

## GOOD MORNING

### SNOW DAY

As of Sunday night, *The Times-News* was able to confirm that numerous Magic Valley school districts would be closed for school today.

Confirmed closures include:

- College of Southern Idaho
- Buhl School District
- Castelford School District
- Filer School District
- Hansen School District
- Kimberly School District
- Murtaugh School District
- Twin Falls School District
- Valley School District
- Wheatland School District

Tune in to morning television and radio reports for the latest closures. Some districts will determine this morning whether to close.

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# City urges conservation

## Leaders ask residents to cut back on water use in landscaping

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - It's the time of year when gardeners come down with solid cases of cabin fever and can't wait for the snow to melt and the ground to thaw to begin preparing for a new season's buds and blooms.

This spring, the city of Twin Falls would like its residents to

consider ways to save water when "planning" landscapes or picking out new garden plants. The city estimates that thousands of gallons are wasted each irrigation season on city lots.

Less watering not only means water savings, but less mid-summer labor in the yard.

It's called xeriscaping - designing and maintaining a landscape to save water. To teach people

more about it, the city is offering a "free" workshop Wednesday. Watering tips and information on drought-tolerant plants, shrubs and trees will be provided.

Over-watering - particularly daily watering of lawns - is the biggest culprit of landscape water waste.

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### Learn to conserve

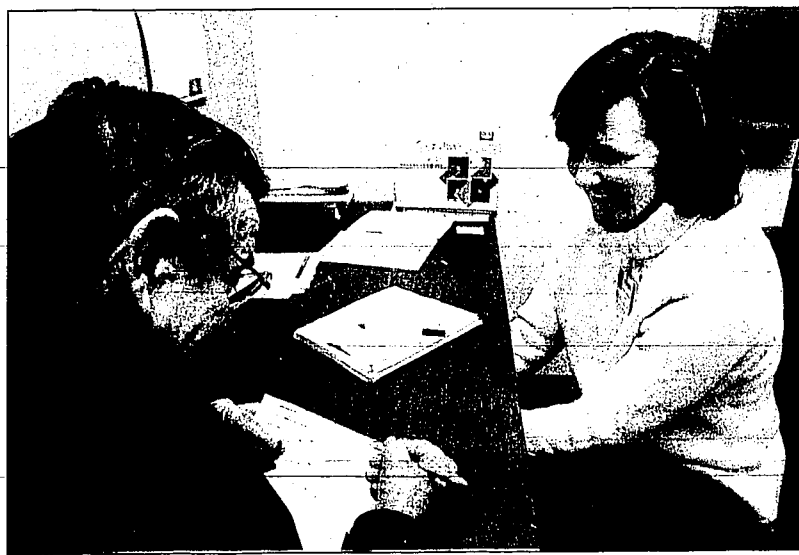
The city of Twin Falls will offer a free water conservation class from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the City Council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E. How to efficiently water lawns, choose "water wise" garden plants and other conservation practices will be covered during the presentation.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call Sherry Jeff at 735-7264 or e-mail gjscott@tfd.org.



President Bush responds to questions on NBC's "Meet the Press" Saturday in Washington.

# SEEKING TO FILL THE VOID



ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News

Shannon O'Connor, a speech language pathologist with Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, works with Gene Baggott. Magic Valley Regional says it was forced to close its outpatient pediatric therapy department because of a shortage of therapists.

## Closure of pediatric therapy unit sends families elsewhere

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - She came to Idaho 20 years ago, fresh out of the University of Utah's graduate school.

A degree in speech and language pathology in hand, she knew she had a bright future ahead of her. Jobs were plentiful, and the money was good.

But it's something else that keeps Jeanne Maxfield-Martin motivated and in the same career after all these years, she said. "Kids - that's the big thing," Maxfield-Martin said. "These little people keep you going."

And even though she could have brought home a bigger paycheck working in a hospital or as a private provider, Maxfield-Martin chose the classroom.

"I enjoy working with teachers who look at child development and the way children grow and learn in a different way," Maxfield-Martin said. "It's energizing, multidisciplinary work. We all learn something different from it."

## U.S. believes it found \$300M of Saddam's money

But, officials say they lack enough evidence to seize it

By Dafna Linzer  
Associated Press Writer

**BERN, Switzerland** - The United States believes it has found at least \$300 million Saddam Hussein hid in banks, yet doesn't have enough evidence to get countries such as Syria and Switzerland to hand over the money. U.S. and European officials told The Associated Press.

The funds at stake could go to the Iraq insurgency or the country's reconstruction - depending on who gets it first. What troubles investigators more is that much of Saddam's cash may already be gone.

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### Inside

#### MVRMC

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center salary

records, obtained by *The Times-News* for a second year, provide a unique glimpse inside south-central Idaho's biggest employer - and inside the fiercely competitive health care field.

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As one of four full-time and two part-time speech therapists for the Twin Falls School District, Maxfield-Martin's days are full. "It fluctuates through the year, but it's not unusual for a therapist in the public school to carry 80 children or more," she said.

With so many students and so few therapists, time is limited. Children each get 30 minutes to an hour a week, Maxfield-Martin said. Maxfield-Martin said she and her colleagues also spend about two hours a day

doing paperwork. "Unfortunately, every child comes into this business with a stack of paper," she said.

### Meeting the need

When Magic Valley Regional Medical Center closed the doors of its outpatient pediatric therapy department in January, it sent parents scrambling to find other providers.

Many of them with children on Medicaid turned to the schools. Only schools, hospitals and private providers who contract with hospitals can bill Medicaid for services to children age 3 and older.

"We're receiving phone calls from people wanting us to contract with parents with students in the school district," Maxfield-Martin said. "They've lost the medical part of their therapy. Parents are trying to fill that gap, and they're turning to us."

While therapists in schools focus on helping children with their speech and comprehension, things that will help in the learning process, speech and occupational therapists

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## FUNKY!



AP Photo

The group Earth, Wind & Fire perform during a tribute to funk during the 46th Annual Grammy Awards Sunday in Los Angeles. Read more about the Grammys on page A2.

## Bush: 'I expected to find the weapons'

By Deb Riechmann  
Associated Press Writer

**WASHINGTON** - President Bush denied he marched America into war under false pretenses and said the U.S.-led invasion was necessary because Saddam Hussein could have developed a nuclear weapon.

"I don't think America can stand by and hope for the best," the president said. Bush suggested Saddam may have destroyed or spirited out of the country the banned weapons the Bush administration cited as a main rationale for the war.

"I expected to find the weapons," Bush said in an Oval Office interview broadcast Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"Sitting behind this desk, making a very difficult decision of war and peace, I based my decision on the best intelligence possible," the president said. The interview was taped Saturday. Bush also was asked about the fugitive Osama bin Laden, the suspected mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks whom the president had pledged to get "dead or alive."

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## Searchers seek man lost on mountain

The Times-News

**BURLEY** - Local search and rescue teams searched over the weekend for an Inkom man who was lost in the Cottler Mountains in southeast Cassia County.

John Davis, 56, of Inkom, had been missing since Friday, Cassia County Sheriff Jim Hignens said Sunday afternoon. Davis is an employee of a public broadcast-service and had headed up the mountain Friday to access a transmission tower. Davis had planned to hike out on snowshoes.

But he has not been seen since Friday, Hignens said.

Davis had been communicating intermittently with his family and authorities over a cellular phone, the sheriff said.

"He apparently became disoriented and got off the beaten trail," Hignens said.

As of Sunday afternoon, the last time Davis had been in contact was 10:30 that morning. Rescuers feared his cellular battery had run down or that he had moved from the cellular service area.

Davis was dressed for conditions. Please see LOST, Page A2

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Chilly, partly cloudy. Highs in the 30s

Tonight: Slightly below average temperatures, fair skies and will take us through Wednesday.

Tomorrow: Mostly dry with scattered clouds. Highs in the 30s

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly dry with fair skies. Highs in the 30s

Tonight: Scattered clouds. Lows in the 20s

Tomorrow: Few clouds and quiet conditions. Highs in the 30s

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, Hi Lo Prep. Lists weather for Boise, Burley, etc.

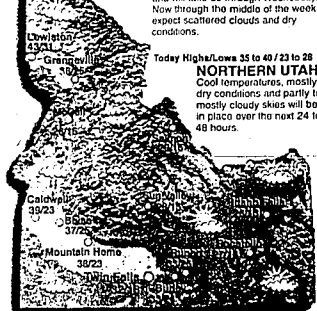
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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Chilly with a few clouds. Highs in the 30s

Today's High/Low: 19 to 29. Tonight's Low: 10 to 7. A quiet weather pattern is setting up...



REGIONAL FORECAST

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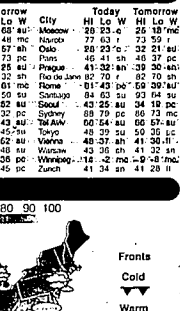
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Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Wednesday. Lists cities and their weather forecasts.

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Table with 2 columns: City, Hi Lo Prep. Lists weather for major US cities.

Kerry wins Maine caucuses, attacks Bush on war in Iraq

By Jeff Zeleny and Rick Pearson. Chicago Tribune. RICHMOND, Va. - Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, who won the Maine caucuses Sunday to bolster his Democratic front-runner status...

The Democratic presidential race seemed to pause, at least for an hour, as candidates and party leaders watched Bush submit to a rare, televised interview from the Oval Office.

CORRECTION

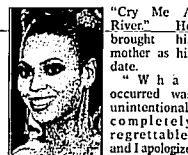
Sunday's report on the campaign finances of Magic Valley legislators contained the wrong photo for state Rep. Douglas Jones, R-Elmer. The photo depicted Douglas S. Jones of Rupert, a former legislative candidate.

Money

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Beyonce nabs five Grammys

Justin Timberlake gets two, apologizes for Super Bowl blunder. LOS ANGELES (AP) - Beyonce captured a record-setting five Grammys on Sunday for her solo debut album "Dangerously in Love"...



Beyonce Knowles

The 46th annual awards show began at 8:55 p.m. with Prince - a former ruckus king in his '80s heyday - performing "Purple Rain," marking the 20th year of the groundbreaking show and movie.

Water

Continued from A1. "We're trying to help people learn how much water they actually need to use," said Sherry Jeff, utility services director for the city of Twin Falls.

City water consumption increases dramatically during the summer, she said. The city as of yet hasn't come close to the point where it must restrict residential watering. But "it is concerned about conserving water because of the drought and the growing pinch on the water supply from springs on the north side of the canyon, which at Blue Lakes are piped across the river for city water.

Lost

Continued from A1. Crews participating in the search include Mimi-Cassia Search and Rescue, the Cassia County Sheriff's Department, Mount Harrison Snowmobile Club, Malta Fire District, Malta Ambulance and Raft River Electric Co.

Bush

Continued from A1. He checked when told that a Republican lawmaker had predicted Osama would be captured before the presidential election. "I appreciate his optimism," Bush said.

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Times-News writer Jennifer Sandmann can be reached at 733-0931. "Saddam and his henchmen could have destroyed them as we entered into Iraq. They could be hidden. They could have been transported to another country, and we'll find out."

# Hospitals top schools in therapist pay

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer



## More on-therapist pay — A1

**TWIN FALLS** — When it comes to salaries for speech and occupational therapists, school districts have a hard time competing with hospitals and private providers.

A speech therapist coming on board with the Twin Falls School District gets the same pay as a beginning teacher — \$25,000 a year to work a 201-day contract, 10 days more than a teacher. To compete with private providers and hospitals, the district pays therapists an annual stipend, but it doesn't close the gap, it just narrows the gap," said Linda Baird, the district's human resources director.

But speech and occupational therapists, particularly those who work in school districts, are looking for more than money. They're also looking for a good work environment. And there are benefits to working in a school environment — great hours, long vacations and summers off.

Despite the facts that they could make up to \$35 to \$50 an hour — \$72,800 to \$104,000 working full time for some private providers or as private providers themselves — they tend to stick around. There hasn't been an opening for a speech or occupational therapist in the Twin Falls School District in the year and a half Baird has been the human resources director.

"We don't have a lot of turnover in those positions," Baird said.

Valley Therapy Services, which provides speech and occupational therapy through contracts with school districts, private providers

said, "There's a good benefit package, continuing education."

Reed said the hospital pays employees tuition and education courses, which is a real draw when it comes to recruiting therapists.

Samantha Lopez, Magic Valley Regional's human resources director, said the hospital must take an aggressive approach to recruiting occupational and speech therapists, because it's competing with hospitals nationwide.

"We make sure our pay is competitive," Lopez said. "Mark is doing a lot with continuing education."

"Magic Valley Regional offers good starting salaries. The average starting salary of occupational therapists is \$43,763, and the average starting salary for speech therapists is \$35,510."

Joyce Hill, human resources manager at Magic Valley Regional, said the hospital keeps in close contact with Idaho State University and a college in North Dakota to recruit from their pools of new graduates. The hospital also looks for some help from the inside.

"We encourage our own employees to recruit," Hill said.

**Recruiting successfully**

Like Magic Valley Regional, Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello advertises nationally to recruit speech and occupational therapists. But successful recruiting requires more than just advertising.

"We place national ads, but there's a lot of networking and word of mouth. We could place ads in different professional journals,

but that's costly and it's not always effective," Niece said. "We've really been more successful with the Web and word of mouth. They can apply online."

Niece said she's had an opening for a speech pathologist for three months.

"We're struggling to recruit for that one," she said.

"I've drawn a number of therapists — nurses to Portneuf at the beginning of their careers so they can get a lot of experience in different areas."

"There's a lot of diversity," she said. "We also provide a lot of professional development. It's a field that continues to change."

But some therapists will find their way into private practice.

"If they're interested entrepreneurs, they can create their own practices. There is a lot of opportunity in private practice," Niece said.

The current starting salary for occupational and speech therapists at Portneuf is \$47,132. But there are other things Portneuf offers that attract new therapists.

"And when it comes to being very important to them," said Steve Klitgaard, Portneuf's director of physical medicine. "They like the way the departments are organized, the schedules, the trainings they're able to go to."

"We have an aging population, and older people have strokes," Klitgaard said. "Therapists receive a lot of organizational support," Niece said. "They receive some really good feelings of accomplishment."

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## Speech and occupational therapists

**□ The work**

Pediatric occupational and speech therapists work with children who often experience problems from complications of premature birth, such as hearing loss and cerebral palsy, congenital defects such as Down syndrome, autism, traumatic brain injuries, visual-spatial and perceptual deficits, sensory deficits and speech/language and fine and gross motor delays of known origin.

### □ The numbers

- **Twin Falls School District:** Employs four full-time and two part-time speech and language pathologists and three therapists with private providers for one physical therapist and two occupational therapists. Therapists are on the same salary schedule as teachers, starting at \$25,000 a year to work a 201-day contract. The district also gives them an annual stipend of \$4,725.
- **Magic Valley Regional Medical Center:** Has two full-time occupational therapists and five occupational therapists who work as needed, one full-time speech therapy team leader, one part-time speech therapist and five speech therapists who work as

needed. The hospital also has physical therapists as well as eight physical therapists who work as occupational therapists. The average starting salary for occupational therapists is \$43,763, and the average starting salary for speech therapists is \$35,510.

• **Portneuf Medical Center,** a county-owned hospital in Pocatello: Has seven full-time occupational therapists, one part-time occupational therapist and one full-time, certified occupational therapy assistant. Portneuf has three full-time speech therapists, one part-time speech therapist, and three speech therapists who work as needed. The average starting salary for occupational and speech therapists is \$47,132.

• **Kootenai Medical Center,** a district-owned hospital in Coeur d'Alene: Has nine occupational therapists and four speech therapists. The average starting salary is \$47,132 for occupational therapists and \$47,320 per year.

*Sources: Twin Falls School District, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Portneuf Medical Center and Kootenai Medical Center*

## Therapist

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outside the schools focus more on day-to-day living skills, things that are neurological and physical in nature based like swallowing, feeding and buttoning buttons.

J.C. Burdick, director of support services for the Twin Falls School District, said the district looks at a student's strengths and needs and builds services around them.

"Some parents may feel their child needs more extensive services," Burdick said. "We do provide some life skills services."

Alysis Budd is an occupational therapist who used to work in Magic Valley Regional's department. She now works full time for a private provider while continuing to provide services at the hospital on an as-needed basis. Budd has also noticed the impact the closing of that department has had.

"We've received many phone calls asking us if we can take Medicaid," Budd said. "It makes me sad to see the kids I worked with come far and now they're not getting therapy."

Magic Valley Regional said it was forced to close the department due to a shortage of therapists. "The hospital had been advertising for therapists in national publications for months, to no avail."

"We've been recruiting for a speech therapist for 10 months for one job, and we had another job open for 14 to 16 months," said Mark Reed, manager of the hospital's rehabilitation department.

Magic Valley Regional not only had problems recruiting therapists, but it had problems keeping them. Just four years ago, Magic Valley Regional had 11 therapists in its outpatient pediatric therapy department alone, including a physical therapist, physical therapy assistant, three occupational therapists and six speech therapists.

By the time the hospital closed its outpatient pediatric therapy department in January, the department was down to one pediatric speech therapist, one pediatric occupational therapist, one pediatric physical therapist and one occupational therapy assistant who worked a combined 25 hours a week.

"A couple people have left for other jobs, and we had one person who moved," said Samantha Lopez, the hospital's human resources director. "We've also

seen young people starting a family going part time."

Some therapists continue to provide therapy to children into the hospital as well as to a few outpatient children when time allows. The hospital now has two full-time occupational therapists and five occupational therapists who work as needed, one full-time speech therapy team leader, one part-time speech therapist and five speech therapists who work as needed. The hospital also has seven full-time and three part-time physical therapists as well as eight physical therapists who work as needed, Reed said.

### Changing the rules

One thing that would go far to spread the demand of therapists to meet the supply would be to allow private providers to bill Medicaid.

Some Idaho therapists are trying to get Medicaid to do just that. Two members of the Idaho Occupational Therapy Association Reimbursement Committee recently met with Medicaid representatives to discuss changing reimbursement to allow occupational therapists to bill Medicaid.

"We're making some slow progress, but Medicaid isn't wanting to make changes right now because of their budget restrictions," said Lesley Ruby, a local occupational therapist and a member of the committee. "We're just taking it slow with Medicaid. It's not going to happen overnight."

Ruby said allowing private providers to bill Medicaid would result in better prices for consumers.

"It would increase competition, which is good in a consumer-driven economy."

Ruby said that occupational and speech therapists will continue doing the work they love.

"We really feel a tremendous amount of support from all places we work in," said Nancy Harris, a speech therapist and owner of Valley Therapy Services, which contracts with school districts and St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. "It's a wonderful community to work in. That brings satisfaction."

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## ISU seeks Idaho therapy students for careers in state

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — When it comes time to fill the 30 or so spots in Idaho State University's speech and language pathology program, the school will be able to pick from the cream of the crop.

There's no shortage of people wanting to become speech therapists. The problem is keeping them in Idaho, said Dr. David Sorensen, chairman of the speech and language pathology department at ISU.

"We never have any open seats," Sorensen said. "We typically admit 15 into the Pocatello program and 15 into the Boise program. We have more applicants than we have seats, so we get to select the best. We try to educate Idaho students so we're much more likely to have students stay in Idaho. We feel we have an obligation to try to fill jobs in Idaho first."

Sorensen said he'd like to add more seats in the speech and language pathology program, but he'll probably have to wait awhile.

"We would like to expand the program, but given the state budget, I don't know that it's possible," he said.

A decade ago, the university had a particularly successful "grow your own" program. Public schools in Idaho identified teachers who wanted to become speech and language pathologists. The teachers would then attend the ISU program with the help of federal grants — getting an almost free education. When they completed the program, they went back to their public schools. But the program ended when the federal government quit funding it, Sorensen said.

