begin shopping for trousseau.
- ☐ Check marriage license requirements.
- ☐ Experiment with hairstyle and cut.
- ☐ Select baker and order wedding cake, groom's cake and mints.

Two to 3 months before

- ☐ Choose the men's wedding attire and reserve the right sizes.
- ☐ Start addressing invitations and announcement.
- ☐ Purchase accessories, such as toasting goblets, ring pillow, garter, candles etc.
- ☐ Confirm all details with your hired professionals.
- ☐ Confirm ceremony details with your officiant.
- ☐ Arrange rehearsal details.
- ☐ Plan rehearsal dinner.
- ☐ Plan attendants' parties.
- ☐ Choose responsible person to attend your guest book.
- ☐ Make appointment with your hairdresser.
- ☐ Arrange accommodations for out-of-town attendants and guests.
- ☐ Finalize honeymoon plans.

One month before

- ☐ Finish addressing invitations and mail them four weeks before the wedding.
- ☐ Get blood test and marriage license.
- ☐ Have your final dress fitting.

- ☐ Have formal bridal portrait done.
- ☐ Have final fitting for wedding attendants.

- ☐ Purchase gifts for wedding participants.
- ☐ Purchase gift for fiancé.
- ☐ Complete shopping for your trousseau.
- ☐ Have attendants' parties.
- ☐ Purchase going-away outfit.
- ☐ Ensure that your accessories (toasting goblets, garter, candles, ring pillow etc.) are in order.
- ☐ Finalize rehearsal dinner details.
- ☐ Make a calendar of events for your wedding day.
- ☐ Draw a map to direct guests to the ceremony and reception sites if necessary.

Two weeks before

- ☐ Finishing addressing announcements to be mailed on your wedding day.
- ☐ Contact guests who have not responded.
- ☐ Pick up the wedding rings and make sure they fit properly and that engraved inscriptions are correct.
- ☐ Meet with your photographer and give him a list of special pictures-you-want-taken.
- ☐ Meet with videographer and give him a list of special events or people you want in the videotape.
- ☐ Meet with disc jockey and give him a list of special music to be played that night.
- ☐ Continue writing thank-you notes for gifts received.

One-week-before

- ☐ Provide the caterer with the total guest count and confirm all details.
- ☐ Provide your wedding party and out-of-town guests with timetables and maps, if necessary, for the rehearsal dinner, ceremony and reception.
- ☐ Review details of last-minute arrangements and timetables with all service companies.
- ☐ Plan seating arrangements, if used.
- ☐ Confirm all honeymoon reservations and accommodations; pick up tickets and traveler's checks.

- ☐ Discuss the details of the reception with your host and hostess.
- ☐ Assign tasks to be done on the wedding day to your wedding party.
- ☐ Practice applying makeup and styling your hair and determine the amount of time needed to do this on your wedding day.
- ☐ Make sure you have your marriage license.
- ☐ Pick up wedding attire and make sure everything fits properly.
- ☐ Keep writing thank-you notes for gifts received.
- ☐ Pack your suitcase for your honeymoon.
- ☐ Rehearse wedding ceremony with all participants in attendance.
- ☐ Attend rehearsal dinner.
- ☐ Give the best man the officiator's fee and instruct him to deliver it on the day of the wedding.
- ☐ Get a good night's sleep the night before your wedding day.

On the wedding day

- ☐ Remain calm and try to relax.
- ☐ Don't forget to bring your wedding rings and marriage license.
- ☐ Check with florist to ensure flowers will arrive on time.
- ☐ Apply makeup and style your hair slowly.
- ☐ Start dressing 1 1/2 hours before the ceremony.
- ☐ Mail the wedding announcements.
- ☐ Have music start 30 minutes before the ceremony begins.
- ☐ Have guests seated as they arrive.
- ☐ Groom's parents should be seated five minutes before the ceremony begins.
- ☐ The bride's mother should be seated immediately before the professional and before the aisle runner is rolled out.