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— Dr. David Sorensen,  
chairman of the speech  
and language pathology  
department at ISU.

**ISU programs**

For more information on Idaho State University's speech and language pathology program, call 208-282-4196.

For more information on the university's physical and occupational therapy programs, call 208-282-4095.

Information about the programs can also be seen on the university's Web site at www.isu.edu.

to create an online program in which students could do the academic work from the comfort of their living rooms and do the clinical part of their studies at schools and hospitals.

"The more people we can educate, the better chance we have to fill vacant positions," Sorensen said.

Nancy Harris — owner of Valley Therapy Services, which provides services through a contract with St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome — said she'd like to see ISU start a satellite program at the College of Southern Idaho.

"There are lots of possibilities in working with our local colleges," Harris said.

Harris suggested offering more grants and scholarships to Idaho students who want to stay in Idaho, and to other students who would promise to work in the state for a few years.

The shortage of speech and language pathologists is a national

wide problem, Sorensen said.

The demand will likely continue to outgrow the supply. One reason is America is growing and increasing the need for services. "We have an aging population, and older people have strokes," Sorensen said.

And thanks to advances in medical technology, more premature babies are surviving, although often they have special needs requiring the help of speech and occupational therapists.

"We're able to save them, but we have to be able to provide services to them," Sorensen said.

Medicine is also getting better at identifying children with special needs.

"We've become better at diagnosing language and speech disorders in young children, and we're able to get them into programs much earlier," Sorensen said.

With diplomas in hand, speech and occupational therapists have no problem finding jobs. The average beginning salary at Idaho public schools is \$25,000 to \$27,000, while the average starting salary at Idaho hospitals is \$33,000 to \$35,000, Sorensen said. The average starting salary at private rehabilitation centers is somewhere in the \$40,000 range, he said.

Hospitals usually have an easier time recruiting because of the salary differential issue," Sorensen said. "Some school districts have tried to increase the salaries."

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Car accident claims the life of Filer man

TWIN FALLS - Simon Macias-Campos, 35, of Filer, died Saturday morning in a car crash that injured four others; the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department reported.

Campos' passenger Emilio Valdez-Valecena, 27, was listed in critical condition Sunday afternoon at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Treated and released from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center were Gary and Denise Young, both 47, of Bull and their 10-year-old son.

The collision occurred at about 8:30 a.m., said Nancy Howell, spokeswoman for the sheriff's department. Macias-Campos was driving a Ford Bronco II northbound on 1900 East in Twin Falls County and failed to stop at a stop sign, Howell said. He crossed into U.S. Highway 30 and collided with the Chevrolet pickup driven by Gary Young, she said.

There was no information available Sunday about whether icy roads contributed to the crash.

### Eastbound I-84 reopens after four-hour blockage

KIMBERLY - Idaho State Police closed eastbound Interstate 84 one mile west of the Traveller's Oasis near Kimberly for nearly four hours Sunday afternoon because of a multiple car pileup.

The ISP reported that several vehicles had slid off the road or crashed in the area and asked that people who didn't need to travel stay home instead. The road was closed just after noon and reopened at about 4 p.m.

The pile-up involved a semi-truck and an Idaho Transportation Department truck. Further details were unavailable Sunday evening as officers responded to numerous stranded motorists.

Roads remained well-packed Sunday with snow that fell more than a foot deep in areas. Road crews struggled to clear miles of plugged highways and county roads throughout the area. In some areas truck vehicles blocked the flows.

### T.F. hospital board will meet and hear reports

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Hospital Board will meet at 6 tonight inside the hospital's education center now located in the former Norco building east of the hospital on Addison Avenue.

Tonight's meeting will include reports from the administrative, finance, community relations and medical executive committees. The meeting is open to the public.

### WWII veterans can join memorial registry

WASHINGTON - The National World War II Memorial will be officially dedicated in special ceremonies on May 29. The memorial site on the National Mall between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial.

Any American who served in the armed forces or contributed to the war effort on the home front, whether in war plant factories, shipyards, civil defense, neighborhoods or farms is eligible to be added to the registry, said Dennis Seppan of Twin Falls, a life member of the Disabled American Veterans.

Individuals can be enrolled through the Web site at www.WWII memorial.com or by calling 1-800-639-4992 and following the menu. Seppan said it would be appealing for the remaining World War II veterans, whose numbers are proving shorter each year, to see their memorial on the National Mall.

Compiled from staff reports

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak
Upper Snake Basin	98%	64%
Salmon Falls	121%	74%
Salmon	97%	62%
Oakley	120%	73%
Big Wood	91%	61%
Little Wood	99%	64%
Honyra/Fork/Teton	113%	75%
Big Lost	97%	60%
Little Lost	94%	64%

"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 spring."

# T.F., CSI look to hire lobbying firm

## Their goal is to tap federal funding for various projects

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The city, the College of Southern Idaho and Magic Valley Regional Medical Center hope to see new federal money headed their way with a little help from a lobbying firm.

The City Council today considers a year-long agreement with the Gallatin Group, which has offices in Washington, D.C., around the Pacific Northwest and in Boise.

### Meeting today

The Twin Falls City Council will meet in regular session at 5 p.m. today in the new council chambers at 305 Third Ave. E. next to City Hall. The meeting is open to the public. Among the items on the agenda:

- **Castlewood Subdivision** - In spite of opposition in the neighborhood, the council will consider the final plat for the Castlewood Subdivision No. 1. The development would have

- 19 acres of family housing built on Grandview Drive between Filer and LLC avenues. Castlewood Development LLC would eventually develop 85 lots, all at least 6,000 square feet or larger.
- **Canyon Trails Subdivision** - The council will consider the final plat for this 14-acre subdivision east of North Drive and south of Federation Boulevard.

The city, college and hospital would each pay \$2,400 a month, or \$28,800 a year, for aid in acquiring federal money. Each entity could leave the agreement early if they choose.

City Manager Tom Courtney said the city would use contingency funds to pay the firm.

The council already has a list of high-priority items for which it would like to receive federal funding. For instance, there is the Augor Falls project, which would use treated wastewater to create wetlands in the Snake River Canyon. Courtney said the city might open the area to the public this year. In the long term, the project would

need between \$4 million and \$5 million, but the city could make use of any amount of money and start small.

Courtney said the impact on water quality would be great. "This has significance to many people outside of Twin Falls," Courtney said. "The city could also use federal money for an arsenic dilution demonstration project, which would help the city find a way to reduce the arsenic concentrations in its southern wells by adding water to them from canals, Courtney said. This project would cost about \$1.4 million.

The city is looking into spending \$375,000 on a geographic information system that would combine computerized city maps with layers of information about property values, infrastructure and many other things. Some parts of it would be

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# FINDING THEIR WAY



Biljana Prutina, who teaches English as a second language in the Twin Falls School District, helps Snjezana Cvjetkovic, 10, right, and her sister Suzana, 9, during class at Morningside Elementary School. Prutina, her husband and two daughters fled from Bosnia in 1994 and came to Twin Falls.

## Refugee family regains jobs lost in move

By Lorraine Cavener Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - In Bosnia, Biljana Prutina was a high school Russian language and literature teacher for 16 years. Her husband, Ekrem Prutina, was an elementary school principal.

But when the couple and their two daughters came to Twin Falls nine years ago, there was no chance that they would immediately get jobs of the caliber they had in Bosnia. The Prutinas could speak no English.

Besides the language barrier, Biljana had no idea how to get her credentials translated so she could use them, to help her acquire a teaching job - even after she learned English.

When the family first arrived, they began taking English classes and working with help from the College of Southern Idaho Refugee Service Center. Ekrem started working for a company that makes horse trailers. Later, he got a job at Oregon Trail Elementary School - as a janitor.

It has taken nearly a decade of effort, but the Prutinas have begun regaining their status as educators. After they mastered English, Biljana and daughter Zana continued taking classes - Biljana received a master's degree last year from Boise State University, and Zana earned a master's degree in business administration from Webster University in Vermont. Biljana now teaches English as a second language in the Twin Falls

School District, and Zana is working for the United Nations in Sarajevo.

The other daughter, Sanja, is in her second year at Carroll College in Helena, Mont.

Ekrem, meanwhile, still works as a janitor at Oregon Trail Elementary - "My husband was working to support us," Biljana said - but he's looking to higher education to help him get a better job, too. He works in the afternoons and evenings and takes CSI classes in the mornings, studying to become a teacher aide.

### Getting back to the classroom

Biljana's first job in Twin Falls was at a greenhouse. Later, while

working in the laundry room at what was then the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital, she also went to nursing school, got her LPN license and began to work as a nurse.

Four years ago she got a job as the home-school refugee coordinator and teacher aide for the school district, which was dealing with the influx of students from Bosnian and other Eastern European families who came to the community through the CSI refugee center.

"They needed a person to translate to teachers," she said. "Through that position, Biljana eventually found her opportunity to become a teacher again.

She was working for the school district when one of the teachers at

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## Minidoka County leads state in train-car collisions

By Brandon Flala Times-News writer

RUPERT - More people were killed by trains in Minidoka County last year than anywhere else in Idaho.

The county also had the most train-automobile collisions. "It's definitely alarming when you see five accidents in one county and 17 statewide," Operation Lifesaver State Coordinator Chris Arvas said. Operation Lifesaver is a national, non-profit education and awareness program dedicated to ending train-automobile collisions.

There were five train-automobile collisions in Minidoka County last year with two fatalities and three injuries, Arvas said. Statewide there were 17 collisions with three fatalities and six injuries.

"Last year the numbers really jumped in Minidoka," Arvas said. In the five previous years from

### Train-automobile collision statistics

Here's a look at train-automobile collisions in the Magic Valley. More collisions and fatalities occurred in Minidoka County last year than any other county.

County	Collisions
Gooding County	0
Blaine County	1
Jerome County	2
Lincoln County	8
Minidoka County	4
Twin Falls County	3

Source: Chris Arvas, Operation Lifesaver

1998 to 2002, there were only four collisions in Minidoka County. In contrast, Jerome County had eight.

There are a number of possible reasons for the increase, Arvas said. "Many of the crossings don't have stop signs," he said. Although winter weather sometimes means limited visibility, weather didn't seem to be a factor in most of the accidents.

Minidoka County Sheriff's Department Lt. Dan Kindig isn't sure why so many accidents occurred.

"Some of it is unexplained," he said. "For example one of the places had a stop sign. I think motorists just aren't as attentive as they should be."

Kindig said the sheriff's department is conducting normal patrol for people running stop signs, but isn't focusing on railroad crossings. Kindig said motorists need to pay attention to crossings.

"Train approach faster than many people realize," he said. "Trains can't swerve and they can't

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## Paul mulls crossing update

By Brandon Flala Times-News writer

PAUL - Leroy Klamm drove across the railroad crossing on Main Street every morning to get to work but didn't think the crossing was safe.

Klamm said the crossing lights often stayed on for weeks after a train had passed through town and that snow and debris piled up.

"There was the potential for a big accident," he said. So Klamm did something about it. He went to the January City Council meeting and complained.

"The Paul fire department went and cleared it off," he said. "Right now, there aren't too many problems."

The crossing still poses a danger, Klamm says, even though there haven't been any accidents at that site for years. "I've seen many near-misses, where people almost hit the train," he said.

Large trucks maneuvering

### Meeting tonight

The Twin Falls School Board will meet today at 7 p.m. in the school administration building's board room at 201 Main Ave. W. The meeting is open to the public.

## Board eyes contract for schools chief

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Interim Superintendent Willey Dobbs could lose the "interim" from his title tonight.

The Twin Falls School Board is scheduled to consider a three-year contract for him during the board's regular 7 p.m. meeting.

"I'm very excited," Dobbs said Friday. "I love this job." Dobbs' salary of about \$90,000 a year would not change because of the district's tight budget, he said.

"He's doing a very fine job," School Board Vice Chairman Del Traveller said. "We're very pleased and satisfied."

Traveller said the end of the district's tight budget is approaching, so it is an appropriate time to renew Dobbs' contract.

Before becoming superintendent, Dobbs was the district's operations director. He took over as superintendent when Terrell Donidit left in August to become superintendent of the McCall-Donnelly and Meadows Valley school districts.

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Other items on tonight's School Board agenda:

• **Drug testing revision** - The board will consider a list of specific activities and sports that require random drug testing at Twin Falls High School. These would be added to the district's policy and updated every year, said Linda

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Willey Dobbs



MAGIC VALLEY WEST

TWIN FALLS CITY COURTS

The Times-News

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

Diving under the influence sentencings

Melvin Rodney Ward, 42, 488 Magnolia St., Twin Falls, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty, \$1,000 fine with \$300 suspended, \$750.00 court costs; 90 days in jail with 30 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; submit to alcohol testing; complete all treatment; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Joseph Todd Requa, 17, 239 Sixth St., Twin Falls, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty, \$200 fine with \$200 suspended, \$75.00 court costs; 90 days in jail with 30 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 90 days; 12 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; attend court alcohol school; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Johnnie Ramos Trujillo, 23, 259 Pleasant View Road, No. 40, Twin Falls, one count driving under the influence; pleaded guilty, \$500 fine with \$200 suspended, \$75.00 court costs; 90 days in jail with 30 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; attend court alcohol school; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Misdemeanor sentencings

April Lynn Hubbard, 22, 3775 N. 2600 E., Twin Falls, public defender fee; 90 days in jail with \$200 suspended; \$75.00 court costs; 75% public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 30 suspended; 24 months probation; \$27.50 restitution; four days sheriff's work detail in lieu of jail; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Utah resident launches Web site for 'Clean TV'

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Fed up with what he views as increasingly offensive material on television, a Utah resident is launching a "CleanTV" Web site where people can register their complaints to stations and advertisers.

Train

Continued from A4 stop quickly. People need to use caution.

Refugee

Continued from A4 Harrison Elementary School, Arva Burton, asked her why she was not a teacher.

Court records

Thomas Tyrone Dolbeck, 45, 15 Twin Falls, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty, \$1,000 fine with \$300 suspended, \$750.00 court costs; 90 days in jail with 30 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; submit to alcohol testing; complete all treatment; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Thomas Ray Spencer, 34, 245 VanBuren St., Twin Falls, domestic battery; pleaded guilty, \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 15 suspended; credit for 22 days served; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; or he where they are present; submit to alcohol testing; obtain alcohol education; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

James Earl Luckett, 19, 1276 Occidental Ave., Burley; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pleaded guilty, \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 75% public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 30 suspended; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; or where they are present; submit to alcohol testing; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Barbara Estelana Martinez, 27, 216B N. Lee, Jerome; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty, \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.00 court costs; 90 days in jail with 30 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; complete any treatment; driving ordered by probation officer; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyth.

Jerril Scott Sizer, 21, 1064 Wendell St., N. Twin Falls; petit theft; pleaded guilty, \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 75% public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 30 suspended; credit for two days served; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; complete cognitive change program; one count possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Peter William Kovacoff, 27, 18033 U.S. Highway 30, Hagerman; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pleaded guilty, \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 75% public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 30 suspended; 24 months probation; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; submit to alcohol testing; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

DeVore Burton said, "Things just kind of lined up and worked."

jail with 10 suspended; six months probation; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Crystal Marie Miller, 24, 2026 Elizabeth Blvd., No. 112, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pleaded guilty, \$150 fine with \$150 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; waived; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months probation; complete drug court; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Christopher Brookshire, 20, no street address available; Hansen; petit theft; pleaded guilty; fines and court costs waived; credit for jail time already served; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Tommy Lloyd Standish III, 18, 614 Fourth Ave., W. Twin Falls; carrying concealed weapon; pleaded guilty, \$500 fine with \$150 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; five days in jail with five suspended; six months probation; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Tiro Manuel Murro, 18, 20323 U.S. Highway 20, Buhl; one count possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty, \$1,000 fine with \$1,000 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 30 suspended; 24 months probation; one count possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; \$1,000 suspended; 90 days in jail with 30 suspended; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

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\$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 12 months probation; one count contempt of court; pleaded guilty; five days in jail with five suspended; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Antonio Velasco-Luna, 32, 700 Lady Luck Drive, No. 44, Jackpot, Nev.; petty theft; pleaded guilty, \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 30 days in jail with 30 suspended; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Kevin Robert Barrett, 26, 452 Carriage Lane, Twin Falls; possession of stolen property; pleaded guilty, \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; waived; 12 months probation; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

Kevin Robert Barrett, 26, 452 Carriage Lane, Twin Falls; one count driving without privileges; pleaded guilty, \$500 fine with \$500 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days in jail with 30 suspended; credit for two days served; 24 months probation; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages; submit to alcohol testing; one count possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pleaded guilty; 90 days in jail with 30 suspended; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Stoker.

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Square dance club will host Valentine potluck

JEROME - The Magic Valley Square Dance Club will hold its Valentine Potluck and Dance on 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10 at the American Legion Hall in Jerome.

All square dancers are invited and are asked to bring a potluck dish, such as casserole, a relish tray or dessert. The club will furnish the meat dishes, rolls and table services, along with punch, coffee, and hot chocolate.

The suggested donation is \$2.50.

Twin Falls Republicans host Lincoln Day banquet

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls County Lincoln Day Banquet, sponsored by the Twin Falls Republican Party, will be held Feb. 17 at the Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave.

Social time begins at 6 p.m., and a prime rib dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each.

Guests invited to speak include Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, Sens. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo, and Reps. Mike Simpson and C.L. "Butch" Otter.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP and purchase tickets by Feb. 10 by calling Mike Mathews, Republican Central Committee chairman, at 735-0712, or one of the co-chairmen of the Lincoln Day Banquet, Kristina Glascock at 735-0705 or Jennifer Goss-Eells at 735-4400.

Rotary dinner will raise funds for scholarship

TWIN FALLS - The Blue Lakes - MINIDOKA COUNTY COURTS -

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RUPERT - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Minidoka County included:

Joseph Britton Lilly Jr., 30, 450 Poleline Road, No. 97, Twin Falls; domestic battery; dismissed by prosecutor; victim's lawyer willing to cooperate; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyth.

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Magic Valley in brief

Rotary Club is accepting donations toward a permanent scholarship at the College of Southern Idaho.

One of the Rotary's objectives is to encourage and foster the ideal of service not only in current business professionals, but in future business professionals as well, according to a news release. The scholarship project will help to celebrate the Twin Falls Centennial in 2004 and the Centennial of Rotary International in 2005.

Our goal is to raise at least \$10,000 to establish the endowment," said Shawn Barigar, a Blue Lakes Rotary Board member coordinating community service.

Tax-deductible donations toward the scholarship endowment can be given to any member of the Blue Lakes Rotary Club, or mailed to P.O. Box 1132, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303. Receipts of the donation are available upon request.

The Blue Lakes Rotary Club will host a Friday evening dinner and silent auction later this month. The Centennial Scholarship Endowment Dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 29 at the Rock Creek Restaurant in Twin Falls. Tickets for the dinner are \$37.50 per person or \$75 per couple. Tickets are available from any Blue Lakes Rotary Club member or by calling Mike Morgan at 732-0232. Silent auction items donated by local merchants will be available for purchase at the event.

Compiled from staff reports

Driving under the influence dismissals

Cynthia L. Stegers, 30, one count misdemeanor driving under the influence; dismissed, one count carrying a concealed weapon without a license; dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Genarlo Garcia Aguilera, 22; one count misdemeanor excessive driving under the influence; dismissed, one count carrying a firearm; dismissed; one count failure to purchase a driver's license; dismissed; one count leaving the scene of an accident; dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Becky A. Fairchild, 23; one count misdemeanor driving under the influence; dismissed, one count carrying a firearm; dismissed, one count failure to purchase a driver's license; dismissed; one count leaving the scene of an accident; dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

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## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

**66**  
When my dad won the national championship at UCLA in 1973, they turned down the offer to go to the White House and instead wrote a letter to Richard Nixon asking him for his resignation.

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*- Former California gubernatorial candidate Nate Walton, son of NBA legend Bill, who told the College Sports about his father's brush with the White House*

### TRIVIA

**QUESTION:**  
Who are the oldest coaches and managers to win titles in the four major professional sports?

*...answer below*

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school girls basketball
  - SA Region Four-Five, 7:30 p.m.
  - Paceticello at Minico, 7:30 p.m.
- 4A District IV
  - Burley at Century, 7 p.m., loserout
  - 2A Canyon Conference tournament
- Glenns Ferry at Wendell, 7 p.m., loserout
- 1A Magic Valley Conference
  - at Murtaugh High School
  - Raft River vs. Oakley, 7 p.m., 2nd place
- High school boys basketball
  - Raft River at Murtaugh, 4 p.m.
  - Richfield at T.F. Christian, 6 p.m.

### IN BRIEF

#### T.F. Rec plans trips to Sun Valley

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls and Recreation Department is offering two ice skating sessions at the Sun Valley Ice Arena. The cost is \$45 and includes transportation, instruction, skate rental and admission for both Saturdays of each session. The first session will be Feb. 14 and Feb. 21. The second session is Feb. 28 and March 6. The registration deadline is today for the first session and Feb. 23 for the second. Call 736-2265 for more information or register at 136 Maxwell Ave.

#### O'Leary booster club will meet tonight

**TWIN FALLS** - The O'Leary Junior High School booster club meeting will meet today at 7 p.m. in Room B-13 at the school.

#### Declo Rec continues wrestling registration

**DECLO** - The Declo Recreation Association is taking wrestling registration for boys in grades kindergarten-6. The cost is \$10 per athlete with a T-shirt and \$5 without. Forms can be picked up at the elementary or junior high school offices. Practice starts March 2. For more information, call Carol at 654-6893.

Compiled from staff reports

### TRIVIA ANSWER:

George Halas won an NFL title at 68 years in 1955. Scotty Bowman won the Stanley Cup at 68 years on March 17, 1993. Jack McKeon won the World Series at 72 years on 10/10/01, and Chuck Daly won the NBA championship at 59 years on 6/8/02.

## Celtics' Baker battles alcoholism

By Howard Ullman  
Associated Press writer

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**OLD SAYBROOK, Conn.** - The message was painted on the wall of Don't Buy 'N' Dream's With Reality And Never Lose Your Dreams V.L.B.

Vincent Lamont Baker realized his dream of playing in the NBA. But somewhere between the dimly lit gym at Old Saybrook High School and the bright lights of the FleetCenter in Boston, reality came crashing down.

The respectful youngster who grew up in an affluent shoreline suburb became an alcoholic.

"We can stand here and say, 'Why can't he kick it?' Well, it's a disease and it's a bad thing," said Pat Burke, who coached Baker as a high school freshman in this community about 30 miles from New Haven. "But he's going to bounce back."

On Jan. 23, Baker was suspended indefinitely by the Boston Celtics for failing to comply with his aftercare program. It was his third suspension. If it stretches 10 games, until Thursday, the team could try to get out of a contract that would pay him about \$35 million from now through the 2005-06 season.

The players' union most likely would file a grievance if that happened. Only the doctor overseeing his care, approved by the team and Baker, can determine if he's ready to return. The team supports Baker and is awaiting word from the doctor. Celtics owner Wyc Grousbeck said through a spokesman.

Baker's agent, Aaron Goodwin, declined to comment about his client's situation or whereabouts. Shortly before the opening game this season, Baker spoke of his big expectations.

"I put the pressure on myself to, obviously, be better than last year," he said at the time. "I'm just excited to be on the floor."

Baker's problems shocked those who know the smiling, considerate son of a Baptist minister who lived with his parents at their home during off-seasons. "I've been in college athletics 30 years and he is just the best person,"

said Pat Meiser-McKnett, the athletic director at the University of Hartford where Baker starred. "He's not a monster."

In August, Baker ran his annual tournament at the Hartford Golf Club that has raised about \$300,000 for his alma mater.

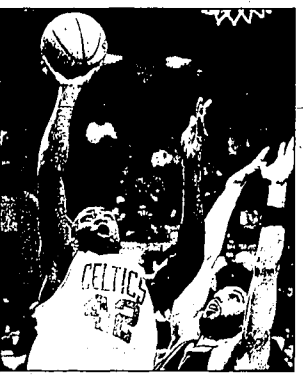
Mike Dunleavy, his first pro coach with the Milwaukee Bucks who took him with the eighth pick of the 1993 draft, called Baker "terrific" and a "pleasure to have around."

"I don't know what went wrong," said Nate McMillan, who coached Baker for two seasons in Seattle. "I thought once he got to Boston, he would play much better basketball."

But the four-time All-Star struggled after being traded Aug. 22, 2002, to a team that played close enough for family and friends to attend games. But he averaged 5.2 points and 18.1 minutes. The 6-foot-11 power forward was overweight and overmatched, and jeered by the home crowd.

Now at 32, he may not fit with a team that is rebuilding.

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Boston Celtics center Vin Baker (42) gets past Seattle Sonics forward Vladimir Radmanovic, right, Dec. 10, 2003. The four-time NBA All-Star guard has struggled with alcohol problems that have left him suspended twice in as many seasons with the Celtics.

### NHL ALL-STAR GAME

## In with the old

43-year-old Messier turns back the clock in East's 6-4 win in All-Star game

By Alan Robinson  
Associated Press writer

**ST. PAUL, Minn.** - They call Minnesota the State of Hockey and, fittingly, the NHL's All-Star game there reflected the state of its hockey, too. The trend to defense has spread even to the sport's showcase game.

In a relatively low-scoring game befitting what is jokingly called hockey's dead-puck era, 43-year-old Mark Messier turned back the clock and Joe Sakic scored three goals, but the goalies dominated in the Eastern Conference's 6-4 victory Sunday over the Western Conference.

"The goaltending was unbelievable and we got a game out of it because of the goaltending," Messier said after four of the six goals allowed only a single goal apiece. "Otherwise I think it would have been up in the double digits for both sides."

Messier, in his 15th All-Star appearance, had a goal and an assist and Daniel Alfredsson had two goals and an assist for the East to overcome All-Star MVP Sakic's hat trick.

Only two goals were scored in the first period against goalies Martin Brodeur of the East and Marty Turco and in the third and against the East's Roberto Luongo and the West's Dwayne Roloson as all four made a series of exceptional saves.

Messier set up the game's first goal, Adrian Aucoin's shot that eluded Turco's glove with about 5.5 minutes gone as the goalie swiped at it along the right side of the net.

Messier, who was already a Stanley Cup winner with Edmonton when 19-year-old Columbus All-Star Rick Nash was born, later tied it at 3 with the first of three consecutive East goals in



Western Conference winger Keith Tkachuk of the St. Louis Blues, left, takes Eastern Conference center Jeremy Roenick of the Philadelphia Flyers out of play during the first of the NHL All-Star game Sunday in St. Paul, Minn.

the final 6:12 of the second period against Nashville's Thomas Vokoun. Vokoun let in four of the 12 shots he faced in his All-Star debut.

Gary Roberts, who retired for the 1996-97 season because of a neck injury but came back a season later, put the East ahead 4-3 by slamming Alfredsson's lung

rebound past Vokoun less than a minute after Messier's goal. Alfredsson, the Ottawa star who played most of the game on a line with rival Mats Sundin of Toronto, made it 5-3 late in the second by swiping in a Sundin rebound that lay in the crease between Vokoun's pads.

The only goal against Brodeur -

arguably, the NHL's MVP to date - was by Sakic, who tied it at 1 with the first of his consecutive goals for the West. Sakic's three goals equaled his total in his first eight All-Star games.

Sakic was the 14th player in NHL history to score three or more goals; five share the record with four goals.

## Minnesotans still blame Modano for loss of team

The irony is so thick it's unavoidable, even to the sometimes indifferent eyes of Mike Modano.

Never in his 15-year NHL career has he been so popular. In the middle of the worst season of his career, he was voted by the fans to start for the Western Conference in the NHL All-Star Game.

"And despite his popularity, he has returned to a place where he remains a decidedly unpopular Minnesotan."

The No. 1 pick who was going to revive and rescue the North Stars from oblivion, Modano remains the face of Minnesota fans' equate with their original NHL franchise moving to Dallas in 1993.

Although Minnesota has a new franchise in the Wild, complete with a new packed arena in St. Paul, bitter feelings remain toward the team that was once theirs and the star who never shined until he left. Although he has put the move behind him, it's clear the state still hasn't.

"It goes back when we first left. I was disappointed when we didn't make a better effort to stay in town," said Modano, who will join teammates Bill Guerin and Marty Turco as starters for the All-Star Game Sunday in St. Paul. "It was a situation (in which) not many fans came out to support us. If we had the support they were there now, we would have never moved."

Shortly after owner Norm Green moved the franchise to Texas to the anger of Minnesota, Modano was outspoken in his criticism of the fans who were suddenly outraged.

Modano witnessed an NHL franchise dying from the day he was drafted.

Playing in a now-destroyed arena stuck in a Twin Cities suburb, the North Stars weren't the puck-crash area's most appealing hockey team.

The Minnesota Gophers and high school hockey were the first

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## Singh cruises at Pebble Beach

The Associated Press



Vijay Singh holds the tournament trophy after winning the ATAT Pebble Beach National Pro Am Sunday in Pebble Beach, Calif.

**PEBBLE BEACH, Calif.** - Vijay Singh blew away the field Sunday at Pebble Beach to continue an amazing run that keeps moving him closer to his ultimate goal - replacing Tiger Woods at No. 1.

Singh led the first three holes to bury co-leader Aaron Oberholser, closing with a 3-under 69 for a three-shot victory in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

The hard-working Fijian had an easy time, leading by as many as five shots on the back nine and allowing plenty of time to soak in breathtaking views on another pristine day on the Monterey Peninsula. Equally spectacular was his game.

Despite bulky greens that kept Woods away, Singh managed to make 25 birdies for the week. He hit the flag twice in the final

## Surprising Biffle wins Daytona pole

By Mike Harris  
Associated Press writer

**DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.** - Greg Biffle is full of surprises at Daytona.

After winning the Pepsi 400 here in July - the only rookie in NASCAR's top stock car series to win a race in 2003 - the former Busch Series and Craftsman Truck Series champion grabbed the pole Sunday for the Daytona 500.

Biffle's fast lap of 188.387 mph was just good enough to relegate Elliott Sadler's 188.355 to the outside of the front row in next Sunday's Nextel Cup season-opener.

The time difference between

the two fast laps was a mere 0.008 seconds.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. has the favorite in every event he enters at Daytona these days, missed the front row with his lap of 188.210 and will determine his starting spot in next Sunday's 43-car field by racing in one of Thursday's twin 125-mile qualifying events.

"We just weren't fast enough," said Earnhardt, who finished second to Jarrett in Saturday night's made-for-TV Budweiser Shootout on the same track. "We're going to go out and try to win our 125-mile, like we did last year."

Rickey Rudd was fourth at 188.162, followed by Dale Jarrett at 187.884.

SPORTS

# NFC survives shootout, 55-52

By Greg Beacham  
Associated Press writer

HONOLULU — There was nothing relaxing about this Sunday afternoon in Hawaii: The highest-scoring Pro Bowl in history also might have been the most exciting edition of the NFL's all-star game.

MVP Marc Bulger threw a Pro Bowl-record four TD passes, and Detroit's Drew Bly returned an interception 32 yards for the game-tying score with 4:50 to play during the NFC's rally from an 18-point deficit in the final 13 minutes of a 55-52 victory over the AFC.

And it wasn't over until Indianapolis' Mike Vanderjagt, the automatic kicker who didn't miss a field goal or an extra point all season — was barely wide right on a 51-yard field goal attempt as time expired.

The 25th straight sellout crowd at Aloha Stadium missed this thriller. With 42 points in the better-skeller fourth quarter, the teams easily topped the 82 total points scored in 2000 — and they set another record with 1,022 total yards, including 300 in the fourth quarter.

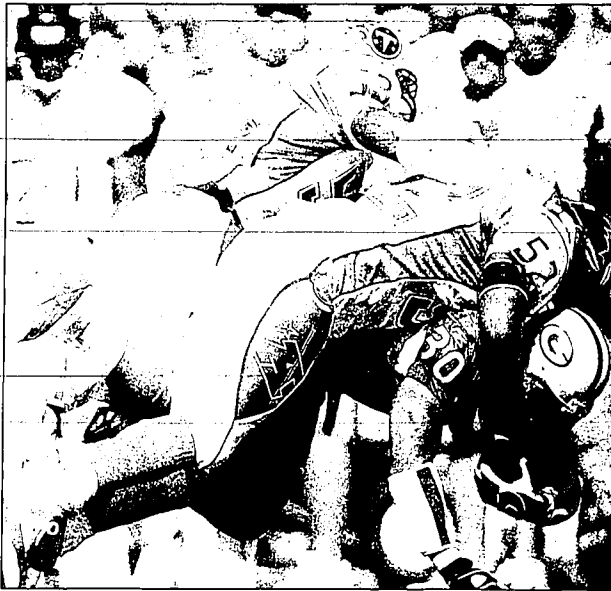
Shaun Alexander had three touchdowns for the NFC, which scored 28 straight points in the fourth period to set the scoring record for a single game. Tony Holt caught seven passes for 128 yards and a score.

Bly, Corey Chavous and Champ Bailey all had fourth-quarter interceptions.

Payton Manning passed for 342 yards and three touchdowns, but he couldn't stop the AFC from falling apart. Manning threw a 10-yard TD pass to Hines Ward with 1:54 left, and after Bulger threw an end-zone interception, Manning led the AFC into scoring territory.

But he was sacked with 4 seconds left, and Vanderjagt barely missed for the second time Sunday.

Bulger, an injury replacement for Philadelphia's Donovan McNabb, sat out the first half, then led an impressive comeback. He



NFC running back Ahman Green of the Green Bay Packers, bottom, is tackled by AFC linemen Keith Bulluck of the Tennessee Titans, top, and Ray Lewis of the Baltimore Ravens in the first quarter of the 2004 Pro Bowl Sunday at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu. The NFC won, 55-52.

owned one of his completions to thousands of smart football fans, however: Atlanta's Alge Crumpler scored a 33-yard TD in the fourth quarter on a pass play selected by online voters.

Denver's Clinton Portis, another first-timer, put the AFC up 45-27 with 13:14 left, turning a 23-yard screen pass into a TD with a sideline sprint and dive. Portis cele-

brated by getting up and running full-suit into the goalpost.

But Bulger engineered two more scoring drives. When Alexander scored on a 5-yard pass with 5:43 to play, the NFC pulled within 45-40.

Moments later, Bly stepped in front of Manning's pass to the AFC sideline and rambled for a diving score.

The fireworks began from the AFC's opening play. Coach Tony Dungy called a long pass — and when Bly stumbled to the turf, Chad Johnson streaked behind him for a 98-yard scoring catch from McNair on the first play of his first Pro Bowl.

Johnson, Cincinnati's brash receiver, had five receptions for 156 yards.

# Lakers' Fisher steals game from Magic

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Derek Fisher stole the ball from Rod Strickland and set up Gary Payton's layup with 4.1 seconds left, leading the Los Angeles Lakers to a 98-96 victory Sunday over the Orlando Magic.

Shaquille O'Neal had 20 points, 10 rebounds and five assists for the Lakers, who rallied from an 18-point deficit to hand Orlando its sixth straight loss.

Payton finished with 18 points, while Fisher had 15 points and three steals. Kareem Rush added 17 after missing two games with a sprained ankle.

For Orlando, Tracy McGrady had 35 points, six rebounds and six assists in his return after a two-game absence because of back spasms.



Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal, center, dunks over Orlando Magic's Drew Gooden as Lakers guard Gary Payton watches during the first half Sunday in Orlando, Fla.

## Grizzlies 99, Timberwolves 98

MINNEAPOLIS — Shane Battier's second basket of the game, a 14-foot jumper with 2.9 seconds remaining, helped Minnesota's Grizzlies to a 99-97 lead over the Timberwolves.

Mark Madsen missed an open layup at the buzzer, allowing the Grizzlies to hang on for their franchise-record 29th win just 50 games into the season. Minnesota lost at Target Center for the first time since Dec. 9.

Sam Cassell had 34 points and 11 assists for Minnesota, including two free throws with 13.9 seconds remaining — 10 — to give the Grizzlies a 99-97 lead.

Cassell earlier missed a free throw to end his streak of 71 in a row. Kevin Garnett added 30 points and 16 rebounds for Minnesota.

Paul Gasol scored 27 points on 11-of-14 shooting for the Grizzlies, who trailed by five with 2:08 remaining.

## Pacers 97, Heat 91

INDIANAPOLIS — Jermaine O'Neal scored 22 points and Reggie Miller had 15, all on 3-pointers, to help Indiana hold off Miami.

Miller, shut out from the field at Toronto on Friday, hit all five of his 3-point attempts against the Heat, the last with under two minutes to go for a 90-82 lead. The Pacers scored their final seven points on free throws, five by Anthony Johnson.

Lamar Odom had 25 points for Miami.

## Trail Blazers 95, SuperSonics 85

PORTLAND, Ore. — Zach Randolph had 25 points and 16

rebounds for his 29th double-double of the season, and Portland beat Seattle.

Damon Stoudamire added 19 points and six assists for the Blazers, who have won seven of eight. The Sonics have lost six of their last eight.

The Blazers led by as many as 15 in the second half, but the Sonics cut it to 84-82 after Vladimir Radmanovic's 3-pointer and Ray Allen's four straight free throws.

Stoudamire's 3-pointer and Randolph's layup boosted Portland's lead to 89-82.

Allen started and scored 22 points even though he was doubtful for the game because of a sprained left shoulder.

## Nets 99, 76ers 87

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Kenyon Martin matched his season high with 29 points, and New Jersey gave interim coach Lawrence Frank his seventh straight victory.

Frank, who replaced the fired Byron Scott as coach of the two-time defending Eastern Conference champions, moved within two wins of tying the NBA record for the best coaching start. Kurt Rambis of the Lakers (97.98) and Buddy Jeannette of the Baltimore Bullets (1947-48) each started their career 9-0. The Nets have won eight straight games overall, all by 10 or more points.

Jason Kidd had his 57th career triple-double, finishing with 14 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists. Allen Iverson had 27 points and eight assists for Philadelphia.

## Knicks 110, Clippers 104

NEW YORK — Stephen Marbury scored 15 of his season-high 42 points in the first four minutes of

the fourth quarter to lead New York to its fifth straight victory.

Marbury eclipsed the season high of 40 he set earlier this season for Phoenix, shooting 15-for-20 overall and 4-for-5 from 3-point range to give New York its longest winning streak in nearly three years.

Kurt Thomas added 28 points, making his first seven shots to give him 14 consecutive made field goals over two games, and finished 12-for-19 to help New York improve to 9-3 under coach Lenny Wilkens. Corey Maggette and Elton Brand scored 28 apiece for the Clippers.

## Kings 115, Nuggets 92

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Peja Stojakovic made a career-high seven 3-pointers and scored 35 points for the Kings.

Stojakovic finished 7-of-11 from 3-point range, and was 11-of-21 overall from the field for the Kings, an NBA-best 23-4 at home. Mike Bibby made six 3-pointers and had a season-high 30 points.

Rookie Carmelo Anthony had 24 points and eight rebounds for the Nuggets, winless in their last 15 games at Arco Arena.