After the wedding

- ☐ Write and mail all thank-you notes as soon as possible.
- ☐ Take care of business and legal affairs. (Change name if necessary on records and legal documents.)

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ENGAGEMENTS

ADAMS-KENDALL

RUPERT - Jim and Kayleen Adams of Kimberly announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristal Rae Adams, to Joseph Rodney Kendall, son of Rod and Julie Kendall of Rupert.

Adams is a 2001 graduate of Minico High School and has been attending -Norwalk-Community College in Connecticut for the past two years.

Kendall is a 1999 graduate of Minico High School and a 2000 graduate of Northwest-Lineman College in Meridian. He is employed with Wasatch Electric in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The wedding is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the First



Kristal Adams and Joseph Kendall
Christian Church in Rupert. A reception to honor the couple will be held immediately following the ceremony at the Best Western Burley Inn, 800 Overland Drive in Burley.

PINE-TRAIL

KING HILL - Karen, Pine of Bend, Ore., and Stan and Martha Pine of Madras, Ore., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Pine, to Rusty Lee Trail, son of Rocky and Terrie Trail of King Hill.

Pine is a graduate of Oregon State University. She is employed by the Glens Ferry School District.

Trail attended the University of Idaho. He is employed by Trail Ranches in King Hill.

A family wedding is planned for Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Glens Ferry United Methodist Church. A reception to honor the couple will follow at



Jennifer Pine and Rusty Trail
Carmela Winery in Glens Ferry. The couple will reside in Paradise Valley in King Hill.

KNOPP-STONE

TWIN FALLS - Bonnie Knopp of Twin Falls and Daryl Stone of Missouri announce their engagement.

Knopp is the daughter of Ray Quintana and Betty Harkins (both deceased) and the stepdaughter of Bud Harkins of Jerome.

Stone, formerly of Hazelton, is the son of Berta Stone of Eden and Earl and Joyce Stone, also of Eden.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Hansen Assembly of God, 319 Second E. in Hansen.



Bonnie Knopp and Daryl Stone
The couple will reside in Missouri.

MILLER-COX

TWIN FALLS - David S. Miller and Kathi Schrader, both of Twin Falls, announce the engagement of their daughter, Danette Erin Miller, to Patrick Sean Cox, son of Donald C. and Sharon Cox of Princeton, N.J., and Jerome and Aileen Allan of Detroit, Mich.

Miller is manager at Java on Fourth in Ketchum. Cox manages Pella Windows in Ketchum.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Feb. 7, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Sun Valley. An outdoor celebration for



Danette Miller and Patrick Cox
friends and family is planned for next fall at Grandjean.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE BARTHOLOMEWS



JEROME - Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bartholomew of Jerome will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the LDS Church, 50 E. 100 S. in Jerome. No gifts, please.

Bartholomew and Norma Anderson were married Feb. 5, 1954, in Jerome.

They lived in Jerome through-



out their married lives. The event will be hosted by their children, Kent (Kathy) Bartholomew, Kellee (Dave) Traugber, Rocky (Lynette) Bartholomew and Joani (Larry) Jackson.

The couple has 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Cards, memories and well wishes may be sent to the couple at 514 E. 10th, Jerome, ID 83338.

THE HUNTS



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hunt
KIMBERLY - Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hunt of Kimberly will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Kimberly LDS Church, 222 Birch St. S. No gifts, please.

Hunt and Joyce Holt were mar-



ried Feb. 9, 1954, in the Mesa LDS Temple in Mesa, Ariz.

They raised their seven children in the Magic Valley area and have lived in Kimberly for the past 42 years.

The event is hosted by their children.

The couple has 30 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Tips

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advice book, the "Pocket Size Bridal Consultant." After the wedding, the kit's aquastriped case can be used as a conventional cosmetics case, complete with hanging loop.

-On the Web: <http://www.brides-made.com>.