## Raptors 84, Warriors 81, OT

OAKLAND, Calif. — Morris Peterson hit a 3-pointer with 3 seconds left in overtime to give the Toronto Raptors an 84-81 comeback victory over Golden State in overtime.

Golden State was 1-of-13 from the field in the quarter, with Erick Dampier making the only basket. The combined 20 points in the fourth quarter set an NBA record for the fewest in a final period.

## Engel

and second choice. Not only were their tickets cheaper, their teams were better.

From the 1986-87 season to the 1992-93 season, the North Stars never posted a winning record. They did, however, reach the Stanley Cup Finals in 1991, where they lost to Mario Lemieux and the Penguins.

In the home opener the season after reaching the Stanley Cup Finals, Modano estimated 7,000 fans showed up.

And when, a few years after relocating to Texas, the Stars began winning, the bitter feelings grew

# Roddick fuels Davis Cup sweep

By Howard Fendich  
Associated Press writer

UNCAVILLE, Conn. — Andy Roddick knew he wanted to play a Davis Cup match Sunday, even though the United States already clinched a quarterfinal berth.

Why? Because he likes to put on a show for fans. He likes to play for his country, and he likes to be around his teammates.

That all gives captain Patrick McEnroe reason to believe his squad could end the Americans' longest Davis Cup title drought since the 1930s. He could be right, if the 5-0 sweep of Austria in the first round is any indication.

"It was a dominating performance for us. That gives me a lot of confidence," McEnroe said. "It is going to get tougher from here, but I am pretty pleased."

What he enjoyed most during the week was the way Roddick, Robby Ginepri and the doubles team of twins Bob and Mike Bryan got along. Roddick and the Bryans got matching buzz cuts and traded barbs during news conferences. Ginepri kept his long locks, but he did join the other players for raucous ping-pong and arcade games.

He pounded axes at up to 150 mph in a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Jurgen Melzer on Sunday, then sat in the stands to root for Ginepri during a 7-5, 6-2 win against Stefan Koubek. The United States took an insurmountable 3-0 lead Saturday.

Next up for the Americans as they try to win the country's 32nd Davis Cup title, and first since 1995, is a quarterfinal in April at home against Sweden, Florida, Arizona or Southern California are possible sites.

The other quarterfinal matchups are Belarus vs. Argentina, the Czechs vs. France, and Netherlands vs. Spain.

Sweden advanced by knocking off defending champion Australia 4-1 in Adelaide. The Swedes have won the Davis Cup seven times, including three in the last decade, defeating the United States 5-0 in the 1997 final.

"We are going to be tested



Andy Roddick, of the U.S., delivers a 150 mph serve to win the final point in his Davis Cup singles match with Jurgen Melzer, of Austria, Sunday in Uncasville, Conn. Roddick defeated Melzer, 6-4, 6-2.

against them," McEnroe said. "But I certainly like our chances, especially playing at home."

Roddick ended last season at No. 1, thanks in part to his U.S. Open title, and currently is No. 3. The Bryans are the world's top-ranked doubles team. Ginepri just cracked the top 25 in the singles rankings.

And being close in age surely helps foster camaraderie: Roddick and Ginepri are 21, the Bryans are 25.

Even the Austrians took note of the all-or-none attitude on the U.S. team.

"They seem very together. They are all close friends," Melzer said. "They enjoy playing Davis Cup, and if they compete like this, the whole way, they can win it."

Roddick opened Sunday's match by breaking Melzer's serve. As the players switched sides, fans began chanting "One fifty-one! One fifty-one!" — a reference to the service speed they wanted to see from Roddick.

He responded by hitting his first serve of the match for an ace at 150 mph, sending the ball bouncing into the stands.

Play was held up momentarily while Melzer approached the bleachers to check on a woman who was hit in the shoulder by the ball. After the match, Roddick apologized to the woman, made sure she was OK and posed for a photograph together.

# Baker

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"That was probably one of his dreams to be Boston Celtic. I'm sure there was tons of pressure on him," Burke said. "He's just a very sensitive kid."

Baker was first suspended Feb. 27, 2003, and didn't play again last season. He was treated for alcoholism in New Canaan, Conn. He got into much better shape and started strongly this season, scoring in double figures in 21 of his 35 games.

"He worked so hard to get it back to where it was," Burke said. "So all this just blew our mind."

Baker totaled just 12 points in four games before being suspended for three games. He came back from that but played in just two of the next five games before being suspended again. Failure to comply covers many issues, including testing positive or refusing to take a test, and the team is prohibited to say why he is in violation.

"He's really just down to earth," Celtics guard Mike James said, "but there's temptation in his life every thing, in every day. He just has to overcome his temptations."

During the NBA lockout of 1998-99, Baker says he began binge drinking. That was his second season in Seattle after four in Milwaukee.

"I think he had his values where they belonged," Burke said, "but when you're making a

lot of money and you're on the road all the time and you're in the hotels all the time, it's tough to keep it straight."

One of Baker's closest friends in Seattle was guard Gary Payton, who attended the ceremony when Hartford retired his No. 42 jersey in 1998.

"He's like a little brother to me," Payton said. "As long as they keep working with him, he'll be fine."

There's no guarantee, but the Son of Old Saybrook is trying. There are few temptations in this summer resort town of about 10,000 year-round residents just two hours from Boston and New York. Katharine Hepburn and other celebrities have lived there, in part, because the townspeople respect their privacy.

"When you work in a grocery store and not get trampled," Burke said.

Baker has traveled a long road since he sang in the choir of his father's Full Gospel Tabernacle Church in Boston, turned at a white sign that points to the right and says, "Jesus Saves." The narrow road leads out at the small, simple church with a plain cross and no sign identifying it. Baker has made the trip many times.

"He just knows we're there to support him and we have faith in him," Meiser-McKnett said. "If anybody can do it, he can."

# Golf

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round, and would have done it a third time, except his chip on No. 10 was so true it dropped in the cup. Singh finished at 16-under 262, three shots ahead of Jeff Maggert.

Maggert overcame a fourput for front tees No. 16 with birdies on his last two holes for a 69. Phil Mickelson also had a 69 and finished third, his third top-10 in three starts this year.

That's nothing compared with Singh, who ran his streak to 12 consecutive finishes in the top 10 dating to the NFC Invitational in Odessa. He is two away from the

modern-day record set by Jack Nicklaus in 1977.

## Els holds off Scott at Heineken Classic

MELBOURNE, Australia. Ernie Els held off Adam Scott by a stroke in the Heineken Classic after blowing an eight-stroke lead with a terrible start that included a triple bogey.

Els stumbled by his third straight victory in the event, playing the front nine in 6 over en route to a 2-over 74. He opened the tournament with a course-record

69 — playing the front nine in 7 under — and added rounds of 66 and 68 to finish at 20-under 268 at historic Royal Melbourne.

## Fleisher claims Royal Caribbean Classic in Florida

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Bruce Fleisher won the Royal Caribbean Classic for the third time in six years, closing with a 1-under 71 in windy conditions for a one-stroke victory.

Fleisher ran off eight straight pars on the back nine before hitting a 6-footer for birdie on the 18th.



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No. 4 Connecticut women overcome turnovers

STORRS, Conn. — Diana Turner had 21 points and six steals and No. 4 Connecticut overcame a season-high 33 turnovers to beat No. 22 Miami 83-65 on Sunday.

CSI baseball falls to Plima

CC in tournament finale HENDERSON, Nev. — Starter Brandon Christiansen went five innings but it wasn't enough against Plima (Ariz.) Community College as the College of Southern Idaho lost 3-0 to conclude their stay at the Third Annual Coyote Sluggfest in Henderson, Nev. Sunday.

CSI (2-31) could have used more help at the plate.

The Golden Eagles scored 14 runs in six games and gave up only 17. "When you play six games and hit four runs in the most, you expect to come away with a couple more victories," Walker said. "We're not swinging the bats real well but we haven't seen live pitching since October."

Idaho State wins on road at Weber State

OGDEN, Utah — Marquis Poole and Scott Henry each scored 24 points Saturday to lead Idaho State to an 81-75 win over Weber State.

Doug D'Amore added 11 points for Idaho State. Henry also had 15 rebounds

John Sparrow led Weber State (35, 10-1) with 20 points. Sparrow scored 16 points, and Lance Alford had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Vandals bury Cal Poly-Solo with late run

MOSCOW, Idaho — Dwayne Williams scored nine of his team-high 16 points in a decisive second-half run Saturday, lifting Idaho to a 60-4 victory over Cal Poly-Solo.

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The victory was Idaho's fourth straight, and third straight in conference play. Idaho's last four-game win streak was in 1993.

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Hedrick leads 1-2 U.S. finish in speedskating

HANAR, Norway — Chad Hedrick and Kristina Groves won the men's and women's 1,000-meter speedskating races Sunday.

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## OTHER VIEWS

### Smoking ban would clear the air in Idaho

The Idaho Statesman

Smoking is a matter of personal choice, but second-hand smoke is a public health issue.

According to reports in the Journal of the American Medical Association, 43 percent of children and 37 percent of non-smoking adults are exposed to second-hand smoke each year; second-hand smoke is the nation's third leading cause of preventable death; and each year, 53,000 non-smokers die from tobacco-related illnesses.

That's why Sen. Brent Hill's personal campaign against smoking makes for good public policy.

His bill, scheduled for a hearing Monday, would strengthen Idaho's Clean Indoor Air Act by banning smoking in all public offices, restaurants, retail stores or taxi cabs. Smoking also would be prohibited within 20 feet of entrances to schools, hospitals, libraries, airports, arenas and concert halls.

This issue is personal for Hill. R-Rexburg, a second-term lawmaker. He and his family say his 28-year-old son Ritchie developed lung cancer through second-hand smoke. In order to get treatment, Hill said, his son has had to walk through "a wall of smoke" just to enter the hospital.

There's something wrong with this picture. The victim isn't the smoker who may feel hassled or ostracized. The victim is someone with lung cancer or asthma - for whom second-hand smoke isn't an inconvenience, but a real health threat.

Lawmakers shouldn't get seduced by the siren call of personal freedom, the familiar but specious argument that was applied last year to water

down a bill to toughen seat-belt laws.

The personal freedom argument was bogus that time around; here, its downright insulting to anyone downwind of someone else's nicotine habit.

Personal freedom cuts both ways. When the smoker exhales and the non-smoker inhales, it's time to respect the non-smoker's rights.

Lawmakers also will hear that a smoking ban infringes on private business - and will hurt restaurants.

Mike Fitzgerald, owner of TableRock Brewpub & Grill, says his restaurant has been able to accommodate smokers by restricting smoking

ing to the bar and using oversized ventilation units and high ceilings to keep the smoke out of people's faces. Fitzgerald, vice president of the Idaho Lodging and Restaurant Association, says restaurants should be allowed to choose smoking policies that best fit their customers.

We still think the best solution is a smoking ban. The National Conference of State Legislatures, which tracks legislative activity in all 50 states, cites some compelling reasons from Delaware, which enacted strict anti-smoking laws in 2002.

Advocates tested the air in eight establishments, including five restaurants, and found a 95 percent reduction in carcinogens.

The nation's smoking minority - an estimated 46 1/2 million adults - feel singled out by anti-smoking laws. But as long as non-smokers and smokers alike have to share the same air, government has a responsibility to protect everyone's health. This bill is a strong step in that direction.

**Their view:** This guest editorial from the Idaho Statesman in Boise says Sen. Brent Hill's smoking ban legislation is a practical solution for second-hand smoke concerns. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



### Send Dean packing to Vermont

MYRIAN MARQUEZ

Howard Dean's downward spiral continued in South Carolina and Oklahoma and Arizona and North Dakota and New Mexico and Delaware and Missouri - excuse me while I let out a Dean-like yelp - Yehaw!

Won't you go home to Vermont, Howard Dean, and be happy?

In interview after interview as Tuesday polls and caucuses closed in seven states, a tight-spined Dean promised to keep fighting for the Democratic nomination, despite John Kerry's seven wins so far and John Edwards and Wesley Clark's one each in Tuesday's elections.

If there was a theme to Tuesday's electoral battles it would be voters' quest for a candidate who can espouse moderation and gravitas to beat President Bush. Polls keep showing the economy and health care are top concerns for voters, and public approval of Bush's job performance has slipped below 50 percent for the first time.

Dean, despite his record of balancing budgets in Vermont, simply is too far to the left for most of the nation. He surely touched a nerve with those Democrats who remain angry at the 2000 election debacle, but please, let's move on already. There is anger among many voters - including independents - about the economy and the war in Iraq, but perulant tirades such as Dean's "I have a Scream" speech after his second-place loss in Iowa aren't the mark of a leader. At least not the kind of leader for 21st-century America. His harangue seemed to be a throwback to a Cold War speech by, say, Nikita Khrushchev. Quick - grab Dean's shoes!

For months, Kerry's detractors have tried to paint him as the Great Satan liberal, going so far as to liken him to "Hitler!" Jane Fonda and her infamous rejection of the war on North Vietnam seem to speak to that Kerry's war record speaks for itself. His protests against the war upon his return may well have saved more lives than his critics claim he endangered by speaking out.

In the military-rich South, though, Kerry's public criticism of Nam seems to cancel out his military-hero status. His is a zero-sum gain. In fact, exit polls conducted for the Associated Press and other news organizations Tuesday found that Edwards beat Kerry in South Carolina among all age groups and most demographic groups, including among military veterans.

In the Southwest, Kerry secured the Latino vote. But New Mexico and Arizona's Hispanic voters, many tracing their Spanish/Mexican roots for generations in those states, don't necessarily reflect the more conservative concerns of white Southern Democrats.

Southern whites will determine if Bush stays, and that's Kerry's challenge. But winning the Southern states alone, as Edwards may do, won't be enough to steer the party to the center. And Dean's stubborn refusal to leave the race now only delays the inevitable.

The Democrats need a winning Southern strategy that can give Bush the heebie-jeebies. They don't have one.

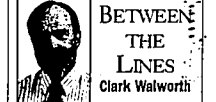
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### Don't judge a writer by his cover

I was the kind of phone call that makes me wince. Our receptionist was on the line, saying a man in the lobby wanted to write a column for us.

Could I spare a few minutes to meet him? Aspiring columnists are a thorn in every editor's backside. Nine times out of 10, their ideas are impractical. Most of them write badly. And they're hard to get rid of, because they're awfully proud of their writing.

So I sighed softly and cringed to the lobby. The man's gray head and casual look led me to think he was the worst kind of aspiring columnist: a retired guy with lots of time to chat. I resigned myself to hearing him out.



**BETWEEN THE LINES**  
Clark Walworth

He said he had been researching local history. With the Twin Falls centennial going on, would the paper like to print some old yarns he had dug up?

He showed me a sample. It wasn't bad. Humm. This might have possibilities. At least he wanted to write about something local. Too many would-be columnists choose national subjects. They don't realize newspapers get lots of that stuff cheaply from news services and syndicates.

So I decided not to brush him off right away. Instead, I applied my acid test: "Tell you what," I said. "Write me some more samples. Bring me your first three columns and a list your first 12 topics. We'll give them a look."

The homework assignment is my secret weapon. Many would-be columnists have one or two ideas, but they soon realize the job isn't as easy as it looks. Even if they can bang out three samples, trying to list a dozen good topics separates the writers from the talkers.

But the old guy was unfazed. He pulled a sheaf of papers out of his jacket. "I have those right here," he said. Danged if he didn't.

This began "Tales of the Tract," James Varley's twice-monthly column about Twin Falls history. Varley, I soon learned, was the author of four previous books of the same lore. He was a meticulous researcher, with the disciplined work ethic of a career naval officer - which he had been.

Right from the start, his writing was clear and lively. But he had a thing or two to learn about being a columnist. The first time his column inspired a critical letter to the editor, he called me in obvious anguish.

His credibility had been challenged. What should he do? I laughed and welcomed him to the journalistic club. Talk slow, slow breaths, I told him - and concentrate on growing a thick skin.

Since then, Varley's columns have been a popular staple of our Centennial page, appearing every other Sunday. Now they've been compiled along with a slew of historical photos, in a hardcover book, "Tales of the Tract: The Beginnings of Twin Falls, Idaho and the 'Magic Valley' went on sale last week, with most of the profits going to the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation.

Varley's project has been an asset to the Times-News and a treat for readers. I'm proud to have been involved. Maybe I'll be a little less skeptical the next time it would be columnist shows up in our lobby.

Thanks, Jim, for a lesson learned.

Managing Editor Clark Walworth discusses the news business on Mondays in "Between the Lines." To offer a comment or to suggest a topic, e-mail him at [clarkw@timesnews.com](mailto:clarkw@timesnews.com), or call 735-3255.

### Meet the columnist

James Varley's next book signing is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Magic Valley Mall, near Center Court. Varley's column, "Tales of the Tract," appears in The Times-News every other Sunday.

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### Day of Remembrance distorts facts on Japanese

Last year, Dirk Kempthorne was duped into signing a proclamation that Feb. 19 would be "A Day of Remembrance" for the old Minidoka relocation camp. The politically correct notion that race was a motive for relocation is wrong!

During World War II, Japanese-Italians and Japanese-Americans were considered threats to national security and their loyalty was doubtful. Read "Magic" by David D. Lowman. Those considered a threat were relocated. Some Japanese evacuees had demonstrations to show support for Hirohito. They were segregated and transferred to Tule Lake. There were some that renounced their citizenship. No such demonstrations were taken by the Germans for Hitler or Italians for Mussolini.

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such demonstrations were taken by the Germans for Hitler or Italians for Mussolini. Congress passed the "Executive Claims Act in 1948 and over 26,000 claims were paid. Then in 1988 congress passed (PL-383 and paid \$20,000). Payments went to enemy aliens living in Japan, U.S. citizens who renounced citizenship, U.S.-born children of Japanese diplomats who went home, babies born in relocation camps. No payments were made to Germans or Italians. Japanese were paid twice!

By far the most fascinating part of this "fish story" proclamation is the 442 RCT. The exhibit at The Smithsonian Institute has recently been corrected to reflect the truth about the 442. They claimed 9,486 purple hearts. This was reduced to 3,600! They claimed

18,143 individual decorations. This was lowered to 4,000! Dirk condemns President Roosevelt for EO9066 2-19-42. I condemn Dirk for his "Day of Remembrance" proclamation. The "Day of Remembrance" will always be Dec. 7, 1941! Feb. 19 will always be the day the United States Marine Corps landed on Iwo Jima! FRANK AND JUNE THRESHER Halley

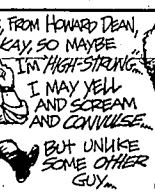
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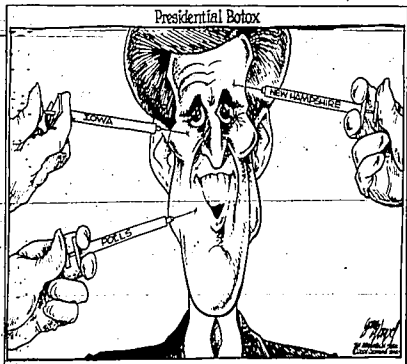
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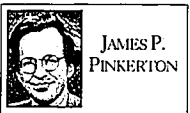


AT LEAST I'VE GOT A PULSE.



# Democrats have no one to beat Kerry

John Kerry is going to be almost impossible to stop in his quest for the Democratic presidential nomination. He has won seven of the nine primaries and caucuses held so far. In fact, he won about 43 percent of the 1.3 million votes cast, from Delaware to New Mexico. To be sure, the Massachusetts senator could commit some horrible gaffe or suffer some candidacy-derailing revelation, but as a politician in the public eye for more than three decades, he is not unknown. Which makes it unlikely that he will be blown out of the water by a surprise torpedo.



JAMES P. PINKERTON

John Edwards won one state last night, but it was, after all, the state in which, South Carolina and Carolina. And Edward Edwards has no inorganic good will in the media - Katie Couric called his Tuesday-night speech "quite moving" on NBC's "The Today Show" - he does not have Dixie to himself. Instead, Edwards must share the South with Wesley Clark, who won Oklahoma, a state with roughly the same number of Democratic delegates as South Carolina. If Edwards is "hot," media-wise, Clark is "cold," many reporters have come to regard him as phony. But still, the fact that he won as many states Tuesday night as Edwards prevents the news media from declaring the boyish to be the Alternative to Kerry. And that's good for the front-runner who naturally wants to see his rivals divided, the easier for them to be conquered.

So here's the situation: Kerry, having won everywhere from New Hampshire to New Mexico, will put Dean down for good if he can win Saturday's contests in Michigan and Washington. Meanwhile, Edwards and Clark will continue to duke it out in Dixie - next up, Tuesday's Tennessee and Virginia primaries. At some point, Kerry of the North will have to square off against the Champion of the South, whose name is yet to be determined. But that fight showdown won't be much of a contest, because the Democrats are a Northern party now. The only real mystery remaining in this nomination quest is whether either Edwards and Clark can do well enough in the South to make it onto the national ticket as Kerry's running mate.

James Pinkerton is a Neusday columnist.

## Wood River businesses support wilderness pact

This week, I proudly joined more than 130 Idaho business leaders in sending letters of support for a Boulder-White Clouds wilderness to Congressman Mike Simpson. Business leaders have come together to send a clear message protecting the Boulder-White Cloud Mountains as wilderness makes good sense for Idaho.

I support the Boulder-White Cloud wilderness efforts for two reasons. First, as broker of Sun Valley Group Real Estate, I believe wilderness designation will be a tremendous economic growth for all of Idaho. Having been in the real estate industry for the past 10 years, I am familiar with the reason people move here - it's our beautiful, pristine state. Secondly, and most importantly, the Boulder-White Clouds are a unique place that should be protected for future generations to enjoy. I have spent many hours in this magical place hiking, fishing and skiing and only hope the same for my grandchildren and yours. I believe this special Idaho place deserves wilderness protection and wilderness protection here will benefit the local and state economy.

The money that wilderness brings in to Idaho businesses is significant. According to consumer reporting, recreation spending here includes such as Idaho River Sports, Backwoods Mountain Sports and Jimmy's All-Season's Angler generated roughly \$40 million in sales in 2001.

The connections between protected public lands and economic success are documented. The Institute for Southern Studies at Durham, N.C., reports "states that do the most to protect their natural resources also wind up with the strongest economies and the best jobs."

A recent report titled "Working Around the White Clouds" by the Sonoran Institute highlighted these connections on a local level. The report notes the economic opportunities that wilderness designation for the White Clouds has to offer Blaine, Butte and Custer counties. These opportunities include job creation in the private and public sector and attraction of retirees who spend money locally.

Protection of the Boulder-White Clouds would support hunting, fishing and wildlife watching, which also benefits the Idaho economy. In 2001, for example, Idaho anglers spent \$40 million on traps, tackle and other items, and fishing created 7,773 Idaho jobs, according to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Wilderness is part of what makes this state such an attractive place to live and visit. And the bottom line is that it's just good business sense. Congressman Simpson is to be commended for his efforts to preserve our wild lands.

KEITH PANGBORN  
Sun Valley

Survival preparation is key to enjoying the outdoors. I enjoyed Stu Murrell's timely article about being prepared for survival when engaging in outdoor activities.

As a member of the Civil Air Patrol, which is frequently called upon to help search for missing hunters, snowmobilers and other outdoor enthusiasts, I'd like to offer an additional tip: Always carry something large and bright colored that can be used to signal searchers. A red disposable plastic tablecloth is ideal and will easily fit in a jacket pocket or the tool bag of a snowmobile. Spread your tablecloth out in an open area that can be clearly seen from a wide area of the sky. If you see an aircraft that looks like it might be searching, try to attract its attention with anything bright colored or a mirror. Members of the Civil Air Patrol

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## MILTON NODACKER

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## Smoke concerns equal that of dairy odor

I applaud Dr. David McClosky! His stand against cigarette smoke is admirable. In the '40s, people thought you were a hyphenate if you complained that cigarette smoke hurt you. I took lots of shots trying to get rid of the allergy to cigarette smoke. Finally, the doctor said I wasn't allergic to cigarette smoke, it was the nicotine in the smoke that hurt me. It is the same with cow manure. It is the chemicals in the cow manure that are injurious to our health.

Several years ago, I went to an open session about a new dairy being put in west of Twin Falls. The neighbors were asking the county commissioners to please not let the dairy in. I said that the chairman that cigarette smoke hurt you. I'm going to get worse. I recently received a booklet on asthma. Children's asthma cases are increasing. Neighbors of this factory dairy with sinus and head problems are having trouble coping with the odors. With 30- to 60-mile-an-hour westerly winds blowing across town, everyone is subject to these chemicals.

I hope the medical profession will explore the dangers of these manure odors and the harmful effects of adding hormones to our increasing numbers of dairy cows. I hope children - teaching our children to dance with straight toes and relaxed knees is not only fun, it teaches them to think and listen, increasing their span and the ability to concentrate.

## MERLE STODDARD

Twin Falls

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tory policies already in effect that lead to the discovery of the one infected animal, which had come to the United States from Canada. When it comes to humans getting BSE from infected animals, the risk is "dose to zero," according to David Rokke of the Harvard Center for Risk Assessment, which has done a thorough study of the risk of BSE to the human food supply.

Further, it is important to note that, since 1997, U.S. Department of Agriculture feed rules make it illegal to feed ruminant-derived protein supplements to cattle and other ruminant animals. Therefore, the risk of a cow consuming contaminated feed is low, as industry compliance with the ruminant feed ban is now in excess of 99 percent, according to the FDA.

Dairy farmers take care of their animals by ensuring that their dairy herds are provided a nutritious diet, good veterinary medical care and healthy living conditions.

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# Kidnapping spurs scrutiny of justice system in Florida

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — For the better part of a decade, the man suspected of killing an 11-year-old girl whose abduction was caught on videotape had been under the supervision of Florida's criminal justice system. But despite his many brushes with the law, Joseph P. Smith never spent long behind bars.

Now, Carlisle Brucia's grieving family is demanding to know why Smith — a drug addict who admitted attacking one woman and was accused of trying to kidnap another — was a free man.

The longest Smith has ever spent in prison is less than 14 months. He was acquitted of the most serious crime on his rap sheet — an attempted kidnapping, after telling jurors he meant the woman to harm.

Florida Attorney General Charlie Crist said Saturday that his office already was reviewing whether the state's probation laws need to be tightened to deal with offenders like Smith.

"You can't help but think some of the statutes are too permissive," Crist told The Associated Press. "I think it's important we review putting more teeth into our statutes."

Crist said the laws being reviewed deal with probation violators and the options judges are

given to punish them. That review took on new intensity Friday when Joe Brucia, Carlisle's father, called on Gov. Jeb Bush for an investigation of why Smith had served relatively little time in prison despite more than a dozen arrests.

"The system failed Joe, and it failed that little girl," Smith's former business partner, Ed Dinyes, told the St. Petersburg Times.

Dinyes said Smith should have been locked up because of his repeated crimes. "Maybe he deserves to die for what he's done, but the state should have to pay a price, too," he said.

Carlisle was abducted Feb. 1 while walking home from a friend's house, and videotape from a security camera at a car wash showed her being led away by a man police say was Smith. The girl's body was found Friday in a church parking lot.

Sarasota Circuit Judge Harry Rapkin, the latest judge to have handled Smith's case, said Friday he was not at fault for not putting Smith in jail when the unemployed mechanic failed to pay court costs and fines in December. There's no "labor's prison" in Florida, and Smith wouldn't have been held simply for not paying a bill, the judge said.



A man pushes a box containing a television in St. Marc's Port, 55 miles north of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Sunday.

# Crowds loot Haitian port as bloody uprising spreads

Crowds looted port as uprising spreads in Haiti after bloody battles between police, gunmen.

ST. MARC, Haiti (AP) — Hundreds of Haitians looted TV sets, mattresses and sacks of flour from shipping containers Sunday in this port town, one of several communities seized by rebels in a bloody uprising against President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Using felled trees, flaming tires and car chassis, residents blocked streets throughout St. Marc a day after militants drove out police in gunbattles that killed two people. Many residents have formed neighborhood groups to back insurgents in their push to expel the president.

"After Aristide leaves, the country will return to normal," said Axel Philippe, 34, among dozens massed on the highway leading to St. Marc, a city of about 100,000 located some 45 miles northwest of the capital, Port-au-Prince.

At least 18 people have been killed since armed opponents of Aristide began their assault Thursday, setting police stations on

fire and driving officers from the northwestern city of Gonaïves — Haiti's fourth-largest city — and several smaller nearby towns.

Anger has been brewing in Haiti since Aristide's party won flawed legislative elections in 2000. The opposition refuses to join in any new vote unless the president resigns, he insists on serving out his term, which ends in 2005.

Clashes between government opponents, police and Aristide supporters have killed at least 69 people since mid-September.

In the bloodiest fights of recent days, 150 police tried to retake control of Gonaïves on Saturday but left hours later after meeting fierce resistance, witnesses said. At least nine people were killed, seven of them police, in gunbattles with rebels hiding on side streets and crouched in doorways.

Crowds mutilated and beat the corpses of three police officers. One body was dragged through the street as a man swung at it with a machete, and a woman cut off the officer's ear. Another policeman

was lynched and stripped to his shorts, and residents dropped large rocks on his body.

Haitian radio stations reported claims by other rebels that as many as 14 police were killed in Gonaïves on Saturday, but that couldn't be confirmed.

Before dawn Sunday, arsonists burned down a two-story building in northern Cap-Haitien housing the studio of Radio Vision 2000, the independent Haitian broadcaster said.

Rebels continued to rule the streets of Gonaïves on Sunday, witnesses said, though it was unclear how many armed militants were in the city of 200,000.

Calling the violence acts of terrorism, the government has vowed to regain control of the area, but it was unclear when police planned to return.

Police have deserted at least six other nearby towns, including Ennery, Gros Morne, L'Estere, Anse Rouge, Petite Riviere de l'Arbitraire and Trou du Nord, according to the Haitian Press Network, a local news service.

# Police find major child-porn ring in rural southern Illinois

MOUNT VERNON, Ill. (AP) — Soon after a 13-year-old runaway told police she had posed for pornography in a rural backwoods apartment, police knocked on its rickety door. What they found inside stopped them cold.

Computers and CDs in the apartment held an enormous collection of child pornography. That led them to a child-porn ring they say involved a staff member of a boarding school for the learning disabled, a middle-school basketball coach and at least four others.

Six men have been charged so far and police say more arrests are likely.

It's not yet clear how many minors were involved, but authorities don't believe any attended the schools where two of the suspects worked. The youngest alleged victim is believed to be around 13, Mendon said.

Authorities are still sifting through evidence, including seven computers seized from Cameron's home, around the corner from an elementary school.

"I think we've only touched the tip of the iceberg," said Williamson County State's Attorney Charles Garnati. He declined to elaborate.

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Police say they don't believe Cameron, 35, a slight man with round, frameless glasses, involved Brehm students, and no pornography was found at the school. He had passed a background check because he had no criminal record, school officials said.

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Still, counselors were on hand Feb. 2, Woodlawn's first day back after Griffith's arrest and a week of snow days.

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# Highway shooting damages two cars

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A van and a Mercedes were shot minutes apart on an interstate Sunday in a region where a series of 21 sniper shootings have occurred, investigators said.

The gunfire seems consistent with the sniper shootings along Interstate 270 south of Columbus, based on initial evidence, Franklin County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Steve Martin. He stopped short of linking the two shootings to the serial gunfire.

No injuries were reported in Sunday's shootings, which happened about 11:30 a.m. on Interstate 71 near Jeffersonville, about 40 miles southwest of Columbus, said Jerril Redfern, a dispatcher with the State Highway Patrol.

One person has died in the serial shootings, which have targeted vehicles, schools and homes since May.

Authorities were looking for a dark sports car that may have been connected to the gunfire. Martin said the shots were fired from two overpasses about one mile apart. Witnesses said they saw a white man in his 30s or 40s and a small, dark-colored vehicle on the overpasses. Authorities have said some shots in the previous cases came from overpasses.

Authorities had taken two juveniles with a pellet gun into custody after Sunday's shootings, but ultimately determined they were not connected to the crimes, State Highway Patrol Lt. Rick Fambro said. The youths were in a car matching the witnesses' description, he added.

"Basically it's a case of being in the wrong place at the wrong time," he said. Authorities questioned the juveniles and were releasing them, Fambro said.

One lane of I-71 was closed, backing up traffic for several miles, as police searched the area of Sunday's shootings. Officers were seen examining a van parked at a gas station off I-71 and a car parked in the highway shoulder about two miles away.

# Opportunity rover takes images of bedrock

LOS ANGELES (AP) — NASA's Opportunity rover took microscopic images Sunday of a bedrock outcropping on the surface of Mars that scientists hope will answer questions about whether the rock could have formed in water.

The images will help scientists understand what the environment was like when the rover was formed, said Jim Erickson, deputy mission manager.

Opportunity's camera spotted the outcropping, which is about 50 feet long and a foot high, within days of its Jan. 24 landing. It is the

first bedrock outcropping seen on any Mars mission.

The microscopic images and other tests could shed light on whether water — a key ingredient for life — ever flowed freely on Mars. NASA planned to use an instrument Monday to determine the rock's chemical makeup.

Also Sunday, scientists were studying data that the Spirit rover had gathered Saturday by drilling a small hole into the sharply angled rock dubbed Adirondack.

It was the first rock to be drilled by either of the two rovers on the Mars mission.

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Section B

## Let's send Dave Barry to Mars

Should we go to Mars? I don't mean penicillin, of course. I, for one, am unable to go to Mars because of a dental appointment. But should humans, in general, go to Mars?

As you know, the idea of a Mars mission was proposed recently by President George "W" Bush. What happened was one evening he and his staff were sitting around the Oval Office, trying to think of something for the nation to do, and they got to looking out the window at the vastness of the night sky, and the president suddenly said: "Hey, we should go to ... to ... whaddyacallit!"

The president actually was thinking of a Chinese restaurant on Wisconsin Avenue, but before he could clarify this, his staff had worked out this whole big Mars mission. So he figured, what the hey.

This is not a new dream. As long as humanity has been human, it has looked toward the heavens and dreamed that some day, some way, there would be giant federal corporations involved. And there has always been a particular fascination with Mars, the fourth planet from the sun, unless we count Marlon



HUMOR  
Dave Barry

Brando. Mars - sometimes called "The Red Planet," because it appears, to the naked eye, to be orange - gets its name from the ancient Greek or Roman name "Mars," meaning "Mars." The planet has long captured the popular imagination, because for many years, people believed that Martians might live there, based on the fact that there are canals, which suggests the presence of boats, and, in the words of the late Carl Sagan: "If there are boats, then there would have to be somebody to fix them."

In 1938, Orson Welles did a radio "news" broadcast, based on "The War of the Worlds," about invading Martians landing in the town of Grover Mill, N.J. The broadcast created a nationwide panic, although it was of course a hoax: The Martians actually landed in Philadelphia, where many still reside, as evidenced by U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter. As I write these words, we have yet another space mission planned on Mars, and it has been sending back exquisitely detailed photographs of rocks. At this point, I, for one, am willing to stipulate that rocks, basically, covered with rocks, but our space scientists apparently do not intend to stop until they obtain photographs of every last one of them.

Which leads us to the president's plan for getting to Mars, which consists of four stages:

• **STAGE 1** - We set up a base on the Moon, which has less gravity than Earth, because it is farther away.

• **STAGE 2** - We build a rocket up there, using cheap local labor.

• **STAGE 3** - Astronauts get into the rocket, blast off from the Moon, and fly back to Earth, where they go to a Wal-Mart and stock up on supplies, especially deodorant.

• **STAGE 4** - They blast off again, and, after a difficult, tedious and extremely dangerous six-month space voyage, arrive - if all goes well - on Mars, where they find rocks. So the benefits are obvious: "But what about the costs?" The Bush administration says the Mars mission can be accomplished for only \$14.3 billion dollars, but critics claim that the true cost is likely to be much more, like \$687 billion dollars. (These numbers are imaginary, but trust me, they're realistic.) And other cost estimates you see about the Mars mission.)

The question is, could this money be better spent? We have many urgent needs right here on Earth. What about the elderly? What about the young people? Could we maybe kill two birds with one stone here and send the elderly and young people to Mars? Will the young people want special "low-dirt" astronaut pants with the waist at roughly knee level?

These are indeed complex issues, and clearly what we need, if we are to resolve them, is a serious and sustained national dialogue on our priorities and our goals. You start! I'll be at the dentist.

Dave Barry is a humor columnist for the Miami Herald. Write to him at: The Miami Herald, One Herald Plaza, Miami, Fla. 33132

# The value of health

Forty-five percent of eligible women in Idaho have had a mammogram. That ranked 50th in the nation.

Susan Courtney, who coordinates Women's Health Services for Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, looks at data recorded by a mammogram machine. She says she wishes more eligible women in the Magic Valley would schedule mammograms, because the risk of breast cancer is very real.



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## Idaho women tend to shun mammograms

The Times-News

Women over 40 in Idaho tend to shy away from mammograms, a statistic that has persisted despite public-education campaigns, widespread coverage of mammography by health insurance and the prevalence of reduced-price tests. Forty-five percent of eligible women in Idaho have had a mammogram, the federal Food and Drug Administration reported last year. That ranked 50th in the nation. The rate in the Magic Valley is higher, according to Susan Courtney, clinical

manager of Women's Health and Imaging Services at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, but not where she wishes it was.

"It's a question of awareness," she said. "And of physicians who emphasize the importance of regular mammograms."

"The mammography rate for women in their forties is considerably lower than the rate as a whole - and so is the risk, at least compared to women in their sixties and seventies."

"But the risk is still very real," Courtney said, "and in premenopausal

women, breast cancer tends to be much more aggressive."

The American Cancer Society recommends that women have baseline mammograms at age 40 and annual mammograms thereafter, and Courtney thinks that's a sensible precaution.

"Considering the cost (about \$100 for a mammogram locally) and the relative simplicity of the test, and comparing that to the cost of breast cancer, it's worth it," she said.

A mammogram is uncomfortable - the breast is pushed as flat as possible against a hard surface to get a better

diagnostic image - but not unbearably so, Courtney says.

"I think for some women it's a privacy issue," she said. "For others, it's just a mildly unpleasant task that they tend to put off, like going to the dentist."

Mammograms are available from MRVMRC, from St. Benedict's Family Medical Center - in Jerome - Cassin Medical Center in Burley, St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center in Ketchikan, Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert and Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding, or from private physicians and clinics.

## Criminals in style

### Celebrities frantically search for new Oscar fashions

By Robert Kahn  
Newsday

NEW YORK - Talk about your clothes calls.

By bumping up the Oscars from the end of March to late February, Tinseltown types have made it that much more difficult for A-listers to don ready-to-wear red carpet fashions from European houses like Valentino, Armani and Dior, who won't publicly debut their new collections until the days after the Academy Awards.

That means the New York shows, which kicked off Friday in the tents at Bryant Park, may be the last best hope for stylists entrusted with finding fresh frocks for celebrity clients. And it could mean you're going to see a lot of American-designed fashions at the Kodak Theatre in four weeks.