Advice for Invitations

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-On the Web: <http://www.southworth.com>.

Wedding remembrance

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PAMPARAU-JOHNSON

RICHFIELD - Victoria, Kenny, Triston, Noah, Olivia and Kelson Pamparau of Richfield announce the engagement of their mother, Kyanne Nadalia Pamparau, to David Lars Johnson of Richfield.

Pamparau is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending

the College of Southern Idaho. Johnson is a graduate of Dietrich High School and is employed at Glanbia Foods in Richfield.

The wedding is planned for 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Richfield LDS Church. A reception will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 14 at the church.

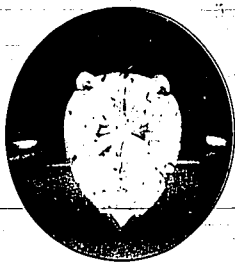
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How to make a rock-solid choice with a



By The Associated Press

The dress is stored away, never to be worn again. The flowers live on only in the photographs. What remains as bright now as the day you were married is your wedding jewelry, still catching the light in a special way, reminding you again that it symbolizes permanence and commitment.

While you should keep that precious ring in mind when selecting wedding or engagement jewelry, also be aware that your choices can be inventive and original.

Traditional shapes such as round and square cuts continue to be popular, but more unusual cuts—heart, teardrop, pear, oval, cushion, marquise and more—are being chosen often enough to be dubbed the "new classics," according to the Diamond Information Center, Information arm of DeBeers.

Other shapes that are the hottest—bridal-jewelry trend of the moment, with more and more brides wanting to select pieces that reflect their personal style," said Sally Morrison, DIC director.

Take for example the teardrop or oval solitaires (about \$18,500) in rings from Hammaman. The company also offers a charming heart-shape stone as a pendant (about \$7,500).

Most of these shapes can be found at Fortunoff's stores, but also offered is something slightly different, but still classic—the art deco-inspired platinum engage-

ment ring (\$1,995) with a round center diamond, framed with square-cut sapphires and corner accent diamonds.

The somewhat squared Lucida diamond cut has become a recent mainstay at Tiffany & Co., with platinum engagement rings ranging from \$2,060 to \$1,000,000. Companion bands (\$6,300-\$12,500) feature Lucida stones channel-set in platinum. Channel-set diamond bands also show up in some of Tiffany's classic round solitaires (\$2,630 to \$119,200).

The wedding and engagement ring combinations (\$270-\$4,110 in 14K gold; \$360-\$5,338 in 18K gold; \$655-\$8,942 in platinum) from Ze-Bridal almost look like one piece of jewelry. Designer Jill Zwaigze creates this effect by clustering tiny diamonds alongside or under the solitaire stone—a sort of nesting effect between the two rings.

She also tucks a surprise inside—the rings a tiny "secret" diamond. Jewelry designer Harout Ritani offers yet more variations on the traditional themes. One of her Royal Crown platinum engagement rings (\$2,840 for the mounting alone, in which she frames a choice of center diamond) elevates the solitaire atop a bridge of channel-set diamonds. For a period art deco look, she offers her Endless Love design (about \$6,220, also for the mounting alone), in which she frames a center round diamond with a circle of pave diamonds, and yet more

Echoing the popular lyrics, this pear-shaped diamond engagement ring from Hammaman represents a couple's lasting commitment.

diamonds set in the band.

The precious gifts don't stop with the engagement and wedding bands. The bride and groom typically exchange additional jewelry gifts, and they offer still others to the members of the wedding, according to the Jewelry Information Center, an industry group. "Giving loved ones gifts of fine jewelry and watches for weddings shows them how much you appreciate them," said Amanda Berg, JIC spokeswoman.

Gold "charm cake" mementoes for attendants—a gold charm costing perhaps \$50-\$100 and presented atop a cake at a rehearsal dinner or shower—are currently popular, according to the World Gold Council, another industry group. The group also suggests gold ID bracelets or designer cuff links as a gift for the groom from the bride.

A really status gift for the bride or any member of the wedding would be one of Cathy Carmendy's platinum or 20K gold monogram bracelets (\$5,000-\$10,000 in gold, \$8,000-\$12,000 in platinum) or necklace pendants (\$1,500 in 20K gold, \$2,000 in platinum). These laser-etched initials are laid back but elegant, some versions sprinkled with diamonds.

Choosing a philanthropic wedding gift

NEW YORK (AP) — There's now another way to honor the bridal couple besides giving them expensive gifts they may not want or need.

DonorsChoose.org is a new wrinkle on the wedding registry theme that lets couples post their preferences online to help underfunded public school classrooms.

Recently launched to aid New York City public schools, the registry also will cover 20 counties in North Carolina, beginning in January, 2004, and after that, schools in Chicago and Denver.

It's the brainchild of Charles Best, a Yale graduate and a teacher at a public school in the Bronx, one of New York City's boroughs. He found that children from many low-income neighborhoods don't have the books, art supplies, science equipment, and other materials they need for classroom learning. So he designed a Web site where teachers could develop projects in need of funding, to be matched with donations from people.

The couple can register online by creating a gift account, then browse through thousands of teacher proposals, perhaps specifying grade level, academic interest, school location, funding amount, percentage of students that receive free lunch, or percentage of ESL students. Donors can make a tax-deductible contribution that fully or partially funds a chosen proposal.

Before accepting teacher proposals, the DonorsChoose staff verifies

the teacher, the request and the availability of desired materials. The staff can negotiate discounts and price the proposal, then review the project.

In New York City, 1,400 public school teachers are now using the site to find resources for their stu-

dents. A typical proposal might be "Class Set of Hamlet," or "New Playground for P.S. 59." Donors from all 50 states already have funded \$780,000 worth of books, art supplies, science equipment and other supplies to students in low-income neighborhoods in the city.

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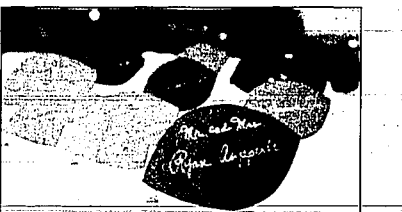
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Among her favorite bargains were the bridesmaid dresses, which she found while shopping with friends at H&M in New York the day after she got engaged. Gainer was thinking she would keep the chocolate satin full-length gowns in mind as a possibility, until she saw they were marked down to \$25. "I've been in weddings where the dress is \$250 and it's hideous," she said. "I was determined not to impose that on my bridesmaids, who I knew would be my sisters and his sisters." She was having six bridesmaids but bought eight dresses in case they needed extra fabric for hems or shawls.

During the planning process, Gainer kept everything on track by setting up a master Excel spreadsheet with workbooks for categories like the mailing list, budget, master to-do list, seating chart and song list. "I worked exclusively off the spreadsheet so there was no information in different places," she said. She kept folders for contracts, invitation samples and readings for the Mass together in a portable hanging file.

All of her list making and careful planning paid off with a wedding that ran as smoothly as one of Gainer's flowcharts. Sure, the groomsmen forgot their flowers and the bridegroom had to come into the church at the end of the ceremony, leaving the couple waiting at the altar for an excruciating four minutes.

"Little things go wrong, but who cares," said Gainer, who never lost sight of her desire to show guests a good time. "Everyone danced the whole time. That's a successful wedding to me."



Top, Stylist Tony Favaro adjusts Maureen Gainer's bridal veil as reception festivities get under way after Gainer's wedding to Eamon Reilly. The bride borrowed the wedding gown from a friend, and she picked up attendants' dresses — worn here by sisters Sheila, left, and Nora Gainer — on sale for \$25 each. Above, Maureen Gainer made her own seating cards for the reception that followed her marriage to Eamon Reilly.

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