"Wearing certain fashions is going to be more of a problem than it would have been because of the Oscar date," said Ruth Finley, publisher of the Fashion Calendar, which tracks fashion shows around the globe.

While some celebrities wear couture to the Oscars - and those European shows have just con-

cluded - ready-to-wear can be equally popular on the red carpet, the "runway of the world," as designers call it.

J. Lo's much-noted tangerine Michael Kors dress from the Golden Globes, for example, came from a ready-to-wear collection.

This year, the Academy Awards are handed out on Feb. 29.

But - Milan's shows are scheduled from Feb. 22 to March 1. And the Paris shows begin March 2. (London - unfurls its ready-to-wear fashions Feb. 14-19, and even that makes some star timelines tighter than a Gaultier bustier.)

So why is this such a big deal? Why can't celebs who favor looks from across the pond just slip into eveningwear from the current spring line, and not the fall looks scheduled to debut in a month?

Primarily, because those looks have all been seen by now.

Industry types expect some of what they see in Bryant Park to have a national Oscar audience

because immediacy is part of the designer-celebrity tango - it's a coup for the garment to wear an incredible number no one's ever seen.

And for designers, it's important to get a celeb photographed in the newest looks, because it takes time for those images to migrate to consumer magazines. The designers' retail clients gauge that consumer interest, and then stock their racks based on it, which is why fashion shows generally herald fall looks in the spring and spring looks in the fall. It's a time-consuming process.

Furthermore, with the People's Choice Awards and the Golden Globes all past, stylists have exhausted their choices from last fall's collections. Fashionistas say the New York shows most likely to provide stylists with potential Oscar red-carpet looks include Oscar de la Renta, Bill Blass, Carolina Herrera, Ralph Lauren, Calvin



AP Photo



Two models wear outfits of designer Renato Balestra's spring/summer 2004 fashion collection, presented in Rome on Jan. 29. With the Oscars bumped up to late February, celebrities might be wearing fashions by designers closer to home.

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HEALTH & FASHION

# Learn infant care

Infant care class will be offered from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W. in Jerome.

The class will be taught by a registered nurse. Topics will include infant care and beginning parenting. Participants are asked to bring two pillows and a blanket to the class.

The class is free for those who will be delivering at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. To register, call 324-1122, Ext. 3361.

### 'Baby and Me'

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

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

### Refresher course

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

The class is for those who have previously taken childbirth classes. Childbirth preparation and procedures will be reviewed, and a tour of the Women's and Infant Center will be given.

Cost is \$20. Pre-registration is required, call 737-2166.

### Free health classes

Area doctors will present free educational health classes at 7 p.m. once a month, beginning Tuesday, at Raquetetter's Health and Fitness Center, 1150 E. 16th St., Burley.

The classes will be held Tuesday with heart disease. Dr. Wayne Blauer, March 9 with metabolic syndrome and diabetes by Dr. Walter Graham; April 13 with osteoporosis by Dr. Wendell Wells; and May 11 with knee or joint pain by Dr. Alan Nelson.

All classes are open to the public. For more information, call

# Take a marathon one step at a time

By David Whiting  
The Orange County Register

Training for and running your first marathon may be one of the toughest yet most uplifting things you may tackle as an individual. It takes patience, determination and support from friends and family. Here are some tips to help you through:

### Mental obstacles

"I'll die. Unlikely. But if you are seriously wondering, see your doctor to start an exercise program. I'll look like an idiot. Faggerabowd. No one actually sees you run. They just see some runner, your very part of the landscape."

I can't run 26.2 miles. True. But you will. No matter what kind of shape you're in.

### Mantras

"A thousand mile journey starts with the first step." "Just put one foot in front of the other." "You're going to run 10 minutes." "Pain is temporary. Winning is forever."

### Logistics

When to start? Today. With a little run. Half-a-block. Slow.

How do I train? Everyone is different. If you run a ready-made, 30 miles or a bit more every time a week, check out

http://www.halljindon.com/marathon/Ma00novice.htm. Yes, that's the "novice" level program. But remember, this is for marathon training. Don't be tempted to start at a level your body isn't ready to tackle. If you are lacing up for that first half-block, take a look at something more accessible on Ha's site. Try the 5K (kilometer) guide to meet about 2.5 miles after just eight weeks.

What about stretching? With 50 feet around the corner, I need to stretch a little before a run. More after. Check a book or the Web for

### To do for you

678-5011.

### Alzheimer's support

Holmer Homes will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Platte House, 525 16th Ave. E. in Jerome.

The support group is open to Jerome County residents who have family members with Alzheimer's Disease.

For more information, call Crystal Crisp at 324-8524.

### CPR for babies

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

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

The class is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, call 737-2166.

### Refresher class

A childbirth refresher course will be held from 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W. in Jerome.

Topics will include labor, birthing and coping skills. Participants are asked to bring two pillows and a blanket to the class, which will be taught by a registered nurse.

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

For more information, call Crystal Crisp at 324-1122, Ext. 3361.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

### Style

Continued from B1. Klein, Donna Karan, Balmain, Misicki, Marc Bouwer and Carmen Marc Valvo.

When stylists see an outfit they covet, they move fast, calling or e-mailing designers the day of the show.

American designers say they see the tightened awards season schedule as a potential boon for business.

"Having a celebrity wear your dress at Oscar time is the Holy Grail—it's worth so much more than showing it on the runway," says Marc Bouwer, who offered his "Red Carpet Collection" in the tents on Saturday.

Of course, all hope is not lost for the European houses clamoring to have their clothes worn by nonmodels.

Rest assured their special customers had a head's up on what they could expect from the new lines.

And American designers say their competitors will have stylists and alteration people holed up at hotels ready to reconfigure a zipper and turn an asset-unseen off-the-rack outfit into something unique.

"The American fashion really are the only ones people will have seen by the time the Oscars come around," says Bradley Bayou, who designs the Halston label.

"For European designers like Armani, this schedule is a disaster, unless they're willing to pull clothes out of their collections and show accessions beforehand. Some of them will, but I still think you're going to see more American designers worn at the Oscars this year."

# The further adventures of J. Peterman

### The Washington Post

John Peterman, better known to millions as catalog icon vivat J. Peterman, became a retailing icon of the '90s and the basis for a character on "Seinfeld." His eye was selling romance and fantasy to customers bored by chain stores and malls; Italian fishermen shirts, Moroccan leather satchels, striped cotton shirts with pearl buttons that Gatsby might have worn, described in copy blocks as sultry and overwrought as a midnight tryst in Tangier.

His latest marketing adventure is a line of furniture, which he hopes will carry forward his name and his exotic travels.

"People want things that make their life the way they wish they were," says Peterman.

His latest partnership with Joffco Furniture is his first licensing deal. "I want warm, livable, eclectic surroundings, just like most people do."

Whether it's a grand sideboard from a Tuscan villa, a version of a 1930s loveseat discovered in Paris on the Rue Faubourg St. Honoré or an English bar cart set up for dry martinis, he has tried to inject his new 32-piece line with the same cachet that made his mail-order catalog a classic.

Imagine pulling up in front of a stately manor home in Sussex. Inside, beyond the wide circular drive and the marble-floored foyer, a handsome standing desk catches your eye: lustrous cherry finish, gleaming brass detailing. That's the sort of thing Peterman is after. And now he has created his own version of it.

"Notice how you get some of your best ideas when you're standing there shaving or taking a shower?" waxes Peterman in his copy about his Stand Up Desk. "How your thighs and toes squirm when you sit at a desk, when it comes to you," when you stand up and walk around. The fact is, you think with your legs. Thomas Jefferson, Churchill and Hemingway wrote standing up."

The desk-and large dollop of mystique-will sell for a cool \$2,000, plus shipping, when it hits the market in a few weeks.

For John Peterman, everything has a story. And at last fall's International Home Furnishings Market in High Point, N.C., store buyers and press were swarming Peterman in the Joffco showroom, hoping to tell him what item they most coveted from the original J. Peterman catalog. (I vote for the long, languid Italian wool challis shirt, but then there were those wool steamer blankets that evoke trans-Atlantic voyages and the WWI Army Muckinaws and the sexy mandarin-collared sheets modeled after one Emma Pecl wore in "The Avengers.")

Peterman's original catalog got its start in Lexington, Ky., in 1987 after he advertised a dashing horseman's duster coat in a small well-written article in the New Yorker magazine. He was flooded with orders. Soon he was producing his own quirky catalog of hard-to-find apparel and home furnishings rendered in distinctive line drawings and described in steamy, swashbuckling copy blocks.

Retail stores were the next venture for his field waxes and J. Peterman catalog, and he began opening them around the country; his ambitious expansion plan of building 70 J. Peterman stores in five years, however, collapsed in 1999. "We went bankrupt, my name was bought. But unlike Enron, I went down with the ship, which at the time was extremely stressful."

Peterman wrote about the crumbling of his multi-million-dollar company in a highly publicized article in the Harvard Business Review, penned a book and reassessed his passions, and his options.

In 2001, he bought his name back and relabeled the "J. Peterman Owners Manual," as the catalog is called, on a smaller scale (call 888-647-2555 to get one) selling mostly clothing; he also developed a Web site, www.jpeterman.com. Then he decided his impressive collection of furniture from around the world



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What does the brand J. Peterman represent? "A World traveler, an expert shopper and good and eclectic taste," says Peterman. He claims he's going to design everything labeled J. Peterman, not just license out his name to all those Cotswold Dressers and Hong Kong Cocktail Tables.

# Bodies don't adapt to hair, skin products

Dear Paula: I have often heard that using the same product over and over for instance a shampoo and conditioner, facial cleanser etc., isn't a good idea because your hair/skelp/skin becomes used to them and they lose their effectiveness. I can think of legitimate reasons why this could be true but I cannot think of reasons it could be nonsense. Please set the record straight for me!



COSMETICS Q&A  
Paula Begoun

Dear Kris: I wish you would have listed the "legitimate" reasons why you thought the hair, scalp and skin can adapt to prod-

ucts to the point that they would lose their effectiveness because I can't think of one. Well, that's not entirely true, if you are using a topical antibiotic or antibacterial agent there is a risk that the bacteria will adapt and mutate into a resistant strain, but that's about

the bacteria adapting not the scalp or skin. Skin doesn't adapt to skin care ingredients and definitely - not cleansers. For cleansers there is nothing to adapt to, these ingredients are rinsed off and do not meant to effect anything but skin's outer surface which is comprised of dead skin cells. You would notice if your skin wasn't getting clean.

For other products, particularly for antioxidants and water-binding agents, if they're repeated use that has the most benefit for skin. The same is true for sunscreens, repeated use determines their value for skin (now if only

our skin would adapt to the sun's negative effect on skin, now that would be wonderful).

In terms of shampoo and conditioner, hair itself is dead (so you cut it, you don't go ooooh) so hair can't adapt and neither can the scalp. Adapting would indicate a significant and possibly negative change in the skin's or hair's structure took place, and that is not evident from using any cosmetic.

Paula Begoun is the author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me (6th edition)" (Beginning Press, \$27.95).

### On the catwalk

The Miami Herald

Vanessa Williams, already an actress, singer and former Miss America, is adding runway model to her resume, reports The Associated Press. She joined famous catwalk faces Alex Wek, Frankie Rayder and Angela Lindvall in presenting The Red Dress Collection at Friday's Heart Truth fashion show, part of New York Fashion Week.

But unlike most shows that preview next season's designer clothes, the Heart Truth show, sponsored by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and Johnson & Johnson, tries to raise awareness about the dangers of heart disease.

"I've always been hyper-aware of heart disease. My father, who lost both parents to heart disease, ate a lot of oatmeal and berries and he always exercised. He did it all way before the trend," Williams said.

Models wore red dresses by top designers like Donna Karan, Vera Wang and Oscar de la Renta; Williams' gown is by Carmen Marc Valvo, who has created many of her red carpet gowns.

Is she nervous about her first turn on the runway?

"I'm 40, I have four kids. I am who I am, and I'm up there for a good cause."

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Some TOD agreements are flexible enough to address this contingency to your understanding and satisfaction. Others are not. Brokers-like simple forms-They're easier to explain and fill-out.

Tip: When considering whether to use a TOD agreement make sure you understand how the arrangement will operate under a variety of contingencies. Make sure it meshes with the terms of your will or trust.

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# Bringing Pilates fusion home Boots are never a fashion 'don't'

By Erika Hobbs  
The Baltimore Sun

Getting a chiseled body this year could be as easy as pushing a button — well, almost — as the newest fitness videos put a spin on a popular trend.

Think of it as Pilates fusion. Jammed for time but want to maintain those rock-hard abs? Try a tape that mixes the strength-building Pilates program with weight-training.



Fitness tapes, shot in the studio, are the newest trend.

Kids got the sniffles? Burn fat at home with a video that fuses aerobics with Pilates intervals.

Intimidated by gyms but wondering what all the Pilates hype is all about? Several new videos and DVDs will walk you through all the Pilates basics.

"That is the biggest surprise — that Pilates is still big as it is," says Renee Dols, director of operations for Collage Video, one of the country's largest fitness video distributors.

"More than half of the company's 24 new releases feature Pilates or Pilates-hybrid exercise tapes. "Everyone is expanding on it now," Dols says.

Joseph Pilates' program, developed in the 1920s, blends Eastern and Western movement and philosophy. It strengthens the abdomen, back and pelvic area, and promotes general well-being.

According to Jill Ross, co-owner of Collage Video, Pilates' popularity arises from "wellness and vanity."

"Ten years ago everyone fell on the side of wanting to look good," Ross explains. "Now, people are more interested in feeling good as well as looking good."

The newest crop of videos also offer something for those who haven't jumped on the Pilates bandwagon. More programs feature interval training as well as the fitness toy of the moment, the stability ball.

Tae Bo creator Billy Blanks

returns after a two-year absence with an improved program. And Leisa Hart, best known for "Buns of Steel" videos, has released videos for pregnant women that have topped amazon.com's best sellers' list.

What will dance? The Pilates craze also may have spawned a retro trend — a continued return to dance aerobics that were popular a decade ago.

"Salsa, hip-hop, it's all coming back," Ross says. "Pilates is serious exercise. Now people want some fun."

This year, fitness guru Mari Winsor capitalized on her soaring success with several new videos. The "Back Workout" promises what physical therapists have long been recommending: Pilates for a strong, flexible lower back.

Winsor's class sometimes sounds suited during the 20-minute workout, but she leads with easy authority and uses clear imagery ("Make small circles about the size of a small pizza.") Anchor Bay Entertainment has released some of the best Pilates videos for all fitness levels.

The 30-minute "Flatten Your Belly with Pilates" produced with Prevention magazine, offers a

split-screen technique that makes it easy for exercisers to follow. Instructor Michelle Dozois gives careful, clear directions. The workout's slow pace and low repetitions makes it ideal for beginners.

Crunch: "Fat Burning Pilates" transforms typically stationary Pilates moves into a 40-minute aerobic and toning workout.

Instructor Ellen Barrett leads the challenging session developed by the trendy New York-based Crunch gyms with a chatty, girlfriend style.

Anchor Bay's February release is "Breakthru Pilates Sculpt" with Tracy York and Dozois. Even without weights, "Breakthru" is tough training. It blends 55 minutes of cardio and Pilates moves with hand weights, which leaves muscles begging for respite. Longtime fitness professionals York and Dozois offer excellent instruction in a living-room-like setting.

Master motivator Billy Blanks is back on the scene with "Tint" training troops in Eastern Europe. Blanks says he "went back to the drawing board" and emerged with a revamped Tae Bo program, the "2004 Capture the Power" series.

Three videos offer cardio, strength and flexibility programs; one teaches Tae Bo basics. The results are powerful, fun and easy-to-follow workouts — a big improvement on Blanks' early Tae Bo series.

"Even your grandmother could do these," he says. The video series includes two half-pound resistance training balls and a seven-day vitamin supply.

If you're looking to spice up staid aerobics routines, try "Crunch: Cardio Salsa." Giselle Roque de Escobar's hips swivel effortlessly, but don't be intimidated. Her stellar instruction will have even those with rye left feet cha-cha-ing their way to a better body in 40 minutes.

image professional practitioners are trying to shed.

And with the popularity of Colombian-born singer Shakira and the Bellydance Superstars who toured with Lollapalooza last summer, some trend-spotters claim belly dance is the new Pilates.

Amy Anthonj, an Orlando real-estate agent and financial manager who teaches yoga on the side, says, "There is something wonderful that happens when you belly dance. In Japan, they call it 'satori' — that Zen state, that zone, where your body is flowing, but your mind is quiet. It's like a flower that opens, like a black-and-white photo that all of a sudden is color. It's like sex."

## Belly dancing provides fun, exercise, bliss

By Kate Santlich  
The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — Directions to the "Bellydance Your Bliss" class are a tad unusual: Cut through the sports bar, past the big screen TVs and take a right toward the pool. Do not stop for liquid refreshments.

"Belly dancing may be blissful, but it's not easy. It takes superior muscular discipline.

"You leave here exhausted, but you've got a big smile on your face," says Anita Landon, a 44-year-old Deltona, Fla., massage therapist, who is studying what may be the world's oldest form of dance. "In a society where women are always trying to hold every-

thing in, you have to learn to let it go."

On a recent night, techno-infused Arabic music thumping, Landon and a half-dozen other women at the fledgling Blue Lotus Center undulate to the rhythm, jiggling — and often giggling — and down and out "and back up." Good," the teacher says. "Step, step, step and shoo-ly and shoo-ly and I'm just making up the names of these moves ... Now, twist and washing machine ..."

Belly dance or dance orientale, as it is sometimes called — originated as a Middle Eastern art by and for women. Only later did it sometimes come to have connotations of seduction — an

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## First lady warns women to beware of heart disease

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — She loves to eat enchiladas and barbecue, but in kicking off the start of "Heart Awareness Month," first lady Laura Bush said Monday that while she used to resolve every year to lose weight, her goal now is to "get and stay healthy."

To raise the awareness of heart disease, especially in women, Mrs. Bush joined several hundred doctors, researchers, heart disease survivors and health advocates — as well as her husband — in the East Room to discuss low prevention and education can save lives.

"Many women think heart disease is a man's disease, yet it kills nearly a half million women a year, she said.

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By Sara Switzer  
The Washington Post

QUESTION: Is it OK to wear sleeveless or short-sleeved dresses (or shirt-and-skirt combos) with dress boots? It's really cute, but my friends say it's a fashion don't.

ANSWER: Your friends are wrong — go ahead and wear your boots. Perhaps they're accustomed to wearing tank tops and whatnot only in the summer, and therefore skipping the boots. But not all winter fashions are long-sleeved. I just bought a very chic sleeveless wool shift that I would never wear in the summer and will absolutely wear boots with. Same goes for a winter-time cashmere tank or T-shirt — both are too warm for summer weather and would work very well now with a straight skirt and boots.

QUESTION: I have been looking for knee-high boots for years, but I have really skinny calves and can't find any that fit. Can you identify any brands that are cut to fit women like me?

ANSWER: Yours is a better problem to have than too-large calves, but I understand your dilemma. The answer: boots with stretch. Over the past few seasons, designers have shown a lot of these. They may not be the glossy black leather you're looking for (though it can be hard to tell the difference), but they will provide an excellent, tight fit. Two good examples: Nordstrom's Bistro tall boot (\$69.95), available in faux suede or leather and in various colors, and Kenneth Cole's glossy Home stretch boot (\$200). On the higher end, designer brands — Christian Louboutin, Manolo Blahnik — tend to cut a smaller calf on their boots. Keep an eye out, and you might catch pricier boots on sale at discount Web sites such as Bluelify.com.

QUESTION: My favorite outfits

are either classic polo shirts with men's khaki pants or a Lilly Pulitzer dress and a pair of Reef sandals. Now I'm pregnant and running out of things to wear. Where can I find preppy maternity clothes?

ANSWER: A friend of mine wore men's khaki pants throughout her pregnancy, so why not keep what you like? Allow a few extra inches in the waist and wear them at or below your hips so you have a tummy room above. The Gap has khaki pants and capris, as well as some T-shirts you might like. Or take a look at the Lands' End Maternity line, which offers some of the company's preppy basics in maternity sizes. As for Lilly Pulitzer: The Gimmy dress, with its high waist, might allow room for baby (at least for the first six months) if you buy it in a larger size. Another cute floral dress is the Kate, from Liz Lunge. She might be a little more urbane than you'd like, but she's got some great stuff.

## Will a low-dose aspirin a day keep the doctor away?

By Carolyn Polrot  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Aspirin, the old standby for headaches, fevers and aching joints, is now widely used in the fight against cardiovascular disease and looks like a good bet to stave off colon, prostate and pancreatic cancer and perhaps cancer of the esophagus, stomach and rectum, as well.

Today, two out of five of those who take aspirin do so to lower their risk of cardiovascular disease, according to Bayer, the company that first introduced the old wonder drug in 1899. Medical research during the past 10 years indicates that aspirin, an anti-inflammatory and blood-thinning drug, can help protect against anything that in any way involves the production of prostaglandins, chemicals responsible for fever, swelling and pain. Scientists aren't sure exactly how aspirin may help to prevent cancer, but they theorize it is the result of limiting the production of prostaglandins.

Still, concern over the risks of aspirin therapy — ranging from nausea and heartburn to stomach ulcers and blood-thinning — people from taking full advantage of the benefits. And some

people are allergic to aspirin.

Although the advantages of aspirin for patients with known cardiovascular disease, especially those who have a history of heart attacks, strokes and severe angina, far outweigh the risks, healthy people with a low risk for cardiovascular disease should carefully consider those risks, says Dr. Sidney Smith, lead author of the American Heart Association's Guidelines for Preventing Heart Attack and Death in Patients With Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease" pamphlet. "Aspirin is routinely recommended for secondary prevention — that is, to prevent recurrence of heart attacks, strokes and severe angina in patients with heart disease already suffered such cardiovascular events" — as well as to prevent such events from occurring in people at risk (primary prevention) unless they are allergic to aspirin or have problems with bleeding."

AHA guidelines recommend aspirin for all patients with known atherosclerotic (artery-clogging) vascular disease, unless it is counter-indicated because of the risk of bleeding problems. Smith said. "Aggressive risk-factor management clearly improves patient survival, reduces recur-

rent events and the need for interventional procedures and improves the quality of life for these patients. For secondary prevention, there is no question that aspirin is valuable."

Smith, says he takes a low-dose aspirin every day. Most men over 45 and women over 55 are at increased risk and so should be taking low-dose aspirin.

Studies increasingly suggest it doesn't take a full adult-strength, 325 milligram aspirin to protect against heart attacks and strokes. Most doctors recommend 81 to 160 milligrams, a low-dose aspirin coated to help protect against gastric irritation and bleeding.

As for taking aspirin during a heart attack, the American Heart Association says it's the most important thing to do if any warning signs occur is to call 911 immediately. "In particular, don't take an aspirin, then wait for it to relieve your pain. Don't postpone calling 911. After you call 911, if you know you aren't allergic to aspirin, it's probably a good idea to take one."

Taking aspirin during a stroke isn't advised because not all strokes are caused by blood clots. Some are caused by ruptured blood vessels, and taking aspirin can make bleeding strokes worse.

## Metabolic syndrome triggers strokes

SAN DIEGO (AP) — An ominous and increasingly common mix of obesity and other health risks, known as metabolic syndrome, has been found to roughly double the risk of a stroke.

Doctors have recently come to appreciate the importance of this combination of bad health signs, largely because it often forecasts heart attacks and the development of diabetes.

Diabetes itself significantly increases the risk of strokes — the nation's third-leading killer. Now, new research shows that metabolic syndrome appears to be a powerful trigger of strokes, even in people who do not yet have diabetes.

"Metabolic syndrome is a major health hazard, as we learn more and more about it, particularly in women and minorities, but we have known very little about its relationship to strokes," said Dr. Edgar Kenton of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

The latest findings suggest it may be possible to forestall strokes by aggressively treating metabolic syndrome.

About one-quarter of U.S. adults have metabolic syndrome, which is also sometimes called syndrome X.

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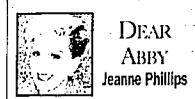
# Let buyer beware in credit counseling

**DEAR ABBY:** I read your sound advice to "Addicted to Spending," the woman who racked up thousands of dollars in credit card debt. She said she couldn't sleep at night for fear her husband would divorce her when he found out. You're right that a credit counseling agency can provide valuable assistance, but she needs to be careful—which one she selects.

The Internal Revenue Service oversees many credit counseling agencies because they are tax-exempt. We have received an increasing number of complaints that some of these agencies charge high fees, offer poor repayment plans, and provide little in the way of education and counseling.

We have stepped up our audits of credit counseling agencies and, where warranted, will revoke their tax exemption.

In addition, we have issued a consumer alert with the Federal Trade Commission and state regulators, warning consumers to



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

check carefully before signing up with a particular program. A few tips:

- (1) Beware of high fees or "voluntary" contributions.
- (2) Carefully read any written statements before you sign, and make sure your creditors will work with the agency you want.
- (3) Watch carefully the claims made in TV ads.

**DEAR COMMISSIONER EVERSON:** I know my tax dollars are being well spent when the highest collection officer in the land reaches out to help people with money troubles. Everyone

has heard the phrase, "Let the buyer beware." ("Cheapest employer") However, it is especially discouraging to think that people who are vulnerable and trying to move their lives in a positive direction would be victimized by fraud.

No doubt many readers will thank you for the warning. (Readers, you can find the IRS commissioner's alert by visiting the Web site: www.irs.gov/newsroom.)

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been married for more than 20 years. My wife and I have been friends with a certain couple, "Claude and Maude," for 15 years. On New Year's Eve we all went out to dinner and a few drinks. I was the designated driver, so I did not drink. When we returned home, all three, my wife, Claude and Maude, proceeded to get trashed to the max.

Maude got sick and passed out; my wife went to bed. Claude and I sat up and watched the ball drop

and a couple of other programs. I fell asleep about 1:30 a.m. and assumed that Claude would, too. Around 2:00 a.m., I got out of my chair and walked to my bedroom. Claude was sitting on the bed next to my wife, putting his pants on. My wife was passed out, so I don't know what happened. It has bothered me so much since then that I can't sleep and don't know what to do. If ever there was a reason for me to become violent, that was it, but I kept my cool.

The next morning, my wife could remember nothing at all. What do you think I should do?

**—OUTRAGED**

**IN HOLLYWOOD, MD**  
**DEAR OUTRAGED:** In view of the fact that a 15-year friendship is at stake, talk to Claude. It's possible that he was so loaded that he didn't know where he was, and nothing happened.

The best advice I can offer now is that Claude, Maude and your wife should all do something about their drinking. Let this serve as a wake-up call.

## Judge tells police to return marijuana

**SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP)** — A judge ordered police to return a stash of weed to two men.

Police pulled over Leo Bicus on Sept. 22 because his car had tinted windows. Bicus, 47, and his friend, Jon Balesteri, 54, had purchased 18 ounces of marijuana a day earlier at the Oakland-based Cannabis Buyers Club, said their attorney, Ben Rice.

They didn't have their medical prescriptions with them, but police allowed them to go home and retrieve them, Rice said. However, their \$3,000-plus worth of marijuana was confiscated for evidence.

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## Watch out for that mushroom

Some mushrooms are carnivorous.

Ask your 'coffee companion' who sleepwalkers most frequently do without remembering they did it. Too obvious? Even as you and I, they turn off the alarm clock.

Again am asked where we get the word "joint" to mean a marijuana cigarette. Same place we got the word "joint" to mean a disreputable hangout. Far East Orientals smoked opium in jointed bamboo pipes. First, a joint was one pipeful. Then it was the place where the pipeful was smoked.

Q. Don't wild chimps hunt other animals for meat?

A. Some do. Most stick to plants. No other apes hunt for meat.

Next time you see a print of that inspirational painting called "The Spirit of '76," take a close look at the two drummers and fife player.



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L.M. Boyd

Do they look drunk? Maybe not. But Archibald M. Willard's original sketch of them so intended. It was called "Yankee Doodle." And was a satirical jab at drunken soldiers.

"A dog that barks at random makes all the street bark in earnest." The sage Sandra Holland quoted that, crediting Anonymous.

Q. If a wristwatch gets broken, you said, it probably happens at a certain time of day. What time? And why?

A. Either at noon or 10:30 p.m. When wearers wash up. Or get

ready for bed.

Sir, when you look into the mirror of a morning, razor in hand, at that man you know so well, what you see, mostly, is utterly lifeless. I mean your skin. That epidermis is dead and flakey. Better focus, on the eyes. They're quite alive.

Q. Would you say lemmings "stampeded"?

A. Might say that. Without the hoofbeats. Whales stampeded, too. No hoofbeats.

High-flying birds can ice up.

A professional football linebacker says he carries in his wallet a card bearing this "Law of the Jungle" Kipling quotation: "For the strength of the pack is the wolf, and the strength of the wolf is the pack."

Sesame seed oil, it's said, is the vegetable oil with the longest shelf life.

Penalty for stealing a Pekinese in old China was death.

## Taurus: Don't take harsh words to heart

**IF FEBRUARY 9 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY** ... you are someone whom other people trust because you sincerely care about all humanity and demonstrate this in every encounter. You treat your friends as though they were family, and they in turn provide you with applause (although you may somehow be unaware of their appreciation and approval). Have faith that your friends and family will support you just as much as you support them.

**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** You are brimming with confidence and enthusiasm, and are ready to tackle anything. Everyone around you is upbeat as well, but don't hurry too much as sensitive feelings can be hurt and associates might be argumentative. Do your own thing, but wait a bit to promote ideas.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 21):** You are a busy beaver this week and can get a great deal accomplished, but you might not get the credit you deserve. Don't take harsh words to heart — just get the job done. Applause will come in the future.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Don't let the hustle and bustle of activity around you ruffle your serenity or disrupt your rhythm. But if important new decisions for a few days, but get cracking on whatever you have already decided to do, because now you have the determination to see it through.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** This should be a good day to look at your taxes or otherwise take charge of your finances. Read or study; learn something helpful. Where there is a will, there is a way. Things are best kept behind closed doors for now.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You are a dynamo this week, and fires burn brightest around achieving your ambitions. A significant other could be a great help. You could set off some sparks with that wrong person, however, so pay close attention to courtesy and avoid controversy.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** This is a week to get things done, instead of just thinking about them. Don't just talk the talk — walk the walk. Your charm, opti-

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mism and energy will get attention in the workplace, and you are empowered to start long-term projects.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You are in tune with the world and can realize anything you wish to this week. Power lies in creative areas, so put your whole heart into your endeavors. Don't brood about past experiences or let them prevent you from enjoying life.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** It is time to focus on the home and career front. Use your resourcefulness to reaffirm crucial relationships. Sometimes it is best to clean out the emotional closets before trying out new attitudes. In the process, some dirty laundry might be aired, but have faith that it is all for the best.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Confidence plus enthusiasm equal lots of accomplishments for you this week. You are passionate about your beliefs and are able to articulate them. Use your friends as sounding boards, and make sure your ideas are practical.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** This could be a good time to take charge of your finances in an astute way by using foresight and determination. Wait a few days before scratching any itch that might be considered a gamble; otherwise, you could easily rush into something without knowing significant facts.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** When you're hot, you're hot, and right now is a good time to carry through with whatever is closest to your heart as you have the grit and determination to get things cooking. Start chasing whatever or wherever has tempted you.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** Strong tides have been pulling you for quite some time, and now you feel positive of the direction of the flow. This week you know that you can make a new start and are empowered to take some small initial steps behind the scenes.

## AMC airs '9 to 5' today

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**Today**

"9 to 5" — Three frustrated career women take matters into their own hands against their chauvinistic boss. (TV14) **AMERICAN MOVIE CLASSICS 6 p.m.**

"The Godfather Part II" — Al Pacino stars as young Vito Corleone. (TV14) **ABC 7 p.m.**

"The Mummy Returns" — The son of adventurer Rick O'Connell on his wife, Evis, is at the center of the evil fire-breather's plot to wreck the world. (CC) (TV14) **ABC 7 p.m.**

**Tuesday**

"8 Simple Rules" — Bridget, friends suspect she's falling for her shy, brainy tutor (guest star Jonathan Taylor Thomas); Jim sends CJ on an errand that takes him to Canada; Kyle indulges in old-fashioned romance on Valentine's Day. (CC) (TVPG) **ABC 7 p.m.**

"Nova" — "Glaciologists" descend France's Mount Blanc's unexplored ice caves to find trapped floodwater that threatens the populated valleys below. (CC) (TVPG) **ABC 7 p.m.**

"In With Her" — Alex takes a B-movie actress. (R) — star Brooke Shields) was released from rehab; horrified Chris meets a woman, who has been her famous sister's assistant for 60 years. (CC) **ABC 7:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday**

"In Search of Shakespeare" — Michael Wood examines how Shakespeare became a star of the

### TV Best Bits

• London stage. (CC) (TVPG) **PBS 7 p.m.**

"That '70s Show" — Kelso takes Brooke to the hospital on his bike because Eric and Donna inadvertently rolled his car off a cliff. Jackie decorates Hydes room. (CC) (TVPG) **FOX 7 p.m.**

"Medici: Godfathers of the Renaissance" — Cosimo de' Medici and his father establish the world's largest banking business; Cosimo's grandson Lorenzo becomes a driving force of the Renaissance. (CC) (TVPG) **PBS 8 p.m.**



**G. Adrian Denn, M.D.**

Q. My wife and I were discussing the causes of cancer the other day, since her niece has just been diagnosed with cancer, and she said that the pesticide residues on fruits and vegetables cause cancer. Is this true?

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**CROHN'S DISEASE PART I**

Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) is a group of chronic disorders that cause inflammation or ulceration in the small and large intestines. Most often IBD is classified as ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease but may be referred to as colitis, enteritis, ileitis, and proctitis.

Ulcerative colitis causes ulceration and inflammation of the inner lining of the colon and rectum, while Crohn's disease is an inflammation that extends into the deeper layers of the intestinal wall.

Ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease cause similar symptoms that often resemble other conditions such as irritable bowel syndrome (spastic colon). The correct diagnosis may take some time.

Crohn's disease usually involves the small intestine; MOST OFTEN the lower part (the ileum). In some cases, both the small and large intestine (colon or bowel) are involved. In other cases, only the colon is affected. Sometimes,

inflammation also may affect the mouth, esophagus, stomach, duodenum, appendix, or anus. Crohn's disease is a chronic condition and may recur at various times over a lifetime. Some people have long periods of remission, sometimes for years, when they are free of symptoms. There is no way to predict when a remission may occur or when symptoms will return.

**WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?**

The most common symptoms of Crohn's disease are abdominal pain, often in the lower right area, and diarrhea. There also may be rectal bleeding, weight loss, and fever. Bleeding may be serious and persistent, leading to anemia (low red blood cell count). Children may suffer delayed development and stunted growth.

Next week, a discussion of the causes of Crohn's disease, who gets it and how it is diagnosed.

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Big Boyz on 7:45 - 9:45  
The Last Samurai on 7:45 - 9:45  
Catcher in the Hat on 7:45 - 9:45





## Buhl teacher earns district honors

PLAY ON

**BUHL** - The Buhl School District nominated a longtime music educator for the title of 2004 Teacher of the Year.

Although Kathleen LaGrone did not win the state award sponsored by the State Department of Education, she was selected as Buhl School District Teacher of the Year.

She was selected for the state nomination by the Buhl School District Management Team consisting of Superintendent Richard Hill, Assistant Superintendent Mary Wiggins, Special Education Director Mike Gamar and principals Helen Brown, Gary Moon and Byron Stutzman. LaGrone, who has spent her entire teaching career, was selected because of her continuous dedication to the students as a music instructor, the district reported.

After graduating as class valedictorian from Filer High School, LaGrone attended the College of



Kathleen LaGrone, valedictorian from Filer High School, LaGrone attended the College of

Idaho in Caldwell. She instructs all kindergarten through fifth-grade students in music and has produced and directed the fifth-grade musical for 24 years.

The full-scale production has scene changes, costumes and stage crew, and every fifth-grader is involved.

She organized the first Poppelwell Elementary honor choir in 1992, using her prep time for the group.

"The choir was one of the best things I ever did for my teaching career. It renewed my enthusiasm for teaching and gave me new direction," she wrote in her nomination form.

The choir was chosen to perform at the Idaho Music Educator's Association biennial conference in 1994 and 1998 and performs at school and throughout the community.

Outside of school, LaGrone

served as choir director for 18 years at Filer First Baptist, has directed Christmas programs and children's choirs and served on various committees at the church and as secretary for the Magic Valley Hispanic Ministry Committee for 15 years.

LaGrone served on the board and as vice president of the Dilettantes of Magic Valley and assisted with 17 productions; is a member of Wishful Star, a foundation that grants wishes to critically ill children; and her husband are pilots; and is a member of the Twin Falls Music Club, Twin Falls County Republican Women and the Twin Falls Flyers, where she served as secretary/treasurer.

"I believe teaching is the most important profession. We hold the key to the future through the molding of students' minds. That is an awesome responsibility," she wrote.



Photo courtesy of COLLEN LOCKWOOD

Chris McHan, a sophomore at Gooding High School, was selected for All State Band. He will join Gooding students, Anneko Sanders and Eric Randall. These students were selected through an audition process. Eight representatives from the Magic Valley area were chosen for this honor. They will attend clinics and perform in concert at Coeur d'Alene in March with other students selected from around Idaho.

## WORLD-WISE



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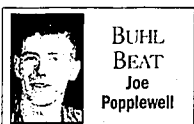
Andrew Layton, left, was first runner-up, and Lauren Nesbit, right, was the winner of the geography bee of St. Nicholas School in Rupert. The fifth graders competed with 36 students in the fourth through sixth grades. The bee consists of seven rounds with questions ranging from geography to social studies, culture and natural resources. As winner, Lauren will take a written test to qualify to compete at the state level. The state winner will travel to Washington, D.C., to compete at the national level.

On the field of battle, they keep up morale and cheer the school on.

With pom-poms raised, the Buhl High School cheerleaders lead another spirited boosting cheer as the Indians face off against a conference foe.

Cheerleaders add to the atmosphere that surrounds all sporting events, whether it be in sizing 100 degrees or on a frigid fall evening.

This year's squad is once again under the direction of fourth-year advisor, Ranae Bowman. Although they cannot make it to every event in the eight-month span of fall and winter sporting events, players and fans look forward to them.



**BUHL BEAT**  
Joe Poppelwell

"We conduct many different cheers, but they all have the same idea: to get the crowd into the game," said senior Liz Gurrebrandt, squad captain. "When we can get the crowd into the game, you can really notice a change in the atmosphere at that particular game."

Other cheerleaders for the

2003-2004 squad include Krystal Avelar, Jessica Brown, Laura Dedman, Destri Griffin, Andi Hulise, Cassie Hutchinson, Ali Landa, Erin Lawler, Brecht Montgomery, Janessa Nye, Cassie O'Donnell, Anneli Perez, Morgan Peterson, Roy Simeck, Jocelyn Smith, Trista Whited and Katherine Wornek.

Besides leading cheers, these students also make numerous banners and posters for all kinds of events.

The squad starts its year by attending a cheer camp in June at Utah State University. There they learn cutting edge cheers and crowd-pleasing dance routines.

The squad practices early

Wednesday mornings every week. There, the cheerleaders work to perfect their numerous cheers and dance routines. Two weeks ago they completed their annual cheer camp for the Buhl area. More than 75 youngsters attended. It concluded with exuberant routines at that night's varsity boys basketball game.

The cheerleaders are an essential part of Buhl High School. If you haven't been to an Indian sporting event for a while, go enjoy the game and the Tribe. Pride generated by the cheerleaders.

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

## JHS Tigers roar at Academic Decathlon tourney

Jerome High School took first place last Saturday in the regional Academic Decathlon tournament.

The Tigers pulled in the victory with a sizable lead over Burley High School.

Jerome had five overall winners. In the honors division, Kayla Earle won the silver medal and Lay Newman won bronze. JHS swept the scholastic division with Rebecca Ahern taking gold, Kristina Smith taking silver, and Caitlyn Lancaster taking bronze.

There were several individual winners. In the Honors division



**TIGER PRINTS**  
Kayla Earle

(3.75-4.00 GPA), Kayla Earle, Jay Newman, Susan Bingham, Erin McCracken, Christine Gardner, Wade Suggden and Sam Yu placed in one or more event. In the scholastic division (3.00-3.749 GPA), Caitlyn Lancaster, Kristina

Smith, Rebecca Ahern, Diane Thompson, Tami Nejezchaba, Jennifer Waite, Betty Wu and Ashley Barber also placed. In the varsity division (under 3.00 GPA), Vanessa Juarez and Dana McCord continued the winning pattern.

The Tigers will compete at the state competition in March in Boise. They will be up against Centennial High School, last year's defending state champion. If they win at state, JHS will advance to the National Tournament this April in Boise. For the state competition, JHS

may only bring 12 competitors. Last week, these students were selected to represent Jerome in Boise: Rebecca Ahern, Susan Bingham, Kayla Earle, Christine Gardner, Vanessa Juarez, Caitlyn Lancaster, Dana McCord, Tami Nejezchaba, Jay Newman, Kristina Smith, Wade Suggden and Jennifer Waite.

Congratulations to the Academic Decathlon team for their regional victory and good luck at state!

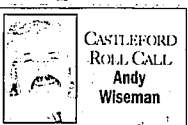
Kayla Earle is a Jerome High School senior.

## Parents are invited to see school's new computers

Last week 24 brand new computers arrived and are available for our elementary students. Superintendent Kelly Murphy wrote a REAP grant for \$25,641 that has allowed us to add these computers to our elementary reading rooms. We would invite all elementary parents to drop by and see this new addition and visit with the elementary staff about their plans for incorporating the latest technology into their curriculum.

Connie Kinyon, DCLA adviser, announces that the Wolf Pack Bakery is preparing for Valentine's Day with cookies and/or helium balloons. Mrs. Kinyon says that we will be taking orders through Wednesday, and people are welcome to call the school at 537-6511 to place an order.

Tuesday is a big day at Castleford. Our music teacher, Carolyn Kohntopp, will conduct the all-school music program at 1:45 p.m. and 6 p.m. Our boys basketball team will



**CASTLEFORD ROLL CALL**  
Andy Wiseman

have its last home game for the season hosting Murtaugh.

We will conduct our student-led conferences on Thursday afternoon and evening and Friday morning. This is an opportunity for students to share their progress for this semester and their goals with their parents.

We will be providing free food and have several nice incentives for the families to attend. One final note: We will not have school on Feb. 16, Presidents Day, and no school on Feb. 17 because of a teacher in-service planned for all staff members.

Andy Wiseman is principal of Castleford School.

## Burley academic team takes second at competition

**BURLEY** - The Burley Academic Decathlon team took second place overall and second place in the Super Quiz category, this year the Lewis and Clark Expedition, at the recent regional competition.

The individual medal winners were as follows:

**Honors category:**  
Drew Johnson, gold in music, economics, language and literature; science and math. Drew was the overall winner of the competition and scored a 960 out of 1,000 on the math portion.  
Katie Gunderson, gold in interview with a perfect score of 1,000, and silver in art.  
Camille Wells, silver in music

Casey Campbell, silver in interview and bronze in language and literature.

**Scholastic category:**  
Matt Shokey, gold in music and economics; silver in science and math; and bronze in essay.  
Steven Ritchie, silver in economics.

**Varsity category:**  
Pat Tingey, gold in science, silver in music, language and literature and bronze in art.  
Mike Periman, gold in math and bronze in science and speech.

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## Filer student wins VFW essay contest

**FILER** - Larry Moore, a junior at Filer High School and son of Ray and Julie Moore, was recently honored at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Mid-Winter Conference held in Boise.

He was the first-place winner in the State Voice of Democracy audio essay contest and will represent Idaho at the National Contest in Washington, D.C. March 6-9.

As winner at the post level of the contest in Buhl, he received \$100. At the district level in Boise, Larry, he also won over \$200. As the winner of the state contest, he will receive a \$1,000 Trust Fund Scholarship and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C.

The annual Voice of Democracy audio contest is designed to foster patriotism. The topic for this year's essay was "My Commitment to



Larry Moore Junior at Filer High School

America's Future." Larry penned the essay part of

speech class. This is the second state contest won by Filer High school, said teacher Kristy Forester.

Following is an excerpt from Larry's winning essay:

"Everyday in school we voice our commitment to America... We pledge our allegiance to America and to government by, and for the people. We promise to follow the laws of the land. We have an obligation to uphold the Constitution that was carefully drafted by the framers of 'our country.' Our ancestors made a commitment to America's future - us. Through hard work, sacrifice, and service to our country, they made America into what it is today. My biggest goal is to emulate them and preserve the legacy. I want to pass down our family heirloom to my posterity yet to come. I want them to enjoy America as I enjoy it today."

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## SCHOOL NEWS

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Weber and Lindy Bingham; most improved students were Stewart Bingham and Ashley Cain; and citizenship students were, Pedro Villa and Nikki Tovne.

### Magie Valley High School announces honor roll

**TWIN FALLS** - Magie Valley High School has announced its first semester honor roll: Kandida McNabb, Ashley Moretti, Tessa Bliss, Jessica Clark, Ashley Edwards, Amanda Gidney, Melissa Gomez, Hope Lane, Josh Papp, Sammie Thirkel, Nikki Thompson, Maria Viramontez, Syringa Wilson, Kari Anderson, Richard Claus, Sheena Evans, Randi Hiebert, Vicki Holstine, Whitney Holstine, Chris Hunt, Yasmin Ibarra, Kelsey Jones,

Daniel Martinez, Brandon McFarland, Luisa Olney, Mheea Olson, Jose Porez, Jessica Rivera, Justin Slocum, Mirna Solis, Lacie Vander Meiden, Brent Walls, Nichole Watts and Ashley Whitely.

### Gooding students advance in Reader's Digest challenge

**GOODING** - Gooding eighth-grader Blair Gerratt, seventh-grader Elizabeth Halfhill and sixth-grader Josh Fitzgerald were named champions at the school level competition of the Reader's Digest National Word Power Challenge last fall and will advance to the Idaho state level on Feb. 27. The students answered written and oral questions on vocabulary for the first round in the second

annual challenge.

The state finals will be held at 1 p.m. Feb. 27 in the Gooding High School multi-use room.

The state winners will receive an expense-paid trip to the national championship and their teacher or escorts in March. The first place winner of the national championship will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship, second place will receive \$15,000 and third place will receive \$10,000.

The NBC "Today Show" weather and feature reporter, Al Roker, will be the quiz master for the national finals. The program will be aired later states nationwide.

**Dietch students will sell Valentine's candy**  
**DIETRICH** - Dietch students

will sell various treats for Valentine's Day.

Seniors will sell heart-shaped cookies; juniors will sell brownies, scones, cupcakes, freshmin, scotch-roos; eighth-graders, donuts; and seventh-graders, Rice Krispie treats.

For more information, call 544-2158.

**Big Valley Elementary presents patriotic program**  
**RUPERT** - Big Valley Elementary School will hold a patriotic program at 9 a.m. Friday at the school, 202 18th St., Rupert. There will be special guests, music and singers. The afterschool children will present four songs. The public is invited. For more information, call 436-9707.



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The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due September 1, 2003, of principal, interest and collection and instruments due therefor; plus late charges, together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the deed of trust. The estimated balance owing as of the date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$69,573.99 including interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation thereunder or in this deed, and trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE CORPORATION  
C/O CAL-WESTERN RECONVEYANCE CORPORATION  
P.O. Box 22904  
EL CAJON CA 92022-9004  
(619) 590-9200  
February 15, 2004  
First American Title Insurance Company  
15/Lucia Carter

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Persons planned and to be held after the 10:00 a.m. on the opening therefor for a period before the award of the contract, unless award is delayed for a period exceeding thirty days.  
Kathryn Thompson, Clerk

**IMPORTANT**  
Please address all legal advertising to the LEGAL ADVERTISING The Times News PO Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548  
Deadline for legal ads: 3 business days prior to the date on Wednesday for Sunday, noon on Thursday for Monday, noon on Friday for Tuesday and Wednesday, noon on Monday for Thursday and noon on Tuesday for Friday and Saturday. Holiday deadlines may vary. If you have any questions call Ruby at 733-3224.

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
CALL FOR BIDS  
Fans, State of Idaho, Natural Resources Conservation Service on behalf of USDA Forest Service, Agency: Natural Resources Conservation Service is interested in receiving approximately 3434 usable square feet of first class office space in the city of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The space must be contiguous with on-site contiguous parking for 22 vehicles and also provides 2 pull-through parking spaces for large trucks and trailers. The space must be fully handicapped accessible. Solicitation packages are available on file. Requests for solicitations for offers RFRS: 01-14-D-01 only containing either Chatterman. Agreements

**Specialist 2 (208) 378-5713 Ext. 1 or Janis Stanton, Leasing Office, 300 N. R. P. Rd. a 208-378-5710. Bids are due by 4:00 p.m. March 2, 2004.**

**LOST AND FOUND**  
FOUND Dog, small, white, in Wendell area. Call 505-925-858 or 528-7755.

**FOUND**  
FOUND radio controlled electric model airplane. Please call for more information @ 733-6658.

**FOUND**  
FOUND Rottweiler X, male, adult, South of Hansen, Vero, friendly. 423-4862.

**FOUND**  
FOUND Smaller gray and black white and green eyes. Near Chandler area. 734-9382.

**FOUND**  
FOUND Tabby cat, male, beige, small, 1 mile N. of Filer. Gold eyes. Please call for more information @ 208-328-5037.

**FOUND**  
FOUND DOGS  
Golden Retriever 10 months old & Black Scottie 1 yr. old. Near 300 S. of Jerome. REWARD offered. 324-3431.

**FOUND**  
LOST Braccol, Black Hills Gold, large 3/4" links, rose gold link design. Lost between Walmart and The Times News office in Burley. If you have a Christmas gift. Reward offered. 208-678-2912.

**FOUND**  
LOST Chihuahua, female, on Jan. 31, no collar. She got out of the house and we haven't seen her since. Please call with any information 208-212-2031.

**FOUND**  
LOST English Bulldog, male, red brindle and white, has discoloration on his right eye caused by surgery. Lost on Hansen Ave. in Burley. \$500 reward offered. 268-878-3000.

**FOUND**  
LOST Lab, yellow, male, 9 months old, no collar, red collar w/ tag. \$100 REWARD for safe return. 733-2176 or 886-2176.

**FOUND**  
LOST Red Marie Australian Shepherd, male, brown & white speckled, dark brown ears, 8 months old. Hazelton/Greenwood. Call 208-829-4115.

**FOUND**  
LOST SESTOOL saw with vacuum, commercial type near Clear Creek Rd in Duhl. Reward 733-3147.

**FOUND**  
LOST small 20 lb white female dog near Minico High School has short wavy hair on body, long hair on face. Answers to Marney. Reward 458-3687.

**REMEMBER**  
That birthday ad you placed some time ago in The Times-News is the time to come pick up your pictures. Stop by the Customer Service Dept today!

**BANKRUPTCY**  
Affordable payment plan. Accounts, divorce & criminal. **Brad Rife at 734-3367**

**ROBYN'S SERVICE**  
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Associating new clients, fast dependable, thorough. **ford@robys.com 208-212-8713**

**WANTED**  
house/office cleaning in Jerome/Twin Falls area. Christian, honest, dependable and exp'd. **Anlia 324-0110**

**HEALTH & WELLNESS**  
Health and Wellness presentation! Is your home a healthy home? Would you like to remove products containing cancer causing agents? Please join me for exciting information all gathering in Twin Falls. **Thursday nights at 7:00pm. Show room at 208-789-8552 to reserve your free seat.**

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ALL ABOUT KIDS preschool, fun loving individual care. **ICCP, 732-0055**

**Kidz Company**  
Daily activities, field trips, ICCP, meals, 735-8768

**NARPS HOUSE**  
NARPS HOUSE Dept of Agriculture, CCA & CAPA. 31 years experience, 24 hours, meals & snacks included. **Call 208-735-4193**

**EMPLOYMENT**  
**CLERICAL**  
Davisco Foods International/Jerome Cheese Company established employer in the Dairy industry in Jerome. Computer skills - now has an Office Receptionist position available at its state of the art cheese factory. Davisco is looking for a reliable energetic motivated and organized individuals to be part of its team. Must be working in a fast-paced environment, needs strong verbal and written communication skills and the ability to handle multiple tasks and pay attention to detail. Computer skills (Excel, Word, Outlook and Access or other database a must. This full-time permanent position requires 1-2 years of experience with a minimum of 6 months experience with a multi phone system. Computer skills not required. Davisco offers its employees the following: • 401k with employer match. • Employer provided health insurance - up to 100%. • Life insurance • Flexible benefit plan • Paid vacation & holidays • Double time paid for Sundays & holidays. Please send resume to Jerome Cheese Company. **Attn: Bill Ribbesell 47 W. 100 S. Jerome ID 83308 or fax 208-243-5002 email JCCHCR@Daviscofoods.com**

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**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**  
**BANKRUPTCY**  
Competitive rates on Chapter 7 bankruptcies. **Fred Sisker at 733-8452**

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offering secure, reliable, same day delivery to almost any location in the Magic Valley. Transco Valley, Eastern Idaho, & Northern Nevada. Bonded fully insured and demand delivery. Reasonable prices. 208-735-1001

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Jonzoo-Kool Farms is currently seeking to fill the following long-term positions:  
• Fleet Mechanic  
• Diesel and/or automotive experience necessary, welding a plus. Must have own tools.  
• Machinery Mechanic  
• Welding a must, farming experience preferred.  
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• Experience with row crops necessary, welding and mechanical knowledge a plus.  
• Pay scale DOE  
208-532-4119 Ext.109\*

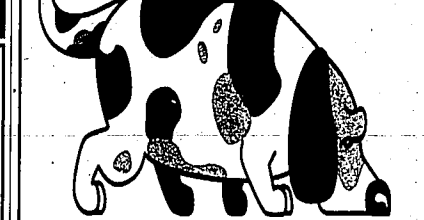
**ASKING QUESTIONS?**  
Conduct public opinion polls over the telephone. ABSOLUTELY NO SALES! 208-532-4119 Ext.109\*  
Strictly research. \$7.00 to \$30.00 per hour. Casual work environment flexible hours, days & week. hours, 15-30 hrs. per week. Great part-time job or second job. Close to CSI campus. For more information, call 733-2053

**Read The Classifieds Every Day!**

**ACTIVITIES**  
**TWIN FALLS**  
Care Center  
PT Activities Assistant 12-20 hrs./week. Some evenings & weekends. 1 year experience. Call Patty Hutcherson. 734-4264 or apply in person at 574 Eastland Dr. Twin Falls

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The Times-News has an immediate opening for a part-time ad advertising salesperson in our Twin Falls office. Applicants must have a college degree or equivalent sales experience. Send your resume to: **Janet Coffin@tnews.net or Janet Coffin The Times News PO Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303**

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TWIN FALLS custom 4 bdrm, 3 1/2 bath, Saville home...

KIMBERLY 569,000. Gorgeous, 1 acre big lot in Hidden Lakes...
STATE REALTY, INC. 208-734-0400

Classifieds
It pays to read the fine print.
Call Twin Falls 733-0931 or Burley 677-4042

TWIN FALLS 6 1/2 acre lot, 1000 sq. ft. home, 3 car garage...
TWIN FALLS 2 bedroom, 2 bath, mobile home in park...

FILER 2 bedroom, all appliances.
Halloway Property Mgmt.
Hansen 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$300/month...

TWIN FALLS 2 bedroom, 2 bath, approx. \$400 monthly...
TWIN FALLS 2 bedroom, 2 bath, garage, sprinkler system...

TWIN FALLS quiet 2 bedroom, 2 bath, garage & refrigerator...
WENDELL duplex, New 2 1/2 car garage, 2 1/2 bath...

CALVES 20 Fall past approximately 400 lbs.
DAIRY CATTLE & SUPPLIES
Holstein Springer Heifers, top quality, 5 months to calving...

TWIN FALLS 1330 Clearwater Way, Enjoy Golf course view \$199,000
New home on Candelario Golf course...

TWIN FALLS Must See! New secure condo, 1 1/2 bedroom, included parking...

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1000 sq. ft. home, newly remodeled & updated...

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TWIN FALLS 1 1/2 bath home, newly remodeled & updated, Near Lynnwood, TPMS and pool \$119,000

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WHEN YOU BUILD With Us!
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Monday, Feb. 9, 2004

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

(There is) no right way for doing wrong.

—Kevin Mitchell

Today's deal does not require any masterpiece of squeeze play...

Bridge score table with columns for NORTH, WEST, EAST, SOUTH and card counts.

Vulnerable: Both

Dealer: West

The bidding:

Table showing bidding sequence: South West North East.

Opening lead: Club two

LEAD WITH THE ACES

Table showing South holds and card counts.

ANSWER: Lead the club three. To have a shot to set this hand...

If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff...

BEEF SHARES for sale, 120 acres...

WASHER & DRYER good working...

WASHER/DRYER \$225 Refrigerator...

WASHER/DRYER set Kenmore...

713 PASTURES FOR RENT

BELL RAPIDS farm for rent...

EDEN 225 acres available for...

EMERSON AREA 60 acres potato ground...

LEASING LAND The Bureau of Indian Affairs...

TUTTLE For rent 300 irrigated acres...

716 AG BUSINESS & SERVICE DIRECTORY

801 ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

802 APPLIANCES

REFRIGERATOR over-under works good...

804 BUILDING MATERIALS

BOB'S BEST DRYWALL Acoustical & Drywall...

STEEL-BUILDING Factory special 21'x24'...

806 COMPUTERS

CHECK THE SERVICE DIRECTORY DAILY

810 FURNITURE & CARPETS

BED solid oak, king water bed...

CANOPY, black with QUEEN MATTRESS...

COFFEE TABLE glass, 30" matching...

DINING TABLE wickahrs, round w/glass...

REFRIGERATOR over-under works good...

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MATTRESS, Queen pillow top and box set...

SECTIONAL Beautiful 5 piece...

SLEIGH BED \$249. Solid wood...

SOFA \$250. 2-Walnut glaze...

SOFA & loveseat, floral, 300x29"

TWIN BEDS complete with mattress...

PEARL NECKLACE grey, double strand...

DIAMOND TENNIS BRACELET 2 1/2 Total weight...

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US AUCTION

813 JEWELRY

DIAMOND RING 1 1/4 carat...

WEIGHT TENNIS BRACELET 2 1/2 Total weight...

PEARL NECKLACE grey, double strand...

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